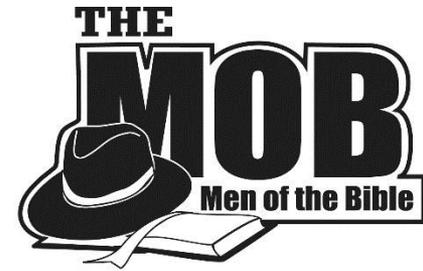




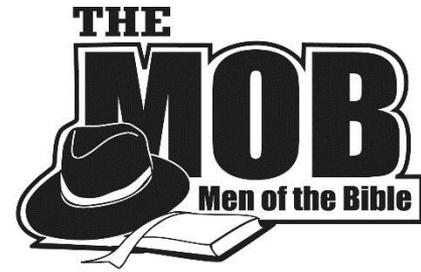
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB! www.ibcmob.net
- [Season of Service Community Outreach, Saturday, November 19, 2016](#)
- [Thanksgiving Food Boxes for Families in Need Return Boxes to Atrium NLT noon, Nov 20th](#)
- **No MOB next week, November 22, 2016**
- Next MOB meeting: November 29, 2016
- [Christmas by Candlelight, December 8-11, 2016](#)



Memory Verse



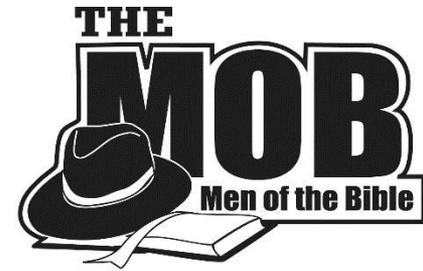
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Last Week



The Priesthood of Melchizedek

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 6](#)

Study: [Hebrews 7](#)

[Genesis 14:17-20](#)

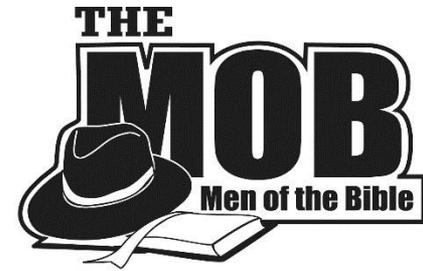
[Numbers 8:5-25](#)

[Psalm 110](#)

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This Week



The New and Better Covenant

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 7](#)

Study: [Hebrews 8](#)

[Exodus 25](#)

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

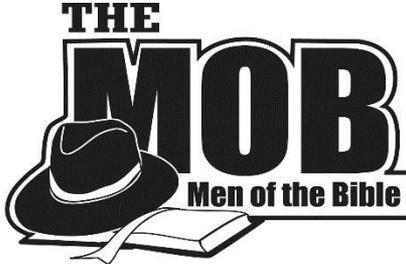
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Hebrews Outline



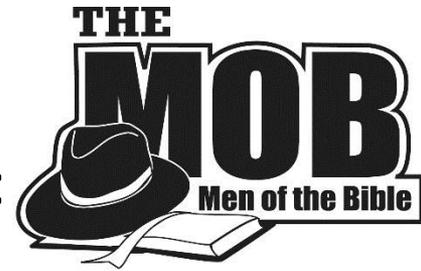
| Focus | Christ's Person | | | Christ's Work | | | Walk of Faith | | |
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| Reference | 1:1-3 | 1:4 – 2:18 | 3:1 – 4:13 | 4:14 – 7:28 | 8:1-13 | 9:1 – 10:18 | 10:19 – 11:40 | 12:1-29 | 13:1-25 |
| Division | Christ Superior to the Prophets | Christ Superior to the Angels | Christ Superior to Moses | Christ's Superior Priesthood | Christ's Superior Covenant | Christ's Superior Sanctuary & Sacrifice | Assurance of Faith | Endurance of Faith | Exhortation to Love |
| Topic | Majesty of Christ | | | Ministry of Christ | | | Ministers for Christ | | |
| | Doctrine | | | | | | Discipline | | |
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Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant

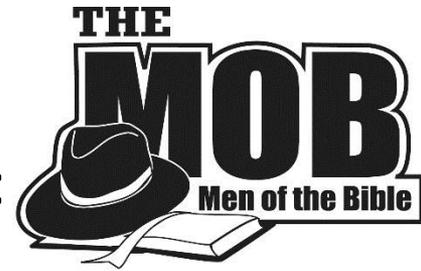


¹ Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴ Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵ They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” ⁶ 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.



