

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

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ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY.

...“No one tears a piece out of a **new** garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the **new** garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

Luke 5:36 NIV

And no one pours **new** wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the **new** wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, **new** wine must be poured into **new** wineskins.

Luke 5:37-38 NIV

And **no one** after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.' ”

Luke 5:39 NIV

The new thing God was about to do
would have no compatibility with
the old thing God had done.

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given **for you**; do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:19 NIV

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant** in my blood, which is poured out **for you**.”

Luke 22:20 NIV

The Mosaic Covenant

*It isn't the parts of the Bible I don't understand
that bother me, it's the parts of the Bible I do
understand that bother me.*

Mark Twain

**What are New Covenant
followers of Jesus to do with the
Old Covenant law of Moses?**

In the desert the whole community
grumbled against Moses and
Aaron.

Exodus 16:2 NIV

The Israelites said to them, “**If only** we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

Exodus 16:3 NIV

**The presence of grumbling
indicates an absence of gratitude.**

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the **descendants of Jacob** and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

Exodus 19:3 NIV

You yourselves have seen what **I**
did to Egypt, and how **I** carried you
on eagles' wings and brought you
to myself.

Exodus 19:4 NIV

Now **if** you obey me fully and keep my covenant, **then** out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,

Exodus 19:5 NIV

you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

Exodus 19:6 NIV

Rules always indicate relationship.

“I am the Lord **your** God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Exodus 20:2 NIV

The 10 Commandments

The 613 Commandments

Within this context God raised up a covenant nation and gave the people laws to live; he helped to create a culture for them. In doing so, he adapted his ideals to a people whose attitudes and actions were influenced by deeply flawed structures.

Paul Copan

Mosaic times were indeed crude and uncultured in many ways. So Sinai legislation makes a number of moral improvements without completely overhauling ancient Near Eastern social structures and assumptions. God “works with” Israel as He finds her.

Paul Copan

He meets his people where they are while seeking to show them a higher ideal in the context of ancient Near Eastern life...if human beings are to be treated as real human beings who possess the power of choice, then the 'better way' must come gradually. Otherwise they will exercise their freedom of choice and turn away from what they do not understand."

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Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.”

Exodus 24:7 NIV

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill** them.

Matthew 5:17 NIV

The Torah is given for a specific period of time, and is then set aside — not because it was a bad thing to be abashed, but because it was a good thing whose purpose had now been accomplished.

N.T. Wright

The Grace of God

Therefore **no one** will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Romans 3:20 NIV

But **now** apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

Romans 3:21 NIV

This righteousness is given
through **faith** in Jesus Christ to **all
who believe**. There is no difference
between Jew and Gentile,

Romans 3:22 NIV

for **all** have sinned and fall short of
the glory of God,

Romans 3:23 NIV

and all are **justified freely** by his
grace through the redemption that
came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:24 NIV

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires **faith**.

Romans 3:27 NIV

For we maintain that a person is justified by faith **apart from** the works of the law.

Romans 3:28 NIV

**When our capacity to sin comes up
against God's capacity for grace,
God wins every single time.**

“Are you **tired? Worn out?**
Burned out on religion? Come to
me. Get away with me and you’ll
recover your **life**. I’ll show you
how to take a real **rest**.

Matthew 11:28 NIV

Walk **with** me and work **with** me
—**watch** how I do it. Learn the
unforced rhythms of grace. I
won't lay anything **heavy** or **ill-**
fitting on you.

Matthew 11:29 NIV

Keep company with me and
you'll learn to live **freely** and
lightly.”

Matthew 11:30 NIV

Jesus took our guilt though he
was innocent and died so we
could take his innocence
though we were guilty and live.