The Old Covenant vs the New Covenant

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In Exodus, Chapter 19, the Israelites arrive at Mt. Sinai. Moses went up the mountain to talk to God who told Moses to tell the Israelites that God said the following:

"You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself.

"Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant (Ten Commandments), then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people: for all the earth is mine.

Notice that the requirements for being God's "special treasure" were (and are) to, a) obey His voice, and, b) keep His commandments. Being God's "special treasure" was based solely on their **obedience** to Him.

"And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation." Ex 19:3-6

So Moses called the people together and told them what the Lord had said. Their response was:

"All that the Lord has spoken, we will do." Ex 3:8

The Israelites were very compliant when Moses conveyed God's words to them. But later, when God spoke to them directly, they were not only terrified, they didn't want to hear God's words at all!

"And they said unto Moses, You speak with us, and we will listen: but don't let God speak to us, or we will die." Ex 20:19

(Lesson 32) That's the same way Christians are today. They are fine with going to church and listening to a 20-minute sermon, smugly thinking they've done their duty – and somehow that makes them "righteous enough" to keep them out of hellfire. But they don't want God "to talk to them directly" by diligently studying their Bible. They prefer to have their "Moses" tell them what God says.

God then told Moses to tell the people to "sanctify" themselves (repent of all their sins, wash their clothes, concentrate on God) and that He would talk to them directly on the third day.

But the people were not to attempt to come up the mountain, and there had to be very specific boundaries around the mountain that neither people nor animals were to cross. If either animal or man crossed those boundaries, **they would be put to death**.

(Lesson 33) God is HOLY! He is the Creator of the Universe and is to receive the utmost respect and reverence. Anything less than that utmost respect will "lead to death." If we do not have that overwhelming reverence for the Lord, we will not be able to stand for Him through the times that are coming, and it will lead to our untimely death. That's what it means to "Fear God." We are to give Him REVERENCE!

Christians don't reverence God. Jesus is considered by most Christians more like their "surfing buddy" than the Lord of the Universe. Supposed "Christians" wear tee shirts that say, "I love Jesus" or "WWJD" or some other mundane words more attuned to their favorite rock star than the righteous Savior of the world.

The music that is played in the churches is either trite and repetitive with lyrics that are banal and feeble, or it is worldly, Satanic rock music, with lyrics that become blasphemous when referring to Jesus Christ. You cannot honor Christ while simultaneously giving allegiance to Satan!

The strong hymns sung in the churches 70 years ago, such as Rock of Ages, Onward Christian Soldiers, In the Garden, On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, are considered old fashioned, and not "hip." But those will be the songs sung by true Christians as they are facing death during the times that are coming fast upon us.

The swaying ditties that are now sung by "Christians" in churches have no relationship to Jesus Christ. They are insipid and weak. And they make insipid and weak Christians!

How it used to be!

When I was a child, you could talk to other people coming to church if you were outside, but once you stepped inside the building, there was no more talking. You showed reverence to God. If any talking had to be done, it was done in hushed tones – a whisper. Church was not a Party! There was no clapping or hilarity. If a singer sang a beautiful song, there would be "amens" following the song, because one was lifted up in their spirit to thinking about God. But "clapping" represents homage to the singer and his or her talent, rather than honor to God. "Clapping" was never allowed.

We were reverent in our music, in our talk, and in our dress. No one would even think of coming to church without wearing their best clothes to honor God. Now they dress slovenly and immodestly.

Even when I, as a young child, would go down to the church with my father on a weeknight when he had to get some papers from his office which was in the church building, if we walked through the sanctuary portion of the church, I was never allowed to run, and we spoke in a whisper because this was considered to be "God's house." It had been formally dedicated to Him.

All that is gone! Churches now are nothing more than Country Clubs where you meet your friends and generally have a raucous time!

Exodus Chapter 20: God speaks directly to the Israelites

God begins by saying:

"I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Ex 20:2

The Israelites were in literal slavery in the land of Egypt. God delivered them from that slavery. So the word "Egypt" is used in the Bible to symbolize the "slavery of sin" from which Jesus will also deliver us.

"And their dead bodies (of the two witnesses) *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." Rev 11:8

Jesus was crucified outside the city of Jerusalem, which is spiritually referred to as "Sodom and Egypt" - - - the epitome of every type of evil! In the future, the city of Jerusalem and the nation of Israel will indeed be "Sodom and Egypt" – the center of evil in the Illuminati One World Government.

