



The 613 Commandments

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001 – Be fruitful and multiply

Gen 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Applies to: No one; fulfilled

Cross References:

Jer 16:1-4 God commanded Jeremiah not to marry or have children

Matt 19:10-12 Jesus permitted celibacy for the sake of the kingdom

Comments:

Individual circumstances take precedent over this commandment

This commandment has been fulfilled; the earth is overpopulated

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002 – Circumcise every son of Abraham

Gen 17:10 This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.

Applies to: Sons of Abraham; voluntary for others

Cross References:

Lev 12:3 Circumcise a boy's foreskin on the 8th day

Comments:

The blood clotting factor peaks eight days after birth

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003 – Don't eat the sinew of the thigh

Gen 32:32 Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

Applies to: No one

Cross References:

Deut 12:32 Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

Comments:

This is a tradition, not a commandment

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004 – The year begins on Abib 1

Ex 12:2 This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Ex 23:15 The month is called Abib

Ex 34:18 The month is called Abib

Comments:

The Jews misinterpret this passage

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005 – Kill the Passover at twilight on Abib 14

Ex 12:6 You shall keep it [the Passover lamb] until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Ex 23:43 No foreigner is to eat the Passover

Comments:

Uncircumcised males can't eat the Passover

No sacrifices are possible without a Temple

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006 – Eat the Passover with matzah & bitter herbs

Ex 12:8 They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

No sacrifices are possible without a Temple

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007 – Roast the Passover whole in fire

Ex 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

2Chr 35:13 Israel roasted the Passover animals on the fire according to regulation

Comments:

The Samaritans still prepare the Passover this way on Mount Gerizim

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008 – Burn any remaining Passover meat by morning

Ex 12:8 And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

No sacrifices are possible without a Temple

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009 – Remove all leaven from your property by Passover

Ex 12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Cor 5:7-8 Paul taught Christians to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread

Comments:

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010 – Eat unleavened bread during Abib 15-21

Ex 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Cor 5:7-8 Paul taught Christians to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread

Comments:

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011 – Don't possess any leaven during Abib 15-21

Ex 12:19 Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an alien or a native of the land.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Cor 5:7-8 Paul taught Christians to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread

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012 – Don't eat leaven during Abib 15-21

Ex 12:20 You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Cor 5:7-8 Paul taught Christians to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread

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013 – No foreigner may eat the Passover

Ex 12:43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner is to eat of it"

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 12:48 No uncircumcised male is to eat the Passover

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014 – No resident alien may eat the Passover

Ex 12:45 A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 12:48 No uncircumcised male is to eat the Passover

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015 – Don't remove Passover meat from the house

Ex 12:46 It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

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016 – Don't break any bone of the Passover

Ex 12:46 It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

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017 – No uncircumcised man may eat the Passover

Ex 12:48 But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

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018 – Sanctify the firstborn males of man and animals

Ex 13:2 Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Ex 34:19 The first offspring of every womb belongs to Me, including all the firstborn males among your livestock, whether cattle or sheep.

Num 3:13 On the day I struck down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast.

Comments:

This applies to firstborn males and is related to the death of the firstborn in Egypt

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019 – Remember the day you went out of Egypt

Ex 13:3 Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. And nothing leavened shall be eaten."

Applies to: Israel

Cross References:

Ex 12:42 Because the LORD kept a vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, this same night is to be a vigil to the LORD, to be observed by all the Israelites for the generations to come.

Comments:

Christians should remember the day they came out of bondage to sin, unbelief

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020 – No leaven within your borders

Ex 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 12:19 For seven days there must be no yeast found in your houses. If anyone eats something leavened, that person, whether a foreigner or native of the land, must be cut off from the congregation of Israel.

Comments:

This applied equally to Israelites and resident aliens

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021 – Teach your son the reason for Passover

Ex 13:8 You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

Applies to: Israel

Cross References:

Ex 13:14 And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.'

Comments:

Christians should remember the day they came out of bondage to sin, unbelief

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022 – Redeem or kill every firstborn animal

Ex 13:13 But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

No offerings are possible without a Temple

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023 – Redeem every firstborn son

Ex 13:13 But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

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024 – Don't go out to work on the Sabbath

Ex 16:29 See, the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Luke 23:54 It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

Luke 23:56 Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Comments:

Christians should prepare for the Sabbath to avoid any unnecessary work

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025 – Believe that the Lord is our God

Ex 20:2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Comments:

Technically, not a command, but an essential truth that must be acknowledged by all

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026 – Have no other gods except the Lord

Ex 20:3 You shall have no other gods before Me.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Cor 8:4 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.

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027 – Don't make any idols

Ex 20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Deut 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

1Cor 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals...

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028 – Don't worship any idols

Ex 20:5 You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

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030 – Don't use the Lord's name in vain

Ex 20:7 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Lev 24:16 Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

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031 – Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy

Ex 20:8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Gen 2:3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Mark 2:27 Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

Comments:

God sanctified the Sabbath at Creation for everyone

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032 – Don't work on the Sabbath

Ex 20:10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Isa 56:6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer...

Comments:

Everyone, Israelite or Gentile, had to rest on the Sabbath

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033 – Honor your parents

Ex 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (which is the first commandment with a promise)

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034 – Don't commit murder

Ex 20:13 You shall not murder.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Pet 4:15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler

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035 – Don't commit adultery

Ex 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Cor 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

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036 – Don't steal

Ex 20:15 You shall not steal.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Eph 4:28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

Comments:

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037 – Don't bear false witness

Exodus 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Eph 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE** of you **WITH HIS NEIGHBOR**, for we are members of one another.

