

FOUR TYPES OF LAW..INSTRUCTIONS PT 1 OF 6

Most people don't realize how important law is, and most don't realize that the "Law/instructions" referred to in the Bible can be one of at least FOUR distinct and different meanings. Throughout the Bible the, "Law" (instructions) referred to, can pertain to any one of the following, depending entirely on its context:

SACRIFICIAL LAW

OLD TESTAMENT (TENACH)

ORAL LAW (RABBINICAL LAW/MISHNA)

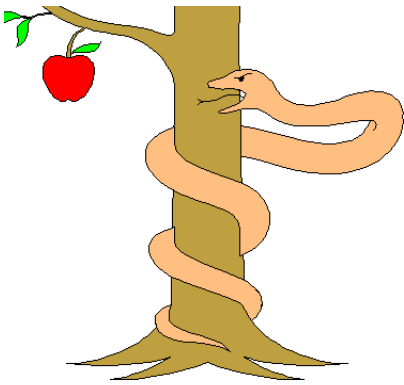
MOSAIC LAW/FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES/TORAH

When we read the Bible we must understand which Law is given reference to, or we will completely miss the proper meaning of the passage.

Abba is our Father, and Father's have rules for their children if they truly love them. What does a father do for his children? He provides for them! He keeps them safe! He rescues them from danger, and then gives them the law! If a child doesn't listen to his Father and breaks the rules, there are consequences for doing so. Not because the Father wants to prove his domination over the child, but because real Father's have selfless love. Sometimes, because we truly care for our children, we must punish them, (tuff love). It is an unfortunate part of a parents job, but because we love them, we must discipline them. Likewise, our Abba disciplines His children according to their obedience (regard) for His rules (instructions)(Rev. 3:19, Hebr. 12:6).

IN THE BEGINNING

The laws (instructions), existed long before Moses received them on Mount Sinai. The law of the Saturday Sabbath was established long before Moses. It was established at the beginning of time. There was a long period prior to Mount Sinai. There must have been a standard of right and wrong, or man couldn't have existed. The Sodomites and others perished in the flood because of their wrong doings. If they were doing things wrong, that meant there must have been a proper set of rules declaring what was right. Our Yah would not have killed millions of people with the flood for committing sins, if He hadn't let them know what sin was. The actual laws of Moses are Exod. 21-23, given after the Ten Commandments.



When Cain killed Abel Adonai said **Gen. 4:7** "If you do well, will not {your countenance} be lifted up? And if you do not do well, **sin is crouching at the door**; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." Here it shows that sin was crouching at the door. In order for there to be sin, there must have been rules. Sin is called lawlessness. Sin is also known as leaven. Lawlessness (1John 3:4), sin, and leaven, are common ingredients found all over the world. Leaven puffs up, and so sin and lawlessness cause pride, which is a puffing up of ones self (Matt. 16:6)

All of man's problems are the result of broken law. **1John 3:4** "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness." **1John 3:8** "the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of Yah appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil." also established in **Rom. 3:20** "because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law (comes) the knowledge of sin"

When Joseph acknowledged adultery in regards to his Egyptian masters wife he must have known adultery was sin. How did he know if there were no rules? **Gen. 39:9** "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and **sin against Yah?**" Immediately before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah Adonai told Abraham. **Gen. 18:20** "And Adonai said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and **their sin is exceedingly grave.**"

How could their sin be grave if there was no law? You can't be punished in court if you haven't broken any laws!

Yahveh never spoke about the Law in Genesis because Genesis was the book about creation, it was a brief summary of origin, and a history of the beginnings, from the Garden Of Eden, to Egypt.

Exod. 16:28 "Then Adonai said to Moses, "**How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?**" This meant that there had to have been commandments for Moses to keep prior to Mount Sinai.

The fact is; there were commandments prior Mt. Sinai, El Gibor had somehow made them known to the people. How?, we don't know for sure because the book doesn't say. But they were there to guide the people. When Yah gave Moses the Law on the stone tablets, it was just to re-emphasize them and bring them back out front for the people. He did this to re-acknowledge there importance. He did this to formally establish a covenant between Himself and Israel.

The Sabbath forms the centre of the Law. The fourth commandment, about the Sabbath, consists of 55 Hebrew words. It contains approx. half of the 108 Hebrew words of the total in the Ten Commandments. This in itself shows its significance. It was inserted between the first three which deal with man's relationship to Yahveh, and the last six, which deal with man's relationship with man; as a bridge connecting the important relationship between the two concepts; "rest".

