

Leviticus 17-19

Leviticus Chapters 17-19, Only Place of Sacrifice,
No Eating Blood, Unlawful Sexual Relations, Be
Holy, The Lord Is Holy, Love Your Neighbor as
Yourself, Unique People Statutes

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Your servant in Christ, 2Cor. 4:5,*

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*Matthew 10:8 ...Freely
you received, freely give.*

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Leviticus 17:3, Any Man Who Slaughters

- Leviticus 17:3 "Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp,
- Does the “any man...who slaughters” mean the poor farmers have to haul their animals all the way to Jerusalem before they can kill and eat them?
- No, the Bible has different “administrations” for different people at different times (dispensations).
- They currently were on an extended caravan campout with the LORD. They’re all living next to the Tabernacle.

Leviticus 17:5, The Reason Is

- Leviticus 17:5 "The reason is so that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they were sacrificing in the open field, that they may bring them in to the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting to the priest, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD.
- God doesn't have to give us His reasons, or explain Himself to us. But He does it many places.

Leviticus 17:6, No Longer Sacrifice To Demons

- Leviticus 17:6 "The priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and offer up the fat in smoke as a soothing aroma to the LORD. ⁷ **"They shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat demons** with which they play the harlot....
- Sure sounds like they have been sacrificing to demons. Can you imagine, after all the signs God has done for them!
- We have 3500 more years of His grace.

Leviticus 17:6, Goat Demons

- Leviticus 17:7, "They shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat demons with which they play the harlot....
- 08163 שָׂעִיר sa`iyir {saw-eer'} or שָׂעַר sa`ir {saw-eer'}
- Meaning: adj 1) hairy n m 2) he-goat, buck 2a) as sacrificial animal 2b) satyr, may refer to a demon possessed goat like the swine of Gadara (Mt. 8:30-32)
- Origin: from 08175; TWOT - 2274c,2274e
- Usage: AV - kid 28, goat 24, devil 2, satyr 2, hairy 2, rough 1; 59

Wikipedia, satyr, Goat Demons

- “In Greek mythology, a satyr ...Greek σάτυρος satyros... is one of a troop of male companions of Pan and Dionysus with goat-like...features, including a goat-tail, goat-like ears, and sometimes a goat-like phallus. In Roman Mythology there is a similar concept with goat-like features, the faun being half-man, half-goat...
- In many versions of the Bible, Isaiah 13:21 and 34:14, the English word "satyr" is used to represent the Hebrew se'irim, "hairy ones," from "sa'ir" or "goat". There is an allusion to the practice of sacrificing to the se'irim (KJV "devils"; ASV "he-goats") in Leviticus 17:7. They may correspond to the "shaggy demon of the mountain-pass" (azabb al-‘akaba) of old Arab legend.[3] It may otherwise refer to literal goats, and the worship of such...”

Satyr, Goat Demons



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Leviticus 7:27, 17:11, No Eating Blood

- Leviticus 17:11 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'
- Leviticus 7:27 'Any person who eats any blood, even that person shall be cut off from his people.'"
- Very serious;
- Matthew 26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Leviticus 17:11, The Cleansing Blood

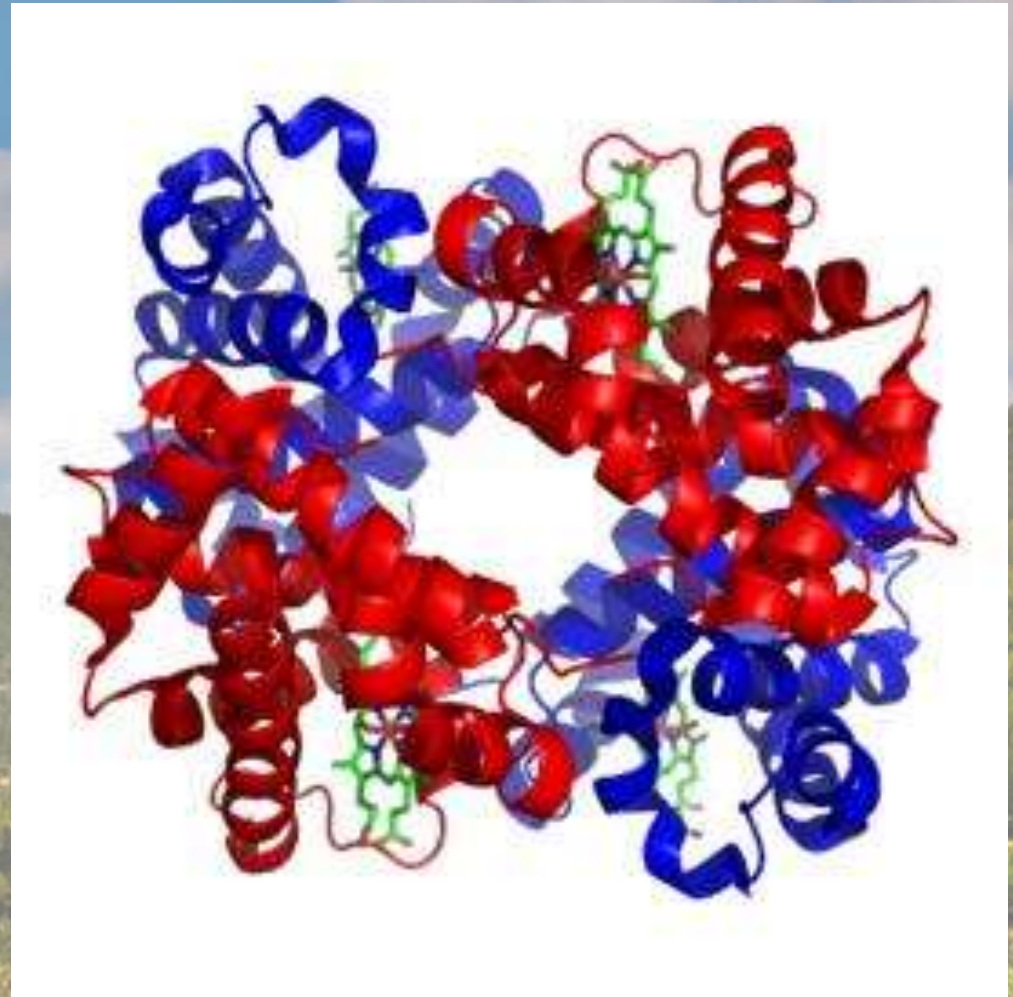
- The pure blood of the Savior when applied to the sinner provides complete cleansing. John explained in, "1 John 1:7... the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."
- "What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the Blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the Blood of Jesus
Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

