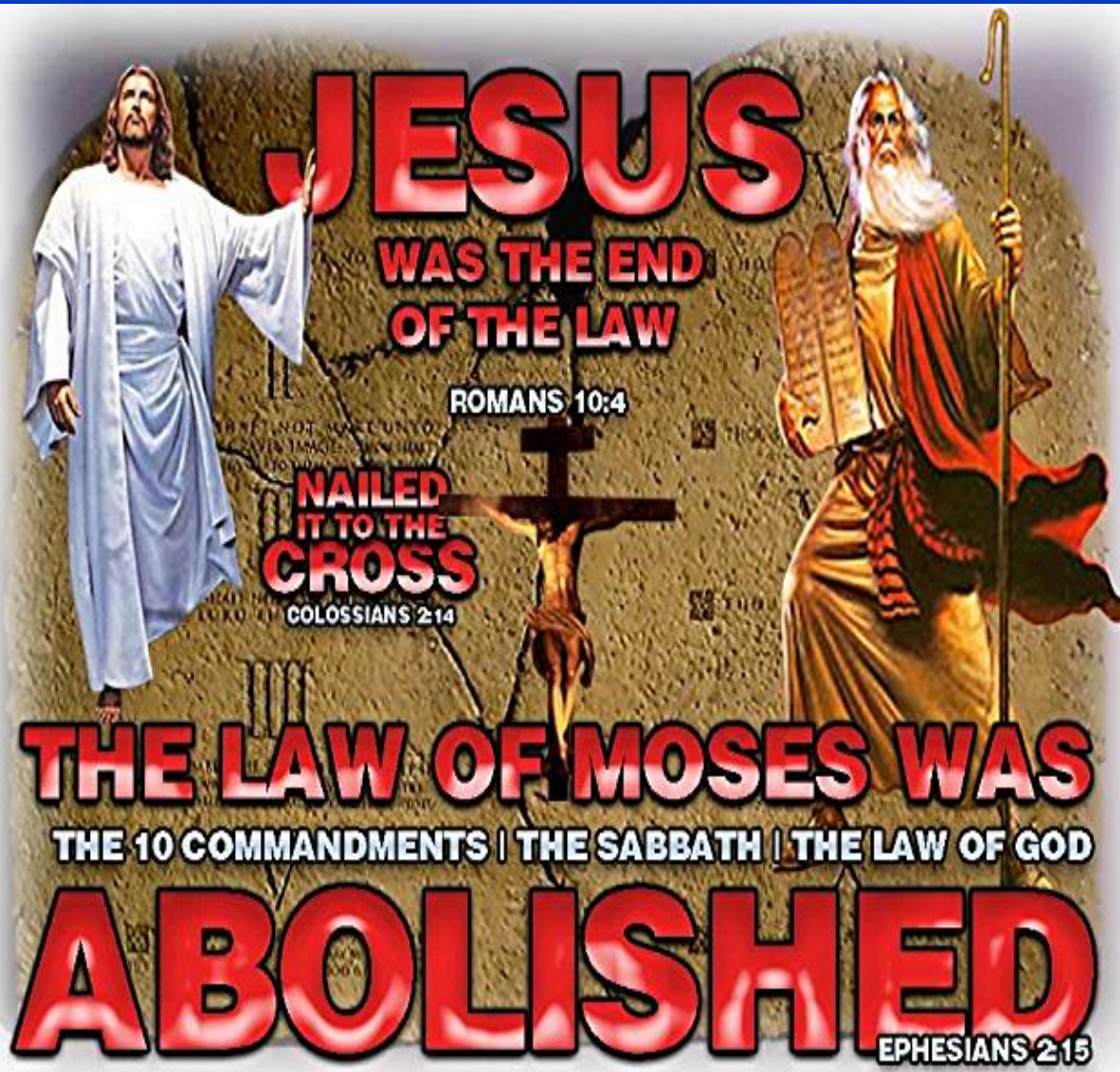


CONFUSION !!!



- To ignore or abrogate God's moral law code is the most fatal of follies
- Hosea 8:12
- Israel is without excuse because they had the Torah, given to them in writing
- Because of intentional disregard, the things God had told them they no longer thought were for them!