In Ezekiel it explains that if we have Yahveh's spirit in us, we will walk with Him and follow His ordinances, His commands. If we truly have His spirit in us, we will follow His commandments without even thinking about it. If one cannot do so, willingly, than one must truly question whether or not one has the spirit of Yahveh leading him. **Ezek. 36:27** "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to **walk in My, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.**" If one is not being lead to follow in the direction of the Torah then one must search and find out why.

Most Believers consider King David as a great man of the Old Testament. What did David say in **Ps. 1:1-3?** "HOW blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, **Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!**" **But his delight is in the law of Adonai, And in His law he meditates day and night.** And he will be like a tree {firmly} planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; **And in whatever he does, he prospers.**" Sinners are those who don't follow the law. Later, King David again talks about the law. **Ps. 119:44-45** "So I will keep Thy law **continually, Forever and ever.** And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Thy precepts." and once again he makes it clear what His opinion is in **Ps. 119:48** "And I shall **lift up my hands to Thy commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Thy statutes.**"

What is a statute, or ordinance, compared to a law? A perfect example of a statute compared to a law is the following. In most areas of the Province it is illegal to walk a dog without a leash. This makes total sense in most cities for obvious reasons, yet it makes no sense out in the country. It is a statute compared to a law. People out in the country would have no problem with someone walking their dog without a leash.

From the Hebrew point of view, the Torah laws are seen from two ways. The "Severe" laws are between man and Elohim (the place), and the "life" laws in regards to mankind's interaction between each other. The severe laws, for example: keeping the sabbath, are of course much more important than moral, or life laws. The consequences of breaking a severe law compared to a life law are much greater.

In Old Testament times many people thought they were required to follow the Law in order to receive "salvation". To not receive the "curse of the law", the people had to follow the law, but after the "stake/cross", Yeshua made it possible for the "curse of the law" to be removed. This didn't mean that the curse of the law (legalism), was automatically removed, it just made it possible to have it removed. This didn't mean that we should neglect or not follow the law, it just meant it should become part of us, on our heart. We don't follow it to receive salvation. **Deut. 28:45** "So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, **because you would not obey Adonai Yahveh by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.**" With the Spirit of Yahveh writing His Law on our hearts, we can now be released from the curse of the Mosaic Law when we break it. **Faith alone brings our salvation.**

It is true that "works" will not get anyone "salvation," but everyone's "works" will determine where he fits into the Kingdom of Yahveh when Yeshua comes back upon the earth as "King of Kings", to rule in His "ONE WORLD ORDER", "ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT" and "ONE WORLD RELIGION". Too many people today have been duped into believing that "works" is not important, even though it was made clear in the Bible. For example.. In the gospel of Matthew. **Matt. 16:27** "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and **WILL THEN RECOMPENSE EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.**" and in **Eph. 2:8-10** "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, {it is} the gift of Yahveh; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua **for good works, which Yahveh prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**"



MOSAIC LAW-COVENANT-FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES/MOSHE TORAH DICTATED

The Torah (first five books of the Old Testament), minus Deuteronomy, were DICTATED to Moses by Yahveh HIMSELF. Moses was not inspired to write what he wrote. Yahveh dictated the words to Moses and he wrote them down. The book of Deuteronomy was not dictated by Yah to Moses. Moses spoke those words to the second generation Israelites just before they entered into the promised land as a reminder of their past. He summarized everything so they could see that following Yah was the answer to everything in the Promised land. That is the reason the Torah and the Prophets is so important, far more important than any other part of our Bible. That is why it is called the footing/foundation of the WORD OF YAHVEH. It wasn't the opinion of Moses that was written down, it was the actual word of Yah written down in what is called Paleo Hebrew (square Hebrew), one of the first ever languages written. There are no other scrolls (five books) that were dictated by Yah. It's significance cannot be overrated. If you have no other written word, the Torah will guide you to salvation through faith in our Almighty, just as it did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the Torah all the instructions ever needed were set down for us. The Torah is the dictionary for the Re-newed Testament.

