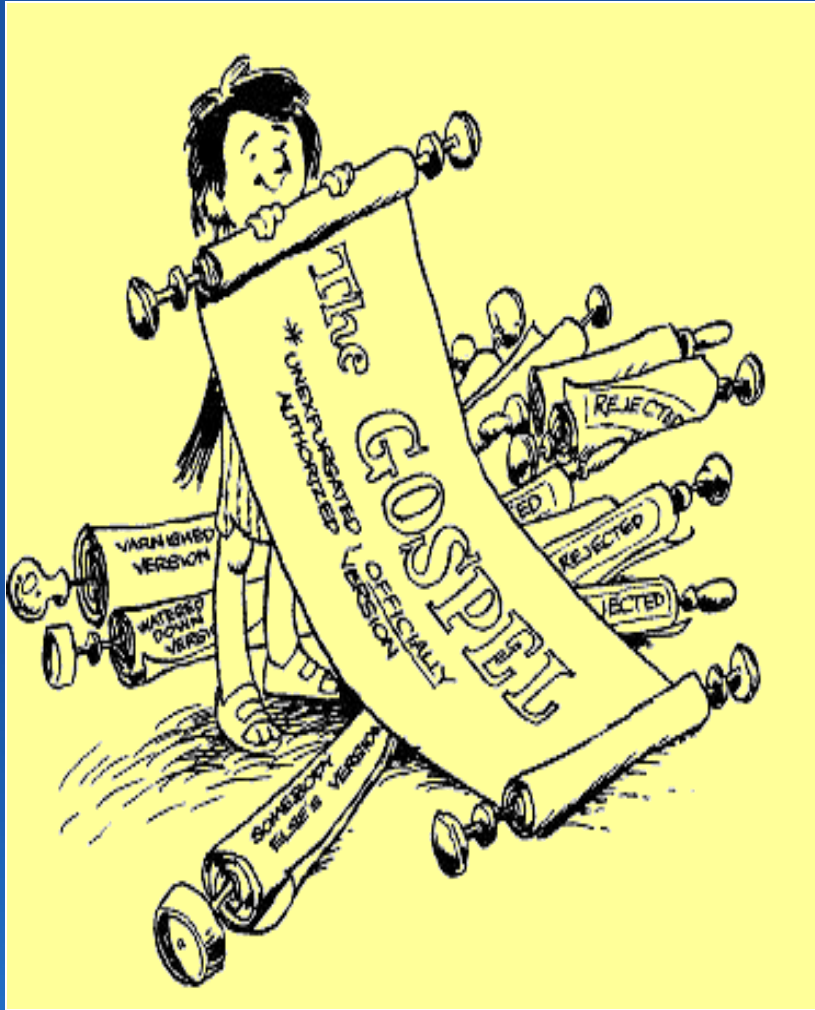


LAW VS. GRACE?



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THE GOSPEL IS IN THE LAW!

