Church in the Time of Moses

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A. Types and Shadows
For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

and all ate the same spiritual food,
Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.
Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction on whom the end of the ages has come.
Relevance

- God is the same *redeeming* God
- Israel is a *type* of the church

Type = a *symbol* pointing *forward* to climactic *fulfillment*
B. The Exodus
Passover: 1 Corinthians 5:7

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.
Christ our passover (1 Cor. 5:7)

Passover deliverance from Egypt

you (church) partake
Sacrifice Fulfilled in Christ

Christ offers his body (Heb. 10:4-10)

animal sacrifices

you are reconciled (Heb. 10:10)
Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.
Moses Fulfilled in Christ

Christ delivers you (church) are delivered (Heb. 2:15)

Moses as mediatorial deliverer

(Heb. 3:5-6)
C. Mount Sinai

1. No gods
2. Idols
3. Name
4. Sabbath
5. Parents
6. Murder
7. Adultery
8. Steal
9. Witness
10. Covet
For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
God Meets Us

- God calls Israel
- God's glory
- God's voice
- Moses mediates

- God calls church
- God's glory in Christ
- The voice of Christ
- Christ mediates for us
God Meets Us

Christ comes

meeting Israel at Sinai

you (church) meet God
(Heb. 12:22)
D. The Law
John 1:17: Law Leading to Christ

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
Matthew 17:5
Christ's Divine Authority

He was still speaking when, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”
God Revealing through Law

Christ speaks
the voice of God

law at Sinai

you (church)
hear God (Matt. 17:5)
Deuteronomy 6:25: God's Righteousness

And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.
Law Fulfilled in Christ

God shows righteousness (Jer. 23:6)

Christ is your righteousness

you (church) are righteous

Heb. 8:10; Eph. 3:17
“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today,
Blessing and Curse in Christ

Christ became curse for our blessing (Gal. 3:13-14)

Blessing and curse of the Law

you escape guilt and receive blessing
E. The Tabernacle
John 2:21: Tabernacle in Christ

But he was speaking about the temple of his body.
John 1:14: Tabernacle in Christ

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

made his tabernacle

glory of God to Moses
Dwelling in the Church

Christ the final dwelling of God (John 1:14)

Tabernacle of Moses
Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?
Dwelling in the Church

Christ the final dwelling of God
(John 1:14)

Tabernacle of Moses

the church as temple
(1 Cor. 3:16)
F. Law and Tabernacle as Mutually Related
Law and Tabernacle
Together

Ark, with law

Tabernacle contains law at its heart

Law prescribes pattern of tabernacle
Law and Tabernacle in Christ

Christ as Righteous and Indwelling Presence

Moses: Law and Tabernacle

you (church) as written law and dwelling place

Heb. 10:16
G. The Priesthood
Hebrews 7:23-24: 

Priesthood in Christ

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,

but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.
Priesthood in Christ

Christ as Great high priest (Heb. 7:23-24)

Aaron as priest

you (church) as priests (1 Pet. 2:5)
H. The Centrality of God
God as Central

God is the speaker of the law.
God is present at the beginning (Exod. 20:1-2).
God is the model.
God is the goal.

heaven

God

imaging

earthly copy

law

final perfection
God as Central in Christ

Christ as God
(John 1:14, 18)

God at Sinai

God unites you to himself
(John 17:22)
I. The Practice of Separation
Death from fall (Gen. 3)

Touch of death makes “unclean”

Unclean is unfit for God’s presence

Purification comes on the third and seventh day

You die from sin.

Sin and death spread.

You are unfit for God’s presence.

Your purification comes at God’s special day.
You die from sin. 
Sin spreads to you.

You are unfit for 
God’s presence.

Purification comes on the third and seventh day.

Life from Christ 
Touch of Christ gives life

In Christ you are fit for God’s presence

Purification comes from resurrection and consummation
Food (Lev. 11)

Keep from death (13-19)  Death
Keep from dust (41-42)    Earthly
Keep from disorder (10)   Disorderly
Separation imitates God’s God’s creative
separations from order triumphs
creation (Gen. 1) over disorder.
Spiritual Cleaning: The Fulfillment of Food Laws

Death
Earthly dust
Disorder
Mixing and confusion

Life in Christ
Heaven in Christ
Order in Christ
Separation from old world in Christ (2 Cor. 6:17)
Thank God together with his people.
Remember his deliverance in the past.
Enjoy God’s benefits.
Remember the bounty of Eden.
Look forward to the final feast (Isa. 25:6).
Feast Days in Fulfillment

Christ spreads the banquet (John 6:35)

Israel celebrates in God’s presence

You celebrate (eucharist)

final feast
The Day of Consecration

Original sabbath, Gen. 2:2-3
Israel as holy nation, Exod. 19; 24
Aaron as priest, Lev. 8-9
Joshua with Jericho, Josh. 6:15-17
Christ offered himself to God, Heb. 9:12
Your baptism, eucharist, ordination
The offering of the universe, Rom. 8:21
Holy War

Aaron
priests
Levites
Israel
all worshipers
cosmos

consecration for war against unclean

So where will it stop?