(Lesson 34) The Bible uses the word Egypt to symbolize slavery to sin.

(Lesson 35) The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:3-17

The 1st Commandment

"You Shall Have No Other Gods Before Me" Exodus 20:3

The vast majority of Christians believe they are keeping this First Commandment, but most don't understand what it really means. God says we must put Him before everyone else on earth, every human being, including our spouse, our children, our parents, our pastor, if we are to be His disciple. "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26

When God uses the word "hate" it means something very different from the "hate" of a human being. God is just making it very clear that He must come before everyone else in our life.

One very important error that Christians make is believing that God "works through doctors." Actually, God says that ALL drug medications are from the devil. The Bible calls them "Sorceries and Witchcraft." "The whole world was deceived by their sorceries" (Revelation 18:23). The word "sorceries" in the Greek, the language in which the New Testament was written, is *pharmakeia* = pharmacy = drug medications. The Greek word for someone who gives out drug medications (such as a doctor, a nurse, or a pharmacist) is the word *pharmakon* = poisoner.

Doctors only have two methods of "treatment" for diseases: 1) drug medications – that only "treat" the symptoms of the disease, never the underlying causes of the disease, or 2) mutilating surgery: cutting out your organs or cutting off your body parts. But no disease has ever been caused by a "deficiency" of drug medications, and no disease has ever been caused by having "too many" organs or "too many" body parts. So neither of those methods ever cures any disease. God is the only "Physician" who gives us a 100% GUARANTEE that if we follow HIS ways, and ONLY His ways, we will be completely free of ALL diseases; We will be totally healthy! God promises:

"If you follow My laws (all God's natural health laws), **My Commandments** (All Ten of them) and My decrees, I WILL keep you FREE from EVERY disease." Deut 7:11-15

When we go to doctors for our disease, rather than going directly to God and following His ways, we are BREAKING the First Commandment

The 2nd Commandment

"Thou shalt not bow down to graven (carved) images" Exodus 20:4

Worshiping the work of your own hands

God requires that we worship Him, and Him only. Paganism is the worship of idols, frequently made of wood or stone. Not only does God prohibit the worship of those types of idols physically, idols that are made by man, the work of a person's hands, but God uses the same symbolism for anything that is "the work of our own hands" such as our occupation, our intelligence, our status in society, our possessions: anything that becomes more important to us than our relationship with Jesus Christ. All these other things are "the work of our own hands" and therefore they can become our "idol" — something we "worship", something that can interfere with our relationship with the Lord.

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them." Exodus 20:4-5

There is only one denomination in Christianity that has idols in their churches, and that is the Catholic church. They deny that they "worship" these images; they say the images only "remind" them of who they worship.

But the second commandment says not only should we not worship them, but we should not even "make" these images. The Bible points out repeatedly how useless and futile this practice is, because something made of wood, stone, plastic or any other material has no way of protecting us, guiding our life, or teaching us anything. It is a useless pagan relic. As God points out,

"He cuts down cedars for himself. . . For he will take some of it and warm himself. Yes, he kindles *it* and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships *it*; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it. He burns half of it in the fire; With this half he eats food; And the rest of it he makes into a god. His carved image. He falls down before it and worships *it*, Prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you *are* my god!" Isaiah 44:14-17

3rd Commandment

Thou Shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain."

Most Christians believe this commandment just refers to using profanity that involves the name of God or Jesus. But it encompasses much more than that. If we claim to be a Christian, which means a true follower of Christ, and we don't live that life, we are "taking God's name in vain."

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:3-4

We swear by God's name and character when a promise won't be fulfilled. Simply put, we use our language carelessly. How often do we say, "I swear to God" as if it means nothing? In truth, we're vowing by the name of a God that can't lie and whose word can never be broken. Jesus said to let your "yes" be "yes" and your "no" be "no" (Matt. 5:37).

We want to be respected by fellow Christians for "working for God"

Even after being converted to following Jesus Christ, we're unenthusiastic to lay down the desire to make our name great. Though it is Christ's name that should be propagated among the nations, many times we want our name, our talents and our personality to ring out to the world. We reverse the words of John the Baptist (John 3:30) and say, "I must increase, and God, you must decrease."

