

“APART FROM US.”

{Heb. 11:39-40}

“39 And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise, 40 God having provided some better thing concerning us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect,” Heb. 11:39-40. When one reads this material, he cannot but be impressed with the thought of a **“promise”** and the **“fulfillment”** of the promise. In the revelation of the New Covenant there is the **“fulfillment”** of all of the promises made before.

All of the **promises** made in the Old Testament, have been **fulfilled** in the New Testament. Someone, in the past characterized the thought in this manner: *“The Old Testament is the New Testament **concealed** and the New Testament is the Old Testament **revealed**.”* There is no doubt in my mind, that this is a thought we all need to have; thus, the Old is connected with the New and the New is connected with the Old. For those who believe they do not need to study the Old, this connection is a refutation of that thought.

“These all” in v. 39 are apart from the *“us”* in v. 40. The *“them”* in v. 39 are a part of what happened before the New Covenant and the *“us”* is the New Covenant. Those of old were looking for the **fulfillment** of **promises** and those in the New Testament could see the fulfillment of those promises. This is the difference of some being in the dark, concerning what was coming, and those of the New Testament who could look back and see the fulfillment. This thought is described in I Pet. 1:10-12. We have the **completed revelation**, of God, to man.

The expression, *“apart from us they should not be made perfect,”* v.40 is showing without the New Covenant the Old Covenant and the Old Testament, in general, would not have been completed; the word “perfect” means to be complete; or, to be fulfilled. So, the Old Testament is made perfect by the revelation of the New Testament. This is why, in the New Testament Jesus continually insist the *“scriptures must be fulfilled.”*

The **promises** of the Old Testament, the **types** of the Old Testament, and **prophecies** are all fulfilled in the New Testament. The feast days were not designed to make one whole, the Sabbath Day was not the rest for the Christian, and the Blood of animals bulls and goats could not take away sin! ***“Apart from us they should not be made perfect.”***

Jesus came, atoned for the sins of all mankind, and through this man have been made whole. Because of what Jesus did we find in Heb. 9:15, *“15 And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”* Without the death of Jesus those of old could not be saved. Jesus is the savior of the whole world! I Jno. 2:1-2. Caa

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