

OUTLINE

Introductory Story – “Do or Done?”
(J1-L12-S)

Main Lesson

Jump-Start Questions

Review

1. God Gives His Law. (Exodus 20:2-4, 19:5, 16, 20:19)
(Visual Aid J1-L12-1)
2. How Long Were They Able to Keep the Law?
(Exodus 32:7, 32) (Visual Aid J1-L12-2)
Optional Object Lesson #1: “Christ the Bridge”
3. What Is the Law? Is it More Than Ten
Commandments? (Visual Aid J1-L12-3)
Optional Object Lesson #2: “Mirror”
4. Why Was the Law Given?
(Romans 3:19-20)
5. Should We Obey God’s Law Today?
(Romans 6:14) (Visual Aid J1-L12-4)
Crossing the Finish Line
(Colossians 2:14)
Optional Object Lesson #3: “Nailed to the Cross”

Summary

God gave the Law to Israel to show them their sin, and the punishment for it. We are not under the Law today, because the penalty for sin has been paid by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The claims of the Law ended when it was nailed to the Cross of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Presentation

God wants us to know what sin is, and that we are all sinners, so that we can see our need for the Savior. Are you saved from your sin?

Application

Although we are not under the Law, we should still live our lives in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord. God’s love, mercy, and grace prompt us to glorify Him by willingly obeying His Word.

Junior Year One Do or Done?

Lesson

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Memory Verse

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.” – **Romans 6:14**

Verse Review Game

– “Verse in Pictures”
Cut out the pictures on J1-L12-VRG1 and J1-L12-VRG2 without the words underneath. Mix up the pieces and have the class put them in the right order, then say the verse. Randomly remove one piece each time, saying the verse without the picture until all the pictures are gone.

Lesson Theme

God gave the Law to Israel to show that man is sinful, and that only God is perfect and sinless.

Visual Aids

J1-L12-1 through J1-L12-4
J1-L12-S
J1-L12-BB, J1-L12-C
J1-L12-VRG1 and J1-L12-VRG2

Supplies

Standard supplies
Take Home Sheet J1-L12
Mirror, sticky notes,
picture of Cross, picture of child
Clue “L”

Jump-Start Questions

1. To whom did God give His Law?
2. How did God give His Law?
3. Is there more to the Law than ten commandments?
4. How long were they able to keep the Law?
5. Why did God give the Law?
6. Should we obey God’s Law today?

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LEARNING & REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Review Question Game – “String Sack”

Poke holes in a paper sack, and draw at least 12 strands of string or yarn through the holes. Let the ends of some of the strings fall into the bag, but draw the ends of some of the strings through other holes in the bag so that both ends are sticking out of the bag. Divide class into two teams. Alternate turns between teams. For each correct review question, a student may pick a string and pull it from the bag. If the string has only one end outside the bag, his team gets one point. If he selects a string that has both ends outside the bag, his team gets two points. The team with the most points at the end of the questions wins.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **What is the name of the mountain where God met with Moses?** (Mount Sinai)
2. **What did the people have to do before their meeting with God?** (They had to bathe and clean their clothes.)
Do we have to bathe and have clean clothes before we can meet God? (No, we have direct access to God through Christ Jesus.)
3. **Name three things that happened that frightened the people from wanting to meet with God?** (The mountain quaked and smoked, thunder, lightning, thick smoke appeared, and a trumpet sounded.)
4. **Who went up the mountain part way with Moses?** (Joshua)
5. **How did the people respond to the Law?** (They said, “All that the Lord has said, we will do.”)
6. **How long was Moses on the mountain when he received the Ten Commandments?** (40 days and 40 nights)
7. **What kind of idol did Aaron make for the people?** (A golden calf.)
8. **What did Moses do with the idol?** (He ground it into powder, mixed the powder with water, and made the people drink it.)
9. **Name the three parts of the Law.** (Moral, civil, ceremonial)
10. **What were the three reasons that the Law was given?** (Every mouth would be stopped; all the world would become guilty before God; to give the knowledge of sin)
11. **Why don’t we follow the sacrifices in the Law today?** (The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, was the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.)
12. **Does God still bestow special favor on Israel?** (No. There is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, slaves or free, male or female. All can come to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.)
13. **How is the Law like a mirror?** (It showed Israel that they were dirty, but didn’t cleanse them.)

Optional Object Lesson #1 – “Christ the Bridge”

(Draw a stick man on a cliff on one edge of a paper. Draw another cliff on the other side and write the words “HOLY GOD.”) We are all like the stick man. There is a big gap between what we are as sinners, and a holy God. There is no way for us to get across; it is hopeless. But God had a solution. He built a bridge. (Draw a bridge between the two cliffs. Write the word “CHRIST” on the bridge.) Christ the bridge. He is the only way across. He took your place and mine on the Cross. All we do is trust in what He has done for us.

