



The Supremacy of the New Covenant

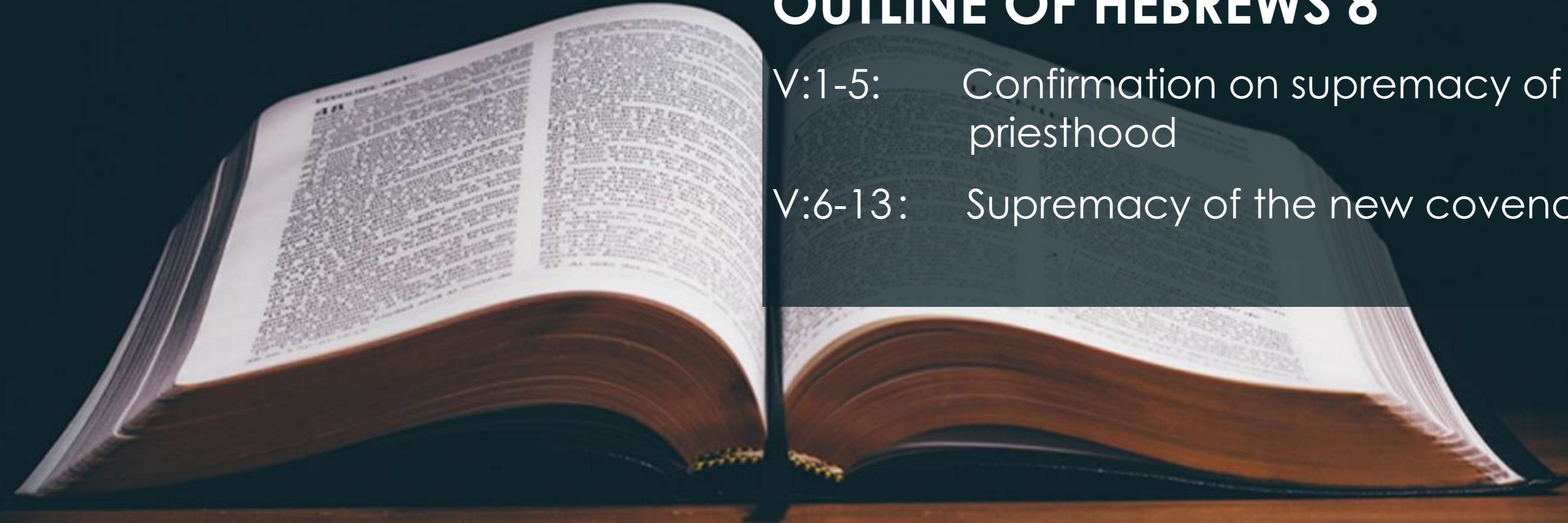
Hebrews 8



Recap of Hebrews 7

JESUS: OUR PERFECT PRIEST AND KING

- He lives forever so He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them
- Come to Him, Call on Him, Count on Him.



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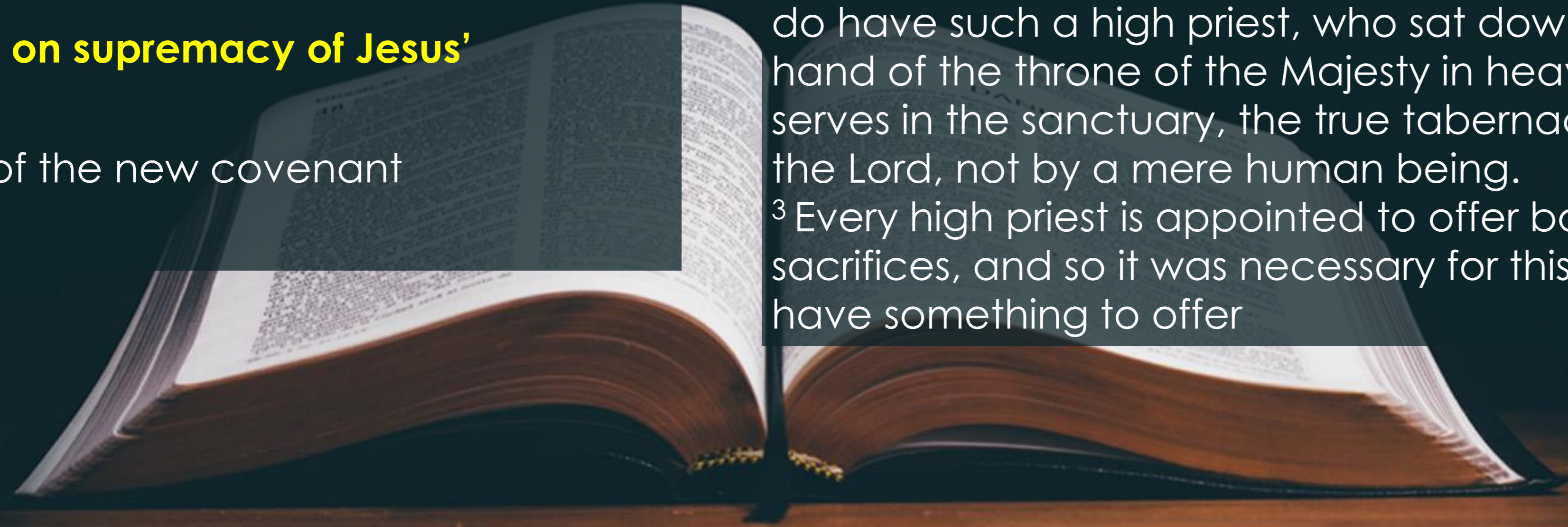
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¹Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.

