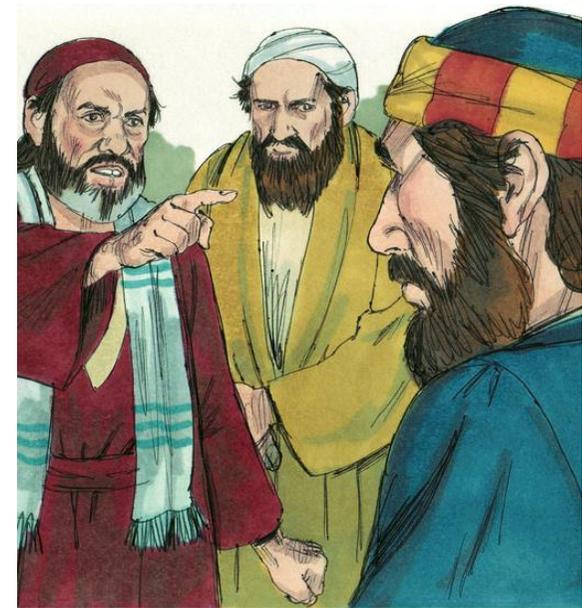
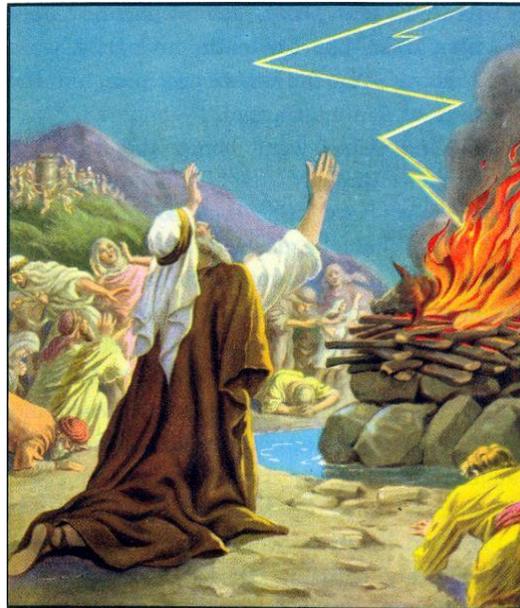
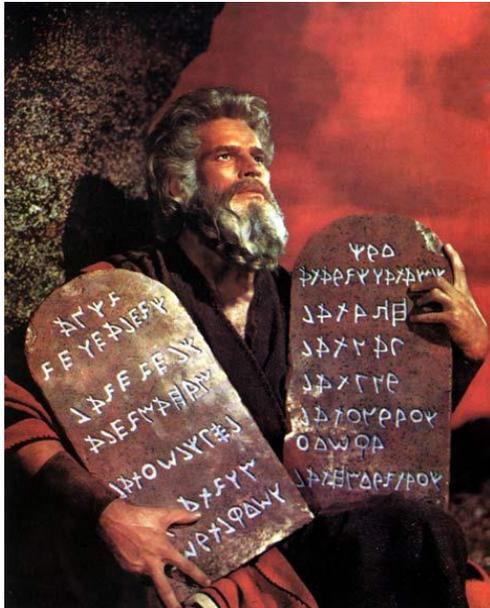


The Law, The Prophets and The Apostles



What are their purposes and which dispensation or covenant are they connected to?

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Pt 1. The Law and The Prophets

As the first picture on the front page suggests, Moses represents the Law because he was the one who climbed Mt Sinai/Horeb to receive the tablets of stone upon which the Ten Commandments were engraved.

Elijah was a well known prophet who had special power from YHWH. Elisha his disciple prophet received twice as much power after asking and receiving Elijah's mantle/cloak when he left earth. Check 1 Kings 17 through to 2 Kings 9.

On the Mount of Transfiguration

In Matthew 17, Moses and Elijah appeared together as two witnesses/messengers on the mountain where Lord Jesus was transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John.

It is interesting that Moses, when alive, was not allowed to cross into the promised land but on this occasion after his death he was in the promised land talking to Lord Yahshua/Jesus.

