

The Seventh Day Adventists, the Seventh Day Baptists, the Churches of God Seventh Day, and most other Sacred Name Assemblies make a sharp distinction between the Ten Commandments and the rest of the Torah - Law - claiming that only the Ten Commandments are written by the "finger of God" and that only they constitute what they call the MORAL LAW or the SPIRITUAL LAW which is ETERNAL and UNIVERSAL in its application. A handful of Sacred Name Assemblies do not make such a distinction but regard the WHOLE LAW - all 613 commandments - as the MORAL AND SPIRITUAL LAW which is FOREVER BINDING and which is UNIVERSAL in application. Whoever therefore wilfully breaks any of these commandments is in danger of being destroyed in the blazing inferno. Others however who regard only the Ten Commandments as part of the MORAL LAW or the ROYAL LAW and the LAW OF LIBERTY believe that whoever breaks any of these commandments is actually guilty as if all are broken and will be annihilated in the Lake of Fire. It should be pointed out that all those who distinguish between the TEN COMMANDMENTS and the rest of the Law actually believe and teach that Jesus nailed the "written code" which they often call "the ceremonial law" to his cross and that all these commandments which were written in the Book of the Law by Moses are ABROGATED and DISCARDED by the authority of Jesus and that only the Ten Commandments which were written on the two Tablets of Stone are ETERNAL and UNIVERSAL - binding on all FOR ALL TIME.

But amazingly, all these Sabbatarian groups [and even some of those who observe Sunday as their Sabbath and who likewise teach that the WRITTEN CODE was DONE AWAY WITH] actually insist that their followers must obey at least some of those commandments which were nailed to a cross and discarded by Jesus. In fact, they maintain that those members of theirs who fail to comply to these commands and regulations will likewise be destroyed [or tortured forever] in the blazing inferno. Remember, the so-called MOSAIC LAW or the WRITTEN CODE was comprised of 603 commandments but the MORAL LAW - the Law written on the two TABLETS OF STONE was comprised of 10 commandments. Thus, the WRITTEN CODE which according to them was "against us and contrary to us" was NAILED TO A CROSS and DONE AWAY FOR ALL TIME. But even though these hypocrites teach so and maintain so in all their literature, it is to be noted that these hypocrites pick and choose from among these

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commandments of the WRITTEN CODE as it pleases them. For example, they enforce quite a few commandments upon their members which were never written on the two Tablets of Stone and which therefore were not a part of the Ten Commandments or the so-called ETERNAL and UNIVERSAL Law. Take a look at the commands concerning the “clean and unclean meats.”

The Seventh Day Adventists clearly teach that the WRITTEN CODE was “nailed to a cross.” Thus the commands concerning the “clean and unclean” - whether true or forgery - should be left to hang nailed to a cross. The Adventists however insist that their followers MUST observe THESE COMMANDS and MUST ABSTAIN from all meats designated “unclean” in the WRITTEN CODE. Then there are others who leave the commands concerning “clean and unclean” to hang on the cross but insist that their members pay their “tithes” to the church or assembly they are associated with. Now the law of tithing was a part of the WRITTEN CODE - just like the law of “clean and unclean.” By whose authority therefore do they pick and choose as they please? By their own authority. The WRITTEN CODE is either ABOLISHED or it STANDS and is an OBLIGATION today on all believers who identify Yahweh as their God. No one has the right to “pick and choose” from among the 603 commands. But “pick and choose” is the norm of all Christians - whether Sabbatarians or Sunday keepers or those who regard no day. Take a look at the law on incest for example. There is no law in the New Testament which actually prohibits incest. Neither is there any hint in the Ten Commandments that incest is prohibited. But all Christian churches and Sacred Name Assemblies forbid incest at least to some degree. Some forbid marriage between immediate relatives while others extend it to the 4th generation or further.

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y doing so don't they actually depend on the commands written in the so-called “temporal and ceremonial law” - the WRITTEN CODE - which was nailed to a cross? Aren't they therefore guilty of hypocrisy?

But there are many other commands which were never even alluded to in the so-called ETERNAL, UNIVERSAL and MORAL LAW - the Ten Commandment Law. This Law does not deal with sorcery, witchcraft, necromancy, homosexuality, lesbianism and bestiality. Nor does it deal with many ethical issues. Yet all these are expressly forbidden in virtually all Christian churches and Sacred name Assemblies. In doing so don't they rely on the WRITTEN CODE which was allegedly “nailed to a cross?” But there are others who maintain that the WHOLE

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LAW - even the Ten Commandments - were NAILED TO A CROSS. They maintain their "Jesus" brought and gave the NEW LAW - the Law which is based on the "better promises." But yet these same hypocrites will force you to obey many commands of the "Old Law" which are never so much as alluded to in the New Testament.