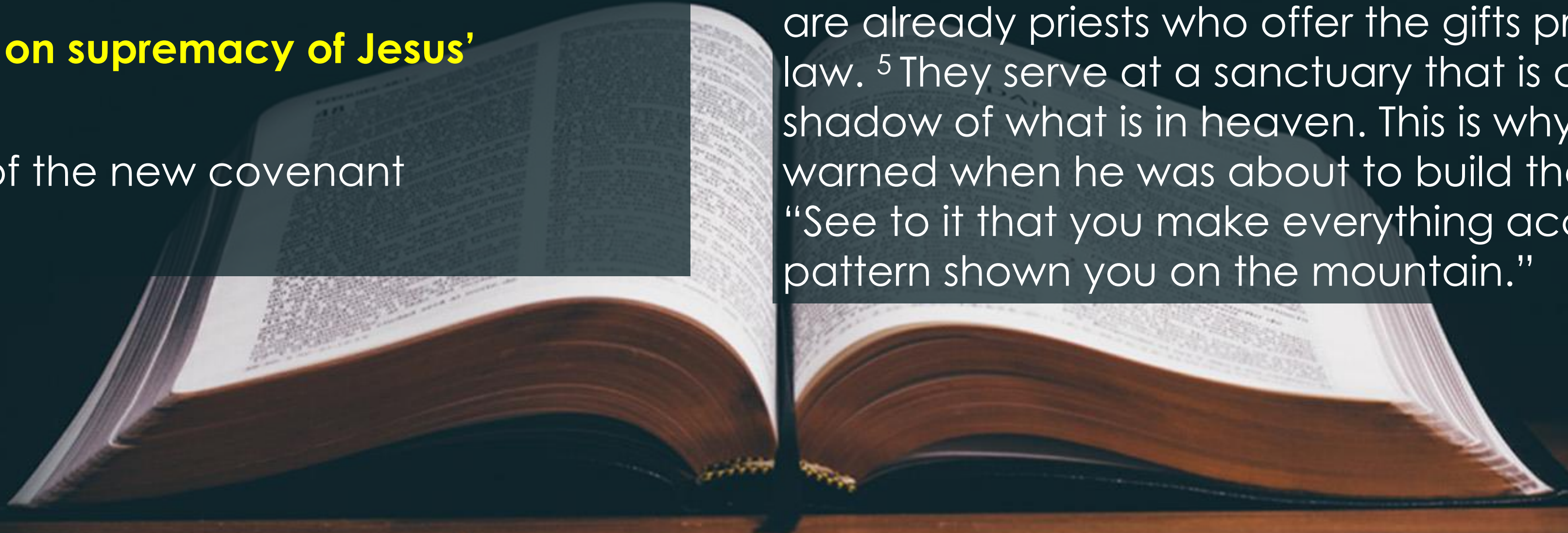
³Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer



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An open book with text overlaid on it. The text is white and yellow, set against a dark background. The book is open, showing two pages. The text is overlaid on the pages and the background.

