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**From the Fulfilled Perspective** The final passing away of the Old Covenant was marked by the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in AD 70.

**Paul's Witness** Paul said in 2 Corinthians 3:11 that the Old Covenant was "fading."

**Hebrews Confirms** The writer of Hebrews echoes this: "When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear" (Hebrews 8:13). Notice the time language, it was already obsolete in the first century but had not fully disappeared yet.

**The Temple's Destruction** The sacrificial system and temple worship continued for about 40 years after the cross, but once the temple was destroyed in AD 70, the Old Covenant order had no place to exist. This fulfilled Jesus words: "Not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down" (Matthew 24:2).

**Conclusion** That event marked the public and visible end of the Old Covenant, while the New Covenant, the one that remains, fully took its place in glory.

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