Comments:

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038 – Don't covet

Exodus 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Eph 5:5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure, or greedy person (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Comments:

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039 – Don't make silver or gold idols

Exodus 20:23 You shall not make other gods besides Me; gods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Deut 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

1Cor 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals...

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040 – Don't make an altar out of hewn stones

Exodus 20:25 If you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it.

Applies to: Israel

Cross References:

Deut 12:13 Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every cultic place you see, 14 but in the place which the LORD chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

2Chr 32:12 Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, "You shall worship before one altar, and on it you shall burn incense"?

Comments:

God allowed only one altar in all the world

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041 – Don't climb steps to the altar

Exodus 20:26 And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, so that your nakedness will not be exposed on it.

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Ex 28:43 Make linen undergarments to cover their bare flesh, extending from waist to thigh. 43 Aaron and his sons must wear them whenever they enter the tent of meeting or approach the altar to minister in the Holy Place, so that they will not incur guilt and die. This is to be a permanent statute for Aaron and his descendants.

Comments:

An illustration of proper modesty

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042 – Israelite bond-servants go free after six years

Exodus 21:2 If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Lev 25:39 If a countryman among you becomes destitute and sells himself to you, you must not force him into slave labor.

Comments:

Destitute Israelites paid their debts through indentured servitude (i.e., contract work).

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043 – Israelite maid-servants must be redeemed

Exodus 21:7 If a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she is not to go free as the male slaves do.
8 If she is displeasing in the eyes of her master who designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people because of his unfairness to her.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Comments:

If a family became destitute, daughters were effectively married off to prevent them from starving to death, but the arrangement had to be mutually agreeable.

In Bronze Age Israel, arranged marriages were the norm; modern, western cultures developed social welfare programs that eliminated the need for these customs.

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044 – Israelite maid-servants have betrothal rights

Exodus 21:9 If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Comments:

Even in an arranged marriage, the daughter had rights.

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045 –Israelite maid-servants can't be sold to foreigners

Exodus 21:7 If a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she is not to go free as the male slaves do.
8 If she is displeasing in the eyes of her master who designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people because of his unfairness to her.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Deut 7:3 No marriages between Israel and Canaanites (unbelievers).

2Cor 6:14-17 No fellowship with unbelievers, unequally yoked

Comments:

God kept believers together

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046 – Israelite maid-servants have marital rights

Exodus 21:10 If he takes to himself another woman, he may not reduce her food, her clothing, or her conjugal rights.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

1Cor 7:5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Comments:

A husband must provide support and children to each wife; no discrimination

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047 – Execute anyone who strikes or curses a parent

Exodus 21:15 He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:17 He who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Rom 1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Comments:

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048 – Execute a kidnapper

Exodus 21:16 He who kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his possession, shall surely be put to death.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

1Tim 1:9 realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers 10 and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching

Comments:

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049 – Financial liability for injury to another

Exodus 21:18 If men are quarreling and one strikes the other with a stone or a fist, and he does not die but is confined to bed, 19 then the one who struck him shall go unpunished, as long as the other can get up and walk around outside with his staff. Nevertheless, he must compensate the man for his lost work and see that he is completely healed.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Comments:

This would tend to restrain fighting

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050 – Punish anyone who kills his slave

Exodus 21:20 If a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod and he dies at his hand, he shall be punished. 21 However, if the slave gets up after a day or two, the owner shall not be punished, since the slave is his property.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Comments:

This applied to foreign slaves, usually prisoners of war, not to Israelite indentured servants.

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051 – Kill an animal that kills a human

Exodus 21:28 If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall surely be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Gen 9:5 And surely I will require the life of any man or beast by whose hand your lifeblood is shed. I will demand an accounting from anyone who takes the life of his fellow man

Comments:

The owner would likely put a protective fence around the ox out of self-interest

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052 – Don't eat an animal that killed a human

Exodus 21:28 If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall surely be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Comments:

The owner got no benefit from the dead animal; more incentive to fence it off

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053 – Financial liability for negligent harm to an animal

Exodus 21:33 If a man opens a pit, or digs a pit and does not cover it over, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, 34 the owner of the pit shall make restitution; he shall give money to its owner, and the dead animal shall become his.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Lev 19:17-18 Love you neighbor as yourself; cover the pit

Comments:

People are responsible for the safety of others

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054 – Punishments for stealing

Exodus 22:1 If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep. 2 If the thief is caught while breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account. 3 But if the sun has risen on him, there will be bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. 4 If what he stole is actually found alive in his possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Prv 6:30 Men do not despise the thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger. 31 Yet if caught, he must pay sevenfold; he must give up all the wealth of his house.