Optional Object Lesson #2 – “Mirror”

Supplies: Mirror

Suppose I just finished lunch, and I had peanut butter and jelly all over my face. If no one told me, how could I know about it? (Show a small mirror.) I could look in the mirror. So, how would the mirror help me get it off? Would I use it to scrape it off? No, I’d wash my face. The mirror shows me the problem, but it isn’t the solution. This is like the Law. It was given to show the problem, it has no power to be the solution.

Optional Object Lesson #3 – “Nailed to the Cross”

Supplies: Sticky notes, picture of a child, picture of Cross

Have children write down some of their sins on sticky notes, and put the sticky notes on the picture of the child. Explain that when Christ died on the Cross, He took all of our sins on Himself. (Have children move their sins from the child to the Cross.) Jesus Christ took the punishment for our sins. There is no longer a need for the sacrifices of the Law.

REVIEW LAST WEEK’S LESSON

Last week, we looked at some questions. Do you remember the answers we found in God’s Word?

Do you know how God rescued the Israelites when they were hopelessly trapped and it looked as if there was no way out? (He parted the Red Sea so they could cross through it, then buried Pharaoh’s army in the water.)

What did God require from the Israelites before He rescued them? (He required that they obey Him, and paint their doorpost with the blood of the lamb.)

What does God require from you before He saves you? (He requires that we allow the blood of the Lamb, Christ Jesus, to be applied for our sins.)

What is the amazing work of power that God performed on behalf of the Israelites? (God delivered the Israelites from the wicked Pharaoh, and from a life of slavery.)

What is the amazing work of power that God has performed for you? (By sacrificing His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, He has delivered us from death, the wicked Devil, and from a life of slavery to sin.)

INTRODUCTION

“Do or Done?”

“David,” called Dad from the basement, “could you please bring me a Phillip’s screwdriver from the garage?”

“Sure, Dad,” answered David. “C’mon, let’s go,” motioned David to Tim as they headed out to the garage. “It should be over on the peg board with the other tools,” said David.

“Got it,” called Tim grabbing the screwdriver. “Hey, what’s with those two little license plates hangin’ up in the corner?”

“I think they’re plates for a bicycle,” answered David. He took one down to look at it. “There’s something taped to the back!”

“What is it?” asked Tim. “Is it a clue?”

“Sure looks like it,” David answered with a smile. “It says, ‘Dear David, God made an agreement with His chosen people. They had to obey. It showed them their sin and their need for God. We are not under that agreement, but it still shows us our need for Him today.’”

“That’s it?” asked Tim.

“Yup,” said David. “Wait, let’s look on the other one! Here’s the rest! It says, 1) ‘Who was the agreement with? 2) What was the agreement called? See Exodus 19:3-6; Romans 3:19-20; Romans 6:14; Romans 10:4; Matthew 5:17; and Galatians 2:16, Love Grandpa.’ Then it has blanks for two words, like a crossword puzzle!”

“Let’s go inside and look up the verses,” suggested Tim.

“Here’s the first one,” said David. “It talks about how God led the children of Israel out of Egypt and wanted them to obey His covenant.”

“I’ve got the next one,” said Tim. “It says the Law only applies to those under the Law. Then it says the Law was given so every mouth would be stopped. That’s strange!”

“The next one says we are not under the Law, but under Grace. And the other one in Romans says ‘Christ is the end of the Law.’ I wonder what that means,” said David thoughtfully.

“Here’s the last two. The first one is Christ Jesus saying He came to fulfill the Law,” commented Tim, “and the last one says you can’t be justified by the Law.”

“So WHO was the agreement with?” asked David.

“I guess it was Israel,” answered Tim.

“That fits!” cried David. “All the verses talked about law—so the agreement must be the Law! Those are the words in the crossword!”

“I’m not sure I get it,” said Tim.

“Hmm. Hey, did you notice what was on the front of the license plates?” asked David. “The first one said ‘L-A-W-2-D-O’—I get it! That is LAW—to DO!”

“Yeah!” yelled Tim, “and the other one is ‘D-O-N-E-4-U’—that’s DONE for you!”

“Israel was supposed to obey (or DO) the Law,” said David deep in thought, “but they couldn’t.”

“But what about the ‘DONE FOR YOU’ part?” asked Tim.

“God knew no one could keep the Law, so He sent the Lord Jesus Christ to fulfill the Law for us. His death paid the price for us; so now, it is ALL done for us!” said David.

“But what’s the clue?” asked Tim.