We must recognize the greatness that is in the name of God. The psalmist said, "Great is His name and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 96:4). It requires living in reverence and honor to it in all you say, think, plan and do. That includes NOT wearing the name of Jesus Christ on your T-shirt. It includes putting Christian words only to reverent and high-quality Christian music, not rock music or any other kind of swaying music of the "world." It includes never putting any book, or any other thing on top of the Bible – the Word of God.

What Day did GOD Make Holy?

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: **in it thou shalt not do any work**, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy. Exodus 20:8-11

The Fourth Commandment is the only Commandment that begins with "Remember" because God gave it to all of humanity immediately after Creation (Gen 2:1-3) when He gave it to Adam and Eve, the parents of the whole human race. God did not make Sunday, the first day of the week, holy. The Pope did (and he's NOT God). In fact, the words "first day of the week" never appear in the Bible, in the original manuscript. The word is always "sabbaton" which means the seventh-day (Saturday) Sabbath. It is the translators who have incorrectly changed the word sabbaton to "first day of the week."

Sunday is a pagan day of worship of the sun god: worship of the creation rather than the Creator. It is witches and wicca who worship Gaia – mother earth. The whole movement of "environmentalism" is the plan for worship of the earth, rather than worship of the Creator of the earth.

Often people say, "I worship every day," but if you do, then you can't have a job because the commandment says, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath." On the Saturday Sabbath, that begins at sundown on Friday evening and continues until Sundown on Saturday evening, God tells us to put all regular work and secular things aside and spend that time with Him. And if the population of the earth had been doing that since creation, we wouldn't be in the mess the world is in right now.

Naturally, we should read our Bible each day for our morning worship, but God wants us to spend His holy day, the Saturday Sabbath, with Him.

5th Commandment

Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God has given you."

The family was built into the fabric of creation from the beginning with Adam and Eve. They were given the mandate to "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28). This was reiterated after the flood when Noah was also commanded to repopulate the earth. The family structure not only provides for the population of the world but also is for the good of children and society in general. Thus, the fifth commandment is crucial for us to study and understand, because it relates directly to how God has ordained and ordered this world. Obeying parents is one way that children honor and obey God. The fifth commandment comes with a promise, namely "that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Ex. 20:21).

Honoring our parents doesn't stop when we turn eighteen or twenty-one. The fifth commandment is a lifelong command that includes respecting, loving, and faithfully bearing with our parents. Although the way in which a child honors his or her parents changes over time, the command remains. Here are some verses that show us what honoring parents means:

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching. (Prov. 1:8)

Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. (Prov. 23:22)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (Eph. 6:1)

These verses do not mean we should obey our parents even when they command us to do something sinful. Our obedience is first and foremost to God. However, if the parents are doing their job correctly, they are raising children in the instruction of the Lord and this is what we must recognize and obey.

Thou Shalt Not Kill (Murder)

Virtually all churches have distorted this commandment enormously. They teach that the term "murder" excludes killing during war, and self-defense – because somehow, those two instances are not classified as murder. The only difference between "killing" and "murder" is pre-meditation. But there is nothing more pre-meditated than WAR! Countries spend years planning wars, which are nothing more than the murdering of the enemy. And if you own a gun for self-defense, then you certainly don't trust in God's protection. But Jesus said, if you even hate your brother in your heart, you have already become a murderer! (1 John 3:15)

Many Christians believe that God approves of killing during war because of the behavior of the Old Testament Israelites who were killing people right and left in numerous wars. And there are even Bible passages where God says, "Kill them all!" But no one is studying the Bible any more. And if a Christian does read a Bible passage here and there, he or she virtually never reads the Bible clear through, so they never understand the context in which God says these things. When God led the Israelites out of Egypt, they were approaching the Red Sea when they noticed that Pharaoh and the Egyptians were pursuing them. The Israelites were terrified. They said to Moses,

"Did you take us away to die in the wilderness because there were no graves in Egypt? Why have you dealt with us this way. Didn't we tell you in Egypt, "Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness." Ex 14:11-12

Obviously, the Israelites had NO faith. Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord... THE LORD SHALL FIGHT FOR YOU, and you shall hold your peace." When the Israelites came out of Egypt, they had NO weapons, because **God's plan was to run the heathen out of Canaan with bees and hornets** (Ex 23:28) without killing them. So God, opened up the Red Sea and the Israelites walked through on dry land. When the Egyptians followed them, the water came down on them and they drowned. But just a few chapters later, we see the Israelites fighting their enemies with weapons that they, obviously, had picked up from the dead Egyptians. The Israelites didn't trust God. They were determined to take care of their OWN "defense. So God gets a reputation for endorsing killing, when it was the Israelites chose to kill! God's plan was to drive the enemy out without violence.

