

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The *Unfolding* Story of the Kingdom of God

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Excursus:  
Theology of the Law (pt 5)

## Theology of the Law

Summary (pts. 1 – 4)

➤ *The Law is an expression of God's ongoing love for His people, and is not contrary to His promise to Abraham*

## Purpose of the Law

1. To typologically define God's people as a holy nation

➤ *Exodus 19:5-6*

- A nation uniquely set apart for God as His representative
- A nation in which God uniquely dwells

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➤ *temporary nature*

- The nation of Israel in this form is not the final form of God's kingdom
- This covenant is also then temporary and limited in its function

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➤ *typological nature*

- "type" – a shadowy picture of a greater reality/fulfillment
- The Mosaic Law foreshadows Christ – His work and righteousness

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“And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself from all the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:27)

“...all things written about Me in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” (Luke 24:44)

“You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me...

For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for He wrote of Me.” (John 5:39, 46)

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### **The Law’s Foreshadowing of Christ**

- The tabernacle prefigures God’s presence through Christ
- The sacrifices prefigure the final sacrifice of Christ
- The priests prefigure the relationship of Christ to His people

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### **The Law’s Foreshadowing of Christ**

- The Law and its order prefigure the righteousness of Christ
- The punishments and penalties prefigure the destruction of sin and guilt through Christ
- The land of Palestine prefigures Christ renewal and dominion over the earth

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### **Conclusion**

- **The Law of Moses must be read and applied Christocentrically**