

# Old Testament Survey

# •general overview issues of the Old Testament

## Introduction

- Genesis and the first half of Exodus.
- the law; how the Pentateuch and the law contained in it work.
- historical books of the Old Testament.
- prophetical books.
- poetical books







# Exodus 19



3 months later:

Exodus 19:16-19

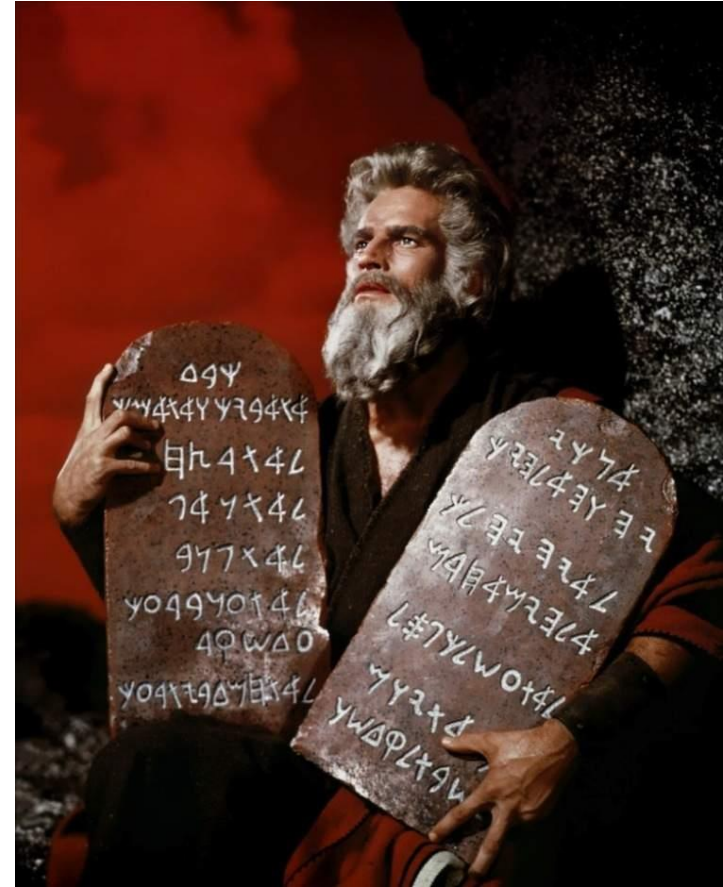
- Awful appearance of God
- Thunder and lightning
- Thick Cloud
- Very loud trumpet blast
- Mt. covered with smoke, trembled violently
- Moses and Israelites afraid



	Mt. Sinai (1450 BC)	Church (2015 AD)
Reference	<u>Exodus 19:16-19</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:18-24</u>
Covenant for	Israel	Christians everywhere
Executor	Moses	Jesus
Environment	Fear/Darkness	Joy/Light
Covenant under	Law	Grace
Access to God	Moses only	Everyone
Nature of Vassal	(Israel) Imperfect	(Church) 'perfect'

