1. FIRST AND SECOND COVENANTS (TESTAMENTS)

(Hebrews 8:7) "if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place sought for a second" (Hebrews 10:9) "He takes away the first that He may establish the second."

The "first" was the 10 commandments and the hundreds of additional commandments that are recorded in (Exodus 20:1-17, chapters 21 – 40; and book of Leviticus).

What was the "fault" of the "first covenant"?

- 1) (Deut. 5:1-22, v31-33) it was given to Israel only.
- 2) (Gal. 3:11) "that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident"
- 3) (Hebrews 10:3-4) " ... there is a reminder of sins every year ... "
- 4) (Colossians 2:12-14) "... was against us, which was contrary to us.

 And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

The "second" or "new covenant" is foretold by Jesus at the Passover.

(Matthew 26:27-28) " ... this is My blood of the new covenant ... "
(Hebrews 9:14-17) "how much more the blood of Christ ... mediator of the new covenant, by means of death ... the death of the testator ... "

2. FIRST AND SECOND BIRTH

(John 3:1-7) " ... unless one is born again ... unless one is born of water and Spirit ... You must be born again."

The "first" birth is physical, and everyone here has experienced this one.

The "second" birth is spiritual, and it is described as being "born again." (1 Peter 1:22-23)

3. FIRST AND SECOND COMMANDMENTS

(Matthew 22:34-40) ... This is the first and great commandment ... the second is ... "

The "first" commandment is giving God priority, our all. (John 14:15) The "second" is being kind to one another. (Galatians 6:2, v10)

4. FIRST AND SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

His "first" coming: (Matthew 1:21-23; Gal. 4:4; John 1:1, v14)

His "second" coming: (Hebrews 9:28) " ... He will appear a second time ... "

(John 14:1-4; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

5. FIRST AND SECOND DEATH

The "first" death is physical: (Heb. 9:27) "appointed for men to die once."

The "second" death is spiritual: (Rev. 20:14-15) "... this is the second death ... "

(Rev. 21:8) "... which is the second death."

Avoidable: (Rev. 2:11) "He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death" Revelation's theme: when we "overcome," we may "come-over."