

THE NEW AND BETTER COVENANT, PART 4:  
THE WEAKNESS OF THE OLD COVENANT  
(Hebrews 9:1-10)

- I. The SYSTEM of the Old Covenant (Heb. 9:1)
  - A. Governed by DIVINE REGULATIONS
  - B. Established in the EARTHLY SANCTUARY
  
- II. The SANCTUARY of the Old Covenant (Heb. 9:2-5)
  - A. The first TENT, designated “the HOLY PLACE”
    - 1. Furnished with the LAMPSTAND
    - 2. Furnished with the TABLE of the SACRED BREAD
  - B. The second TENT, designated “the HOLY of HOLIES”
    - 1. Set apart by “THE SECOND VEIL”
    - 2. Guarded by the ALTAR of INCENSE
    - 3. Furnished with the ARK of the COVENANT
      - a. Contained a golden JAR of MANNA
      - b. Contained AARON’S ROD that BUDDERD
      - c. Contained the STONE TABLETS of the LAW
      - d. Covered by the MERCY SEAT

e. Surmounted by the “CHERUBIM of GLORY”

III. The SERVICES of the Old Covenant (Heb. 9:6-7)

A. Performed in the FIRST tent

1. Accessed only by the PRIESTS
2. Required CONSTANT activity DAILY
3. Constituted the “DIVINE WORSHIP”

B. Performed in the SECOND tent

1. Accessed only by the HIGH PRIEST
2. Required ONE visit ANNUALLY
3. Constituted the GENERAL sacrifice for SINS of IGNORANCE
  - a. First for HIMSELF
  - b. Then for the PEOPLE

IV. The SIGNIFICANCE of the Old Covenant (Heb. 9:8-10)

A. Provided ACCESS to GOD that was only INDIRECT

B. Provided CLEANSING from SIN that was INCOMPLETE

1. Required CONSTANT SACRIFICE
2. Focused on the PHYSICAL rather than the SPIRITUAL
3. Designed to be TEMPORARY rather than PERMANENT