

# Did They Exist Before SINAI ?

Did the Laws of God exist before Sinai? Or as some believe were they all created at Sinai? Were the children of Israel being given something Brand New? Or instead were most of the Laws of God merely being reaffirmed and reemphasized by God? In order that the children of Israel could become the intended chosen nation who was to be an example of Godly Righteousness; for the rest of the nations of the earth to see, learn and follow, their righteous example?

**Did or did not, most of the Laws of God given at Sinai already exist?**

The Sabbath was created on the seventh day of Creation (Genesis 2:2-3) **before Sinai!**

The Israelites were required to keep the Sabbath (Exodus 16:23-29) **before Sinai!**

Cain and Able made Offerings and Sacrifices to God (Genesis 4:3-4) **before Sinai!**

Cain is expected to already know what a proper Sacrifice is (Genesis 4:5-7) **before Sinai!**

Cain knew Murder was wrong and it carried a punishment (Genesis 4:8-14) **before Sinai!**

Noah knew which animals were Clean and Unclean for food (Genesis 7:2) **before Sinai!**

Animals were Sacrificed by Noah (Genesis 8:20) **before Sinai!**

Tithes and Tithing (Genesis 14:20; 28:23) **before Sinai!**

Circumcision (Genesis 17:1-27) **before Sinai!**

The Kinsman redeemer (Genesis 38:6-26) **before Sinai!**

Frontlets (Phylacteries) were used in Egypt by the Israelites (Exodus 13:16) **before Sinai!**

Abraham kept God's Laws, Commandments, and statutes ( Genesis 26:5 ) **before Sinai!**

So many times it has been said by many Christian Pastors that since they (the Gentile Christians) are the adopted children of Abraham. And that Abraham lived long before the Old Testament Laws were ever given at Sinai that they do not apply to them. So therefore there is no requirement on them to do any more than Abraham did! They go on to declare “**Abraham did not need to keep the Old Testament Laws of God**”, because they had not yet been given at Sinai. They teach that Abraham only needed to have faith in God. **Nothing ELSE** was required of him, other than from time to time passing an arbitrary testing of his faith, which God would

choose test him with. Maybe we should see exactly what God Himself said about Abraham, in order to clear up yet another mis-conception.

**Genesis 26:5** (NASB)

(5) "... because Abraham **obeyed Me** and **kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes and My Laws.**"

God was talking to Isaac about his father Abraham (who, by the way, was **not** a Jew) and yet, it appears that Abraham did not fail in any point of the Law. How could this be? If it is as some claim that the Commandments, Statutes and Laws of God did not yet exist? Claiming that they did not yet exist, because God had not yet given them to the Israelites at Mt. Sinai !? It seems however that by this statement, that God is declaring otherwise! We can see with just a little study of the Scriptures that most of God's "**Laws**" were in existence long before Sinai! And not only that, but also that Abraham knew them and lived by them! The fact that God intentionally used four different specific "**Legal**" Hebrew terms in this statement (My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes and My Laws), shows that the reference is meant to be as "**ALL ENCOMPASSING**" as it could possibly be!

It is amazing, that when there are numerous accounts or passages in the New Testament which, to one degree or another, confirm and support the Doctrine of the pre-existence of the Commandments, Laws, Precepts and Statutes, going as far back as Genesis, they are ignored by most Christians. While at the same time espousing their relatively "**NEW**" Doctrines which says that The Laws given a Sinai were only temporary. This and other Doctrines are usually formulated and based on only a few solitary verses, generally from the writing of Paul. This must have been done without bothering to research different Texts, Greek Interlinears or even consulting a basic Concordance for additional or alternate, equally valid translations of various key words.

