

A study of The Law

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Gave Through
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I THOU SHALT HAVE
NO OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME

II THOU SHALT NOT
MAKE UNTO THEE
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE

III THOU SHALT NOT
TAKE THE NAME
OF THE LORD THY
GOD IN VAIN

IV REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY,
TO KEEP IT HOLY

V HONOUR THY FATHER
AND THY MOTHER

VI THOU SHALT
NOT KILL

VII THOU SHALT NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY

VIII THOU SHALT
NOT STEAL

IX THOU SHALT NOT
BEAR FALSE
WITNESS AGAINST
THY NEIGHBOUR

X THOU SHALT
NOT COVET

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- ◆ The Ten Commandments, the heart of the Law, is found in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:1-22
- ◆ The Jewish scribes divided the Law of Moses into 613 commandments, 248 positive and 365 negative (Hendriksen. 809).
- ◆ All of these laws are contained in the four books, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. (Exodus 20-31; 35-39; Leviticus; Numbers 5-6; 8:1 - 9:14; 15, 26 - 30; Deuteronomy 4:44 - 26:19)

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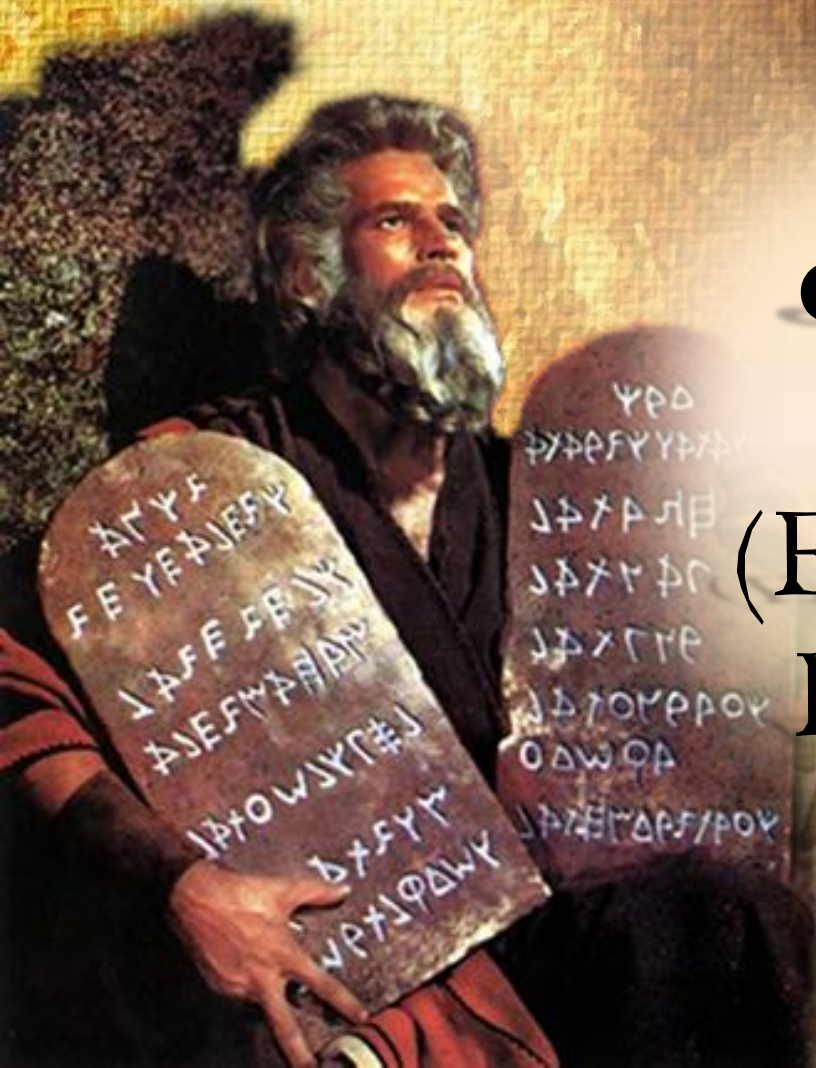
- ◆ Theologians divide the Law into two parts: moral and ceremonial.
- ◆ Most denominations teach that the moral law is still binding on us but that the ceremonial law is not. (*Some teach that all of the Law is still binding*)
- ◆ By "moral law" they primarily mean the Ten Commandments.
- ◆ The Bible itself makes no such distinction. (The Law is the Law)

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**The Law was a
covenant between
God and Israel**

(Exodus 19:5-6; 24:3-8;
Deuteronomy 5:1-3).



