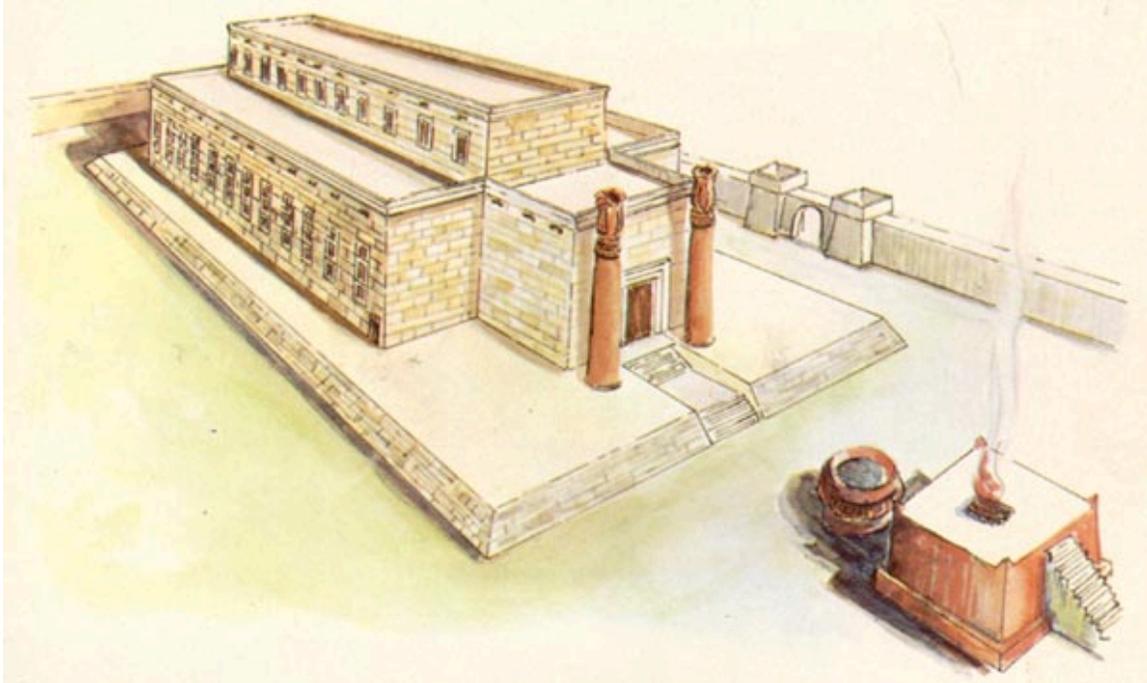


ORAL COMMANDMENTS

Eph. 2:14-15 *“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broken down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of **commandments** contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into **one new man**, thus establishing peace,”*



The commandments spoken of in this verse are the oral commandments of the Rabbis, which can also include the doctrine and dogma of the churches, not the commandments of the Torah.

The dividing wall that Paul is talking about here is mistranslated all the time to mean that Jews and Gentiles are made one. This is not at all what He is talking about. The dividing wall spoken of here is the one in the Temple. Paul is saying that Yeshua made it possible for the Gentiles to be part of the “called out people”, Israel. Some believe this means that the Jews could become part of the Gentile culture but this is silly when you think of it. The Jews were the “chosen people”, not the Gentiles. Normally in the Temple of old the Gentiles could not come into the outer court, but because of Yeshua's death on the stake all could come directly into the Holy of Holies, both Gentile and Jew, who accepted Yeshua as their Savior and were obedient to His Torah. The dividing wall of the Temple was also symbolically the same as the fence of the Torah, which separates those who follow Torah and are protected, from those outside the fence. Just as the Holy of Holies was made of individual bricks kept together by mortar, we also are kept together by the mortar of Yah's Word. When the bricks are united they form a fence (hedge) around the community of Believers, the Torah community of Believers, and we are protected from the influences of Satan's world. The law spoken of here is the “oral law” made up by the Jews to protect the Temple area. Also refer to Rom. 2:28-29, Phil. 3:3, 1Cor. 12:2, 1Ths. 1:9, Rom. 11:17.

The “one new man” spoken of here is often misunderstood as meaning that in the body of Yeshua there are no more Jews or Gentiles, that we all become one and the same. This is partially correct, but actually means that though we are all to receive “new life” when we put our trust in Messiah, we become new creations, not all the same. How can we all be the same when we are obviously from various nationalities. Yeshua’s final sacrifice brought us two groups of people (Believers in Yeshua and His Torah) under the same heading of Yahveh. The “new man” (Israel) is not a new breed of people, but a combination of Jews and gentiles who believe in the same master, Yeshua. We are the righteous remnant of Israel and the righteous remnant of Gentiles grafted into Israel as one of a new creation in Messiah. We all become those righteous ones who’s hearts have the Torah written on them, called Israelites.

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