

Old Testament—New Testament

What is the difference?

Your students know some Bible stories, but can they distinguish between how God worked in Israel and how he does in the Church today? Why don't we sacrifice a lamb at the Passover? Why don't we have a king appointed by God? Why don't we call our place of worship a temple or a sanctuary? Distinguishing between the testaments is an important step in interpreting the Bible correctly. Here are some verses to study and then a review game is on pages 2 and 3 to help you show your students these differences between the testaments.

Directions—Preparation

1. Print page 2 multiple times—one page is needed for each group of students.
2. Print page 3 multiple times—one page is needed for each two groups of students. (cut it in half).
3. Cut the game pieces into squares. Put each set of pieces into its own envelope or plastic bag.

Lesson

1. Give each student (or group) a game sheet and a bag of game pieces.
2. Tell the students to put the matching colors together into pairs. There will be 9 pairs.
3. Ask each group to determine on which side to put each piece —OT or NT.
4. Ask one group to choose a color and explain their placement of the pieces. Repeat the process with other people until all the colors have been discussed.
5. Read the following Bible verses to enhance the discussion.
6. Add your own observations about

the differences between the testaments. For example what differences do you notice about: the Holy Spirit? The role of music? Tithing? Gentiles? Prophecy? Language?

Old Testament	New Testament
Animal Sacrifice	One final sacrifice
Temple worship	Worship in all places
	The church is

Law and Grace

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Israel and the Church as God's Focus

Acts 15:14-17 Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. (15) And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, (16) "After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, (17) that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things

Animal Sacrifice and the Lord's Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:10-12 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (11) And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. (12) But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

Physical and Spiritual Blessings

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Ezekiel 36:8-11 "But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home. (9) For behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. (10) And I will multiply people on you, the whole house of Israel, all of it. The cities shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt. (11) And I will

multiply on you man and beast, and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

God made flesh vs. God invisible

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

A tribe of Levite priests and the priesthood of all believers

1 Peter 2:5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Evangelism—Go and Tell vs. Come and See

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1 Kings 10:1 Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions.

The Temple vs. The Heavenly Sanctuary

1 Kings 5:5 And so I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to David my father, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

Hebrews 13:10-13 We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. (11) For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. (12) So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. (13) Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

Earthly vs. Heavenly Kingdom

Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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Directions—Place each sentence in the correct column.

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New Testament

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Cut these squares with a paper cutter.

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