

THE FIFTH DISPENSATION

NAME : LAW Ex.19:5

TIME PERIOD : From Mt. Sinai (1445 BC) to Mt. Calvary (32 AD). (John 1:17, Rom.10:4)
Other dates are 2555 to 4032 AM. Duration 1477 years.

TEST : **(1)** For Israel, by faith, to obey the law, follow its provisions for breaking the Law - including temple sacrifices, and be blessed. (Mal.3:7-10, Deut.5:28-33 and chapter 28, Lev.17) **(2)** Israel was to bring proper sacrifice for sin. **(3)** God wanted to teach other nations through Israel. (Ex.19:5-6, Rom.3:19-23). **(4)** Blessings and curses (Deut.28:1-14, 15-68) NOTE - the passage in Ezekiel 18:20-32 deals with keeping the law, not salvation. Death mentioned here, is physical death.

FAILURE : Israel disobeyed the law (Ex.32:1-35, Is.1:10). The flesh is weak, not the law (Rom.7:7, 8:3, Gal.3:21, 2 Cor.3:7). Without faith, Israel disobeyed the law, and abhorred the temple sacrifices. They did not trust the Lord, but brought in idols. They refused to honor God's remedy for sin. (Mal.1:1) They fell into dead orthodoxy (Is.1:10-20,29:13) outward appearance was ok, but the heart was not right.

JUDGMENT : The Dispersion - scattering of Jews throughout the world. (Matt.23:37-39, Deut.4)

REMEDY : Sacrificial system culminating in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. (Ex.19:4 , Jer.31:27-34 , Is.1:16-20) Jesus ends the Law, with Grace (John 1:17).

Main Scripture Refs : Exodus 19:5 through the Gospels. (Hebrews, James, and parts of Acts, are mostly transitional books between the law and Church ages) The Sabbath (Ex.31:12-18)

Continuing Principles : **(1)** Why did God give the law? To show us our sin. (Gal.3:17-29). **(2)** All of the ten commandments are repeated in the N.T. except for Sabbath keeping (Col.2:14-17). **(3)** In this Church age, the law convicts the lost of their need for salvation. The law also reveals the holiness of God, and the sinful condition of mankind (Gal.2:16,21, Gal.3:11, Rom.3:15-29, 8:3, Acts 13:39, Heb.7:19)

People : God, Moses, judges, prophets, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ

Events : announcement of a new covenant. (Is.8:20, Jer.31:27-40, Mark 16:15-16, 2 Cor.3:3)

Notes : **(1)** Is the N.T. believer under the law? - NO (Rom.7:5-6, 2 Cor.3, Gal.2:19-21, 1 Tim.1:8-9) **(2)** All the details of the temple, tabernacle, priests, priestly robes, all point to Jesus. **(3)** Can the Law save? NO- because men cannot keep it. (Acts 13:39, Rom 3:20, 7:12-13, 8:3, Gal.2:16,21, 3:11, Eph.2:8-9, Heb.7:19) **(4)** Covenant theology says that the N.T. Church takes the place of Israel, and tries to put the Church back under the Law. Matt.21:43 - "nation" refers to a revived nation of Israel in the Tribulation time. **(5)** Life & death of Christ are keys to understanding the 4 Gospels. The Law was still in effect for the rule of life while Christ was alive. We need to be careful in applying the teachings of the Gospels for N.T. Christian life. The rule of life for today is to be guided by the Holy Spirit. The Scribes and Pharisees were under the Law of Moses (Matt.23:23). Matt. 23:1-4 say to observe and keep the Law of Moses, but don't be hypocrites like the Scribes and Pharisees. **(6)** The law was given to show us our sin, and it does NOT nullify the Abrahamic Covenant (Gal.3:15-29).

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