

## What's the Difference Between the Old & New Testament? February 16, 2025

**2 Peter 1:20-21**, *“Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding,<sup>21</sup> or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.”*

**Bible:** a book of books, a book of documents

**Testament:** either of the two main divisions of the Bible, covenant

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**, *“The day is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah.<sup>32</sup> This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife,” says the Lord.*

<sup>33</sup> *“But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the Lord. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the Lord.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already,” says the Lord. “And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”*

**Romans 3:10-20**, *“As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous—not even one. <sup>11</sup> No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.” <sup>13</sup> “Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies.” “Snake venom drips from their lips.” <sup>14</sup> “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.” <sup>15</sup> “They rush to commit murder. <sup>16</sup> Destruction and misery always follow them. <sup>17</sup> They don’t know where to find peace.” <sup>18</sup> “They have no fear of God at all.” <sup>19</sup> Obviously, the Law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the Law commands. The Law simply shows us how sinful we are.”*

**Hebrews 10:1-4, 10-18**, “The old system under the Law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. <sup>2</sup> If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. <sup>3</sup> But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. <sup>4</sup> For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>10</sup> For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. <sup>11</sup> Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand. <sup>13</sup> There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, <sup>16</sup> “This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” <sup>17</sup> Then he says, “I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.” <sup>18</sup> And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.”

**Luke 24:25-27**, “Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. <sup>26</sup> Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

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