7th Commandment

Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery

The commandment against adultery, according to the population of the world, and even to many Christians is outdated. Just like the Socialist/Communists believe the U.S. needs a new Constitution – rather than the one that has served the country for 275 years, many Christians probably believe that God needs to Up-date the Ten Commandments to make them more "relevant" – to make them more attuned to the present era (of degradation and debauchery!).

Not only is the 7th Commandment still relevant, Jesus expands it:

"You have heard it said by those of old time, You shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, that whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28

The Bible speaks frequently about the sin of adultery:

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God." 1 Thess 4:3-5

"Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body." 1 Corinthians 6:18

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." Hebrews 13:4

"But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself." Proverbs 6:32

"He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. **21** For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person." Mark 7:20-2

8th Commandment

Thou Shalt Not Steal

God makes it very clear that He doesn't tolerate stealing, whether it's from a fellow human being or from Him (God).

God says we are stealing if we don't pay our debts – any loans we owe:

"Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor." Romans 13:7

God says we are stealing if we withhold pay from someone who has worked for us:

"Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight." Leviticus 19:13

Christians steal from God by shortening their life span by not taking care of their health. They rob God by decreasing the years they can witness for the Lord.

"Your body is God's temple." "He who destroys God's temple, him will God destroy." 1 Cor 6:19; 1 Cor 3:17

God says, If you steal another's possession, you must pay back double or quadruple.

"Whoever steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep... "Anyone who steals must certainly make restitution, but if they have nothing, they must be sold (as a slave) to pay for their theft. If the stolen animal is found alive in their possession—whether ox or donkey or sheep—they must pay back double." Exodus 22:1-4

And God says, we are stealing from HIM when we don't pay our tithe and offerings.

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings." Malachi 3:8

Thou Shalt Not Lie (bear false witness)

It is understood in God's commandments that we are not to tell lies. But there are many ways people, including Christians, lie. Christians say they Believe in God, but their actions deny their words. The Bible says:

"Faith without works, is dead." James 2:14

This means that if someone SAYS they believe in God (have faith in God), but their actions don't correspond with their words, then their words are useless!

Christians say they "trust God" yet they have guns for their OWN defense. That means they do NOT trust God.

Christians say they "trust God" but when they're sick, they all go to doctors ("man") and NOT God, even though God is the Only "Physician" who gives us a 100% Guarantee that we will be totally well if we trust in – and follow – God's totally natural health plan (Deuteronomy 7:11-15)

Christians lie when they say they "trust God" but they often work at their regular job on the Seventh-day Saturday Sabbath, the day God made holy, and by doing so, break the 4th Commandment. Their excuse is that if they don't work on the Sabbath, they'll lose their job, and their family will have no food or shelter. So they really do NOT trust God to take care of them, – the God who brought water out of a rock, the God who had manna fall from heaven, the God who shut the Lions' mouths for Daniel, the God who saved Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego from a fiery furnace, the God who had ravens bring food to Elijah at the Brook Cherith.

Christians lie when they claim to be Christians but don't behave in a Christ-like way.

Christians lie when they say they love God, but don't really know who He is because they aren't diligently and regularly studying their Bible in an organized way.

Christians lie when they claim to be Christians yet join the military, an organization whose only "business" is killing - - - premeditated Murder!

Thou Shalt Not Covet

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Psychologists and Psychiatrists write articles about the depression and unhappiness caused by Facebook and other social media. Why? Because it always appears that others have more money than they do, or others travel more than they do, or others appear to have more fun out of life than they do. They have depression and unhappiness because they are coveting the lives and possessions of others.

