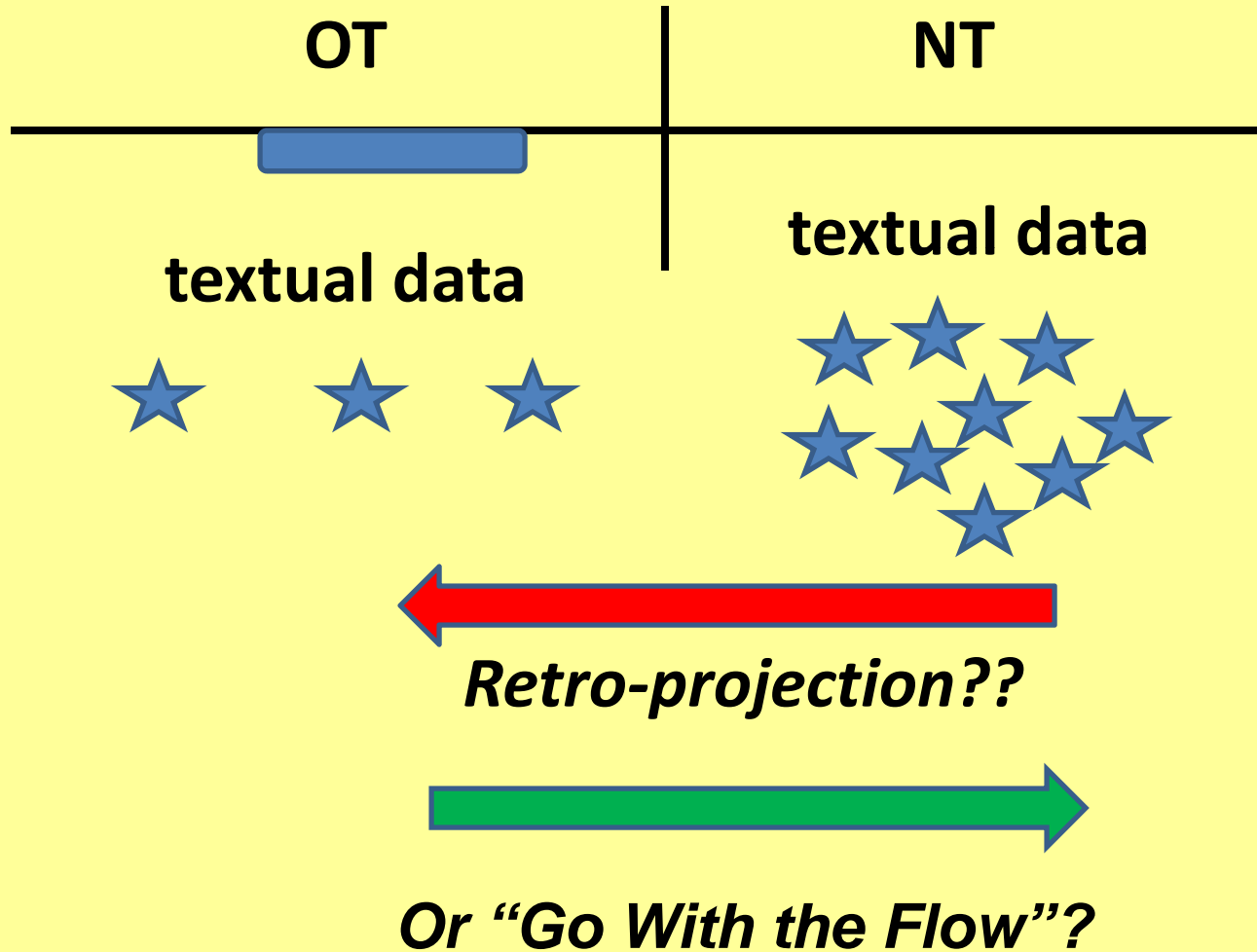


# **Sanctification Under the OT Theocracy**

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# What Methodology?