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Exodus 19:5-8 (NKJV)

⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

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Exodus 19:5-8 (NKJV)

⁷ So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. ⁸

Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

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Exodus 24:3-8 (NKJV)

³ So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

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Exodus 24:3-8 (NKJV)

⁵ Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half the blood and put *it* in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."

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Exodus 24:3-8 (NKJV)

⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

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Deuteronomy 5:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them. ² The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. ³

The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who *are* here today, all of us who *are* alive.

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Psalm 147:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ He declares His word to Jacob,
His statutes and His judgments
to Israel. ²⁰ He has not dealt thus
with any nation; And *as for His*
judgments, they have not known
them. Praise the LORD!

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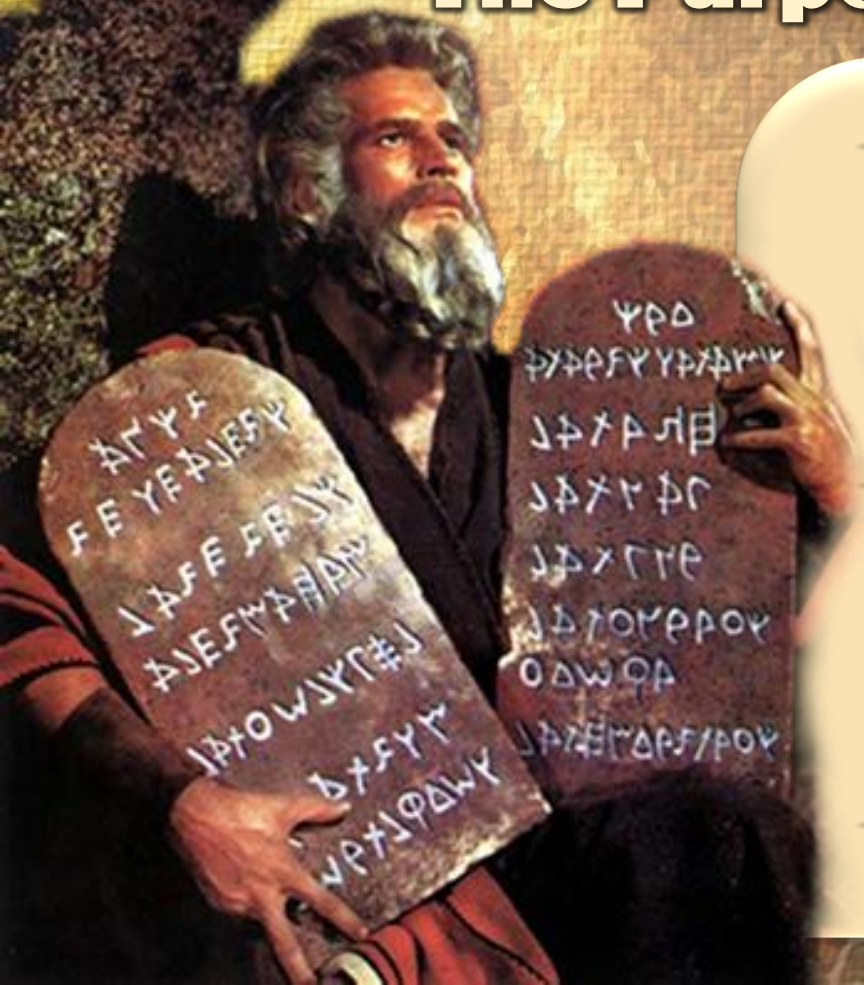
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- ◆ To govern the nation of Israel that they may be separate from other nations – Deut. 4:8,9; Psalm 147:19,20
- ◆ Added because of transgression – To provide a standard by which sin may be known – Gal. 3:19; Romans 3:20; 4:15; 7:7-13
- ◆ A tutor to bring us to Christ – Gal. 3:23,24

