

THE MOSAIC COVENANT

Ex 20:1 through Deut 28:68 (Ex 19:18-25)

The Covenant was made with Israel. Ex 19:3-8
Deut 4:7-8; Ps147:19-20; Mal 4:4 - Not with the Gentiles
Eph 2:12 and - Not with the Church Gal 5:1-4

The law contains 613 commandments
of these: 365 or things that are forbidden
248 things that should be done
yet the law is singular if you break one of the above you are guilty of breaking all of them. Jas 2:10

It was a conditional covenant with blessings for obedience and judgment for disobedience. Ex 15:26; Ex 19:3-8; Deut 27:1 - 28:68

It was a blood covenant Ex 24:1-11

The blood sacrifice was central to the covenant Lev 17:11

There were five offerings included Lev ch 1-7
These offerings were for atonement “covering of sin” and not for the “removal of sin”.
Heb 10:1-4; Heb 7:19 with Heb 10:14
Restoration of fellowship was the purpose of the offerings Lev ch 16; Rom 3:19-26

All of mankind was under the authority of the Noahic covenant. God separated a people out of humanity and placed further restrictions upon them. (Israel)
Diet restrictions imposed Gen 9:3-5 becomes Lev 11:1-47
Capital punishment Gen 9:6 becomes A multitude of death penalty offenses.
Circumcision is repeated: Under the Abrahamic covenant, circumcision was mandatory for Jews - only a sign of the promised received
Under the Mosaic law it was mandatory for both Jews and Gentiles who had converted.
It was the sign that the individual was placing them self under the LAW.

The Sabbath was the sign of the Mosaic covenant.

- ◆ It was a sign that Israel had been set apart by God Ex 31:12-18
- ◆ It was a sign of the Exodus Deut 5:12-15; Ezk 20:10-12,20
- ◆ Sabbath observance began with Moses.
Gen 2:1-3 states only what God did on that day.
It's beginning Ex 16:23-30

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- ◆ It was a day of rest not a day of corporate worship.

It was a matter of prohibitions:

No gathering of mana Ex 16:23-30

No traveling Ex 16:29 (Distance between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives 1600 feet)

No kindling of fire Ex 35:3

No gathering of wood Num 15:32

No burden-bearing Jer 17:21

No business Amos 8:5; Neh 10:31; 13:15,19

NOTE: Sabbath synagogue services originated with the Babylonian captivity.

- ◆ As a “holy convocation” it related to the priesthood and sacrifices not the people

Lev ch 23 and Num ch 28-29

NOTE: Corporate worship by non-Levites occurred three times a year: the Feast of Passover, Weeks, and Tabernacles

The penalty for profaning the Sabbath (to consider it like any other day) was death.

When the LAW comes to an end so does Sabbath-keeping.

THE MOSAIC COVENANT THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

NOTE: The law was not given as a means of salvation

Rom 3:20,28; Gal 2:16; 3:11,21

It was given to a people already redeemed from Egypt; not in order to redeem them.

THE LAW WAS GIVEN -

To reveal the holiness of God

Lev 11:44-47; 19:1-2ff, 37; Rom 7:12

To provide a rule of conduct

Lev 11:46,47; 20:7-8,26

Ps 119: 77,97, 103-104, 159

To provide for corporate worship

Lev 23:2ff

To keep Jews a distinct people

Lev 11:45; Deut 7:6; 14:1-2

THUS:

Dietary laws Lev 11:1-47

Clothing laws Lev 19:19

Worship practice Lev 19:4-8; Ex 31:12-18

The way they cut their beards Lev 19:27

To set up a wall between Jew and Gentile's

Eph 2:11-16

To reveal what sin is

Rom 3:19-23; 5:20; 7:7

To add personal sin to man's account

Rom 4:15; 5:20; 7:7-13; 1Cor 15:56

To drive man to see that "nothing good dwells in him"

Rom 7:14-25

To drive humans to faith

Rom 8:1-4; Gal 3:24-25

THE END OF THE LAW

Rom 10:4; 2Cor 3:1-18; Gal 3:19-29; Eph 2:11-22; Heb 7:11-12,18

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IN SHORT:

We have been released from the LAW having died to that which we were bound.
Rom 7:6

Christ is the end of the LAW of righteousness to everyone who believes.
Rom 10:4

Through the law I died to the LAW, so that I might live to God.
Gal 2:19

Now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor.
Gal 3:25

When the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also. Heb 7:12

There is a setting a side of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness. Heb 7:18

When He said a "New Covenant" he has made the first obsolete.
Heb 8:13

By abolishing in his flesh the enmity which is the law of Commandments
Eph 2:15

For, if that which fades away... 2Cor 3:11

THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM - Rom 14:1 - 15:2

THE SABBATH

As long as the Mosaic covenant was in effect, the Sabbath law was mandatory. Since the Mosaic law has come to an end, the Sabbath command no longer applies. Also, the Mosaic covenant was made with Israel not with the Gentiles or the Church. It has never been applied to anyone outside of Israel.