The covenant made with all the patriarchs is so much like ours in substance and reality that the two are actually one and the same. Yet they differ in mode of administration.

John Calvin

In sum, for holiness of place, Christianity has fundamentally, though not consistently, substituted [for the Old Testament teaching about the land] the holiness of the Person; it has Christified holy space.

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