All the books in our Bible, other than the torah and prophets, were written by men and women INSPIRED by Yahveh's Holy Spirit. **Each of those (over 40) individuals wrote the epistles', letters, psalms, proverbs, acts, etc., INSPIRED by the Holy Spirit, not DICTATED TO BY YAHVEH.** There is a huge difference between dictation and inspiration. It is similar to hearsay compared to eye witness. The writers of the books other than the Torah, each had their own personality or trait that was inspired by the Holy Spirit. As individuals, they wrote of their personal experiences and encounters from their perspective, guided by the HOLY SPIRIT. Please keep this in mind when reading the Bible, it is a major key to understanding the Bible.

As you read these books/letters you will see the personalities of these individuals show up in the words written. They all have slightly different ways of doing and perceiving things. Let me give you an example of what I mean. Let's say we all went to a football game. At the end of the game we are all asked to write a summary of the game we witnessed. All those in attendance saw the same game but from perhaps different angles. Some are very interested in the details of the game, while others were more interested in people watching. Some rooted for the winning team, and some for the losers. Some like the uniforms, some liked the half-time show. Can you see where I'm going yet? If all of those people now sat down and wrote a summary of the game, they would all come up with various descriptions of the events that took place, even though they would all know the end score of the game, and who won. The gist of the summaries would all be the same, but the descriptions would vary. Everyone at the game saw the same thing, but wrote it down from different perspectives. If you keep that s in mind when reading the Bible, it will help tremendously.

We must always remember that the Bible as we know it originated in Hebrew, was translated into Greek, then from Greek into Latin, then from Latin to German, then into English. It's easy to see why there is so much confusion.

We must always keep in mind what Isaiah said so well in, **Isa. 28:9-10** *"To whom would He teach knowledge, And to whom would He interpret the message? Those [just] weaned from milk? Those [just] taken from the breast? "For [He says], 'Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there.'"*

THE LAW..INSTRUCTIONS..TEACHINGS

What is commonly referred to as "THE" LAW, is the Mosaic Covenant. There are actually 613 commands in the five books of Moses compared to over 1,000 commands in the Renewed Testament. These commands were set up to reveal everything that man would ever require to have true justice, morality, and an everlasting closeness in our walk with Adonai. If followed, mankind could have peace and perfect order on earth. These ordinances and rules make possible the ultimate saintly society known as the One World Order, One World Government, and One World Religion, that Yah has available to us. This is His diagram and detailed instructions for a true Biblical society, the Kingdom Of Yah.

Have the heaven and earth passed away yet? The law NEVER passes away, as so clearly shown in **Luke 16:17** *"But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail."*

These commandments can be broken up in various ways. These commands are divided up into different groups, some specifically for: women, men, prophets, slaves, Levites, witnesses, soldiers, orphans, leaders, false prophets, priests, kings, children, elders, temple, and sacrifices. Not all these commands are for all the people. Throughout the Torah we discover incredibly advanced medical laws and principals that are designed to protect us from the devastating diseases that have afflicted mankind throughout history. It is fascinating to note that a total of 213 of the 613 torah commandments were detailed medical regulations that insured the good health of the children of Israel if they would obediently follow the laws of Yah.

When you consider that most Nations have millions of laws set forth, it seems ridiculous that proclaimed christians ignore most of the laws Yah gave us in His instructions.

Throughout history the Pharisees (religious leaders) have been adding man-made oral laws to the Torah, making it a burden for those trying to follow these traditions. On the other side of the coin we have the proclaimed Christians who have tried to remove laws from the Torah because they don't agree with them. These Christians have created lawlessness, while being under the millions of laws of the secular government.

The everlasting (perpetual) Mosaic Covenant is split up into four categories, each one pertaining to a separate set of rules. They are as follows:

(A) THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (as listed in Exod. 20 and Deut. 5)

(B) THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM/LAW (the ways of sacrificing)

(C) THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM/LAW (criminal and civil codes)

(D) THE MODELS OF WORSHIP AND LIFESTYLE (holidays, dietary, dealing with diseases, tithing, etc.)