⁴ If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. ⁵ They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

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Main Point

- Jesus is the ultimate perfect High Priest
- Jesus serves where it matters most – in the true tabernacle in heaven
- His intercession is more effective than any earthly priests'

An open Bible is shown from a low angle, resting on a wooden surface. The pages are white with black text, and the book is slightly curved. The background is dark. Overlaid on the right page is white and yellow text.

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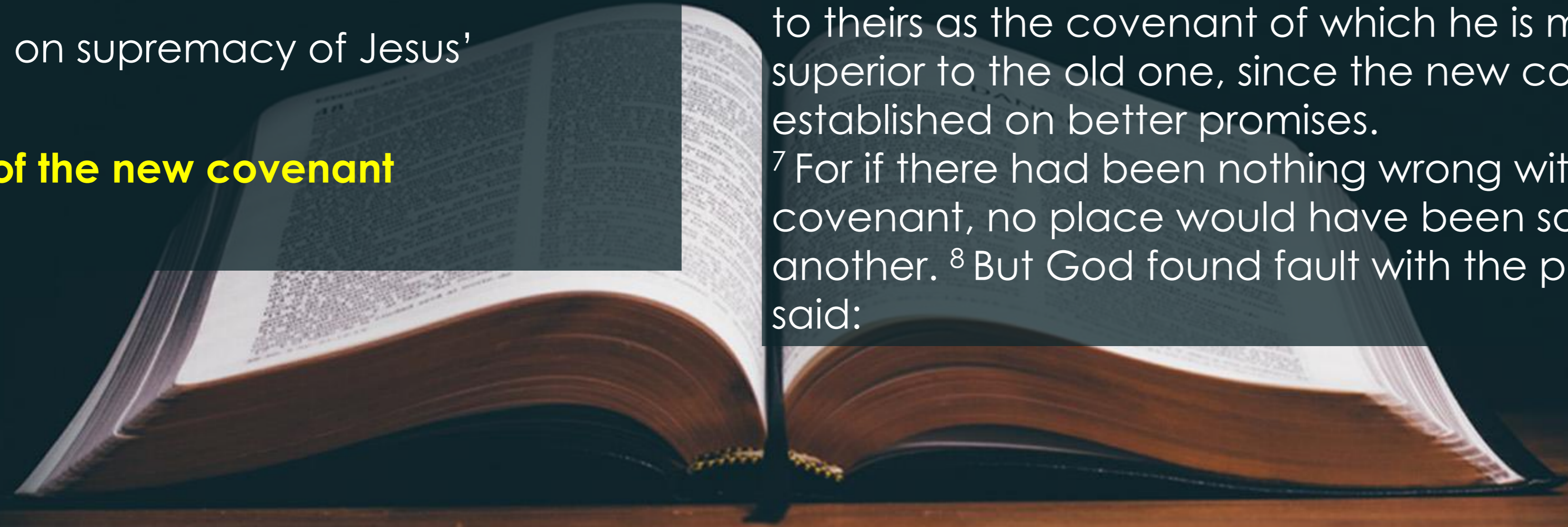
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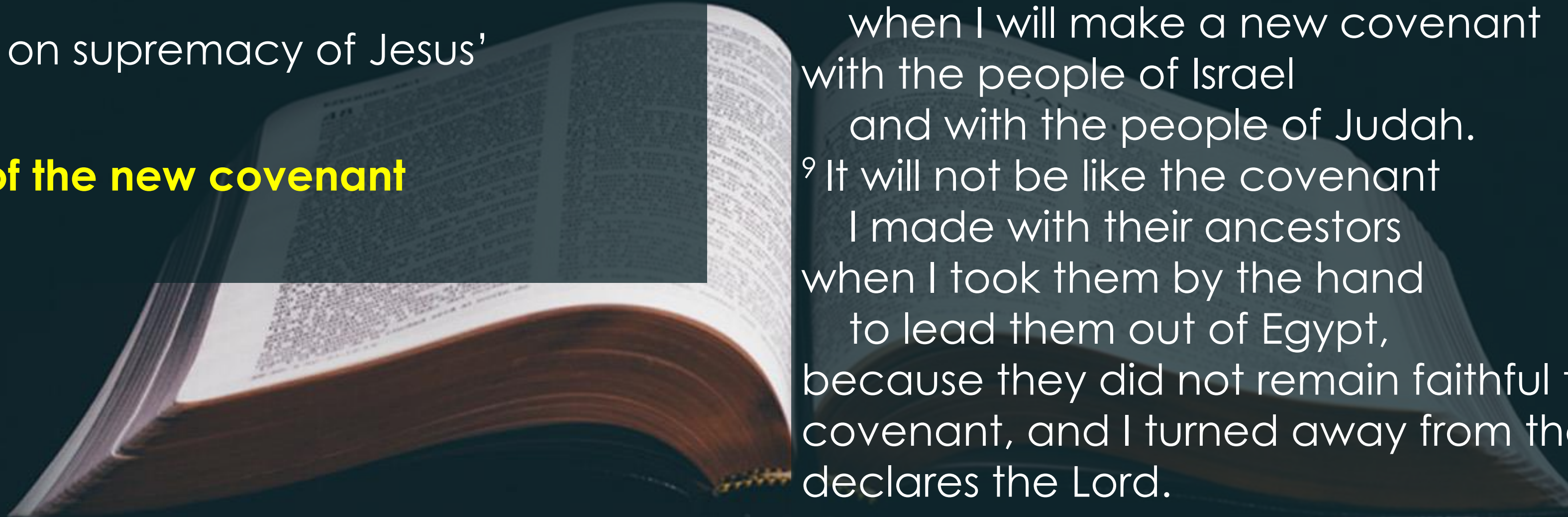
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“The days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
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and with the people of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
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declares the Lord.

