

THE TWO LAWS

HOW WERE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WRITTEN?

And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, *written with the finger of God.*
Exodus 31:18

WHERE WERE THESE COMMANDMENTS PLACED?

And thou shalt put into *the ark* the testimony which I shall give thee. *Exodus 25:16*

NOTE: The top of this “ark” where the commandments were placed was called the “mercy seat” and represented the throne of God. Above the mercy seat was the visible presence of God (Exodus 25:22; Leviticus 16:2; Hebrews 9:5), thus revealing that the law of God is the very foundation of His government.

WHAT ELSE WAS IN THIS ARK?

There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. *2 Chronicles 5:10*

HOW LONG IS GOD’S LAW TO ENDURE?

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.
They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. Psalm 111:7, 8

WHO WROTE THE CEREMONIAL LAW?

And it came to pass, when *Moses* had made an end of *writing* the words of *this law* in a book, until they were finished. *Deuteronomy 31:24*

WHERE WAS THIS LAW PLACED?

That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,
Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. Deuteronomy 31:25, 26

HOW LONG WAS THIS LAW TO STAND?

Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, *imposed on them until the time of reformation. Hebrews 9:10*

WHAT DID THE LAW THAT WAS ABOLISHED CONTAIN?

Having *abolished* in his flesh the enmity, even the law of *commandments contained in ordinances*; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; *Ephesians 2:15*

WHAT WAS BLOTTED OUT AT THE CROSS?

Blotting out *the handwriting of ordinances that was against us*, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; *Colossians 2:14*

TO WHAT DID THESE ORDINANCES POINT FORWARD?

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, *when he offered up himself. Hebrews 7:26, 27*

But *Christ* being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by *his own blood* he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. *Hebrews 9:11, 12*

Which are *a shadow of things to come*; but the body is of *Christ. Colossians 2:17*

WHAT PRACTICE WAS TO CEASE WHEN JESUS DIED?

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week *he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,... Daniel 9:27*

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE TEMPLE WHEN JESUS DIED?

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, *the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom*; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; *Matthew 27:50, 51*

HOW DID JESUS SAY WE ARE TO CONTINUE IN HIS LOVE?

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. *John 15:9, 10*

WHAT DOES GOD SAY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT KEEP THEM?

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

He that saith, I know him, *and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar*, and the truth is not in him. *1 John 2:3, 4*

WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL LIARS?

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and *all liars*, shall have their part *in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Revelation 21:8*

WHERE WILL THE COMMANDMENT KEEPERS BE?

Blessed are they that *do his commandments*, that they may have *right to the tree of life*, and may *enter in through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:14*

The Two Laws Contrasted

THE MORAL LAW

Spoken by God

Deuteronomy 4:12, 13

Written on tables of stone

Exodus 31:18

Written with God's finger

Exodus 31:18

Placed inside the ark

Exodus 40:20

A perfect law of liberty

James 1:25

Consists of moral standards

Exodus 20:3-17

The basis of God's government

John 15:10

Brings a knowledge of sin

Romans 3:20

Will stand forever

Psalms 111:7, 8

THE CEREMONIAL LAW

Spoken by Moses

Leviticus 1:1-3

Written in a book

Deuteronomy 31:24

Handwritten by Moses

Deuteronomy 31:24

Placed beside the ark

Deuteronomy 31:26

A witness against the people

Deuteronomy 31:24

Consisted of ordinances

Hebrews 9:10

A shadow of Christ's ministry

Colossians 2:14-17

Pointed to the Remedy for sin

Hebrews 9:11-13

Temporary, until Jesus' death

Ephesians 2:15