

DISCUSSION IDEAS  
**ANOTHER HUGE CHANGE**

Hebrews 8:1-13

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If you grew up in a Gentile (non-Jewish) Christian culture you might wonder what is so important about Jesus' High Priesthood, about the Law of Moses, and about God's Covenant with Israel.

From what ethnic background was Jesus?

From what Religious background was He?

Look at God's promise to bless all humanity, Gentile and Israeli ("Jew") in Genesis 22:18.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: If you were a Jew MASSIVE, EARTHSHAKING CHANGES WERE BEING TAUGHT.**

1. What have we just studied in Hebrews about the High Priesthood?

Why did it have to be changed?

Why was Jesus' High Priesthood so superior to the Jewish one?

What is the significance of Psalm 110:4 and of when that was written?

2. If the High Priesthood needed changing, what did that say about the Law of Moses?

What Law are we under today?

In 1 Corinthians 9:20-22, Paul speaks of being a witness. What Law is he under?

Compare Galatians 6:2. Remember that the words "Christ" and "Messiah" are the same, just in different languages. Both mean "The Anointed One", or "The Chosen One".

3. If the High Priesthood and the Law of Moses were changed, what else must change?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: THE COVENANT.**

What is a covenant?

If you own property in San Diego Country Estates you are under a covenant. What do you call that one?

When God set up the covenant with Israel under Moses, what conditions were stated? Read Deuteronomy 28:1-2 and 28:15.

Now look at Jeremiah 31:31-37. What is different here? What conditions are stated?

Read Heb. 8:1-7. What details make this new covenant better than the old Covenant given through Moses?

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: THE NEW COVENANT.**

Remember the New Covenant in Jeremiah? Now read what Hebrews 8:8-13 says about it.

Who is this New Covenant specifically given to? (See verse 8.)

How great a change does this covenant make?

What is the great promise for Israel stated in Romans 11:25-29?

So what about us Gentiles?

Read Ephesians 3:1-7. (Remember that the word "mystery" in the New Testament means a new revelation from God.)

What is this new revelation in verse 6?

Compare Galatians 3:13-14.

What curse are we freed from? What curse did Jesus take upon Himself? Compare Deut. 28:15.

♦ **PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

**SO:**

The Jews can look forward to an amazing future.

We Gentiles have also been included in the blessings which God has planned.

**BUT:**

There is a false teaching which has been pervasive since around 200 A.D.

Does God keep His unconditional promises?

Is there a true future for the people of Israel?

Is it acceptable to "spiritualize" God's clear statements, and say the He does not mean what He says?

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Replacement Theology teaches that the Church replaces Israel in God's program; in other words, it teaches national Israel has no place in future events.

Hebrews 6:13-20 teaches the certainty of God's promises particularly when confirmed with an oath.

Psalm 110:4 with its promise / oath of Messiah's priesthood was fulfilled (7:20-22).

In Jeremiah 31:31-37 God declared He was making a new covenant with national Israel.

Specific promises were made to Israel that were then confirmed with an oath (vv. 35-37).

These promises have not yet been fulfilled.

If we can be certain that the promise/oath of Psalm 110:4 was fulfilled, can we be certain the promises/oath of Jeremiah 31:31-37 will be fulfilled? If so, is national Israel still part of God's program?

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**FOR YOUR FURTHER STUDY:**

There are eight covenants stated by God in the Scriptures. Only two of these were conditional.

If you wish to understand these covenants better, you can read a great study on them at <http://www.arielm.org/dcs/pdf/mbs021m.pdf> .

"THE EIGHT COVENANTS OF THE BIBLE" by Dr. A. Fruchtenbaum, Messianic Bible Study #MBS021

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