The Law and the Old Covenant

The laws given to Moses were not just the Ten Commandments. These laws of YHWH, for His people at the time, were instructions for living a separated, sanctified life, to preserve His people Israel from Idolatry and self destruction until the time of the new covenant.

The Prophets

The prophets originally known as “Seers” were YHWH’s mouth pieces, actors, teachers and ambassadors. YHWH/God’s favour was on them even as early as the their time in the womb. John the baptist and Jeremiah are good examples of that.

Jeremiah 1:5 ...before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you...

Luke 1:15 ...and he(John) shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb.

How Did Prophets Receive Messages?

These men had visions, dreams, and visitations. Their experiences from YHWH, were through His Son and were described in the Bible....

Genesis 15:1 “... the word of YHWH came unto Abram in a vision, saying,.....

1 Kings 18:1“...the word of YHWH came to Elijah

What Were Prophets' Main Purpose?

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets.

So YHWH gave the prophets insights to future events to warn, encourage, rebuke or explain. Sometimes their visions and understandings were in great details either for the present person or situation. Other times they were for future generations and people not yet born.

What Did Lord Yahshua Say About The Law and the Prophets?

We find Lord Yahshua put a time limit on that combination. After that time there is a different message which needs a different combination of witnesses and teachers and ministries.

Matthew 11:13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied **until John**.

Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: **since that time** the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it.

Moses, the Law and Tabernacle

The Law and its protocols around the Tabernacle, and later the Temple, was set up by Moses. He was a special person who had direct access to God through angels when YHWH chose such occasions. As the burning bush or meetings on Mt Sinai/Horeb.

Acts 7:52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and **they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One**; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 **Who have received the law by the disposition of angels**, and have not kept it.

Purpose Of The Law

Galatians 3:19-21 Wherefore then serves the law? It was added because of transgressions, **till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;** and it (law) was **ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator** (YHWH's Son).²⁰ Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid(No!): for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Purpose of the Law Continued

22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Faith Is The Switch

Galatians 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a school master.

26 For ye are **all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

A Change Of Relationship

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, **made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. **7 Wherefore you are no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

What Was John Baptist's Calling?

John was the end of the Old Covenant and the herald of the New Covenant. The Law and Prophet combination was about to be fulfilled and superseded by a new dispensation of Apostles and Prophets ministering Grace and Truth dependent on faith, not law and works.

The relationships of believers changed from servants to Royal Family(Sons and Daughters) of God and joint heirs of King Yahshua our Lord.

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The New Foundation

Ephesians 2:18 For through Him (YHWH's Son , Lord Yahshua) we (Jews AND non Jews) both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.19 Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens** with the saints, and **of the household of God**;20 And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together **grows unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

A New Inclusive Dispensation

Ephesians 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,² If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me toward you: ³ How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote before in few words, ⁴ Whereby, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto **his holy apostles and prophets** by the Spirit; ⁶ That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Compared To John The Baptist

Matthew 11:11 Truly I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding **he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**

The reason we are considered greater than John if we are “Born from Above” is our mother is New Jerusalem (Mt Zion) and our Father is YHWH. We are not servants like John but new creatures in Christ, no longer citizens of this earth but of Heaven and are now seated with Christ in heavenly places in Him.

Eph 2:6, Heb 12:22,23,24,28 , Ps 87:5,6, Gal 4:26

Grace and Truth Came By Christ

Paul shows a likeness, but **a big difference** with Moses, representing the Law, as a servant when he compares him with Christ, a Son, the First and Greatest Apostle, who brought the revelation of the new Covenant/ New Dispensation of Grace and truth and a relationship with YHWH and Himself.

Hebrews 3:5 And **Moses** verily was faithful in all his house, **as a servant**, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

6 **But Christ**, as **a son** over his own house; **whose house are we**, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Law and Prophets Were Servants

Just as Moses and Elijah were servants, so were the law and the prophets servants. They carried a message and an authority to keep things in order until the appointed time by YHWH to manifest His Salvation and ultimate plan of restoration and revelation to man and angels. Both held the truth without being able to reveal it.

Different Priests, Different Sacrifices

The law was written in stone but now it is written in men's hearts. The sacrifices were **the blood of animals** such as bulls, heifers, goats, sheep and doves.

In The New Covenant the sacrifice accepted by YHWH was **the blood of our High Priest**, the Son of YHWH, Yahshua Messiah, the only acceptable sacrifice for sin and redemption. (Read Hebrews Chapters 7 & 8)

The everlasting Melchezideck Priesthood takes over from the Aaranic/Levitic priesthood. Lord Yahshua is the Everlasting High Priest.

The Apostles' Function

Yahshua Messiah, the first and great Apostle brought **grace** and **truth** and YHWH's presence in His Ministry. It is **a ministry of faith , revelation and love of YHWH to mankind through the revelation of His Son.**

All other apostles (originally 12, but about another 12 mentioned later in the Bible) continued the same ministry in the same power and Spirit as their Lord.

Revealing The Mystery of YHWH's Son

The apostles didn't have a New Testament to study. They only had the Old Testament and the Word's and revelation from the Old Testament given them by YHWH's Spirit in and through His Son, Lord Yahshua, the Tabernacle.

2Corinthians 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

It was a team effort and example for us.

Examples Of Revelation and Truth

On the road to Emmaus Lord Yahshua rebuked the two disciples walking with Him after His resurrection and revealed what the Law and Prophets were really all about. It wasn't a whole lot of rules and regulations after all. Not for them.

Luke 24:25 Then he (Yahshua) said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:**

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?

Lord Yahshua Used The Law and Prophets to Reveal Himself

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses (*Law*) and all the prophets (*prophecies*), he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.

This is what an Apostle does. Apostles lift the veil of the Law to reveal the Son of YHWH and YHWH's eternal purpose for all mankind, not just for the Jews and Israel.

A Heart Change Necessary To Receive Revelation of The Law

2 Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were blinded:
for **until this day remains the same vail
untaken away in the reading of the old
testament;** which vail is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses(*The Law*) is
read, the vail is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless **when it (*the heart*) shall turn
to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.**

Apostles Sent To Reveal The Son of YHWH and The New Covenant

The apostles are an extension of Lord Yahshua as His letters, or continued message, from where He left off. These men carried His Spirit, shared what they had seen and heard while they walked with Him. They revealed how Christ was the fulfilment of the Law and the prophecies as they allowed Him to live His life through them.

Paul, like Moses, was taken up to the Heavenly realm but returned with a greater revelation and life changing message than Moses.

Apostles Killed Like The Prophets

Lord Yahshua was the first apostle to die for the Truth and the others had similar deaths and persecution as He promised them.

1Corinthians 4:9 For I think that **God hath set forth us the apostles last**, as it were appointed to death: for **we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.**

Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her(Babylon), you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets; for God has avenged you on her .

What Is Their Common Introduction?

Because their message is Grace, Truth and YHWH's crucified and resurrected Son, they start their writings highlighting grace, YHWH/God and Lord Yahshua.

2Peter 1:2 **Grace** and **peace** be multiplied unto you through **the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,**

Ephesians 1:2 **Grace** be to you, and **peace**, from **God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

More examples: Romans 1:7, 1 Cor 1:3, 2 Cor 1:2, Gal 1:3, Philip 1:2, Col 1:2 1 Thes1:1, 2 Thes 1:2, 1Tim1:2, 2Tim 1:2, Titus 1:4, Philemon1:3, 2 John1:3, Rev 1:4

The Purpose Of The Law For Us?

The purpose of YHWH's Law for us, is to reveal the holiness of YHWH and to reveal how much we have come short of His Standards/Commandments.

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Romans 3:23 For **all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death

So when we look at our unholy attitudes and behaviour, by YHWH's standards, we realise we are heading for the lake of fire unless we can be saved some how...