How is it that so many people tend to take one or two verses (taken out of context), and put all their faith in the perceived accuracy, of these few verses. While dismissing the entire balance of the Word of God? There is only one possible answer for this, all too common phenomena... The Christian practice of "**Discipleship**" and its intense *indoctrination of traditional Christian theology*, by Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, Churches, Seminaries, etc. If however, "**STUDENTS OF THE WORD**" were being produced, instead of producing "**Disciples of their own Denomination**" who are being taught to blindly follow and not question their Denomination's traditional form of Christian theology; the results would be quite different. The "**STUDENTS OF THE WORD**" might actually become part of the **REMNANT** who are willing to "**Follow the Lamb where-ever He goes**", (as we see in the book of Revelation), in which case their numbers might indeed be much larger! If those who are truly sincere, would only take the time to check some of the most basic reference material; to see whether or not they might actually verify the pre-existence of Eternal Standards, set forth by God from the beginning. Rather than seeking to prove that they only existed for the segment of time between Sinai and the Crucifixion of Jesus and now, no longer exist or at least that they do not any longer apply to them as a Christian. If they were to become a true "**STUDENT OF THE WORD**" they might find there was really only **ONE** religion ever established by God after all, and it extends from Genesis to Revelation.

There appears to be only two basic additions that God made at Sinai. That the obligation of the first born male child that had opened the womb; was to be a Priest whose life was to be dedicated to God and His service (this is sometimes referred to as a Priest after the order of Melchizedek). This obligation of the first born male child, who opened the womb, could now be passed to a Levite. Also, the Sacrifices which were already in existence were now to be restricted to the Tabernacle (or Temple) where the newly created “**Ark of The Covenant**” was located; where the Levites along with Aaron and his descendants were to be officiating.

Until 1947, with the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, it was easier to question the validity of the Old Testament Biblical Texts. Perhaps the entire Bible had been tampered with, miscopied or altered. Since there was substantial evidence that these problems had occurred in various “**New**” Testament manuscripts. Prior to this major discovery there was little tangible proof that the Jewish Scribes (of the Old Testament) had not also had at least some “**human**” errors in their handmade copies of the Scrolls, even though they may not have been intentional. Since the miraculous discoveries of these ancient manuscripts, dating as far back as 400 B.C. (B.C.E.) (nearly 400 years before the birth of Jesus) all of this conjecture came to a screeching halt. The incredible accuracy of the Old Testament has proven, beyond doubt, that this argument is no longer valid.

It is truly a shame that the same cannot be said for the accuracy of the “**New**” Testament Texts. The “**Gentile**” Church has kept the New Testament text for a much shorter length of time. Sadly, some of them have been deliberately altered, added to and subtracted from, in more than just a few instances. This is especially true when it comes to the translating from the Greek text into other languages.

So, the question is, how should you, I or anyone else, view the Laws, Commandments and Statutes of God, as found in the Old Testament when it comes to our everyday life, today? Even the New Testament with its numerous mistranslations and omissions still retains many guidelines for those who are willing to apply them in their everyday lives. The central core of most New Testament Christian Theology is that **Jesus never sinned!** This is the reason why He was able to be a perfect Sacrifice for all Sin, through His Crucifixion on the Cross. To never have Sinned He would have had to have kept **All** the Laws, Commandments, Statutes and Precepts of God!

The Example of Jesus:

**1 Peter 2:21-22**

(21) For you have been called for this purpose,  
since Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an **example for you to follow in His steps,**

(22) **WHO COMMITTED NO SIN,  
NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;**

Most Christians will say that we are under Grace (a do nothing Grace) and not The Law. They will pull out and quote passages of the New Testament written by Paul as their proof, that The Law no longer applies to them as Christians. Many will even go so far as to claim that anyone who does believe in keeping The Law is promoting a Heresy. The Heresy of WORKS!

Words of Paul:

**2nd Peter 3:15-17 NIV**

(15) Bear in mind that our LORD'S patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

(16) He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters.

His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

(17) Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.

In the Book entitled **A HISTORY OF THE JEWS** by Solomon Graysel, the author discusses the teachings of the Apostle Paul.

*The results of Paul's Teaching* – It is not what happened to Paul personally that is important, but rather what happened to Paul's teachings. Even while he lived, ample evidence proves that the people to whom he preached had misunderstood him. He had spoken in terms of high and noble idealism, of charity, of personal righteousness. He urged men to believe in Jesus firmly and, believing in so perfect an example of godly living, begin to lead a godly life themselves. Such righteous people could have no difficulty in meeting the day of God's judgment. They would surely survive it, and when the day of resurrection came, such people would surely be permitted to live again and forever. **But most of the people who listened to Paul remembered only the connection between believing in Jesus and meriting God's mercy and ultimate resurrection. They skipped the middle step – the need to live godly lives. Thus, faith in Jesus came to be the only and entire basis of the religion adopted by the pagan Christians, while the Judeo-Christians, who lived in Palestine, continued to observe Jewish law.**

But it was the pagan Christian attitude which won in the end. Many pagans who had admired Judaism either openly or secretly now had a chance to adopt a form of Judaism, which appealed to them. It is not at all strange that Christianity spread most easily and rapidly in those cities in which Jews had lived for a long time, so that people were already acquainted with their life and religious ideas....

