

Bible Study: Galatians 3:19-22 (GUIDE)

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Let's read **verses 19 – 20 (NLT)**:

¹⁹ Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised.

Three parts to this:

1. **The Promise:** *What promise?*

- *Again, we find this promise in:*

2. **The Law:** *What law?*

- Why was it given?
- **To show:**
- **To show:**

3. **The Child:** *What child?*

- **The Seed** of:
- **the Seed** of:
- **the Seed** of: ... the Promised Messiah;
Luke 1 - "His name shall be called _____"

God gave his law *through angels* to Moses, **who was the mediator between God and the people.** ²⁰ Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did not use a mediator when he gave **his promise** to Abraham.

God announced the coming of the promised messiah through the prophets and the angels. Is that what He did when giving the Law?

While we consider here **“the Law”** – let’s also consider this:

Romans 4:15 – “Where no law is, there is no transgression.”

Paul concludes verse 19 by pointing out that ***Moses*** – *who was given the Law* – ***was a mediator*** between God and the people. Therefore, the law was a _____, and Moses was the mediator between the two parties.

Regarding a mediator, what is the difference between a contract / covenant, and promise?

Continuing with **v. 21-22** -

²¹ **Is there a conflict, then, between God’s law and God’s promises?**

Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. ²² *But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God’s promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.*