Adventists and the adherents of the Sacred Name Assemblies insist that the Ten Commandment Law is a perfect Law - true, universal and eternal. But they are gravely mistaken in their assertion. First, there are three versions of the Ten Commandments in the Jewish Pentateuch. Which of these three versions is the original and therefore true? Which is universal and eternal - that given in Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, or Exodus 34? The version of Exodus 34 is strikingly different. The fact is, all these commands - and I mean absolutely all Ten - pertain only to ISRAEL - and were not intended for other people on this Earth - either now or in the era before Jesus was born. Yes, even in the time when the WHOLE MOSAIC LAW was in force and binding - it was NEVER BINDING ON THE SO-CALLED GENTILES and in fact it could not have been applied to the GENTILES - since the Ten Commandment Law was specifically designed for ISRAEL ALONE.

The Jewish Pentateuch makes it abundantly clear that Yahweh was the God of ISRAEL ONLY and that He made the COVENANT with ISRAEL ONLY. The WHOLE LAW - even the TEN COMMANDMENTS were given to ISRAEL ONLY and it was NOT INTENDED FOR OTHER NATIONS which existed AT THE TIME OF MOSES. The Jewish Pentateuch also makes it abundantly clear that ISRAEL ALONE was a TREASURED POSSESSION of YAHWEH and that their land was HIS INHERITANCE. He was bound to ISRAEL by a MARRIAGE COVENANT and Israel was Yahweh's WIFE. Deuteronomy 7:1-5 shows that Yahweh explicitly commanded the Israelites to completely destroy and annihilate the SEVEN NATIONS of CANAAN - the people who were their BLOOD BROTHERS. Verse 6 actually shows why the Israelites were to MURDER all the inhabitants of CANAAN - their blood brothers:

“Do this because YOU BELONG to YAHWEH YOUR ELOHIM. From all the peoples on earth **H E CHOSE YOU TO BE HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE**

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Did Yahweh choose Israel so that He may teach them His Laws in order to later use them as missionaries who would spread His LAWS to ALL OTHER PEOPLE? In other words, does the Jewish Pentateuch even hint that the LAW given on Sinai - especially the TEN COMMANDMENTS were to be EXTENDED to ALL OTHER PEOPLE OF THE EARTH? Absolutely not! On the contrary, the Jewish Pentateuch and even other books of the Jewish Bible clearly show that THIS LAW was NOT INTENDED for the SO-CALLED GENTILES - that is, OTHER NATIONS AND PEOPLE. The Ten Commandments were obviously not intended for the peoples of Canaan, even though they were closely related to Israel and were their blood brothers. The peoples of Canaan - the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and the Jebusites were to be COMPLETELY DESTROYED and OBLITERATED FROM UNDER THE SUN. And in accordance with the Second Commandment of the Ten - ALL THEIR LITTLE CHILDREN - yes EVEN THEIR NEWBORN BABES were to be DESTROYED and CUT DOWN BY THE “EDGE OF THE SWORD.” The Israelites were commanded to “show no pity or mercy” but to completely exterminate the whole populace of Canaan. This then was much greater “holocaust” and “genocide” and “atrocities” committed by Israel and the Jews than the “holocaust” of the Nazi Germany.

We have seen thus that the Ten Commandments were not intended for the SEVEN NATIONS of CANAAN. But what about all other nations? Was this UNIVERSAL, ETERNAL, and MORAL LAW intended for ALL OTHER PEOPLE who did not live in the land of Canaan? In Deuteronomy 20 we find clear instructions how the Israelites were to deal with the cities of the PEOPLE who lived FAR AWAY from the land of Canaan. Before they went to war the PRIEST was to BLESS THE WARRIORS so that the war may be A HOLY WAR - something like the Muslim “jihad.” But we are especially interested in verses 10-15:

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*“When you go to attack a city, first give its people a chance to surrender. If they open the gates and surrender, **THEY ARE TO BECOME YOUR SLAVES AND DO FORCED LABOUR FOR YOU.** But if the people of that city will not surrender, but choose to fight, surround it with your army. Then when Yahweh **YOUR God** lets you capture the city **KILL EVERY MAN IN IT.** You may, however, **TAKE FOR YOURSELVES THE WOMEN, THE CHILDREN, the livestock, and everything else in the city... YAHWEH HAS GIVEN IT TO YOU.***

