



Revelation: Part Five

Matthew 21:33-46



The Structure of Revelation



The Covenantal Treaty Structure

SECTION	NAME	PURPOSE
1.	PREAMBLE	To identify and establish the authority of the Suzerain
2.	HISTORICAL PROLOGUE	To review the historical relationship between the Suzerain and the Vassal
3.	ETHICAL STIPULATIONS	To explain the conduct expected of the Vassal and the benefits which accompany obedience to the covenant
4.	SANCTIONS	To define violations of the covenant and the consequences of disobedience to the covenant
5.	SUCCESSION ARRANGEMENTS	To warn of the grave consequences of defaulting on the covenant

PART ONE:
THE BRIDE-
GROOM

OUTLINE	#	CONTENT
Preamble	1	John's Vision of Christ
Historical Prologue: SEVEN CHURCHES	2	Letters to the Seven Churches
	3	Letters to the Seven Churches
Ethical Stipulations: SEVEN SEALS	4	Heavenly Throne Scene
	5	The Scroll; Worthy is the Lamb
	6	Sealed Scroll; First Six Seals
	7	144,000 Sealed; Multitudes in Heaven
	8	Seventh Seal: 7 Trumpets; First 4 Trumpets
Covenant Sanctions: SEVEN TRUMPETS	9	5 th Trumpet (locusts); 6 th Trumpet (Army)
	10	Angel of the Oath; the Little Book
	11	The Two Witnesses; the 7 th Trumpet

	OUTLINE	#	CONTENT
PART TWO: THE BRIDE	Covenant Sanctions: SEVEN TRUMPETS (Continued)	12	The Woman and Dragon/ Michael and Satan/ Flight of Woman
		13	Beast from the Sea; Beast from the Land
		14	Lamb and 144,000
	Succession Arrangements SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH	15	Song of Victory; Opening of Sanctuary
		16	Seven Bowls of Wrath Poured Out
		17	The Great Harlot; Babylon Identified
		18	Babylon is Fallen
		19	Marriage of the Lamb; Bridegroom Comes; Feast of Scavengers; Destruction of the Beasts
		20	The Millennium: Binding Satan; Defeat of Satan; Great Judgment
		21	New Heaven New Earth; New Jerusalem
		22	The River of Life; Jesus is Coming!

The Suzerain – Vassal Treaty



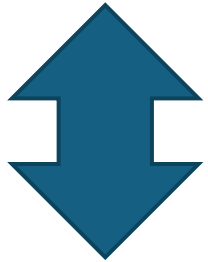
The Suzerain- Vassal Treaties



ASSYRIA
BABYLON
MEDES
GREEKS
ROMANS



SUZERAIN



TREATY

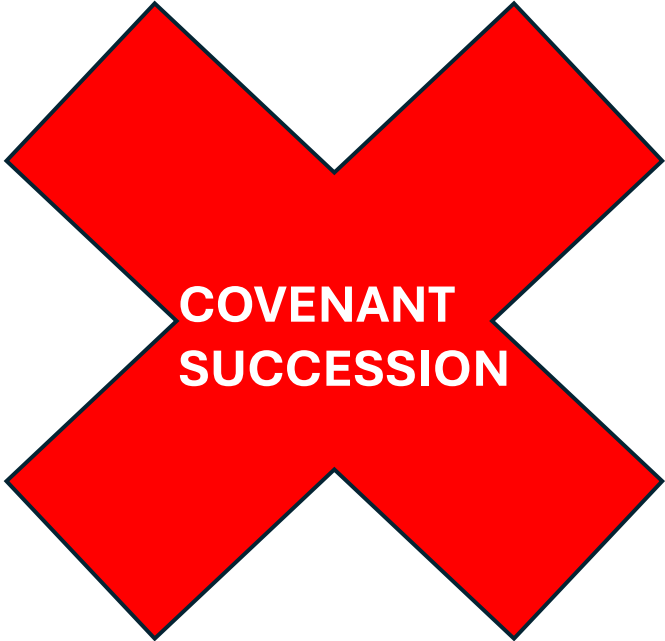
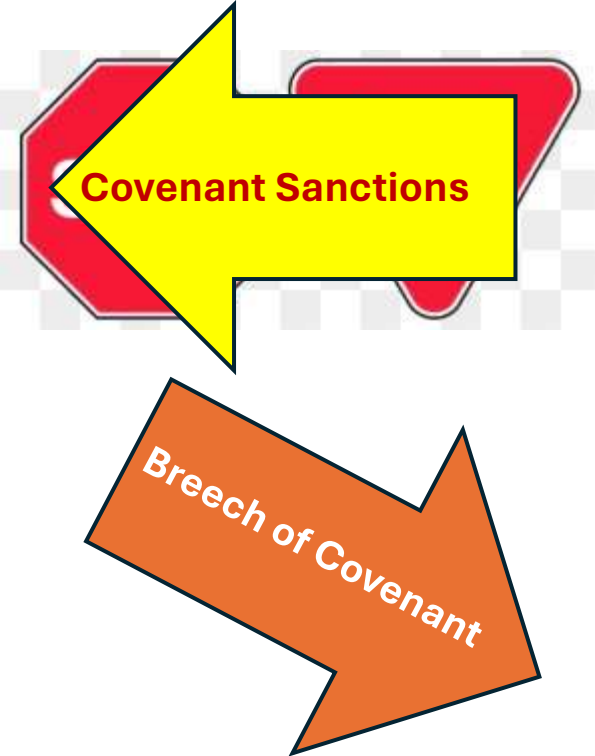


