

LightHouse Ranch Bible Study

# Exodus 20 – Eternal Moral Law

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# **Exodus – The Eternal Moral Law -Part I – Don't place yourself under the Law**

<u>Jeremiah 2:11</u> Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.

Jeremiah 2:12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

#### I. Chapter 19 Speaks of Christ's ministry

In the last few studies, we have experienced the deliverance of the children of Israel by the blood of the Passover Lamb from the bondage in Egypt and redemption of the same people by the power of the Holy Spirit across the Red sea. After this, the next experience is a trial. These people are an example for us today so we do not make the same mistakes they did and miss entering into the LORD's rest (<u>I</u> <u>Corinthians 10</u>). This transitional period, when the LORD gives the Law to Moses who carries it down to the people, along with Deuteronomy <u>chapters 4</u> and <u>18</u>, give us the foreshadowing of Christ's ministry on earth. In fact, it is even the platform of Christ's personal ministry from incarnation to ascension. But, Christ's work was not "done", but was handed off to His disciples then and today (John 20:21) In fact we do not read that until the end of Revelation: - Then eternity "kicks in gear" (Isaiah 64:4)

<u>Revelation 21:6</u> And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

#### A. The ministry is not "done" – He has an inheritance for a remnant (Jews and Gentiles)

Of course, all we have to do is read John 17, Christ's High Priestly Prayer, and the book of Acts to find out that although Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30), we can know that Christ's work continues for ever. Christ sent down the Holy Ghost Who empowered the Apostles to begin and pastor the church. (Acts 2) Today, Christ sits in the heavens' Holy of Holies serving as our High Priest (Hebrews 6:18-20). At God's appointed time, Christ will return to gather up His church, (Those that are without spot or wrinkle or any such thing (Ephesians 5:25-28). This "bride" of Christ consists of the very same people who will return with Him to rule and reign with Him in the Kingdom, who will be known then as the "wife" (Revelation 19:6-9). Christ will rule with a rod of iron, judge the Gentiles, and save the Jewish remnant during the Tribulation period, fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and will reign for eternity. All this He will accomplish and in the dispensation of the fulness of times He will:

**Ephesians 1:10** That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

**<u>1</u>** Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. **1** Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**1 Corinthians 15:23** But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

**1** Corinthians 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

**1 Corinthians 15:26** The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

**1** Corinthians **15:27** For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under *him, it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

**1** Corinthians **15:28** And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. It is all

because of Christ's work that we, who were once in bondage in the world, when we heard the Gospel, and acting on it receive an inheritance:

**Ephesians 1:11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**B. Exodus 20 is God giving the eternal "Moral" Law to Moses (**Jeremiah 31:31-40)

Exodus 20 is all about God giving the "moral" Law to Moses. Giving of the "moral Law" is taught in the 2nd major division of Exodus. The 1<sup>st</sup> major division of the book of Exodus, we have studied in the first 19 chapters, Israel's deliverance or "exodus" out of Egypt. The 3<sup>rd</sup> major division of the book of Exodus concerns the plans of the Tabernacle in the wilderness given to Moses by God, as well as, the building and dedication of this Tabernacle. (From Chapter 25 to the end) At this point, I think it would be profitable to look at the chart below:

The Book Of Exodus								
Scope	<b>Exodus 19:3-8</b> And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and <i>how</i> I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. 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 <i>is</i> mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These <i>are</i> the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.							
Divisions	Deliverer - Moses a type of Christ			Deliverance - Canaan a type of the Kingdom				
Chapters	1	2	3	4-11	12-14	15-18	19-24	25-40
Plan	Israel in slavery	Moses' 1 <sup>st</sup> 40 years	Call of Moses	Moses returns	Redeemed Delivered	On To Sinai	Giving of the Law	Tabernacle Constructed
Location	Egypt		Midian	Egypt		Arabian Dessert, Mount Sinai (Horeb)		
Time	Begins 430 years from call of Abraham or 400 years after Abrahamic Covenant was ratified by God ( <u>Genesis 15:13</u> ; <u>Galatians 3:17</u> ; <u>Acts 7:2-7</u> ) and ends when the Tabernacle is finished and anointed.							