“Look!” cried David. “The words ‘Israel’ and ‘Law’ in the crossword make the shape of the letter ‘L,’ for Law. That must be the clue! I think Grandpa wanted us to see that we aren’t under the Law now, but under Grace. But we can and should still learn the lessons taught by God in giving the Law to Israel!”



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MAIN LESSON

Jump-Start Questions

1. *To whom did God give His Law?*
2. *How did God give His Law?*
3. *Is there more to the Law than Ten Commandments?*
4. *How long were they able to keep the Law?*
5. *Why did God give the Law?*
6. *Should we obey God's Law today?*

Let's ask God to help us see His answers to these questions in His Word. (Pray)

LESSON

God was leading again. He led them to Mount Sinai where He would meet with His people. They came to Egypt as 70 descendants of Jacob, now known as Israel. They left Egypt as the nation of Israel, God's chosen people. Now God would make a covenant (or promise) with them. A covenant between God and His chosen people, Israel.



Exodus 20:2-3 – “I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

1) God Gives His Law.

God called Moses up into the mountain. He told him to remind the people of how God led them out of Egypt and cared for them. Then He said:



Exodus 19:5, emphases added – “Now therefore, **if** ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, **then** ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.”

Moses told the people what God had said. The people answered, “All that the Lord has said, we will do.”

God told Moses that He would talk to him in a cloud on the mountain, where all the people could hear and believe. God told Moses to have the people get ready to meet with Him. They should bathe and clean their clothes. On the third day, God would speak to them.

Things are different now. I'm so glad we are in the Dispensation of Grace! We come to Christ Jesus just as we are. We don't have to “clean up” first! The Lord Jesus draws us to Himself, and when we receive His salvation, our sins are taken away, and we are made clean in Him. Are you clean?

Moses warned the people to stay away from the mountain.



Exodus 19:16 – “And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.”

Moses brought the people out of the camp. The mountain quaked and smoked “like a furnace.” The trumpet got louder and louder, then Moses spoke, and God answered in a voice. God called Moses back up into the mountain and told him the Ten Commandments and the “judgments” or laws. The people were terrified and stood away from the mountain!



Exodus 20:19 – “And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”



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The Law revealed the holy character of God. They had seen some of God's awesome power. Moses told them what God commanded. They replied "All that the Lord has said, we will do!" Moses wrote down all God had told him in the "book of the covenant" (Ex. 24:7). Moses offered burnt-offerings to God and read the book of the covenant to the people. Guess what they said? "All that the Lord has said we will do." Moses took blood from a sacrifice and sprinkled it on the people to seal the covenant or agreement between Israel and God.

2) How Long Were They Able to Keep the Law?

Again God called Moses into the mount. Joshua went up part way and waited for Moses. This time Moses stayed for 40 days and 40 nights. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments written by God's own finger upon two tables of stone. Then God told him about the Tabernacle He wanted them to build, and showed Moses the pattern. It would be a place where they would worship God, and He would dwell among them.

Moses had been gone for a long time. The people wondered if he'd come back. They asked Moses' brother, Aaron, to make a golden calf for them, so they could worship it. So, Aaron made them an idol of a golden calf to worship. The people worshiped their false god, had a feast to celebrate, and behaved very wickedly.



God warned Moses:

Exodus 32:7 – "And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*."

God called them "stiff-necked" and talked about destroying them. Moses prayed to God to save Israel. Moses reminded God that He had brought them out of Egypt. He reminded God of the promise He had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God hadn't forgotten! He was testing Moses. God would not destroy His people.

Moses came down with the tables of stone and found Joshua. They heard noise in the camp. Joshua thought there was a war, but Moses knew it wasn't. Soon they saw the people drinking wine, singing, dancing, and worshiping their idol. God had spoken to them just a few days before; how soon they seemed to forget everything He had done for them!

Moses became very angry and threw down the stone tables, breaking them at the foot of the mountain. They had broken God's Law, which they had promised to obey. Now the tables of stone that God had written with His own finger lay broken too.

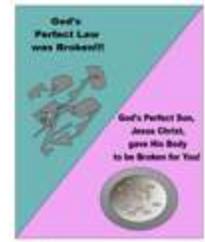
The broken stones were a picture of what Israel had done by breaking God's Law. The night before the Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross, He took bread and broke it. He said it was His body which was broken for us. Then He died for you and me. When we trust in what Christ Jesus has done for us, the broken bread becomes a picture of Christ's body which was broken for you and me. Have you received this wondrous gift of salvation?

Moses took their idol, burned it, and ground it into a powder. He mixed the powder with water and made the people drink their idol. Aaron tried to "get off the hook" and told Moses that he had just done what the people wanted him to do.

Then Moses asked them a question. "Who is on the Lord's side?" Every single person of the tribe of Levi (the descendents of Jacob's son, Levi) stepped forward showing they wanted to be on God's side. We have a choice today, too. Are you on the Lord's side? Does your life show that you are on the Lord's side?

