

## Hebrews 8:13

### Hebrews 8:13 (NOTES)

- "New Covenant" - A covenant of salvation not based on law, but on grace. By God's grace the lost are saved through regeneration (spiritual rebirth) and faith in the shed blood of Christ - a covenant in Christ's blood. Jeremiah 31:31-34, Luke 22:19-20
- "whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear" - The writer of Hebrews is telling the Jews to let go of the Old Covenant that relied on bulls and goats, and to embrace the New Covenant in Christ's blood. Jesus demonstrated the fading away of the Old Covenant when He (in the exact following chronological order):
  1. Entered Jerusalem as Israel's King (Son of David who would sit on his throne);
  2. Cleansed the temple (God's House of Prayer) of the evil parasites that had made it into a den of thieves, and readied it for closure (like emptying a bank account before closing it, or embalming a body to prepare it for burial);
  3. Prophesied the end of the religious system of the Pharisees and Sadducees through the cursing of the fig tree (a symbol of Israel's religious establishment, which being in leaf promised fruit, but on close inspection was fruitless – Israel spiritual life and leadership had the outward appearance of piety and holiness, but on close inspection was bereft of it and qualified for hell);
  4. Prophesied of the destruction of the temple in 70 AD, which effectively brought the Old Covenant and its religious system to a close.

Matthew 21:1-10, 12-13, 18-19, 33-46, 24:1-2, Luke 13:34-35

- The Old Covenant was becoming obsolete but had not yet completely come to a close at the time of the writing of the Book of Hebrews because Jews covered under the old system (Old Covenant) had to be given the opportunity to embrace the new system (New Covenant).
  - During the period between the Resurrection of Christ and the destruction of the temple in 70 AD, the Church was evangelizing the Jewish world.
  - Jews covered under the old system lost their coverage (salvation/atonement) once they heard the Gospel. Once practicing Jews were enlightened to the facts of Jesus fulfilling the old system by His death burial, and resurrection, and His being the expected Messiah (Christ), they lost their coverage so to speak under the old system.
  - Those who embraced Christ retained their salvation (gave it up under the old in exchange for receiving it again under the new).

- But those who rejected Jesus simply lost their coverage under the old system and became destined for hell by rejecting Christ under the new system. The writer of Hebrews explains this in chapter 10.

Hebrews 10:26-31