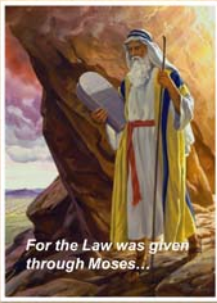
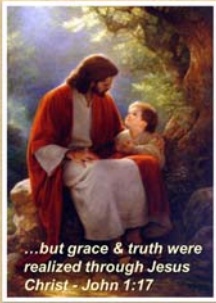


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OUR PURPOSE, AIM, AND OBJECTIVE




...is to Compare and Contrast **Law** and **Grace** so as to properly understand these two important themes and *how they are related to the life of the New Testament Believer.*









Points of Comparison & Contrast

Steward	MOSES	CHRIST
Principle	Law	Grace
Whose Works	Self	Christ
People Group	ISRAEL	CHURCH
Baptism	Into Moses	Into Christ
Ministry Characteristic	Death Condemnation	Spirit Righteousness
Nature of Blessings	Conditional (If) / Earthly	Unconditional / Heavenly
Earthly Difficulties	Curses for disobedience	Growth or discipline





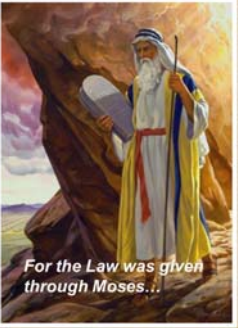





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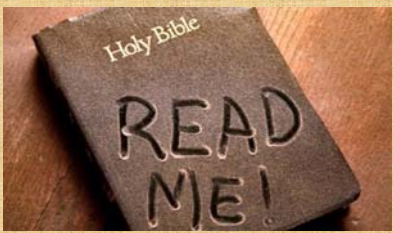



For the Law was given through Moses...

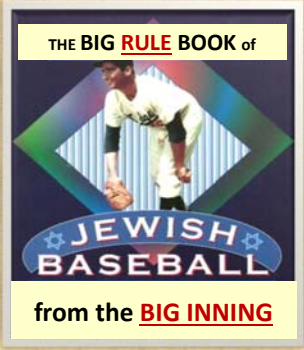
...but grace & truth were realized through Jesus Christ - John 1:17



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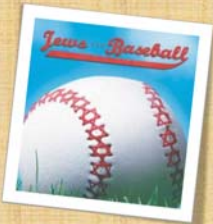
Scripture Reading
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The
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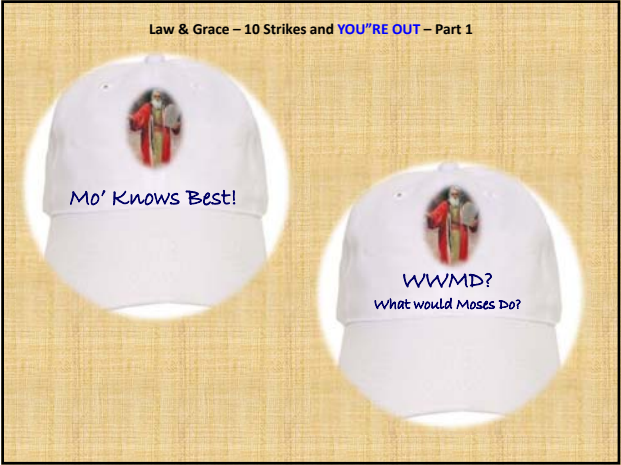
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Fly Ball?

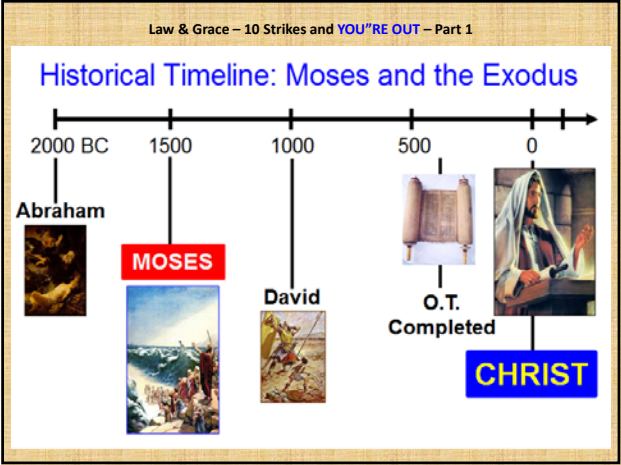
In Jewish baseball, **'flies'** mean something completely different.





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Brick made of straw and mud with Pharaoh's stamp.



Moses found by Pharaoh's daughter.

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Moses kill an Egyptian.




Moses flees Egypt and becomes a shepherd.

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Exodus 3:1–10 (NASB95)

¹ Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. ³ So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."




Exodus 3:1–10 (NASB95)

⁵ Then He said, "**Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.**" ⁶ He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. ⁸ "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk...



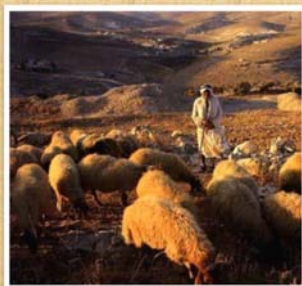
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...and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. ⁹ “Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ “Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”



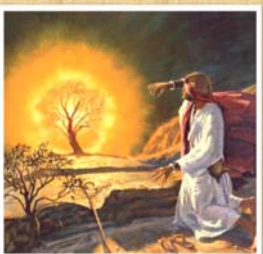
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How would you like a career change?



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- So the angel of the Lord appears to Moses as a burning bush that never burns up.
- That gets Moses' attention & draws him toward the burning bush for a closer look...

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“The Angel of the Lord”

- The angel of the Lord speaks as God, doing things that God does (Gen. 16:7-12; 21:17-18; 22:11-18; **Exo. 3:2**; Jud. 2:1-4; 5:23; 6:11-24; 13:3-22; 2 Sam. 24:16; Zech. 1:12; 3:1; 12:8).



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“The Angel of the Lord”




- As in this account, many who saw the angel of the Lord said that God had spoken and that they had seen God.
- Appearances of the angel of the Lord ceased at Christ's birth, so we take Him to be the Pre-Incarnate, Son of God.

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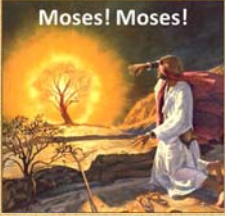
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God calls, but keep your distance - Exo. 3:5




- God calls Moses by name **twice**, & Moses responds by saying, "Here I am".
- God calls Moses but tells Moses, "Do not come near here".
- **Moses the Lawgiver** was not allowed to come nearer to God.

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God calls, but keep your distance - Exo. 3:5

- Moses is then told to remove his sandals as he is on **holy ground**.
- God said, "**I AM** the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."



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"Do not come near...!"



"...Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God." Exodus 3:5-6

Hebrews 4:16 (NASB95)

Therefore **let us draw near** with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



Hebrews 7:19 (NASB95)

(for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which **we draw near to God**.



Hebrews 7:25 (NASB95)


Therefore He is able also to save forever **those who draw near to God** through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (cf. Heb. 10:1; 22)



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Exodus 3:6


He said also, "**I AM*** the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.



* "I AM" in the Greek Old & New Testaments (ἐγώ εἰμι) is literally 'I, I am'


Exodus 3:14-16 (NASB95)

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**I AM*** has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations. ¹⁶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt."




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Deity Claim!




'I AM' (ἐγώ εἰμι) in these passages & in the Greek Old Testament (LXX) in Exodus 3:6 & 14 is a claim to deity.

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I AM** [ἐγώ εἰμι]" John 8:58




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7 "I AM" (ἐγώ εἰμι) Statements of Christ in John's Gospel

	I AM the Bread of Life	6:35
	I AM the Light of the world	8:12
	I AM the Gate for the sheep	10:7; cf. v.9
	I AM the Good Shepherd	10:11,14
	I AM the Resurrection and the Life	11:25
	I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life	14:6
	I AM the true Vine	15:1; cf. v.5


John 18:4–8 (NASB95)

⁴ So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "**I am He.**" And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ So when He said to them, "**I am He,**" they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Therefore He again asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that **I am He;** so if you seek Me, let these go their way,"



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Exodus 3:6



Moses, soon to be the Lawgiver, then **HID HIS FACE,** for he was afraid to look at God.

Grace in 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:6


^{3:18}But we all, **WITH UNVEILED FACE**, beholding as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord**...^{4:6}For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give **the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ**.

Grace in Hebrews 12:2
...FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS...


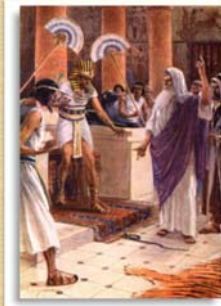


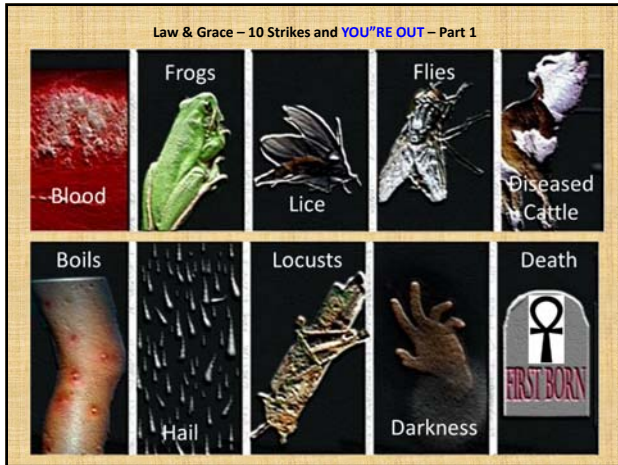
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⁷ The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings." ⁸ **SO I HAVE COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM** from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. ⁹ Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ **THEREFORE, COME NOW, AND I WILL SEND YOU** to Pharaoh, **SO THAT YOU** may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."



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10 PLAGUES (STRIKES) OF EGYPT: EXO. 12:12; NUM. 33:4		
PLAGUE	EGYPTIAN GOD DEFEATED	EXODUS
1. Water into blood	Osiris	7:20
2. Frogs infestation	Hekt	8:6
3. Lice infestation	Seb	8:17
4. Fly infestation	Hatkok	8:24
5. Cattle diseased	Apis	9:6
6. Boil epidemic	Typhon	9:10
7. Fiery Hail	Shu	9:24
8. Locust infestation	Serapai	10:13
9. 3 Days of darkness	Ra	10:22
10. Death of firstborn	All the gods	12:29

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The 10 Plagues - Jehovah Versus the Gods of Egypt		
PLAGUE	GODS OF EGYPT	INTERESTING NOTES
1 WATER TURNED TO BLOOD Exodus 7:14-25	• Khnum - Guardian of river's source • Hapi - Spirit of the Nile • Osiris - Nile was his bloodstream.	• Duplicated by the Egyptians. • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived. • Dead fish — putrid smell
2 FROGS Exodus 8:1-15	• Hapi } Frog goddess to Egypt • Heh } Both related to fertility.	• Duplicated by the Egyptians • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived.
3 LICE Exodus 8:16-19	• Seb - The earth god of Egypt	• Not duplicated by the Egyptians • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived. • Attributed to the "finger of God!"
4 FLIES Exodus 8:20-32	• Uasut - The fly god of Egypt	• God now makes a separation between the Egyptians and the Israelites. • No more plagues will come upon the Israelites.
5 DISEASE ON CATTLE Exodus 9:1-7	• Ptah - Mnevis } Egyptian gods associated with bulls and cows. • Anhur	• Affects property. • Death of livestock.
6 BOILS Exodus 9:8-12	• Sekhmet - Egyptian goddess of Epidemics • Serapis } Egyptian gods of healing. • Imhotep	• Affects physical bodies. • Pharaoh's magicians cannot even appear in court.
7 HAIL Exodus 9:13-35	• Nut - Egyptian sky goddess. • Isis & Seth - Egyptian agriculture deities. • Shu - Egyptian god of the atmosphere.	• Historical uniqueness for such a storm in Egypt. • Pharaoh confesses his sin but later changes his mind.
8 LOCUSTS Exodus 10:1-20	• Serapis - Egyptian deity protector from Locusts	• Pharaoh offers a compromise. • The compromise is rejected. • Pharaoh again confesses his sin.
9 DARKNESS Exodus 10:21-29	• Ra - Amon-re - Aten } Egyptian sun gods. • Thoth - Egyptian moon god.	• Dark in Egypt at midday. • Apparently light was still provided for the Israelites in Goshen.
10 DEATH OF FIRSTBORN Exodus 12:29-36	This plague was a judgment on all of Egypt's gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 11, Pharaoh had killed the sons of Israel. Now the Lord kills the firstborn sons of the Egyptians (Exodus 11:12). Pharaoh will now let Israel go. He will later lose his army to death in the Red Sea (Exodus 14:4-9).	