The agreement between God and Israel depended on their obedience. If they obeyed, God would bless them, if they disobeyed, God would punish them. They had already failed! God immediately judged the people. Many died that day for their rebellion and disobedience to God.

Once again Moses prayed for Israel. Moses prayed that God would remember His covenant with Abraham. He pleaded for them.



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Optional Object Lesson #1:
"Christ the Bridge"

Exodus 32:32 – "Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."
Moses was acting as a mediator. A mediator is one who stands between two sides in a conflict and helps them come together. In His rich mercy, God heard Moses' prayer, and forgave Israel.

Do you ever feel like you are so bad and God is so holy that you could never talk to Him? Well, I have very good news for you. We have a Mediator too. We don't ever have to worry about talking to God. We have Jesus Christ who spans the wide gap between our dark sinfulness and God's awesome holiness. Christ Jesus is the bridge between us. He is our Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6). In addition, we have the Holy Spirit who helps us pray when we don't even know what to say (Romans 8:26-27). Have you talked to God today?

Once again, God called Moses up into the mountain. This time God had Moses carve out the stones, and then God wrote His Law upon them again. This time, Moses carried them safely down the mountain.

Israel was commanded to obey the Law. Their fellowship with God was based on their obedience. Their salvation was based on faith that what God had told them to do would save them. It was faith demonstrated by works.

3) What is the Law? Is it More Than Just Ten Commandments?

The Law of Moses (or Mosaic Covenant) had three parts:

The **Moral Law** – we call these the Ten Commandments. This was the **revelation** of the law.

The **Civil Law** – these are the basis of our laws today. It told how they were to treat one another, do business, eat, etc. This was the **regulation** of the law.

The **Ceremonial Law** – these were the religious laws. We now know these were all pictures of what Christ would do for us! These were laws about feasts, offerings, and ordinances. The ceremonies showed how sin could be forgiven. This would be the **realization** of the law.

4) Why Was the Law Given?

When God gave the Law, the people of God didn't have the whole Bible like we do today. God has told us why He gave the Law. It wasn't to save us! Let's read why:



Romans 3:19-20, emphasis added – "**Now** we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

What were the three reasons for the giving of the Law? They were: 1) That every mouth would be stopped, 2) All the world would become guilty before God, and 3) By the Law is the knowledge of sin!

Basically, the Law was to show the righteousness of God and the sinfulness of man!

5) Should We Obey God's Law Today?

The Law (also called the Mosaic or "old" Covenant) was given to Israel. The Church today is not Israel. Today, when we receive the Lord Christ Jesus as our Savior, we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ, not the nation of Israel.



Do you remember what our last verse said? Who is the Law for? It is for those who are under the Law.



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Optional Object Lesson #2:
"Mirror"



Show Visual Aid J1-L12-4

Romans 6:14 – “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”

Things are different today! We are not part of Israel, and we are not under the Law. Our salvation is based on faith in what Jesus Christ has done, and that alone! It is finished, and there isn't anything we need to do to be saved. Our salvation is *by grace through faith* without works.

That doesn't mean however, that we should do anything we feel like doing. Today, we are blessed to know all that Christ has done for us. We obey and serve Him because we love Him, not to be saved.

God has given us instructions for today. Nine of the Ten Commandments are repeated in our instructions today. (The only one that was not repeated is about the Sabbath. The Sabbath was a sign that Israel was God's chosen people, a peculiar treasure.) The grace of God teaches us how to live lives pleasing unto God and fulfill the righteousness of the moral law.

The civil law is the basis of our nation's laws. We are told to obey those over us, so we demonstrate our obedience to God when we obey the laws of our nation.

The ceremonial laws were for Israel's religion, what they were to do. Since the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, the payment for sin is already done and we are now to live by faith alone.

Crossing the Finish Line

God loved Israel. He made a covenant with them. They promised “ALL THAT THE LORD HAS SAID WE WILL DO,” but they failed. They couldn't keep the Law.

What they didn't know, was that the reason God gave them the Law, was to show them their sin. They had to demonstrate their faith, by keeping God's Law (including the ceremonies for forgiveness).



Today we aren't under the Mosaic Law. We are *saved by grace through faith alone*. We don't follow the Law today, because Christ's death on the Cross took the place of the ordinances and rules of the Law.

Colossians 2:14 – “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.”

PREVIEW NEXT LESSON & CLUE FOR THE WEEK

Let's see if we can answer those Jump-Start Questions now.

David and his friends have found the clue “L.” There will be many more clues before you have all of them to solve the mystery. Have you guessed it yet?

TEACHER NOTES

Next week we will study God's dwelling-place among the Israelites, the Tabernacle.