As we are entering end times, the Bible describes the hearts of mankind: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, **covetous**, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, lacking self-control, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." 2 Timothy 3:1-5

God says it's impossible to be saved if we covet:

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor **covetous man**, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Ephesians 5:5

"The **greedy** (covetous) bring ruin to their households, but the one who hates bribes will live." Proverbs 15:27

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some **coveted** after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." 1 Tim 6:10-11

"If you Love Me, Keep My Commandments" John 14:15

(Lesson 36) The 10 Commandments were NOT "done away with" at the cross!

Many denominations teach that the Ten Commandments were "done away with" at the cross, so Christians no longer have to keep them. However, it was the Ordinances, not the Ten Commandments that were "done away with" at the cross. The Ordinances were the system of Feasts and animal sacrifices that looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. So, when Jesus Christ came as the long-awaited Messiah, who died on the cross for the "sins of the world" and was resurrected and ascended to heaven, there was no more need for the ordinances. They were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. They were "nailed to 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

But the Ten Commandments were written by God, Himself, with His own finger – in stone to show their permanence. Also, in the book of Revelation, John writes of the ark of the covenant appearing in the heavenly temple right before Christ's Second Coming, the same ark that had been in the temple in Jerusalem when Jesus was on earth, the same ark that contained only one thing: the Ten Commandments.

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament." Revelation 11:19

If the Ten Commandments had been "done away with" at the cross, that would mean that people could lie, steal, murder, covet, dishonor their parents, commit adultery and worship idols. "Oh, no," pastors say, "those commandments are all repeated in the New Testament so they must be obeyed. The only one that is not repeated in the New Testament is the 4th Commandment, that pesky old Saturday Sabbath. That's the one we don't need to keep." But as we shall learn, Jesus kept the Sabbath, and Jesus is God. And God is not Jewish. The "Sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27), Jesus said. The Sabbath was made for all humanity. The Ten Commandments are a transcript of God's character. They contain the principles by which everyone will live in heaven, and eventually in the New Earth - - - forever.

God wanted to speak to the Israelites directly – to put the "Law" in their heart!

Many theologians agree that, if you count the days carefully, it was 50 days from the day the Israelites left Egypt (Passover) until God gave the Ten Commandments at Sinai. That would mean that the day God gave the Ten Commandments at Sinai would have been the first "Pentecost" (which is always 50 days after Passover. "Pente" means Fifty).

In the Old Testament, Pentecost was one of the Israelite feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name. The Israelites called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It is mentioned five places in the first five books — in **Exodus** 23, **Exodus 24**, **Leviticus 16**, **Numbers 28**, and **Deuteronomy 16**.

(Lesson 37) God gave the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai on the FIRST ever "Day of Pentecost." He wanted to put the "Law" in their hearts, rather than on tables of Stone. But they refused to let God talk to them directly. So, God had to wait over 1,300 more years to do that – which was at the Day of Pentecost shortly after Jesus crucifixion, resurrection and ascension to heaven.

There were 7 weeks (49 days) between Passover and Pentecost. Pentecost was on the fiftieth day. These seven weekly Sabbaths that occurred between Passover and Pentecost are the reason that the Bible refers to Jesus' resurrection as occurring on "one of the Sabbaths" – one of these seven weekly Sabbaths between Passover and Pentecost.

However, the Bible translators have changed the words "one of the Sabbaths" to "first day of the week" and claim that Jesus was resurrected on Sunday, that day of pagan worship of the sun god, rather than on the Seventh-day Sabbath at sundown on Friday evening (the beginning of the Sabbath) that God Himself made holy at creation.

In the phrase "one of the Sabbaths" (mia Sabbaton – in Greek), the translators have changed the word "mia" (meaning "one") to the word "first" (which is the Greek word "Protos"), and the word "Sabbaton" (meaning Sabbath) to hemara (meaning "week.")

But the words "protos" and "hemara" are NEVER there, in the Greek. The words are ALWAYS "mia Sabbaton." **So, the translators have "magically" and FRAUDULENTLY CHANGED the Bible** to say "first day of the week" rather than "one of the Sabbaths" – which is the CORRECT translation!

Jesus was resurrected on Friday night at the beginning of the Seventh-day, Saturday Sabbath. He was dead in the tomb for only a few hours

Pentecost

What did God do at Pentecost, shortly after Jesus' resurrection?

God "put the Law in their heart."

