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David and Solomon did to their strangers what the Egyptians did to the Israelites. The former Israelite slaves now became the stern taskmasters. This attitude continued even after the Jews returned home from the Babylonian Captivity. Their own misery and slavery in Babylon did not teach them kindness and compassion but they continued to oppress the strangers. In fact, strangers continued to be slaves and were also used to do hard and miserable jobs in the service of the temple. Ezra, the great reformer and law legislator, hated the strangers and gave orders that all Jews who married foreign women divorce them and send the children away with them [Ezra chapters 9-10]. Some officials opposed Ezra's orders [Ezra 10:15]. Ezra remarked that the Israelites mingled the "holy seed" with the "heathen". Here we see hatred of all foreigners and also we clearly see that Ezra believed in the superiority of his breed and that the seed of his breed was "holy" while that of other peoples abominable. Nehemiah took even stronger measures against those who married strangers. He cursed them, beat them and pulled out their hair. He hoped that Yahweh would reward him for his actions. Now we have already seen that the Talmudic writings plainly sanction and encourage oppression of "goyim" - whether they live in or outside of the land of the Jews. The Talmudic writings sanctioned and encouraged enslavement of strangers and other peoples. We have already seen that orthodox rabbis regard foreigners and other peoples as beasts and cattle. They have obviously learnt this from their falsified and mutilated Pentateuch. For in the Jewish Pentateuch we often find slaves who were acquired from among the strangers in the land, or those purchased from other peoples, listed along with the master's sheep, cattle, camels and other possessions. The foreigners were merely property of the Jews who could do with them as they please. The rabbis and bulk of the Jewish Pentateuch forbids the Jews to own fellow Jews as slaves. Their slaves were to come from among strangers and other peoples. These slaves were dealt with very cruelly. There are texts in the Jewish Pentateuch, just like those of the Talmud, which clearly sanction the practice of slavery and overlook the cruelty of masters. Please note carefully the text of Exodus 21:20-21:

"If a man beats his servant or his maidservant with a rod, so that he dies under his hand, he shall surely be punished. Notwithstanding, if he remains alive a day or two, he shall not be punished; for he is his property".

Popular Christian commentator Matthew Henry has this to say on this text:

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“Directions are given what should be done if a servant died by his master’s correction. This servant must not be an Israelite, but a Gentile slave, as the negroes to our planters; and it is supposed that he smite him with a rod, and not with anything that was likely to give a mortal wound; yet, if he died under his hand, he should be punished for his cruelty, at the discretion of the judges, upon consideration of circumstances. But, if he continued a day or two after the correction given, the master was supposed to suffer enough by loosing his servant”
[Commentary on the Whole Bible, p. 127].

Matthew Henry tries very hard to minimise the horror of this biblical text. First he points out that this slave was not of the Israelite stock but rather a “Gentile” - as if this could justify the text. Then he points out that the punishment was meant to “correct” the slave - although the text does not even imply so. He also tries to point out that a rod is not capable of inflicting a mortal wound and therefore the judges would be more understanding when delivering a verdict. But we know from actual history that when masters were accused of killing their slaves in fits of rage, the judges often imposed only a mild penalty. Matthew Henry and other Christian theologians and preachers fail to address the real issue here. He fails to explain how could this text be inspired by the loving Creator and Father of all mankind. He fails to explain why should non-Israelites, who are also made in the image of God and who also have the same feelings as all the Jews, be subjected to bitter bondage and the yoke of slavery. Henry and other Christians just do not have enough courage to say that this text is the product of the “lying pen of the scribes” - as the prophet Jeremiah pointed out to the Jews of his day. Jeremiah most definitely condemned slavery and oppression of the strangers - as we shall see later. In Leviticus 25:44-46 we find this horrible injunction:

“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.

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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” .

These words are allegedly spoken by God Himself. This text alleges that God gave the right to the Jews and other tribes of Israel to own slaves as long as they are not from among the children of Israel. God allegedly authorised the Jews to enslave not only non-Israelites from other nations but also the very strangers and foreigners who live in their land. Moreover, God allegedly authorised the Jews to even enslave the children of the strangers who are born in their land. He supposedly allowed the Jews to make perpetual slaves of the strangers and their children who were born in the land of Israel. If this text was found in the Talmud then Christians would not hesitate to condemn it and reject it. But since it comes from their own Bible and since God allegedly personally authorised it, they always try to vindicate and justify this text, although deep down in their souls they know that the text could not have come from God. I urge you to continue this study very carefully because there is a great surprise in store for all those who believe that God actually spoke the words of Leviticus 25:44-46. It is important to point out that this is not the only text in the Bible which strongly sanctions slavery and oppression of those who settle in the land of Israel. There are other texts in the same Bible which plainly reveal that the strangers who lived among the Israelites were inferior and were not obligated to observe the Law which the Creator gave to Moses and Moses taught the Israelites. We have already seen that filthy meat of the dead animals could be given to the strangers of the land. We have also seen that the Jews could lend money to strangers on interest. All this implies the inferiority of the strangers who left Egypt and joined the Israelites in their exodus [Exodus 12:38]. But there are other ways by which we may learn that the slaves who came from among the strangers and non-Israelites were dealt with unjustly and treated with contempt and brutality. In Exodus 21:28-32 we read the following:

“If an ox gores a man or a woman that he or she die; then the ox shall be surely stoned and its meat shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be blameless. But if the ox were known to be in the habit of goring in the past, and its owner had been warned, and he has not kept it in, and it kills a man or woman; the ox shall be stoned, and its owner shall also be put to death...If the ox gores a male or female slave, the owner shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver and the ox shall be stoned”.

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Did you get that? The careless owner was guilty if his ox killed an Israelite man or woman, but he was guiltless if the ox killed a male or female slave. He was to pay the master merely thirty shekels of silver so that the master could buy a new slave. The text therefore plainly discriminates between the Israelites and strangers who were enslaved. There is another way we can demonstrate discrimination between strangers who lived in the land and therefore were subject to slavery and the Israelites. When an Israelite man slept with a married woman or a girl engaged to be married - the man was to be killed and the woman and a girl also, if they consented [Deuteronomy 22:22-26]. However, if an Israelite man slept with a girl who was a slave, even if she was engaged to be married, the man was not to be killed since the woman was a slave and not yet redeemed [Leviticus 19:20]. Clearly there was discrimination between an Israelite woman and a foreign woman who was a slave.

Leviticus 22:9-13 also reveals that priest's daughter who was married to a stranger lost her right to eat of the "holy things". When her non-Israelite husband died she once again regained her absolute status. Thus again we see that there was a clear discrimination between native born Israelites and strangers who lived in their land. We have already seen that David, Solomon, Ezra and Nehemiah dealt treacherously with the strangers who lived in their land. Later, when I present certain texts of the Bible which clearly refute and condemn this attitude towards the strangers of the land, it will also become evident from them that the Jews in general ill-treated and oppressed their strangers. Those who composed the Talmud based themselves and their evil attitude on these false and fabricated texts found in the Jewish Bible. We know that these texts which sanction slavery and oppression of the strangers are not inspired nor sanctioned by God by the fact that all true prophets and also Jesus actually nullified and rejected these texts - urging the Jews to abandon their Law which was "handled by the lying pen of the scribes" and embrace the Law which insisted on equality between peoples and urged the Jews to love their strangers as they love their own native-born Israelites. I urge you to read very carefully all the texts which I will present from the Jewish Bible itself. Then decide whether they or the previous texts of the Bible and Talmud are actually inspired and spoken by God, our Heavenly Father.

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The first thing I want to underline very strongly is the fact that prophet Jeremiah in his day did not believe in nor did he actually recognise the Jewish Pentateuch. He maintained that there were certain commands and teachings in the Jewish Pentateuch which were interpolations and falsifications.

“How can you say, “We are wise, for we have the law of the LORD”, when actually the lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely” [Jeremiah 8:8].

There is no need to list all the points Jeremiah rejected. However, I certainly want to point out the fact that Jeremiah believed that strangers in the land of Israel were dealt with wrongly. He preached against the leaders and priests of the land, urging them to stop oppressing the strangers. Jeremiah says that this was the message from God for the Jews of his day:

“If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, IF YOU DO NOT OPPRESS THE STRANGER, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow strange gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave to your forefathers for ever and ever, But look, you are trusting in deceptive words which are worthless” [Jeremiah 7:5-8].

The text clearly reveals that among other things, God also condemned the Jews for oppressing the strangers. He urged them to change their attitude and not trust in the deceptive words - the falsified Law by the lying pen of the scribes. Now please note another text in Jeremiah:

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“Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgement and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor; and do no wrong, **DO NO VIOLENCE TO THE STRANGER**, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place” [Jeremiah 22:3 King James Version].

