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The Eternal Torah vs. The Christian Bible

THE ORAL LAW

DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9

⁵ And you shall love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might.

⁶ And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart:

⁷ And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

⁸ And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

⁹ And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates.

LEVITICUS 23:27;39-40

²⁷ Also on the tenth day of the seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation unto you; and you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the L-rd.

³⁹ Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a feast unto the L-rd seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

⁴⁰ And you shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the L-rd your G-d seven days.

DEUTERONOMY 12:21

If the place which the L-rd your G-d has chosen to put his name there be too far from you, then you shall kill of the herd and of your flock, which the L-rd has given you, as I have commanded you, and you shall eat in your gates whatsoever your soul lusts after.

NUMBERS 8:4

And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the L-rd had shown Moses, so he made the candlestick.

GENESIS 17:9-11

⁹ And G-d said to Abraham, "You shall keep my covenant therefore, you, and your seed after you in their generations.

¹⁰ This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you: every man child among you shall be circumcised.

¹¹ And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant between me and you between me and you

DEUTERONOMY 4:21

לֹא תִבְשֵׁל גְדִי בְחֵלֶב אִמּוֹ:

in the milk of

don't cook a kid it's mother

in the fat of

DEUTERONOMY 24:1-4

¹ When a man has taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

² And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

³ And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

⁴ Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after

that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the L-rd: and you shall not cause the land to sin, which the L-rd your G-d gives you for an inheritance.

EXODUS 31:13-15

¹³ Speak you also unto the children of Israel, saying, " Verily my sabbaths you shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am the L-rd that does sanctify you.

¹⁴ You shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: everyone that defiles it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever does any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

¹⁵ Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the L-rd: whosoever does any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

EXODUS 16:29

See, for that the L-rd has given you the sabbath, therefore he gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide you every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

NUMBERS 15:37-39

³⁷ And the L-rd spoke unto Moses, saying,

³⁸ "Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the corner a ribband of blue:

³⁹ And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that you may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the L-rd, and do them; and that you seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you used to go whoring:

EXODUS 12:1-2

¹ And the L-rd spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

² "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

NUMBERS 29:1

And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpet unto you.

TALMUD SHABBAT 31A

Our Rabbis taught: A certain heathen once came before Shammai and asked him, "How many Torah have you?" "Two," he replied: "the Written Torah and the Oral Torah." "I believe you with respect to the Written, but not with respect to the Oral Torah: make me a proselyte on condition that you teach me the Written Torah [only]." [But] he scolded and repulsed him in anger. When he went before Hillel, he accepted him as a proselyte. On the first day he taught him, Alef, beth, gimmel, dalet; the following day he reversed [them] to him. "But yesterday you did not teach them to me thus," he protested. "**Must you then not rely upon me? Then rely upon me with respect to the Oral [Torah] too.**"

LEVITICUS 26:46

These are the statutes and ordinances and laws that the L-rd established between himself and the people of Israel on Mount Sinai through Moses.

אֵלֶּה הַחֻקִּים וְהַמִּשְׁפָּטִים וְהַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַן יְקֹנֵק בֵּינוּ וּבֵין בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּהַר סִינַי בְּיַד מֹשֶׁה:

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JEWS FOR NOTHING by Dov Aharoni Fisch Pages 300-301

God gave his Torah in two parts: one written, one oral. The Pentateuch represents the word of God as it is written down by Moses during the forty-year journey through the wilderness of Sinai. It constitutes the Written Law. The Oral Law was transmitted by word-of-mouth and was for centuries forbidden to be committed to paper. When the Talmud was finally compiled during the common era, these laws were written down.

The Written Law – i.e., the Pentateuch – is virtually meaningless to the Jewish people without the concomitant oral tradition. As a source of history, as a source of biography, and as a source of Jewish law, it stands incomplete. Only with the assistance of the Oral Law can the Five Books of Moses come to life. (In many ways, the two legal compendia are comparable to the two keys to a safe-deposit box. Without either one the box cannot be opened.) Endless examples of the two systems’ interdependence can be marshaled forth. For our purposes in this study, one significant case is worth consideration.

