



Cycle 2: Thematic-Covenantal:

Covenant and Covenants:

Moses to David

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Mosaic Covenant

- **Scripture Reading:** Exodus 2:23-25; 6:1-7; 15:15-18; Deut. 7:7-9; Psalm 105/106; Micah 4:1-4; Galatians 3:19-4:7; 2 Corinthians 3:7-4:6; **Hebrews 3:1-6**

*“When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.
The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back” -Psalm 114:1-3*

In the Old Covenant, Israel is a:

- Redeemed People (People = Seed)
- Place of God’s Presence (Presence = Place – “Immanuel”)
- Place of God’s Rule (Power = God’s Law and Rule as a blessing to Nations)

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope” – Hebrews 3:5-6

“Believers (both Israel/Nations) are **His House**”:

- God’s Redeemed People – Family (People = Seed)
- Place of God’s Presence – Temple (Presence = Place = “Immanuel”)
- Place of God’s Rule – Kingdom (Power = God’s Law and Rule as a blessing to the Nations through the indwelling Holy Spirit)

How is this possible? Because of **Jesus Christ**:

- Christ is the Seed of Abraham/the Faithful and True Israelite
- Christ is the True Temple of God- “Immanuel”

- Christ is the King of Kings, both Law-Giver and Law-Keeper who secures the Holy Spirit for His people (all nations) to be blessed in union with Him in His life, death, resurrection, and ascension! Hallelujah!
- Mosaic Covenant ***advances*** the Abrahamic Covenant as part of the larger Covenant of Grace (supplemental, expansion, etc).
 - Revelation of God’s Name: LORD/YHWH (Exodus 3)
 - Revelation of God’s grace (priority before Law)
 - Revelation of God’s law (obligation)
 - Revelation of How to approach God: Sacrifices/Worship/Service
- Cautious distinctions made in the Mosaic Administration of Covenant of Grace:
 - Covenant Theocracy: Visible, professing members of covenant (“general children of Abraham”)- all of Israel ethnically related to Abraham and outwardly in covenant body of God’s people.
 - Covenant Election: Invisible, truly regenerate members of covenant (“particular children of Abraham”)- all of elect Israel, who have the same faith as Abraham, who truly fear and worship God from the heart (see Romans 2:25-29; Galatians 3:26-29, 6:16).
- **THREE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF MOSAIC COVENANT:**
 - **Exodus = Redemption** (revelation of grace precedes revelation of law).
 - **Law = Life**
 - **Tabernacle = “God with us”/ “Immanuel”**
- **Three Abrahamic Promises Advanced:**
 1. The Seed- Moses the Mediator of God’s people, a holy priesthood, a holy nation. **Theocracy: God creates a people through sovereign grace and redemption to be a “kingdom of priests a holy nation”** (Exodus 19-20; cf. Exodus 4:22-23; Isaiah 43:1-7; Hosea 11:1-3).
 2. The Land- God’s people living under His rule in His land (Canaan). **God dwells in the midst of Israel in Tabernacle/Sanctuary/Tent of Meeting-** “Immanuel”/ God’s portable throne is at center of Israel’s existence (Exodus 25-40).
 3. The Blessing to All- Particularly through Law (reveals holiness and righteous life man was created to live). **God fully reveals His character and His most holy will for all mankind. Freedom to live virtuously (see Micah 4:2).**
Aspects of this:

a. Law is based on grace in the larger Covenant of Grace (Gen. 3:15), and more particularly in Abrahamic Covenant (Exodus 2:23-25, 19:1-6, 20:1-2).

b. Law teaches Israel/Nations:

“The law and the prophets were a sacred school of the knowledge of God and the conduct of the spiritual life for the whole world” – Athanasius

- i. How man is a sinner in need of God’s saving grace (reveals sin).
- ii. How God’s righteous law helps restrain sin and provide good community and the life of “shalom-well being”.
- iii. How God’s law reveals true righteousness and holiness.
- iv. Provides a washing/cleansing from sin to enter into God’s special presence (Temple, purification laws, clean/unclean, etc).
- v. Grace is provided by God’s presence in His Holy Spirit (fire by day, cloud by night special-covenant presence) to live out life of holiness before the world for the glory of the Triune God!

• **Mosaic Covenant and Typology (Fulfillment in Christ)**

- PROMISE → FULFILLMENT IN CHRIST
- EXODUS → DEATH/RESURRECTION OF CHRIST (from slavery to sonship).
- LAW → FULFILLMENT OF LAW (Matt. 5:17-20): “Imputed righteousness/Imparted Righteousness by the Holy Spirit”
- SANCTUARY → THRONE OF GRACE- Blood of Jesus Christ.

^{ESV} **Hebrews 4:14-16:** *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

A Covenant as Suzerain-Vassal Treaty

- 1) Preamble (Sovereign King is introduced)- Exodus 20; Deut. 5:23-27
- 2) Historical Prologue- Exodus 20:2; Deut. 4:32-38
- 3) Stipulations [responsibilities/obligations; conditions/requirements as part of agreement] of the Covenant- Exodus 20:3-7; Deut. 6:4-6
- 4) Deposition of the Covenant in the Sanctuary for Periodic Reading- Deut. 17:13-20
- 5) Witnesses to the Covenant- Deut. 30:19-20

6) Curses and Blessings of the Covenant- Lev. 26/Deut. 28

- ➔ Prophets will serve in later RH as “Covenant Prosecutors” with creation as witness called by YHWH to the stand.

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