The word *spoiled* comes from the Hebrew word *gazal*, number #1497 in Strong's and actually means: take away by force, violence. Many slaves were prisoners of war who were actually taken away into slavery by force. The Creator urges the Jews to do what is **RIGHT** and **JUST**. He urges them to rescue those who were subjected to **FORCED LABOUR AND SLAVERY**. He urges them not to **OPPRESS THE STRANGERS** nor the widows and fatherless children of the strangers. [Often the fathers were killed in battles but their widows and their children were taken captive]. Hence the Creator urges the Jews not to do violence and oppression to these poor widows and children. He also urges them not to shed innocent blood in the temple - killing animals in sacrifice - as documented elsewhere in my writings. In Isaiah 56 Go states plainly that all strangers had the opportunity to observe His true and universal Law and that they were welcome. He also said that under no circumstances would they be excluded from His people. Jeremiah pointed out that the temple was meant to be a “house of prayer for all peoples” but the Jews turned it into a “den of robbers” that is, **GRAVEYARD OF MURDERERS**. In Ezekiel 22:6-8,29 we find a clear proof that the Jews of Jerusalem were guilty of oppressing strangers:

“See how each of the princes of Israel who are in you uses his power to shed blood. In you they have treated father and mother with contempt; **IN YOU THEY HAVE OPPRESSED THE STRANGER** and ill-treated the fatherless and the widow...The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and **ILL-TREAT THE STRANGER, DENYING THEM JUSTICE**”.

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Clearly, God our loving Heavenly Father, condemns the Jews for OPPRESSING THE STRANGERS AND DENYING THEM JUSTICE. Ezekiel 47 clearly reveals that the land the Israelites were given by the Creator was not divided justly among the Twelve Tribes. The tribe of Judah, grabbed the bulk of the land, leaving what is left to other weaker tribes. The Israelites enslaved the strangers and denied them justice and any inheritance. But God was not pleased with this. He urged them to follow the following rules when dividing the land:

“These are the boundaries by which you are to divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel, with two portions for Joseph. You are to divide it EQUALLY among them. Because I swore with uplifted hand to give it to your forefathers, this land will become your inheritance...You are to distribute this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves AND FOR THE STRANGERS WHO HAVE SETTLED AMONG YOU AND WHO HAVE CHILDREN. YOU ARE TO CONSIDER THEM AS NATIVE-BORN ISRAELITES; ALONG WITH YOU THEY ARE TO BE ALLOTTED AN INHERITANCE AMONG THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. IN WHATEVER TRIBE THE STRANGER SETTLES, THERE YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM HIS INHERITANCE, declares the Lord GOD” [Ezekiel 47:13,14,21-23].

The text does not sanction oppression of the strangers. It does not agree with Leviticus text which allows the Israelites to enslave their strangers and make their children perpetual slaves. Nor does God agree with the Talmudic writings. Now please pay attention to the following important text as is written in Zechariah 7:7-13:

“Are these not the words of the LORD proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem

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and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled? And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: This is what the LORD Almighty says: Administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another. DO NOT OPPRESS the widow or the fatherless, THE STRANGER or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other. But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and stopped up their ears. They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the LORD Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. So the LORD Almighty was very angry”.

Did you get that? The earlier prophets spoke by the spirit of God, our Heavenly Father. Among other things they urged the people NOT TO OPPRESS THE STRANGERS. The people refused to listen to the LAW - proving that the LAW must have commanded the people to love their strangers and not oppress them. Since the true prophets who were led by the spirit of our Heavenly Father urged the people to treat their strangers fairly and justly, it follows then that God could not have given instructions to which we have referred earlier. Righteous God could not have authorised the Jews to enslave their strangers and subject them to forced labour. Now the Bible does not only plainly reveal that the true prophets loved the strangers and cried out on their behalf, but the same Bible also plainly reveals that there are many texts in the Mosaic Law - even as preserved in the Masoretic Text - which command the Israelites to love their strangers as they love themselves. The Pentateuch clearly states that the same LAW should be in force for both the Israelites and their strangers:

“The same law applies to the native-born and to the stranger living among you” [Exodus 12:49].

“You must have the same regulations for the stranger and the native-born” [Numbers 9:14].

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Please note Numbers 15:15-16:

“The community is to have the same rules for you and for the stranger living among you; this is a perpetual ordinance through all generations. You and the strangers are EQUAL before the LORD. The same laws and regulations will apply both to you and to the stranger living among you”.

Now these instructions are based on morality and perfect justice. Strangers are also people who were created in the image of our Heavenly Father. It is no wonder then that the true prophets of the Most High bitterly condemned those who ill-treated the strangers. Shortly before his death, Moses gave Israelites the following instructions:

“At the end of every seven years, in the year of cancelling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles, when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he shall choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. Assemble the people - men, women and children, and the strangers living in your towns - so that they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and FOLLOW CAREFULLY ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LAW. Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD your God AS LONG AS YOU LIVE IN THE LAND” [Deuteronomy 31:10-13].