The Mosaic covenant is talked about in Deut 28 in regards to the people following the commandments of Adonai and receiving the blessings, or not following the commandments and receiving the curses. Putting it another way, they were given the choice between prosperity, abundance, and victory over their enemies if they followed the rules, or defeat, exile from the land, plagues, poverty, oppression, illness, disaster, and frustration, if they didn't. The people were given an obvious choice; the covenant was conditional, either they would, or they wouldn't, follow it's instructions. The importance of the Law was written about in **Hebr. 10:26-28** ***"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on {the testimony of} two or three witnesses."***

Many people think of the law as being Moses law, but the scriptures explain it is Yahveh's law. It is often referred to as "Moses Law" but this is simply a Hebrew idiom. It is Yah's law. Yah DICTATED IT to Moses and Moses wrote it down line upon line precept upon precept, every jot and tittle. **Rom. 7:22** ***"For I joyfully concur with the law of Yahveh in the inner man," Rom. 8:7*** ***"because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward Yahveh; for it does not subject itself to the law of Yah, for it is not even able {to do so} ;"***

There are actually 613 "commands" that Yahveh told us to keep. If these laws were followed (other than the sacrificial laws, sacrificial system, temple, and the ones pertaining in any way to the priesthood), we would have a "moral society". We would live like Yahveh intended us to live. Only about 85 of these laws are for the average person. These 613 commands are summed up as the "Ten Commandments". If these rules were followed by all of society, we would have no need for the unjust judicial system we now have in place.

A person, (for example) who constantly drives much faster than the reasonably applied posted speed limit, is a menace to the population and a danger to all. A person who does such a thing is a REBEL. Refusing to follow the laws of Yahveh is spiritual rebellion. Spiritual rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.

1Sam. 15:23 ***"For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of Adonai, He has also rejected you from {being} king."***

Many people insist that the law was done away with, but they cannot disprove what the word of Yah says in hundreds of scriptures. Here are but a few that tell of its importance for us HOLY PEOPLE, for all generations. If we do not stand out, if we are not truly Holy, then we are simply not true Believers.

Deut. 10:12-13 ***"And now, Israel, what does Adonai Yahveh require from you, but to fear Adonai Yahveh, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve Adonai Yahveh with all your heart and with all your soul, {and} to keep Adonai's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?"***

Deut. 5:32 ***"So you shall observe to do just as Adonai Yahveh has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left."***

Ps. 1:1 ***"HOW blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of Adonai, And in His law he meditates day and night. And he will be like a tree {firmly} planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For Adonai knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish."*** The tree spoken of here is fed by the "living water" of the Torah (law) of Adonai.

Deut. 7:6-8 ***"For you are a holy people to Adonai Yahveh; Adonai Yahveh has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. "Adonai did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because Adonai loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, Adonai brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. "***

Deut. 7:9 ***"Know therefore that Adonai Yahveh, He is Yahveh, the faithful Yahveh, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;"*** A covenant made with Yahveh cannot be broken, that's why in this verse, it says for "a thousand generations".

You might say the instructions of Abba are the true bill of rights:

Right of a search warrant by a judge (Deut. 19:18-19)
Right to a public trial (Deut. 21:19-20)
Right to an appeal (Deut. 17:8-9)
Right to impartial judge (Lev. 19:15)
Right to present evidence (Exod. 22:13-14)
Right to a fair trial (Exod. 20:16)
Right to require two witnesses for the death penalty (Deut. 17:6)
Right to put up a defence (Exod. 32:9-14)
Right to a thorough investigation (Deut. 19;18, 17:4)
Right to a jury (Num. 35:12)

The actual sign of the Mosaic covenant was spoken of in **Ezek. 20:12** *“And also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Adonai who sanctifies them.”* Moses actually sealed the covenant with blood when He sprinkled it on the people. **Exod. 24:8** *“So Moses took the blood and sprinkled {it} on the people, and said, **“Behold the blood of the covenant, which Adonai has made with you in accordance with all these words.”** Blood covenants were “never ending” covenants, so in order to remove the sacrificial part of the covenant, and the Temple, Yah had to provide a final, ultimate sacrifice with His Son, the lamb of Yah. This He did at Calvary, where the sixth covenant actually began. The Re-newed Covenant, or Re-newed Testament (as separated in the Bible), should have actually started after Yeshua’s death.*

Some of the examples of where the word law in the Bible means specifically the Mosaic Law (instructions), are as follows:

Exod. 24:12 *“Now Adonai said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the **law** and the commandment which I have written for their instruction.”*

John 1:17 *“For the **Law** was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Yeshua.”*

Rom. 2:13 *“for not the hearers of the **Law** are just before Yahveh, but the doers of the **Law** will be justified.”*

