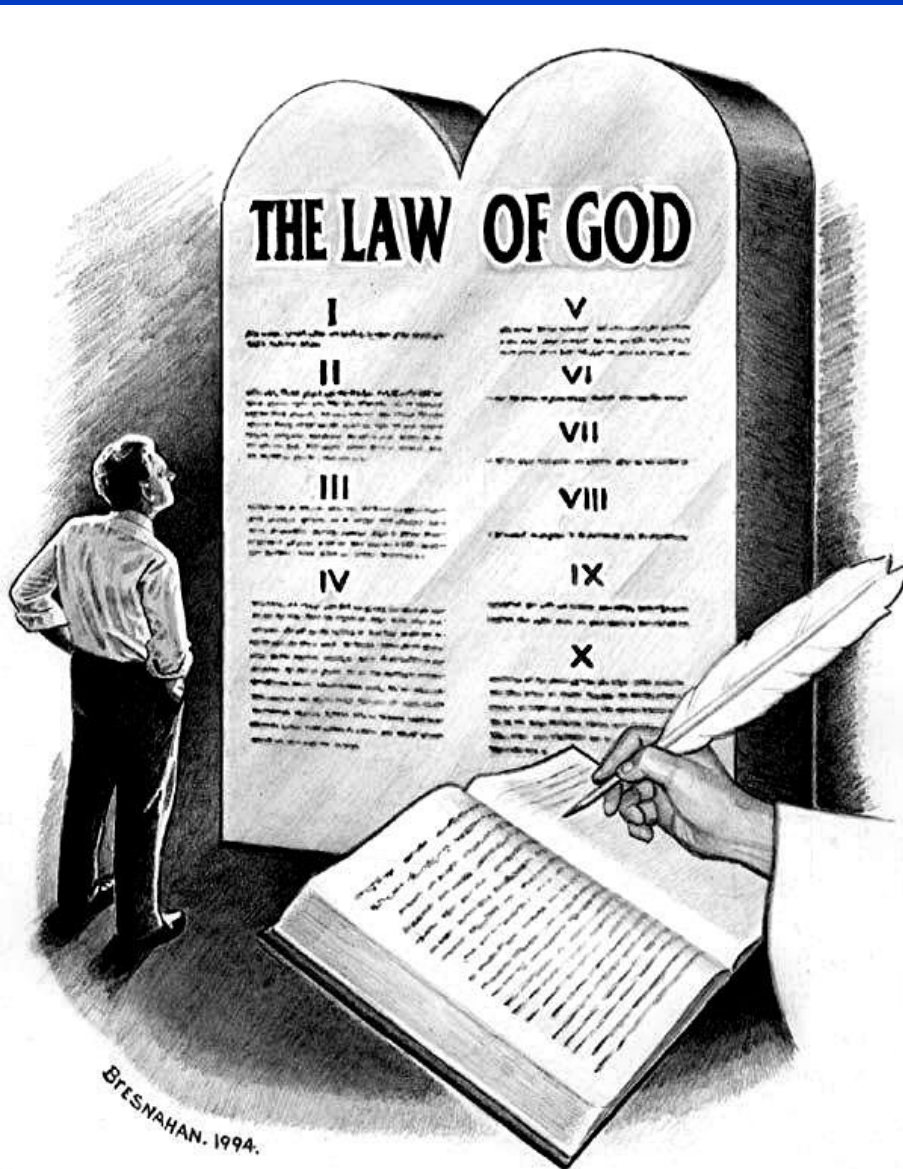


APPLICATION IS EVERYTHING



- Do we take Hosea only as history? Or do we see it as instruction to be applied to our lives?
- Allegory takes a story and extracts a symbol to communicate a related idea
- Application takes the instruction of the written word and uses it when a similar circumstance occurs

TO OBEY TORAH, WE FIRST MUST KNOW IT



- God had given Israel the written word, but Israel preferred manmade rules
- Israel was sincere in thinking their worship and behavior pleased God, but they were deceived
- In the 4th century, the Torah was removed as our source of moral instruction
- Christian morality became subjective as a result

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

Revelation 18:4

COME OUT
OF HER
MY PEOPLE
Revelation 18:1-5

- John probably took the idea of the Whore of Babylon from Hosea, as concerns Gomer
- Modern Judeo-Christian faith is based on manmade traditions and not on God's written standards
- God doesn't so much see the world as "whores" but rather He sees those who claim allegiance to Him but behave and believe otherwise as unfaithful whores