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Please note. The strangers and their children were not to be slaves. They were to learn the TRUE LAW and live by ALL ITS COMMANDS. How plain then that certain rules which we have already covered could not be inspired. For if the strangers were to follow the same Law as the Israelites, how then could the Israelites sell them meat from dead and strangled animals? It follows that the injunction of Deuteronomy 14:21 was not inspired by the Most High but rather is the product of the "lying pen of the scribes". After Moses died and Joshua took over the leadership, he assembled all Israelites on Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim. He also assembled ALL THE STRANGERS so that they also may hear the LAW [Joshua 8:32-35]. When he appointed the cities of refuge he also included the STRANGERS [Joshua 20:9]. Now please note the text of Deuteronomy 24:14,17-18:

"Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether he is a brother Israelite or a stranger living in one of your towns...Do not deprive the stranger or the fatherless of justice...Remember that you were slaves in Egypt... That is why I command you to do this".

The Israelites soon forgot that they were strangers in the land of Egypt. They forgot that as strangers they became the slaves of Egypt. David and Solomon forgot that the Israelites were subjected to forced labour in order to build the cities and temples for Pharaoh. They however traced the same steps of Pharaoh by cruelly oppressing strangers in their kingdom. The original Book of the Law contained only the commands of the Creator. It was nothing like our present Pentateuch. There were positive commands which began with: Blessed be the man who does so and so. And there were negative commands which began with: Cursed be the man who does so and so. Now Deuteronomy 27:19 states:

"Cursed be the man who withholds justice from the STRANGER, the fatherless or the widow".

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Is it any wonder then that the true prophets condemned the Israelites who enslaved their strangers and by doing so withheld justice from them. Please note the following text of Deuteronomy 1:16-17:

“And I charged your judges at that time: Hear the disputes between your brothers and judge fairly, whether the case is between brother Israelites or BETWEEN ONE OF THEM AND A STRANGER. Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike”.

Now this is the kind of Law one would expect to come from the Supreme Lawgiver - the Creator of heaven and earth. Not the laws which discriminate among peoples and authorise Israelites to enslave and ill-treat their strangers. The strangers along with the Israelites were to faithfully observe every point of the true Law and together they were to comprise a holy people:

“But you must keep my decrees and laws. The native-born and the strangers living among you must not do any of these abominations” [Leviticus 18:26].

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Now please read this wonderful text from Deuteronomy 10:17-19:

“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the Great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. **AND YOU ARE TO LOVE THOSE WHO ARE STRANGERS**, for you yourselves were strangers in Egypt”.

The Israelites were to love their strangers because the Creator Himself loved them. They were to be kind and compassionate since they knew what it meant to be a stranger in the land of Egypt. But alas, the stiff-necked nation soon forgot the bondage and misery and soon they caused their fellow humans to suffer the same anguish they themselves suffered in Egypt. This was no way to love their strangers. Please note Leviticus 23:9:

“Do not oppress a stranger; you yourselves know how it feels to be a stranger, because you were strangers in Egypt”.

This text speaks for itself. Of all people, the Israelites should have been compassionate towards their foreigners because they knew what it meant to be despised and persecuted and destitute. They knew what it meant to feel the rod and whip of a taskmaster. But alas, they soon forgot it and they also rejected and despised God's true Law and His wonderful precepts. They also rejected and scorned the warnings of the true prophets who pleaded with them to treat their strangers fairly and with justice. And now please note the significant text of Leviticus 19:33-34:

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"And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God".

The Israelites simply ignored these plain and wonderful instructions of their Liberator. They enacted their own laws and implemented their own way of worship which was patterned after those who worshipped the gods. Ezekiel 20 clearly reveals that the Israelites completely despised and rejected the original Law that the Most High taught Moses. The Most High kept sending His true prophets who continually warned the Israelites to abandon their falsified Law and abandon their sacrificial system and way of worship. They insisted that the Israelites stop ill-treating the strangers who lived in their land. The Israelites however refused to listen and they bitterly persecuted the true prophets because their message was not acceptable to them. Stephen made clear during his trial that the Israelites butchered and exterminated the true prophets of the Most High. Please note the following remark:

"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers. You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him - you who have received the law that was put in effect through angels but have not obeyed it" [Acts 7:51-53].

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Stephen told the Jewish judges that they did not observe the Law which was originally implemented. Now we all know that the Pharisees and the members of the Sanhedrin were devout observers of the Law they preserved in their Scriptures. They even paid tithes of copper and mint - as Jesus himself acknowledged. However, they rejected MERCY and JUSTICE which the original true Law demanded of all peoples. Stephen pointed out that the Jewish ancestors persecuted all the prophets. They also killed those who insisted that a Righteous One was coming who was going to teach the truth and restore the original true Law. Jesus himself pointed out that those of Jerusalem butchered the true prophets that were sent to her. Please note the following statement:

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets. So you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers!...So I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify, others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town... O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you” [See Matthew 23:29-39].

