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A. The Character of the Law



The King's Treaty

The King

makes covenant

subjects

1 Chron. 11:3

God

makes covenant

US

2 Chron. 34:31-32







Ancient Near Eastern Treaties

- □ Identification of □ Who is King? suzerain
- Historical Prologue
- Stipulations
- Curses
- Recording and succession

□ What has he done?

- What does he require?
- Consequences.
- How do you remember?



Aspects of the Law

Exod. 20:1-17

- □ Suzerain (verse 2a)
- ☐ Historical Prologue (2b)
- □ Stipulations (3-17)
- **□** Sanctions (5-7, 12)
- □ Deposit (Exod. 25:21; 40:20; Deut. 10:2, 5; 31:19-29)

- □ Know him.
- ☐ Thank, praise, trust.
- □ Obey him.
- □ Reap consequences.
- □ Store it safely.



Encouragements to Obey

- □<u>God's</u> greatness
- Past benefits
- Clear instruction
- Rewards and punishments
- Helps to remember



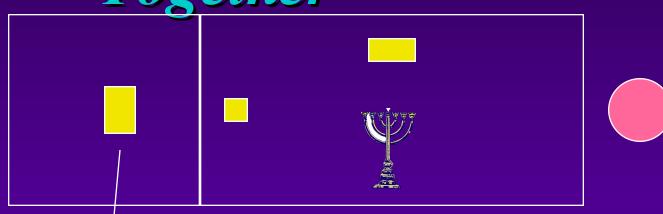
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B. Law and Tabernacle as Mutually Related



Law and Tabernacle Together



Ark, with law

tabernacle contains law

at its heart

law prescribes pattern of tabernacle



Similarities of Law and Tabernacle

- □ Each pointing to the other
- Presenting God
- Ordering Israel
- Holy
- Contact between God and human beings



God as Central

- □ God is the speaker of the law.
- □ God is present at the beginning (Exod. 20:1-2).
- □ God is the model.
- God is the goal God heaven







Law Fulfilled in Christ



Heb. 8:10; Eph. 3:17



Law as Symbolic of Christ



Christ the righteous One

(Luke 4:34; etc.)

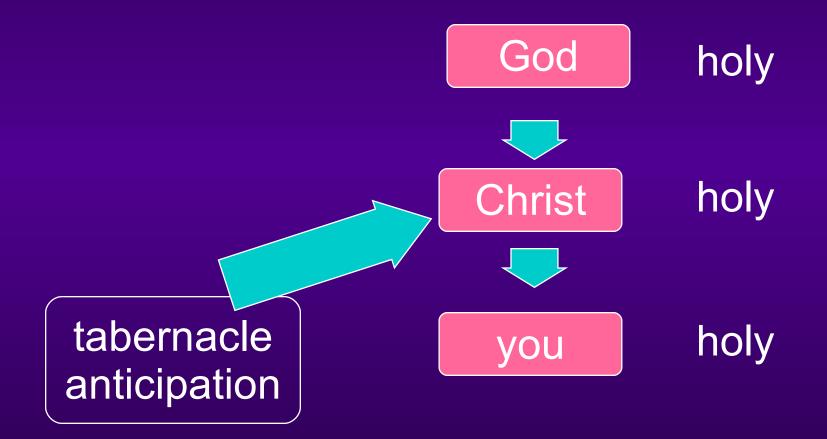
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Christ is our Righteousness

(1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Jer. 23:6)



The Command to Be Holy



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C. The Practice of Separation



Touch of Death (Num.

- □ Death from fall (Gen. 3) □ You die from sin.
- □ Touch of death makes □ Sin and death "unclean"
- Unclean is unfit for God's presence
- Purification comes on the third and seventh day

- spread.
- **■** You are unfit for God's presence.
- Your purification comes at God's special day.



Touch of Life (Col. 3:1-4)

- □ You die from sin.
- □ Sin spreads to you.
- ☐ You are unfit for God's presence.
- Purification comes on the third and seventh day.

- **□** Life from Christ
- Touch of Christ gives life
- ☐ In Christ you are fit for God's presence
- □ Purification comes from resurrection and consummation



Food (Lev. 11)

Old world character

- □ Keep from death (13-19) □ Death
- □ Keep from dust (41-42) □ Earthly
- □ Keep from disorder (10) □ Disorderly
- □ Separation imitates
 God's separations from
 creation (Gen. 1)
- ☐ God's creative order triumphs over disorder.



Spiritual Cleaning: The Fulfillment of Food Laws

- Death
- □ Earthly dust
- Disorder
- Mixing and confusion

- **□** Life in Christ
- **☐** Heaven in Christ
- Order in Christ
- □ Separation from old world in Christ (2 Cor. 6:17)



Feast Days in Israel

- Thank God together with his people.
- Remember his deliverance in the past.
- Enjoy God's benefits.
- □ Remember the bounty of Eden.
- □ Look forward to the final feast (Isa. 25:6).



Feast Days in Fulfillment

Israel celebrates in God's presence

Christ spreads the banquet (John 6:35)



feast

You celebrate (eucharist)



The Day of Consecration

- Original sabbath, Gen. 2:2-3
- ☐ Israel as holy nation, Exod. 19; 24
- □ Aaron as priest, Lev. 8-9
- □ Joshua with Jericho, Josh. 6:15-17
- □ Christ offered himself to God, He 9:12
- Your baptism, eucharist, ordinatie
- ☐ The offering of the universe, Rom. 8.91

purpose though time



Holy War



So where will it stop?

all worshipers

cosmos

