

**"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"**

**Part 5**

**Exodus 19**

**Introduction:** The last time we were together in our study of the Kingdom we were looking at the Abrahamic Covenant and the sub-covenants that reinforce the promises in the Abrahamic Covenant. The Abrahamic Covenant reenforced the promises which God had made to Abram in Genesis 12.

**Genesis 12:1-3, 7**

*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*

*<sup>2</sup> And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

*<sup>3</sup> And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

*<sup>7</sup> And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.*

**Genesis 15:1-7**

*After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

*<sup>2</sup> And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?*

*<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.*

*<sup>4</sup> And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.*

*<sup>5</sup> And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.*

*<sup>6</sup> And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*

<sup>7</sup> And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

The Abrahamic promises and the Abrahamic Covenant promised Land, Seed, and Blessing to Abraham and his descendants. The sub-covenants simply reaffirm these three promises.

➤ **Land - The Land Covenant - Deuteronomy 29-30**

**Deuteronomy 30:1-6**

*And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,*

<sup>2</sup> *And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;*

<sup>3</sup> *That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.*

<sup>4</sup> *If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:*

<sup>5</sup> *And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.*

<sup>6</sup> *And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

➤ **Seed - The Davidic Covenant - 2 Samuel 7:1-16**

**2 Samuel 7:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.*

<sup>13</sup> *He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

<sup>14</sup> *I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:*

<sup>15</sup> *But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.*

<sup>16</sup> *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.*

➤ **Blessings - The New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-38**

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**

<sup>33</sup> *But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

<sup>34</sup> *And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

Now these 4 Covenants are completely unconditional which means they rest completely upon the faithfulness of God and not on Abraham or anyone else.

This then leaves us with another Covenant to consider and that is the Mosaic Covenant.

➤ **The Mosaic Covenant**

God had foretold that Israel would go to a foreign land and stay there for 400 years.

**Genesis 15:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> *And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;*

<sup>14</sup> *And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.*

This was fulfilled when Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to get corn and discovered that Joseph was the Prime Minister. Jacob and his son moved to Egypt where he died, and they then began to multiply. Then there arose a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph and he began to enslave the children of Israel. They cried out to God and God raised up Moses who led them in the Exodus out of Egypt and through the Red Sea on their journey to the Promised Land. According to Exodus 16:1 they came to Mount Sinai two months after

leaving Egypt. It will be at Mount Sanai that they will receive the Mosaic Covenant. Now there is something interesting that happens at Mount Sanai.

**Notice Exodus 19:5-6**

This is the very first time the word "Kingdom" is used pertaining to God's Kingdom in relation to His people. Therefore what we have here is a smaller version of God's Theocratic Kingdom designed to be an example to all the world. Moses will serve as the Theocratic Administrator over the nation of Israel after him will come Joshua, then the judges, and then the kings and it will again disappear. It will leave the earth when the Babylonian Captivity happens. The Shekinah Glory will not appear again until the Millennial Kingdom. But through these 800 years it will in a smaller sense, be visual in the nation of Israel. It will be a visual reminder of God's plan for His people.

Now we need to understand that the Mosaic Covenant is not like the other covenants because the Mosaic Covenant is **CONDITIONAL**.

**Exodus 19:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

<sup>6</sup> And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

<sup>8</sup> And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

This covenant then rested upon the faithfulness of God and the nation of Israel. They were required to walk in obedience to God's Law which namely was the Ten Commandments and then there were 613 other commandments given to define the Ten Commandments.

**Notice Deuteronomy 28:1-20, 45-50**

The curses reach a climax in verses 49-50. This was exactly what happened to the nation. The Assyrians took the ten northern tribes into captivity about 700 years later and in 586 B.C. the Babylonians carried off into captivity the two southern tribes. Then let us remember that in A.D. 70 they fell to the Romans.

Let me explain that there were two kinds of treaties in Old Testament days. One was called a Royal Grant Treaty. This was when a superior would come alongside someone and grant them a special gift of some sort. The Abrahamic Covenant would fall under a Royal Grant Treaty.

Then there was what was known as a Suzerain Vassal Treaty. This was when Suzerain who was the superior promised something to a Vassal which was inferior, and the Vassal had to do something particular to enjoy what was promised. If did not hold up their end they were not permitted to enjoy what was promised. This is what the Mosaic Covenant was. God was the Suzerain and Isarel was the Vassal. The treaty/covenant was made but the Vassal did not hold up their end, so the curses came. But there was something else and this is where we see how the Mosaic Covenant fits alongside the Abrahamic Covenant. Israel was promised the land as well as all the other blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant but in order to enjoy those blessings she is required to walk in obedience to the Mosaic Covenant.

**Illustration:**

I could go out and buy a sports car and it would be mine by ownership, but if I do not obey the laws of Pennsylvania for driving then my driving privileges will be revoked and I will not be able to enjoy the sports car. This is exactly what the Mosaic Covenant does. The Abrahamic Covenant affirms that it all belongs to Israel but until they obey the Mosaic Covenant, they cannot enjoy what is theirs. We can see one time under the leadership of Joshua they were walking in obedience, and it was at Jericho.

**Joshua 6:20-24**

*<sup>20</sup> So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.*

*<sup>21</sup> And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.*

*<sup>22</sup> But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.*

*<sup>23</sup> And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.*

<sup>24</sup> *And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.*

So, as we follow Isarel through the Old Testament and we see them walking in disobedience time after time and you wonder why God does not just cut them off, the reason is the Abrahamic Covenant. God cannot cut them off! He must fulfill His Covenants. Why does Isarel live in their land today? The Mosaic Covenant prevent them from enjoying it. Now there is yet one more point in the Mosaic Covenant that we need to see. Here is a major key.

#### **Deuteronomy 17:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> *When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;*

<sup>15</sup> *Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.*

Israel HAD to accept the King that God would set over them. It would have to be a King from the line of David and His genealogy would need to run back through Abraham. This would be Jesus Christ. When Jesus came the first time, The nation had the chance of a lifetime. But they rejected Him as King and therefore the Kingdom was postponed.

#### **Conclusion:**

We can therefore conclude that when Isarel walks in obedience to the Mosaic Covenant and they accept their King then what is going to happen? The Kingdom will come!

#### **Matthew 23:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

<sup>38</sup> *Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*

<sup>39</sup> *For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*