Jesus refused to identify the ancestors of the Jews as his forefathers. That is, he refused to identify with their way of worship. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees on the other hand identified those who butchered the true prophets as their forefathers. They also identified their way of worship and statutes as part of the true Law. Therefore Jesus condemned them and said that they were as guilty as their forefathers who actually shed the blood of the holy prophets. Stephen himself refused to identify the Jewish forefathers as his own forefathers. He insisted that all those who changed the true Law and followed their own way of worship were not his ancestors. Up until the establishment of the temple Solomon built, Stephen referred to the Jewish ancestors as “our fathers”. Up to that time there was hope that the Jewish false religious system would be abolished and that they would return to the true original Law that Moses received from the Most High. From the time Solomon permanently established this false religious system in the temple - against which Stephen actually preached - Stephen refuses to identify those Jews after the temple was built as his fathers. From this point on Stephen always

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refers to the Jewish ancestors as “your fathers”. You can verify this fact by carefully reading the speech of Stephen preserved in Acts 7.

We have seen that the true prophets loved the strangers and cried out on their behalf. They urged the wicked Israelites not to oppress the strangers and not to deprive them of justice. We also know that Jesus himself loved the strangers and even spoke with and associated with Samaritans, whom the Jews regarded as the worst enemies. We also know that he urged all those who heard his teaching to love their enemies, to pray for them and not to resist an evil person. He urged them to be absolute pacifists and to offer the other cheek.

All the peoples of the world are *BROTHERS* and *SISTERS*. They all stem from the same source. The Bible plainly reveals that Adam and his wife Eve were created in the image of Elohim [Genesis 1:27; 5:1-2; James 3:9]. Now all the nations are descended from Adam. This is due to the fact that Noah and his sons were descendants of Adam and therefore of Adamic race. There are different breeds and kinds of people, but there is only one RACE or SPECIE. That race is the HUMAN RACE, HUMANITY, HOMO-SAPIANS. In order to illustrate this fact let me give you an example. There are many different breeds of pigeons: fantails, tumblers, rollers, jacobins, nuns, etc. All these breeds are man-made through special breeding. Now although these breeds are different in appearance, they are nevertheless all of the same SPECIE. The PIGEON specie. These breeds are related to each other in various ways. There are close relatives and distant relatives in each breed. Pure-bred fantail is related to fantails but is of the stock of PIGEONS and therefore is called PIGEON. The same is true of all other breeds of pigeons or any other animal breed. Now there are different breeds of humans. There are Negroids, Mongoloid and Caucasians. They look different and they reproduce according to their close and distant genetic connections. But all these peoples stem from the original STOCK or SPECIE which is called HUMANITY or ADAM in Hebrew. Therefore all peoples of the earth are BROTHERS and are equal HUMAN BEINGS. Negro is as much a human being as is a white man. Just like a fantail is as much a pigeon as a tumbler or roller. This is an indisputable fact. Those who argue against this fact for whatever reason, are simply racial bigots and the love of the Heavenly Father is not in them. In Acts 17:24-28 we find the following information:

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“God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands...he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. *From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth*

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and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, We are his offspring”.

All nations are descended from one man. Those who advocate racism [such as British Israelism and Ellen White], insist that non-white peoples are not descended from Adam. British Israelites insist that they are descendants of pre-Adamic beings and therefore are sub-human. They argue that Adam was white and Eve being part of his own body was also white [See their publication *Elohiym and Yahowah in Genesis*]. Ellen White on the other hand manifested her racism in the following manner:

“But if there was one sin above another which called for the destruction of the race by the flood, it was the base crime of amalgamation of *men and beast which DEFACED THE IMAGE OF GOD* , and caused confusion everywhere” [Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p. 64].

“Every species of animal which God had created were preserved in the ark. The confused species which God did not create, *which were the result of amalgamation*, were destroyed by the flood. Since the flood there has been amalgamation of man and beast, as may be seen in the almost endless varieties of species of animals, *and in certain races of men*

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” [Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 3, p. 75].

Ellen White taught that the descendants of Cain had sexual union with certain beasts and produced a DEFACED IMAGE OF GOD. In order to account for certain breeds of humanity, she insisted that this amalgamation also continued after the Flood. Uriah Smith, one of most influential SDA writers published a book in 1868, defending the claim of Ellen G. White. He argued that the sexual union of men and beasts created “wild bushmen of Africa” [The Visions of Mrs. E.G. White, p. 103]. James White, the Elder and husband of Ellen G. White, recommended this book in the SDA magazine, *Review and Herald*. Uriah Smith was the general editor. This is what James White wrote:

“The Association has just published a pamphlet entitled, “The Visions of Mrs. E.G. White, A Manifestation of Spiritual Gifts According to the Scriptures.” It is written by the editor of the *Review*

While carefully reading the manuscript, I felt grateful to God that our people could have this able defense of those views they so much love and prize, which others despise and oppose” [August 15, 1868].

