

Lesson 9

God Promises Something New

Bible Reference: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Memory Verse: "... I will make a new covenant..." (Jeremiah 31:31)

God gave the Law of Moses to His people as a guide to worship and serve Him. The people were not always careful to obey God's law. Sometimes the people forgot God and worshiped idol gods made of wood and stone. This made God very sad and He sent His prophets to warn and teach the people to obey His law and please Him.

Jeremiah was a prophet who told the people how displeased God was with them. They had turned from God. They did not listen to God anymore. God had wanted them to learn of Him, but they had broken their covenant or agreement with Him. They had done this by disobeying God so often.

Seeing that the people did not obey His law, God planned to make a new law for the people. God sent Jeremiah to tell the people about His plan for the new law. The new law would be different from the law of Moses and a better law.

Jeremiah said the new law would be better because it would be for all the people in all the world, not just for the people of Israel. It would be better because it would have a better sacrifice for sin or a better way to forgive sin.

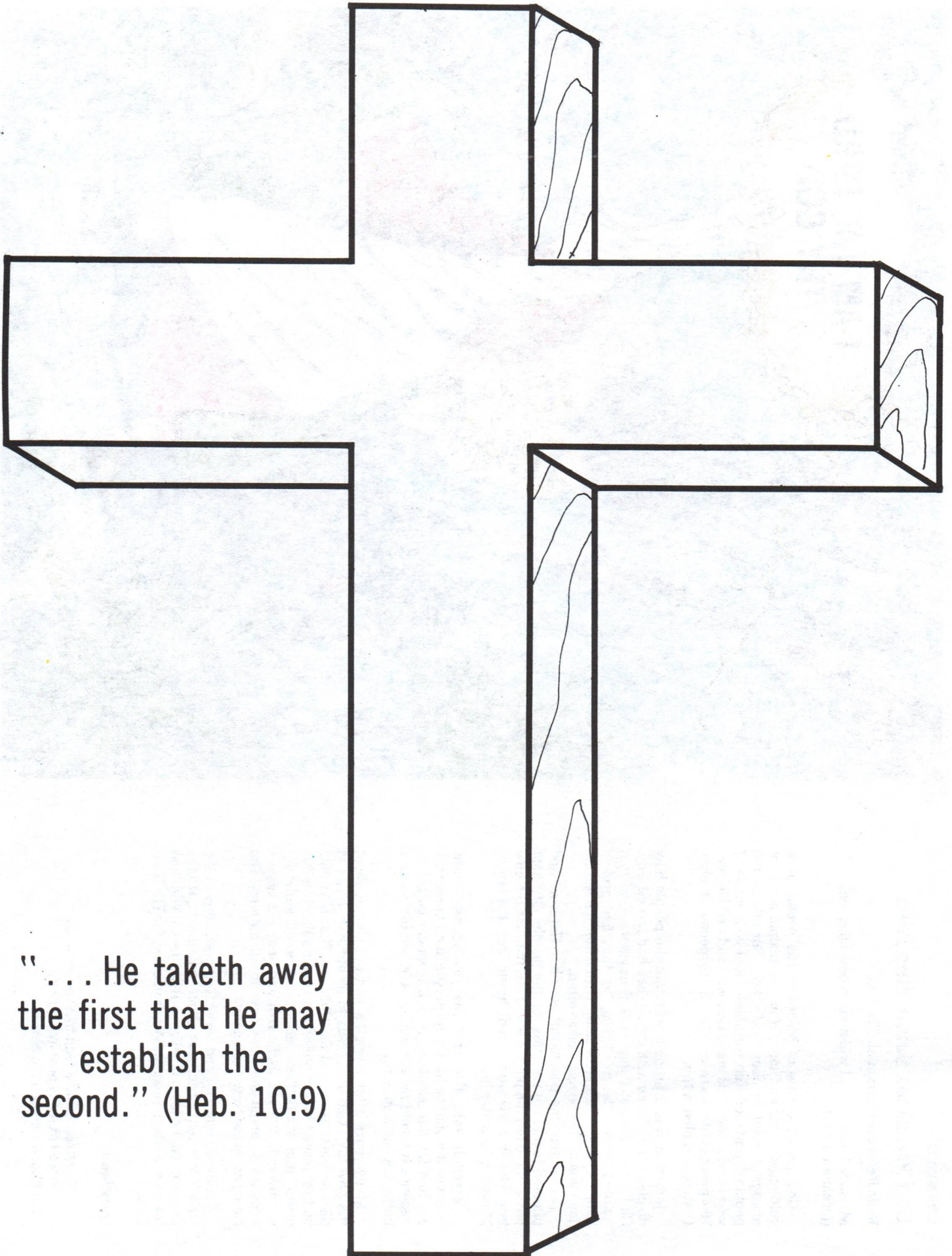
Many years after Jeremiah told the people about the new law, God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus died on the cross to end the Old Law. The Bible tells us that Jesus "took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Col. 2:14). Then Jesus received all authority or power in heaven and earth and sent His twelve apostles to teach the New Law to all nations. The New Law is the New Testament.

Today we worship and serve God according to the New Testament. It tells us about the church, it tells us about God's love. It tells us about Jesus who died for us and about heaven. We thank God for His New Law.

Questions:

1. Who told of God's plan to give a new law?
2. Do we have this new law today?
3. What do we call the new law?





"... He taketh away the first that he may establish the second." (Heb. 10:9)