# C. The Law is Eternal - It has not been "Done away with" nor has it been replaced a. The Law was a sign and a memorial to Israel in the book of Exodus

**Exodus 13:9** And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

b. The Law (especially the Decalogue) was written on tables of stone by the LORD in Exodus 24: Exodus 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

c. The Law given by the LORD and every Word was to be done after they went into the land <u>Deuteronomy 27:3</u> And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that followeth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee. d. The law brought the fear of the LORD in Deuteronomy

**Deuteronomy 28:58** If thou wilt not observe to do all **the** words **of** this **law** that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, **THE LORD** THY GOD;

e. The Law of the LORD was preserved in the Ark of the Covenant

**Deuteronomy 31:26** Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

f. We will talk about today in this lesson, but the Law is still there in the Millennium

Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. g. Because the Law is everlasting

<u>I Chronicles 16:17</u> And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

Psalm 105:10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

**Psalm 119:142** Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth. h. The Law has nothing to do with salvation, but rather it is the conduct God expects

The Law given in Exodus is divided into three sections: the "Moral" law of <u>chapter 20</u>, the "Judgments" from chapters <u>21-24</u>, and the "Ordinances" of chapters <u>25-31</u>. The nature of these certainly differ in their intent: the commandments generally represent a moral law; the judgments a civil law; and the ordinances a religious or Levitical law. None concern justification.

<u>Galatians 3:11</u> But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

II. The Moral Law – Exodus 20; Matthew 22:33-40; John 1:1-10; John 2:1-11

Exodus 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

**Exodus 20:2** I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**Exodus 20:3** Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

**Exodus 20:4** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

**Exodus 20:5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

**Exodus 20:6** And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. **Exodus 20:7** Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

**Exodus 20:8** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

**Exodus 20:10** But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

**Exodus 20:11** For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

**Exodus 20:12** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

**Exodus 20:14** Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

**Exodus 20:17** Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

**Exodus 20:18** And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

**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.

**Exodus 20:20** And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

**Exodus 20:21** And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was*.

**Exodus 20:22** And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

**Exodus 20:23** Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. **Exodus 20:24** An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

**Exodus 20:25** And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

**Exodus 20:26** Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

# A. A very spectacular and important event in World History

This Giving of the Law was a very special event. This Decalogue is a very important part of God's Word. It was so special that the LORD came down with His Throne, cherubims, and all on the Mount. I mean to say there was a loud thundering voice, earthquakes, thunder and lightning with smoke covering the mountain as the LORD came down, and the people were afraid. The fear of the Lord was evident.

This Law (Decalogue) was special in and of itself. Important enough for God to write on a stone tablet the Law with His own finger! How in the world or out of it can anyone treat God's Word as casually as they sometimes do and just shrug it off when God makes such a spectacular visit, whether it is in the Old Testament or the New Testament.

# B. Some say that the Ten Commandments, or Decalogue, are not important today

Have you ever heard someone say that Christians are not bound to the Ten Commandments? They will usually add, that a person being bound to the Law is the "Old Testament sense", and we are the enlightened people in the "New Testament sense". I can't imagine treating God's Word that way. If we think the Law is old fashioned or out of date, we need to go back and study God's Word much more and repent.

C. First of all the Law had no part in justification in the Old Testament or the New:

**Romans 3:19** 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. **Romans 3:20** 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.

D. This is what is taught in Ephesians 2:8-9, and is twisted and contorted in many cases

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**Ephesians 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

- I have many times been told that "works" in chapter 9 means "we cannot buy our salvation" Where is that in the Bible?
- Now "works" is here used, " lest any man should boast". Where in the Bible does anyone boast because they bought salvation?

1. But Romans 2 does talk about "boasting": (There is danger in wrongly applying the Law) <u>Romans 2:23</u> Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

**Romans 2:24** For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. **Romans 2:25** For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

2. Look how chapter 2 ends:

<u>Romans 2:28</u> For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

**Romans 2:29** But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

3. Paul in similar teaching talks about "Confidence" inferring boasting (before conversion)

<u>Philippians 3:3</u> For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

**Philippians 3:4** Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

**Philippians 3:5** Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

**Philippians 3:6** Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

4. Again, Paul in Galatians 3 teaches that the "works of the Law" does not justify:

<u>Galatians 3:8</u> And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Galatians 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

**Galatians 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

**Galatians 3:11** But that <mark>no man is justified by the law</mark> in the sight of God, it is evident: for, <mark>The just shall live by faith.</mark>

**Galatians 3:12** And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

5. Scripture not interpreted by some sort of "ole wives tale" like "we cannot buy our salvation" <u>Ephesians 2:8</u> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**Ephesians 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2 is teaching us salvation by faith, not by the "works of the Law" lest anyone boast. 6. But to what end is Christ talking about? "Unto good works".