Comments:

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055 – Financial liability for negligent harm to property

Exodus 22:6 If a fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain or the standing grain or the field itself is consumed, he who started the fire shall surely make restitution.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Lev 19:17-18 Love you neighbor as yourself

Comments:

God was teaching personal responsibility

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056 – Financial liability if stolen property is recovered

Exodus 22:7 If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep for him and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is caught, he shall pay double.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Exodus 22:4 If what he stole is actually found alive in his possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

Comments:

The neighbor isn't responsible for guarding the property; lenders assume the risk

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057 – Criminal liability if guarding a neighbor's property

Exodus 22:8 If the thief is not caught, then the owner of the house shall appear before the judges, to determine whether he laid his hands on his neighbor's property.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Comments:

God taught the Israelites the principle of criminal investigation

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058 – The judges shall decide all property disputes

Exodus 22:9 For every breach of trust, whether it is for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any lost thing about which one says, 'This is it,' the case of both parties shall come before the judges; he whom the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Deut 16:18 Appoint judges in every town; they shall judge fairly

Comments:

God taught the Israelites the principle of Lex Rex, the rule of law

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059 – Financial liability for borrowed property

Exodus 22:14 If a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution. 15 If its owner is with it, he shall not make restitution; if it is hired, it came for its hire.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

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060 – Financial liability for seducing a maiden

Exodus 22:16 If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and lies with her, he must pay a dowry for her to be his wife. 17 If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money equal to the dowry for virgins.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Deut 22:28 If a man finds a girl who is a virgin, who is not engaged, and seizes her and lies with her and they are discovered, 29 then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall become his wife because he has violated her; he cannot divorce her all his days.

Comments:

The dowry would provide for the girl's support if she returned to her father's house. Fifty shekels was a high price, worth a male slave in his prime (cf. Lev 27:1-8).

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061 – Execute a sorceress

Exodus 22:17 You shall not allow a sorceress to live.

Applies to: Israel, an example for others

Cross References:

Leviticus 20:27 Now a man or a woman who is a medium or a spiritist shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Gal 5:19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Comments:

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062 – Don't mistreat a resident alien

Exodus 22:21 You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Romans 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Comments:

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063 – Don't oppress a resident alien

Exodus 22:21 You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Romans 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

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064 – Don't afflict a widow or an orphan

Exodus 22:22 You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Romans 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Comments:

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065 – Lend to a poor brother

Ex 22:25 If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest.

Applies to: Israel, fellow believers

Cross References:

Deut 15:7 If there is a poor man among your brothers within any of the gates in the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you are not to harden your heart or shut your hand from your poor brother. 8 Instead, you are to open your hand to him and freely loan him whatever he needs.

Mt 5:42 Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

Comments:

Lending to a poor brother isn't commanded in Ex 22:25; it is in Deut 15:7-8

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066 – Don't act like a creditor to a poor brother

Ex 22:25 If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest.

Applies to: Israel, fellow believers

Cross References:

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.

Comments:

Israelites were not required to lend to the rich, only the poor among them

The 613 Commandments



067 – Don't charge a poor brother interest

Ex 22:25 If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest.

Applies to: Israelites, fellow believers

Cross References:

Deuteronomy 23:19 Do not charge your brother interest on money, food, or any other type of loan.

Matt 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.

Comments:

An Israelite could charge a Gentile (unbeliever) interest (Deut 23:20).

The 613 Commandments



068 – Don't blaspheme God

Ex 22:28 You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Lev 24:16 Whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD must to be put to death; the whole assembly surely must stone him, whether he is a foreign resident or native; if he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

Comments:

New Living Translation: You must not dishonor God or curse any of your rulers.

The 613 Commandments



069 – Don't curse your leaders

Ex 22:28 You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Pet 2:17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Rom 13:1-7 All authority comes from God; the authorities are God's servants

Comments:

New Living Translation: You must not dishonor God or curse any of your rulers.

The 613 Commandments



070 – Don't curse your judges

Ex 22:28 You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

1Pet 2:17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Rom 13:1-7 All authority comes from God; the authorities are God's servants

Comments:

New Living Translation: You must not dishonor God or curse any of your rulers.

The 613 Commandments



071 – Don't delay in making your offerings

Ex 22:29 You must not hold back offerings from your granaries or vats. You are to give Me the firstborn of your sons.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Deut 16:16 Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your harvest

Comments:

God expects everyone to observe His Sabbaths and Feast days

The firstborn offering applies only to Israel due to the Exodus.

The 613 Commandments



072 – Don't eat any flesh mauled in the field

Ex 22:31 You shall be holy men to Me, therefore you shall not eat any flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Acts 15:29 You must abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.

2Cor 6:17 Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.

Comments:

An animal torn in the field was not properly bled and may be rotten (Lev 17:14-15).

The 613 Commandments



073 – Don't repeat a false report

Ex 23:1 You shall not bear a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Eph 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



074 – Don't lie to help the wicked

Ex 23:1 You shall not bear a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Eph 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



075 – Don't follow the crowd in doing evil

Ex 23:2 You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert justice

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Eccl 12:13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

Matt 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



076 – Don't lie to pervert justice

Ex 23:2 You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert justice

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Eph 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



077 – You shall testify truthfully

Ex 23:2 You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after a multitude in order to pervert justice

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Eph 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



078 – Don't show favoritism to the poor in court

Ex 23:3 nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his dispute.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Rom 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ESV

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



079 – Render aid when needed even for an enemy

Ex 23:5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying helpless under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release it with him.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Lev 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

Gal 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



080 – Don't show favoritism against the poor in court

Ex 23:6 You shall not pervert the justice due to your needy brother in his dispute.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Rom 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ESV

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



081 – Don't condemn the innocent on false charges

Ex 23:7 Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent or the righteous, for I will not acquit the guilty.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Prv 17:15 He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