The Written Law, on three separate occasions, appears to proclaim the justice of the arbitrary administration of the infamous *lex talionis*—the law of revenge. In all three cases, it speaks of enacting the barbaric “justice” of taking “an eye for an eye” and a “tooth for a tooth.” Yet, the Oral Law strictly warns the Jewish people against interpreting those passages literally. Rather, it sets forth an elaborate system providing for a monetary compensation to be

awarded the injured party. Jewish Law, throughout all the millennia of Jewish history has been administered accordingly. Judaism then, has never advocated the taking of “an eye for an eye,” Jesus’ erroneous assertions notwithstanding.

Why was the Torah not given in a single unity? The *lex talionis* case also serves as a useful illustration of the significance of the Oral Law. Having committed the Pentateuch to writing, Moses and the Jews were open to spiritual larceny. If a people could translate the Hebrew words into their own vernacular, they could arrogate for themselves the Torah which was given specifically to the Jewish people. They could claim themselves as God’s “chosen” – without being willing to fulfill the obligations incumbent on such a nation. They could call themselves the “real Jews” and, if powerful enough, torture the nation of Israel and claim that the physical weakness of the Jewish people was proof positive that no longer was G-d’s covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and Moses binding.

The course of history shows that that is exactly what the Catholic Church did. All of modern Christianity is predicated on the arrogation of the Torah. The Bible was translated and seized from the Jewish people. While the Church insisted that the Jews were no longer God’s “chosen” and that *they* had been picked to supplant the nation of Israel, they lacked on vital instrument which could have helped them conceal their act of theological

larceny. They lacked the key to the translated Bible. They lacked the Oral Law—for, at the time of Jesus, the

Mishna and Gemara had not yet been redacted—and they purloined only the written word.

NECHEMIAH 13:15-17

¹⁵ In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

¹⁶ There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

¹⁷ Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, "What evil thing is this that you do, and profane the sabbath day?"

EZRA 10

3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our G-d to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our G-d; and let it be done according to the law.

JEREMIAH 17

21 Thus says the L-rd; "Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do any work, but hallow the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers."

23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

24 "And it shall come to pass, if you diligently hearken unto me," says the L-rd,

"to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;
25 Then shall there enter into this city, kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding on chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain forever.

DEUTERONOMY 17

8 If there arise a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within your gates: then shall you arise, and get you up into the place which the L-rd your G-d shall chose;

9 And you shall come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show you the sentence of judgment.

10 And you shall do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the L-rd shall choose shall show you; and you shall observe to do according to all that they inform you:

11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do: you shall not decline from the sentence which they shall show you, to the right hand, nor to the left.

MATTHEW 23

1 Then spoke Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not after their works: for they say and do not."

MATTHEW 12

5 Or have you not read in the law how on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

MARK 2

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, "Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?"

25 And he said unto them, "Have you never read what David did, when he had need, and was hungered, he and they that were with him?"

26 How he went into the house of G-d in the days of Abathar the high priest, and did eat the shew-bread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave him also to them which were with him?"

26 And he said unto them, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE: BASED ON WHAT?

GENESIS 15

1 After these things the word of the L-rd came unto Abram in a vision, saying, "Fear not, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward."

2 And Abram said, "L-rd G-d, what will you give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?"

3 And Abram said, "Behold, to me you have given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is my heir."

4 And, behold, the word of the L-rd came unto him, saying, "This shall not be your heir; but he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir."

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars. If you are able to number them": And he said unto him, "So shall your seed be."

6 And he believed in the L-rd; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, "I am the L-rd that brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit it."

8 And he said, "L-rd G-d, how shall I know that I shall inherit it?"

GENESIS 17

15 And G-d said unto Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

16 And I will bless her, and give you a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations: kings of people shall be of her."

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old, and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?"

18 And Abraham said unto G-d, "O that Ishmael might live before you!"

19 An G-d said, "Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

DEUTERONOMY 24

13 In any case you shall deliver him the pledge again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless you: and it shall be righteousness unto you before the L-rd your G-d.

DEUTERONOMY 6

25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the L-rd our G-d, as he has commanded us.

PSALM 106

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

GENESIS 18

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the L-rd, to do justice and judgement; that the L-rd may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him.

GENESIS 22

18 And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice.

GENESIS 26

4 And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto your seed all these countries: and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;
5 Because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

EXODUS 19

5 Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel.