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Optional Object Lesson #3:
“Nailed to the Cross”



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Do or Done?

Take Home Sheet

Memory Verse

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”
Romans 6:14

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Israel and the Law

Use the grid below to solve the phrase.

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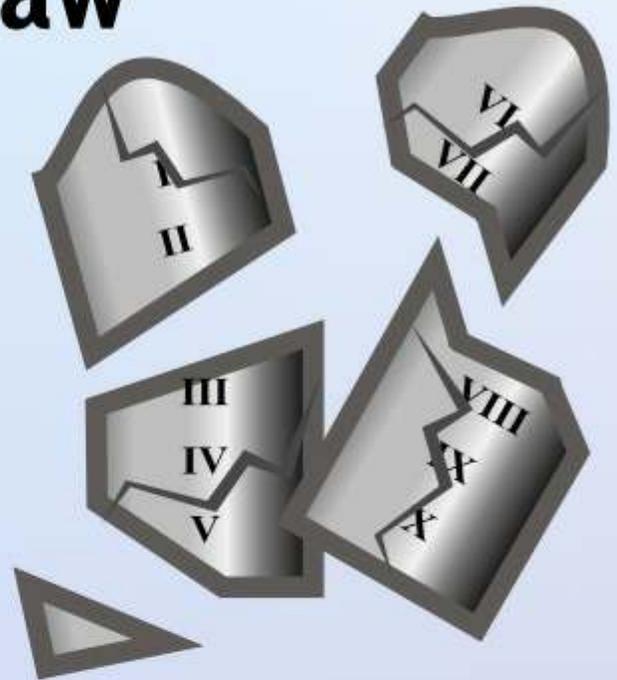
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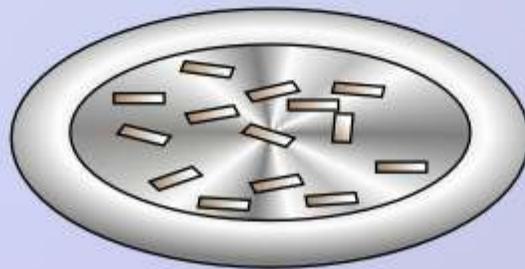
" *IF* you keep
My commandments, . . .
THEN you will be My people
and I will be your God."

"All that the Lord
has said, *we will do!*"

God's Perfect Law was Broken!