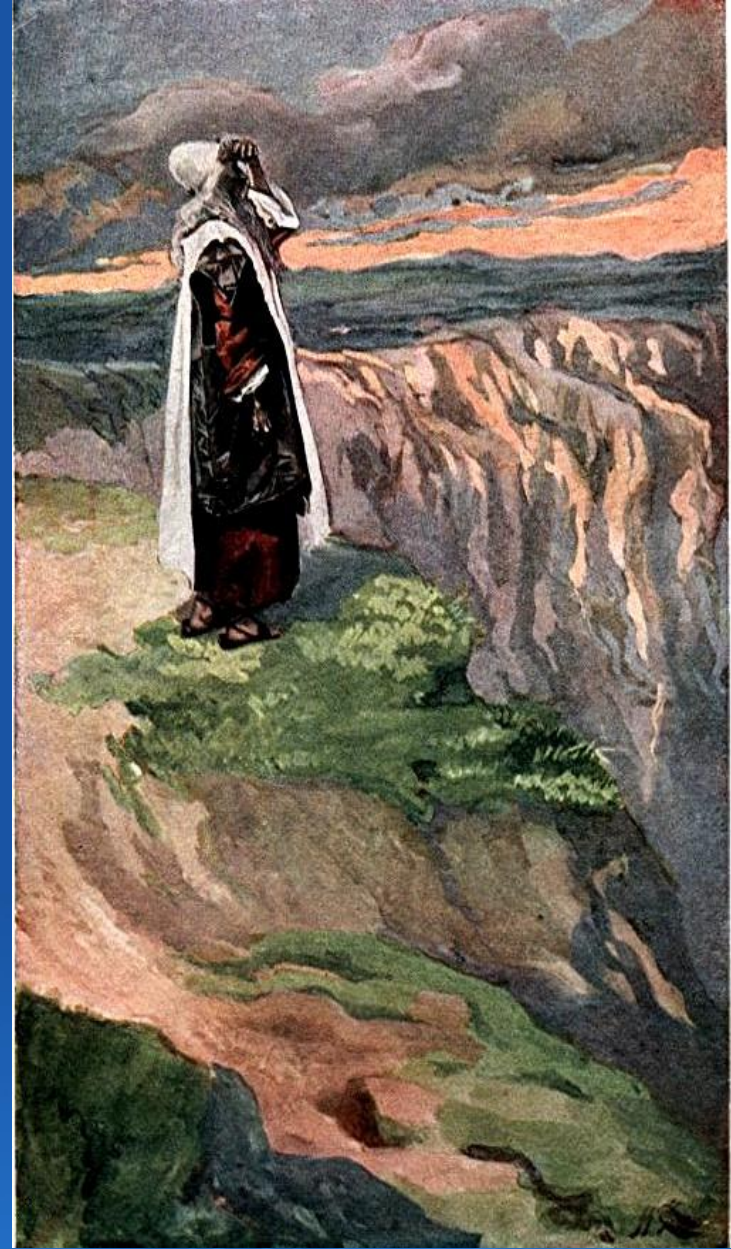


- Dr. Duane Christensen:
- *“...The popular view that identifies the Law with the OT and gospel with the NT will certainly not stand up against a careful reading of Deuteronomy.....”*
- God’s grace and Law are inseparable just as Yeshua and the Holy Spirit are inseparable
- GRACE is at the center of Torah and Deuteronomy!!

DEUT. 4:21

MOSES MAY NOT ENTER THE LAND

- Moses is ONE of only TWO Mediators God will ever send
- Moses tells people that it was his rash response to their bad behavior that caused him to sin
- IDOL WORSHIP is still the context for what is being discussed
- Perish does NOT mean to be utterly destroyed, it means “brought to ruin”



TWO WITNESSES



- At the end of days ***two witnesses*** of the Lord will appear and be killed by the Anti-Christ
- **TWO witnesses are always required** to pronounce the death sentence
- Moses invites the TWO WITNESSES to judge Israel for Idolatry to be “heaven and earth”

