

2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith Study

The Essence of the Mosaic Covenant - LBCF 7.3

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I. Overview of the Mosaic Covenant

1. The Names of the Mosaic Covenant

- i. Covenant with the sons of Israel - 1 Kings 8:9
- ii. Old Covenant - 2 Cor 3:14 “when they read the Old Covenant”
- iii. Identified Closely with the Law - Deut 9:9 and Heb 9:4 “Tablets of the Covenant”

2. Time Period of the Mosaic

- i. Began with God’s Salvation of Israel from Slavery in Egypt - Ex 19:1ff
- ii. Ceases After Christ’s Death - Hebrews 8:13
- iii. Unbelieving Jews unable to practice Hebrew religion after the destruction of the temple in 70AD
- iv. “Transition period”

II. Extension of the Abrahamic Covenant

1. Great nation of the physical descendants of Abraham - Ex 19:1
2. Included the promise for the land of Canaan, which is elaborated on - Ex 20:12

III. The Mosaic as a Covenant of Works for Israel

1. The Law as the Standard for Obedience

2. The Old Covenant Functioned as a Temporal Covenant with Temporal Results

- i. The old covenant blessings and cursings are tied to the covenant context - nation, land, special people - Deut 28
- ii. Consider that mankind dies in Adam or lives in Christ. Neither in Moses - Romans 5:14-18
- iii. Ties to the permanency of God’s righteous requirements in the Law and God’s gracious provision in the promises

3. How else did the law function in the covenant?

- i. Defining and Displaying Sin To Shows Necessity of Faith - Gal 3:23-24
- ii. Covenantal Restoration as a Sign of Permanent Restoration - Heb 9:22

4. Why was the Mosaic Covenant given beyond just the Abrahamic?

- i. To facilitate Israel’s transition from family to nation
- ii. To distinguish God’s people and God’s worship from the nations
- iii. To foreshadow and promise the Messiah to come