Leviticus 17:11, Blood, Think Irreducible Complexity, Creation Moments

- Blood is one of the most miraculous of all creations. It carries oxygen and energy to our cells, and carries off wastes. It is also a communications pipeline, using powerful hormones to provide communication between various parts of the body.
- Hemoglobin is the substance within the blood that enables it to carry oxygen to your cells. Many different kinds of creatures, including lobsters and spiders, all have some type of blood with hemoglobin in it. Some creatures even have transparent blood. Hemoglobin, all by itself, testifies to a Creator. You see, so many different and obviously unrelated creatures have hemoglobin that evolutionists could only account for this by saying that hemoglobin must have evolved many times in many different creatures. This explanation worked when scientists thought that hemoglobin was a relatively simple molecule.
- But now we know that hemoglobin is a very complex, eight-helix twisted molecule of about a hundred atoms,

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- all arranged in just the right way around a central atom of iron. There is a zero chance of this complex molecule happening accidentally even once, much less the many times suggested by evolutionists.
- Blood is a wonderful creation of God. He wants us to realize this so that we look for a relationship with Him, which is possible for us through the shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.



Leviticus 17:15, Eats Dead Animals

- Leviticus 17:15 "When any person eats an animal which dies or is torn by beasts, whether he is a native or an alien, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening; then he will become clean.
- What did God's graciousness just do for poor, lost, or starving people?

Leviticus 17:15, Worship God= Wash

- Lev. 17:15...he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water..
- Leviticus 15 is the "wash" chapter of the Bible, 10 of the Bible's 78 NASU uses are here (4 X's more than any other book, KJV has 32 uses). More uses in Leviticus 15 than in any other chapter of the Bible.
- John 13 is the "wash" chapter of the NT, 7 of the Bible's 78 NASU uses are here. More uses in John than in any other book of the NT.
- I knew I was missing the mark of raising them in the Word of God just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring
- a bar of soap along to "wash up" Jesus, too.

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Leviticus 18:2, I am the LORD your God

For I am the LORD your God...

This covenant phrase appears **45 times** from here to the end of Leviticus.

It serves as a **reminder** to the Israelites that YAHWEH had distinguished Israel from other nations (20:24), that He might sanctify the **chosen people** (20:8; 21:8) and be their God.

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Leviticus 18:6, compass.org

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Leviticus 18:9, Not w/ Half Sisters

- Leviticus 18:9 'The nakedness of your sister *[half sisters]*, either your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

Leviticus 18:16, His Brother's Wife

- Leviticus 18:16 '**You shall not** uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness. Leviticus 20:21 'If there is a man who takes his brother's wife, **it is abhorrent...**
- Matthew 22:25 "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and **having no children** left his wife to his brother;
- There was a requirement of The Law when a brother died "having no children"

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- Deuteronomy 25:5-10 "When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her....
- Genesis 38:9 Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; so when he went in to his brother's wife, he wasted his seed on the ground in order not to give offspring to his brother.

