

# The Law of Moses and The Law of Messiah

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# Introduction

# Wrong Divisions

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- Ceremonial – Legal – Moral
- Ten and 603 commandments

# The Means

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- **Given by means of angels:**
  - **Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:2**

# The Recipients

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- **Given to Israel:**
  - **Not to the Gentiles**
  - **Not to the Church**
- **Deuteronomy 4:7-8; Psalm 147:19-20; Malachi 4:4**



# The Purpose of the Law of Moses

# Introduction

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- **Never given as a means of salvation:**
  - **Romans 3:20, 28**
  - **Galatians 3:11, 21**

# In Relationship to God

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# Reveal God's Holiness and Standard

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- **To reveal God's holiness and the standard of righteousness:**
  - **Leviticus 11:44; 19:1-2, 37**
  - **The Law was holy, righteous and good – Romans 7:12**

# In Relationship to Israel

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# Rule of Life for Old Testament Saints

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- **Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7-8, 26**
  - **I Peter 1:15-16**
- **Not for the purpose of justification – Romans 3:28**
- **The Law was a delight and the center of the spiritual life of an Old Testament saint – Psalm 119:77, 97, 103-104, 159**

# Worship

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- To provide for Israel occasions for individual and corporate worship
  - Leviticus 23

# Keep the Jews a Distinct People (1/2)

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- **Scripture:**

- **Exodus 19:5-8; 31:13**
- **Leviticus 11:44-45**
- **Deuteronomy 7:6; 14:1-2**

# Keep the Jews a Distinct People (2/2)

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- **Worship habits: Leviticus 1-7; 16; 23**
- **Eating habits: Leviticus 11:1-47**
  - **Sexual habits: Leviticus 12**
- **Clothing habits: Leviticus 19:19**
- **Beard habits: Leviticus 19:27**

# In Relationship to the Gentiles

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# The Wall of Partition

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- **The Law of Moses served as a middle wall of partition:**
- **To keep Gentiles from enjoying Jewish spiritual blessings**
  - **Ephesians 2:11-16; 3:5-6**



In Relationship to Sin

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# To Reveal Sin

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- **Romans 3:19-20 – Not to justify but to bring knowledge**
  - **Romans 7:7 – Know sin through the Law**
- **Galatians 3:19 – It was added because of transgressions**

# To Make One Sin More

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- **Romans 4:15 – Where there is no law, there is no transgression**
- **Romans 5:20 – The Law came in besides so that trespasses may abound**
- **I Corinthians 15:56 – The power of sin is the Law**
- **Romans 7:8-11 – How it works**

# Cannot please God

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- To show there is nothing one can do to please God
  - Romans 7:12-25

# To Drive One to Faith

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- **Romans 8:1-4**
- **Galatians 3:24-25**



# The Unity of the Law of Moses

# Singularity of the Word

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- Word used is always single although it contains 613 commandments
  - Hebrew – *Torah*
  - Greek – *Nomos*

# James 2:10

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- **To break one is to break the whole Law**
- **Can only be true if the Law is a unit**



# Conclusion

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- To be viewed as a unit
- Not divided into parts that have been done away with and parts that have not
- No basis to give some commandments a different status to other commandments

The Law of Moses  
Has Been  
Rendered Inoperative

# Romans 7:1-6

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- **The wife was freed from the law because a death had taken place (vs.1-3)**
- **Believers are dead to the Law through the body of Messiah (v4)**
  - **We are discharged from the Law (v6)**

# Romans 10:4

## Messiah is the end of the Law

Greek Word	Both points are true	Primary Interpretation
<p><i>'Telos'</i></p> <p>May mean 'goal' or 'end'</p> <p>Primary meaning – 'end' or 'termination'</p>	<p>Messiah is the goal of the Law</p> <p>Messiah is the termination of the Law</p>	<p>Messiah is the end of the Law:</p> <p>No justification through the Law – Galatians 2:16</p> <p>No sanctification through the Law – Hebrews 7:19</p>

# Galatians 3:19

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- **The Law was a temporary administration: An addition to the Abrahamic Covenant**
  - **Purpose: To make sin very clear**
  - **Temporary: Until the Seed should come**
- **Now the Seed has come, the addition, the Law, has ceased to function**

# Galatians 3:24-25

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- **The Law is a tutor:**
- **The Law was a pedagogue over a minor to bring him to mature faith (v24)**
- **Believers are no longer under the Law (v25)**

# Ephesians 2:14-15

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- **The Law served as a middle wall of partition that kept the Gentiles from enjoying the spiritual blessings of the Jewish covenants**
- **This middle wall was broken down with the death of Messiah**
- **Result: Gentile believers have become partakers of Jewish spiritual blessings**

# Hebrews 7:11-18

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- A new priesthood required a change of law (vs.11-14)
- A future Melchizedekian Priesthood implied a change of the Law would take place (vs.15-17)
- This is what has happened and now there is a new law for a new priesthood (v18)



# Hebrews 8:13

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- **The Law of Moses became old at the time Jeremiah prophesied the coming of the New Covenant**
- **The Law of Moses vanished away when Messiah died**

# II Corinthians 3:2-11

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Law of Moses	Ten Commandments		Law of Messiah
<p>Ministration of death (v7)</p> <p>Ministration of condemnation (v9)</p>	<p>Spotlight on them</p> <p>Engraven on stones (vs.3, 7)</p>	<p>Passed away (vs.7, 11)</p> <p><i>'Katargeo'</i> – To render inoperative</p> <p>Been rendered inoperative</p>	<p>Superior</p> <p>Will never be rendered inoperative</p>

The Messianic  
Believer is Under a  
New Law

# Names

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- **The Law of the Spirit of Life – Romans 8:2**
  - **The Law of Messiah – Galatians 6:2**

# Definition

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- **The many individual commandments from Messiah and the Apostles applicable for the New Testament believer**

# Provisions (1/2)

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<b>Commandments</b>	<b>The Law of Moses</b>	<b>The Law of Messiah</b>
<b>Many are the same</b>	<b>The Ten Commandments</b>	<b>Nine of the Ten Commandments</b>
<b>Many are different</b>	<b>Sabbath Law and Dietary Code</b>	<b>No Sabbath Law – Romans 14:5; Colossians 2:16</b> <b>No dietary Code – Mark 7:19; Romans 14:20</b>

# Provisions (2/2)

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Commandments	The Law of Moses	The Law of Messiah
Some are intensified	Love neighbor as yourself – Leviticus 19:8	Love as Messiah has loved us – John 15:12
Motivation	Do – In order to be blessed	You are blessed – Therefore, do

# Reasons for Confusion (1/2)

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- **The Law of Messiah contains some of the commandments found in the Law of Moses**
- **The Bible has a number of law codes and often a newer code contains some of the commandments of the previous code**



## **Reasons for Confusion (2/2)**

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- **This does not mean the previous code is in effect**
- **The same is true of the Law of Messiah and the Law of Moses**



# The Principle of Freedom

# Freedom From the Law Means ...

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- Free from any obligation to keep any of the 613 commandments
- Free to keep the commandments which do not compromise New Testament truth

# Biblical Basis: Actions of Paul

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- Vow of Acts 18:8 based on Numbers 6:2, 5, 9, 18
- Desire to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost in Acts 20:16 was based on Deuteronomy 16:16
- Paul took a vow to show that he was not teaching against Jewish circumcision – Acts 21:17-26

# Dangers to be Avoided

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- **No value in justification or sanctification**
  - **No merit before God**
- **Expecting others to keep certain commandments – Legalism**
  - **No increase of Jewishness or spirituality**