Rom. 3:31 *“Do we then nullify the **Law** through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the **Law**.”*

John 7:19 *“Did not Moses give you the **Law**, and {yet} none of you carries out the **Law**? Why do you seek to kill Me?”*

Acts 21:24 *“take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses in order that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the **Law**.”*

Matt. 12:5 *“Or have you not read in the **Law**, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath, and are innocent? In this verse it says that the priests can work on the Sabbath, that is their job.*

Matt. 22:36 *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the **Law**?”*

Luke 2:22 *“And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to Adonai”*

Josh. 1:8 *“**This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”*

Acts 24:14 *“But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve Yahveh of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the **Law**, and that is written in the Prophets;”*

1Tim. 1:8-10 *“But we know that the **Law** is good, if one uses it lawfully, realizing the fact that **law** is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the unfaithful and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,”*

Josh. 1:7-8 *“Only be strong and very courageous; **be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left**, so that you may have success wherever you go. “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”*

In one of Isaiah’s prophecies Yeshua was said to come and make the law even greater than it already was. **Isa. 42:21** *“Adonai was pleased for His righteousness’ sake **To make the law great and glorious.**”*

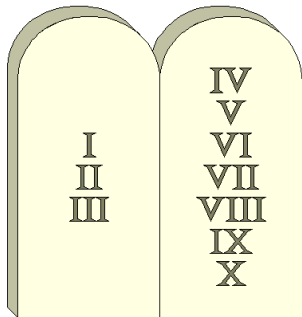
Many of our church leaders don’t seem to understand the Mosaic Law, so they simply don’t teach about it. This of course is blatantly wrong. If they don’t understand it, they should make a point of having someone who does, explain it to them, because lives depend on its understanding or mis-understanding.

1Tim. 1:6-7 *“For some men, **straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.**”*

The half brother of Yeshua, James, tells the people that the law is so important that all of it must be kept or none of it. **James 2:10-11** *“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one {point,} he has become guilty of all. For He who said, “DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,” also said, “DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.”* Here James is referring to the “royal law”, the law of “love”. In other words we can’t pick out laws because we don’t like them. They must be kept with love in mind. (also John 1:45/ Luke 2:39/10:26)

1. TEN COMMANDMENTS (MORAL LAW)

The Ten Commandments are often referred to as the “Decalogue”. The moral law, the **“TEN COMMANDMENTS”**, were written in stone twice, by Yah Himself, given to Moses at Mount Sinai. At Mt. Sinai Yahveh spoke out the ten commandments before He put them on the tablets of stone for Moses. That’s why the people were so terrified of Yah and told Moses to represent them. They said they would agree with anything Yah said as long as Moses would talk direct with Yah. They were terrified to hear Yah speak.



The Ten Commandments were never referred to as the ‘law’ by themselves, although such might be considered in James 2:8.

When Yeshua and others used the word “scriptures” and “holy scriptures” over 20 times, what they were referring to was the Torah. Rom. 1:2, Matt. 21:42, 22:29, 26:54, 26:56, Mark 12:24, 14:49, Luke 24:27, 24:32, 24:45, John 5:39, Acts 17:2, 17:11, 18:24, 18:28, 1Cor. 15:3, 15:4, 2Pet. 3:16. The Torah was always being referred to throughout the Renewed Testament.

Yah only spoke a few times in the Bible, and Mount Sinai was one of these times, (also 2Pet. 1:17). The scriptures have the Ten Commandments recorded twice, so no one could possibly misunderstand or forget their importance. Our Yahveh doesn’t change His mind, when the rules were given out at Mount Sinai they were written in

Hebrew by Yahveh Himself, given out permanently. **Mal. 3:6** *“For I, Adonai, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”* **Hebr. 13:8** *“Yeshua {is} the same yesterday and today, {yes} and forever.”* The people were gathered at Mt. Sinai for one whole year learning about the laws of Adonai.