Re-examine the Example of Jesus:

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NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;**

As astounding as it may seem to many Christians, after the Great Tribulation, during the Millennium, the Laws of God will still be in effect, including the Laws about animal sacrifices.

**Zachariah 14:16-21 (KJV)**

(16) And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations (Gentiles) which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King (of the Universe), the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

(17) And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King (of the Universe), the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be not rain.

(18) And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

(19) This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations (Gentiles) that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

(20) In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

(21) Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto the LORD of hosts; and all they that **sacrifice** shall come and take of them, and seethe (cook) therein:...

We see that all the "Laws of God" are still in effect, even in the Millennium, the thousand years of Sabbath rest for the earth and its inhabitance. Even the Laws concerning animal sacrifice; the Laws requiring animal sacrifices also required them to only to be offered at the Temple (or Tabernacle) and nowhere else. So when there was not a Temple (or Tabernacle) the Laws of animal sacrifice could not be kept, no matter how much one might desire to keep them.

Most Christians believe that the Laws of God (especially those concerning animal sacrifice) were done away with, or at least their obligation to adhere to them was abolished. Many Christians will point to the words of Paul as proof that they do not apply to them as Christians! Most frequently they will start with the words of Paul in Galatians chapter three.

**Galatians 3:6-14 (NASB)**

(6) Even so Abraham **BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

(7) Therefore, be sure that it is those who are faith who are sons of Abraham.

(8) And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, beforehand to Abraham, saying,

**"ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU."**

(9) So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

- \* (10) **For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse, for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.”**

\* **Notice:**

If you have paid close attention to the wording you should easily see that the first half of verse 10 contradicts the second half. The wording is virtually identical in most major translations. This is because most translators choose to omit the Greek word ἐξ which is the Greek word for **OUT** in English. This Greek word is No.1537 in Strong’s Greek Dictionary. So it should have been translated to English as the following:

3745	1063	1537	2041	3551	1526	5259	2671	1526
ὅσοι	γὰρ	ἐξ	ἔργων	νόμου	εἰσὶν	ὑπὸ	κατάραν	εἰσίν·
as many as	For	<b>out</b>	works	law	are	under	a curse	are

For as many as are **out** (of the) works (of the) Law, are under a curse:

(10) **For as many as are OUT of the works of the Law are under a curse, for it is written,**

**“CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.”**

*(quote from Deuteronomy 27:26)*

(11) Now that on one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, **“THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”** *(quote from Habakkuk 2:4)*

(12) However, the Law is not of Faith; on the contrary, **“HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM.”** *(from Leviticus 18:5)*

(13) Christ redeemed us from the Curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, **“CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”** *(from Deuteronomy 21:23)*

(14) in order that in Christ Jesus the Blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

And even after all of this which they have just read, there will still be those Christians who will find some way to justify setting aside or at the very least neglecting the Laws, Commandments, Statutes and Precepts of God.

**Mark 7:6-9** (NASB)

- (6) And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written  
 ‘THIS PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS,  
 BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.’
- (7) ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,  
 TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN’
- (8) “Neglecting the Commandments of God, you hold to the traditions of men.”
- (9) He was also saying to them, “You nicely set aside the Commandments of God in order to keep your traditions.”

Christian tradition says that **THE LAWS OF GOD** were not given until Sinai. In doing so, most Christians seem to overlook Genesis chapter twenty six verse five.

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- (5) because Abraham **obeyed** ME and **kept** MY CHARGE, MY COMMANDMENTS, MY STATUTES and MY LAWS.”

If most of them did not already exist, then how is it that Abraham was able to both know and obey them ? ? ? ? ?