Position	Definition	Proponents
Complete continuity 	Regen & indwell same	Owen, Fuller, Kaiser, Warfield, Wood
More continuity than discontinuity 	Superficial differences in regen & indwelling	Augustine, Calvin, Grudem, Ladd
Some continuity; some discontinuity	Regen, but no indwell	Erickson, Packer, VanGemeren, Ware
More discontinuity than continuity 	Operated on by God (Holy Spirit), no indwell	Novatian, Luther, Chafer, Blaising & Bock, Green
Discontinuity 	Holy Spirit had nothing to do with OT saints	No representatives found
Vague discontinuity 	Indwell denied, but regen not discussed	Origen, Tertullian, Chrysostom, Barrett, Ryrie, Walvoord

# Economic Trinity

## *“Communication Model”*

Father → Son → Holy Spirit

Speaker → Message → Effect

### **Inferences:**

1. Spirit involved in every area of revelation
2. Spirit always causes effects “in” recipients without implying “indwelling”
3. Changes in the Son/Message → changes in the Spirit’s activity

**“Turn at my rebuke;  
Surely I will pour out my s[pirit upon you;  
I will make my words known to you.”**

**(Prov. 1:23)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Person**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Person**

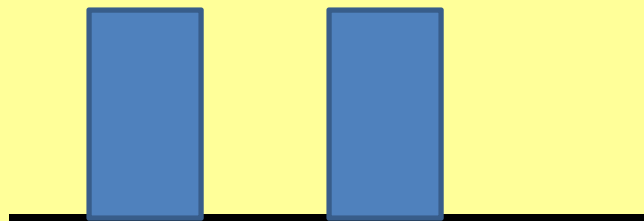


# *Progressive* Revelation

***Revelation* = works + words (“show-and-tell”)  
= events + God’s interpretation of  
the events**



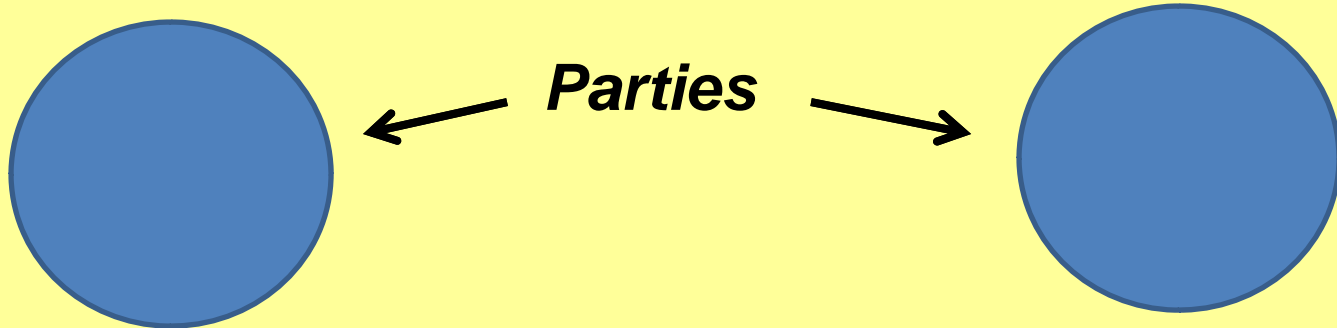
**Continuity Methodology**



**Discontinuity Methodology**

# Covenant = Contract

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- 1. Divine condescension***
- 2. “Legal capacity” = +R***
- 3. Verification via literal hermeneutic***
- 4. Conserved meaning of terms***



<b>Noahic Covenant</b>	<b>Abrahamic Covenant</b>	<b>Mosaic Covenant</b>
<p><b>Geophysical environment</b>  <b>All mankind</b>  <b>All air-breathing animals</b></p>	<p><b>Abraham &amp; progeny—all natural + supernatural</b></p>	<p><b>All tribal progeny of Jacob</b></p>
<p><b>Preservative</b></p>	<p><b>Redemptive</b></p>	<p><b>Kingdom offer</b></p>

<b>Moses' Discourse Structure</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 6: Living in the Word</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 7: Joining in Yahweh's War</b>
<b>"How to" procedures</b>	<b>6:6-9, 20-25</b>	<b>7:1-5, 17-26</b>
<b>Contractual relationship with Yahweh</b>	<b>6:10-19</b>	<b>7:6-16</b>

