

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Covenant at Mt. Sinai
(Exodus 19)

The Kingdom of God

“God’s people in God’s place under God’s rule and blessing”

1. The Kingdom Modeled (Gen. 1-2)
2. The Kingdom Lost (Gen. 3-11)
3. The Kingdom Promised (Gen. 12ff)

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Kingdom Promised

➤ *Covenant with Abraham*

1. Blessing

- Abraham and his descendants
- “all the families of the earth”

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2. Land

- the land of Canaan
- an everlasting possession

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3. Seed

- singular (one descendant)
- multitude – “a great nation”

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Toward Fulfillment...

➤ *Deliverance from Egypt*

- based on the Abrahamic covenant
- God redeemed Israel for Himself

Marked Israel’s birth as a nation

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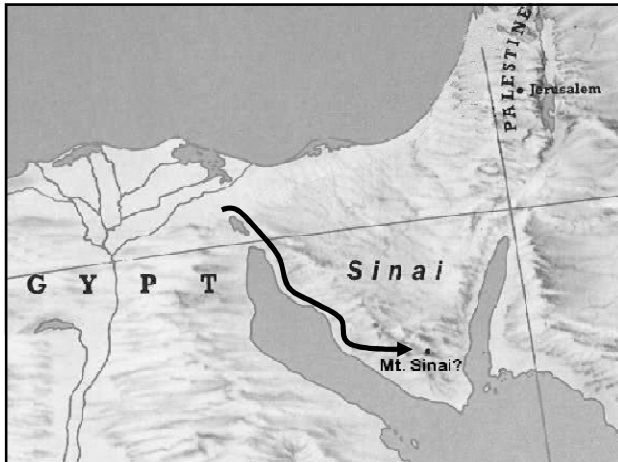
Toward Fulfillment...

- ***Covenant at Sinai***
 - essential to Israel's existence and purpose as a nation
 - purpose: "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation"

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Theological Issues:

1. Does this covenant teach meriting God's blessing/salvation through law-keeping?
2. What effect does the coming of Jesus have upon this covenant?
3. As Christians, what is our ongoing relationship to this covenant?



Covenant at Sinai

God's Epiphany

- ***A terrifying display of God's awful majesty and holiness!***
 - Communicates the nature of the God with whom they make a covenant
 - emphasizes God's separateness – not readily approachable

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God's Epiphany

- ***What is the intended effect?***
 - To produce a "fear" of God that leads to holiness of life
 - To perceive the need for a mediator

Points us forward to Jesus, our mediator