082 – Don't accept a bribe

Ex 23:8 You shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of the just.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Deut 16:19 You shall not distort justice; you shall not be partial, and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



083 – Allow the land to rest every 7 years

Ex 23:10 You shall sow your land for six years and gather in its yield, 11 but on the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You are to do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

Applies to: Everyone; in abeyance

Cross References:

Gal 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Comments:

God required Israelites and resident aliens to obey this command
There is no Sanhedrin to determine the cycle of Sabbatical years

The 613 Commandments



084 – Don't do any work on the Sabbath

Ex 23:12 Six days you are to do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave, as well as your stranger, may refresh themselves.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Mark 2:27 Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



085 – Pay close attention to God’s instructions

Ex 23:13 Now concerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let them be heard from your mouth.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Deut 12:32 Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

2Pet 1:19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



086 – Don't call on the names of other gods

Ex 23:13 Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips. NIV

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Josh 23:7 Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. NIV

Comments:

This applied to Israelites and resident aliens; God tolerated no other religion. God's prophets often mentioned false gods by name when rebuking Israel.

The 613 Commandments



087 – Celebrate God's 3 annual festivals

Ex 23:14 Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Deut 16:14 and you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your towns.

Zech 14:16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

Comments:

God expected everyone in Israel to observe His Sabbaths and annual festivals

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088 – Don't offer a sacrifice with any leavened bread

Ex 23:18 You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor is the fat of My feast to remain overnight until morning.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Lev 2:11 No grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to the LORD.

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

This applied to the priests and those that brought the grain offering.

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089 – Don't let the offering fat remain until morning

Ex 23:18 You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor is the fat of My feast to remain overnight until morning.

Applies to: Priests, Israel

Cross References:

Ex 34:25 You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread, nor is the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover to be left over until morning.

Lev 3:16 The priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; all fat is the LORD'S.

Comments:

The priest usually burned all fat, but the Israelites had to burn the Passover lamb.

The 613 Commandments



090 – Offer the choice first fruits to God

Ex 23:19 You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. You are not to boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Num 18:12 I give you [the priests] all the freshest olive oil and all the finest new wine and grain that the Israelites give to the LORD as their firstfruits. 13 The firstfruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, belong to you. Every ceremonially clean person in your household may eat them. Prv 3:9 Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Comments:

This appears to be voluntary for resident aliens, who usually did not own or lease land.

The 613 Commandments



091 – Don't boil a young goat in its mother's milk

Ex 23:19 You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. "You are not to boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Gal 5:19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; 20 idolatry and sorcery; hatred, discord, jealousy, and rage; rivalries, divisions, factions, 21 and envy; drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Comments:

The Ras Shamra tablets say this was an acceptable way to approach a god.

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092 – Don't make a covenant with Canaanite gods

Ex 23:32 You shall make no covenant with them [the Canaanites] or with their gods

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

2Cor 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

Believers should not fellowship with antinomians, heretics, pagans, or unbelievers

The 613 Commandments



093 – Expel the Canaanites from the land

Ex 23:33 They shall not live in your land, because they will make you sin against Me; for *if* you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.

Applies to: Israel

Cross References:

Ex 34:12 Watch yourself that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land into which you are going, or it will become a snare in your midst.

Comments:

The army was to remove the Canaanites by force if necessary

The 613 Commandments



094 – Build a sanctuary for Me

Exodus 25:8 Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

Applies to: Israel

Cross References:

Ezek 43:10-12 God showed Ezekiel the plan for the third Temple

Comments:

Israel will build the third Temple during the Millennial kingdom

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095 – Keep the poles in the rings of the ark

Exodus 25:15 The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it.

Applies to: Levites; in abeyance

Cross References:

1Chr 15:2 Then David said, "No one is to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for the LORD chose them to carry the ark of God and to minister to Him forever."

Comments:

The ark disappeared after the Babylonians captured Jerusalem; if it is ever found, only the Levites can carry it using the poles designed for it.

The 613 Commandments



096 – Place the showbread before the Lord

Exodus 25:30 You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

The table exists, but there is currently no temple to fulfill this command.

The 613 Commandments



097 – Light the Menorah each day

Exodus 27:20 You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. 21 In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

The Menorah exists, but there is currently no temple to fulfill this command.

The 613 Commandments



098 – Make special garments for the High Priest

Exodus 28:4 These are the garments which they shall make: a breastpiece and an ephod and a robe and a tunic of checkered work, a turban and a sash, and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister as priest to Me.

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Comments:

The garments of the High Priest exist, but there is currently no temple to fulfill this command.

The 613 Commandments



099 – Bind the breastpiece to the ephod

Ex 28:28 They shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it will be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece will not come loose from the ephod.

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Comments:

The breast piece of the High Priest exists.

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100 – High Priest not to tear the ephod

Ex 28:31 You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32 There shall be an opening at its top in the middle of it; around its opening there shall be a binding of woven work, like the opening of a coat of mail, so that it will not be torn.

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Lev 21:10 The priest who is the highest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured and who has been consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes

Comments:

Wrong verse; the rabbis confused Ex 28:31 with Lev 21:10

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101 – The Priests shall eat the ordination offerings

Exodus 29:33 Thus they shall eat those things by which atonement was made at their ordination and consecration; but a layman shall not eat them, because they are holy.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Lev 22:10 No one outside a priest's family is to eat the sacred offering

Comments:

There is currently no temple to fulfill this command.