NO MORE OBJECTIVE LAW CODE



- Christ highlighted in the Sermon on the Mount that the Law continued without change
- Most eating of meat was tied to sacrifices
- Israel's sacrifices are so perverted, God doesn't want them
- So, a person ought to just keep the meat for himself



Tithing

- **TITHING MADE SIMPLE**
- 1) Do NOT give without open heart and hand
- 2) Tithing is only for a Believer, and it is commanded
- 3) Know who and to what you are giving
- 4) Tithing will NOT buy God's favor
- 5) Tithing means $1/10^{\text{th}}$ That is a biblical minimum

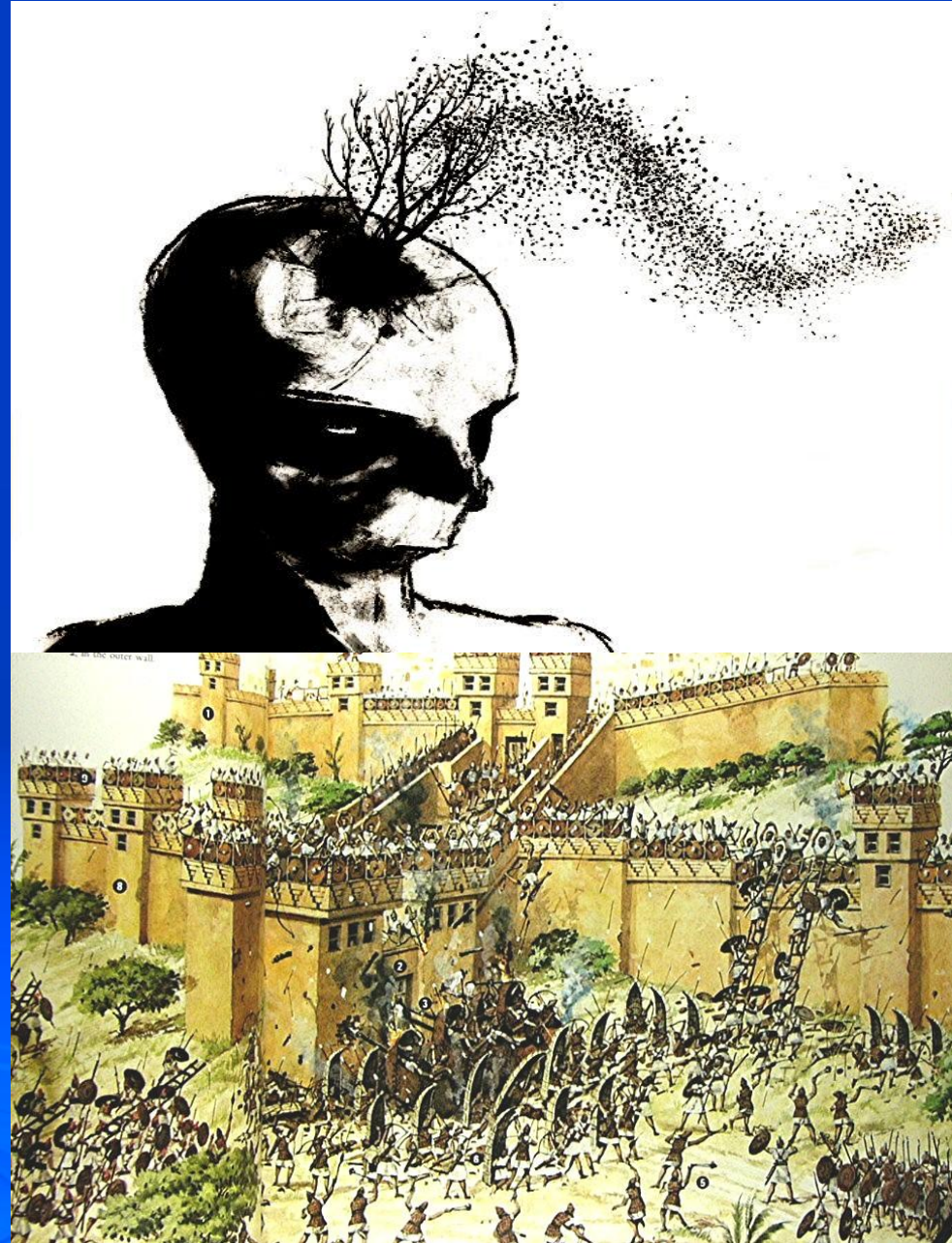
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- Israel resorted to a systemized approach to sacrifice
- Until recently, their prosperity and peace seemed to indicate the system worked well
- Important to know God's name, and to identify Him that way
- Deuteronomy 28:64 - 69

WITHER AWAY

- The mention of Judah is the addition of a later editor
- Israel said they built Temples to “God”, but their “God” was of their own image
- “Forgot their maker”
- ***Shakach*** = ignore, neglect, wither away
- God says He will destroy Israel’s strongholds with fire
- These are all Covenant curses



