

Leviticus and Deuteronomy

In The New Testament

Our Goal Tonight:


- Show that Leviticus and Deuteronomy have application in our lives today
- Look at quotations from Leviticus and Deuteronomy in the New Testament
- Give us a head start into our study of these two books over the next several months

But first, what does the world think about Leviticus

- I found this website while searching for material to present tonight
- Notice the Title “Gay Christian 101”
- The claim is Leviticus and Deuteronomy were for Jews of old and have NO BEARING on Christian life today.
- Tonight we’ll look at why these kinds of ideas are so misguided

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Does Leviticus Law Apply To Christians Today?



Leviticus. **Nablus (ancient Shechem, between Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal)**, was occupied by Samaritan Jews nearly two thousand years ago. This photo was taken around 1909.

Many Christians have a peculiar obsession with Leviticus and the subject of homosexuality. Unwilling to accept the clear statements of scripture, they insist that Jewish Law applies to everyone, from creation to eternity. This belief, held by many Christians, is absolutely contrary to what scripture actually says.

The Bible is crystal clear. Leviticus and the Holiness Code are for the children of Israel. They are not for Christians.

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Lets look at Leviticus first

- Leviticus is quoted 13 times in the New Testament
- Leviticus 11:44, 12:8, 18:5, 19:8 (8 different times), 24:20, & 26:12
- Lets look at these

Leviticus in the New Testament

- Leviticus 11:44 “ [Lev 11:44](#) 'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.’” is quoted in 1 Peter 1:16
- Leviticus 12:8 'But if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves or two young pigeons, the one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.’ “ is quoted in Luke 2:24

Leviticus in the New Testament

- Leviticus 18:5 “So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD.” is quoted in Galatians 3:12
- Leviticus 19:18 “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.” is quoted 8 different times: Matthew 5:43, 19:19, 22:39, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27, Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14 and James 2:8

Leviticus in the New Testament

- Leviticus 24:20 “fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him.” is quoted in Matthew 5:38
- Leviticus 26:12 “I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.” is quoted in 2 Corinthians 6:16

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 4:24 “ "For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.” is quoted in Hebrews 12:29
- Deuteronomy 5:16 “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.” is quoted in Matthew 15:4, Mark 7:10 & Ephesians 6:2-3
- Deuteronomy 5:17 “You shall not murder.” is quoted in Matthew 5:21, and James 2:11

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 5:18 “You shall not commit adultery.” is quoted in Matthew 5:27 and James 2:11
- Deuteronomy 5:21 “You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” is quoted in Romans 7:7

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Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 6:5 “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” is quoted in Matthew 22:37 and Luke 10:27
- Deuteronomy 6:13 “You shall fear *only* the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.” is quoted in Matthew 4:10 and Luke 4:8
- Deuteronomy 6:16 “You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested *Him* at Massah.” is quoted in Matthew 4:7 and Luke 4:12
- Deuteronomy 6:4&5 “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!
5 “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” is quoted in Mark 12:29-30

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 8:3 ““He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.” is quoted in Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4
- Deuteronomy 9:19 ““For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was wrathful against you in order to destroy you, but the LORD listened to me that time also.” is quoted in Hebrews 12:21
- Deuteronomy 13:5 ““But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.” is quoted in 1 Corinthians 5:13 (also Deuteronomy 17:7, 17:12, 21:21 and 22:21-24 are quoted.)

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 18:15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.” is quoted in Acts 7:37
- Deuteronomy 18:15, 18&19 “I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 'It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require *it* of him.” is quoted in Acts 3:22-23
- Deuteronomy 19:21 “Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.” is quoted in Matthew 5:38

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 21:23 “his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.” is quoted in Galatians 3:13
- Deuteronomy 24:1 ““When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts *it* in her hand and sends her out from his house” is quoted in Matthew 5:31
- Deuteronomy 25:4 ““You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing.” is quoted in 1 Corinthians 9:9 and 1 Timothy 5:18

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 27:26 "'Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'" is quoted in Galatians 3:10
- Deuteronomy 29:4 "'Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.'" Romans 11:8
- Deuteronomy 30:11-14 "'For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. 12 'It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' 13 'Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' 14 'But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.'" is quoted in Romans 10:6-8

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 32:21 “They have made Me jealous with *what* is not God; They have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with *those who* are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,” is quoted in Romans 10:19
- Deuteronomy 32:35 “Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them.” is quoted in Romans 12:19 and Hebrews 10:30
- Deuteronomy 32:36 “For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants, When He sees that *their* strength is gone, And there is none *remaining*, bond or free.” is quoted in Hebrews 10:30

Deuteronomy in the New Testament

- Deuteronomy 32:43 “Rejoice, O nations, *with* His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And will render vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land *and* His people.”” is quoted in Romans 15:10 and Hebrews 1:6

“Old Law” in the New Testament

- So when Romans 1:18-32 teaches the penalty for sin that was laid out in Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13, even though not a direct quote, the Old Law that is not really “old law” but really God’s moral law that has existed since the beginning of time, tells all men that God does not change.
- God expects and demands of us all tenants of His moral law be followed.
- We can not pick and choose those things we like and those we don’t.
- We must accept God’s law in its entirety, or not at all. The “old law” shines in the New Covenant as certainly as Jesus walked on this earth and died for our sins in order to offer a perfect sacrifice and make the Law of Moses needless.

“Old Law” in the New Testament

- Although we looked at direct quotes from Leviticus and Deuteronomy in the New Testament, there are hundreds of inferences to the Old Law and its precepts in the New Testament
- Our culture calls the Christian view of the Bible legalism. But God has given specific instructions about how He is to be worshiped and anyone who chooses to follow Christ must do so on Christ's terms.
- Christianity is not lawless. It is merely a new covenant that abides by God's never changing moral and spiritual laws that He established for us at creation
- The law of Moses was the shadow - Christianity is the substance.!