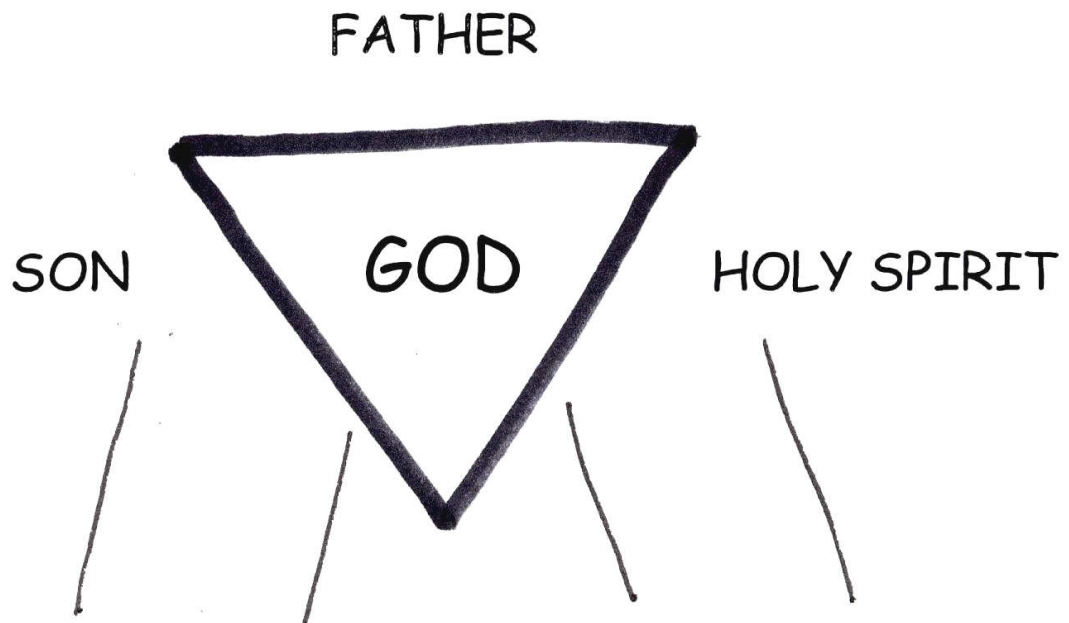


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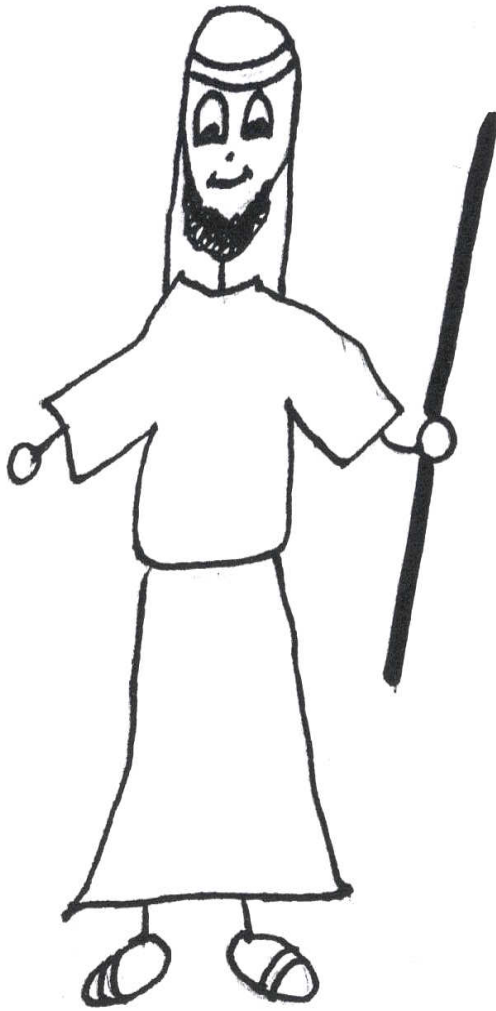
The Dispensation of Israel

John 15:5b For apart from Me you can do nothing.