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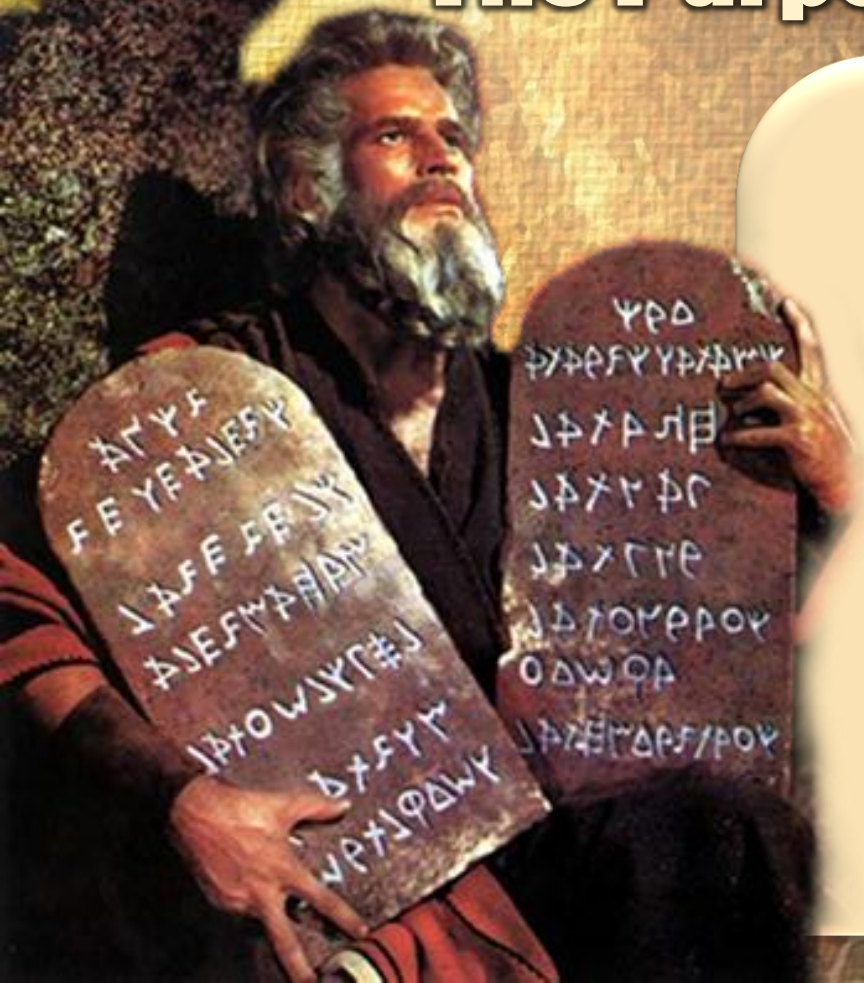
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Colossians 2:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.



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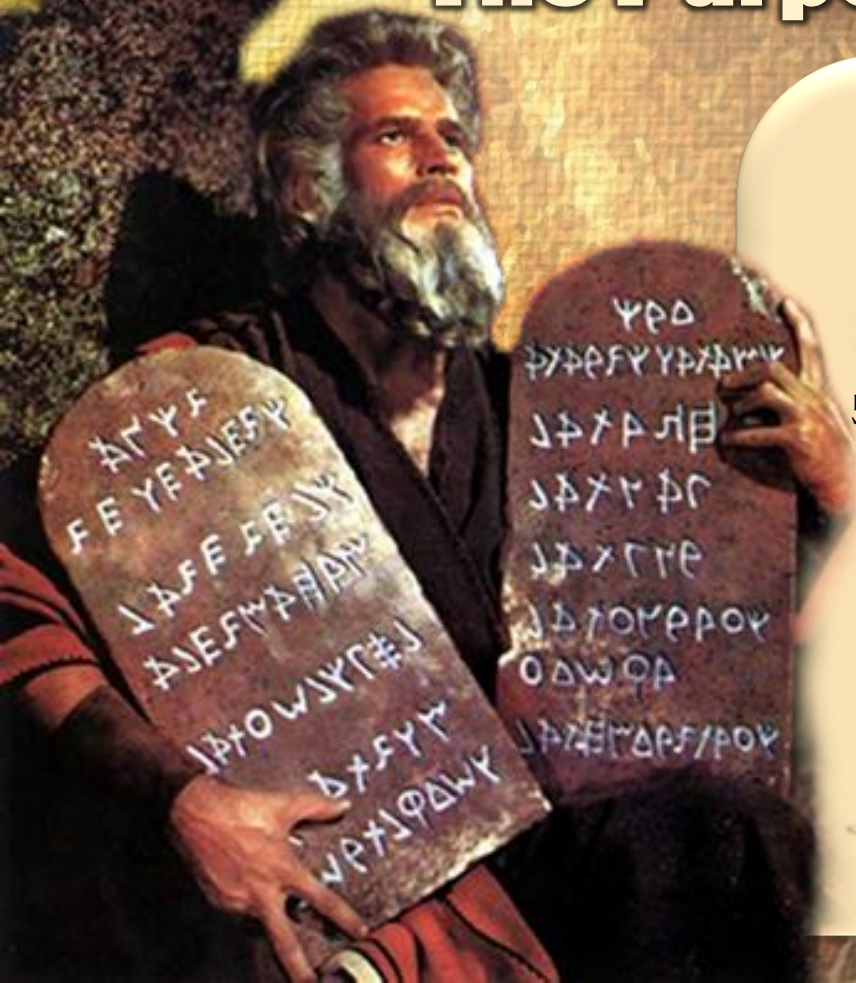
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Hebrews 8:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, . . . ⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.



