

DEUTERONOMY

Chapter 5

- Foundational premises of Deuteronomy
- The Law is from God
- There is only ONE God
- The Law is being repeated because it is being given to a new generation of Israel
- The Laws will be applied somewhat differently because Israel is about to change lifestyle from wanderers to a settled people

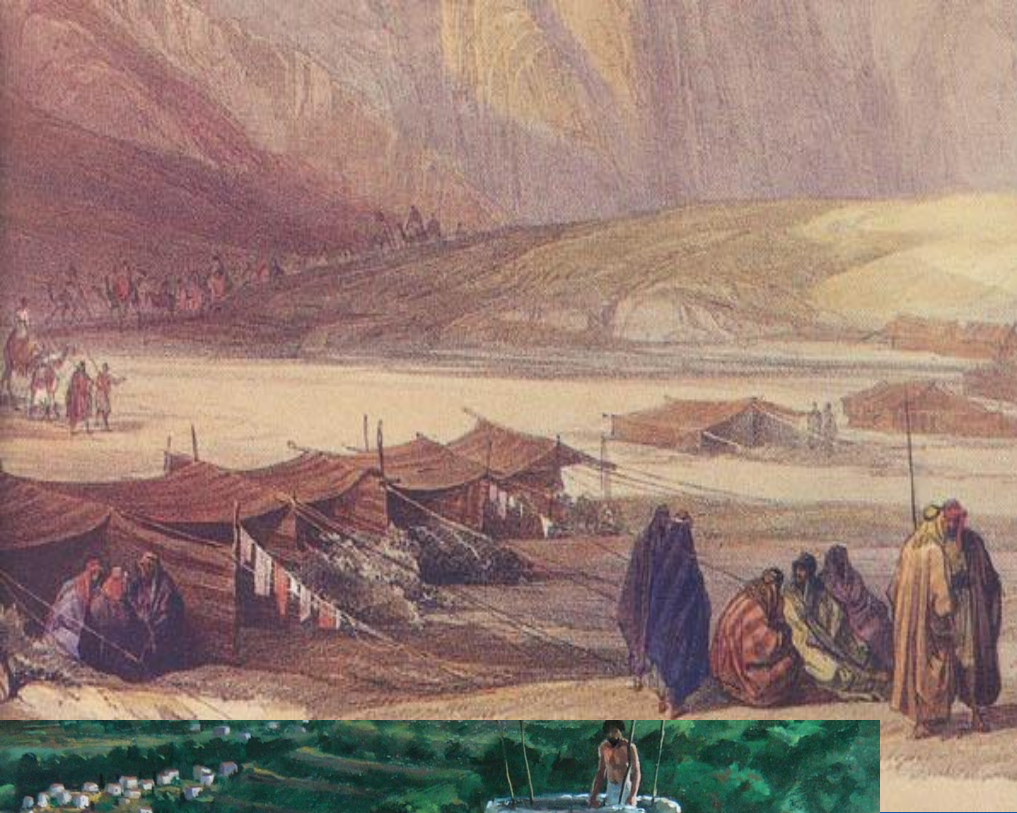


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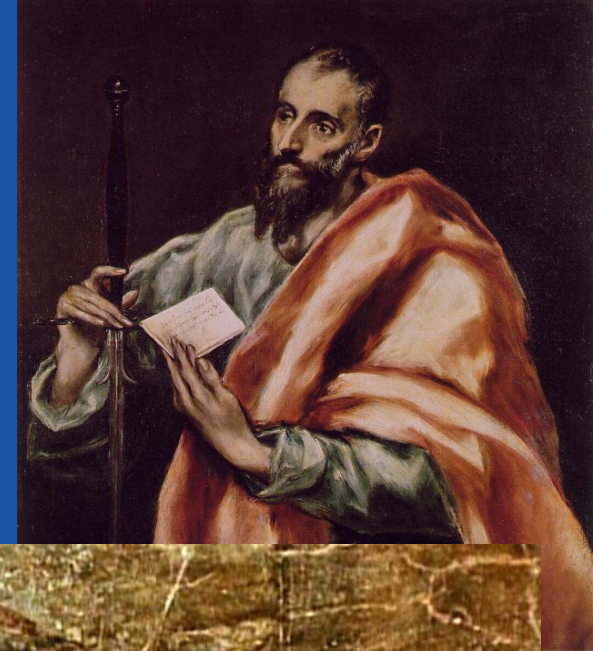
THE LAW IS REFRAMED

- Context of Israel's existence was changing
- HOWEVER..... Any changes stayed within the context of the principles of the Law
- The Bible's words are set in a circumstantial, historical, cultural context
- We can NOT sever the meaning away from it's context, or it **LOSES** its meaning



