

“A Big Change Is Coming!”

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Jesus, along with all the Jewish people, lived under “the law of Moses” which has three main categories.

1. The permanent *moral law* (essentially the Ten Commandments) instructs people how to love and enjoy God and each other.
2. The temporary *ceremonial law* prescribes ceremonies and rituals like circumcision, animal sacrifices, diet, and dress that prepare people for the coming of the Christ.
3. The temporary *civil law* provides the theocratic government that enforces these laws by the power of the sword.

In addition to these laws given by God, Jewish teachers like the Pharisees added hundreds more as an extra layer. These *human traditions* were intended to protect the people but unintentionally distanced them from God. In today’s text, Jesus is giving everyone a heads up that a big change is coming. Here are three things to know about the big change:

1. The groom _____ the change when he fulfills the law and dies for his bride (18–20).
2. The groom _____ the change when he repeals the “law of _____” and replaces it with “the law of _____” to prepare his bride (21).
3. The groom _____ the change when he returns to establish peace on earth and live with his bride (22).

The Timeless Principle

No matter what else changes, the bride can _____.