Our spiritual law, the Decalogue, was given separate from the sacrificial rituals/laws of the Mosaic system to Moses at Mt. Sinai. James called it the “whole law,” or “royal law,” because it contained everything anyone ever required to represent true love and kindness. **James 2:8** *“If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,” you are doing well.”*

In **Mark 10:19** *“You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’”* Do not defraud isn’t in the Ten Commandments, yet it’s mentioned here because Yeshua was always referring to the entire law to be kept, not just the commandments. It is part of the laws as listed in **Lev. 19:18** *“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am Adonai.”*

These commandments made it possible for us to have a starting point, a way of understanding what is right and wrong. In order to know what is or isn’t sin, Yahveh established for us these rules (instructions), to guide us throughout eternity. We were explained that these rules were the basis of everything we need to know and do. He told us to follow them always if we are to be His people. “Sin is” transgression of the law.

1John 3:4 *“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.”*

Many people are familiar with what Yeshua told His people would take place in the end, but most don’t realize that is what is taking place now and has been taking place for many years; “lawlessness”. Lawlessness is failing to keep Yahveh’s laws. Yeshua spoke of it in Matt. 24:12-13 *“And because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. “But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.”* John 15:10 shows clearly that Yeshua followed the commandments. **John 15:10** *“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.”*

Putting it bluntly, no-one can argue the fact that if everyone followed these simple ten rules there would be no sin in the world. Yahveh wrote these rules Himself and put them in “stone”, twice, so we would understand the ultimate importance of them. They were, and are to be our guide in all things. We as Believers, are to have these Ten Commandments imbedded on our hearts and be guided by them at all times.

The longest Psalm in the Bible, 119, explains in detail with 176 verses, how important the ten commandments are to all believers. Anyone who questions their importance need only take the time to read this Psalm to appreciate the significance of the law. The Psalm starts out with a blessing. **Ps. 119:1** *“HOW blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of Adonai.”* This first verse says it all. If this isn’t enough read the following and try to grasp its fullness. **John 14:21** *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My*

Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.” “Disclose myself to him” means Yahveh will reveal Himself and all His treasures to those who are willing to truly love Him and keep His rules from their heart. Until you personally experience this, you cannot even come close to comprehending the true meaning of this. Revelation comes ONLY AFTER we follow His commandments.

The smartest man ever created by Yahveh, was King Solomon, and He followed the commandments until his downfall, when the witchcraft and lust of his pagan wives enticed him to fall away. Solomon had to follow Yah’s laws in order for Yah to consecrate the Temple that was built for Yahveh (1Kgs. 9:3-7). Solomon said: **Prov. 6:23** “**For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,**” **Prov. 7:1-2** “**My son, keep my words, And treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye.**” The Proverbs are used to give man wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, and throughout this great book Solomon mentions the importance of following Yahveh’s commandments.

Societies judicial system was set up using these fundamental ideas of what is right and what is wrong. Believe it or not, we used to have “JUSTICE” in our judicial system. Now, as all people acknowledge, we simply have a “LEGAL” system, which has nothing whatsoever to do with justice. Again Satan has stuck his foot in our midst and taken over.

The commandments are so important to all, that those who do not follow them are “cursed”.
Ps. 119:21 “**Thou dost rebuke the arrogant, the cursed, Who wander from Thy commandments.**”

Eccl. 12:13 “**The conclusion, when all has been heard, {is:} fear Yahveh and keep His commandments, because this {applies to} every person.**”

Question: What was the first commandment that Yahveh spoke? Gen. 1:3 “**Then Yahveh said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.**” “Yahveh said”, means “He commanded”.

What is the definition of a commandment of Yahveh? A commandment is an invitation to share in His holiness.

What is the definition of a blessing? A blessing is an invitation to share in His riches.

Commandments and blessings are tied together very much so. We see them compatible in
Ps. 133:3 “**It is like the dew of Hermon, Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there Adonai commanded the blessing —life forever.**”

The Ten Commandments were given to Moses at Mt. Sinai on the day of Pentecost because these commandments were needed to instruct the people to live holy lives.

The commandments are not just about what we can’t do; they, in fact, make it clear what we can do.

The most important commandment, according to many Jewish people, is the “Shema” commandment of **Deut. 46:4** “**And you shall love the Adonai Yahveh with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might**”. verified by Yeshua in **Matt. 22:37-38** “**And He said to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE ADONAI Yahveh with all your heart, and with all your soul, and WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” “This is the great and foremost commandment.**” The most important statement in the shema is “Adonai is One”.