In Acts 2, God did not give the disciples the ability to speak gibberish, a dastardly perversion of the "gift of God's breath of holiness." The mumbo jumbo nonsense that the churches now call "speaking in tongues" has been found, by studies done by University professors of language, to be the same "language" as Satanic voodoo in darkest Africa!

God gave the disciples the gift of languages – KNOWN languages of the time: "Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt and in parts of Libya about Cyrene, and foreigners from Rome, those from Crete and Arabia. Every man heard in his own Dialect!" Acts 2:8-11

The disciples were able to speak in known languages of the time, languages that they had never learned.

But this is the ONLY Pentecost that the followers of Jesus were given this gift of languages!

Why?

Because the disciples had just been witnesses to Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and His ascension to heaven. This confirmed, with NO DOUBT whatsoever, that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah!

The Feast of Pentecost was one of just THREE FEASTS for which ALL Israelites were commanded to return to Jerusalem. So, Jerusalem was filled with Israelites who were at that time residing in other countries and spoke other languages. The disciples were given this special ability – on just this ONE Pentecost – in order to inform all those travelers to Jerusalem that Jesus Christ, indeed, WAS the Messiah. Then the travelers could go back to their respective countries and spread the Good News.

God had imbued His disciples with HIS "breath of holiness" (agio pneuma in Greek). The Greek word "pneuma" means "breath or wind" – as associated with the lungs, the infection of which is called "pneumonia." God had "put His law into their heart" so they would "do right because it IS right" not just because a law on the wall commanded them to do right!

God knew that the Ten Commandments on Stone could never change the heart. When the Israelites refused to let God talk to them directly at Mt. Sinai, they rejected God's desire, at that time, to put His law in their heart. That's why God had to imposes all the civil laws (in the subsequent chapters after Exodus 20) to keep "order" in the camp: "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" etc, to limit the revenge between the Israelites.

That's why the Bible says:

"But now hath He (Jesus) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a BETTER COVENANT, which was established upon BETTER promises.

"For if the First Covenant (the Ten Commandments on Stone) had been faultless, then there would be no need for the Second (Covenant).

"For finding fault with them, He (God) says, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a NEW covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah (true Christians).

"Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers (ancestors) when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued NOT in My covenant (they did NOT keep the Ten Commandments), and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

"For this is the (New) Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws (the Ten Commandments) into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people.

"And they shall **not** teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying Know the Lord: **for ALL shall know Me, from the least to the greatest!**" Hebrews 8:6-13

The New Covenant is the SAME LAW – the Ten Commandments – but NOW "written" in the mind and heart, rather than on stone!

"ALL shall Know Me" ----- This is Universal Restoration!

(Lesson 38) The "New Covenant" is NOT the abolishing of the Ten Commandments. The "New Covenant" is the SAME Ten Commandments, but now written on the mind and in the heart, rather than on two tables of Stone!

(Lesson 39) Don't make beautiful buildings in which to worship Me! Even "buildings" can become "idols."

"And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall NOT build it of hewn stone: for it you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it." Ex 20:25

When Jesus was on earth, the disciples were pointing out the beauty of the temple, even though "One greater than the temple (Jesus Christ, Himself) was there."

Conclusion:

Lesson 32: Just like the Israelites of the Old Testament, Christians today would much rather "go to church" and believe what the pastor preaches (having "Moses" talk to them), rather than studying the Bible for themselves (having God talk to them directly through His Word).

Lesson 33: God is Holy! We should treat Him with the utmost respect and reverence in the way worship Him in music, in our conversation, in our dress, the way we treat our fellow man, and the way we treat His Word – the Bible.

Lesson 34: In the Bible, God uses the word "Egypt" to symbolize "slavery to sin."

Lesson 35: The Ten Commandments

Lesson 36: The Ordinances, the system of Feasts and Sacrifices, were "done away with at the cross," NOT the Ten Commandments.

Lesson 37: God gave the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai on the day that was supposed to be the "Day of Pentecost" – the day He wanted to put His law in the minds and hearts of the Israelites.

Lesson 38: The "New Covenant" is NOT the abolishing of the Ten Commandments. It is the establishing of the Ten Commandments in our minds and hearts, so we "do right because it IS right." π

Lesson 39: Even beautiful buildings (i.e. churches and cathedrals) can become "idols." God wants us to worship HIM, and HIM only!

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