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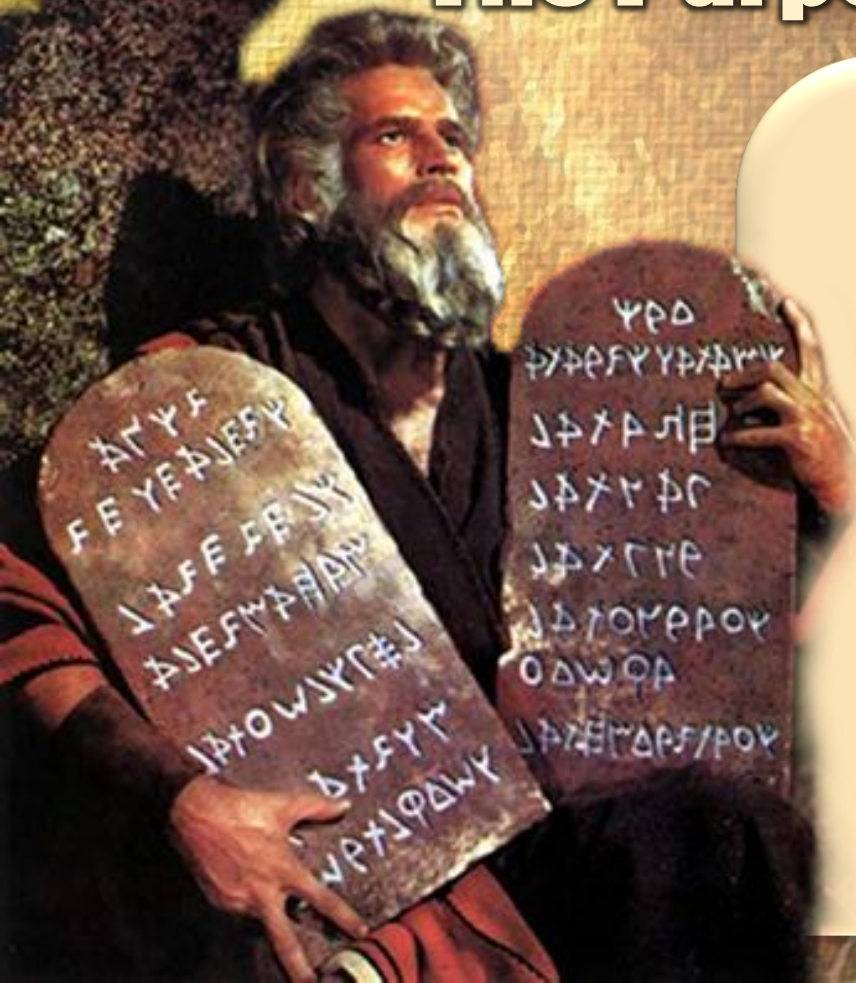
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Hebrews 9:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true . . .