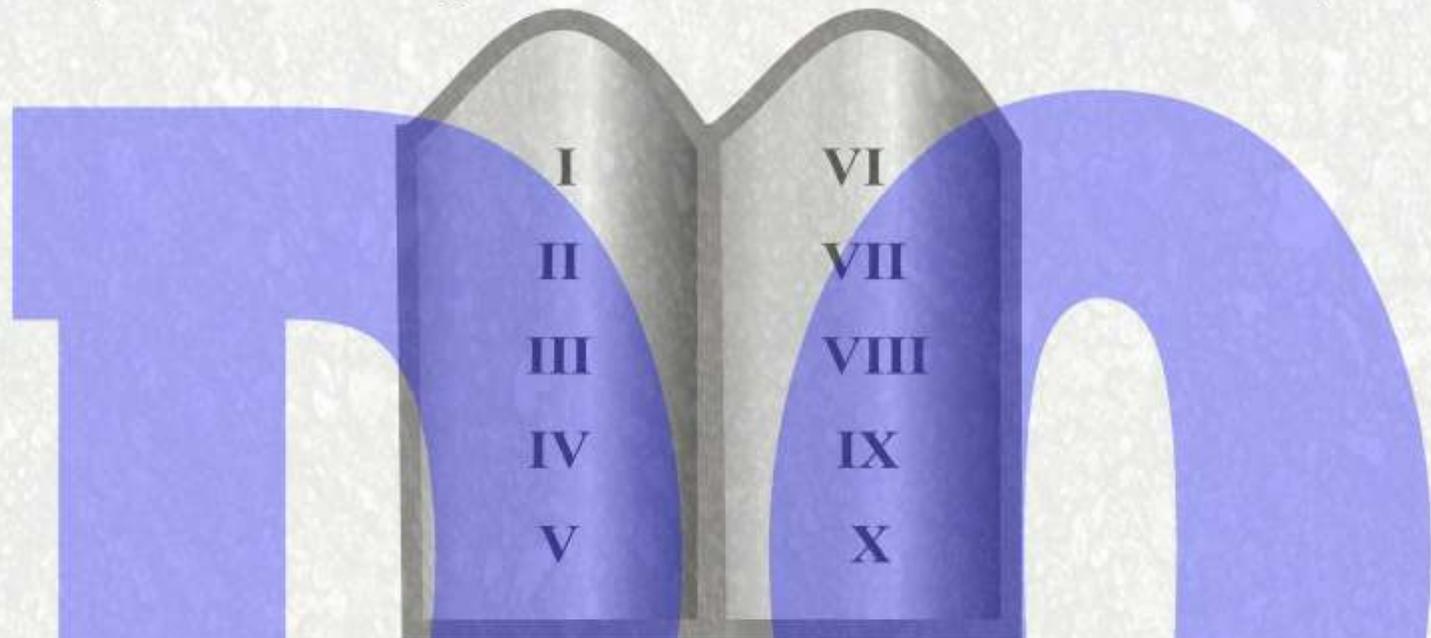


God's Perfect Son, Jesus Christ, gave His Body to be Broken for You!

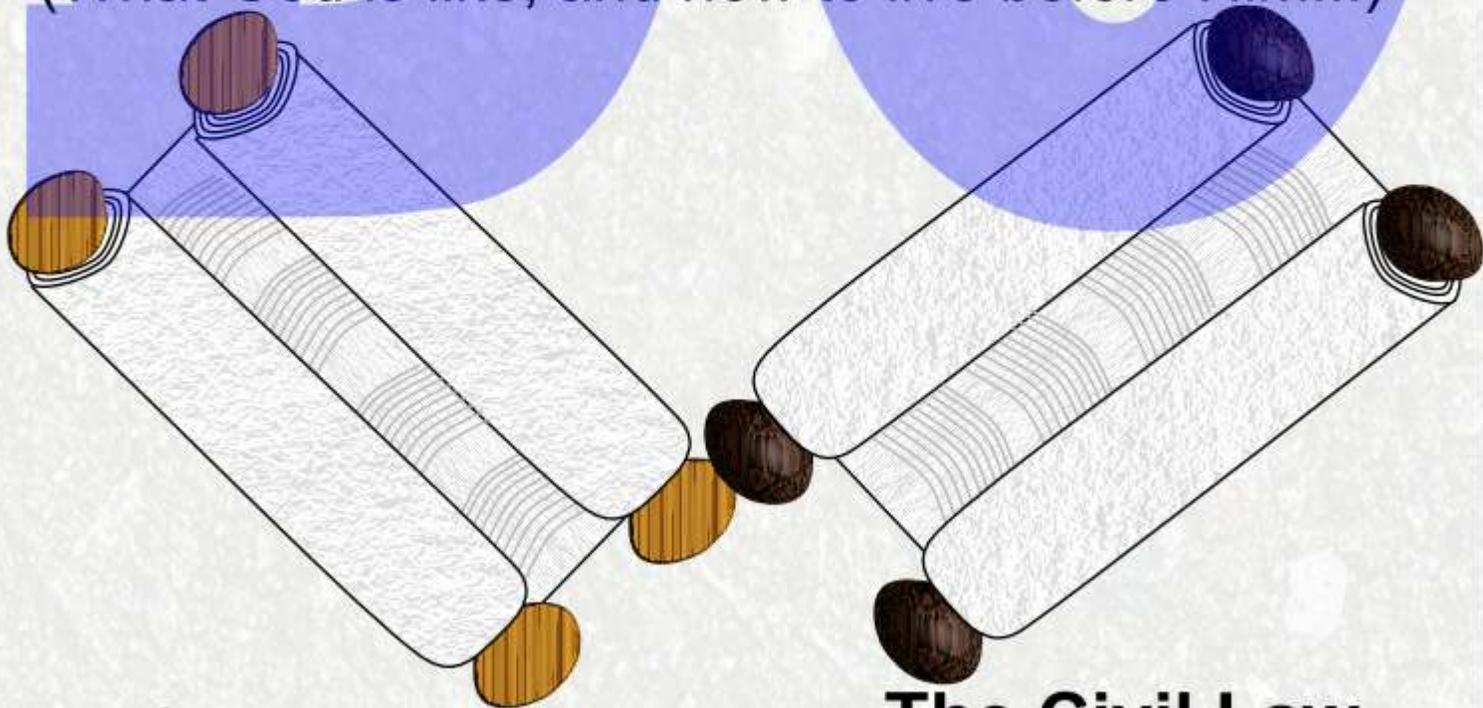


The Mosaic Law

(The laws given to Moses for Israel)