THAT IS HOW YOU ARE TO DEAL WITH

THOSE CITIES THAT ARE FAR AWAY FROM THE LAND YOU WILL SETTLE IN

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The Israelites had a Yahweh given permission to ENSLAVE and SUBJECT TO FORCED LABOUR any DISTANT CITY they chose to. If the people accepted their terms of peace and surrendered, they ALL BECAME THE SLAVES OF THE ISRAELITES. But if they rejected the terms then ALL MEN WERE MURDERED but the WOMEN were taken by the warriors in order to gratify their sexual lusts. They and their children BECAME THE SLAVES of their CONQUERERS. This however did not apply to the SEVEN NATIONS of CANAAN. They could not be given a choice of BECOMING THE SLAVES. They were to be EXTERMINATED COMPLETELY - the little children and the new born babes, the pregnant women and the old ones, the invalids and disabled and even all retarded people. None were to be shown any leniency or mercy - all were to be cut by the “edge of the sword.” But how far and to what point did the Israelites have the right to go and conquer the people of other tribes and clans and subject other people to slavery? The answer is found in Deuteronomy 11:24-25:

“EVERY SPOT on which YOUR FOOT TREADS SHALL BE YOURS...NO MAN SHALL STAND UP TO YOU: Yahweh YOUR God will put the dread and the fear of you OVER THE WHOLE LAND IN WHICH YOU SET YOUR FOOT.”

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The Israelites were to be “holy priesthood” to Yahweh. They were “special and peculiar” a “holy race” while other people were worthy of EXTERMINATION and SLAVERY. Other people of the whole Earth were to be their subjects and “lick the dust of their feet” - as the faithful and obedient dog “licks the feet of his master.” The KING OF ISRAEL had the RIGHT to exercise his power and dominate the nations from SEA TO SEA even to the ENDS OF THE EARTH:

*“O God, endow the king with Your judgements, the king’s son with Your righteousness; that he may judge YOUR PEOPLE [Israelites] rightly...LET HIM RULE FROM SEA TO SEA, from the river [Euphrates] TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, Let the DESERT-DWELLERS KNEEL BEFORE HIM, and his ENEMIES LICK THE DUST. Let KINGS OF TARSHISH and the ISLANDS PAY TRIBUTE...**LET ALL KINGS BOW TO HIM, AND ALL NATIONS SERVE HIM**” [Psalm 72:1-11].*

The psalm is attributed to King Solomon. The KING was to judge ONLY HIS NATION **WITH JUSTICE**

- all other nations or people were to be HIS SUBJECTS and PAY TRIBUTE and actually lick the dust off his feet. In Isaiah 49 we read:

*“Listen, O COASTLANDS, to me, and give heed O NATIONS AFAR...Thus says Yahweh, the REDEEMER OF ISRAEL, HIS HOLY ONE...the HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL **WHO CHOSE YOU...** KINGS SHALL TEND YOUR CHILDREN, THEIR QUEENS SHALL SERVE YOU AS NURSES. THEY SHALL BOW TO YOU, FACE TO THE GROUND, **AND LICK THE DUST OF YOUR FEET** .”*

It is clear that if ALL OTHER NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE WORLD are to be the SLAVES AND SUBORDINATES of the JEWS and ISRAELITES and actually LICK THE DUST OF THEIR FEET that the Torah was not applicable to them. The Ten Commandments and the bulk of Torah was not intended for other nations. The very first command in the Exodus 20 version, gives us unmistakable clue to whom this Law applies and for whom it was intended:

"I am Yahweh your God, who has brought YOU [Israel] out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."□

The fifth commandment also gives us a clue as to where this Law should be observed and what is the reward for obedience:□

"Honour your father and your mother: that YOUR [Israelites'] days may be long IN THE LAND which Yahweh your God GIVES YOU."

Which land was the land given to the Israelites? The land of Canaan - the Promised Land. The very land of the peoples who were to be exterminated and for whom this Law was never intended. The reward for obedience was merely the LONG LIFE in the land of Canaan. The

ninth commandment also reveals that bearing false witness was prohibited only against one's neighbour. The Torah clearly shows that the strangers and foreigners were not the neighbours of the Israelites. The fourth and tenth commandments clearly show that the Israelites could possess slaves and therefore the commands could not be universal in application nor are they based on ethics and justice. Therefore this Law - the Ten Commandments - was given to the ISRAELITES and it was INTENDED for the ISRAELITES ONLY. The second command of the Ten reveals that it could not have been spoken or written by the universal God Who is love and who cares for equity and justice. Please note:

“For I Yahweh YOUR God AM A JEALOUS God, visiting the iniquity OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me .”

