

Outline for Session Three: The Sinaitic Covenant

Introduction - Reminder of some assumptions and limitations

Recall the Big Questions to Ponder:

- Is the OT for the Church?
- Does the full interpretation of the OT rest in itself, or is it found in the NT?
- More than one plan of salvation? (i.e. Is Jesus the only way to the Father?)
- Does the "Church" only contain Gentiles?
- Are all the promises of God a "yes" in Jesus?
- Did the blood of Christ purchase ALL persons from every tribe and language and people and nation (and make) them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God?
- Is Jesus heir of ALL things?
- Was Jesus' sacrifice on the cross the final sacrifice for ALL people?
- Does the New Covenant that God made through Jesus Christ make all the previous covenants obsolete?
- When you're talking about "Israel," which Israel are you talking about?
- Is Christ the new Israel?

Answering questions

First Look at the Sinaitic Covenant

The covenant itself. Israel becomes a political entity. Restoring creation. Which Israel?

Covenant and Conditions: Marriage

The covenant is like a marriage. Why is there divorce?

God Does Not Show Partiality to Race

With whom was the covenant made? The conditions. Always a remnant.

Promises and Curses

What were the promises? What were the curses?

Did Israel Ever Get all the Land They Were Originally Promised?

Some say Israel has not yet received all that was promised. What does it mean to possess or rule over the land? Paying tribute.

Forever Must Mean Forever in Both Parts of the Covenant

Forever blessings. Forever curses. It's about a national status.

The Historic Fulfillments of the Sinaitic Covenant

Long cycle of obedience and disobedience. God did fulfill His promises. The parable of the vineyard. The cursing of the fig tree. Who are the wretched? Who are the blessed? We are a holy nation, but not a political one.

Birthday of the Nation of Israel under the old covenant? Birthday of the Church under the new covenant?

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Scriptures used/mentioned in this lesson (in order of appearance):

Exodus 24:1- <i>ff</i>	Judges 1:21; 27
Exodus 19:1- <i>ff</i>	1 Kings 4:21; 24; 27-28
Genesis 2:15	Nehemiah 9:8
Romans 4:13	Deuteronomy 28:63
Daniel 2:37-38	Deuteronomy 28:45-46
Exodus 12:38	Deuteronomy 28:1-2
Exodus 31:16-17	Luke 13:33
Exodus 12:48-49	Matthew 21:33- <i>ff</i>
Genesis 17:14	Mark 11:12- <i>ff</i> (not Matthew as originally printed).
Exodus 12:19	1 Peter 2:9
Exodus 31:14	Hebrews 8:13
Leviticus 18:29	Revelation 5:10
Romans 11:22	
Hosea 1:9	
Psalms 50:5, 16-17	
Romans 11	
Exodus 19:5-6	
Leviticus 26:1-4; 14-17; 31- <i>ff</i>	
Deuteronomy 28:1-9; 15- <i>ff</i>	
Joshua 21:43-45	