The six commandments we are told to remember everyday:

- 1) To remember the Pass-over, the coming out of Egypt.
- 2) To remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- 3) To remember the sin of the “golden calf”.
- 4) To remember what Amalek did, how he attacked the Jews. (Deut. 25:17)
- 5) To remember when Yahveh spoke at Mt. Sinai.
- 6) To remember what Myriam did in the wilderness. (Numb. 12:10)

As described in Rev. 22:14 in the NAS and NIV, the “**washing of robes,**” is referring to the cleansing of our sins of the Ten commandments as we ask Yeshua to forgive us. We have the right to ask for forgiveness for breaking the rules and be set free, “washing our robes,” in Yeshua’s name. The Ten commandments show us our sins, they make it possible for us to know what sin is. Sin is being referred to here, the sin of not keeping the laws. **Rev. 22:14** “**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.**”

Matt. 19:16-17 “**And behold, one came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is {only} One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.**” Obviously we should keep the commandments in order to maintain our salvation. A heart submissive to the will of Adonai, essential to faith, is reflected in obedience, keeping the ten commandments. Here, in the book of Matthew Yeshua is again uplifting, upholding, exemplifying the importance of the Old Testament instructions. In Matt. 19:18 Yeshua recites 5 of the 10 commandments; then He speaks of the one that summarizes those five, “love” in verse 37. Yeshua was not introducing two new commandments, (as some would have you believe), He is reciting right out of Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18. If you begin with these two commandments you have the basic underlying principals of all the teachings of the Old Testament. Even the prophets of old stressed love as being important.

It’s safe to say that Yeshua didn’t abolish the commandments. Yeshua Himself kept the first

commandment: (Exod. 20:3) *"You shall have no other gods before Me."* He kept the second commandment (Exod. 20:4-6) *"You shall not make for yourself an idol,"* He certainly didn't take the name of Adonai in vain, the third (Exod. 20:7). He clearly honored the fifth *"Honor your father and your mother"* (Exod. 20:12). The sixth, He didn't murder (Exod. 20:13), the seventh, He didn't commit adultery (Exod. 20:14), He didn't steal (Exod. 20:15), He didn't bear false witness (Exod. 20:16), and He didn't covet (Exod. 20:17). But what about the one missing from this list. What about the fourth commandment, the one with the most words in it. Many claim that this is the one that Yeshua relaxed. **Exod. 20:8-11** ***"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."*** Did He? Of course not!, that's an insult to the intelligence of all real Believers. If we look closely at **Mark 2:27-28** ***"And He was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."*** We can see that the Sabbath was created for man's benefit, which is what is implied in Gen. 2. **For those who claim its for the Jews only, I must point something out. At that time, there weren't any Jews at all on the face of the earth.**

There is no doubt that Paul kept the commandments. Why would Paul keep them if they were abolished. In 1Cor. 8:5-6 Paul showed us that He kept the first commandment. In 1Cor. 10:14 Paul shows that He kept the 2nd. commandment. In 1Tim. 6:1 He talks about not using the name of Adonai in vain. In Col. 3:8, Acts 13:42-44 Paul makes it clear He honored the Sabbath day. In Eph. 6:1-3 we see that He honored the 5th. commandment and so on and so on. Paul certainly didn't murder, commit adultery, steal, give false witness, or covet. The simple truth is, Sha'ul, like all the other holy teachers and men of Yah, kept the commandments and teachings of Yah.

Paul again shows us how important the commandments are in **Rom. 13:9** ***"For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."*** Here He is reciting from the Old Testament Lev. 19:18. Does that sound like a man who has abolished the instructions of Yah?

There is no contradiction in Paul's epistles. When Sha'ul speaks positively of the teachings, He is speaking of its educative function. When He speaks negatively, He is speaking of the role of the instructions as our custodian or tutor.

The Ten Commandments are even called the apple of Yahveh's eye in **Prov. 7:2** ***"Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye"*** The commandments are known to Yahveh as "the apple of His eye", therefore those who don't keep them are sticking their finger in His eye, and the Bible is clear as to what will happen to those who do so (Zech. 2:8).

People who follow the commandments are much more likely to "receive" **1John 3:21-22** ***"Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before Yahveh; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."***

When all is said and done, it comes down to this: The Torah (which is summed up as the Ten Commandments) is light, lawlessness (Torahlessness) is darkness: Rom. 13:12, 2Cor. 4:6, Col. 1:12, Eph. 5:8,14, 1Ths. 5:5, 1Pet. 2:9, 1John1:7, Rev. 22:1-5.

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