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

7. Righteousness is not just imputed automatically, but through obedience

<u>Galatians 2:16</u> Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

#### 8. No one is justified by faith only

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

9. Yes, Ephesians 2:8, 9, and 10 contrasts "works of the Law" and "Justification by faith", the latter brings about good works because we are His workmanship.

#### God ordained that that we should walk in good works

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Justification doesn't come about by "boasting of" or "works of" the "Law" (Galatians 3:8-12) <u>Romans 3:27</u> Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay:

but by the law of faith.

Justification by works completes Justification by Faith

James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

A <u>contrast</u> between "Works of the Law" and "Justification by Faith" – Context Genesis 15 🗢

<u>Galatians 2:16</u> Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the

works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. <del>年</del>

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Justification doesn't come about by the deeds of the Law

<u>Romans 3:19</u> 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.

Romans 3:20 Therefore <u>by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified</u> in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Justification does come about by faith – Genesis chapter 15 Abraham Context

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Romans 4:3-5 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Justification doesn't come about by faith alone – Context Abraham Genesis 22

James 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

#### Jesus did not destroy with the Law, it is eternal – <u>Jeremiah 31:31-36</u>

Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

**Matthew 5:19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

10. But justification is faith made perfect through "Good Works" By Obedience

10. James tells us that faith without works is dead:

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

11. Christ brings us right up to "Good works" or "unto" – Same teaching is in Gospel of John

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

We can see that **God demands obedience in Salvation** – Of Abraham, Of Israelites, and today **12**. The teaching of obedience from salvation on to the Rapture:

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. <u>Titus 2:11-14</u>

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. <u>I Peter 2:9-12</u>

#### III. Christ's Commentary on His Moral Law?

<u>Matthew 22:34</u> But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

Matthew 22:35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying, Matthew 22:36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

**Matthew 22:37** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 22:39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

Matthew 22:42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The Son* of David. Matthew 22:43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

**Matthew 22:44** The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Matthew 22:45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

**Matthew 22:46** And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

#### Don't think you are servants to a law? - Do you know what being under grace means?

<u>Romans 6:14-18</u> For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

IV. Abrahamic Covenant – "Unconditional" – To participate in the Covenant is "Conditional" A. The Covenant and Extensions

Covenant with Abraham	Covenant Extensions			
Promise of a National Land – (Land) Genesis 12:1-3; <u>13:14-18</u>	Palestinian Covenant – God will regather Israel from the scattering, circumcise their heart and give eternal restoration Deuteronomy 30:3-5; Ezekiel 36:16-38			
Promise of Numerous Descendants – A Great Nation – (Seed) <u>Genesis 12:3</u> ; <u>13:16;17:1-22</u>	Davidic Covenant – David's Seed on the throne of Israel forever II Samuel 7:1-16; Jeremiah 33:19-26; 31:35-37; Exodus 3:15			
Promise that God will bless the world through	New Covenant – To Israel & Judah, No psychology, Law			
Abraham– (World-wide Blessing through Abraham) Genesis 12:3; 22:1-19	written in the heart, all will know God <u>Jeremiah 31:31-</u> 40; Hebrews 8:1-13; <u>Luke 1:26-38</u> ; <u>Amos 9:11-15</u>			
Christ and the Gentiles – Scripture with foresight preached the Gospel to Abraham <u>Galatians 3</u> Interprets the Abrahamic Covenant in the New Testament				
Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.				
Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.				
Galatians 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the				
gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.				
<b>Galatians 3:9</b> So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.				
Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.				

# B. The Condition to take part in the Covenant

<u>Genesis 17:1</u> And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

**Genesis 17:2** And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. **Genesis 17:3** And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

**Genesis 17:4** As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. **Genesis 17:5** Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

**Genesis 17:6** And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

**Genesis 17:7** And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

**Genesis 17:8** And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

**Genesis 17:9** And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

#### V. Two Removals from the Land of Promise - The Mosaic Covenant – Conditional Covenant

#### A. If you shall harken to my commandments you have all these blessings

<u>Deuteronomy 28:1</u> And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

**Deuteronomy 28:2** And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

**Deuteronomy 28:3** Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

**Deuteronomy 28:4** Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

**Deuteronomy 28:5** Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

**Deuteronomy 28:6** Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

**Deuteronomy 28:7** The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

**Deuteronomy 28:8** The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. **Deuteronomy 28:9** The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

**Deuteronomy 28:10** And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

**Deuteronomy 28:11** And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

**Deuteronomy 28:12** The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

**Deuteronomy 28:13** And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*:

**Deuteronomy 28:14** And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

**B. If you do not harken to my commandments and observe to do them – These curses** – <u>Isaiah 39</u> <u>Deuteronomy 28:15</u> But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Deuteronomy 28:16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

**Deuteronomy 28:17** Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

**Deuteronomy 28:18** Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

**Deuteronomy 28:19** Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

**Deuteronomy 28:20** The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

# The LORD will have to remove you from the land

**Deuteronomy 28:21** The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, <mark>until he have consumed thee from off the land</mark>, whither thou goest to possess it.