# Classification of the Old Testament Law (Exodus 20-Deuteronomy 33)

1. Ethical Law
2. Civil law
3. Ritual Law

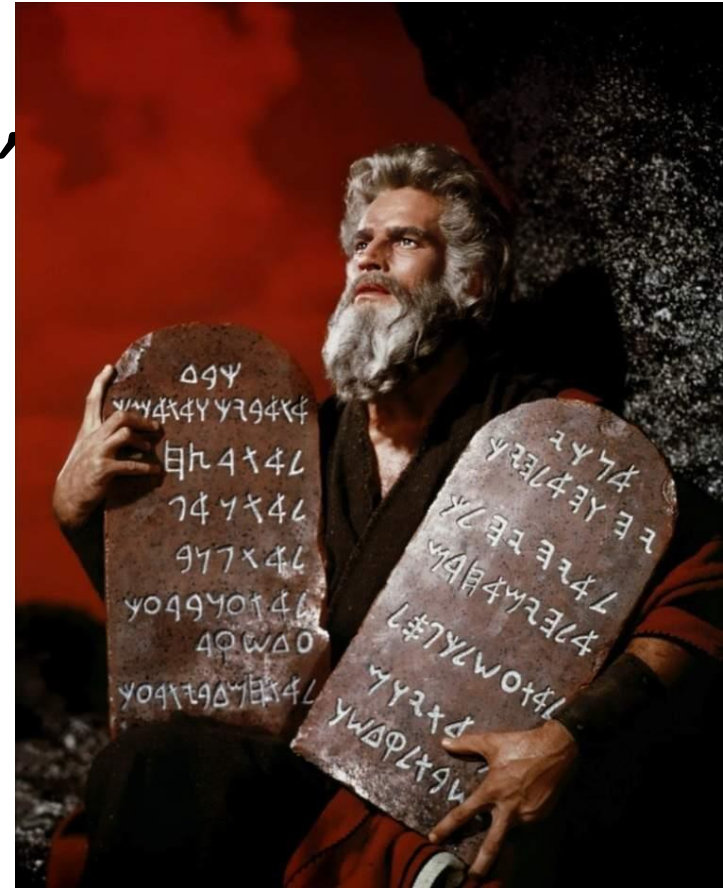


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## 1. Ethical Law

The Ten Commandments, 'Decalogue' ("ten words")

- ❑ Covenant with Israel
- ❑ In the 2<sup>nd</sup> person....'*thou shall not...*'
- ❑ Unconditional
- ❑ Like our 'constitution'
- ❑ Two tablets kept in the ark







## 2. Civil Law – Exodus 20:22–23:33

❑ Moses himself gave these as instructed in Exodus 21:1

❑ Second largest portion of the Old Testament laws,

*Eg Exodus 21:2*

*‘If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything..’*

❑ Conditional

❑ God is very interested in our ‘one another’ relationships

The death penalty for:

- Attacking or cursing a parent ([Exodus 21:15,17](#))
- Disobedience to parents ([Deuteronomy 21:18-21](#))
- Failure to confine a dangerous animal, resulting in death ([Exodus 21:28-29](#))
- Witchcraft and sorcery ([Exodus 22:18](#), [Leviticus 20:27](#), [Deuteronomy 13:5](#), [1 Samuel 28:9](#))
- Sex with an animal ([Exodus 22:19](#), [Leviticus 20:16](#))
- Doing work on the Sabbath ([Exodus 31:14](#), [35:2](#), [Numbers 15:32-36](#))
- Incest ([Leviticus 18:6-18](#), [20:11-12,14,17,19-21](#))
- Adultery ([Leviticus 20:10](#); [Deuteronomy 22:22](#))
- Homosexual acts ([Leviticus 20:13](#))
- Blasphemy ([Leviticus 24:14,16](#), [23](#))
- False prophecy ([Deuteronomy 18:20](#))
- False claim of a woman's virginity at time of marriage ([Deuteronomy 22:13-21](#))
- Sex between a woman pledged to be married and a man other than her betrothed ([Deuteronomy 22:23-24](#))



### 3. Ritual laws- Leviticus

- ❑ Constitute the largest portion of the Old Testament laws,

- ❑ Instructions for worship, sacrifice, and cleanliness

- ❑ Also called 'the holiness code'

*Leviticus 20:26 You are to be holy to me<sup>v</sup> because I, the LORD, am holy,<sup>w</sup> and I have set you apart from the nations<sup>x</sup> to be my own.*

- ❑ How is your private and public worship of God?



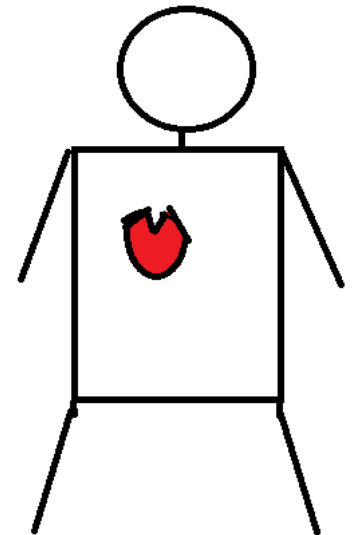
# Important facts about OT law

- Old Testament law was a generous gift to Israel
- The Old Testament is God's fully inspired word for you but not direct command to you
- Only the aspects of the law renewed in the NT are binding for NT Christian:
- Ethical Aspects of 10 commandments  
Deuteronomy 6:5 –Mrk 12: 29  
Leviticus 19:18 -

