

The Story of the Bible
The Mosaic and Davidic Covenants

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The Mosaic Covenant

MOSAIC COVENANT: CONTEXT

- The Israelites Camped At Mount Sinai (Exodus 19)
- God Proposes A Covenant, The People Agree (Exodus 19:3-9)
- God's People Are Consecrated (Exodus 19:10-15)
- Moses Meets The Lord On The Mountain (Exodus 19:16-25)
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- Laws Given To The People (Exodus 21:1-23:19)
- The Nation Of Israel To Be A Theocracy, Governed By God Himself
- The Covenant Confirmed (Exodus 24:1-8) With Blood
- Moses Called Up On The Mountain (Exodus 24:12-18) For 40 Days
- God Renews His Covenant With The People (Ex 34:8-10)

CONDITIONAL COVENANT: Exodus 19:5-6

- ‘Now then, ***if you will indeed obey*** My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be **My own possession** among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’
These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

Mutual Assent

- **⁷ So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸ The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said. So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.**

Exodus 19:7-13, 16

- The people agree to submit to the LORD's rule (v.8)
- They are commanded to consecrate themselves and prepare for the Lord's appearance (vv. 9-11).
- Boundaries were established that the people could not cross over (vv. 12-13).
- God came down to Sinai in the midst of “thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud” (19:16).

Blessings and Curses:

Leviticus 26:1-46

- Vv. 1-2: Fundamentals of the Law
- Vv. 3-13: Blessings for Obedience
- Vv. 14-39: Curses for Disobedience
- Vv. 40-46: Promise of Restoration

Exodus 23:25-26

- ²⁵ Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, ²⁶ and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

TERM: Everlasting: Exodus 31:12-17

- ¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹³ “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my Sabbaths. **This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come**, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy.
- ¹⁴ ““Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. ¹⁵ For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death. ¹⁶ **The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant.** ¹⁷ It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever

Contrast Abrahamic Covenant: Exodus 32:11-14

- ¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ **Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’”** ¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Exodus 32: Termination

- Exodus 32:1-19: Israel worships the golden calf and deserves the covenant curse of death.
- Moses comes down from the mountain and upon seeing the idolatry of Israel, smashes the tablets of the ten Commandments
- Exodus 32:31-34
- ³¹ So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”
- ³³ The LORD replied to Moses, “**Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.** ³⁴ Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”

MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS : Exodus 34:10-14

- ¹⁰ Then the LORD said: “**I am making a covenant with you.** Before all your people ***I will do*** wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that ***I, the LORD, will do*** for you. ¹¹ Obey what I command you today. ***I will drive out*** before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ¹² Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. ¹³ Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.^[a] ¹⁴ Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Jesus and the Mosaic Law: Matt 5:17-19

- ¹⁷ “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. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Are We as Christians under the Mosaic Law?

- THE Issue in Acts 15
- For sin shall not be master over you, for you are **not under law**, but under grace (Rom 6:14).
- But if you are led by the Spirit, you **are not under the Law** (Gal 5:18).
- And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those **who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law**; to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law (1 Cor 9:20-21).

What Was The Purpose Of The Mosaic Law?

- to reveal man's sinfulness (Rom 3:19-20)
- to reveal the nature of sin (Rom 7:7-13)
- to act as a tutor until Christ (Gal 3:23-25)
- to reveal the holiness of God

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

Unconditional Promises of Name, Place and Rest

2 Samuel 7:8-11a

- ⁸“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now **I will make your name great**, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And ***I will provide a place for my people Israel*** and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders^[a] over my people Israel. **I will also give you rest from all your enemies.**

Unconditional Promises of House, Offspring and Throne: 2 Samuel 11b-17

- “The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will **establish a house for you**:¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, **I will raise up your offspring to succeed you**, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.¹⁶ **Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me^[b]; your throne will be established forever.**”
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Term: Forever

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Jesus as the New David

Compare the key Davidic covenant text with the angel Gabriel's description of Jesus to Mary at the Annunciation.

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'a great name" (9)

"he shall be my son (14)

"your throne shall be established"

"forever" (16)

Luke 1:32-33

"He will be great"

Will be called son of the Most High"

"God will give to him the throne of His Father David"

"reign...forever"

COVENANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COVENANT	PARTIES	BENEFICIARIES	MUTUALITY	CONDITIONALITY	TERM	TERMINATION
ABRAHAMIC	God + Abram	World	Unilateral (grace)	unconditional	forever	no
MOSAIC	God + Israel	Israel	Bilateral (works)	conditional	forever	yes
DAVIDIC	God + David	World	Unilateral (grace)	unconditional	forever	no

GOD'S PROMISES

COVENANT	NAME	SEED	NATION	LAND	REST	THRONE
ABRAHAMIC	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
MOSAIC	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
DAVIDIC	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

PROMISE FULFILLMENT

COVENANT	PHYSICAL FULFILLED?	SPIRITUAL FULFILLED?
ABRAHAMIC	IN PART	YES
MOSAIC	IN PART	NO?
DAVIDIC	IN PART	YES