DEUTERONOMY 28

1 And it shall come to pass, if you will harken diligently unto the voice of the L-rd your G-d, to observe and to do all of his commandments which I command you this day, that the L-rd your G-d will set you high above all the nations of the earth:

9 The L-rd shall establish you a holy people unto himself, as he has sworn unto you, if you shall keep the commandments of the L-rd your G-d, and walk in his ways.

10 And all the people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the L-rd; and they shall be afraid of you.

JEREMIAH 7

23 But this thing I commanded them saying, "Obey my voice, and I will be your G-d, and you shall be my people: and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

DEUTERONOMY 26

16 This day the L-rd your G-d has commanded you to do these statutes and judgments: you shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul.

17 You have avouched the L-rd this day to be your G-d, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

18 And the L-rd has avouched you this day to be his peculiar people, as he has

promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments:

19 And to make you high above all nations which he has made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that you may be a holy people unto the L-rd your G-d, as he has spoken.

PSALM 147

19 He shows his word unto Jacob, his statutes and judgments unto Israel.

20 He has not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise you the L-rd.

GENESIS 22

12 And he said, "Lay not your hand upon the lad, neither do you anything unto him:

for now I know that you fear G-d, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me.

JAMES 2

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

22 See you how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which said, "Abraham believed G-d, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of G-d."

24 You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith alone.

ARE THE TORAH COMMANDMENTS ETERNAL OR TEMPORARY?

GENESIS 17

10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your seed after you; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

13 He that is born in your house, and he that is bought with your money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

EXODUS 12

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to the L-rd throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

17 And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this self-same day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall you observe this

day in your generations by an ordinance forever.

EXODUS 31

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the L-rd made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

LEVITICUS 3

17 It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you eat neither fat nor blood.

LEVITICUS 23

28 And you shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the L-rd your G-d.

29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul it be that does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 You shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

40 And you shall take on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the L-rd your G-d seven days.

41 You shall keep it as a feast to the L-rd seven days in the year; it is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month.

NUMBERS 15

37 And the L-rd spoke unto Moses, saying,
38 "Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the corner a ribband of blue:

DEUTERONOMY 4

40 You shall keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days upon the earth, which the L-rd your G-d has given you forever.

DEUTERONOMY 6

24 And the L-rd commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the L-rd your G-d, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the L-rd our G-d, as he has commanded us.

DEUTERONOMY 11

1 "You shall therefore love the L-rd your G-d, and keep his charge, his statutes, his ordinances, and his commandments always.

DEUTERONOMY 12

1 These are the statutes and judgments, which you shall observe to do in the land, which the L-rd G-d of your fathers gave you to possess it, all the days that you live upon the earth.

DEUTERONOMY 29

29 The secret things belong unto the L-rd your G-d: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

2 KINGS 17

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandments, which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do evermore; and you shall not fear other gods.

PSALM 111

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.
9 He sent redemption unto his people: he has commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name.
10 The fear of the L-rd is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endures forever.

PSALM 119

152 Concerning your testimonies, I have known of old that you have founded them forever.

160 The sum of your words is truth; and everyone of your righteous ordinances endures forever.

MALACHI 4 (3:22)

4 Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

THE TORAH COMMANDMENTS: A QUALITATIVE EVALUATION

DEUTERONOMY 4

5 Behold I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the L-rd my G-d commanded me, that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it.

6 Keep therefor and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who has G-d so nigh to them, as the L-rd our G-d is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that has statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

DEUTERONOMY 10

12 And now, Israel, what does the L-rd your G-d require of you, but to fear the L-rd your G-d, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the L-rd you G-d with all your heart and with all your soul,

13 To keep the commandments of the L-rd, and his statutes, which I command you this day for your good.

DEUTERONOMY 12

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in the sight of the L-rd your G-d.

JOSHUA 1

7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded you: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

1 KINGS 2

3 And keep the charge of the L-rd your G-d, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself.

NECHEMIAH 9

13 You came down also upon Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

14 And made known unto them your holy sabbath, and commanded them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses your servant.

ECCLESIASTES 12

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear G-d, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

1 CHRONICLES 22

12 Only the L-rd give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the L-rd your G-d.

13 Then shall you prosper, if you take heed to fulfill the statutes and judgments which the L-rd charges Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

ISAIAH 48

18 O that you had hearkened to my commandments! Then had your peace been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea.