IDOLATRY BRINGS EXILE

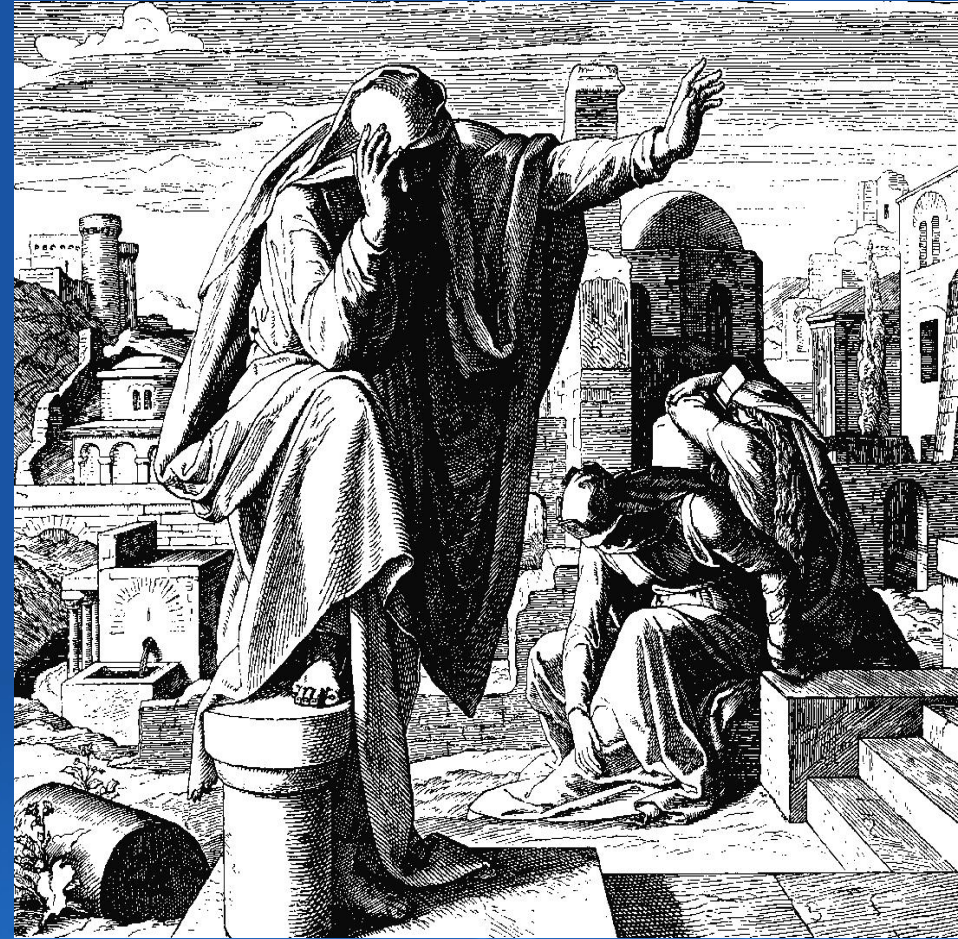


- God's promises of land and peace get REVERSED if Israel commits idolatry
- They will be scattered to the gentile nations
- Only a few will survive
- Jews generally NOT forced to worship other gods
- The consequence was assimilation
- Being outside of Israel means NO PURIFICATION from sins was possible!



REVIVAL AND RESCUE CAN HAPPEN

- Exile from the land meant a permanent state of impurity
- Jews in Babylon were “in Hell”
- Yet...DURING the exile... if Israel repents, God WILL reestablish His relationship with them
- Moses says God will NOT allow Israel to be wiped out
- God will NOT forget His covenant



PATRIARCHS



➤ The covenant with the Patriarchs is the Abrahamic Covenant

➤ Forget = abolish it

➤ Remember = to validate it

➤ “...wherever you are scattered....allow Israel to seek Him out....”

➤ Unfamiliar concept;

Moses is telling Israel that Yehoveh is everywhere, and that THERE ARE NO OTHER GODS!!