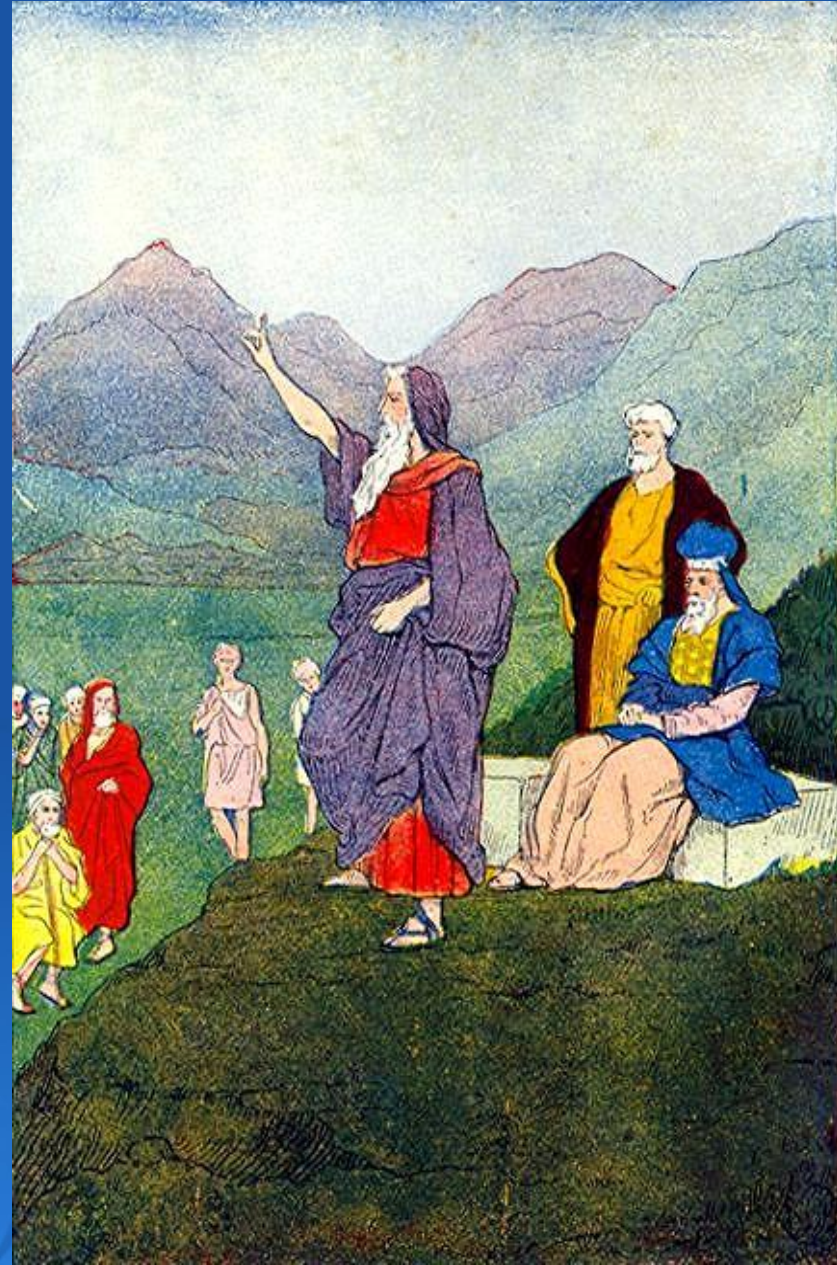
CONTEXT!!

- Context is not only the words, it's the historical setting
- Paul at different times spoke to:
 - 1) PAGAN gentiles
 - 2) BELIEVING gentiles
 - 3) BELIEVING Jews
 - 4) NON-BELIEVING Jews
- Spoke to each of these groups within the context of their cultural understanding



CONTEXT FOR DEUTERONOMY

- 1300 B.C.
- Abraham dead for 500 years
- Moses standing on a hill in Moab
- Holy War about to begin upon Canaan
- Priesthood fully functioning
- Joshua new leader
- Israel pop. 3 million
- Population is a mix of Hebrews, half-breeds, foreigners



MOSES THE MEDIATOR



- Moses re-establishes to the new generation that HE is God's Mediator
- The reason Israel should obey God is because, ***"I am YHWH your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt....."***
- This is the original 1st commandment
- Yehoveh rescued Israel by means of never-before-seen signs and wonders

10 COMMANDMENTS IS DIVIDED INTO TWO BASIC GROUPS



- Commandments 1 – 4 are Man's obligations to God
- Commandments 5 – 10 concern human relationships among our fellow men
- Salvation is NOT the primary function or purpose of the 10 Commandments
- Paul told Jews NOT to follow the law AS A MEANS to obtain Salvation, for that was available only in Messiah Yeshua

2nd COMMANDMENT: NO OTHER GODS



- Covenant of Moses is based on a relationship between God and man
- Grace as necessary in the OT as it is in the NT
- Ex.6:7 ***“ I will take you to be My people, and I will be your God....”***
- As in marriage, both sides must agree for a relationship to be established

3rd COMMANDMENT: DO NOT MISUSE LORD'S NAME

- This is primarily about not invoking God's name in an oath that will not be honored
- Talmud says the prohibition against saying the Lord's name is NOT about violating the 3rd Commandment
- A vow or oath **REQUIRED** the use of a god's name
- OT and NT advise it is better to avoid making oaths



4th COMMANDMENT: OBSERVE SHABBAT



- Shabbat is the name of a specific day
- Shabbat is NOT a “type” of day
- It is the HOLINESS of the day that is at issue
- Man cannot choose by our own authority to declare something as holy
- Every “day off” from work is not a Sabbath
- Purpose of Sabbath is to refresh our relationship with God

5th COMMANDMENT: HONOR PARENTS



- Here we shift from obligations to God, to human relationships
- This commandment is much less about obedient children than about grown children taking care of their aged parents
- Lev. 19:3 “*.....revere mother and father AND keep my Shabbat....*”
- Only commandment that includes a blessing; life will be prolonged

6th, 7th, 8th, 9th COMMANDMENTS

- 6th Commandment: NO MURDER
- *Ratsach* means unjust killing
- 7th Commandment: NO ADULTERY
- 8th Commandment: NO STEALING
- 9th Commandment: NO PERJURY

10th Commandment:

No coveting.....a state of MIND

- Coveting is about inmost desires for things you have no right to
- No coveting a married man's wife
- Not coveting a "house" means "household"
- People heard ONLY the first 10 Laws, Moses received the remainder
- The Lord COMMENDS Israel for NOT wanting to hear His voice out of fear!
- God blesses those who determine to obey
- Man has a free choice whether to follow the Lord or not