Now we all know that the Genesis record plainly states that all animals were to reproduce *after their kind*

. If man was to have sexual relations even with gorilla - genetically closest to man - there could be no conception. Evolutionists would gladly accomplish this if they could, in order to prove their theory of evolution. Mutations are possible but only to a limited degree. Even if the pre-deluvian world was so advanced that they could create offspring between man and beast through genetical engineering, there is absolutely no evidence of such advanced technology after the Flood. Ellen G. White was therefore grossly deceived. Adventist scholar F.D. Nichols in his defence of Ellen G. White points out that the word *amalgamation*

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intermarriage between whites and blacks

. He therefore concludes that Ellen G. White referred to intermarriage between whites and blacks. But by claiming so Nichols does not justify the racism of Ellen G. White. He only solves the scientific problem White faced by claiming that men and beasts procreated offspring. But in solving one problem he created another. How could a white man [made in the image of the Most High] debase the image of the Most High by marrying a black woman [also created in the image of the Most High]? We know that the first wife of Moses was a Midianite and her name was Sephorah [Exodus 2:15-22]. Midianites were dark coloured people. But Moses' second wife was an Ethiopian. Miriam and Aaron mumbled against Moses for marrying her. The Most High however vindicated Moses [Numbers 12:1-9]. If marriage between whites and blacks debased the image of the Most High, then Moses would not have married an Ethiopian woman nor would have the Most High vindicated Moses and condemned Aaron and particularly Miriam. Ethiopians were not inferior people to the Jews. Ethiopians were Cushites and were descendants of Cush, the son of Ham, who was the son of Noah. The true prophet Amos quotes God saying the following:

“Are you not like the Ethiopians to me, O people of Israel? says the LORD. Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir?” [Amos 9:7].

The Most High did not only liberate the Israelites from slavery. He also liberated other oppressed peoples. He also allocated lands and territories to all peoples and determined where each nation should live. Amos quotes God saying that to Him the Ethiopians were just like the Israelites. Now Ethiopians were most definitely black, for we read the following in the Bible:

“Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?” [Jeremiah 13:23].

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This positively proves that Ethiopians were and still are coloured people. But this fact made no difference to God, anymore than the spots on the leopard's skin annoy Him. God is not a respecter of persons. Nor is He a chauvinist or bigot. He loves and cares for all the peoples of the earth - even those who curse Him and refuse to obey His will - as Jesus himself pointed out. Ethiopians were descendants of Cush who was the grandson of Noah [Genesis 10:6]. Egyptians were the descendants of Mizraim the son of Ham [Genesis 10:6; 1 Chronicles 1:8]. Egyptians are called *Mizraim* in Hebrew. The name Jew comes from the name JUDAH. Israel comes from JACOB, who was renamed ISRAEL. The name Semite is derived from the name SHEM. The name Hebrew comes from the name EBER. Now Eber was third in line from SHEM. Cush was the son of HAM. Jacob was a descendant of SHEM. Judah was the son of Jacob. Ham and Shem were brothers - the sons of Noah. Noah was a descendant of ENOCH and ultimately ADAM. Adam was a son of the Most High. Therefore it follows that all nations are descended from the same stock - homo-sapian stock - HUMANITY. Jews and the Ethiopians are close blood relatives. They both descend from two blood brothers - SHEM and HAM - the sons of Noah. It does not matter that Cushites are black while the Jews white. You can have a black and white colt from the same mare. The black colt is not inferior to the white. Both are of the same stock. Therefore both are of the same specie. All the peoples of the world stem from the three brothers - SHEM, HAM and JAPHET - the sons of Noah, who themselves were of the lineage of Adam. Therefore all the peoples of the world are EQUAL in the sight of the Most High. The texts in the Bible which argue otherwise are false interpolations and later fabrications by the "lying pen of the scribes."

I have already pointed out that Jesus never condoned slavery. On the contrary, he expected all his true and loyal followers to renounce the riches of the world and not own any private property. He spoke against the rich and those who are well fed now. He urged those who had two garments to give one to those who had none. We know that the first original believers and followers of the Twelve were named Nazarenes and later Ebionites. These believers renounced riches and private property. The Book of Acts itself testifies that the first believers actually formed a close community which shared all things in common.

Acts 2:44-45 explicitly states:

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“And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.”