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant



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.

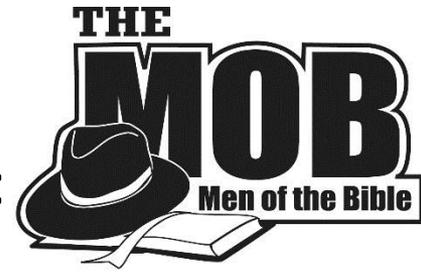
¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:

[\(Jeremiah 31:31-34\)](#)



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant



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.

([Jeremiah 31:31-34](#))

¹¹ 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.

¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more."

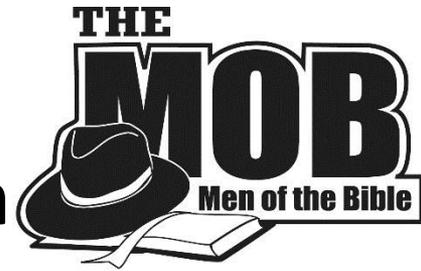
¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete.
And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish
away.

([Mark 13:1-2](#))



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



¹ Now the point in what we are saying is this:

Observation (O): The author is about to make an important point.

Interpretation (I): Pay attention to what follows!

we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

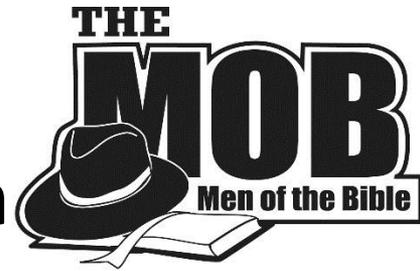
O: Jesus is *The High Priest*, superior to Aaron, his descendants, and his order of High Priest. Aaronic High Priests served (past tense) in the Tabernacle and in the Temple on earth; Jesus serves (present tense; serving perpetually, forever) at the right hand of God the Father on His throne in heaven – the real, eternal “Tabernacle”
Hebrew: מִשְׁכָּן ,*mishkan*, residence or dwelling place; Greek: σκηνή skēnēs, tent, booth, tabernacle, abode, dwelling, mansion, habitation

I: Jesus, as High Priest, is superior to Aaronic High Priests for many reasons (e.g., superior position; superior qualities; eternal, not temporal, etc. Reference: [Hebrews 6-7](#)).



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



³ For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.

O: Offering gifts and sacrifices is part of a High Priest's "Position Description" ([Leviticus 4:3-21](#)).

I: Since Jesus is also a High Priest, He also must offer a sacrifice.

⁴ Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

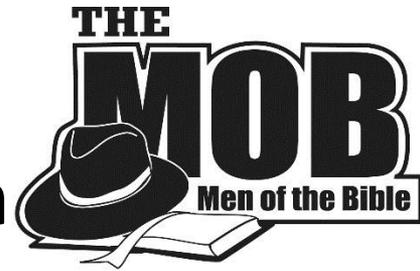
O: If Jesus was still (physically) on earth, He would not need to serve as a High Priest in Aaron's order because Aaron's descendants were still there serving in that capacity.

I: Jesus had to ascend to heaven in order to serve as our superior Great High Priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek ([Psalm 110:1-4](#) & [Hebrews 7](#)).



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



⁵ They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” ([Exodus 25:40](#))

O: Aaronic High Priests served in a temporary, prototypical way; not in an eternal, final, and real way (like in heaven).