The Period of the Patriarchs ended with Egypt in control of the Jews and the Jews in slavery. This was the end of the **Dispensation of the Gentiles**. The responsibility of the patriarchs had been simply to believe and serve God. God gave them every material and spiritual provision to encourage them to do this. Unfortunately, they chose to reject God. The Period of the Patriarchs ended with man's failure to live in the plan and policy of God. **"For apart from Me you can do nothing."** They chose to be controlled by the cosmic system represented by Egypt. Because He is faithful God delivered His people; He provided a deliverer, Moses! The Jews were led by Moses into a new country and a new way of life! They were set free from slavery. It was called the Exodus. This began the **Dispensation of Israel**, again emphasizing and glorifying God the Father's purpose as it relates to the angelic conflict!!





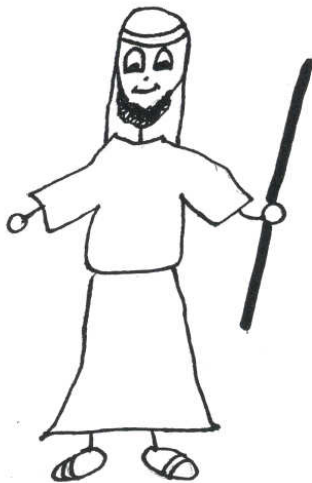
God chose Moses to begin the **Dispensation of Israel** and to deliver the Jews out of Egypt. Moses was born into slavery. When he was just a baby, there was an order to execute all Jewish baby boys. His parents refused to obey the evil order. By an act of great faith, his mother put him in a little basket that floated. She sealed it up and floated it down the Nile River. As God would have it, Pharaoh's daughter found the basket in the river and saved the baby. She called him Moses. In Hebrew the name is Mosheh which means drawn from the water. He was taken to live in the palace for 39 years. He believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and grew spiritually. Moses was the greatest born-again genius of the Old Testament. He was a genius in the field of music, literature, writing, engineering, military, and administration.

He had common sense, good manners, and wisdom. Besides all of this, he was very strong and handsome. Best of all, he had Bible doctrine in his soul! God had a special plan for Moses and He gave him everything he needed to follow the plan!

Exodus 2:2-3 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.

All of his life, Moses was **one** of the greatest leaders who ever lived; yet he was a leader who was rejected by his own people. Jesus Christ was **the greatest** leader who ever lived and He was rejected by his own people. The patience, courage, mental attitude, humility, and spiritual life of Moses was fantastic. The patience, courage, mental attitude, humility, and spiritual life of Jesus was **the best!** Here are some other comparisons between Moses and Jesus Christ:

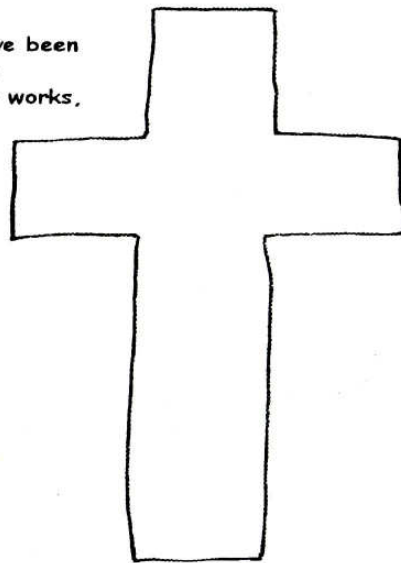
1. Moses was from lowly, poor parents; so was Jesus Christ in His human nature.
2. Moses, as a baby, was exposed to the wrath of Pharaoh who wanted to put him to death; Christ, in His infancy, was sought by king Herod to be slain; but, by God's extraordinary providence, both were delivered.
3. Moses was of a meek and sweet disposition, yet full of zeal for God and indignation against sin and evil; Christ was a pattern of meekness and humility.
4. Moses was appointed and sent by God to deliver Israel out of Pharaoh's cruel bondage; Jesus Christ was appointed and sent by God to deliver all of Israel from the cruel bondage of Satan, a heavy oppression and burden of sin.
5. Moses was sent to lead Israel towards Canaan, a type of heaven; in the same manner Jesus Christ leads us toward heaven.
6. Moses gave the law, having first received it from the hand of God; so Jesus Christ gave us the law of the Gospel, as He received it from His Father.
7. Moses performed many mighty miracles in Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness to confirm the Law and to show Israel he was really sent of God. So Jesus Christ performed many strange and wonderful miracles by sea and land, in towns and deserts to manifest His glory and to show He was sent of God and to confirm His doctrine.