THE HISTORICAL CYCLE



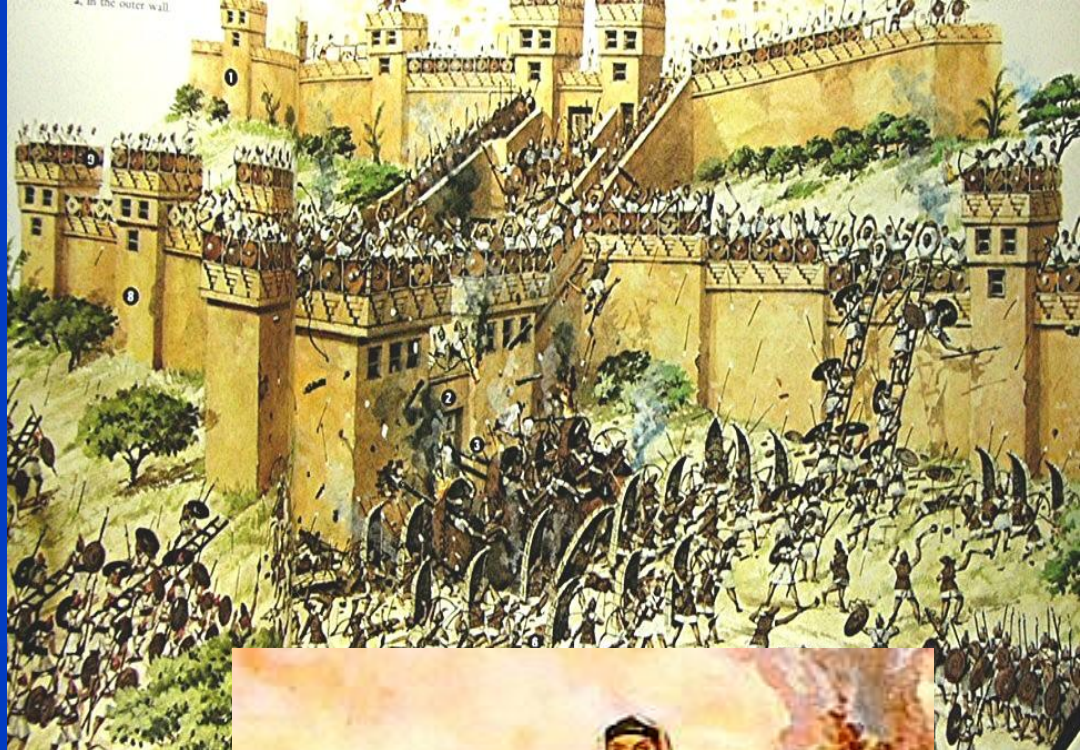
The end of the historical cycle



- Hosea 10:9 From *High*, to *Awakening*, to *Unraveling*
- Nations and Empires can disappear in *Unravelings*
- Gibeah recalls the atrocity of sexually assaulting a woman to death in the territory of Benjamin
- God sees this as a point of departure, when Israel redefined itself from what it once had been

2 CRIMES OF GIBEAH

- God will punish Israel using other nations (Assyria)
- With Abraham all nations were “gentile nations” except for Israel
- Crime #1: atrocity of murder of woman
- Crime #2: rejection of God as king, installation of human king





MATURING

- Vs. 11 God's disappointment with Israel
- Israel likened to a young cow
- Wilderness journey
- Young cows only walked on the grain
- Older cows had a yoke put on them, and they pulled a sled
- More mature Israel expected to be ready to carry out the terms of the covenant in the Land

- In the Wilderness, the “trained cow” represented all the tribes of Israel
- The Canaanites left Israel orchards and fields, but now this would be Israel’s job (the more mature cow)
- 10:12 Israel is challenged by God to live-out the Covenant of Moses



BLESSING or CURSE?



- **Tzedakah** best as meaning righteous justice
- **Chesed** includes kindness, mercy, and grace
- **Tzedek** best means a spiritual condition of righteousness
- **Reshah** = wickedness **evel** = injustice
- **Kachash** = deception

IF THERE IS A LAW, THERE MUST BE A LAWGIVER

- Proverbs 11:18
- Individual and national disaster comes from laziness and bad behavior
- Humans have an innate sense of moral and immoral, right and wrong...where did it come from?
- Christianity has discarded the logic and turned what was objective into subjective morality



The Heart

is more deceitful than all else
and is desperately wicked
who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9



- Jeremiah 17: 1 – 9
- This standard has been discarded, and instead Christians are TOLD to depend on their hearts!
- Vs. 13 war as punishment
- Deuteronomy 28: 45 – 52
- Jesus joined us to the covenants of the Hebrews through His sacrifice; He Himself is NOT the covenant