



## The Crux of History





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## Jesus' Death Predicted

- “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed...He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”


-Isaiah 53:5,7



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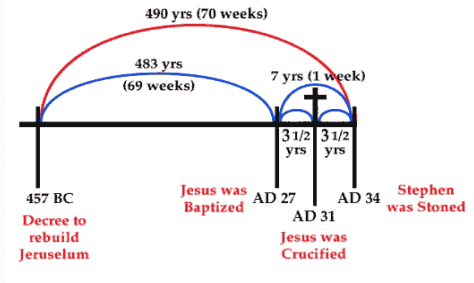
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- Crucifixion and Resurrection
  - Old Testament Prophecies
  - Secular Evidence
  - Major Implications
  - Misunderstandings
  - Application



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## 70 Week Prophecy




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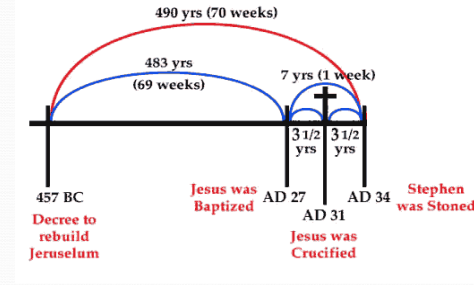
- “Seventy weeks are determined for your people...from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself...Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.”

-Daniel 9:24-27



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## Did Jesus Die on the Cross?

- “Christus...suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of...Pontius Pilate.”  
–*Tacitus, 1st century Roman historian*



- “When Pilate...condemned him (Christ) to be crucified, those who had...come to love him did not give up their affection for him.”  
–*Josephus, 1st century Jewish historian*

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## Did Jesus Die on the Cross?

- “On the eve of the Passover Yeshu was hanged.”  
–*Babylonian Talmud, A.D. 70-500*



- “The Christians...worship a man to this day – the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites, and was crucified on that account...”  
–*Lucian, 2nd century Greek satirist*

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## Was Jesus resurrected?

- Tomb blocked by stone
- Roman guards present
- Site of the tomb widely known
- Disciples killed for their belief in Jesus
- 1 Corinthians 15 statement of faith



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## Was Jesus resurrected?

- “That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also...”

–*1 Corinthians 15:3-8*

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## The Crucifixion and Resurrection

- These events really happened!
- What does it mean to me?



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## The Crucifixion and Resurrection

- Salvation available
- Reshaped history
- Was the law changed or done away with?



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## What Laws are still Binding?

- Four types of law in the Bible
  - Ceremonial Law
  - Civil Law
  - Dietary Law
  - Moral Law



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## Ceremonial Law

- Called Moses' Law
- Only existed because of sin
- Object lessons for children of Israel pointing to Christ
- "A shadow" of things to come



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## Shadows

- "So let no man judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, *which are a shadow of things to come*, but the substance is of Christ."  
-Colossians 2:16,17
- "For the law, *having a shadow of the good things to come*, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices...make those who approach perfect...then He said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.' He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."  
-Hebrews 10:1,9,10

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## Ceremonial Law

- "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering."  
-Daniel 9:27
- "...having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances..."  
-Ephesians 2:15



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## Moses' Law and God's Law

MOSES' LAW	GOD'S LAW
Called "the law of Moses" (Luke 2:22).	Called "the law of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:24).
Called "law ... contained in ordinances" (Ephesians 2:15).	Called "the royal law" (James 2:8).
Written by Moses in a book (2 Chronicles 35:12).	Written by God on stone (Exodus 31:18,32:16).
Placed in the side of the ark (Deuteronomy 31:26).	Placed inside the ark (Exodus 40:20).
Ended at the cross (Ephesians 2:15).	Will stand forever (Luke 16:17).
Added because of sin (Galatians 3:19).	Points out sin (Romans 7:3,20).
Contrary to us, against us (Colossians 2:14).	Not grievous (1 John 5:3).
Judges no one (Colossians 2:14-16).	Judges all people (James 2:10-12).
Carnal (Hebrews 7:16).	Spiritual (Romans 7:14).
Made nothing perfect (Hebrews 7:19).	Perfect (Psalms 19:7).

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## Civil Law

- Laws given by God to Israel
  - Conducting business
  - Societal regulations
  - Daily activities
  - Penalties for breaking different guidelines



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## Dietary Law

- “And God said, ‘See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.’”

-Genesis 1:29



- “Then the Lord said to Noah...You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal...two each of animals that are unclean.”

-Genesis 7:1-2

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## Dietary Law

- “In it [the sheet in Peter’s vision] were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, ‘Rise Peter; kill and eat.’ But Peter said, ‘Not so Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.’ And a voice spoke to him again the second time, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common....Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant...Then he [Peter] said to them, ‘You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.’”