ISAIAH 56

2 Blessed is the man that does this, and the son of man that lays hold on it; and keeps the sabbath from polluting it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.

ISAIAH 58

13 If you turn away your foot from the sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the L-rd, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words:

14 Then shall you delight yourself in the L-rd; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of the L-rd has spoken it.

PSALM 1

1 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the

way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the L-rd; and in his law does he meditate day and night.

PSALM 19

7 The law of the L-rd is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the L-rd is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the L-rd are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the L-rd is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the L-rd is clean, enduring forever, the judgments of the L-rd are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, then much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honey comb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

PSALM 25

10 All the paths of the L-rd are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

PSALM 103

17 But the mercy of the L-rd is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

PSALM 112

1 Praise ye the L-rd. Blessed is the man that fears the L-rd, that delights greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endures forever.

4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

PSALM 119

20 My soul breaks for the longing that it has unto your judgements at all times.

33 Teach me, O L-rd, the way of your statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of your commandments; for therein do I delight.

44 So shall I keep your law continually for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek your precepts.

46 I speak of your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto your commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in your statutes.

92 Unless your law had been my delights, I should then have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your precepts: for with them you have quickened me.

97 O how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

111 Your testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

127 Therefore I love your commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

129 Your testimonies are wonderful: therefore does my soul keep them.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not your statutes.

165 Great peace have they which love your law: and nothing shall offend them.

166 L-rd, I have hoped for your salvation, and done your commandments.

PROVERBS 10

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

PROVERBS 29

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

WILL COMMANDMENTS BE IN FORCE IN THE MESSIANIC AGE?

EZEKIEL 37

24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

EZEKIEL 44

9 Thus said the L-rd G-d; "No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in my assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

ISAIAH 2

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the L-rd's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

3 And many people shall go and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the L-rd, to the house of the G-d of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the L-rd from Jerusalem.

ZECHARIAH 14

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the L-rd of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

THE COVENANT: WITH WHOM?

DEUTERONOMY 7

9 Know therefore that the L-rd your G-d, he is G-d, the faithful G-d, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations:

10 And repays them that hate him to their face, to destroy the: he will not be slack to him that hates him, he will repay him to his face.

11 You shall therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command you this day, to do them.

12 Wherefor it shall come to pass, if you harken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the L-rd your G-d shall keep unto you the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto you fathers:

DEUTERONOMY 30

9 And the L-rd your G-d will make you plenteous in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your land, for good: for the L-rd will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers:

10 If you shall hearken unto the voice of the L-rd your G-d, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if you turn unto the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, and with all your soul.

PSALM 103

17 But the mercy of the L-rd is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

DANIEL 9

4 And I prayed unto the L-rd my G-d, and made my confession, and said, "O L-rd, the great and dreadful G-d, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments.

THE COMMANDMENTS: A NEW TESTAMENT PERSPECTIVE

MATTHEW 5

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

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.

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.

MATTHEW 7

21 Not every one that says unto me, lord, lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that does the will of my father which is in heaven.

MATTHEW 19

16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, "Good master, what good things shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

17 And he said unto him, "Why do you call me good? There is none good but one, that is G-d: but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments.

MATTHEW 23

1 Then spoke Jesus to the multitudes, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not after their works: for they say, and do not.

LUKE 16

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fall.

LUKE 23

55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

ACTS 21

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things god had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the lord, and said unto him, "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

21 And they are informed of you, that you teach all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when

they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,
28 Crying out, "Men of Israel, help: this is the man that teaches all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and has polluted this holy place.

ROMANS 3:20-22;28

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.

21 But now the righteousness of god without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of god which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference:

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

ROMANS 8:2

For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

ROMANS 10:4

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:20-21

20 And unto the Jews I became a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to god, but under the law to Christ), that I might gain those that are without law.

GALATIANS 3:23-28

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For you are all children of G-d by faith in Jesus Christ.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus,

COLOSSIANS 2:13-17

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

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;

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of any holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

EPHESIANS 2:14-15

14 For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility,

15 by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

GALATIANS 2:21

I do not frustrate the grace of god: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

GALATIANS 4:9

But now, after that you have known god, or rather are known of god, how turn you again to the weak and beggardly elements, whereunto you desire again to be in bondage?