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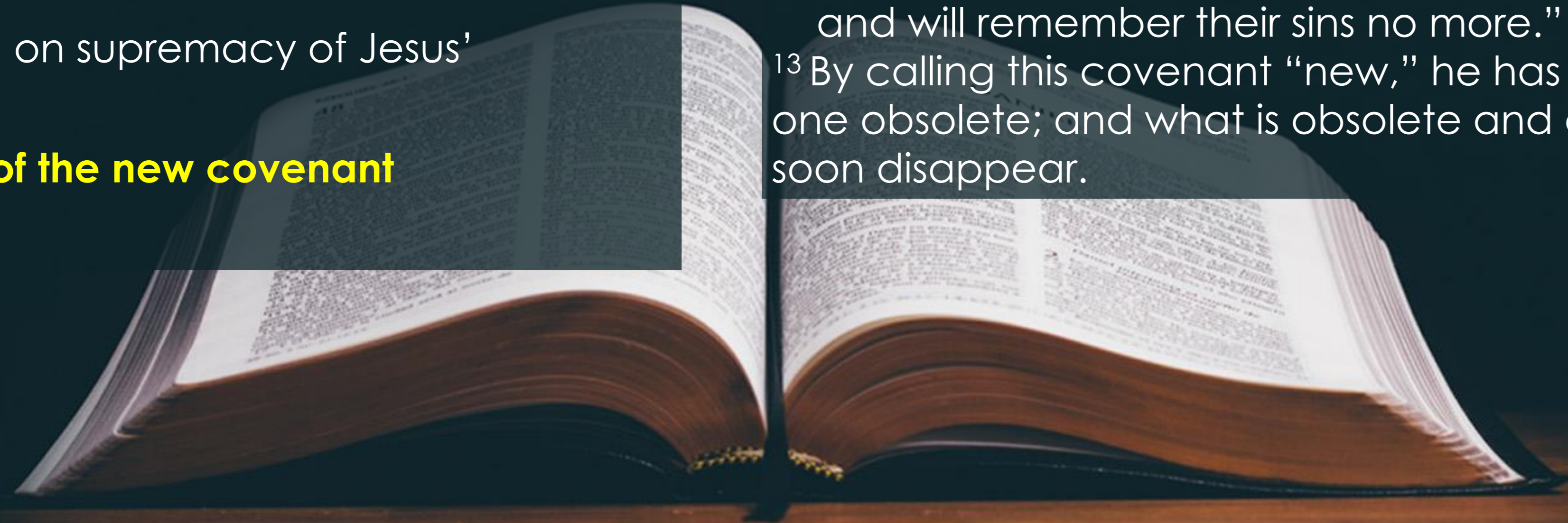
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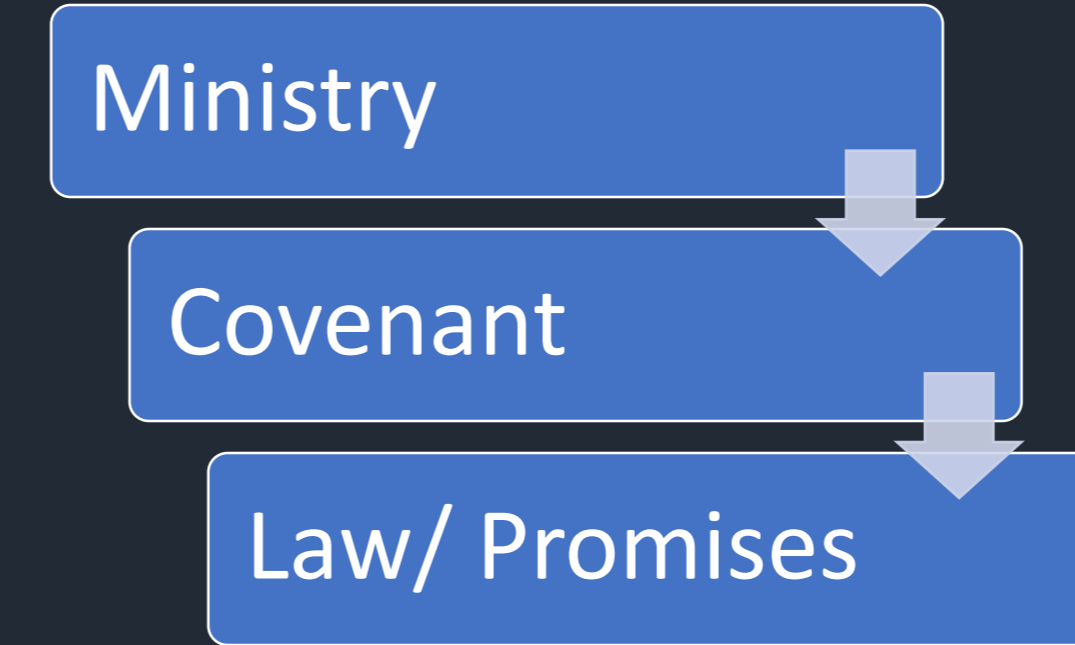
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¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.



