CHAPTER

# 8

VIII

# The real tent and the new covenant

**Hebrews 8:1–13** · Thirteen verses · Song: "The True Tent"

*The picture: A desert tent that casts a shadow of a greater heavenly sanctuary above it; a heart with words written on it.*



PICTURE WORD

**Tent**

## THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

*Jesus serves in the true tent in heaven; the earthly one was a shadow. God promised a new covenant written on hearts.*

**Remember it:** EIGHT: the tent and its shadow stacked like the two loops of an 8.

## MEMORY VERSE

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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.

Hebrews 8:10 · the author's translation

## GREEK WORD

διαθήκην

*"covenant" · verse 8*

In Hebrews: seventeen times, in 6 chapters

Hebrews uses this word more than any other book of the New Testament. It can also mean a will, and 9:16–17 plays on both senses: a will takes effect when someone dies. The new covenant of Jeremiah 31 is written on hearts and ends with sins God will never again remember.

## HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

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| 1–2 | The main point: a seated high priest, minister of the true tent. |
| 3–5 | The earthly tent is a copy and shadow of the heavenly one. |
| 6–7 | Jesus mediates a better covenant, enacted on better promises. |
| 8–13 | Jeremiah 31: the new covenant; the old is aging and about to disappear. |

## FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 5 ← Exod 25:40 Make everything by the pattern shown on the mountain.

v. 8–12 ← Jer 31:31–34 The new covenant: laws on hearts, sins remembered no more.

## MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Hebrews 8 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/8**.

**The song: "The True Tent."** Every verse of the chapter is sung.

The true tent in heaven · Copy and shadow · The new covenant · The old growing old

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

Jesus serves in the true _____ in heaven; the earthly one was a _____.

God promised a new covenant written on _____.

## CHECK YOURSELF

**1.** Where is our high priest seated?

(A) In the tent in the wilderness
(B) At the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven
(C) In the temple in Jerusalem
(D) On Mount Sinai

**2.** What is the earthly sanctuary?

(A) The true tent
(B) A copy and shadow of the heavenly one
(C) Better than the heavenly one
(D) A place for angels

**3.** In the new covenant, where will God write his laws?

(A) On tablets of stone
(B) On the doorposts
(C) On their hearts
(D) In a scroll

## TALK IT OVER

1. What is the difference between a law written on stone and a law written on the heart?

2. God says, "I will never again remember their sins." What does it mean for God not to remember?

3. The earthly tent was a shadow. What things in your life are shadows of something better?

## IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 8 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I can say 8:10 by heart
☐ I know the picture word

**Answers** Blanks: tent · shadow · hearts · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 1) · 2. B (v. 5) · 3. C (v. 10)