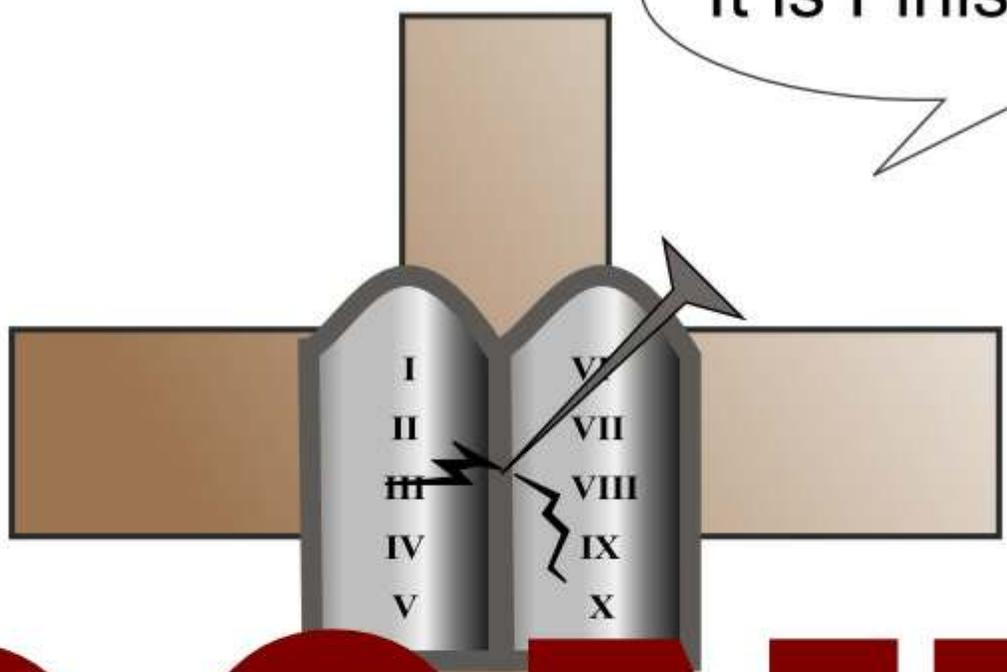
The Moral Law or Ten Commandments
(What God is like, and how to live before Him...)



The Ceremonial Law
(How to worship God)

The Civil Law
(How to live as the
Chosen Nation of God)

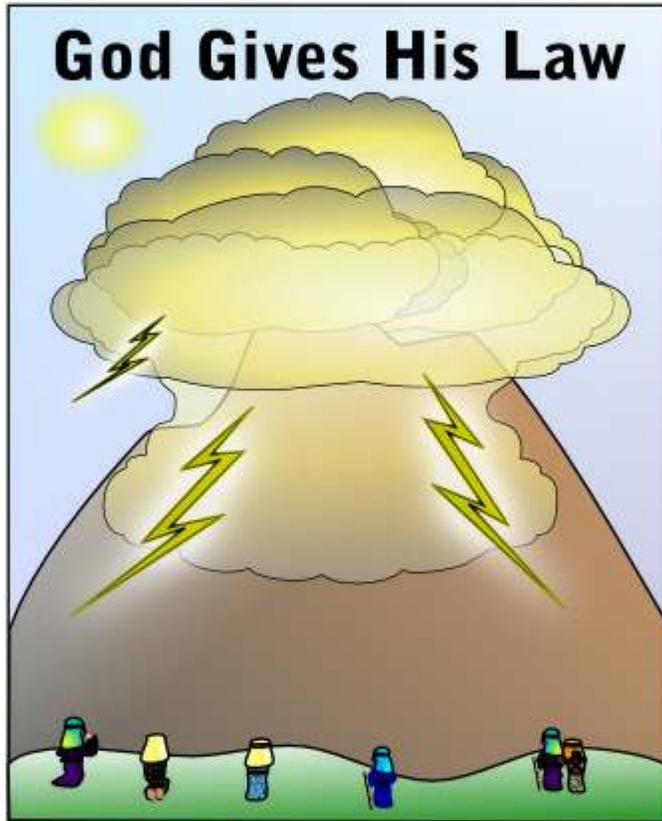
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God Gives His Law



