

**Prophetic Dependency on  
Pentateuchal Blessings and Curses**  
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1. The Prophets carried on their inspired ministries within the Mosaic Covenant.  
The Covenant Conditions  
Faith/Obedience = Blessing  
Unbelief/Disobedience = Curses  
Lev. 26:1-39 and Deut. 4:15-28; 28:1-32:42
2. They were spokesmen who called Yahweh's people back to obedience to the covenant.
3. They are the prosecutors of the covenant, bringing against Israel the case of her covenant infidelities.
4. The curses of the covenant shape the message of judgment in their ministries.
5. The blessings of the covenant shape the message of salvation and grace in their ministries.

**A Reference List of Covenant Curses**

1. Anger/Rejection from Yahweh
2. Rejection/Destruction of Sanctuary/Offerings
3. War and its ravages
  - a) General
  - b) Siege
4. Fear/Terror/Horror
5. Occupation and oppression by enemies/aliens
6. Agricultural disaster/unproductivity
  - a) Drought
  - b) Crop pests (locusts, worms)
  - c) Other
7. Starvation/Famine
8. Illness/pestilence/contamination
9. Desolation
  - a) of holy places
  - b) of cities/towns
  - c) of the land
10. Destruction by fire
11. Harm from wild animals
12. Decimation/infertility
  - a) of family
  - b) of cattle
  - c) of population
13. Exile/captivity
  - a) of the people
  - b) of the king
14. Forced idolatry in exile
15. Futility

16. Dishonor/degradation
17. Loss of possessions/impooverishment
18. Loss of family
19. Helplessness/stumbling
20. Psychological afflictions
21. Lack of peace/rest (shalom)
22. Denial of burial
23. Becoming like the cities of the plain
24. Death/destruction
25. General/unspecified (disaster, calamity, distress, etc)
26. General punishment/curse/vengeance
27. Multiple punishments (punish/afflict seven times over)

#### **A Reference List of Covenant Restoration of Blessings**

1. Renewal of Yahweh's favor/loyalty/presence
2. Renewal of the covenant (implies restoration of original blessings and reversal of curses)
3. Restoration of true worship and the ability to be faithful
4. Population increase
5. Agricultural bounty
6. Restoration of general prosperity, well-being and health (shalom)
7. Return from exile/repossession of the land
8. Reunification
9. Power over enemies
10. Freedom/restoration from death and destruction