This command was written by someone at the time when it was still perfectly acceptable to punish and kill the children because of what their fathers did. This was the common practice in the ancient Near East. Daniel 6:24 shows that King Darius punished and gave orders that the WIVES and CHILDREN of the MEN who accused Daniel before him be thrown into the pit full of lions. The innocent were punished with the guilty. Joshua 7 shows how Achan took a small portion of the spoils of Jericho. By doing so he violated the command of the Israelite God and was guilty. Because of his personal sin - of which others had no idea - other innocent warriors of Israel were killed and also CHILDREN were killed - BY BEING HORRIBLY BURNT TO DEATH:

“Joshua, along with all the people of Israel, seized Achan...with Achan's SONS AND DAUGHTERS, his cattle, donkeys, and sheep, his tent, and everything else he owned...All the people then stoned Achan to death; THEY ALSO STONED AND BURNED HIS FAMILY AND POSSESSIONS” [Joshua 7:24-26].

The sons and daughters of Achan who had nothing to do with their father's actions were also cruelly murdered. And not only the children but even **ALL THE ANIMALS WHICH BELONGED TO HIM**. This was the common practice of the Near East peoples and in fact this practice directly violated the command of the Almighty, the Father of Yahweh - as we shall see later.

Genesis also describes how the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their surrounding towns were burnt to the ground by Yahweh. According to the Genesis account **BOTH CITIES** were completely destroyed and **EVERYTHING IN THEM WAS ANNIHILATED**.

All the CHILDREN and NEWBORN BABES and even ALL ANIMALS were DESTROYED IN THE FIRE

. Ironically Abraham pleaded with YAHWEH not to kill the INNOCENT with the GUILTY or RIGHTEOUS with the SINNERS. Abraham in fact argued that the UNIVERSAL JUDGE could not kill the INNOCENT with the GUILTY - since He was concerned with JUSTICE. Yahweh agreed that He would not destroy the cities if He could find but **TEN INNOCENT SOULS** in Sodom:

*“Are you really going to destroy the INNOCENT with the GUILTY? If there are FIFTY INNOCENT PEOPLE in the city, will you destroy the WHOLE CITY? Won't you spare it in order to save the FIFTY? SURELY YOU WON'T KILL THE INNOCENT WITH THE GUILTY. **THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU CAN'T DO THAT. IF YOU DID THE INNOCENT WOULD BE PUNISHED ALONG WITH THE GUILTY. THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE. THE JUDGE OF THE WHOLE EARTH HAS TO ACT JUSTLY***

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[Good News Bible].

Abraham continued to bargain with Yahweh until the final number was set at **TEN**. Yahweh agreed that if He finds **TEN INNOCENT SOULS** in **SODOM** He would spare the city and all its surrounding towns [18:20-32]. But we are told that the **CITIES WERE DESTROYED** and **ALL**

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THE LIVING SOULS were ANNIHILATED. All the little children and the newborn babes were LIKEWISE DESTROYED along with THEIR PARENTS and FOR THEIR PARENTS' SIN. Thus the little children were not considered INNOCENT by the Jewish God Yahweh. Even all the ANIMALS were destroyed for the sin of the PEOPLE. Even in the case when a MAN or WOMAN had sexual relationship with an ANIMAL the animal was ALSO KILLED for the SIN of it's ABUSER [Leviticus 20:15-16]. All the CHILDREN AND NEWBORN BABES were BUTCHERED in the land of Canaan. All these INNOCENT SOULS were punished for the SINS OF THEIR FATHERS - in accordance with the second commandment. Noah's grandson Canaan was punished for his father's sin. And not only Canaan but all his posterity was sentenced to SLAVERY because of the sin his father Ham allegedly committed [Genesis 9:20-27].

David's son to whom Uriah's wife gave birth was PUNISHED TO DEATH because of HIS FATHER'S SIN. That bulk of Torah was intended ONLY FOR THE ISRAELITES and for no other people at all, is also evident from the following passages of the Jewish Pentateuch:

"You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the stranger who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to Yahweh your God " [Deuteronomy 14:21].

"You shall not charge interest to your brother - interest on money or food or anything that is lent out at interest. To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest " [Deuteronomy 14:21].

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“But as for your male slaves and female slaves whom you may buy from among the people that are round about you, of them shall you buy male slaves and female slaves. **Moreover of the children of the strangers who have sojourned among you, of them shall you buy, and of their families that are with you, who have been born in your land; and they shall be your property. And you shall bequeath them to your children after you, to inherit them as a possession; YOU MAY MAKE SLAVES OF THEM FOREVER; but as for your brethren the children of Israel, you shall not compel them to do hard work**” [Leviticus 25:44-46].

The Ten Commandments and bulk of other commands were given by the Jewish God Yahweh and they are not and could not be universal. Because Yahweh was not a universal God but rather a national God and a rebellious Son of El. [For a conclusive proof of this statement please read my article 'Yahweh Was one of the Sons of El Elyon'].