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- Mark 6:18 For John ...to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." (Luke 3:19 also)
- Ruth 3:9-12 ...Ruth...spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative."....¹² "Now it is true I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I....
- Ruth 4:14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today... *[kinsman redeemer]*
- Leviticus 25:25 'If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his relative has sold....
- Jesus had to be human, our close relative, to redeem

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Leviticus 18:21, Offering To Molech

- Leviticus 18:21 'You shall not give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the LORD. (Lev. 18:21, 20:2-5, 1 Ki. 11:7, 2 Ki. 23:10, Jer. 32:35)

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Lev 18:21, Molech And Child Sacrifice,

TODAY'S CREATION MOMENT

- *2 Kings 23:10* “And he [Josiah] defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.” Those who take the Bible seriously will recall the numerous passages where God condemns the pagan custom of sacrificing the first-born child to the god Moloch. These children were just weeks or months old and burned alive as an atonement sacrifice; that is, offering one life on behalf of another. The Canaanites slaughtered thousands of children in this way when their nation was threatened. God ordered the complete destruction of the Canaanites.
- We might ask, is this a necessary lesson for people living in the enlightened twenty-first century? Sadly, it is because the very same thing is still being practiced in America and the West today. Oh, the names have changed. Molech is not worshipped, while the

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- fires have become the incinerators, but the motive is still the same: a life for a life. Abortion will immediately come to mind where the mother's lifestyle may continue by the sacrifice of the fetus, as parts, in an incinerator.
- However, the national pace of sacrifice is now being accelerated by embryonic stem cell research. Stem cells are harvested from a fertilized human egg, and what remains is disposed of with other tissue in the incinerator. The object of the research is to be able to cure, say, an Alzheimer patient by injecting the brain with stem cells. The principle remains the same: "a life for a life." God still disapproves.
- **Notes:** Photo: Babylonian cylinder representing sacrifice of a child to Moloch. Courtesy of Jewish Encyclopedia. Licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported license.
- <http://www.creationmoments.com/radio/transcripts/life-life>

Leviticus 18:23

Animal Sex Legal in 20 States

- Leviticus 18:23 'Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion.
- Leviticus 20:15-16 'If there is a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; you shall also kill the animal....
- Deuteronomy 27:21 'Cursed is he who lies with any animal...
- Exodus 22:19 "Whoever lies with an animal...

Animal Sex Legal in 20 States

- Animal Sex Legal in 20 States, "FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2005
- "Who knew? [A Washington legislator has proposed legislation to make sex with animals illegal in her state.](#) Shockingly, only 30 states currently have laws criminalizing sex with animals. In Texas, it violates the "public lewdness" statute if it is done in a public place, but, if you have sex with an animal in the privacy of your own home, you are free to go--unless prosecutors can allege that your conduct caused injury, serious injury, or constituted "torture". In that case, you could be charged under the general animal cruelty statute. Meanwhile, although it has been struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court, the statute criminalizing consensual sex between members of the same sex is still on the books."
- <http://injusticeanywhere.blogspot.com/2005/07/animal-sex-legal-in-20-states.html>

In the **United States**, the Bible can no longer be used to define sin

- Bill Perkins has said, partly quoting a Fox News report, "...France is set to ban the words "mother" and "father" from all official documents under new plans to legalize gay marriage and give equal adoption rights to homosexual and heterosexual couples.

A notary in the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo has sparked controversy by accepting a civil union between three people saying that the idea of a "family" has changed.

In Canada, a 12-year-old girl sued her parents, and won, the right to go on a school trip that her dad had forbidden because she was grounded.

Attorneys were supplied to the child under provisions of the "UN Rights of a Child" that Canada passed.

In the United States, since the Bible can no longer be used as the definer of sin, the slippery slope continues to get even worse. What the Bible calls "perversion" is protected by law in the United States. Homosexuality is not only allowed, it is mandated.

We've murdered over 50 million innocent babies in the womb over the

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- last 50 years and the carnage continues by the minute. The most dangerous place for a black female to be is in her mother's womb! With homosexuals and abortions legally secure, the green light is on for worse perversions... without a hint of public outrage. It's a slippery slope. A new movie, Yellow, has been released that promotes sex/marriage between blood brothers and sisters. 20 states have now removed or watered down laws forbidding sex with animals. Well why not? Who is to say it's wrong? If you can't use the Bible to define what's good and bad, then you're back to "it's only wrong if you think it's wrong." Or, "Just because it's wrong for you doesn't mean it's wrong for me." All from the pit of hell. It's only a matter of time until the "I Love To Have Sex with Pigs on Fridays" high school group is afforded equal protection and given Federal Funds to protect and promote their unbiblical lifestyles. ..."

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Leviticus 19 - eteacherbiblical Newsletter - May 2013

- “...Leviticus 19 is an incredible chapter of the [Bible](#) in terms of the transference of information. Not only are the Ten Commandments repeated with different words, but we learn specific lessons about the right ways to treat one another, human to human. Then the rest of the chapter specifically relates to the relationship between man and God. This chapter also gives us the tools to deliver a message, another noticeably different feature....”

Leviticus 19:2, Be Holy, For I Am Holy

- Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall **be holy**, for I the LORD your God am holy.
- Leviticus 11:44 'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy**, for I am holy. ...
- This phrase, “be holy,” is profoundly important in Leviticus. The requirements to have communion with the infinitely holy God has only one way, holiness, (John14:6, Isaiah 6:5, 59:2).
- 1/3 of all NAS uses of this phrase are in Leviticus (13/35), 2X's as many as any other book).

Leviticus 19:3, Honor Father And Mother

- Leviticus 19:3 'Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the LORD your God.
- Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.
- Repeated to the church in Ephesians 6:2
- (Deut. 5:16, Matt. 15:4-6, 19:19, Mk. 7:10, 10:19, Lk. 18:20)

Leviticus 19:3, 5th. Commandment

- Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
- A third-grade Sunday school teacher was giving a Bible lesson on the commandment, honor thy father and thy mother. "Now, does anyone know a commandment for brothers and sisters?"
- One sharp girl raised her hand and said, "'Thou shalt not kill.'"

Leviticus 19:18, Do Not Take Vengeance

- Leviticus 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people...
- God wants us to be His witnesses, and reflect Him. That is most obvious when we've been clearly wronged.
- Romans 12:17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

Leviticus 19:18, Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

- Leviticus 19:18 ...you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.
- Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- Romans 12:20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Leviticus 19:28, No Tattoos Or Marks On Yourselfes

- Leviticus 19:28 'You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.
- Leviticus 21:5 'They shall not make any baldness on their heads, nor shave off the edges of their beards, nor make any cuts in their flesh.

Tattoos

Compass, QUESTION FOR THE DAY

- “Dear Compass, I have a close friend who I thought was a Christian. She just got a tattoo that says "Jesus Loves Me" on her right arm. I tried to tell her that tattoos were forbidden by God, but she wouldn't listen. She says I'm legalistic. Doesn't the Bible say somewhere that it is wrong to receive a mark?

ANSWER: The Bible says there will come a time when Satan will demand the world receive his mark on their right hand or forehead before they can buy or sell..... Revelation 13:16-17... Leviticus ... it was part of the law and in a different dispensation, or time period—we are living in the Church Age...

- However, it is possible that someone could be in sin by tattooing themselves out of rebellion to God-given authority, but then the sin would be rebellion, not the tattoo itself. The tattoo is merely a symptom of a deeper problem. So, if you don't want to be tattooed, that's your choice (and we think a sensible choice), but you can't tell her the Bible says it's wrong. Therefore your friend is correct—that indeed would be legalism...”

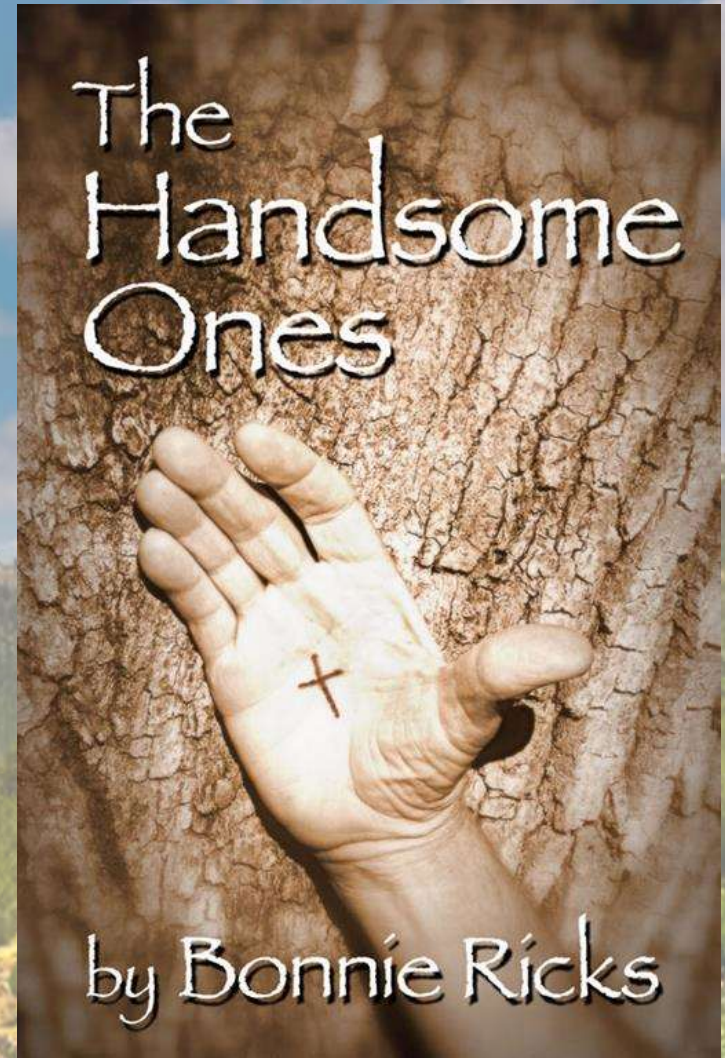
Leviticus 19:28, Self Mutilation, Tattoos, Piercings

- Deuteronomy 14:1 "You are the sons of the LORD your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.
- **This individual says he needs government assistance because he cannot get a job. Any suggestions?**



The Handsome Ones, Tattooed Crosses On Their Palm

- In May, 1541, the Cupaha, a tall, yet benevolent society of natives existed in the area west of the Mississippi across that wide river from where Memphis, Tennessee is now located. Called "the handsome ones" by their neighbors, this well-organized and almost modern civilization of some 5,000 souls somehow disappeared in 75 years between Hernando de Soto's exploration of this area and



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- eventually, Robert de La Salle's discovery of the same territory. In the 1970's, archaeological evidence was found, confirming what the diaries of the Jesuit priests traveling with DeSoto had said. With absolute evidence of their existence, the question now is, where did they go? This book gives the possible account of what most likely happened, but we still ask, where did they go and what was the origin of the tattooed cross each Cupaha bore on the palm of his or her right hand? *The Handsome Ones* is available at Smashwords.com for all ereader formats, including the Kindle, and Amazon.com in the Kindle Store. If you like good, historical fiction, with some mystery, action/adventure and romance mixed in, you'll love *The Handsome Ones*! Buy it today! All proceeds go to the benefit of Dogwood Ministries, Inc.

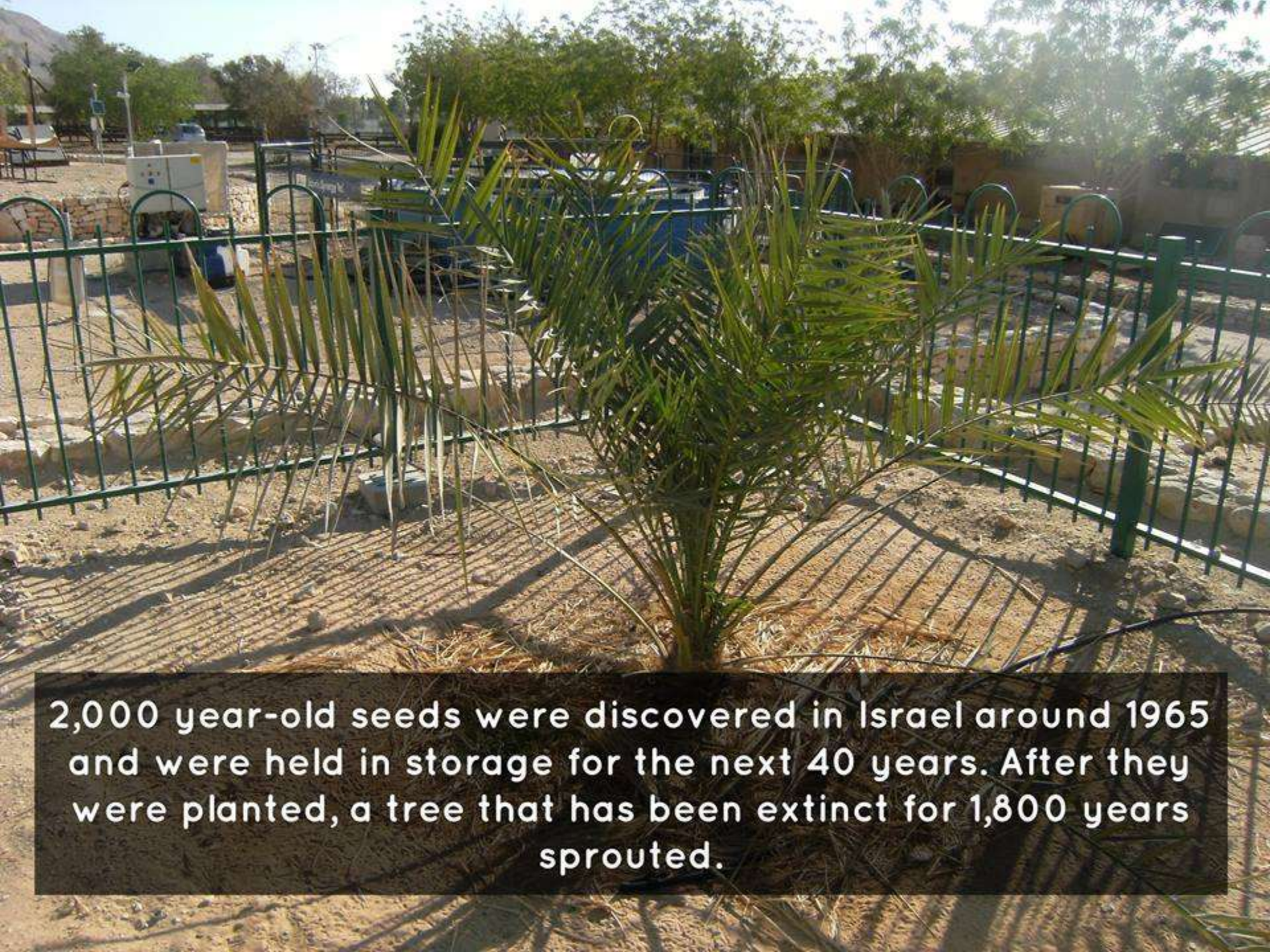
Leviticus 19:23, Plant All Kinds Of Trees

- Lev 19:23 'When you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees ...
- [SShabbat Inspiration](#) , [Jerusalem Daily Photo](#) "...Since the Jews began returning to the Land, they looked to today's verse for inspiration and planted **trees**. Did you know that Israel is one of only two countries in the world that ended the 20th century with more trees than it started with? ... Michael Ben-Atar's photo shows the beautiful Ein Kerem forest in Jerusalem, which was planted and is maintained by the Jewish National Fund. Throughout the forest, pine and cypress trees were planted, as well as Palestine oak, terebinth, carob, olive, fig, pomegranate and other species of Mediterranean woodlands and orchards that used to cover the slopes of the Judean Hills..."

Check out how the Jewish National Fund works to make sure Israel's forests continue to grow. video

- JNF Working to Grow Israel's Forests
- http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/jnf-working-grow-israels-forests/?utm_source=Jerusalem365&utm_campaign=8c20fb2210-Jerusalem365+Email&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_966f66c607-8c20fb2210-19571465&goal=0_966f66c607-8c20fb2210-19571465





2,000 year-old seeds were discovered in Israel around 1965 and were held in storage for the next 40 years. After they were planted, a tree that has been extinct for 1,800 years sprouted.

Leviticus 19:20-22

Sex With An Engaged Slave

- gracethrufaith.com says, “In Leviticus 19:20-22 the subject is a man having sex with a servant who is engaged to another man but not freed from her time of servitude. The word translated “punished” in verse 20 can also mean compensated, and involved a judicial inquiry to determine which meaning of the word was appropriate. The man had to bring a ram to the priest to be sacrificed as a guilt offering, which meant he had to endure the embarrassment of a public confession of his sin. Also, rams were valuable animals, essential to the growth of the man’s flock. Sacrificing one could have a lasting impact on the man’s income.”

Leviticus 19:30, Keep My Sabbaths

- Leviticus 19:30 'You shall keep My sabbaths and revere My sanctuary; I am the LORD.
- [Shabbat Inspiration](#) “...There is a well-known saying that explains the survival of the Jewish people during a long exile among the nations, saying, "More than the Jews have kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept the Jews..."”
- [Jerusalem Daily Photo](#) Yehoshua Halevi's photo of Jaffa Gate, the main entrance to the Old City, built by Suleiman in 1538. A passage (now for cars) was built in 1898 when the Kaiser of Germany visited Jerusalem, so that he would not have to dismount his carriage to enter the city!

I would use them every day...

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- [Meanwhile, At The Technical University Of Munich](http://themetapicture.com/page/2/)
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In the **United States**, the Bible can no longer be used to define sin

- ...**France** is set to ban the words "mother" and "father" from all official documents under new plans to legalize gay marriage and give equal adoption rights to homosexual and heterosexual couples.
- A notary in the **Brazilian** state of Sao Paulo hassparked controversy by accepting a civil union between three people saying that the idea of a "family" has changed.
- In **Canada**, a 12-year-old girl sued her parents, and won, the right to go on a school trip that her dad had forbidden because she was grounded. Attorneys were supplied to the child under provisions of the "UN Rights of a Child" that Canada passed.

How to deliver a message with the help of Leviticus 19? - eteacherbiblical Newsletter - May 2013