**Deuteronomy 28:22** The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

**Deuteronomy 28:23** And thy heaven that *is* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that *is* under thee *shall be* iron.

**Deuteronomy 28:24** The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

**Deuteronomy 28:25** The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

**Deuteronomy 28:26** And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray *them* away.

**Deuteronomy 28:27** The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

**Deuteronomy 28:28** The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

**Deuteronomy 28:29** And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*.

**Deuteronomy 28:30** Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

**Deuteronomy 28:31** Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them*.

**Deuteronomy 28:32** Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand.

**Deuteronomy 28:33** The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:

**Deuteronomy 28:34** So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. **Deuteronomy 28:35** The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

C. The First Removal from the land – Babylonian Captivity

<u>Deuteronomy 28:36</u> The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

**Deuteronomy 28:37** And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

**Deuteronomy 28:38** Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather *but* little in; for the locust shall consume it.

**Deuteronomy 28:39** Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress *them*, but shalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*; for the worms shall eat them.

**Deuteronomy 28:40** Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint *thyself* with the oil; for thine olive shall cast *his fruit*.

**Deuteronomy 28:41** Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

**Deuteronomy 28:42** All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

**Deuteronomy 28:43** The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

**Deuteronomy 28:44** He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

**Deuteronomy 28:45** Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

# **Deuteronomy 28:46** And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

**Deuteronomy 28:47** Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things*;

**Deuteronomy 28:48** Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

#### The First Removal from the land will be extreme famine (Jeremiah and Lamentations)

**Deuteronomy 28:49** The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

**Deuteronomy 28:50** A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

**Deuteronomy 28:51** And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

**Deuteronomy 28:52** And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

**Deuteronomy 28:53** And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

**Deuteronomy 28:54** So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

**Deuteronomy 28:55** So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

**Deuteronomy 28:56** The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,

**Deuteronomy 28:57** And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

**Deuteronomy 28:58** If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

**Deuteronomy 28:59** Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

**Deuteronomy 28:60** Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

**Deuteronomy 28:61** Also every sickness, and every plague, which *is* not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

**Deuteronomy 28:62** And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

**D.** The Second Removal from the land and scattered all over the earth – AD 70 <u>Matthew 24:1-2</u> <u>Deuteronomy 28:63</u> And it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. **Deuteronomy 28:64** And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone.

**Deuteronomy 28:65** And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: **Deuteronomy 28:66** And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

**Deuteronomy 28:67** In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

**Deuteronomy 28:68** And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy *you*.

#### V. Two Returns

A. First Return - Not a Babylonian king, but a Persian named 150 years before he was born Isaiah 44:23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

**Isaiah 44:24** Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

**Isaiah 44:25** That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise *men* backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

Isaiah 44:26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

Isaiah 44:27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

Isaiah 44:28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

B. First Return - A Message to Cyrus left before he was born

**Isaiah 45:1** Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

**Isaiah 45:2** I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

**Isaiah 45:3** And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.

**Isaiah 45:4** For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

**Isaiah 45:5** I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

**Isaiah 45:6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.

**Isaiah 45:7** I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.

**Isaiah 45:8** Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

B. Second Return – At the Second coming by the BRANCH

<u>Isaiah 11:1</u> And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

**Isaiah 11:2** And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

**Isaiah 11:3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

**Isaiah 11:4** But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Isaiah 11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.Isaiah 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the

calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

**Isaiah 11:7** And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**Isaiah 11:8** And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

**Isaiah 11:9** They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

# B. Second Return - In "that Day"

**Isaiah 11:10** And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

**Isaiah 11:11** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

**Isaiah 11:12** And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

**Isaiah 11:13** The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

**Isaiah 11:14** But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

**Isaiah 11:15** And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.

**Isaiah 11:16** And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

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Reference	1:11:	123	:13:	44:64:18		
Plan	Preeminence of Christ The church to walk with Him	Christ the great Mystery Revealer & Reconciler of the Gentiles	Church to be "dead in Christ" & free from False Doctrine	Mind and Heart on things above not on earth	The Holy Walk with Christ Fruit of Walking in the Spirit	Conclusion
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Time	AD 60-61					

# **VI. The New Testament Mystery**

### A. Introduction

Colossians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

**Colossians 1:2** To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 1:3** We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **Colossians 1:4** Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints,

**Colossians 1:5** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

**Colossians 1:6** Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard *of it*, and knew the grace of God in truth:

**Colossians 1:7** As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

**Colossians 1:8** Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

# **B.** Paul prays without ceasing for the Colossians

**Colossians 1:9** For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

# C. What Prayer?

**Colossians 1:10** That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

**Colossians 1:11** Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

**Colossians 1:12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

#### D. Who Christ is

<u>Colossians 1:13</u> Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

**Colossians 1:14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: **Colossians 1:15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

**Colossians 1:16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Colossians 1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

**Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

**Colossians 1:19** For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

**Colossians 1:20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

#### E. Christ reconciles the alienated Gentile

**Colossians 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

**Colossians 1:22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

#### F. IF

**Colossians 1:23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**Colossians 1:24** Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

**Colossians 1:25** Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

**Colossians 1:26** *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

**Colossians 1:27** To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

**Colossians 1:28** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

**Colossians 1:29** Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

#### G. Set our mind and hearts on Christ - things above not on earth

**Colossians 2:1** For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

**Colossians 2:2** That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

**Colossians 2:3** In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

H. Dead in Christ and Free from False Doctrine - Including going back to the Law for Salvation

**Colossians 2:4** And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

**Colossians 2:5** For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

**Colossians 2:7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

**Colossians 2:8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**Colossians 2:9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**Colossians 2:10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Colossians 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

**Colossians 2:12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

**Colossians 2:13** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

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;

**Colossians 2:15** And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:

**Colossians 2:17** Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.

**Colossians 2:18** Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, **Colossians 2:19** And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

**Colossians 2:20** Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Colossians 2:21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

**Colossians 2:22** Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? **Colossians 2:23** Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

<u>Colossians 3:1</u> If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

**Colossians 3:2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

**Colossians 3:3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. I. The Holy Walk in Christ – How to walk with Him

**Colossians 3:5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

<u>Colossians 3:6</u> For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Colossians 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

**Colossians 3:8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

**Colossians 3:10** And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**Colossians 3:11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

**Colossians 3:12** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

**Colossians 3:13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

**Colossians 3:15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Colossians 3:17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**Colossians 3:18** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

**Colossians 3:20** Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

**Colossians 3:21** Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

**Colossians 3:22** Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

**Colossians 3:23** And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

**Colossians 3:24** Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

**Colossians 3:25** But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

**Colossians 4:1** Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

**Colossians 4:2** Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

**Colossians 4:3** Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

**Colossians 4:4** That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

**Colossians 4:5** Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

**Colossians 4:7** All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, *who is* a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

A Bible Mystery kept secret, but now made manifest by God for all nations			
Mystery	Reference		
Christ in the Gentiles Mystery, Conditional, Look at the "if"	Colossians 1:21-27		
The soils (Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven)	Matthew 13:11		
Israel Blinded in part until the fulness of the Gentiles be come	<u>Romans 11:24-27</u>		
The Church - One Body of Jews and Gentiles	Ephesians 3:3-9; Colossians 1:26-27; Ephesians 5:30-32; Romans 16:25-26		
This Spirit teaching the Gentiles as they study the Scriptures	I Corinthians 2		
The Godhead	<u>Colossians 2:2-3; 4:3</u>		
Godliness preached unto the Gentiles	I Timothy 3:16		
The Antichrist, Mystery of Iniquity	II Thessalonians 2:7-8		
The Apostate Religious System, Mystery Babylon	Revelation 17:5-7		
The Dispensation of the Fullness of Time, Mystery of His will	Ephesians 1:9-10		
The Rapture	I Corinthians 15:51-55		
Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of			
<u>Jesus Christ</u> , according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, Romans 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the			
commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:			

#### Conclusion: Galatians 3-4

# Oh Foolish Galatians, be established according to the Mystery now made manifest by the Scriptures of the Prophets – for the obedience of the faith

<u>Galatians 5:24</u> And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

# 12\_Exodus

<u>James 1:18</u> Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

James 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

**James 1:21** Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

**James 1:23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

James 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.

**James 1:27** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

# Your decision – the Law of sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness In the book of James called the: Perfect Law of Liberty

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