I: The Tabernacle in heaven is the real Tabernacle.

⁶ 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.

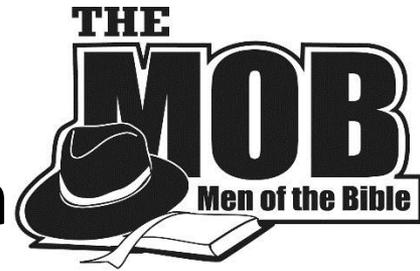
O: Jesus’ ministry is superior to the Aaronic High Priests’ ministry because: (1) Jesus is a better mediator, (2) who provided a better covenant (3) with better promises ([Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)).

I: Jesus’ ministry is far superior to that of the Aaronic High Priests’ ministry.



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says:

O: God found fault with the children of Israel.

I: The first covenant failed and could not save.

“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,

O: God promises to institute a new covenant in the future that will save His chosen people. διαθήκην, diathēkēn, covenant, will, testament

I: The old covenant needed to be replaced with a new, superior covenant.

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.

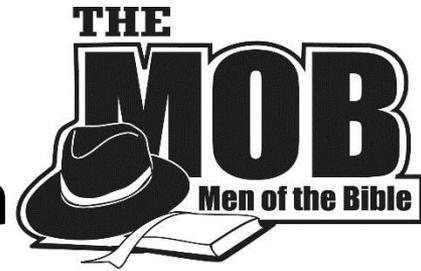
O: The new covenant (New Testament) will be different from old covenant God gave to Israel during the Exodus from Egypt.

I: The new covenant will be different - “new and improved” implied



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



For they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

O: The old covenant was not flawed; the children of Israel were flawed.

I: Because Israel failed to follow the old covenant, God turned away – broken relationship.

¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

O: God is about to describe the new, better covenant.

I: This is the better covenant. Pay attention!

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.

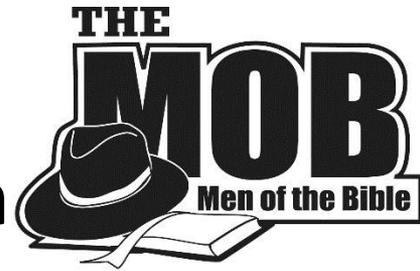
O: God will internalize (“inscribe”) His law in His people.

I: God will make His people His people. God does it ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)).



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



¹¹ 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.

O: Because God will make His people His people (He will make it happen – perfect work), they will *really* know him (new, direct, accurate knowledge) and won't need to teach each other.

I: God will teach His people directly.

¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

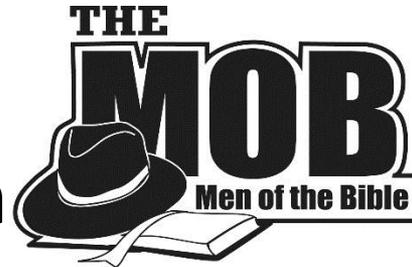
O: God will be merciful to His people and will forgive their sins completely. Amazing Grace!

I: God provided complete and final forgiveness of sins. No more need to offer sacrifices to cover sins over and over again. Jesus has done it: "It is finished." ([John 19:30](#))



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



¹³ 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.

O: By instituting a new, better covenant, God has rendered the old, failed covenant obsolete – no longer applicable – no longer needed.

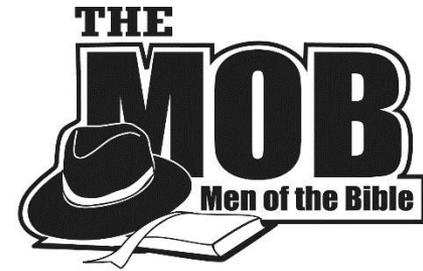
I: The new covenant supersedes the old covenant. Therefore, the old covenant will go away, to include its implements and symbols (e.g., the earthly Temple).