HOSEA CHAPTER 9



- Vss. 1 – 6 From merry making to mourning
- God assures Israel their festivals will end
- Just as Gomer was an unfaithful wife to Hosea, so is Israel an unfaithful “wife” to God
- Either *Bikkurim* (Firstfruits) or *Shavuot* (Pentecost)



- Threshing floors also used for celebrations and parties
- Ruth 3:1 – 8
- Hundreds of years after Ruth, in Northern Israel the situation is not so innocent
- As a consequence that which is prepared on the threshing floor (grain) and in a press (oil) will no longer provide for their needs



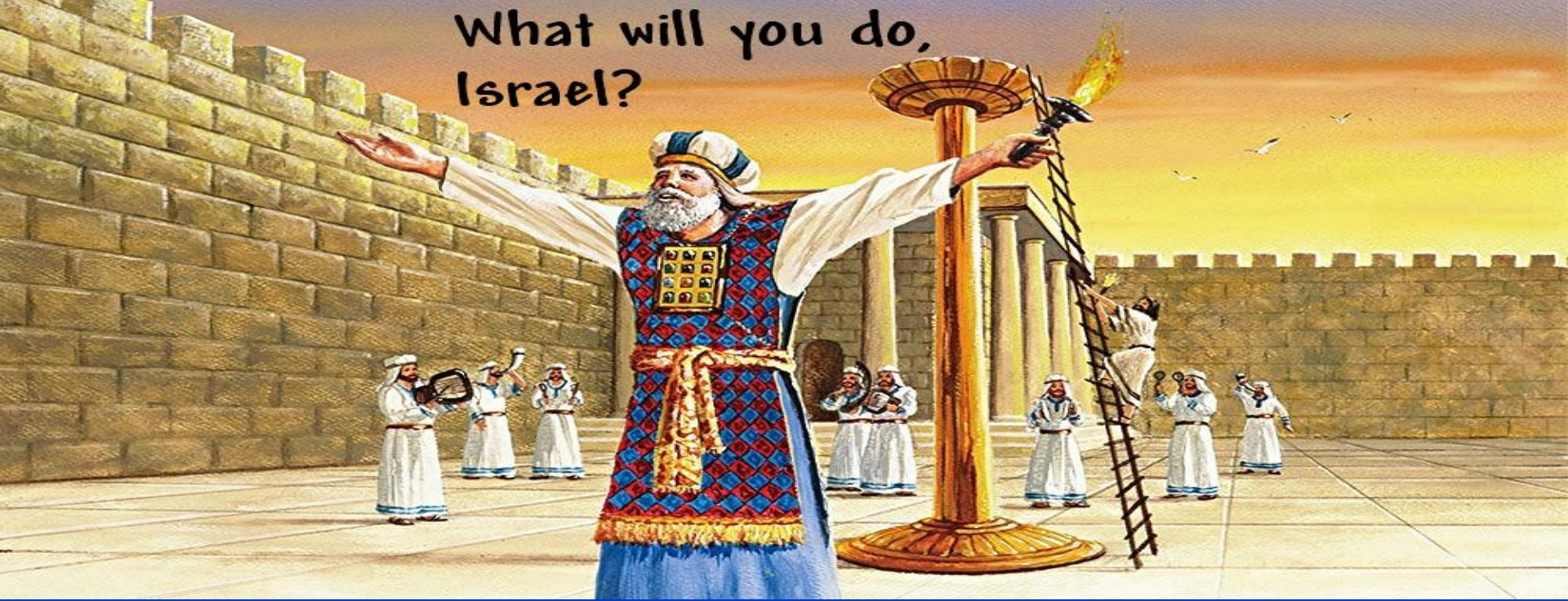
- Israel has lost their privilege of the Promised Land
- Deuteronomy 11:16 – 17
- Once exiled, there can be no “clean” food
- Ezekiel 4:13
- Sacrifices consisted of 3 parts: the meat, the grain (*minchah*), and the wine (libation)

NO ATONEMENT FOR SINS



- The effects of being kicked out of the Promised Land more extensive than having to move!
- God was blocking the redemption
- ***Lechem onim*** = food of mourning
- Deuteronomy 26:12 – 14
- Mourners ritually barred from the Temple

What will you do,
Israel?



- ***Chag Yehoveh*** = Feast of Yehoveh = ***Sukkot***
- The key word to vs.6 is futility
- Memphis was the capital of Egypt, settled by Menes
- It had an enormous necropolis
- “Weeds will inherit them, and thorns their homes”
- ***Qimmos*** a particular species of plant-pest