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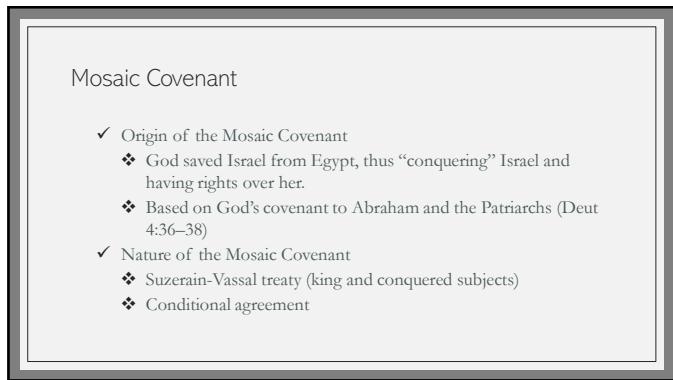
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## Essence of the Law of the Mosaic Covenant

### Definition

Rules of life to govern God's covenant people in Canaan. It regulated their everyday religious, social, economic, and civil life.

- ✓ 613 laws—248 affirmative and 365 negative
- ✓ Unity of the Law—common to divide into Moral, Ceremonial (& Civil)—not Scriptural

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## Mosaic Law Cannot Save

- ✓ Galatians 2:16
- ✓ Galatians 2:21
- ✓ Galatians 3:11
- ✓ Romans 3:20
- ✓ Abraham—saved by faith and not by works of the Law (compare Romans 4:3 and Genesis 15:6)
- ✓ Mosaic Law not for salvation but for sanctification

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## Mosaic Law in Relation to Israel

- ✓ Law given to Israel alone (Exod 19:3)
- ✓ Revealed God's character (Lev 11:45)
  - ❖ God's character the basis for the Law
- ✓ Signified Israel's special relationship to God (Exod 19:5–6)
- ✓ Defined proper behavior within the covenant relationship
- ✓ Included penalties for breaking the Law

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## Purposes of Mosaic Law

- ✓ Revealed and exposed sin (Rom 3:20; 5:20)
- ✓ Temporary guardian for Israel until Christ (Gal 3:23–25)
- ✓ The grateful response of those already saved by faith
- ✓ Means by which Israel could experience the blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant in the land
- ✓ A witness to Gentiles of God's character (Exod 19:5–6—"Kingdom of Priests")
- ✓ Reveals the standard of righteousness for salvation
- ✓ Exacerbates sin (not a purpose, but a result; Rom 7:7–11)

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## Perversions of Mosaic Law

- ✓ Trying to make it means of salvation (see Rom 9:30–32)
- ✓ Some Jews emphasized external ritual at the expense of the heart (Mic 6:6–8)
- ✓ Some Jews viewed the Law as a means of exclusive ethnocentrism against Gentiles (e.g., Jonah)

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## 10 Reasons Why Christians are NOT Under Mosaic Law

1. Bible explicitly says so (Rom 6:14–15; Gal 5:18; 1 Cor 9:20–21)
2. Believers have died to the Mosaic Law (Rom 7:4, 6; Gal 2:19)
3. Christ fulfilled the Law and ended it (Rom 10:4)
4. Mosaic Covenant including Ten Commandments has faded away in favor of the superior New Covenant (2 Cor 3:6–11; Heb 8:13)
5. Change in priesthood means a change in law (Heb 7:12)

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## 10 Reasons Why Christians are NOT Under Mosaic Law

6. The Law has become obsolete (Heb 8:13)
7. Temporary institution from 430 years after Abrahamic Covenant to Christ (Gal 3:17–19)
8. Christ abolished the Law with His death—the Law expired (Eph 2:15)
9. NT never calls for penalties of the OT variety
10. Jerusalem Council of Acts 15 declared Gentile believers did not have to keep Mosaic Law

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## Challenging Passages Concerning Christians no Longer Under Law

- ✓ **Matthew 5:17**  
“abolish” (destroy) vs. “abolish” (fulfill)
- ✓ **Romans 3:31**  
The Law reveals sin and Christ fulfilled the Law
- ✓ **Romans 7:22**  
In context, a warning of what happens when an Old Testament saint tried to keep the Law

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## What About When the Law is Restated in the NT?

- ✓ Such as Ephesians 6:2–3?
- ✓ If the NT reiterates commands from Mosaic Law, this is not a continuation but a restatement.
- ✓ 9 of 10 Commandments restated
- ✓ Ephesians 6:2–3?—Now under the New Covenant with New Covenant promises

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## Inauguration of the Law of Christ

- ✓ OT believer  
Love, devotion, fruit of salvation demonstrated by Law of Moses
- ✓ NT believer  
... By Law of Christ
- ✓ Law of Christ = teachings of Jesus and NT writers—Involves love (Gal 5:13-14; Rom 13:8-10; John 13:34; 15:12; 1 John 3:23) and involves indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:16)

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## Inauguration of the Law of Christ

- ✓ Christian is free of the Law of Moses but not free of all Law.
- ✓ Key passages—2 Cor 9:20–21; Gal 6:2; James 1:25; James 2:8
- ✓ Law of Christ reiterates and expands on much of OT Law, but it is a NEW contract
- ✓ The Law of Christ is unconditional, yet obligatory

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