- How to deliver a message with the help of Leviticus 19? Leviticus 19 is an incredible chapter of the [Bible](#) in terms of the transference of information. Not only are the Ten Commandments repeated with different words, but we learn specific lessons about the right ways to treat one another, human to human, when the rest of the chapter specifically relates to the relationship between man and God. This chapter also gives us the tools to deliver a message, another noticeably different feature.
- Today I would like to focus in two passages from this chapter. The first is Leviticus 19:11-18-
- "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the Lord. 'You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning. You shall not curse a deaf man, nor place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I am the Lord. 'You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but **you are to judge your neighbor fairly**. You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and **you are not to act against the life of your neighbor**; I am the Lord. 'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him. 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.
- "לא תגבבו; ולא תכחשו ולא תשקרו איש בעמיתו. ולא תשבעו בשמי לשקר: וחללת את-שם אלהיך אני יהוה. לא תעשק את-רעך ולא תגזל; לא-תלין פעלת שכיר אתך-עד-בקר. לא תקלל חרש-לפני עור לא תתן מכשל; וְאִיראת מֵאֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲנִי יְהוָה. לא-תעשו עול במשפט לא-תשא פני-דל ולא תהדר פני גדול: **בצדק תשפט עמיתך**. לא-תלך רכיל בעמך **לא תעמד על דם רעך**: אני יהוה. לא-תשנא את-אחיך בלבבך; הֹכֵחַ תוכיח את-עמיתך ולא-תשא עליו חטא. לא-תקם ולא-תטר את-בני עמך **ואהבת לרעך כמוך**: אני יהוה".
- If you look closely at verses 11-12, you can see that the message is written in the plural, since stealing, speaking falsely and swearing in the name of the Lord are all actions that damage not the person but also God Himself and the world that He created. From verse 13 onward, the message is for the singular (except the beginning of verse 15), since the law pertains to the term of man and his friends, an interpersonal relationship- **אדם לחברו בין**. The word "not"- לא- appears at the beginning of the verses, while at the end of some verses can be interpreted as important sayings for life (see above). Also the expression "I'm The Lord" also can be found at the end of three verses in order to show us, the readers, who we should fear and how we should try best respect and honor Him with moral behavior.
- Specific words in this chapter help us to better understand our aims and deliver our message. For example, when we see the word "blood"- דם- dam-, it suggests meshould be aware of our neighbor. When we read the words "deaf" or "blind" we are reminded to be more merciful to others in need.
- A beautiful section to note is verse 18, which commands us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Interestingly, this is not specifically related to certain people or friends - this is a universal message for all of us. At the beginning of the verse, we read about the condition that helps to achieve this - when we think of revenge. It reminds us that we just need love in our life, just like The Beatles sang, "All you need is Love".
- At the end of this chapter there's another memorable passage that deals with the sojourner, the stranger in a strange land. Most of us live in a world in which there are more than a few strangers. However, for God, the reality of how to treat such people is simple, as written:
 - "וְכִי-יגור אתך גֵּר בְּאַרְצְכֶם לֹא תונוּאוּ. כְּאֶזְרַח מִכֶּם יִהְיֶה לָכֶם הַגֵּר הַגֵּר אֲתֶם וְאַהֲבַת לוֹ כְּמוֹךְ-כִּי-גֵרִים הֵיְיִתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם."
 - "When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. **The stranger who resides with you** shall be to you as the native among you, **and you shall love him as yourself**, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34)
- The world play between "the stranger" and the verb "to reside" is just another way the [Hebrew Language](#) highlights the importance of this message. As well, when you reread verse 18 with a slight text adjustment, we can see how everyone should be treated equally in God's ideal world. Have a blessed week, Eli
- Main phrases of the post + transcription + translation

English •
Transliteration •
Hebrew •
Stranger •
gēr •
גֵּר •
I'm •
'ānī •
אֲנִי •
Justice •
tsedeq •
צֶדֶק •
Morning •
bōqer •
בֹּקֶר •
דָּק •
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Leviticus 19:28 You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.

- QUESTION FOR THE DAY
- Dear Compass,
- I am shocked by your comments regarding tattoos. I have appreciated your "tell-it-like-it-is" comments in the past, but you were wrong to soft pedal this one—tattooing is wrong and you know it (Leviticus 19:28). Someone there must have a tattoo and is trying to find a way to justify it.
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- ANSWER:
- This is the verse in question:
- *You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves;* —Leviticus 19:28The context of the verse is in reference to God's forbidding using pagan religious customs. The problem was rebellion—following other pagan practices—not tattoos. Consider this verse written some 750 years later where writing on your body is discussed in a positive light:
- *... I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants; ... This one will say, "I am the Lord's"; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write on his hand, "Belonging to the Lord."* —Isaiah 44:3, 5It is possible that verse could have referred to temporary rather than permanent markings, so it's not a verse to use to support tattooing. Regardless, you can't point to the Old Testament as the reason to avoid tattoos—as shortsighted as you may think they are. The most critical point we made in that GML was that Leviticus is Old Testament law. We are now under Church Age grace. If we were to implement the Old Testament law today, we would have to stone:
- *Adulterers If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.* —Deuteronomy 22:22
- rebellious children
- They shall say to the elders of his city, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard." Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death. —Deuteronomy 21:20-21a
- etc.
- But Jesus freed us from the law. We can think of no biblical reason a Christian should or should not be tattooed. It appears to us that rebellion, culture and/or peer pressure seems to be the driving force in most people. Rebellion and peer pressure is, of course, sin.
- *For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.* —1 Samuel 15:23Believers' bodies are not their own; they belong to God.
- *Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.* —1 Corinthians 6:18-19If you try to stretch the above verses to say someone with a tattoo(s) is not glorifying to God, you would also have to include someone who was overweight, out of shape, had too much or too little sun, had on too much or too little makeup, doesn't go to the doctor enough, doesn't exercise their brain enough ... the list is endless. The context of 1 Corinthians 6:18-19 is sexual sin, and it would be a stretch to try to apply it to tattoos.
- We think it is, however, worth noting that both God and Satan will mark people in the future.
- *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.* —Revelation 3:12*Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.* —Revelation 14:1
- *And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,* —Revelation 13:16
- FYI, no one at Compass has confessed to having a tattoo. However, one has permanent eye-liners, which might be considered tattoos. :-)
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- About Compass...

- What Does God's Law Mean To Us?
- Thursday, March 6th, 2014 [Christian Life](#)
- **Q.** I have been reading the book of Leviticus and my question is this. As a church saved by grace I find that we still refer back to the law, in this instance, the book of Leviticus for a very detailed and exacting guidance of righteous living before God. I know these guidelines were written for Israel but some of them were and are still relevant to our life today. Many churches will point a finger at specific scriptures that they believe support their doctrine (for example tattooing) I would appreciate some clarity on this subject.
- **A.** In **Matt. 5:17-18** Jesus made it clear that He hadn't come to abolish the Law, and that not even the tiniest detail of the law would disappear until everything is fulfilled. Therefore God's Law still stands. With His death, Jesus paid the penalty that is due us for our violations of the law (**Colossians 2:13-14**), but people who don't accept His death as payment for their sins will have to bear the penalty themselves.
- I'll use your example of getting a tattoo to explain how this works. In **Leviticus 19:28** God told the Israelites not to put tattoo marks on themselves. He hasn't changed His mind about tattoos. He still doesn't like them because He considers us to be an example of His workmanship (**Ephes. 2:10**), and doesn't like to see us deface what He has made. To Him, it's a little like painting graffiti on a beautiful building.
- Because Jesus paid the penalty for all our sins, we cannot not be punished for getting a tattoo, or for breaking any of God's other laws. Our decision to do so should be based on whether it bothers us to know He would prefer if we didn't.
- Speaking of this Paul wrote, *"Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible, but not everything is constructive"* (**1 Cor. 10:23**). We're free to do anything, because the penalties for our sins are already paid, and we have a righteousness from God apart from the Law, through faith in Jesus Christ (**Romans 3:21-24**). But being free to do something does not mean it's a good thing to do.
- http://gracethrufaith.com/ask-a-bible-teacher/gods-law-mean-us/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Gracethrufaith+%28GraceThruFaith%29

Deut. 32:4 Exodus 21: 7-10 Leviticus 19: 20-22, gracethrufaith.com

- Is God Cruel And Unjust?
- Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 [Interpreting Verses](#)
- [Old Testament](#)
- **Q.** Someone brought my attention to the following Scriptures as “evidence” that God is a cruel and unjust God. They claim Exodus 21: 7-10 says you can sell your daughter into slavery and allow her master to rape her, Exodus 22: 16-17 says you can rape a virgin but you must marry her and pay her father a dowry of virgins, and Leviticus 19: 20-22 says you can rape your female slave and be forgiven, but the slave must be punished. Can you help me with these verses?
- **A.** These are incorrect interpretations. It sounds like you’re talking with an unbeliever who is either purposely trying to distort the Scriptures and malign the character of God or at the very least is woefully ignorant about the fact that one purpose of the Law was to produce a righteous people among whom the Lord could live. Behavior standards were extremely high and violations were severely punished.
- Moses, who lived among the people and was responsible for bringing God’s law to them said, *“He (God) is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he” (Deut. 32:4)*. People who think otherwise either don’t want to believe Moses, or lack the knowledge to make an informed decision about God’s character.
- There was no such thing as bankruptcy in ancient times. “Selling” children into servitude was the means by which families paid off their debt. It was an admission of failure and a public disgrace, and there were strict rules governing the treatment of these children. In **Exodus 21:7-10** the subject is the master deciding to take such a servant to be his wife, and then deciding he doesn’t like her and changing his mind before they are actually married. He could not “sell” her to another but had to allow her to be redeemed (by her family). According to Jewish law there could be no intercourse prior to marriage, and there’s no indication in this verse that illicit intercourse had taken place.
- In **Exodus 22:16-17** we see the penalty for raping a woman was for the man to assume life long responsibility for her through marriage, including the payment of a dowry to her father. Women who were not virgins had a very difficult time finding a suitable husband, and this was the Lord’s way of protecting women from a life of destitution. The idea was if a man wanted to treat a woman as if she was his wife then he should agree to assume responsibility for her. Her father could choose to accept this responsibility, and if he did the man did not have to marry her, but would have to pay the dowry anyway. Men saved for years to accumulate a suitable dowry, and this could mean the man would never be able to afford a wife.
- In **Leviticus 19:20-22** the subject is a man having sex with a servant who is engaged to another man but not freed from her time of servitude. The word translated “punished” in verse 20 can also mean compensated, and involved a judicial inquiry to determine which meaning of the word was appropriate. The man had to bring a ram to the priest to be sacrificed as a guilt offering, which meant he had to endure the embarrassment of a public confession of his sin. Also, rams were valuable animals, essential to the growth of the man’s flock. Sacrificing one could have a lasting impact on the man’s income.