The 613 Commandments



102 – The Priests shall burn incense upon the altar

Exodus 30:7 Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it [incense altar]; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Exodus 30:8 When Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he must burn the incense perpetually before the LORD for the generations to come.

Comments:

There is currently no temple to fulfill this command.

The 613 Commandments



103 – The Priests shall not offer any strange incense

Exodus 30:9 You shall not offer any strange incense on this altar, or burnt offering or meal offering; and you shall not pour out a drink offering on it.

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



104 – Israelites shall pay a half shekel Temple tax

Exodus 30:13 This is what everyone who is numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as a contribution to the LORD.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

The priests used this money to carry out the ministry of the temple.

The 613 Commandments



105 – The Priests shall wash their hands and feet

Exodus 30:19 Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it [bronze basin]

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Exodus 30:20 Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting or approach the altar to minister by presenting an offering made by fire to the LORD, they must wash with water so that they will not die.

Comments:

Priests did not wear shoes while serving in the Temple courts and would wash their hands and feet prior to entering the sanctuary. The bronze basin exists, but there is currently no temple to fulfill this command.

The 613 Commandments



106 – The Priests shall make the holy anointing oil

Exodus 30:25 Prepare from these a holy anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer; it will be a holy anointing oil.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Exodus 30:31-33 No one else was allowed to make anything like this for private use

Comments:

The 613 Commandments



107 – Don't anoint an ordinary man with the holy oil

Exodus 30:32 It shall not be poured on anyone's body, nor shall you make any like it in the same proportions; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. 33 Whoever shall mix any like it or whoever puts any of it on a layman shall be cut off from his people.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Exodus 30:30 Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them to serve Me as priests.

Comments:

This oil was only for the priests and the sacred items in the Temple.

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108 – Don't make anything like the holy oil

Exodus 30:32 It shall not be poured on anyone's body, nor shall you make any like it in the same proportions; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. 33 Whoever shall mix any like it or whoever puts any of it on a layman shall be cut off from his people.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Comments:

This oil was only for the priests and the sacred items in the Temple.

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109 – Don't imitate the holy incense for personal use

Exodus 30:37 You are never to use this formula to make incense for yourselves; you shall regard it as sacred to the LORD.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Exodus 30:38 Anyone who copied this for private use was cut off (exiled or killed)

Comments:

This incense was only for the priests and the sacred items in the Temple.

The 613 Commandments



110 – Make no covenant with the Canaanites

Exodus 34:12 Watch yourself that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land into which you are going, or it will become a snare in your midst.

Applies to: Israel

Cross References:

Deut 7:2 and when the LORD your God delivers them before you and you defeat them, then you shall utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them and show no favor to them.

Comments:

God condemned the Canaanites to death or exile from the land. They no longer exist as a distinct group; Palestinians are Arabs.

The 613 Commandments



111 – Don't work the land during the Sabbatical year

Exodus 34:21 You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during plowing time and harvest you shall rest.

Applies to: Everyone; in abeyance

Cross References:

Lev 25:3 Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop, 4 but during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

Comments:

Wrong verse; the rabbis confused Ex 34:21 with Lev 25:3-4

God required Israelites and resident aliens to obey this command

There is no Sanhedrin to announce the cycle of Sabbatical years

The 613 Commandments



112 – Don't eat meat & milk cooked together

Exodus 34:26 You shall bring the very first of the first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

Applies to: No one

Cross References:
N/A

Comments:
This is a rabbinical misinterpretation, not a law

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113 – Don't kindle a fire on the Sabbath

Exodus 35:3 You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Ex 16:23 Israelites were to do their baking and boiling on the sixth day

Ex 35:2 For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy day, a sabbath of complete rest to the LORD; whoever does any work on it shall be put to death.

Comments:

Ancient Israelites generally used fire for cooking, heating, pottery or smelting, and the context implies starting a fire to do work. However, modern appliances require no effort to operate, and people living in colder regions need heat in winter.

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114 – Regulations for the burnt offering

Leviticus 1: 3 'If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer it, a male without defect; he shall offer it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. 4 'He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make atonement on his behalf.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The burnt offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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115 – Regulations for a grain offering

Leviticus 2:1 Now when anyone presents a grain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour, and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it....

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance – voluntary for others

Cross References:

Ps 50:14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving And pay your vows to the Most High

Comments:

The grain offering was not a sin offering; the priest burned a token portion as a thank offering and kept the rest. This law is voluntary for Gentiles, but there is currently no temple to fulfill this command.

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116 – Don't offer leaven or honey by fire

Leviticus 2:11 No grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to the LORD.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

God required the Israelites to offer certain grain offerings; Gentiles could voluntarily offer a grain offering

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117 – Don't offer a grain offering without salt

Leviticus 2:13 Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that the salt of the covenant of your God shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Salt never spoiled; it symbolized something everlasting, permanent

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118 – Offer salt with all of your offerings

Leviticus 2:13 Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that the salt of the covenant of your God shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Salt never spoiled; it symbolized something everlasting, permanent

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119 – Offering for unintentional national sin

Leviticus 4:13 Now if the whole congregation of Israel commits error and the matter escapes the notice of the assembly, and they commit any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and they become guilty; 14 when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a bull of the herd for a sin offering and bring it before the tent of meeting.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The sin offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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120 – Offering for unintentional individual sin

