

# Look at the Book

Hebrews 8:6 – 13 (NIV)

But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, **since the new covenant is established on better promises.**

For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the people and said:

“The days are coming, declares the Lord,  
**when I will make a new covenant**  
with the people of Israel  
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,  
because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,  
and I turned away from them,  
declares the Lord.

**This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel**  
after that time, declares the Lord.  
I will put my laws in their minds  
**and write them on their hearts.**  
I will be their God,  
**and they will be my people.**  
No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’  
because they will all know me,  
**from the least of them to the greatest.**  
For I will forgive their wickedness  
**and will remember their sins no more.”**

By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated **will soon disappear.**

## Probing

1. Use two colored pencils to mark the passage above.
  - Use your favorite color to mark all descriptions of the new covenant.
  - Use a different color to mark all descriptions of the old covenant.
2. Circle all the benefits (good things) about the new covenant.
3. Find words that show you who messed up the old covenant.