The text plainly states that all believers renounced their private property and riches. They sold everything they had and shared it with other believers. There were no masters among them nor were there any slaves. All shared everything equally. Acts 4:34-35 states:

“There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.”

The text so plainly and wonderfully describes the noble and humane spirit of the earliest true followers of Jesus. These believers indeed comprised the true Brotherhood - where no fellow human was a slave. Now it is commonly supposed by many uninformed Christians that this communistic practice among the early believers and followers of Jesus soon ceased. Since they do not find such a practice among the followers of Paul and in the “churches” he established - they simply assume that the Twelve and the other believers discontinued their communistic way of life. However, historically we know that these believers lived a communistic way of life as long as we can historically trace their existence. As late as the fourth century, these believers continued to practice the communistic way of life and hold all things in common. Because of their stubborn objection to riches and worldly possessions, and because of their simplistic and communal way of life, they became known as EBIONITES. The Hebrew word *ebionim* actually

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Paul however held a different view. He stayed aloof from James, the brother of Jesus, and in actual fact regarded his emissaries as “false brothers.” He maintained that his own teachings which he claimed were based on the visions and revelations, were official and true teachings of Jesus. Be it as it may, we know for a fact that in all of his epistles, Paul never even hinted that the converts in his “churches” should release their slaves. In other words, Paul never spoke against slavery nor did he actually instruct his followers not to practice slavery. On the contrary, he stressed that all believing slaves must obey their masters. This did not apply only to those slaves who had unbelieving masters. Paul actually urged the believing slaves to serve their believing masters as they would serve “Christ.” Please note the text of 1 Timothy 6:1-4:

“Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honour, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. *Those who have believing masters* must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that *they are MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH* ; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are *believers and beloved* . Teach and urge these duties...if there is any man who teaches a different doctrine...he is proud, knowing nothing.”

Paul maintains that all believing slaves must obey and serve their masters. He commands them to serve the believing masters with even greater zeal, since their masters are members of the “churches” Paul and his co-workers established. Paul does not instruct the believing masters to release their slaves and set them free. Instead, he urged the slaves to serve their masters and work hard so that their believing masters could accumulate even greater wealth. If Paul and his

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followers implemented the communistic way of life as did the followers of the Twelve, then there could not have been masters and slaves in the Pauline “churches.” Since they rejected the perfect way of life and embraced riches of this world, all those who were wealthy and able to accumulate riches were allowed by Paul to practice slavery and exploit even their own Christian brothers. Both Paul and the slave owners in his “churches” ignored the fact that all humans are made in the image of God. They ignored the fact that Jesus urged all his followers to treat others as they would want others to treat them. The adherents of Pauline Christianity condoned and practiced slavery. In the Constitutions of the Holy Apostles, Paul instructs his followers how to deal with those who seek baptism. The following text is credited to the pen of Paul which was strictly followed by Christians who adhered to the teachings of Paul:

“If he be a slave to one of the *FAITHFUL*, let his master be asked if he can give him a good character. If he cannot, let him be rejected, until he show himself to be worthy to his master. But if he does give him a good character, let him be admitted. But if he be a household slave to an heathen, let him be taught to please his master, that the word be not blasphemed” [The Ante Nicene Fathers, pp. 494-495].

The text clearly reveals that those who followed the teachings and principles of Paul were allowed to retain their slaves. Moreover, these “faithful” masters were asked to give a report on the behaviour of their slaves. If the masters gave a bad report then the slaves were not baptized. The text indisputably proves that the Pauline Christians differed from the believers who adhered to the teachings of the Twelve and ultimately to those propagated by Jesus himself. The followers of the Twelve rejected the practice of slavery. They had no slaves and would simply not admit anyone to their community who owned slaves. If any wealthy master wanted to become a part of their community, he had to set his slaves free. Likewise, all his wealth became the property of the community as a whole. Those who cheated the system and clung to their wealth ended up estranged from God and the community. Ananias and his wife cheated the system and as a result ended up dead [Acts 5]. In the epistle Ignatius wrote to Polycarp, chapter 4, we find the following instruction:

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“Do not despise either male or female slaves, yet neither let them be puffed up with conceit, but rather let them submit themselves the more, for the glory of God, that they may obtain from God a better liberty. *Let them not long to be set free from slavery at the public expense*, that they be not found slaves to their own desires.”

Ignatius urged Polycarp and Pauline Christians in general not to use the “church” money in order to obtain the freedom of the believing slaves. On the other hand, we know that the Essenes used the money from a common fund in order to secure a freedom of slaves whenever feasibly possible. The true servants of God rejected slavery and condemned its practice as violation of equality among the peoples. Both Josephus and Philo testified that the Essenes condemned slavery. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia on p. 151, says that according to Philo,

“not a single slave is to be found among them, but all are free, exchanging services with each other, and they denounce the owners of slaves, not merely for the injustice in outraging the law of equality, but also for their impiety in annulling the statute of Nature, who mother-like has born and reared all men alike, and created them genuine brothers, not in mere name, but in very reality, though this kinship has been put to confusion by the triumph of malignant covetousness, which has wrought estrangement instead of affinity and enmity instead of friendship.”

