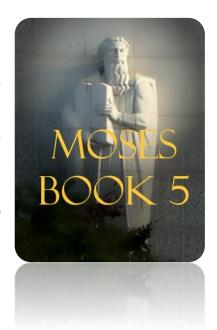


Notice: these several chapters 1 - 11 speak about the Covenant God has with His people. There are NO bloody sacrificial or ceremonial laws involved with this Covenant. Faithful men and women in all ages carefully **keep** and **do** these 10 commands... which express the Covenant of God with His people.

The Lord was not lawless. He said, do not think I came to destroy the law or the prophets; whoever relaxes one of the least of the commands and teaches others to do so, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. And on the first day of the Resurrection, the good news of Messiah did not change: beginning with Moses and the prophets He explained to them things concerning Himself. According to Jesus... loving our Father in heaven with all our heart, soul, mind and strength... is not a bad thing to do; rather, it's a perfect, good thing to do.



The Song of Moses, a witness against Israel

- ¹ Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
- ² Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distil as the rain, as droplets on the grass, as the showers on the herbs:
- ³ For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God.
- ⁴ He is the Rock! His work is perfect: for all His ways are just: a God of truth and without inequity, Righteous and upright is He.
- ⁵ They have corrupted themselves; they are a perverse and crooked generation, they are defective, they are not His children.
- ⁶ Is this how you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is not He your Father who purchased you? has He not made you, and established you?
- ⁷ Remember the days of old, consider the years of all generations: ask your father, and he will inform you; and your elders, they will tell you:
- ⁸ When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the people according to the number of the children of Israel -- those ruled by God.

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⁹ For the portion of the LORD is His people; Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.



- ¹⁰ He found him in a deserted land, and in the howling waste of a wilderness; (the whole world is a wasteland / the garbage dump of His creation, that's where He found him) He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the pupil of His eye.
- ¹¹ Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, hovering over its young, spreading abroad is wings, He caught them, carrying them on its wings:
- 12 So the LORD alone guided him, and there was no foreign god with him.
- ¹³ He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the fields; and He made him suck honey from the rock, and oil from the flinty rock / so they weren't spoon-fed their privilege; they were made to work and discover what was buried within His creation;
- ¹⁴ butter of cows, and milk of flocks, with fat lambs, and rams, the breed of Bashan and goats, with the finest of wheat; and the blood of grapes you did drink the best wine.
- ¹⁵ But Jeshurun / the upright one grew fat, and kicked: you have grown fat, you are obese, fatter than fat; then he abandoned God who made him, and flippantly esteemed the Rock of his salvation/ his Yeshua his Jesus.
- ¹⁶ They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with disgusting atrocities they triggered Him to anger. Starting with:
- ¹⁷ They sacrificed to demons, not to God; to gods whom they did not know, new gods that they newly imagined, that your fathers did not fear.
- ¹⁸ You neglected the Rock that gave you birth, and forgot God who made you.
- $^{\rm 19}$ And when the LORD saw it, He abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.
- ²⁰ And He said, I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be: for they are a very perverse generation, children without faith / without faith it is impossible to please God.
- 21 They made Me jealous with what is not god; they provoked Me to anger with their empty idols: and I will make them jealous with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a nation of fools.
- ²² For a fire is ignited in My anger, and will burn to the lowest hell, and will consume the earth with its produce, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
- 23 I will heap misfortunes on them; I will spend my missiles upon them.



- 24 They will burn with hunger, and be devoured by burning heat, and bitter destruction: I will send wild beasts to tear them, and serpents to poison them.
- ²⁵ The sword without, and terror within, will destroy both the young man and the virgin, the nursing baby and the old man of gray hairs.
- 26 I said, I would scatter them to corners / north, south, east and west, I would make their memory to cease among men:
- ²⁷ had I not considered the incitement of the enemy, lest their enemies misjudge, and they should strangely say, Our hand is victorious, and the LORD has not done all this. / God would limit the victories of the enemies, stealing the glory from God's reprimand to His people.
- ²⁸ For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them.
- ²⁹ O that they were wise, and understood this, that they would consider their latter end!
- 30 How could one chase a 1000, and two put 10,000 to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had given them up?
- ³¹ For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves judge this.
- 32 For their vine is from the vine of Sodom, and from their fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of poison, their clusters, bitter:
- 33 their wine is the poison of serpents, and the deadly venom of vipers.
- 34 Is this not all laid up in store with Me, and sealed up in My treasuries?
- 35 Vengeance is Mine and retribution; in due time, their foot will slide: for the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things that will come on them will be sudden.
- ³⁶ For the LORD will judge His people, and reconsider because of His servants, when He sees that their strength is gone, and there is none, slave or free.
- ³⁷ And He will say, Where are your gods? Where is your rock in whom you took shelter?
- 38 who ate the fat of your sacrifices, and drank the wine of your offerings? let them get up and help you, and be your protection.
- ³⁹ See now that I, I am He, and there is no god beside Me / all other gods are demonic; which is why He said have no other gods before Me, because there are no other gods, but demons:



I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: and no one can deliver from My hand.

- ⁴⁰ For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.
- ⁴¹ If I sharpen My flashing sword, and My hand takes hold on justice; I will render vengeance to My enemies, and will reward those who hate Me.
- 42 I will make My missiles drunk with blood, and My sword will devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and the captives, from even the brave leaders of the enemy with their well-coiffed hair.

When all is said and done, Moses concludes singing:

- ⁴³ Rejoice, O nations, with His people: for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His adversaries, and will be merciful to His land, and to His people.
- 44 And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he, and Joshua the son of Nun.
- ⁴⁵ And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:
- ⁴⁶ And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, that you will command your children to keep and do, all the words of this law.
- ⁴⁷ For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing you will prolong your days in the land, where you go over Jordan to possess it.
- 48 And the LORD spoke to Moses that same day, saying,
- ⁴⁹ Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho; and see the land of Canaan,

which I am giving to the children of Israel for a possession:

- ⁵⁰ then die on the Mount where you go up, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people:
- ⁵¹ because you rebelled against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the children of Israel.
- 52 Yet you will see the land at a distance; but you will not go there into the land which I am giving the children of Israel.