



Church in the Time of Moses

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A. Types and Shadows

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1 Corinthians 10:1-3:

The Time of Moses

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers,
that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all
passed through the sea,

and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud
and in the sea,

and all ate the same spiritual food,

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1 Corinthians 10:6

Now these things took place as examples for us,
that we might not desire evil as they did.

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1 Corinthians 10:11

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction on whom the end of the ages has come.

Climax
of Prophecy

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Relevance

- ❑ God is the same redeeming God
- ❑ Israel is a type of the church

Type = a symbol
pointing forward to
climactic fulfillment

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B. The Exodus

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Passover:

1 Corinthians 5:7

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

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Passover Fulfilled in Christ

Christ our
passover
(1 Cor. 5:7)

Passover
deliverance
from Egypt



you (church)
partake

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Sacrifice Fulfilled in Christ

Christ offers
his body
(Heb. 10:4-10)

animal
sacrifices



you are
reconciled
(Heb. 10:10)

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Moses as Deliverer:

Hebrews 3:5-6

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

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.

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Moses Fulfilled in Christ

Christ delivers
(Heb. 3:5-6)

Moses as
mediatorial
deliverer



you (church)
are delivered
(Heb. 2:15)

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C. Mount Sinai

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Hebrews 12:18, 22

For you have not come to what may be touched,
a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a
tempest

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the
city of the living God the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

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God Meets Us

☐ **God calls Israel**

☐ **God's glory**

☐ **God's voice**

☐ **Moses mediates**

☐ **God calls church**

☐ **God's glory in Christ**

☐ **The voice of Christ**

☐ **Christ mediates for
us**

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God Meets Us

Christ comes

meeting Israel
at Sinai



you (church)
meet God
(Heb. 12:22)

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D. The Law

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John 1:17:

Law Leading to Christ

For the law was given through Moses; grace
and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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Matthew 17:5

Christ's Divine Authority

He was still speaking when, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

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God Revealing through Law

Christ speaks
the voice of God

law at Sinai



you (church)
hear God
(Matt. 17:5)

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Deuteronomy 6:25: God's Righteousness

And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.

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Law Fulfilled in Christ

God
shows
righteous-
ness

Christ is your
righteousness
(Jer. 23:6)

you (church)
are righteous



Heb. 8:10;
Eph. 3:17

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Deuteronomy 11:26-27: Blessing and Curse

“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today,

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Blessing and Curse in Christ

Christ became curse
for our blessing
(Gal. 3:13-14)

Blessing and
curse of the
Law



you escape guilt
and receive
blessing

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E. The Tabernacle

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John 2:21: Tabernacle in Christ

But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

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John 1:14: *Tabernacle in Christ*

made his tabernacle

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

glory of God to Moses

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Dwelling in the Church

Christ the final
dwelling of God
(John 1:14)

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1 Corinthians 3:16: The Church as Temple

Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

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the church as
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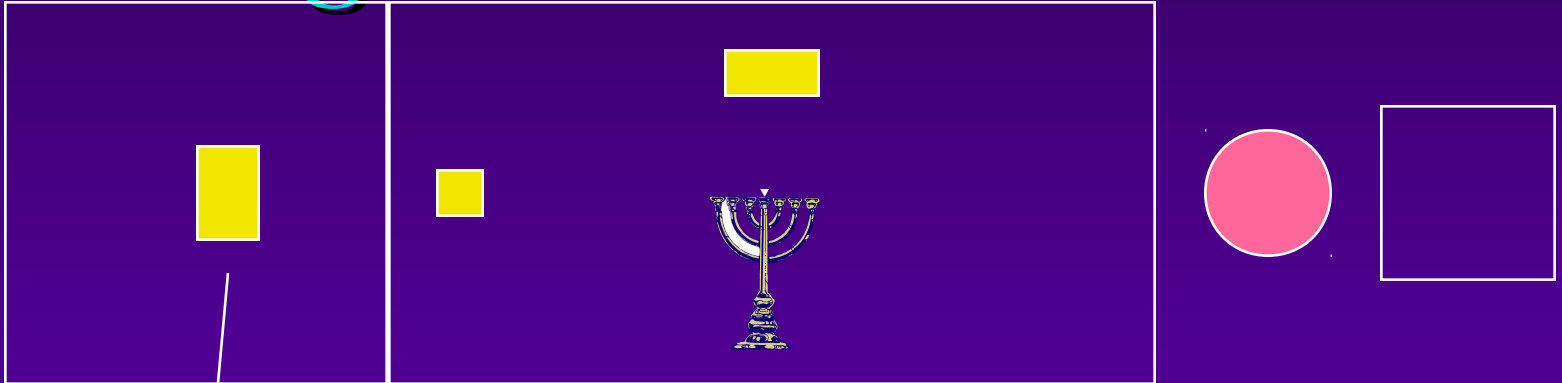


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F. Law and Tabernacle as Mutually Related

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Law and Tabernacle Together



Ark,
with law

tabernacle
contains law
at its heart

law prescribes
pattern of tabernacle

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Law and Tabernacle in Christ

Christ as Righteous
and Indwelling
Presence

Moses: Law
and Tabernacle

you (church) as
written law and
dwelling place



Heb. 10:16

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G. The Priesthood

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Hebrews 7:23-24: *Priesthood in Christ*

The former priests were many in number,
because they were prevented by death from
continuing in office,

but he holds his priesthood permanently,
because he continues forever.