Leviticus 4:27 Now if anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and becomes guilty, 28 if his sin which he has committed is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without defect, for his sin which he has committed.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The sin offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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121 – A witness must testify or bear guilt

Leviticus 5:1 Now if a person sins after he hears a public adjuration to testify when he is a witness, whether he has seen or otherwise known, if he does not tell it, then he will bear his guilt.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Prv 29:24 The accomplices of thieves are their own enemies; they are put under oath and dare not testify. NIV

Comments:

This is a sin of omission, failing to do what is right

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122 – Guilt Offering: Lamb or Goat

Lev 5:5 So it shall be when he becomes guilty in one of these, that he shall confess that in which he has sinned. 6 He shall also bring his guilt offering to the LORD for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The guilt offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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123 – Guilt Offering: Doves or Pigeons

Lev 5:7 But if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD his guilt offering for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. 8 He shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer first that which is for the sin offering and shall nip its head at the front of its neck, but he shall not sever it.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The guilt offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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124 – Guilt Offering: Flour

Lev 5:11 But if his means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it is a sin offering.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The guilt offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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125 – Guilt Offering: No Oil or Incense

Lev 5:11 But if his means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it is a sin offering.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Heb 9:22 And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Comments:

The guilt offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.
Oil and incense would make the offering better, more positive

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126 – Guilt Offering: Make Restitution + 20%

Leviticus 5:15 If a person acts unfaithfully and sins unintentionally against the LORD'S holy things...
16 He shall make restitution for that which he has sinned against the holy thing, and shall add to it a fifth part of it and give it to the priest. The priest shall then make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and it will be forgiven him.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Lev 6:4-5 Make restitution for what was taken and add a fifth of the value

Num 5:7 Pay compensation and add a fifth of the value

Comments:

This was a general principle among several different laws

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127 – Guilt Offering: Unintentional Sin

Lev 5:17 Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment. 18 He is then to bring to the priest a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his error in which he sinned unintentionally and did not know it, and it will be forgiven him.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The guilt offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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128 – A robber must make restitution + 20%

Lev 6:4 then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him or the lost thing which he found, 5 or anything about which he swore falsely; he shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more. He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day he presents his guilt offering.

Applies to: Israel, example for others

Cross References:

Lev 6:4-5 Make restitution for what was taken and add a fifth of the value

Num 5:7 Pay compensation and add a fifth of the value

Comments:

This was a general principle among several different laws

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129 – Guilt Offering: Intentional Sin

Lev 6:6 Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the LORD, a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The guilt offering is a tool to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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130 – Burnt Offering: The priest removes the ashes

Lev 6:10 The priest is to put on his linen robe, and he shall put on undergarments next to his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire reduces the burnt offering on the altar and place them beside the altar. 11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



131 – Burnt Offering: Keep the fire burning

Lev 6:12 The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings on it.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



132 – Burnt Offering: Don't let the fire go out

Lev 6:12 The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings on it.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



133 – The priests shall eat the grain offerings

Leviticus 6:16 What is left of it [the grain offering] Aaron and his sons are to eat. It shall be eaten as unleavened cakes in a holy place; they are to eat it in the court of the tent of meeting.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



134 – The grain offering not baked with leaven

Lev 6:17 It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their share from My offerings by fire; it is most holy, like the sin offering and the guilt offering.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

God required the Israelites to offer certain grain offerings; Gentiles could voluntarily offer a grain offering

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135 – The ordination grain offering

Lev 6:20 This is the offering which Aaron and his sons are to present to the LORD on the day when he is anointed; the tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a regular grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



136 – Priestly grain offering completely burnt

Lev 6:23 So every grain offering of the priest shall be burned entirely. It shall not be eaten.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



137 – Regulations for the sin offering

Lev 6:25 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is slain the sin offering shall be slain before the LORD; it is most holy.'

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



138 – Special sin offerings not eaten

Lev 6:30 But no sin offering of which any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place shall be eaten; it shall be burned with fire.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



139 – Regulations for the guilt offering

Lev 7:1 Now this is the law of the guilt offering; it is most holy.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law.

The 613 Commandments



140 – Regulations for the peace offering

Lev 7:11 Now this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be presented to the LORD.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Israelites or Gentiles could offer peace offerings as a voluntary thanksgiving offering.

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141 – The peace offering must be eaten in one day

Leviticus 7:15 Now as for the flesh of the sacrifice of his thanksgiving peace offerings, it shall be eaten on the day of his offering; he shall not leave any of it over until morning.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Israelites or Gentiles could offer peace offerings as a voluntary thanksgiving offering.

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142 – Burn a vow or freewill offering on the third day

Leviticus 7:17 but what is left over from the flesh of the [vow or freewill] sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Israelites or Gentiles could offer a vow or freewill offering as a voluntary thanksgiving offering.

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143 – Eating a peace offering on the third day is a sin

Lev 17:18 So if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings should ever be eaten on the third day, he who offers it will not be accepted, and it will not be reckoned to his benefit. It shall be an offensive thing, and the person who eats of it will bear his own iniquity.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Israelites or Gentiles could offer a peace offering as a voluntary thanksgiving offering.

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144 – Don't eat a defiled peace offering

Lev 17:19 Also the flesh that touches anything unclean shall not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire. As for other flesh, anyone who is clean may eat such flesh.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Israelites or Gentiles could offer a peace offering as a voluntary thanksgiving offering.