The Essenes who were later also identified as Nazarenes and Ebionites adhered to the spirit of Jesus' teachings. They loved all the peoples and maintained that all the peoples had the right to worship God.

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Church Father Hyppolytus wrote:

“And they [Esseni] despise wealth, and do not turn away from sharing their goods with those that are destitute. No one amongst them, however, enjoys a greater amount of riches than another. For a regulation among them is, that an individual coming forward to join the sect must sell his possessions, and present the price of them to the community. And on receiving the money, the head of the order distributes it to all according to their necessities. Thus there is no one among them in distress...And their robe and its shape are modest. And they do not own two cloaks, or a double set of shoes; and when those that are in present use become antiquated, then they adopt others. And they neither buy nor sell anything at all; but whatever anyone has he gives to him that has not, and that which one has not he receives” [The Ante Nicene Fathers, Vol. 5, p. 134].

It is an indisputable fact that the original true believers who obeyed the teachings of Jesus and who followed the instructions of the Twelve, abhorred slavery and shared all things in common. The followers of Paul did not live a communistic way of life. Neither did they actually condemn the practice of slavery. On the contrary, they actually practiced slavery and Paul sanctioned and condoned their practice. The New Testament indisputably proves that those who followed Pauline Christianity actually retained their slaves after their conversion and baptism. Philemon was a wealthy Christian who almost certainly was a preacher. Weekly services were also held in his own house. The Good News Bible, in introduction to the Epistle to Philemon, gives us the following information:

“Philemon was a prominent Christian, probably a member of the church at Colossae and the *owner of a slave named Onesimus*

. The slave had run away from his master, and then somehow he had come in contact with Paul, who was then in prison. Through Paul, Onesimus became a Christian. Paul’s letter to Philemon is an appeal to Philemon to be reconciled to his slave,

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whom Paul is sending back to him
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The preface to Philemon, in *The Bible for Today*, says:

“Philemon was a *wealthy man who owned slaves* and who used his large house for church meetings. He probably lived in Colossae, since Paul’s letter to the Colossians mentions Onesimus, *a slave of Philemon.*”

Reader’s Digest, *Who’s Who in the Bible*, art. Philemon, on p. 355 says:

“An apparently *wealthy, slave-owning Christian* in whose house the Colossian church assembled.”

The Oxford Companion to the Bible on p. 589 says:

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“Philemon was a Christian who lived in the Phrygian town of Colossae in the middle of the first century CE. The chief concern of the brief letter is the fate of Philemon’s *slave* Onesimus. That name meant “useful,” and it was frequently given to slaves. It seems that this slave had at first been useful to his master, but had become useless because, *having found conditions intolerable*, he had fled from Colossae, probably taking with him certain valuables belonging to the owner.”

The Epistle to Philemon proves one indisputable fact. A prominent Christian was a *wealthy, slave-owning* master. Such a person could not have been baptized among the true followers of the Twelve, unless he renounced slavery and also sold his wealth and handed the proceeds to the treasurer of the common fund. Paul however rejected the communistic way of life and allowed Philemon and other members of his “churches” to practice slavery.

I believe that this article contains sufficient evidence to prove the fact that the true God never sanctioned or condoned slavery. The passages in the Bible which sanction and condone slavery are not inspired nor were they spoken by the true God. They are later fabrications and interpolations by the “lying pen of the scribes.” Now that you know this fact, you should be on guard when you deal with other texts of the Bible which sanction and condone other atrocities, abominations and injustices. For it is an indisputable fact that God never commanded the Jews and the other tribes of Israel to do anything that is unjust and wrong. He in fact strongly condemned the Jews for waging their so-called Holy War. He also condemned their sacrificial cultus, claiming that He never implemented it. He also opposed and bitterly condemned the killing of animals for their flesh. God also opposed the practice of polygamy. The earliest true believers and followers of Jesus maintained that the Jewish Bible contained many falsehoods. They had alternative scriptures. This fact is plainly documented elsewhere in my writings. I hope and pray that you will come to realize that the teachings of the Rabbinical Judaism and Normative Christianity are not founded on the true sayings of Scripture and that they are in fact

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contrary to nature, logic and ethics. I hope that you will do everything you can in order to make others see that all humanity bears the image and likeness of God and that all humanity actually comprises *THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD*.