

Doctrine of Mosaic Covenant

1. Because the Ten Commandments are so closely identified with the Mosaic Covenant, some writers within Dispensational Theology have advocated that the way of salvation in the Old Testament is different from the way of salvation in the New Testament. Salvation was based upon legal works. An appeal is made to the words of John.
 - *John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*
2. Reformed Theology, and Orthodox Christianity, insists there is only one way of salvation in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The ground of salvation is faith in Christ as He is revealed.
3. The Mosaic Covenant is an extension of the Covenant of Grace. Abraham, Moses, and David are illustrations of redemptive grace.
4. Through the Old Testament the principle of progressive revelation is established.
5. The role of Moses anticipates the ministry of Christ.
 - Moses was a great prophet, and so is Jesus. *Deuteronomy 18:15 The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.*
 - Moses was a priest, and so is Jesus. *Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*
 - Moses was a ruler, and Jesus is King of kings, and Lord of lords. *Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND Lord OF Lords.*
 - Moses was a deliverer, even as Christ delivers His people. *2 Corinthians 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.*
 - Moses was a Mediator, and so is Christ. *1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*
6. Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant, while Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant. Christ is superior to the Old Covenant.
7. As a mediator, Moses received the new revelation found in the Law, given by the finger of God, and gave it to the people.
8. Under the leadership of Moses, the promises God made to Abraham actualized in history.

9. God had promised Abraham a seed, and a people (nation). He also gave to Abraham a promised land, which Abraham did not see. God also gave to Abraham a blessing in order for him to be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.
10. Under Moses, the people of God are gathered out of Egypt, and organized as a nation. They were then led right up to the border of the Promised Land.
11. The importance of Moses upon common law in Greece, Rome, England, and America can be discerned.
12. While it was rare for people to see the appearance of God, the Lord appeared to Moses.
 - A rare appearance of God came to Abraham. *Genesis 15:17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.*
 - A rare appearance of God came to Jacob. *Genesis 28:16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.*
 - A rare appearance of God came to Moses. *Exodus 33:20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. 21 And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by.*
13. The presence of the Lord was more permanent with the people.
 - The Pillar of Fire. *Exodus 13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.*
 - The Cloud Covering. *Exodus 13:22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.*
 - The Tabernacle. *Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.*
14. The content of the Mosaic Covenant is extremely complex, but a definite order can be observed.
15. Notice that God does not first give the Law, and then, on obedience to the Law the Lord redeems them. Just the opposite is true.
16. First God redeems His people, and then instructs them in righteousness based on a covenant relationship.

- Exodus
- Covenant Creation
- Decalogue
- Ritual (Ceremonial Laws)

17. The redemption of God's people is based upon a miracle. There are the ten plagues, and there is deliverance at the Red Sea. All of this anticipates the coming of Christ, and the ultimate exodus of the people of God from their bondage to sin, and deliverance from Satan.

18. The Exodus was not simply a political event. The Exodus had a spiritual component, for the Hebrews were brought out to worship Him, and be His people.