2 CORINTHIANS 3:6-7

⁶ Who also has made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

⁷ But if the ministrations of death written and engraved in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away;

GALATIANS 5:1-4

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

² Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if you be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

³ For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

⁴ Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; you are fallen from grace.

HEBREWS 7:18-19

¹⁸ For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

¹⁹ For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did, by which we draw nigh unto G-d.

1 PETER 1:18

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

HEBREWS 8:7-13

⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should not place have been sought for the second.

⁸ For finding fault with them, he said, "Behold, the days come, says the lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

⁹ Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continue not in my covenant, and I regarded them not," says the lord.

¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a god, and they shall be to me a people:

¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, "Know the lord:" for all shall know me from the least to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

¹³ In that he said, A new covenant, he has made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old is ready to vanish away.

THE NEW COVENANT

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹ Behold, the days come, says the L-rd, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

³² Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, says the L-rd:

³³ But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, says the L-rd, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their G-d, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ And they shall teach no more everyman his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the L-rd: for they shall all know me, from the least of the unto the greatest of them, says the lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

HEBREWS 8:6-13

⁶ But now has he obtained a more exciting ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

⁸ For finding fault with them, he says, Behold, the days come, says the lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah:

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¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I

will be to them a god, and they shall be to me a people:

¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the l-rd, for all shall know me from the least to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful to their uprightness, and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

¹³ In that he said, A new covenant, he has made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old, is ready to vanish away.

PSALM 40:8

I delight to do they will, O my G-d: yea, your law is within my heart.

EZEKIEL 11:19-20

¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you: and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh:

²⁰ That they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their G-d.

EZEKIEL 36:26-27

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments and do them.

DEUTERONOMY 20:6-8

⁶ And the L-rd your G-d will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.

⁷ And the L-rd your G-d will put all these curses upon your enemies, and upon them that hate you, which persecute you.

⁸ And you shall return and obey the voice of the L-rd, and do all his commandments which I command you this day.

PSALM 37:46

And he said unto them, "Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

1 KINGS 8:61

Let your heart therefore be perfect with the L-rd our G-d, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

DEUTERONOMY 5:29

O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!

DEUTERONOMY 8:2

And you shall remember all the way which the L-rd your G-d led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or no.

JEREMIAH 24:6-7

⁶ For I will set my eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down:

and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

⁷ An I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the L-rd: and they shall be my people, and I will be their G-d: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

JEREMIAH 32:37-42

³⁷ Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, where I have driven them in my anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

³⁸ And they shall be my people, and I will be their G-d:

³⁹ And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

⁴⁰ And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put their fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

⁴¹ Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

⁴² For thus says the L-rd: "Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

ARE THE COMMANDMENTS TOO DIFFICULT TO KEEP?

ACTS 15:5-10

⁵ But there rose up certain of the sect of Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

⁶ And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

⁷ And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, "Men and brethren, you know how that a good

while ago god made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

⁸ And G-d, which knows the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the holy ghost, even as he did unto us;

⁹ And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

¹⁰ Now therefore why tempt you god, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?"

PSALM 18:20-24

²⁰ The L-rd rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands has he recompensed me,

²¹ For I have kept the ways of the L-rd, and have not wickedly departed from my G-d.

²² For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

²³ I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from my iniquity.

²⁴ Therefore has the L-rd recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

1 KINGS 14:8

...and yet you have not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in my eyes;

2 KINGS 18:3-6

³ And he did that which was right in the sight of the L-rd, according to all that David his father did.

⁴ He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves, and broke in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nechushtan.

⁵ He trusted in the L-rd G-d of Israel; so that after him was none like among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

⁶ For he clave to the L-rd, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the L-rd commanded Moses.

(Hezekiah)

2 KINGS 23:25

And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the L-rd with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

(Josiah)

ROMANS 10:1-8

¹ Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to god for them is that they might be saved.

² I can testify that they have a zeal for god, but it is not enlightened.

³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from god, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to god's righteousness.

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”

⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down)

⁷ or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? ‘The word is near to you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim).

DEUTERONOMY 30

8 And you shall return and obey the voice of the L-rd, and do all his commandments which I command you this day.

9 And the L-rd your G-d will make you plenteous in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your land, for good: for the L-rd will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers:

10 If you shall hearken unto the voice of the L-rd your G-d, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if you turn unto the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, and with all your soul.

