

THE NEW AND BETTER COVENANT, PART 7:
THE PERFECT SACRIFICE
(Hebrews 9:23-28)

- I. EFFECTIVE in the HEAVENLY Sanctuary (Hebrews 9:23-24)
 - A. The EARTHLY sanctuary was a COPY of the TRUE
 - 1. It REQUIRED CLEANSING
 - 2. It was done through ANIMAL SACRIFICES
 - B. The HEAVENLY sanctuary was not MAN-MADE, but the TRUE
 - 1. It REQUIRED CLEANSING
 - a. Possibly referring to CONSECRICATION
 - b. Probably PURGING spiritual forces of EVIL and CLEANSING for man's SIN (Eph. 6:12; Rom. 8:38-39; Col. 1:20; 2:15)
 - 2. It needed "BETTER SACRIFICES"
 - 3. It is "HEAVEN ITSELF"
 - 4. It is in the ACTUAL PRESENCE of GOD
- II. SUFFICIENT through a SINGLE Offering (Hebrews 9:25-26)
 - A. The OLD covenant required CONSTANT sacrifices
 - 1. The high priests entered the sanctuary ANNUALLY

2. They presented blood that was NOT THEIR OWN
3. Christ would have had to suffer death REPEATEDLY since CREATION

B. The NEW covenant is COMPLETE in Christ

1. His DEATH established “the CONSUMMATION of the AGES”
2. He ANNULLED/EXPUNGED sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF
 - a. The old system merely COVERED sin
 - b. Christ’s death REMOVED sin for ALL of those who are HIS from ALL TIME

III. CONSUMMATED by Christ’s RETURN (Hebrews 9:27-28)

A. Every HUMAN is DESTINED to DIE ONCE

1. Each will DIE by divine APPOINTMENT
2. AFTER death, each will face the CONSEQUENCES of his SINS

B. Christ also DIED ONCE

1. He OFFERED Himself VOLUNTARILY
2. He alone BORE the SINS of OTHERS (1 Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:12)

C. Christ will APPEAR a SECOND TIME

1. That will be for FULL SALVATION
2. It will be EXCLUSIVELY for BELIEVERS
3. It will PROVE His was the PERFECT and FINAL SACRIFICE