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RECAP: What is a covenant?

Agreement between parties, where one party promises to do something if the other party does something else

RECAP: What was the old covenant and what were the promises it was based on?

On Israel's side:

- Israel promised to obey all that God told them to do
- Israel promised that God will be their only God

On God's side:

- God promised to prosper and protect Israel
- God promised Israel that they would be His special people among all others on the earth

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Key things to note

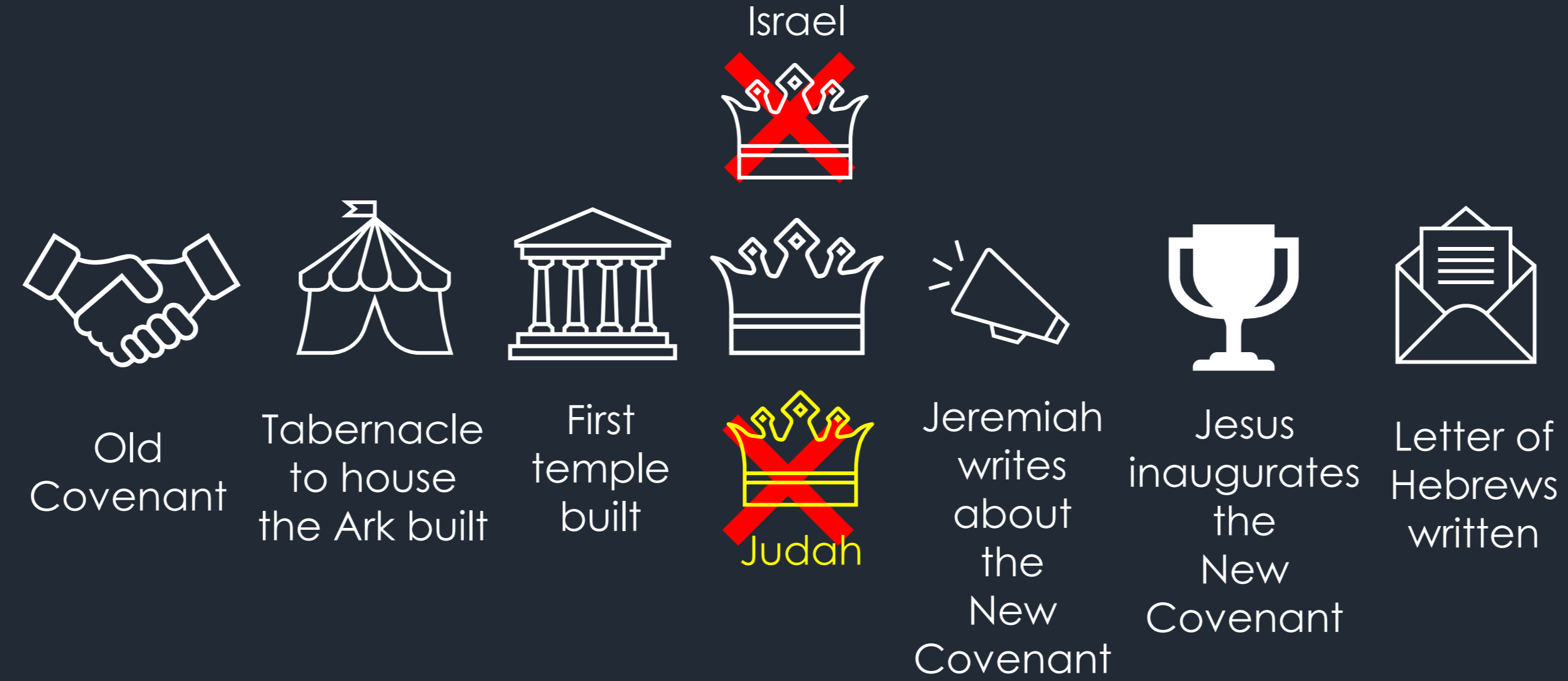
There was nothing wrong with the old covenant – it was the people that were the problem

Verses 8 to 12 are a direct quotation from the book of Jeremiah, Chapter 31: 31-34

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Timeline of the old and new covenants



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What was the **new** covenant and what were the promises it was based on?

On Israel's side:

- **NOTHING**

On God's side:

- **God promised to prosper and protect Israel**
- **God promised Israel that they would be His special people among all others on the earth**
- **3 NEW FEATURES**

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New Feature #1

A new heart 

- God would empower Israel to keep His laws
- Done through the work of the Holy Spirit
- Put vs write
- Our role – to live in faithful dependence on the Holy Spirit

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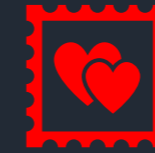
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New Feature #2

A personal relationship



- No more gatekeepers
- Done through Jesus coming down to earth in human form
- Our role – partake of the Word and listen to the Holy Spirit

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New Feature #3

A clean slate



- Jesus died once and for all to atone for all sins
