

Theme: The Mosaic covenant of law was given to Israel for life in the promised land and was never intended as the basis for government in the common kingdom, and even its function within the people of God has changed with the new covenant.

I. Intro – Where We Have Been

- A. Looking at C4
- B. One God but Two Kingdoms
 - 1. Redemptive kingdom - define
 - 2. Common kingdom - define
- C. Didn't God give civil laws in OT?
- D. Shouldn't we legislate Mosaic Law?
- E. What is the place for OT Mosaic Law today?
- F. Taught on Law many times - today just relation to common kingdom

II. The Law of Moses - God's Law for OT Israel

- A. Mosaic Law - God's Law for Israel
 - 1. v9 - priests, elders of Israel; Ark of covenant
 - 2. vv10-12 - Feast; assembly; read law; everyone
 - 3. Only makes sense in Israel - nowhere else
 - 4. Exodus 34:27 - covenant with Israel (10 Commands)
 - 5. Romans 9:4 - law, covenants, promises to Israel
 - 6. Mosaic Law for Israel - not Gentiles
- B. God's Law for Israel - In the Promised Land

- 1. Deut 31:13 - as long as you live in the land
 - 2. Deut 4:5 - in the land taking possession of
 - 3. Did not have law in Egypt - only after delivered
 - 4. Lev 18:26 - Even aliens in land must obey
- C. The Promised Land - A Shadow of Eden
 - 1. Israel in land like Adam in Garden
 - a. Gen 2:15 - work and guard usually terms for priests
 - b. Many similar stones, metals in Garden and tabernacle
 - c. A theocracy - holy people, holy place, holy king
 - d. Myers quote on Israel in the land - holy culture
 - e. Hosea 6:7 - Israel like Adam transgressed
 - 2. Disobedience to covenant leads to banishment
 - a. Lev 20:22 - obey law or land vomits you out
 - b. Lev 26:33-34 - keep Law or exiled; land rests
 - D. Israel in Exile
 - 1. They followed law as best they could in exile
 - 2. Could not do many things (sacrifice, king)
 - 3. Babylonians did not follow the law!!!
 - 4. Did not enforce law in Babylon!
 - 5. Participated in broader culture (Daniel)
 - 6. Longed to return to promised land!

7. More on exile theme in coming weeks

III. Christ, the New Covenant, and the Mosaic Law

- A. Mat 5:17 - Christ came to fulfill the law in our place
- B. Rom 10:4 - Christ the end/goal of the law
- C. Hebrews 8:7-13 - Now under the new covenant!
- D. Galatians - don't go back to law!! Live in grace, faith
- E. The Mosaic Law today
 - 1. Never intended for the nations - only Israel
 - 2. America is not under Mosaic Law
 - 3. Church is the fulfillment of Israel
 - 4. Law does not even have all of the same functions for us

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we understand place of Mosaic Law?
 - 1. It was given for a particular people, time, and place
 - 2. It was added to Abrahamic covenant (Gal 3)
 - 3. It was for God's people - not the nations
 - 4. It was never given to common kingdom!
 - 5. The problem with enforcing decalogue
 - a. No other gods - only Christians allowed
 - b. No images - Catholics, Orthodox must go
 - c. Must enforce Sabbath day (or Lord's Day)

- d. Disobedient children stoned
- e. All sexual sin - put to death (Lev 18-20)
- f. Coveting against the law - how gov't enforce?

6. Can not just pick and choose - undermines Scripture

B. A plea - think through this - it is critical!

- 1. A lot of misapplication here!
- 2. Applying God's Word to Israel to America
- 3. This will get you in trouble!

C. Do we understand the New Covenant?

- 1. We are not under Mosaic Law
- 2. Christ has fulfilled this for us!
- 3. Hebrews, Galatians - don't go back!!
- 4. Law is still guide, but power from Spirit

D. Communion - Celebrating the New Covenant

The Law of Moses and Civil Government

Deuteronomy 31:9-13

Galatians 3:6-14

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Communion

Genesis 12:2

The redemptive kingdom (sometimes called the kingdom of God) is the eternal realm comprised of His people alone, where God rules through special revelation and saving grace for the redemption of His chosen people.

The common kingdom (sometimes called kingdom of man) is the temporary realm comprised of all humans, believers and unbelievers, where God rules through general revelation and common grace for the preservation and flourishing of the human race and culture.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words **I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.**" Exodus 34:27

the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Romans 9:4

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, **so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it.** Deuteronomy 4:5

But you must keep my decrees and my laws. **The native-born and the aliens living among you** must not do any of these detestable things, Lev 18:26

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work it and take care of it.** Genesis 2:15

“After the giving of the law and before the coming of Christ, the people of God had a totally parochial and segregated culture. Israel was called to be holy and was given special instructions about how to exhibit that holiness in its culture, because their God was holy and were a special people before God. Israel’s holy culture was a visible but partial recovery of the original holy culture in the Garden of Eden, and a foretaste of the holy culture God’s people will enjoy in eternity.” - Ken Myers, All God’s, 37

Like Adam, they have broken the covenant-- they were unfaithful to me there. Hosea 6:7

Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. Leviticus 20:22

I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. 34 Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. Leviticus 26:33-34

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Romans 10:4

For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. 8 But God found fault with the people and said: "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. 10 This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." 13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear. Hebrews 8:7-13