See: [Mark 13:1-2 \(ESV\)](#)



Mark 13:1-2 (ESV)

Jesus Foretells Destruction of Temple



¹ And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”

² And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

First Jewish – Roman War, 66-73 AD

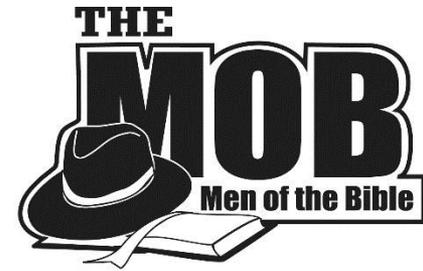
- 66 AD Jews rebel against Rome and take Jerusalem
- 67 AD Emperor Nero sends Army under generalship of [Vespasian](#)
- 70 AD Siege of Jerusalem under future Emperor [Titus](#)
Jerusalem sacked; [Second Temple](#) destroyed

Relief from [Arch of Titus in Rome](#)





Next Week



Christ: The Definitive Sacrifice

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 8](#)

Study: [Hebrews 9](#)

[Exodus 24:3-8](#)

[Leviticus 5:5-13](#)

[Leviticus 16:1-34](#)

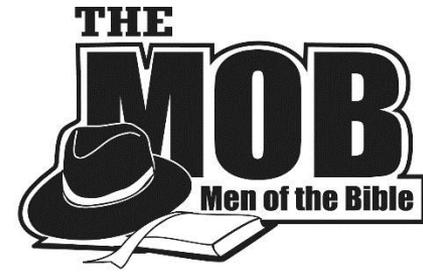
[Romans 3:21-26](#)

Encountering Chapter 9, pages 117-126



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Application / Discussion

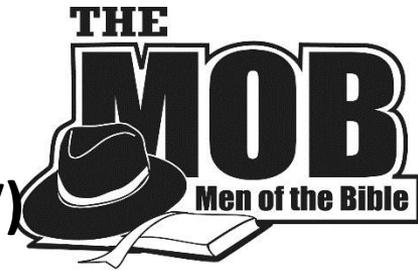


1. Review how Jesus instituted both a new, superior High Priesthood and a new, superior covenant.
2. Why is the new covenant superior?
3. What are the implications of the new and superior covenant for Christians?
4. Have you observed this in the lives of other believers? Share your observations.
5. Have you experienced this in your life? Share your experiences.



Hebrews 8 (ESV)

Application: 2 Corinthians 3 (ESV)



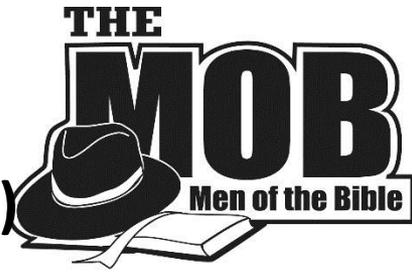
¹ Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? ² You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. ³ And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴ Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.



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Application: 2 Corinthians 3 (ESV)

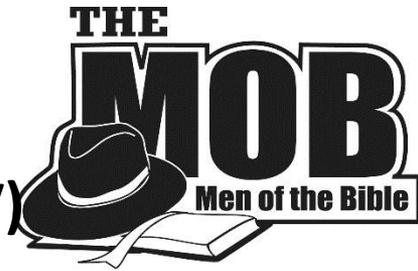


⁷ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.



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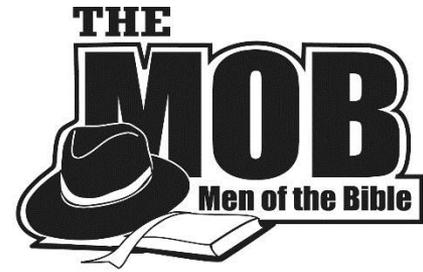
Application: 2 Corinthians 3 (ESV)



¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer