

Similarities and differences:

Old Testament	New Testament
Covenant of the Law	Covenant of Grace
Letter of the law kills	Spirit, gives life (the new heart)
Sacrificed animals because of sin	Jesus was sacrificed for our sin
High priest sacrificed an animal	Jesus is our high priest
Looks forward to the coming of the Messiah	Looks forward to the Second coming of the Messiah Jesus Christ
History of God's dealing with his people the Jews, God saves a people for himself.	History of Christ and of the church (Jews and Gentiles), God saves the church for himself.
Depicts the creation of the world (Genesis)	Depicts the end of the world (Revelation)
Describes the line of people that the Messiah would come from	Describes the people who would come from the Messiah (spiritually) the Church
Shows how God's people failed to keep the Law.	Shows a saviour who kept the law and paid the price for our sins.
Salvation comes to the Jews	Salvation comes to the world (Jews + Gentiles)
Destruction of the earth by water	Destruction by fire
Depicts miracles	Depicts miracles
Twelve tribes	Twelve apostles
Israel in the desert forty years	Jesus in the desert forty days
Written in Hebrew over a long time 1500-400 BC	Written in Greek over a short time 40-95 AD
Many authors	Many authors
Manuscripts hand copied	Manuscripts hand copied
Prophecies made about Jesus	Jesus fulfils OT prophecies
Inspired by God	Inspired by God (God breathed) 2 Tim 3:16
Jews circumcised	Christians baptised
Large book	Small book
Mystery hidden	Mystery revealed
OT literary types	NT literary types
History (Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, Kings, Samuel, Chronicles)	History (Gospels and Acts)
Wisdom (Psalms, Proverbs)	No wisdom literature
Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel)	No prophets
Apocalyptic (Daniel, Zechariah)	Apocalyptic (Revelation)
No Epistles	Epistles (Letters of Paul, Peter, John, Jude)

