

God's use of Law throughout the Old Testament

Miscellaneous OT Scriptures

I. Observing the transitions from one redemptive era to the next.

Adam and Eve (pre-Fall), Genesis 1:26-29; 2:8, 15-24.

Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel (post-Fall), Genesis 3:8-4:7.

Noah and family, Genesis 6:7-22; 7:1-9, 16; 8:15-22; 9:1-17.

Abraham, Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-18; 14:17-20; 15:1-21; 17:1-14; 18:1, 16-19; 21:1-4; 22:15-18; 26:1-5.

Moses and Israel, Exodus 12:1-28, 43-51; 13:1-10; 15:22-26; 16:1-36; 19:1-Numbers 10:10.

II. Defining or describing "law."

Simple definition, description of "law" = revelation-regulation; revelatory-regulatory

More detail? "Law" = the revelation of God's eternal righteousness and the moral regulation of God's people in covenant with Him.

III. Drawing conclusions concerning God's use of law in the OT.

1. A revelation-regulation climax is building.
2. Some commands carry over from one era to the next, others do not.
3. With the arrival of a new era, moral obligation shifts entirely to the new revelation-regulation given by God.

4. Those under the new moral-regulations of the newly arrived era are not left wondering which moral-regulations from the prior era they are still morally obligated to.
5. Those under the new moral-obligations of the newly arrived era are NOT held guilty for NOT obeying the prior era's moral-regulations. They are held guilty only for NOT obeying the new era's moral-regulations.
6. The transition from one era to the next, from one revelation-regulation to the next, is initiated, directed and sustained by God alone – not man.

IV. Anticipating the transition Christ will bring in the NT.

1. A revelation-regulation climax is still building in Christ!
2. Some commands carry over from the Mosaic Law to the teachings of Christ, others do not.
3. With the arrival of Christ, moral obligation shifts entirely to the revelation-regulation given by Him and His apostles.
4. Christians, under the new moral-regulations of Christ and His apostles, do not have to wonder which moral-regulations from the Mosaic Law they are still morally obligated to.
5. Christians under the new moral-regulations of Christ and His apostles are NOT held guilty for NOT obeying Mosaic Law. Christians are held guilty only for NOT obeying the moral regulations of Christ and His apostles.
6. The transition from Mosaic, moral-regulations to Jesus' moral regulations was initiated, directed and sustained by God alone – not man.