



Outline – Sunday School March 18, 2018

The Structure of Scripture and the Heart of the Covenant

The Bible is a Book (“Thus says the LORD”)

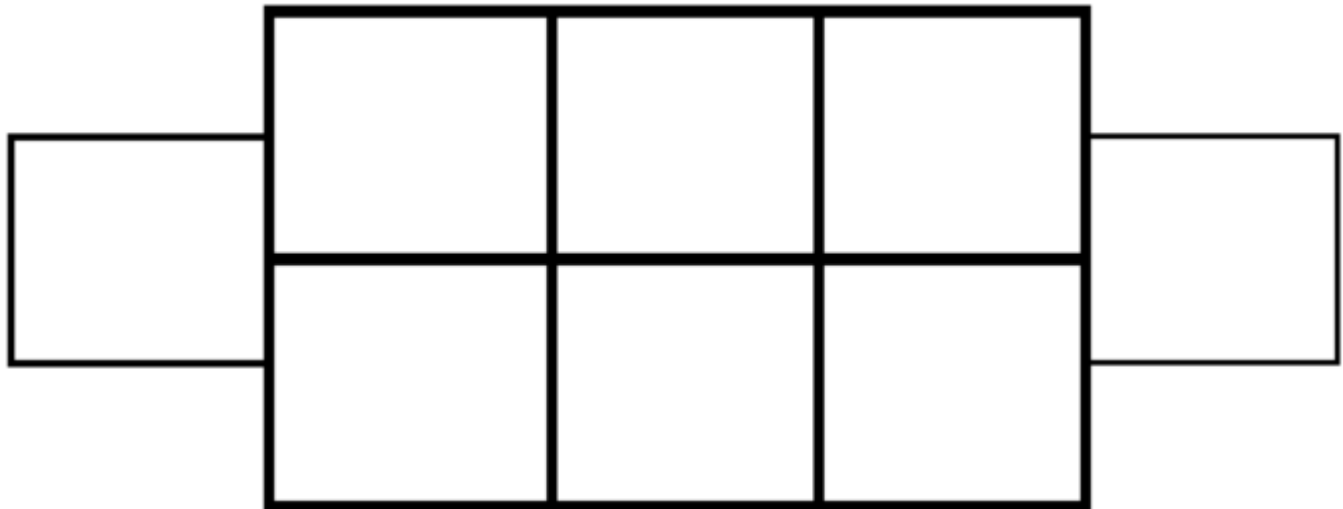
The Bible is one book and many books—one divine author, using many human authors (2 Peter 1:21/ Ps 45:1). The Bible is a coherent, legal, covenant document that testifies one message about one person:

KINGDOM —> COVENANT —> CHRIST

The Structure of Scripture

The Bible is also unified in the way that it reports the gospel message.

We will refer to this as *the structure of scripture*. Beginning with the Old Testament Bible Jesus used:



I. The Covenant (Luke 24:44)

- A. The Torah: 1. Genesis 2. Exodus 3. Leviticus 4. Numbers 5. Deuteronomy
- B. The Covenant Terms Revealed (Ex 20/Deut 5)
- C. Ten Words: The Heart of the Covenant (Ex 34:28/Deut 4:13)
- D. Covenant Blessings and Covenant Curses:
 - 1. The Law (Torah) always promised a blessing for obedience (Lev 26/Deut 27–28).
 - 2. The Law (Torah) always promised a curse for disobedience (Lev 26/Deut 27–28).
 - 3. The Law (Torah) was published to expose humanity’s sin (Gal 3:19/Rom 5:20).
 - 4. The Law (Torah) always demanded perfect obedience (Deut 26:13–27:26 cf. Js 2:10).
 - 5. The Law (Torah) provided a scapegoat [literally] for those who sinned (Lev 16).

II. The Covenant-Maker (*Ex 20:2*)

A. The Ten Commandments and the Attributes of God

1. “No other gods before me.” (*Isa 44:8; 45:21*)
 - a. Tied to the Lord’s uniqueness and saving relationship with his people (*Deut 4:19–20*)
 - b. Therefore, love the LORD your God with all your heart! (*Deut 6:1–25*)
2. “You will not make/bow down to . . . any graven image.” (*Deut 4:10–16*)
3. “You will not take the name . . . in vain.” (*Lev 22:32/Ezek 36:26*)
 - a. YHWH defends the glory of his own name (*Ex 20:7b*)
4. “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.” (*Heb 1:3 cf. 4:1–9*)
 - a. YHWH is glorious and worthy of our worship; our purpose is worship (*Isa 43:7*)
 - b. YHWH is the perfect creator and perfect redeemer (*Gen 2:1–2 cf./Heb 4:9–11*)
 - c. YHWH calls us to rest and to rule in his image (*Ex 20:11*)
5. “Honor your father and mother.” (*Dan 2:21/Rom 13:1*)
 - a. “Seek the peace of the city” where you are captive . . .
“ . . . for in the peace thereof, you shall have peace.” (*Jer 29:4–7*)
6. “You will not murder.” (*Ecc 12:7/Acts 3:14–15*)
 - a. Any attack on humanity is an attack on God’s image (*Gen 9:6*)
7. “You will not commit adultery.” (*Isa 54:5/Jer 3:20*)
 - a. He is the Lord of our sexuality (*1 Cor 6:9–11*); He is our Husband (*Eph 5:32*).
 - b. “What God has joined together, let man not put asunder.” (*Matt 19:6/Mal 2:16*)
 - c. “This is a great mystery, but I am speaking about Christ and the church.” (*Eph 5:32*)
8. “You will not steal.” (*Ps 104:10–15/2 Thess 3:10/Eph 4:28*)
9. “You will not bear false witness.” (*Zech 8:3–16*)
 - a. The highest revealed truth is the gospel itself (*Eph 1:13/Col 1:5*)
10. “You will not covet.” (*Lam 3:21–24/Gen 15:1*)
 - a. Be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you.” (*Heb 13:5*)

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