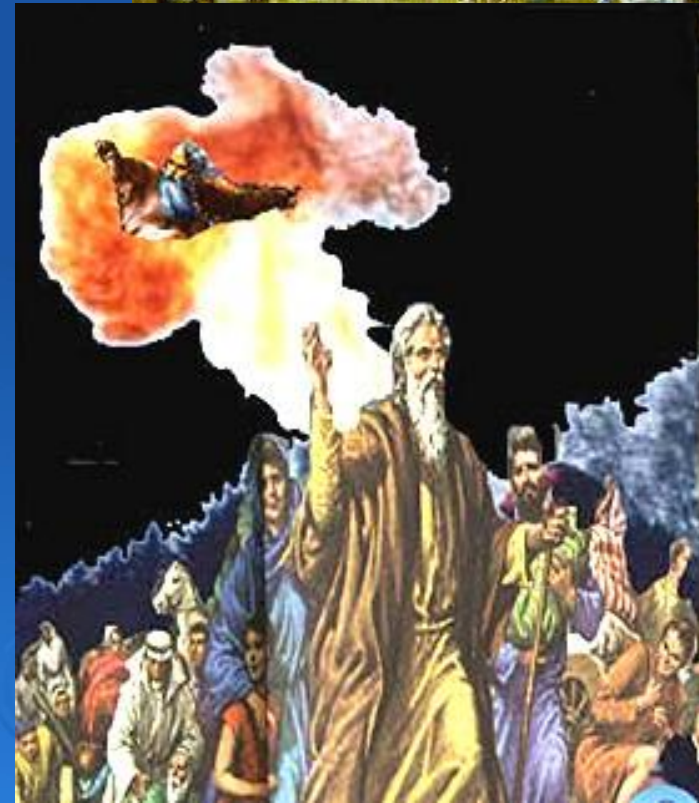
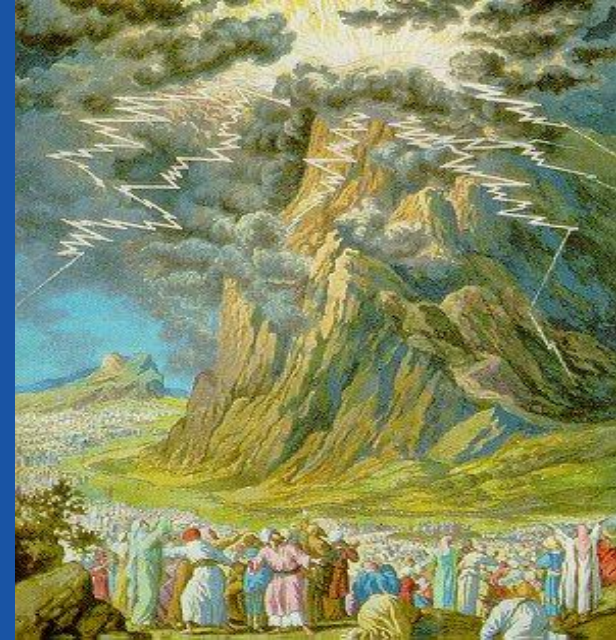
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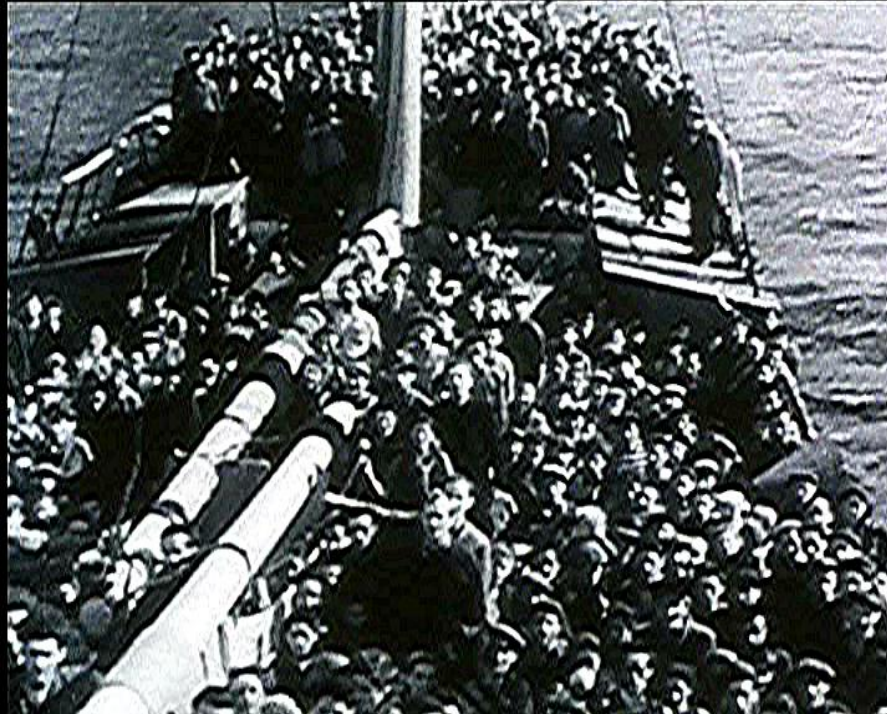
- The concept of ONE God, or the concept of an invisible Holy Spirit inside of a man could ONLY be taken on faith!
- How do we VERIFY such a thing?
- Time and experience with God is the PROOF
- Moses says a principle and a pattern will be set up with Israel committing Idolatry, being exiled, being killed and persecuted, AND.....being RESTORED!!
- The grounds for restoration are:
 - 1) God loved the Patriarchs
 - 2) God is merciful



HISTORY IS THE PROOF

- No society EVER heard their God's own voice
- No society EVER had supernatural destruction upon a nation for the sake of freeing them from oppression
- No society EVER had a VISIBLE fire-cloud to lead them
- Israel IS different, and the world hates them for that difference
- Humans don't like anyone to be different
- Moses says no society EVER had perfect laws and commands to live by



