

# HOW IS JESUS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?

## Jesus in the Old and the New (Hebrews 8:6-13 ESV)

**Jesus is the Better... Covenant** But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. [7] For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. [8] For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, [9] not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. (Hebrews 8:6-9)

**Jesus is the Better... Law** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (Hebrews 8:10)

- “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” (Matthew 5:17)
- “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Romans 13:10)

**Jesus is the Better... Sacrifice** Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. ... But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. (Hebrews 9:22, 26)

**Jesus is the Better... Passover Meal** Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” [27] And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you” (Matthew 26:26-27)

**Jesus is the Better... High Priest** For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. (Hebrews 9:24)

**Jesus is the Better... Prophet** “Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. [23] And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’” (Acts 3:22-23)

- And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. (Hebrews 8:11)

**Jesus is the Better... Judge** “behold, the Judge is standing at the door.” (James 5:9)  
“but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.” (1 Peter 4:5)

**Jesus is the Better... King** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)

- For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more. In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. (Hebrews 8:12-13)

