

# **THE LAW OF MOSES:**

**WHAT WAS IT?**

**Hebrews 10:28-29** *28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

### **What does it mean by Moses Law?**

- Hebrews 9 and 10 speak in detail about the first covenant or testament. (Covenant and Testament mean the same thing. King James translators translated Greek word for covenant as testament in NT.) See Jeremiah 7:22. Galatians 3:17-19 lets us know that this covenant or law was added because of transgression and came 430 years after the one made with Abraham (Genesis 17 [Circumcision] & Genesis 22 [Test of Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Afterwards covenant further confirmed that through his seed "JESUS" all nations would be blessed]), confirmed with Isaac (Genesis 26:1-5) and Jacob (Genesis 28:1-5\_10-17 [Jacob's ladder]). Exodus 12:40-41 tells us that it was 430 years from the Patriarchs and the 12 Tribes of Israel going down into Egypt till they entered the wilderness.

- Hebrews 9:17-22 lets you know when this covenant/testament/law (Law of Moses; which is really JESUS LAW because he gave it to Moses) was established. It reads: *“17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. 18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. 21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”* The event Paul is referencing is recorded in Exodus 24:1-8. Here is where the Old Covenant or what Hebrews 10:28 refers to as the “Law of Moses” is established. Exodus 20-23 gives the requirements of the people for the covenant and chapters 25-31 gives the consequence of trespass.

- Breakdown:
  1. Exodus 20 reintroduces the Royal Law or Ten Commandments and Animal sacrifice. See below for understanding on reintroduce.
  2. Exodus 21-22 gives God's judgements for breaking all kinds of variations of the Royal Law. For example some judgements require death of the perpetrator while others only require restitution be made and so forth.
  3. Exodus 23 continues from chapter 22 and at verse 12 deals with Sabbath and High Sabbaths or Feasts Days.
  4. Exodus 24 the people or Israelites agree to keep all of these things mentioned in chapters 20-23. Moses sprinkled blood on the book, the people, the altar, and the vessels of the altar. Thus they entered into the covenant.
  5. Exodus 25-31 Moses goes up on Mount Sinai for forty days and receives God's end of the covenant (A work around for not killing you immediately for sin). In these chapters the Levitical Priesthood and the Law pertaining to properly administering the Animal Sacrifices is established. This was the law/testament/covenant given 430 years later mentioned in Galatians and referred to as the "Law of Moses" in Hebrews 10:28

## What does it mean by “died without mercy under two or three witnesses”?

- If you broke the covenant (Law of Moses) you were to be put to death; if it could be confirmed by two or three witnesses. Meaning you decided not serve the God of Israel. For example you violated Exodus 20-23 and you did not atone by means of Exodus 25-31. Deuteronomy 17:2-7 “*2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his covenant, 3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; 4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: 5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. 6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. 7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.*”
- **UNDER THE NEW COVENANT IT IS HARDER BECAUSE WE DO NOT NEED TWO OR THREE WITNESSES AND CHRIST CANNOT BE SACRIFICED AGAIN FOR YOUR WILLING/FULL KNOWLEDGE TRESPASS. Christ and the Holy Ghost are our witnesses.**

## Why did I say a reintroduction of the Royal Law, Animal Sacrifice, and Priesthood?

- All of these were in effect since the garden. When Adam and Eve received knowledge of good and evil from Satan. Examples:
  1. Animal was sacrificed to make clothes for Adam and Eve.
  2. Cain and Abel both made offerings to the Lord. Abel's was a blood offering and accepted but Cain's was not. Blood must be shed for sins.
  3. Cain killed Abel and feared if someone found him they would kill him. "Thou shall not kill" One of the Judgements for this trespass in the "Law of Moses" was kill the Murderer.
  4. Noah brought 7 of every "Clean Animal" and only two of the others. Dietary Law already understood. Also in preparation for all the Animal sacrifice that would take place after the Flood.
  5. Abimelech already knew adultery was wrong when dealing with abraham and Sarah.
  6. Jesus appeared to Abraham as High Priest Melchizedek. Abraham paid tithes to him while Levi was still in his loins. (Priesthood before the Levites).
- Jesus was merely reintroducing these things to mankind through the Israelites. This time in more precise detail and written down.