SYRIA
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VASSAL

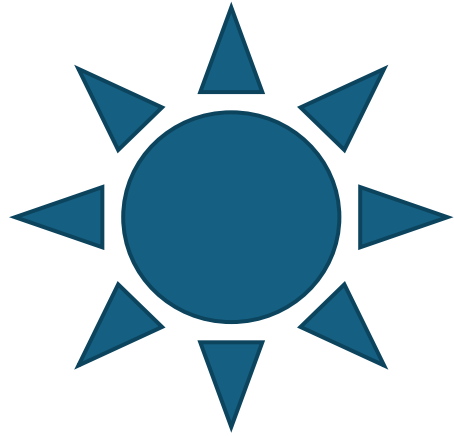
The Covenant Treaty



Israel Made a **Blood** Covenant with Jehovah

- God rescued the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage
(Exodus 3:1-8)
- He displayed His power over the idols of Egypt (Exodus 7-15)
- Israel bound themselves and their descendants to Jehovah under the Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 24:3)
- Jehovah also bound Himself to be their God (Exodus 24:4-8)

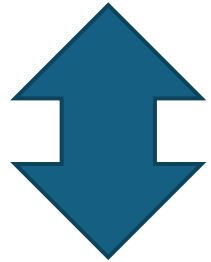
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YAHWEH
(JEHOVAH)



SUZERAIN



TREATY



THE NATION
OF ISRAEL



VASSAL

The Covenant Treaty



**Exodus, Leviticus,
Numbers, and
Deuteronomy**



The Prophets



Revelation



Covenant Succession

Israel *Persistently* Violated the Mosaic Covenant

- Israel violated the covenant in the wilderness (Exodus)
- They violated it under the Judges (Judges)
- They violated it under the Kings (1-2 Kings; 1-2 Chronicles)
- The Babylonian exile was a severe *sanction* for her **spiritual harlotry** (Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Lamentations)
- Yet, they *continued to violate the covenant after the exile*; trusting in foreign powers, their own righteousness and rejected Jesus Christ - Romans 10:1-4

Ezekiel 14:12-14 NKJV

The word of the LORD came again to me, saying: "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. Even *if* these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver *only* themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD.

The Covenantal Lawsuit

- When the vassal is in breach of the covenant, the suzerain sends emissaries to address the violations, and assess sanctions.
 - Covenant lawsuits follow the same structure as the covenant treaty
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 - The Book of Ezekiel is a notable example of a covenantal lawsuit
- Ultimately, the Suzerain may terminate the covenant via a “Covenant Succession”

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

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(33) "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. (34) Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

Matthew 21:33-34 NKJV

COVENANT TREATY

PREAMBLE

HISTORICAL PROLOGUE

ETHICAL STIPULATIONS

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

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COVENANT TREATY

(35) And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. (36) Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. (37) Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' (38) But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' (39) So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

(Mat 21:35-39 NKJV)

SANCTIONS

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

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COVENANT TREATY

(40) "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" (41) They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

**COVENANTAL
SUCCESSION!**

Matthew 21:40-41 NKJV

To Whom Was This Parable Addressed?

(42) Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE. THIS WAS THE LORD'S DOING, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES' ?

(43) "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

(44) And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

(45) Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

(46) But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

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- The book of Revelation is a **covenant succession**.



The Outline of Part Five

Outline of the Final Section

V. Succession Arrangements: The Seven Chalice	15:1-22:21
A. The Song of Victory	15:1-4
B. The Sanctuary is Opened	15:5-8
C. The First Four Chalice: God's Creation Takes Vengeance	16:1-9
D. The Last Three Chalice: It is Finished!	16:10-21
E. Babylon: The Great Harlot	17:1-5
F. Babylon: The Mystery Explained	17:6-18
G. Babylon is Fallen!	18:1-8
H. Reactions to Babylon's Fall	18:9-20
I. Babylon is Thrown Down	18:20-24

Outline of the Final Section

V. Succession Arrangements: The Seven Chalices (continued)	15:1-22:21
J. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb	19:1-10
K. The Rider on the White Horse	19:11-16
L. The Feast of the Scavengers	19:17-18
M. The Destruction of the Beasts	19:19-21
N. The Binding of Satan	20:1-3
O. The First Resurrection and the Last Battle	20:4-10
P. The Final Judgment	20:11-15
Q. The New Creation	21:1-8
R. The New Jerusalem	21:9-27
S. The River of Life	22:1-5
T. Come, Lord Jesus!	22:6-21



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