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Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Num 15:14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

Comments:

Israelites or Gentiles could offer a peace offering as a voluntary thanksgiving offering.

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146 – Don't eat animal fat

Lev 7:23 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall not eat any fat from an ox, a sheep or a goat.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Lev 7:25 For whoever eats the fat of the animal from which an offering by fire is offered to the LORD, even the person who eats shall be cut off from his people.

Comments:

There are obvious health benefits for anyone who obeys this

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147 – Don't eat blood

Lev 7:26 You must not eat the blood of any bird or animal in any of your dwellings.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Gen 9:4 But you must not eat meat with its lifeblood still in it.

Lev 7:27 If anyone eats blood, that person must be cut off from his people.

Acts 15:20 Instead, we should write and tell them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals, and from blood.

Comments:

This goes back to Noah after the Flood

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148 – Anointed priest must not uncover his head

Leviticus 10:6 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, so that you will not die and that He will not become wrathful against all the congregation. But your kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, shall bewail the burning which the LORD has brought about.

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Lev 21: The priest who is the highest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured and who has been consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes

Comments:

Wrong verse; the rabbis confused Lev 10:6 with Lev 21:10

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149 – Anointed priest must not tear his clothes

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Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

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Comments:

Wrong verse; the rabbis confused Lev 10:6 with Lev 21:10

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150 – Anointed priest must not leave the sanctuary

Lev 10:7 "You shall not even go out from the doorway of the tent of meeting, or you will die; for the LORD'S anointing oil is upon you." So they did according to the word of Moses.

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Lev 21:11 nor shall he approach any dead person, nor defile himself even for his father or his mother;
12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary nor profane the sanctuary of his God, for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is on him; I am the LORD.

Comments:

Wrong verse; the rabbis confused Lev 10:7 with Lev 21:12

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151 – Priests shall not drink before going on duty

Lev 10:8 The LORD then spoke to Aaron, saying, 9 “Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you will not die—it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations

Applies to: Priests

Cross References:

Titus 1:7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain

Comments:

The ministry of the priests is sacred, not to be taken lightly.

The 613 Commandments



152 – Clean animals are edible (split hoofs & chew cud)

Lev 11:1 The LORD spoke again to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, 2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘These are the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that are on the earth. 3 ‘Whatever divides a hoof, thus making split hoofs, and chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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153 – Unclean animals are inedible (lack hoofs & cud)

Lev 11:4 'Nevertheless, you are not to eat of these, among those which chew the cud, or among those which divide the hoof: the camel, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you. 5 'Likewise, the shaphan [hyrax]... 6 the rabbit... 7 and the pig... 8 'You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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154 – Clean fish are edible (fins & scales)

Lev 11:9 'These you may eat, whatever is in the water: all that have fins and scales, those in the water, in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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155 – Unclean fish are inedible (lack fins & scales)

Lev 11:10 'But whatever is in the seas and in the rivers that does not have fins and scales among all the teeming life of the water, and among all the living creatures that are in the water, they are detestable things to you, 11 and they shall be abhorrent to you; you may not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses you shall detest. 12 'Whatever in the water does not have fins and scales is abhorrent to you.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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156 – Unclean birds are inedible (scavengers & predators)

Lev 11:13 'These, moreover, you shall detest among the birds; they are abhorrent, not to be eaten: the eagle and the vulture and the buzzard, 14 and the kite and the falcon in its kind, 15 every raven in its kind, 16 and the ostrich and the owl and the sea gull and the hawk in its kind, 17 and the little owl and the cormorant and the great owl, 18 and the white owl and the pelican and the carrion vulture, 19 and the stork, the heron in its kinds, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAR; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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157 – Clean insects are edible (jumping legs)

Lev 11:21 'Yet these you may eat among all the winged insects which walk on all fours: those which have above their feet jointed legs with which to jump on the earth. 22 'These of them you may eat: the locust in its kinds, and the devastating locust in its kinds, and the cricket in its kinds, and the grasshopper in its kinds.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

The 613 Commandments



158 – Unclean insects are inedible (lack jumping legs)

Lev 11:23 'But all other winged insects which are four-footed are detestable to you.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAR; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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159 – Defilement by touching a carcass

Lev 11:24 'By these, moreover, you will be made unclean: whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening, 25 and whoever picks up any of their carcasses shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. 26 'Concerning all the animals which divide the hoof but do not make a split hoof, or which do not chew cud, they are unclean to you: whoever touches them becomes unclean. 27 'Also whatever walks on its paws, among all the creatures that walk on all fours, are unclean to you; whoever touches their carcasses becomes unclean until evening,

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAR; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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160 – Purification from touching a carcass

Lev 11:28 and the one who picks up their carcasses shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; they are unclean to you.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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161 – Swarming creatures are unclean

Lev 11:29 'Now these are to you the unclean among the swarming things which swarm on the earth: the mole, and the mouse, and the great lizard in its kinds, 30 and the gecko, and the crocodile, and the lizard, and the sand reptile, and the chameleon.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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162 – Defilement by carcasses of swarming creatures

Lev 11:31 'These are to you the unclean among all the swarming things; whoever touches them when they are dead becomes unclean until evening.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Lev 11:32-38 Their dead bodies also contaminate most objects, but not spring water or seed grain
2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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163 – Defilement by a clean animal that dies

Lev 11:39 'Also if one of the animals dies which you have for food, the one who touches its carcass becomes unclean until evening. 40 'He too, who eats some of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening, and the one who picks up its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAR; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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164 – Avoid defilement by swarming creatures

Lev 11:43 'Do not render yourselves detestable through any of the swarming things that swarm; and you shall not make yourselves unclean with them so that you become unclean.'