11 For this commandment which I command you this day, it is not hidden from you, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?”

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?”

14 But the word is very near unto you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it.

15 See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command you this day to love the L-rd your G-d, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that you may live and multiply: and the L-rd your G-d will bless you in the land where you go to possess it.

A JEWISH EVALUATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

DEUTERONOMY 12 (13:1)

32 You must diligently observe everything that I command you; do not add to it or take anything from it.

13

1 If prophets or those who divine by dreams appear among you and promise you omens or portents,

2 and the omens or portents declared by them take place, and they say, "Let us follow other gods" (whom you have not known) "and let us serve them,"

3 you must not heed the words of those prophets or those who divine by dreams; for the L-rd your G-d is testing you, to know whether you indeed love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart and soul.

4 The L-rd your G-d you shall follow, him alone you shall fear, his commandments you shall keep, his voice, you shall obey, him you shall serve, and to him you shall hold fast.

5 But those prophets or those who divine by dreams shall be put to death for having spoken treason against the L-rd your G-d - who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery - to turn you from the way in which the L-rd your G-d commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

ACTS 7:14-16

¹⁴ Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, **threescore and fifteen souls.**

¹⁵ So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

¹⁶ And were carried over into **Shechem**, and laid in **the sepulchre that Abraham bought** for a sum of money **of the sons of Emmor the father of Shechem.**

GENESIS 46:27

And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

EXODUS 1:5

And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was already in Egypt.

DEUTERONOMY 10:22

Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons; and now the L-rd your G-d has made you as the stars of the heaven for multitude.

GENESIS 23:16-19

¹⁶ And Abraham hearkened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

¹⁷ And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were all in the borders round about, were made sure

¹⁸ unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

¹⁹ And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

GENESIS 49:29-32

²⁹ And he charged them, and said unto them, "I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
³⁰ in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a burying place.
³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.
³² The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.

GENESIS 50:12-13

¹² And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:
¹³ For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

LUKE 12

11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take you no thought how or what thing you shall answer, or what you shall say:

12 For the holy ghost shall teach you in the same hour what you ought to say.

LUKE 21

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.
13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.
14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to mediate before what you shall answer:
15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay n resist.

ACTS 6

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the holy ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas a proselyte of Antioch:

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit by which he spoke.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

MARK 2

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, "Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?"

25 And he said unto them, "Have you not read what David did, when he had need, and was hungered, he, and they that were with him?"

26 How he went into the house of G-d in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the showbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?"

1 SAMUEL 21

1 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, "Why are you alone, and no man with you?"

MARK 10

2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?" tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 And they said, "Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and put her away."

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, "For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation, G-d made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife:

8 And they two shall be one flesh: so then they are no more two, but one flesh.

9 What therefore G-d has joined together, let not man put assunder."

10 And in the house of his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11 And he said unto them, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, commits adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she commits adultery.

DEUTERONOMY 24

1 When a man has taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

EXODUS 19

9 And the L-rd said unto Moses, "Lo, I come unto you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." And Moses told the words of the people unto the L-rd.

DEUTERONOMY 4

9 Only take heed to yourself, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life: but teach them to your sons, and your sons' sons;

10 Specially the day that you stood before the L-rd your G-d in Horeb, when the L-rd said unto me, "Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

11 And you came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And the L-rd spoke to you out of the midst of the fire: you heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only you heard a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tablets of stone.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that G-d created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other,

whether there has been any such thing as this great thing is, or has been heard like it?

33 Did ever people hear the voice of G-d speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

34 Or has G-d assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the L-rd your G-d did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 Unto you it was shown, that you might know that the L-rd he is G-d; there is none else beside him.

36 Out of heaven he made you to hear his voice, that he might instruct you: and upon earth he showed you his great fire; and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.

