

ARE DECALOGUE AND CEREMONIAL LAWS THE SAME?

INTRODUCTION

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1. STUDYING WITH FRIEND ON THE TOPIC OF GOD'S ETERNAL SABBATH.
 2. HIS REFERENCE ATTACKING THE 4TH COMM. WAS **COL. 2:16**. "LET NO ONE, THEN, JUDGE YOU IN EATING OR IN DRINKING OR IN RESPECT OF A FEAST OR OF A NEW MOON OR OF SABBATH DAYS, WHICH ARE A **SHADOW** OF THINGS TO COME." (**SHADOW MEANS** PRE-FIGURING OF THINGS TO COME, NAMELY **CHRIST** THE MESSIAH **SHEDDING HIS BLOOD** FOR MANKIND.)
 - A. IS THIS PASSAGE IDENTIFYING THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT OF THE DECALOGUE OR IS IT SPEAKING OF THE CEREMONIAL LAWS?
 3. ANSWERING THIS QUESTION WILL BE THE FOCUS OF OUR ATTENTION THIS SABBATH MORNING.
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WE SHALL REVIEW THE HISTORY OF THE **WEEKLY** SABBATH AND THEN THE **YEARLY** SABBATHS & HOLY DAYS OF THE CEREMONIAL LAW

I.

WEEKLY SABBATH OF DECALOGUE

- A. **GEN. 2: 1-3-** WEEKLY SABBATH ESTB. AT CREATION. (**READ**)
 1. JUST AS MUCH A PART OF CREATION AS IS SUN, MOON, STARS, TREES, WATER, & MAN HIMSELF.
- B. IN FORCE IN HEAVEN BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.
- C. **I JOHN 3:4-** SIN IS TRANSGRESSION OF LAW.
- D. SIN IN HEAVEN? YES.
 1. SATAN COVETED. **ISAIAH 14:12**.
 2. THEREFORE, THE DECALOGUE WAS IN FORCE IN HEAVEN WHEN SATAN STAGED REBELLION AGAINST GOD AND CHRIST.

- E. SABBATH CONFIRMED IN DECALOGUE, WRITTEN BY FINGER OF GOD. (**EX. 20:2-17; DEUT. 5:6-21.**)
- E. JAMES WRITES THAT WE SHALL BE JUDGED BY THE DECALOGUE, **JAMES 2: 10-12.** (HE NAMES 2 OF THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO CONFUSION CONCERNING THE LAW BY WHICH WE SHALL BE JUDGED.)
- F. CONFIRMED BY WOMEN WHO WAITED UNTIL AFTER THE SABBATH TO EMBALM THE BODY OF CHRIST. (**LUKE 23: 55-56.**)
- G. **ACTS 17: 1-4,** PAUL KEEPS SABBATH.
- H. **MATT. 5,** CHRIST CONFIRMS DECALOGUE. **LUKE 4:16-21.**
- I. TELLS FOLLOWERS TO PRAY THAT (WHEN JERUSALEM IS DESTROYED) THEIR FLIGHT FROM JERUSALEM WILL NOT BE ON SABBATH. **MATT. 24:20.** (NOTE: THIS HISTORICAL EVENT TOOK PLACE IN 70 A.D., MANY YEARS AFTER CHRIST'S DEATH ON CROSS.)
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II. CEREMONIAL **YEARLY** FEAST DAYS/SABBATHS OF CEREMONIAL LAW (**TEMPORARY**)

- J. PURPOSE OF CEREMONIAL LAW: TO PROVIDE A **TEMPORARY** METHOD BY WHICH MAN'S SINS COULD BE FORGIVEN BEFORE THE COMING OF CHRIST, THE MESSIAH.
- K. SPILLING THE BLOOD OF ANIMALS PRE-FIGURED THE COMING MESSIAH, WHO WOULD SHED HIS BLOOD FOR HUMANITY.

L. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SLAIN **PASSOVER LAMB** (WITH ITS BLOOD SPRINKLED ON THE DOORPOSTS OF THE JEWS PREPARING TO LEAVE EGYPT) WAS A TYPE (SYMBOL) OF THE COMING MESSIAH, **CHRIST**, WHO WOULD SHED HIS BLOOD FOR MANKIND, ONCE FOR ALL. **HEB. 10:10**

II. (NOTE: THERE WERE **7 TEMPORARY YEARLY SABBATHS** AND **7 TEMPORARY YEARLY FEASTS** IN THE CEREMONIAL LAWS.)

1. THESE ARE “**SHADOW**” SABBATHS AND FEAST DAYS SPOKEN OF IN **COL. 2 AND HEB. 9**. ALL OF THESE YEARLY DAYS, IN SOME WAY, POINTED TO **CHRIST**, OUR MESSIAH. WHEN HE LIVED DIED, AROSE, AND WENT TO THE FATHER IN HEAVEN TO INTERCEDE FOR US.
2. THESE ANNUAL FEASTS/SABBATHS WERE **ANNULLED** BY HIS BLOOD SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS.
3. **CHRIST IS OUR PASSOVER**, TAKING THE PLACE OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE CEREMONIAL LAWS. **1 COR. 5:7.*******
4. **CHRIST ABOLISHED** THE COMMANDMENTS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES, **EPH. 2:14-15**.
5. **CHRIST BLOTTED OUT THE ORDINANCES, NAILING THEM TO THE CROSS. COL. 2:14.**
6. **SOME JEWISH CONVERTS TO CHRIST, WERE WANTING THE NEW GENTILE CONVERTS TO CONTINUE OBSERVING SOME OF THESE ORDINANCES OF THE CEREMONIAL LAW, WHICH CHRIST’S DEATH HAD ANNULLED. THEREFORE, PAUL WRITES THAT THE GENTILES SHOULD NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO JUDGE THEM**

IN MATTERS OF KEEPING THESE DAYS AND ORDINANCES SINCE CHRIST'S LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION MADE AN END OF THEM. **COL. 2:16,17.**

7. **HEB. 9:8-12-** THESE CEREMONIAL MEATS, DRINKS, WASHINGS, ORDINANCES WERE IMPOSED UNTIL THE COMING OF CHRIST, OUR SACRIFICE AND HIGH PRIEST, "HAVING OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US."
8. GOD **TOOK AWAY THE FIRST** (CEREMONIAL SYSTEM WITH SLAYING OF ANIMALS ETC.) UNTIL HE ESTABLISHED **THE SECOND**, THE PERMANENT SACRIFICE OF CHRIST FOR MANKIND'S SINS. **HEB. 10: 1-9.*******
9. **COL. 2:16- CEREMONIAL SYSTEM ENDED WITH CHRIST'S DEATH!**
10. **NEW MOON.** (NOTE: THE FIRST DAY OF THE LUNAR JEWISH MONTH WAS OBSERVED AS A HOLY DAY. THESE HAD **NOTHING TO DO WITH THE WEEKLY SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH OF THE 4TH COMMANDMENT.**)
11. "JESUS FULFILLED ALL OF THE OLD COVENANT CEREMONIES, ORDINANCES, AND FEASTS. HE WAS THE PERFECT FULFILLMENT OF EVERY ONE OF THEM." **1 COR. 5:7.**
12. **"FOR EVER":** THIS TERM MUST BE GIVEN SOME ATTENTION, FOR IN EX. 12:14, MOSES WRITES THAT THE PASSOVER IS TO BE KEPT "FOR EVER."
 1. WHEN THE BIBLE USES SUCH TERMS AS **"FOR EVER"** AND **"ETERNAL"** WHEN REFERRING TO EARTHLY MATTERS (TEMPORAL MATTERS) THESE TERMS MEAN UNTIL THEIR APPOINTED TIME HAS

EXPIRED. THAT IS, UNTIL GOD DECIDES THAT THEY SHOULD END.

