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(Psalm 147:19-20)*

What **LAWS** and **DECREES** ... *given only to Israel?*



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The **house of Judah (Judaism)** and the **house of Israel (Christianity)** were given God’s laws and decrees. **“No other nation was given them,”** the God of Jacob declared hundreds of years ago.

“The **Ten Commandments**, also known as **the Decalogue**, are a set of biblical laws relating to ethics and worship, which play a fundamental role in **Judaism** and **Christianity**.”
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten_Commandments

The two houses of Israel have shared the responsibility of preserving and proclaiming the word of God. The guardians of the Law and the Prophets were **the Jews—the house of Judah** of whom God claims as his sceptre—the royal order of things. “The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his” (Genesis 49:10).

The responsibility to take the gospel of the kingdom to all the world was awarded to **the house of Israel, the Christians**. It was first offered to the Jews, but they rejected Jesus as their Savior. Paul, the Apostle, announced to the Jews, “Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded

us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed" (Acts 13:46b-48). Christ's return will be delayed until this job is done. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

The connection between the rise of Christianity and the return of the lost ten tribes of Israel into the covenant family can appear fuzzy and unrelated, but a careful study reveals they are one of the same.

Christ said that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 15:24). To the twelve apostles, Jesus said, "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 10:6).

It can appear contradictory that Jesus instructs the apostles not to go to the Gentiles, when Paul was sent specifically to the Gentiles. The reason for the apparent conflict is that the people of the ten tribes, the lost sheep of Israel had been cut off from the covenant family for hundreds of years due to their disobedience to God; they became known as Gentiles. The term "Gentile" was applied to anyone from any of the nations—people not of the covenant nation. The apostles were instructed to go to the Gentiles, the people of the lost ten tribes. These Gentiles were repenting and pleading to return to the covenant family. In God's great compassion, He gave them grace and welcomed back into His arms.

Jesus was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel to make the way for them to be brought back into the family. This was not a simple undertaking, surprising as it may seem to 21st century believers, because the two houses have a long history of hostility. The Jews were not ready to welcome their brothers back into the covenant family. The people of the ten tribes were considered unclean and in fact they were, until Christ died and was resurrected. Their sins were atoned for and they became clean—a "Virgin" again, in the eyes of God, no longer Gentiles.

Jesus' ministry comprised of the teaching and re-teaching of the Law, the Prophets and the wonderful good news of the resurrection into God's kingdom as sons in His royal family. He worked to bring the Jews back onto the straight and narrow road comprised of God's law and decrees without their added ordinances and traditions of their elders. He worked to bring the lost sheep of Israel back onto the straight and narrow road by adhering to God's law and decrees without their pagan traditions. Then, he worked to bring the two houses together, abolishing the wall of hostility between them. In those early days, the believers purged themselves of the traditions of the Jewish elders and pagan practices and followed the teachings of Christ; they became known as Christians.

Many of the people from the ten tribes of Israel believed Jesus Christ and converted to Christianity. They continued to move west and came to rest in north western Europe and in the far away lands of the West today. In their travels, they remembered their ancient laws and wove them into their legal system, which remains their foundation today.

The foundation of Anglo-Saxon law prior to the invasion of the Normans in 1066, “was a legal political system similar to the Old Testament Israel. In their decentralized government, a head of ten families was called a “tithing man.” The head of fifty families was a “vil-man”. The head of a hundred families was named a “hundred-man” while the head of a thousand families was known as an “eolderman”. The term "eolderman" may be related to the Scandinavian term “jarl.” Eventually the “eolderman” became known as an “earl” and governed a region called a “shire.” A “shire reef” was his assistant and became known as a “sheriff.”

<http://liberty-virtue-independence.blogspot.ca/2008/12/foundation-of-english-common-law.html>

King Alfred the Great’s law-code comprises of earlier English laws and the acknowledgement of Bible law. The law-code is divided into its four component parts: a table of rubrics, biblical introduction, Alfred's law-code, and Ine's law-code. All countries of the West, embrace the same foundation.

“The **Doom Book, Code of Alfred** or **Legal Code of Ælfred the Great** was the code of laws ("dooms" being laws or judgments) compiled by Alfred the Great (c. 893 AD). Alfred codified three prior Saxon codes - those of Æthelberht of Kent (c. 602 AD), Ine of Wessex (c. 694 AD) and Offa of Mercia (c. 786 AD) - to which **he prefixed the Ten Commandments of Moses** and incorporated **rules of life from the Mosaic Code and the Christian code of ethics.**”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doom_book

“**Common law**, also called **Anglo-American law**, the body of customary law, based upon judicial decisions and embodied in reports of decided cases, that has been administered by the common-law courts of England since the Middle Ages. From it has evolved the type of legal system now found also in the United States and in most of the member states of the Commonwealth (formerly the British Commonwealth of Nations).”

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/common-law#ref465670>

King David said that **God “revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws.** Praise the LORD” (Psalm 147:19-20). Of all the nations in the 21st century, only the Jews and the Christians have acknowledged the Law of God within their legal system. They remain to this day, two bodies of people: the house of Judah and Israel professing an alliance to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

A day is coming—at Christ’s return, when he will bring all the tribes of Israel together, unify them under one flag, establish the pure word of God, and enforce God’s laws and decrees. The nations of the world will watch as the Almighty God chastises His people.

They have not kept the laws and decrees of God. “You have not followed my decrees or kept my laws but have conformed to the standards of the nations around you” (Ezekiel 11:12b).

“There you will remember your conduct and all the actions by which you have defiled yourselves, and you will loathe yourselves for all the evil you have done. You will know that I

am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake and not according to your evil ways and your corrupt practices, O house of Israel,' declares the Sovereign LORD" (Ezekiel 20:43-44).

A correction is coming. "O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of **my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone...** I will sprinkle clean water on you, from all your impurities and from all your idols. **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws"** (Ezekiel 36:22b, 25-27).

Through law and order, love will abound. A wayward people will humbly repent and return to their God, the God of their forefathers. This Creator God will extend grace, for He has an enduring love for them. Christ will usher in his 1,000-year rule, extending law and order to the nations of the world and they too, will be blessed.

As the story of mankind moves through time, pages are written full of drama, love and passion, deceit and corruption, hatred and treason, pain and suffering, shame and repentance, gratitude and adoration. When this evil age comes to an end, God himself will "wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). Love for God and His order will be restored.

Then, King David will no longer claim that God's law and decrees were given only to the kingdom of Israel. He will say, "**God has revealed His word to all the world, His laws and decrees are known and kept willingly by every person, every tribe, every nation, every kingdom on earth and in heaven. Praise the LORD!**"

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