DEUTERONOMY 5

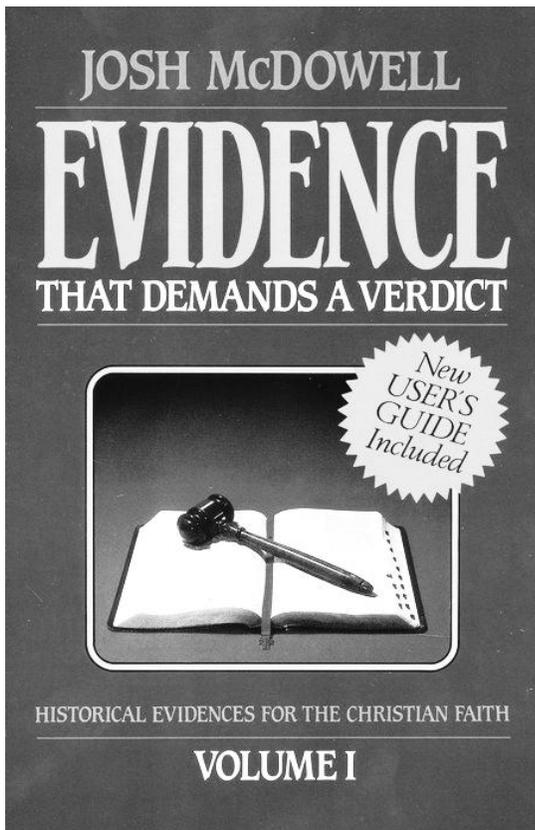
22 These words the L-rd spoke unto all your assembly in the mountain out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

23 And it came to pass, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness (for the mountain did burn with fire), that you came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

24 And you said, "Behold, the L-rd our G-d has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the fire: we have seen this day that G-d does talk with man, and he lives."

CHRISTIANITY VS. JUDAISM - MAJOR DIFFERENCES

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| Nature of G-d: | Trinity | Vs. | Unity |
| Nature of Messiah: | Divine Sin sacrifice | Vs. Vs. | Just human Righteous King |
| Atonement: | Blood required | Vs. | Prayer and repentance |
| Sin: | Everyone stained by Adam & Eve | Vs. | All begin with clean slate |
| Righteousness: | No one | Vs. | Within our power to choose |
| Satan: | Fallen angel | Vs. | Angel of G-d |
| Torah: | Written only | Vs. | Written & Oral |
| Commandments: | Not eternal or valuable | Vs. | Eternal & of ultimate value |
| Exclusivity: | Only Christians go to heaven | Vs. | All righteous have a place |
| Land of Israel: | Irrelevant | Vs. | Crucial |
| Jews: | Now, the church, or irrelevant | Vs. | G-d's chosen people |



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Geisler and Nix make the following comment about how the textual variations are counted: "There is an ambiguity in saying there are some 200,000 variants in the existing manuscripts of the New Testament, since these represent only 10,000 places in the New Testament. If one single word is misspelled in 3,000 different manuscripts, this is counted as 3,000 variants or readings." 32/361

Although he was dealing with fewer manuscripts than we have today, *Philip Schaff* in *Comparison to the Greek Testament and the English Version* concluded that only 400 of the 150,000 variant readings caused doubt about the textual meaning, and only 50 of these were of great significance. Not one of the variations, Schaff says, altered "an article of faith or a precept of duty which is not abundantly sustained by other and undoubted passages, or by the whole tenor of Scripture teaching." 82/177

Fenton John Anthony Hort, whose life work has been with the MSS, says: "The proportion of words virtually accepted on all hands as raised above doubt is very great, not less, on a rough computation, than seven-eighths of the whole. The remaining eighth, therefore, formed in great part by changes of order and other comparative trivialities, constitutes the whole area of criticism.

"If the principles followed in this edition are sound, this area may be very greatly reduced. Recognizing to the full the duty of abstinence from peremptory decision in cases where the evidence leaves the judgment in suspense between two or more readings, we find that, setting aside differences of orthography, the words in our opinion still subject to doubt only make up about one-sixteenth of the whole New Testament. In this second estimate the proportion of comparatively trivial variations is beyond measure larger than in the former; so that the amount of what can in any sense be called substantial variation is but a small fraction of the whole residuary variation, and can hardly form more than a thousandth part of the entire text." 43/2

Geisler and Nix say, concerning the observations of Hort above, that "only about one-eighth of all the variants had any weight, as most of them are merely mechanical matters such as spelling or style. Of the whole, then, only about one-sixtieth rise above 'trivialities,' or can in any sense be called 'substantial variations.' Mathematically this would compute to a text that is 98.33 percent pure." 32/365