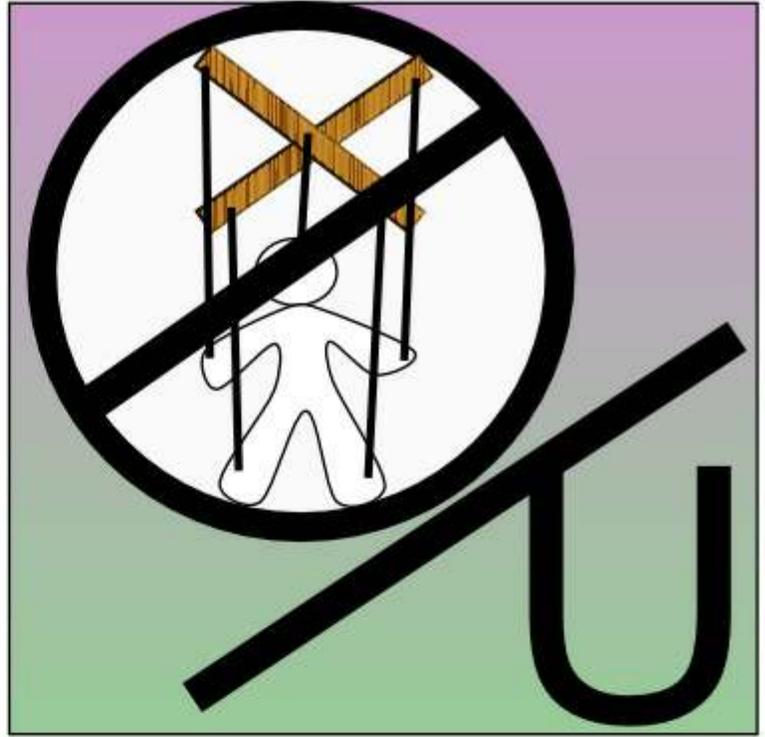




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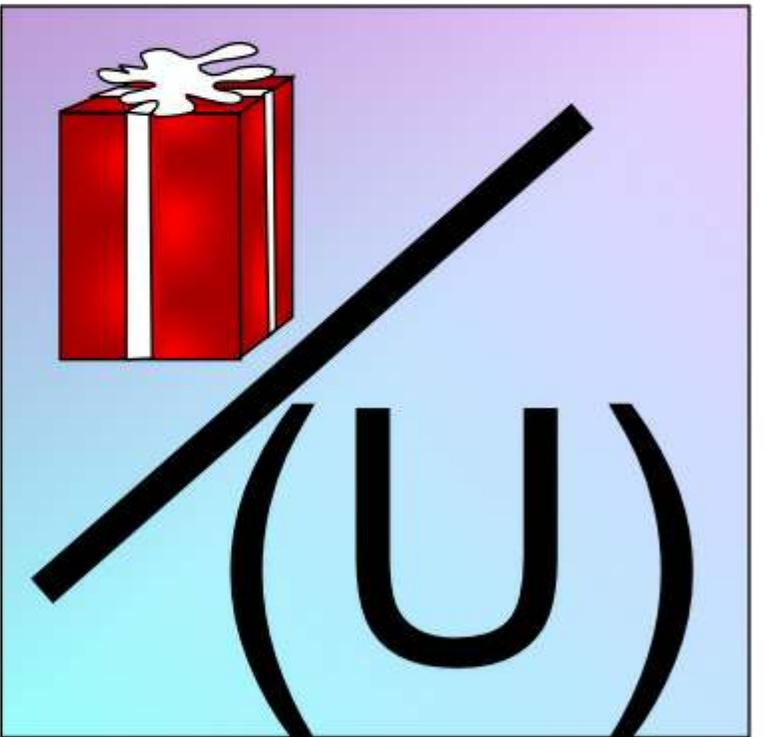


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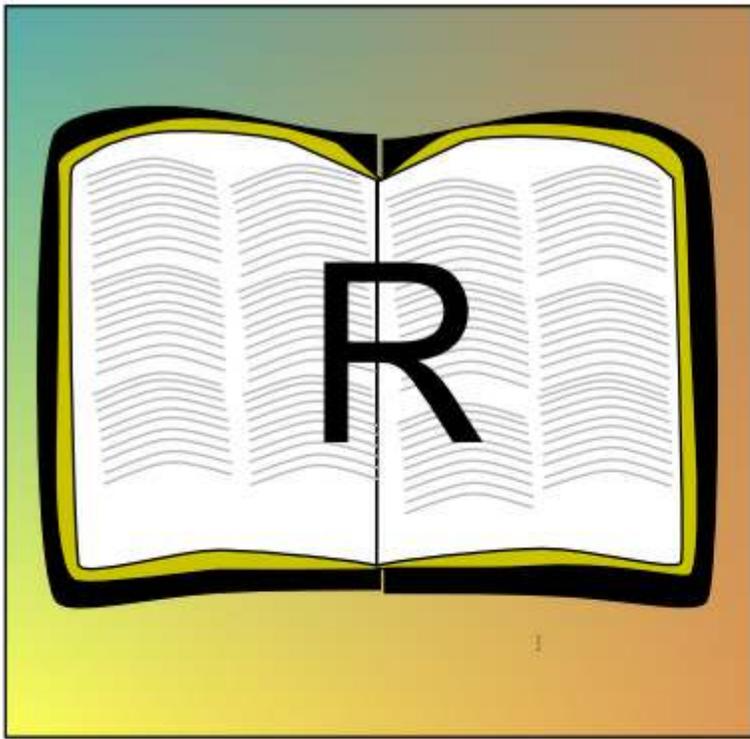
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Romans

