

First Things That Passed

1. Some view time as static - long expanses of time
 - a. Bible presents a picture of change
 - b. windows - God intervening and directing
 - c. precedent set in beginning - nothing stands still - elements of change
 - d. changes mirror need to be reconciled to God

2. **Things that have changed**
 - a. **Nature of life**
 1. **Gen 3.19** - death imposed - immortality became mortality
 2. **Rom 5.12** - introduction of death by one man
 3. **Heb 9.27** - appointed unto man once to die
 - b. **Length of Days**
 1. **Gen 6.3** - my spirit shall not always strive with man
 2. **Psm 90.10** - threescore and ten and if by reason of strength
 - c. **Physical World**
 1. **Gen 7.19-21** - entire world covered by the flood
 2. **2 Pet 3.5-7** - that world that then was ... change made to the physical world
 - d. **Temple**
 1. **1 Kng 8.27-29, 41-43** - temple - all who prayed to God be heard
 2. **Hag 2.9** - the glory of this latter house greater than the first
 3. **Matt 24.1-2** - not one stone shall be left
 - e. **God's people**
 1. **Deut 4.20** - taken out of the fiery furnace
 2. **Ex 19.5** - a special people to keep the name of the Lord alive in the earth
 3. **Jer 2.11** - changed glory for that which does not profit
 4. **Hos 4.6** - my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge
 - f. **Covenant**
 1. **Heb 8.7** - if the former covenant had been without fault no need for the second
 2. **Jer 31.31-32** - I will make a new covenant not like the one that I made
 3. **Gal 3.23-24** - was a schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ
 - g. **Priesthood**
 1. **Ex 19.5** - to be a kingdom of priests
 2. **1 Pet 2.9** - a royal priesthood
 - h. **High Priest**
 1. **Ex 28.1** - Aaron and sons to be priests - consecrated to serve
 2. **Heb 7.14-16** - our Lord sprang from the tribe of Judah
 3. **Heb 7.21-22** - surety of a better testament

3. **Things that will change no more**
 - a. **1 John 2.18** - last days
 - b. **Heb 1.1** - final word spoken through Christ
 - c. **Col 1.13** - kingdom of His dear son
 - d. **Benefits**
 1. **1 cor 15.20-22, 26** - end of death - promise of eternal life
 2. **John 14.1-3** - eternal home with Christ and God
 3. **1 Thess 4.16-17** - we will be with him forever
 4. **Heb 7.23-24** - Christ our high priest forever

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2. Things that have changed

Nature of life

Gen 3.19 -In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Rom 5.12 -Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Heb 9.27 - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Length of Days

Gen 6.3 - And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Psm 90.10 - The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Physical World

Gen 7.19-21 - And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. 20: Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. 21: And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

2 Pet 3.5-7 - For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Temple

1 Kng 8.27-29 - But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?
28: Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:
29: That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. ...

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1 Kng 8.41-43 - Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; 42: (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; 43: Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

Hag 2.9 - The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Matt 24.1-2 - And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2: And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

God's people

Deut 4.20 - But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

Ex 19.5 - Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

Jer 2.11 - Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

Hos 4.6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Covenant

Heb 8.7 - For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Jer 31.31-32 - Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Gal 3.23-24 - But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24: Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Priesthood

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Ex 19.6 - And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 Pet 2.9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

High Priest

Ex 28.1 - And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

Heb 7.14-16 - For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. 15: And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, 16: Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Heb 7.21-22 - (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) 22: By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

3. Things that will change no more

1 John 2.18 - Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

Heb 1.1 - God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2: Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Col 1.13 - Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Benefits

1 cor 15.20-22, 26 - But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21: For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ... **26: The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**

John 14.1-3 - Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

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3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

1 Thess 4.16-17 - For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Heb 7.23-24 - And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: 24: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.