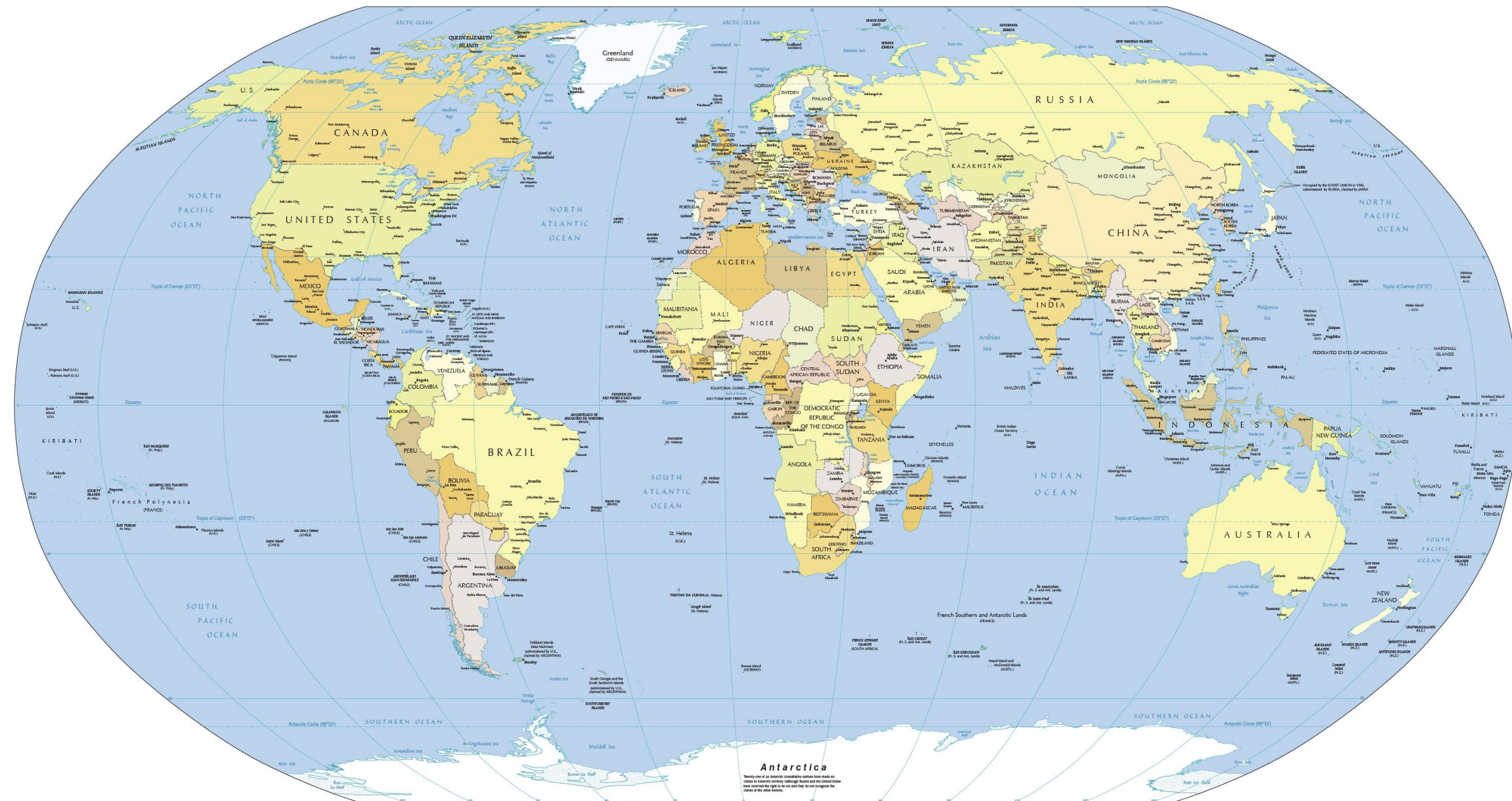


# The Law of Moses and the Law of Christ

- Mat 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
- Mat 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



# THE SCOPE OF THE GOSPEL- ROMANS 1:16





# *being before doing....*

He was proud to believe the gospel as a man (Acts 27:25), to confess it as a Christian (Romans 10:9-10), to proclaim it as a witness (Acts 22:15), to contend for it as a good soldier (Philippians 1:27) and to suffer and die for it as a martyr (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

- Paul was driven by 'his gospel' to the greatest recesses of doing....
- Imprisoned in Philippi,
- chased out of Thessalonica,
- smuggled out of Damascus and Berea,
- laughed at in Athens,
- considered a fool at Corinth,
- declared a blasphemer and lawbreaker in Jerusalem.
- Stoned and left for dead at Lystra...





# Inside-out or outside-outside