- A. FOR EXAMPLE, JUDE 7 SPEAKS OF THE ETERNAL FIRE OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH. OF COURSE, THIS FIRE IS NOT STILL BURNING.**
- B. EXODUS 25 SPEAKS OF THE BONDSMAN WHO IS TO SERVE “FOR EVER.” THIS, OF COURSE, MEANS UNTIL HIS APPOINTED TIME (LIFE) HAS EXPIRED.**
- C. DANIEL 6:21: DANIEL SAYS TO KING DARIUS, “OH KING, LIVE FOR EVER.” OF COURSE, HE MEANS UNTIL GOD SEES FIT TO ALLOW HIM TO DIE. HE IS ASKING FOR LONG LIFE FOR THE KING, NOT ETERNAL LIFE.**
- D. THESE THREE EXAMPLES CLEARLY SHOW THAT WHEN THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF “FOR EVER” IN A WORLDLY SETTING, IT MEANS UNTIL THEIR APPOINTED TIME HAS EXPIRED.**
- E. THEREFORE, WHEN THE APPOINTED TIME OF THE CEREMONIAL SYSTEM HAD BEEN MET BY CHRIST (INCLUDING ITS PRIESTS, ANIMAL SACRIFICES, CIRCUMCISION, TITHING, YEARLY FEASTS, YEARLY SABBATHS, MEAL AND DRINK OFFERINGS, ETC.) THIS SYSTEM CAME TO AN END, ITS APPOINTED TIME HAD EXPIRED!**
- F. DANIEL 9:27- PREDICTS THAT**

CHRIST'S DEATH WILL ERADICATE THE SACRIFICES AND OBLATIONS (OFFERINGS) OF THE CEREMONIAL SYSTEM.

G. **MATT. 27: 50-51: VEIL OF TEMPLE (SEPARATING HOLY PLACE FROM MOST HOLY PLACE) TORN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM BY AN UNSEEN HAND. SIGNIFYING THE END OF THE CEREMONIAL SYSTEM.**

III

CONCLUSIONS:

A. MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DECALOGUE AND CEREMONIAL LAWS:

- 1. DECALOGUE CALLED ROYAL LAW, JAMES 2; CER. LAW CALLED LAW OF ORDINANCES, EPH 2:15; HEB. 9:10.**
- 2. DECALOGUE SPOKEN BY GOD HIMSELF DAN. 4:12, 5:22; CER. LAW GIVEN TO MOSES TO READ TO THE PEOPLE. EX. 24:3.**
- 3. DECALOGUE WRITTEN BY GOD'S FINGER ON STONE. EX. 31:18; CER LAW WRITTEN BY MOSES IN A BOOK, DEUT. 31: 9,24.**
- 4. DECALOGUE EXISTED BEFORE SIN, 1 JOHN 3:4,5. CER. LAW GIVEN AFTER MAN SINNED, HEB. 5:1; 8:4.**

5. DECALOGUE PLACED INSIDE ARK, EX. 40:20; CER. LAW PLACED BESIDE THE ARK, DEUT. 31:24-26.
6. DECALOGUE ETERNAL, MATT. 5:16; CER LAW ABOLISHED AT CROSS, COL. 2 14-17.
7. JUDGED BY DECALOGUE, JAMES 2: 16,17; CER. LAW JUDGES NO MAN, COL. 2:14-17.\
8. DECALOGUE SPIRITUAL, ROM. 7:14; CER. LAW CARNAL, HEB. 9:10.
9. DECALOGUE COMPLETE, PERFECT, ROM 7:12, PS. 19:7. CER. LAW SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ENDING WITH CROSS, HEB.7: 12, 18, 19.

THEREFORE, WE SEE THAT THE BIBLE TEACHES THE ETERNAL NATURE OF THE DECALOGUE AND ITS COMMANDMENTS; HOWEVER, THE CEREMONIAL LAW WAS TEMPORARY, DESIGNED FOR A PARTICULAR TIME AND PARTICULAR NEED, UNTIL THAT NEED WAS MET THROUGH OUR MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST, WHO SPILLED HIS BLOOD ON CALVARY FOR YOU AND ME.

JOIN ME NOW IN THANKING HIM FOR THIS UNBELIEVABLY WONDERFUL SACRIFICE.

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