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Priesthood in Christ

Christ as Great
high priest
(Heb. 7:23-24)

Aaron as
priest



you (church)
as priests
(1 Pet. 2:5)

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H. The Centrality of God

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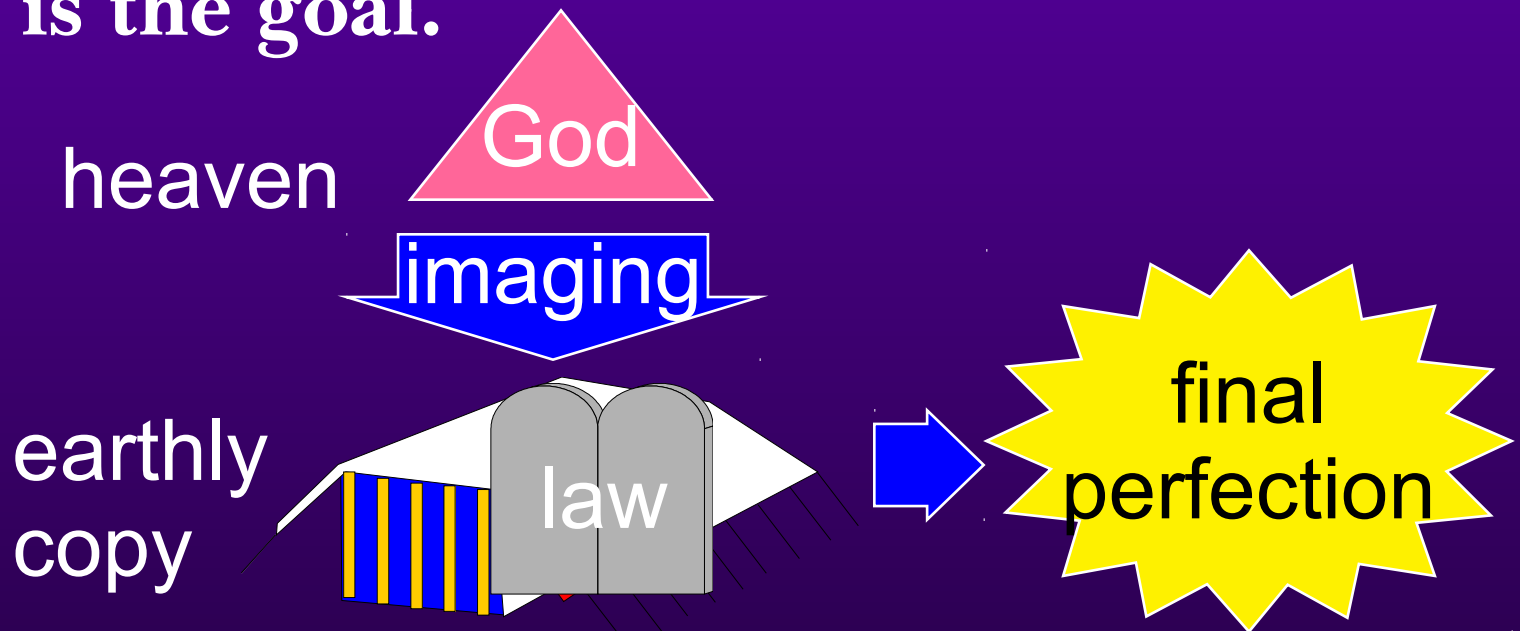
God as Central

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.



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God as Central in Christ

Christ as God
(John 1:14, 18)

God at Sinai



God unites
you to himself
(John 17:22)



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I. The Practice of Separation

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Touch of Death (Num. 19)

Death from fall (Gen. 3)
Touch of death makes
“unclean”
Unclean is unfit for
God’s presence
Purification comes on
the third and seventh
day

You die from sin.
Sin and death
spread.
You are unfit for
God’s presence.
Your purification
comes at God’s
special day.

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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**

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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)**

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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).**

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Feast Days in Fulfillment

Christ
spreads the
banquet
(John 6:35)

Israel
celebrates
in God's
presence



You
celebrate
(eucharist)

final
feast

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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, Heb.
9:12**

Your baptism, eucharist, ordination

**The offering of the universe, Rom.
8:21**

purpose though time

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Holy War

Aaron

priests

Levites

Israel

all worshipers

cosmos

consecration for
war against unclean

So where
will it stop?