# Heart Circumcision

*“Circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer”* (Deut. 10:16)

ABRAHAM



Natural progeny



Spiritual progeny

**“The moral problem posed by the failure of the Mosaic Covenant will under the New Covenant be met by God’s own sovereign grace and power. . . .the benefits of the Mosaic Covenant will be attained, and at the same time its moral requirements will be secured. . . .The New Covenant, therefore, is in the gracious spirit of the earlier Abrahamic Covenant. . . .[It] is not on the basis of any surviving rights in the broken Covenant of Sinai but simply because Jehovah remembers His earlier ‘covenant with Jacob, . . .with Isaac, and . . .with Abraham’ (Lev. 26:42).”**

## **New Covenant Questions:**

- 1. Jer 31:33 “I will write my law on their hearts” =?= previous heart circumcision**
- 2. Ezk 36:27 “I will put my Spirit within you” =?= previous heart circumcision**



**“indwelling” concept**

# What is “Indwelling” in OT?

Is Not = **Omnipresence**

Is Not = **Redemptive action in individuals**

Is = **Localization of God’s Presence** in  
Tabernacle & Temple where **copies of the contract** were kept

<b>Doxological Function</b>	<b>Redemptive/Sanctifying Function</b>
Revelation of God’s Nature	Carrying out protocols of Mosaic contract to provide a place of contact & to restrain sin

Exod 25:8 *“let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them”*

*“in”*

sacred  
space

*“among”*

*“among”*

## **New Covenant Questions:**

**Jer 31:33 “I will write my law on their hearts”  
=?= previous heart circumcision**

**“The Torah will no longer reside in the ark in the temple. Yahweh promises that the Torah will have a new medium—no longer written on tablets but on hearts, and a new home—no longer residing in the ark in the temple but in God’s people. . .”**



# **New Covenant Questions:**

**Ezk 36:27 “I will put my Spirit within you” =?= previous heart circumcision**

***beqirbekem*—translated in the NKJV as “within you”**  
**“[This term] have been understood against the vision of God’s glory leaving the temple in Ezekiel 8-11. Not only does this interpretation fit contextually, it also has grammatical probability on its side. Each time this term, which is the equivalent of ‘in the midst of you all,’ occurs in the Old Testament, it signifies something that is in the midst of the community collectively rather than something that is in the midst of each individual in the community. It would be remarkable if the uses of the form in Ezek. 36:26 and 27 were the lone exceptions to this pattern of usage in the Old Testament.”**

# OT *Positional* Sanctification

Description	OT qualification
<i>Justification</i>	<b>Basis of inclusion in the Abrahamic contract BUT promised +R not yet existing; Incarnation neither known nor existing; tension between Yahweh' holiness &amp; personal sin</b>
<i>Regeneration</i>	<b>“Spiritual circumcision” = capacity to obey Yahweh (Holy Spirit enablement) BUT eternal life not yet existing in humanity; resurrection &amp; union with Gentiles in same Body neither known nor existing</b>

# OT *Experiential* Sanctification

Description	OT qualification
<b><i>Indwelling</i></b>	Only texts addressing <i>individual</i> indwelling show it was <i>limited</i> as to people and as to duration. Major Indwelling <i>in</i> the tabernacle/temple for being <i>among</i> the people
<b><i>Lordship justice</i></b>	Administration (from the Indwelling location) of Mosaic contract behavior requirements : implications for national <i>corporate</i> life of the 10 commandments

# Contrast with NT Sanctification

OT theocracy	NT Church age
Abrahamic Contract <i>basis</i>	Abraham's Messianic Seed <i>basis</i>
<i>Spirit-enablement</i> of the circumcised heart	<i>Spirit-enablement</i> of the regenerate heart
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Temporary Spirit indwelling in some key people for theocratic duties;</li><li>•Belonged to Yahweh's reign "among" the people from "in" the Tabernacle/Temple;</li><li>•Tabernacle/Temple = <i>point of contact</i> between God and mankind.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Permanent Spirit indwelling in all believers;</li><li>•Sum total of indwelt believers = new Temple of the God who is "among" all mankind from being "in" every believer;</li><li>•Church = <i>point of contact</i> between God and mankind.</li></ul>