



## Introduction

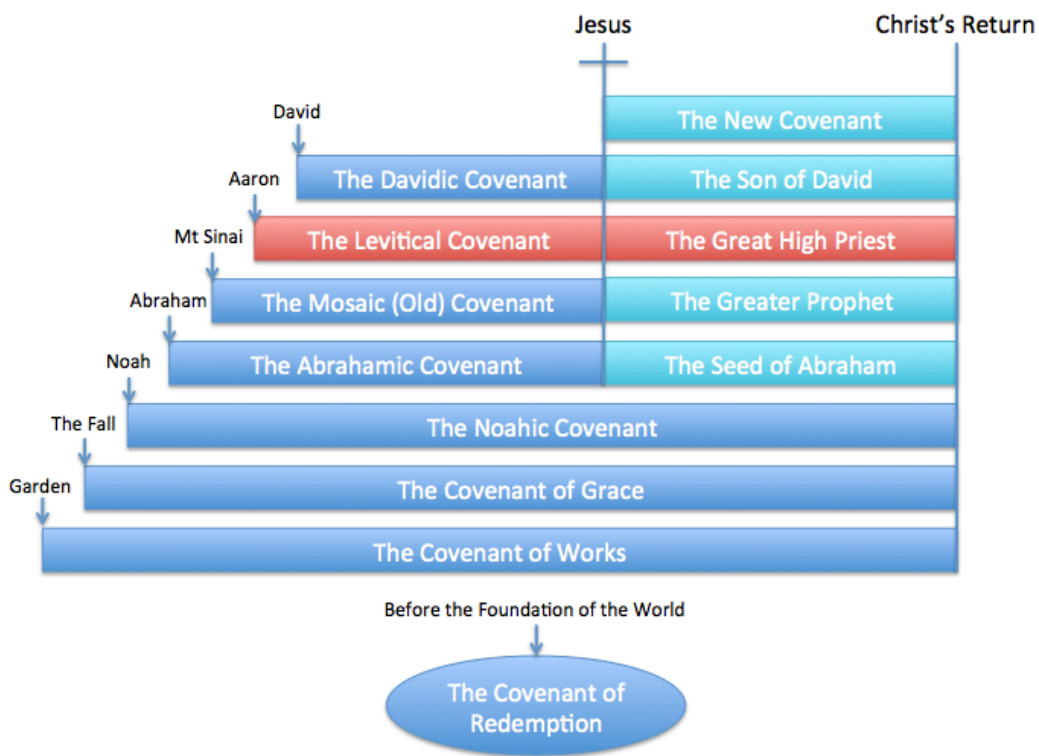
Reasons why the Levitical Covenant is part of the Mosaic Covenant

- This covenant is introduced at about the same time as the Mosaic Covenant.
- The Levitical Covenant provides the solution or remedy for violating the Mosaic Covenant.
- Both covenants are obsolete once Jesus comes.

Reason why the Levitical Covenant is separate from the Mosaic Covenant

- There are scriptures outside of the books of Moses that refer to the Levitical Covenant. Nehemiah 13:28-29, Malachi 2:1-9, Jeremiah 33:19-22

## The Covenant Parties



### Levi

Son of Jacob

Genesis 34:1-4, Genesis 34:24-29, Genesis 34:30-31, Genesis 49:5-7

### Aaron

Brother of Moses



Exodus 28:1, Exodus 32:25-29, Numbers 3:5-10, Numbers 3:11-13

- God says the Levites will belong to him because every firstborn belongs to him.
- The Levites are scattered among Israel in that they have no land inheritance. Numbers 18:23-24.

## Phinehas

Numbers 25:1-9, Numbers 25:10-13

- God explicitly makes a covenant with Phinehas and his descendants that they would have an ongoing priesthood. Psalm 106:28-31
- God covenants that the line of Aaron, through his son Eleazar, through his son Phinehas, will intercede for the people in order to atone for sin.

## The Covenant Duties

### Levites

From the various passages we have read we see the Levites had the following duties.

- They are to guard the priests. Numbers 18:1-4
- They are to guard the tabernacle. Numbers 18:1-4
- They are to receive the tithe of the people. Numbers 18:21, 25-26

### Priests

Priests guard the outside and inside the tabernacle. Numbers 18:5-7

## Moses and Aaron

Both Moses and Aaron are Levites so what is the critical difference between the Mosaic Covenant and the Levitical Covenant?

- The Mosaic Covenant gives the law, and the Levitical Covenant provides atonement for breaking the law.
- Moses was primarily a prophet not a priest. Numbers 16:1-11

## The Great High Priest

Hebrews 2:17, Hebrews 4:14-16

- Hebrews compares the work of the Aaronic priests to Jesus.
- Jesus was not descended from Aaron so he could not be a priest under the Levitical Covenant.
- Jesus was a priest after the order of Melchizedek. Genesis 14, Hebrews 7:4-10.
- No priest under the Levitical Covenant could maintain the priesthood.
- No priest under the Levitical Covenant could make lasting atonement. Hebrews 7:11-14
- Jesus' priesthood is not based on physical descent but on God's oath. Psalm 110:4

Hebrews 7:23-28, Hebrews 10:11-14

Hebrews 12:19-25 tells how we are to live now that we have a great priest in Jesus.