

The School of Biblical Law
Introduction to Law and Grace
Lesson Thirteen: “Stewardship of the Kingdom”

Jesus performed a transfer of Kingdom Stewardship, which was tied to use of the Law, from the Old Israel to the Church.

1. The transfer was foretold in the parable of the vineyard found in Mathew 21:33-46.

The vineyard husbandmen (land workers) persecuted and killed the servants of the master, including the son and heir of the landowner.

When Jesus asked what should be done with the husbandmen, the elders of Israel responded, “He will miserably destroy those wicked men and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruit in due season.”

Jesus connected this disinheritance and transfer with the passage about the stone which the builders rejected (Ps. 118:23-24; I Peter 2:8) and told the leaders of Israel that the Kingdom would be taken from them and given to another nation.

2. Scripture foretold the coming of another Law-giver like Moses.
 - Deut.18:18-19, “I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee (Moses), and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”
 - Acts 3:22-23, “For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.”
3. The transfer was identified when Jesus revealed his called out people in one of the two passages where He used the word church (Mt. 16:18-19).
 - Jesus’ called out was set in the context of Moses’ called out.
 - Moses built with 12 tribes; Jesus built with 12 apostles.
 - Moses built a tabernacle and Jesus built a tabernacle (Heb. 3:1-6).
 - Moses delivered the Law and Jesus delivered the law – Keys bind and to loose.
 - The Church’s identifying mark was “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
4. Jesus instructed His called out in the proper application of the Law in the second passage where He used the word church (Mt. 18: 15-20).
 - Jesus’ instituted a court system to settle disputes and to deal with trespasses.
 - Both in Moses’ administration and in the Church, two or three witnesses were necessary to establish a verdict (Deut. 17:6; 19:15).
 - Executing judgment was equivalent to binding and loosing, which required the Keys of the Law.

Stone Tablets were delivered to Moses during the third month feast, which was known as Pentecost. The Law was again delivered on the third month feast of Pentecost when the Church was assembled in the upper room, and the Holy Spirit fell on them with cloven tongues of fire. From stone to fleshly Tablets, from a dead people to living stones, from Moses’ called out to Jesus’ called out, the church was introduced to a better covenant. But to manage the Kingdom, the church would need the Holy Oracles (Rom. 3:1-2), which had formerly been under the stewardship of Old Israel but were transferred at Pentecost to the New called out – the Church.