- Number of sins does not matter
- Type of sins does not matter
- Our role – come confidently and boldly before God

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Why would anyone go back to the old covenant once they had the new?

CONTROL

Stemming from an overestimation of our own work and an underestimation of God's work.

Romans 10:3

For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God,
and seeking to establish their own, they did not
submit to God's righteousness.

Philippians 3:9

...not having a righteousness of my own that
comes from the law, but that which is through
faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from
God on the basis of faith.

Reflection 1

What do we find pride and joy in?
Our service unto the Lord? Or our salvation?

Luke 10:20

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Reflection 1

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Our service unto the Lord? Or our salvation?

Reflection 2

Do we feel like we need to perform in order to
receive God's acceptance?

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves,
it is the gift of God; not as a result of works,
so that no one may boast.

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Reflection 3

Do we feel the need to punish ourselves when
we sin? Do we struggle to forgive ourselves?

Reflection 2

Do we feel like we need to perform in order to
receive God's acceptance?

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation
to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not
after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

BOTTOM LINE

Our work vs God's work
God's work is far superior

Control vs Faith

Trust God. He said it. He will do it.

God has said:

I will empower you to obey Me

I will enable you to know Me personally

I will forgive your sins and remember
them no more



Faith is the key to receiving and
experiencing the new covenant



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