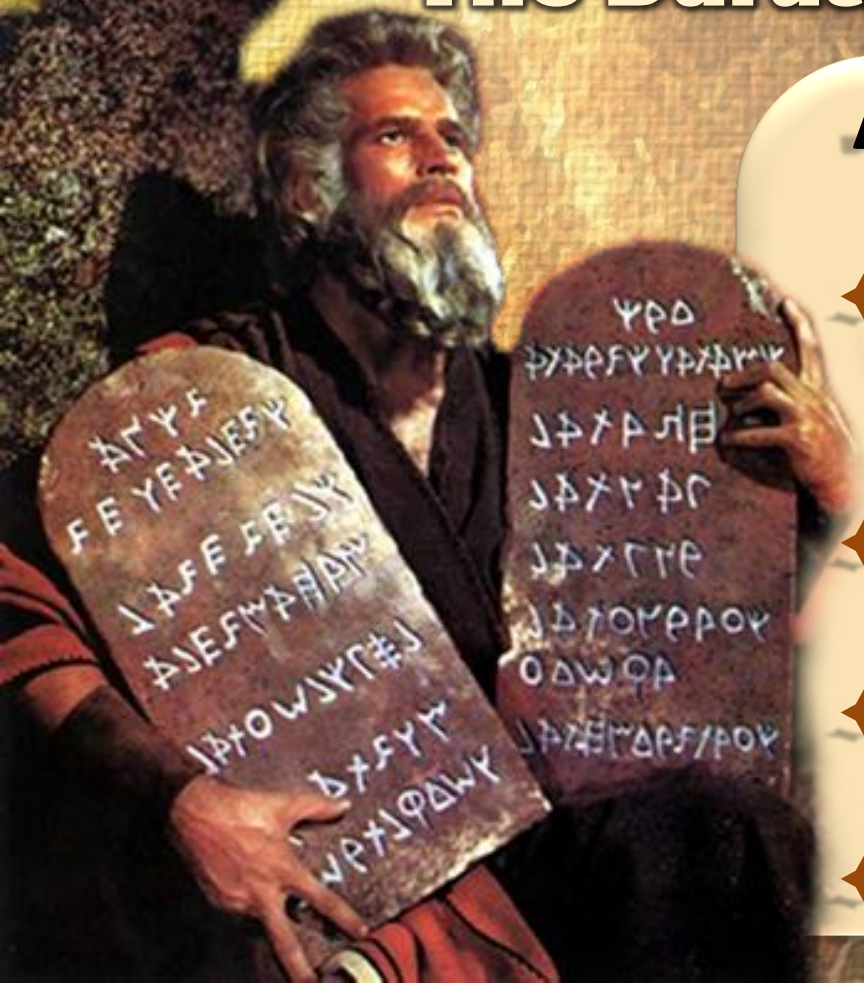
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The Duration of The Law

Aspects Of The Law Said To Last Forever –

- ◆ **Aaron and his sons to tend the Tabernacle and altar “forever”** – Exodus 27:21; Leviticus 24:8
- ◆ **Aaron and his sons offering the heave offering** – Exodus 29:28
- ◆ **Aaron and his sons to offer the grain offering** – Leviticus 6:22
- ◆ **The land promise** - Exodus 32:13



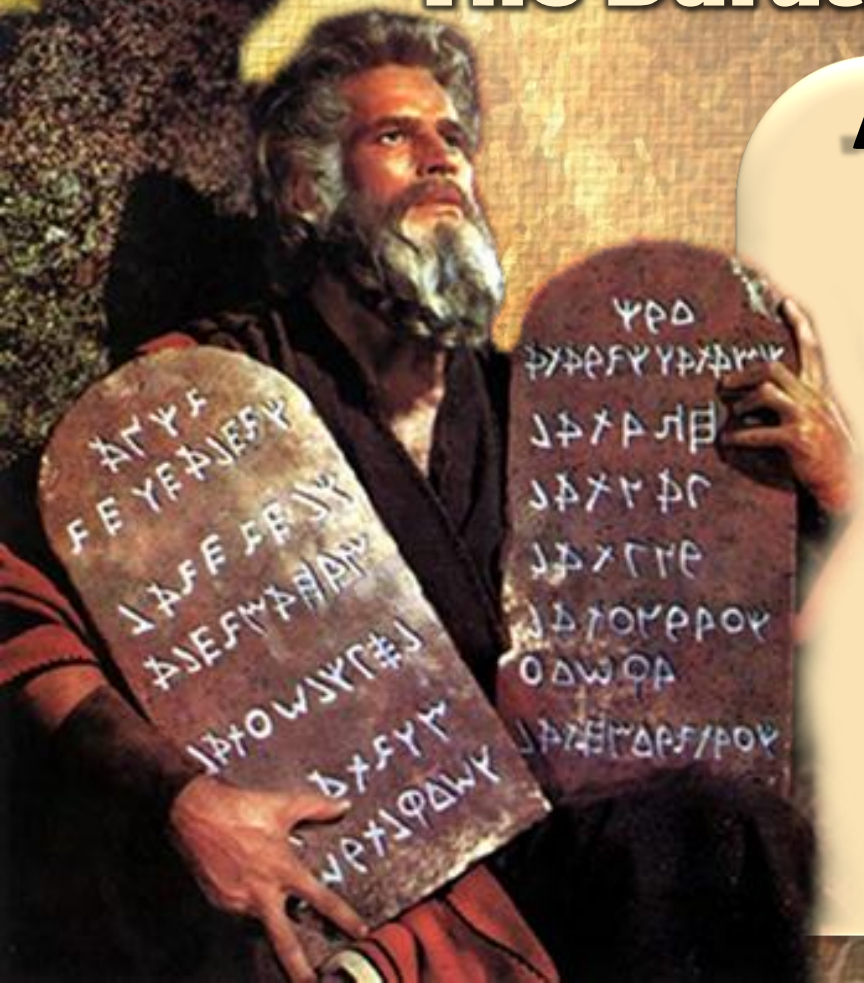
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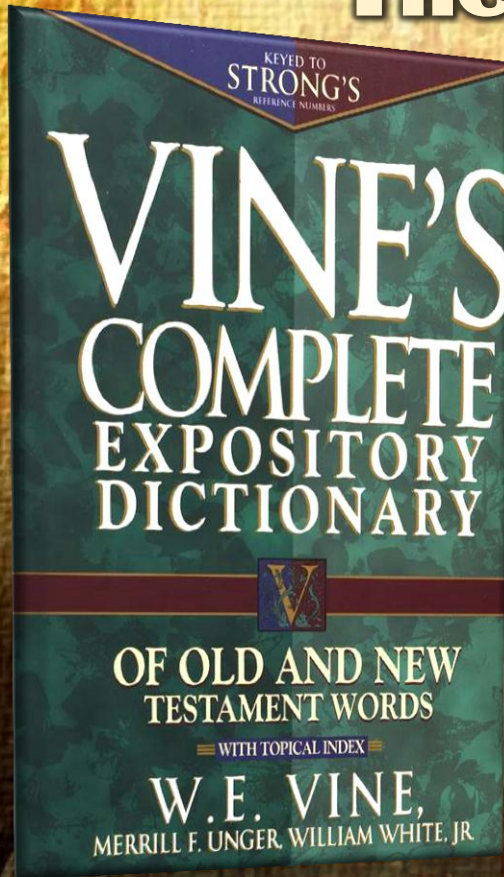
- ◆ **The Levitical priesthood** – Exodus 40:15; Deut. 18:5; Numbers 25:13; Heb 11:7-16
- ◆ **The Passover and feast of unleavened bread** – Exodus 12:14-24
- ◆ **The Sabbath** – Exodus 31:12-17