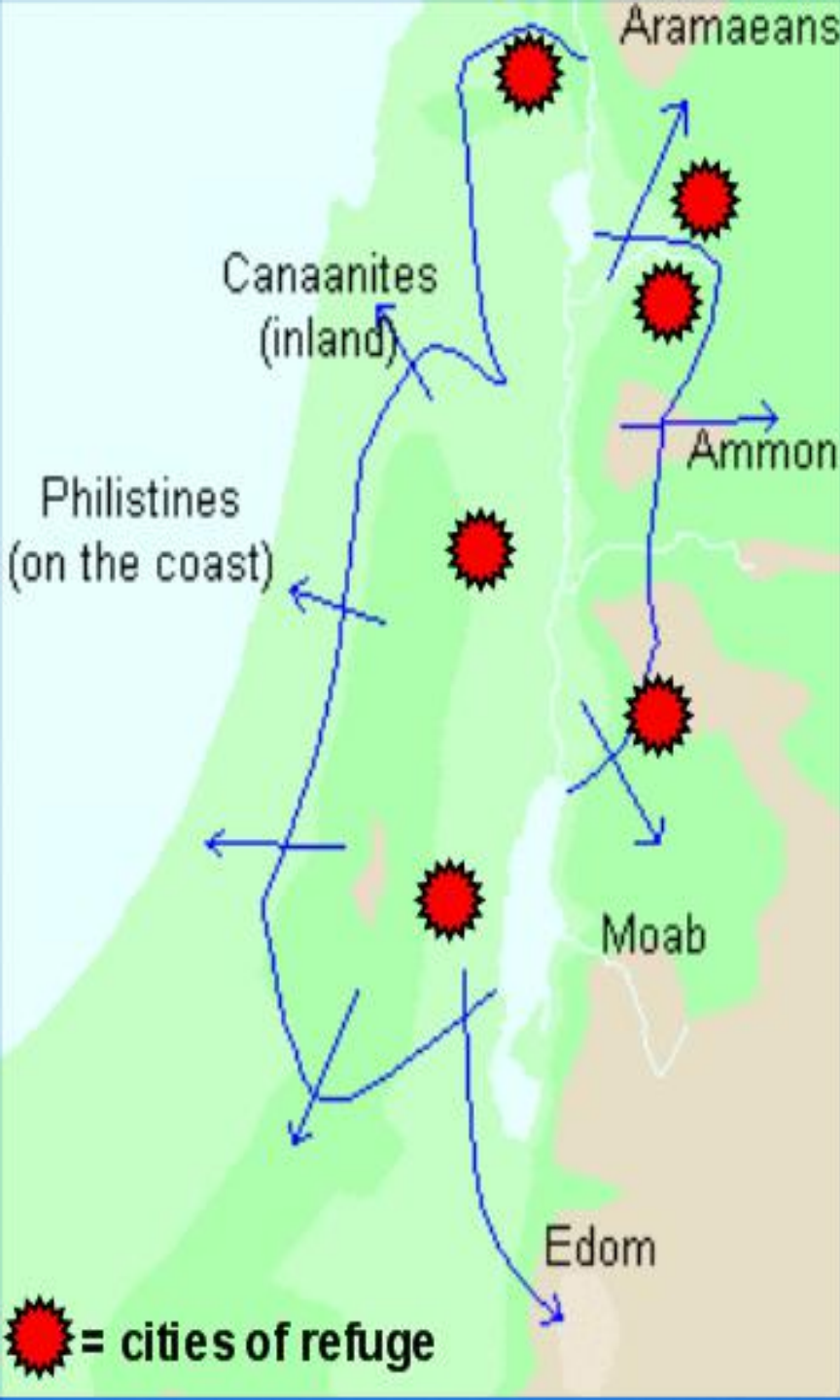


CHRISTIANS: WAKE UP!!

- We are now viewed similarly to the Jews
- They were too different to be assimilated, so they were persecuted and killed
- Jews gave up their identity in order to LOOK LIKE THE WORLD!
- Christians are now giving up our identity to LOOK LIKE THE WORLD!



CITIES OF REFUGE



- The 3 cities of refuge in the Trans-Jordan area are now assigned
- Cities will be owned by and administered by the Levites
- Only those who have committed manslaughter may come.....NOT murderers
- May legally avoid the Kinsman Redeemer (*Go'el*) by staying in one of the cities of Refuge

DEUT.4:44 – 49

The problem with “chapters”

- Deut. 4:1-43 were an introduction to what Moses was about to say
- “...*here is FINALLY the teaching I want you to have....*”
- Chapters and verses were NEVER in the original scriptures, OT or NT
- Problem is that a new chapter in modern literature means the END of the current context and the START of a NEW context
- We need to read the Bible as though the chapter beginnings and endings are not there