<https://redeeminggod.com/understanding-the-ten-plagues/>

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Do not come near, or draw near?

- Moses, later to be the Lawgiver, was told not to come near - keep your distance, Moses!

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Do not come near, or draw near?

- But the book of Hebrews repeatedly urged the Jewish believers to draw near to God.

So did Moses just have it all wrong? Or is God just not as uptight as He used to be?

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Do not come near, or draw near?

No, the difference is **Grace**.

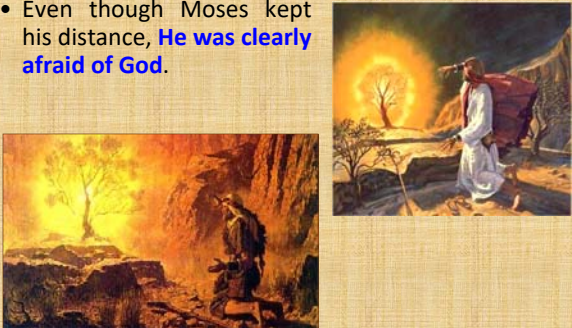
GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING



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Dread of God, or Confident Access?

- Even though Moses kept his distance, **He was clearly afraid of God.**



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Dread of God, or Confident Access?




- But the message of the New Testament is to approach God boldly & confidently.

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Dread of God, or Confident Access?


We approach God humbly but boldly and with confidence understanding that our bold & confident access is because **we are by God's Grace, in Christ!**



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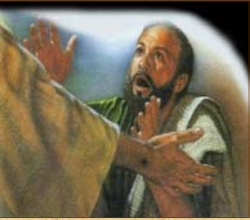
- In Exodus 3:6 we read that **Moses hid his face from God, because He was simply afraid.**



Before Grace, looking at the Lord was fearful, possibly even dangerous.

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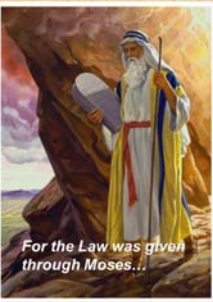


- But in the New Testament we find an appeal to be always beholding & looking to the Lord.


But under Grace, beholding Him has both present and eternal benefits, and is His will.

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VI. Conclusion



For the Law was given through Moses...




...but grace & truth were realized through Jesus Christ - John 1:17

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What Should I Take Away From This?

For the Believer:

God wants us to begin to understand the clear distinctions between the Rule of Law and the Rule of Grace so that we will fully realize and enjoy the divine riches in glory, that are ours, and available right now, in Christ Jesus.

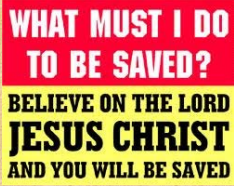


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What Should I Take Away From This?

For the Non-Believer:

- The admonition to those present who are unbelievers is: **Today is the Day of Salvation.**
- You can place your faith in Christ's promises **right now.**



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CLOSING

Numbers 6:24–26

²⁴ The Lord **ble**s** you, and **ke**e**p you;** ²⁵
The Lord **ma**k**e His fa**c**e sh**i**ne on you,
And be **grac**i**ous to you;** ²⁶ The Lord **li**f**t
up His cou**n**tenance on you, And **gi**v**e
you peace.'********

