

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

Text: Hebrews 8

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### AN APPRECIATION OF THE COVENANTS OF GOD

#### INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

##### 1. The Concept of a Covenant

- a) Two types of Covenant mentioned in the Scriptures
  - i) Parity Covenant (Between Equals)
  - ii) Suzerainty Covenant (Between God and man; King and subjects)
- b) Covenants are like "treaties"
- c) Features of Covenants given by God
  - i) Preamble  
To tell us who God is and what He has done
  - ii) Laws Stated  
These laws govern relationships between God and man
  - iii) Promises of blessings are attached
  - iv) Penalty is also described if the laws are broken

##### 2. Many Covenants mentioned

- a) Noahic Covenant                      Genesis 8
- b) Abrahamic Covenant
- c) Mosaic Covenant/ Sinaitic Covenant (Different terms have been used)
- d) The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31-33)

#### THE MOSAIC COVENANT

- 1. It is called "the first covenant"                      Hebrews 8:9,13
- 2. It is another term for the Mosaic Covenant
  - a) It included the Tabernacle/ Temple Worship
  - b) The Levitical Priesthood
  - c) The Law

- i) Civil
- ii) Ceremonial
- iii) Dietary

### 3. The significance of the First Covenant

- a) It symbolized the relationship between God and the nation of Israel
- b) The laws taught Israel how to fear the Lord and to relate to Him

### 4. The sad and grim reality

- a) Israel had failed to keep the laws of God
- b) It had broken the covenant of God
- c) The penalty of the law would have to be exacted

### 5. Comments about the First Covenant

- a) It had its limitations
  - i) Limited to Israel
  - ii) It was temporary
- b) It has been made obsolete Hebrews 8:13
- c) It was ready to vanish away Hebrews 8:13

## **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

### **Hebrews 8:13**

*In that he says, "A new covenant, He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."*