-Acts 10:12-14,17,28



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## Moral Law

- 1) Always present, even in heaven
- 2) Transcript of God’s character
- 3) Written by God’s finger into tablets of stone
- 4) Jesus observed them
- 5) Reaffirmed in New Testament
- 6) Unchangeable
- 7) Obedience shows love for and knowledge of God
- 8) Standard for judgment
- 9) Heart transplant necessary for observance
- 10) Blessings and freedom come by keeping them



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## Always Present

- **Iniquity found in Lucifer in heaven, which means there was law**
  - “Where no law is, there is no transgression.”
- Romans 4:15
- “You (Lucifer) were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.”
- Ezekiel 28:15
- **Cain sinned by killing Abel**
  - “So the Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ... And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.’”
- Genesis 4:6,7

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## Transcript of God’s character

	GOD IS	THE LAW IS
GOOD	Luke 18:19	1 Tim. 1:8
HOLY	Isaiah 5:16	Romans 7:12
PERFECT	Matthew 5:48	Psalms 19:7
PURE	1 John 3:2,3	Psalms 19:8
JUST	Deut. 32:4	Romans 7:12
TRUE	John 3:33	Psalms 19:9
SPIRITUAL	1 Cor. 10:4	Romans 7:14
RIGHTEOUSNESS	Jeremiah 23:6	Psalms 119:172
FAITHFUL	1 Cor. 1:9	Psalms 119:86
LOVE	1 John 4:8	Romans 13:10
UNCHANGABLE	James 1:17	Matthew 5:18
ETERNAL	Genesis 21:33	Psalms 111:7,8

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## Written by God’s finger into stone


- “And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.’”
- Exodus 34:1
- “And He (God) wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.”
- Exodus 34:28



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## Jesus Observed Them

- “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, *just as I have kept My Father's commandments* and abide in His love.”  
-**John 15:10**



- “Think not that I am come to destroy the law...”  
-**Matthew 5:17**

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## Reaffirmed in New Testament

Commandment	Instruction	Old Testament	New Testament
1	No other gods before Me.	Exodus 20:3	"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." -Matthew 4:10 "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." -1 John 5:21
2	No idols.	Exodus 20:4-6	"That the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed." -1 Timothy 6:1
3	Don't take God's name in vain.	Exodus 20:7	"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all His works. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." -Hebrews 4:4,9
4	Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.	Exodus 20:8-11	"Honor thy father and thy mother." -Matthew 19:19
5	Honor your parents.	Exodus 20:12	"Thou shalt not kill." -Romans 13:9
6	Don't murder.	Exodus 20:13	"Thou shalt not commit adultery." -Matthew 19:18
7	Don't commit adultery.	Exodus 20:14	"Thou shalt not steal." -Romans 13:9
8	Don't steal.	Exodus 20:15	"Thou shalt not bear false witness." -Romans 13:9
9	Don't lie.	Exodus 20:16	"Thou shalt not covet." -Romans 7:7
10	Don't covet.	Exodus 20:17	

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## Unchangeable

- “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”  
-**Matthew 5:17**
- “My covenant I will not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.”  
-**Psalms 89:34**
- “All his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever.”  
-**Psalms 111:7,8**

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## Obedience shows love for and knowledge of God

- “If you love me, keep my commandments.”  
-**John 14:15**
- “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**
- “Loving God means keeping His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome.”  
-**1 John 5:3**

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## Standard for Judgment

- “If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”  
-**Matthew 19:17**




- “Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”  
-**James 2:10**

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## Heart Transplant Required

- “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them.”  
-**Hebrews 10:16**



- “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”  
-**Ezekiel 36:26**

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## Blessings and Freedom by Obedience

- “Blessed are they that do His commandments.”  
-Revelation 22:14
- “I will walk at liberty; for I seek Thy precepts.”  
-Psalms 119:45
- “So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the *law of liberty.*”  
-James 2:12

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- Four types of law in the Bible
  - Ceremonial Law - **NO**
  - Civil Law - **NO**
  - Dietary Law - **YES**
  - Moral Law - **YES**

Still Binding?	
Yes	No
Moral Law	Ceremonial Law
Dietary Law	Civil Law

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## The Law and Grace

- Law acts as a mirror to show us our sins
- Must place our faith in Christ
- His grace will cover our sins
- With a new heart, we will delight in keeping God’s law, because it is a transcript of His character

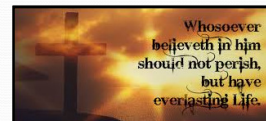


**GRACE**  
undeserved favor

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## Application

- Christ died for your sins, and He lives today
- Salvation is available to all who believe
- Ask Him for a new heart
- God’s law will become a delight



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