Where Grace takes Over

Because YHWH doesn't want to see His people go to the Lake of Fire He revealed **grace** to mankind by providing His only begotten Son Yahshua Messiah as the perfect sinless man, as the only acceptable once and for all blood sacrifice for all our sins. So, no longer will people be convicted for their sins but rather...judged on whether they accepted Lord Yahshua/Jesus as their only way of salvation and payment for their sins.

Scriptural Evidence

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent **not** his Son into the world to **condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

18 He that believes on Him is not condemned: **BUT he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

YHWH's Spirit Convicts Unbelievers

John 16:8 And when He (YHWH's Spirit) is come, **He will reprove the world of sin(not of breaking God's Law this time)**, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

John 16:9 **Of sin, because they believe not on Me**(Yahshua/Jesus)

Unbelievers punishment now will be far more severe because they reject YHWH's love and grace expressed by the **gift of salvation offered through His Son.**

Salvation Is A Work Of Grace, A Gift

Ephesians 2:8,9 For **by grace** are you saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God**: Not of works, **lest any man should boast**.

Keeping rules and traditions of the Old testament is not relevant to a Born again Spirit filled believer in The Son of YHWH/God.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that you believe on Him(the Son of God) whom He(God) has sent**.

A Death Between Law and Grace

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified with Him**(YHWH's Son), that the body of sin might be destroyed, that from now on we should not serve sin.⁷ For **he that is dead, is freed from sin.**

Romans 6:2 ...How shall we, that are **dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

14 For **sin shall not have dominion over you**: for you are not under the law, but **under grace.**

What About The Prophets Continuing?

The Prophets are still linked with the Apostles because their messages are related and they are still unfolding with time and are not yet fulfilled.

The natural example moving from pre Christ time to our times is the life of **Elijah who hasn't yet died and is destined to return personally** some time in the near future to complete his ministry.

John the baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah but did not fulfill all that Elijah has yet to do.

Some Prophets Used As Angels

We see even in the Spirit realm YHWH uses prophets as extensions of His Son eg. Moses and Elijah on the Mount of transfiguration (Matt 17:3 and Mark 9:4).

Matthew 17:2 And (*Jesus*) was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them **Moses and Elijah talking with Him.**

Unnamed Prophet Used As One Of The 7 Angels With The 7 Vials

Revelation 21:9 “And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me...” “

...Rev 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the **Lord God of the holy prophets** sent His angel to show unto His servants the things which must shortly be done.

How Do We Know?

Answer: He told John in the next chapter when John bowed down to him.

Rev 22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.**⁹ Then said he unto me, See you do it not: for **I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets,** and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

The Prophet Elijah Returning

The prophet Malachi and Lord Yahshua give details:

Malachi 4:5,6 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YHWH**: And **he shall** turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

Matthew 17:11 “And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things.**”

The Two Olive Trees/Branches?

Zechariah 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, **What are these two olive trees** upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, **What be these two olive branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Know you not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**

Two Olive Trees Are Two Prophets

Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto **my two witnesses**, and they shall **prophesy** a thousand two hundred and threescore days (three and half years), clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Same Powers As Elijah And Moses

Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours(*destroys*) their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

They Are Killed When Finished

Rev 11:7 And **when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast** that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and **shall overcome them, and kill them.**

8 And **their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified.**

9 And they of the people and tribes and tongues and nations shall see **their dead bodies three days and an half**, and shall not allow their dead bodies to be put in graves.

These Prophets Resurrected and Ascended To Heaven

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Questions

Is one of these two witnesses Elijah finishing off his work on earth? Because, unless he is like Enoch, who never died, he must yet die.

Hebrews 9:27 “**And as it is appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment:”

There is doubt that Moses could be the other witness because he has already died once. So, is the other witness Enoch or a living apostle on the earth in future having the same powers and authority as Moses. “That prophet” mentioned in John 1:25 “And they asked him (*John*), and said unto him, Why do you baptize then, if you are not that Christ, nor Elijah, neither **that prophet?**”

Something To Think About

Revelation 19:10B

**“...for the testimony of Jesus
is the spirit of prophecy.”**