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Everlasting; Forever

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- ◆ “Eternity” in the sense of not being limited to the present
- ◆ With the preposition 'ad, the word can mean “into the indefinite future”
- ◆ In the largest number of its occurrences. . . with the preposition le. . . - “simple duration.”

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JESUS CAME?

Not to destroy –

(Thayer) - kataluw

kataluo - Metaph. to
overthrow i.e. render
vain, deprive of
success, bring to
naught, to subvert,
overthrow

(Matthew 24:2)

Matthew 5:17-20 (NKJV)

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- ◆ **Fulfilled every prophecy –** Deut. 18:15,18-19; Is 53:1-12; Dan 2:44; Mark 9:1; Col. 1:13; John 18:37
- ◆ **Fulfilled it by perfectly keeping it –** Heb 4:15; 1 Pet 2:22
- ◆ **Fulfilled it by satisfying its demand for justice, offering Himself as the all sufficient sacrifice –** Heb 9:23-28

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John 17:4 (NKJV)

⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

(John 4:34; 19:30)

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Galatians 3:23-25 (NKJV)

²³ But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

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Hebrews 10:9

then He said, "Behold, I have
come to do Your will, O God."
He takes away the first that He
may establish the second.

7:12, Change -

7:18, Annulling -

8:13, Obsolete

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**If it can be shown
that ANY part of the
Law has ceased to
remain in force –
then it has all ceased
to be in force**

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The Relevance of The Law For Us

Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.



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- ◆ **It Is The Word of God –**
2 Pet 1:20-21
- ◆ **It Was Written For Our**
Admonition – 1 Cor. 10:11
- ◆ **It was written for our**
learning – Romans 15:4
- ◆ **Makes one wise regarding**
salvation – 2 Tim 3:15

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- ✦ **Life's basic questions are answered . . .**
- ✦ **God holds man accountable to a divine standard . . .**
- ✦ **The nature and attributes of God are revealed . . .**
- ✦ **The OT has immeasurable evidential value . . .**
- ✦ **The OT furnishes the background for much of the NT.**

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◆ TO WHOM WAS IT GIVEN?

◆ WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE?

◆ WHAT WAS TO BE ITS DURATION?

◆ ITS RELEVANCE TO US?

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