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you."

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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165 – Consecrate yourselves & maintain holiness

Lev 11:44 'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law applies to all believers

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166 – Uncleanness after childbirth

Lev 12:2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying: ‘When a woman gives birth and bears a male child, then she shall be unclean for seven days, as in the days of her menstruation she shall be unclean. 3 ‘On the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 ‘Then she shall remain in the blood of her purification for 33 days; she shall not touch any consecrated thing, nor enter the sanctuary until the days of her purification are completed. 5 ‘But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her menstruation; and she shall remain in the blood of her purification for 66 days.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law regulates marital relations; temple regulations are in abeyance

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167 – Purification offering after childbirth

Lev 12:6 When the days of her purification are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the doorway of the tent of meeting a one year old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The burnt offering and sin offering are tools to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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168 – Priests shall judge cases of skin disease

Lev 13:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 “When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes an infection of leprosy on the skin of his body, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. 3 “The priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is an infection of leprosy; when the priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law that regulated who could enter the sanctuary.

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169 – Priests shall isolate cases of skin disease

Lev 13:32 “On the seventh day the priest shall look at the infection, and if the scale has not spread and no yellowish hair has grown in it, and the appearance of the scale is no deeper than the skin, 33 then he shall shave himself, but he shall not shave the scale; and the priest shall isolate the person with the scale seven more days. 34 “Then on the seventh day the priest shall look at the scale, and if the scale has not spread in the skin and it appears to be no deeper than the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Quarantine limited public exposure to potentially infectious diseases.

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170 – Quarantine lepers from the general public

Lev 13:45 “As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’ 46 “He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

Quarantine limited public exposure to potentially infectious diseases.
This applied to Israelites and resident aliens alike.

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171 – Priests shall judge cases of rot in garments

Lev 13:47 “When a garment has a mark of leprosy in it, whether it is a wool garment or a linen garment, 48 whether in warp or woof, of linen or of wool, whether in leather or in any article made of leather, 49 if the mark is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, or in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is a leprous mark and shall be shown to the priest.

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law that regulated what could enter the sanctuary.

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172 – Regulations for ritual cleansing of a leper

Lev 14:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. Now he shall be brought to the priest...

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Comments:

Part of the ritual law that regulated who could enter the sanctuary.

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173 – Former lepers must wash, shave and bathe

Lev 14:8 “The one to be cleansed shall then wash his clothes and shave off all his hair and bathe in water and be clean. Now afterward, he may enter the camp, but he shall stay outside his tent for seven days.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Comments:

Good hygiene limited public exposure to potentially infectious diseases; shaving is not a sin. This applied to Israelites and resident aliens alike.

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174 – Former lepers must wash, shave and bathe again

Lev 14:9 “It will be on the seventh day that he shall shave off all his hair: he shall shave his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair. He shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in water and be clean.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Comments:

Good hygiene limited public exposure to potentially infectious diseases; shaving is not a sin. This applied to Israelites and resident aliens alike.

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175 – Purification offering for a former leper

Lev 14:10 “Now on the eighth day he is to take two male lambs without defect, and a yearling ewe lamb without defect, and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one log of oil; 11 and the priest who pronounces him clean shall present the man to be cleansed and the aforesaid before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The burnt offering and sin offering are tools to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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176 – Priests shall judge cases of rot in homes

Lev 14:33 The LORD further spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying: 34 “When you enter the land of Canaan, which I give you for a possession, and I put a mark of leprosy on a house in the land of your possession, 35 then the one who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, ‘Something like a mark of leprosy has become visible to me in the house.’”

Applies to: Priests; in abeyance

Cross References:

Lev 14:33-53 Part of the ritual law that regulated what could enter the sanctuary.

Comments:

Quarantine limited public exposure to potentially infectious diseases.

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177 – Regulations for male uncleanness

Lev 15:1 The LORD also spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ‘When any man has a discharge from his body, his discharge is unclean....

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

Lev 15:1-13 The complete list of regulations for men with abnormal discharge

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

Quarantine and good hygiene limited public exposure to potentially infectious diseases

Part of the ritual law that regulated who could enter the sanctuary

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178 – Purification offering for male uncleanness

Lev 15:14 'Then on the eighth day he shall take for himself two turtledoves or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting and give them to the priest; 15 and the priest shall offer them, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD because of his discharge.

Applies to: Israel; in abeyance

Cross References:

Rom 3:28 Believers are justified by faith apart from the works of the law

Gal 3:24 The Law is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith

Gal 5:3 Every man who receives circumcision is under obligation to keep the whole Law

Comments:

The burnt offering and sin offering are tools to teach unbelievers about sin and atonement.

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179 – Regulations for seminal discharges

Lev 15:16 'Now if a man has a seminal emission, he shall bathe all his body in water and be unclean until evening. 17 'As for any garment or any leather on which there is seminal emission, it shall be washed with water and be unclean until evening. 18 'If a man lies with a woman so that there is a seminal emission, they shall both bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

Applies to: Everyone

Cross References:

2Cor 6:17 "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Comments:

This law regulates proper hygiene; temple regulations are in abeyance.