

# Impact 3:16

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## Remember The Ark No More?

(Je 3:16)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on “Impact 3:16.”
  - a. We have looked at a number of 3:16 lessons that hopefully impacted you.
    - i. **Gn 3:16; Ex 3:16; Jb 3:16; Ec 3:16**
  - b. Today we are going to examine what impact **Je 3:16** will bring.
    - i. **Je 3:16** “And when you have multiplied and been fruitful in the land, in those days, declares the LORD, they shall no more say, “The ark of the covenant of the LORD.” It shall not come to mind or be remembered or missed; it shall not be made again.”<sup>1</sup>
3. Background on our text.
  - a. A call to Israel’s repentance (1-5)
    - i. God observes that under the Mosaic Law a woman that was divorced and married another man could not go back to her first husband.
      1. **Dt 24:1-4**
    - ii. Israel, 10 northern tribes, had left God for idols ie married another.
      1. They played the whore with many lovers
    - iii. Though Israel was lost to the Assyrians, God still called her to repentance.
  - b. Judah’s worse than Israel (6-10)
    - i. “Greater knowledge brings greater responsibility. Judah should have learned from Israel’s example.” (Jeremiah Lamentations by Jackson, Wayne pg. 12)
      1. **Ac 17:30**
  - c. A call to God’s children to return (11-15)
    - a. A return from sin and harlotry.
    - b. A return from captivity.
  - d. God’s prophecy concerning the church (16-18)
    - a. With the 12 tribes thriving in number there will be a surprising omission from the mouths of God’s children “The ark of the covenant of the LORD.”
      1. Just as prophesied here when the church was established and it became the “temple/throne” of God there was no need for the ark anymore.
        - i. **I Co 3:16; 6:19**
    - b. North and south kingdoms will join together where every nation shall gather; Jerusalem the great Zion.
      1. Just as had been prophesied the church brought all together as God’s children.
        - i. **Ac 2:39**
4. It is here we find our text today.
  - a. Thus we see God prophesying the establishment of a new covenant and it is this truth that we will examine today and point out the “impact” it had on the world.

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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### I. The Patriarchal Law

- A. The original law
  - 1. Before there was the “Law of Moses” there was the Patriarchal Law.
    - a. It was established roughly 4,800 years before the Mosaic Law.
- B. Some things we know about it
  - 1. It involved sacrifices to God.
    - a. **Gn 4:4** “and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering”
  - 2. It involved whole sacrifices on altars.
    - a. **Gn 8:20** “Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt [whole] offerings on the altar.” (brackets mine)
  - 3. It seems to be only done by the patriarch.
    - a. **Jb 1:5** “And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.”
  - 4. It continued alongside the Mosaic Law until Christ’s death on the cross.
    - a. **Jh 1:1-2** “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.””
- C. Those of notoriety that were under the Patriarchal Law
  - 1. Adam & Eve
  - 2. Noah
  - 3. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
  - 4. Joseph
  - 5. Moses – For all but 40 years of his life.

### II. The Mosaic Law

- A. The second law given by God
  - 1. This was given some 1,200 years before the Law of Christ.
- B. Some things we know about it
  - 1. It was given by God to the Israelites while they were camped at Mt. Sinai.
    - i. **Lv 26:46** “These are the statutes and rules and laws that the LORD made between himself and the people of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai.”
  - 2. It included the ten commandments.
    - i. **Ex 31:18** “And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.”
    - ii. **Ro 7:7** “What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

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3. It was the guardian to the new law.
  - i. **Ga 3:24** “So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”
4. It was created with the intention of being fulfilled.
  - i. **Mt 5:17** “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.” (NKJV)
- C. Those of notoriety that were under the Mosaic Law
  1. Joshua & Caleb
  2. Ruth (after her proselyting over)
  3. Saul, David, Solomon
  4. Peter, John, James... (until Ac 2)
  5. Jesus

### III. The Law Of Christ

- A. The third law given by God
  1. It was given now 1,983 years ago.
  2. Almost 2,000 years now.
- B. Some things we know about it
  1. It is another law.
    - i. **Ga 6:2** “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
    - ii. **I Co 9:21** “To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.”
  2. It is an all inclusive law.
    - i. **Ga 3:28** “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
  3. It is a better law based on better promises.
    - i. **He 8:6** “But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.”
- C. Those that are under the Law of Christ
  1. Everyone from Acts 2 on...
    - i. Peter, Paul, John...
    - ii. Herod, Pilot, Caesar...
    - iii. Calvin, Luther, Wycliffe, Tyndale...
    - iv. Everyone here, in our community, and the world over.

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### IV. Two For One

- A. The two shall end, the one shall begin
  - 1. Today all are under the Law of Christ or the New Covenant/Testament.
- B. What does this mean
  - 1. It means the Old Laws are no longer in effect.
    - i. Example: Before America gain its independence they were under the Law of England. When America gained its independence the Law of England was no longer in effect.
    - ii. **Co 2:14** “having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”
  - 2. It means the Old Laws are no longer authoritative.
    - i. **Ro 7:6** “But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.”
- C. What this does not mean
  - 1. It does not mean the Old Laws are without value.
    - i. **Ro 15:4** “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”
    - ii. **I Co 10:11** “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.”
  - 2. It does not mean the Old Laws are still our source of authority.
    - i. To many people try and justify their “doctrines” using the Old Laws.
      - a. Well mechanical instruments are found there so we can use them today.
      - b. Patriarchal governing is found there so we can have it today.
      - c. Financial “tithing” is seen there so we must do that today.
      - d. The Sabbath was kept so we must do that today.
    - ii. The Old Laws are for our learning not for authorization the New Law is.
      - a. **Co 3:17** “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
      - b. **Ga 1:8-9** “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”

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### CONCLUSION

1. “Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,” says the Lord, “that they will say no more, ‘The ark of the covenant of the Lord.’” (NKJV)
  - a. The “New Covenant” is here brethren, that which our God promised those long ago.
    - i. Je 31:31-34 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”
2. Question: Have you been living your life by the Law of Christ?
  - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
  - b. If not why not?
3. Invitation
  - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
    - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
  - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**