The Jews became a nation when God, through Moses, led them out of bondage in Egypt. They had become a race through Abraham and then they became a nation through Moses! They were on their way to Canaan*, the promised land of Israel! God chose and established or set up Israel as one, particular nation to represent Him as His missionary agency on earth. This chosen nation would be given a divine legacy in writing. A legacy is something handed down from one person to another. God handed down promises to the Jews. This nation would manifest or show God's character as never before in history. It would show His love, faithfulness, grace and mercy. The spiritual heritage of Israel continued, as it had begun, through the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Salvation was faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, just as it is for all mankind! The Jews expressed their faith toward God as they offered the Passover lamb. The sacrificial lamb represented the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, Who would be sacrificed for all mankind's sins. The Jews looked forward to the cross.

*Look at the map on page 11.

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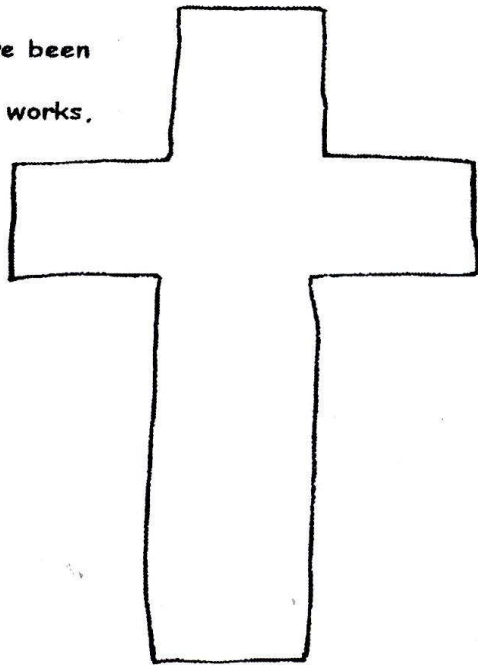
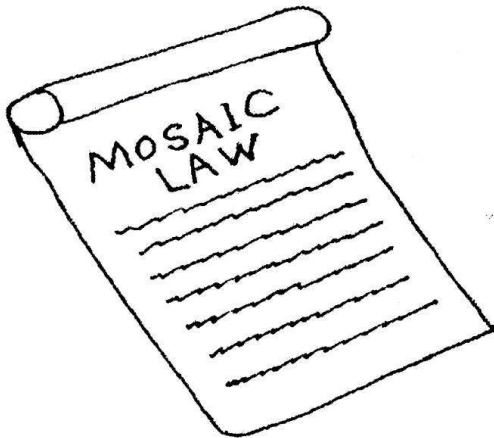


Deuteronomy 4:36-38 Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline [train] you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire. Because He loved your fathers [Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob], therefore He chose their descendants after them. And He personally brought you from Egypt by His great power, driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in and to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today.

During the **Dispensation of Israel**, God revealed to Moses how He wanted His people to live. He also revealed His divine legacy for Israel. God had Moses write the first five books of the Bible and put all this information in them. These writings are called the Torah and they are part of the Old Testament. **Torah** means: the teaching and instruction from God. It is filled with divine guidance and commands for living a long life and prospering. It is filled with promises for the Jews. There were parts for both the believer and unbeliever. In the Torah, God showed mankind His perfect standards. He gave the Mosaic Law. He didn't expect man to be able to live up to these standards. In fact, He was pointing out man's sinful nature and his inability to follow them. God wanted mankind to recognize their bad state and lean back on Him and His grace, not on their own human good. **"For apart from Me you can do nothing."**

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The Mosaic Law was written down by Moses in the first five books of the Bible. (Easy to remember: Moses, Mosaic.) Here are the three parts of the Law:

1. Codex I: The Freedom Code, the Decalogue or the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments define human freedom in terms of morality, privacy, property, life and authority in general. If these laws were followed, there would be freedom for everyone. They were for believer and unbeliever.
2. Codex II: The Spiritual Code, including a complete shadow representation of Christ and His saving work. It charged individual O. T. believers and communicators of God's Word with accurately presenting the Gospel and teaching of Bible doctrine within the nation. This was for believers only. The spiritual code changes for each dispensation.
3. Codex III: The Establishment Code, the civil statutes for Israel. The Establishment Code was an elaboration of: freedom and authority, privacy, rights, property, privileges, marriage and divorce, military policy, taxation, diet, health, sanitation, quarantine, criminal law, trial law, punishment, laws of evidence, and capital punishment. That's a mouthful! This was for believers and unbelievers. God set up these rules for the Jews to follow so they and their nation would prosper.

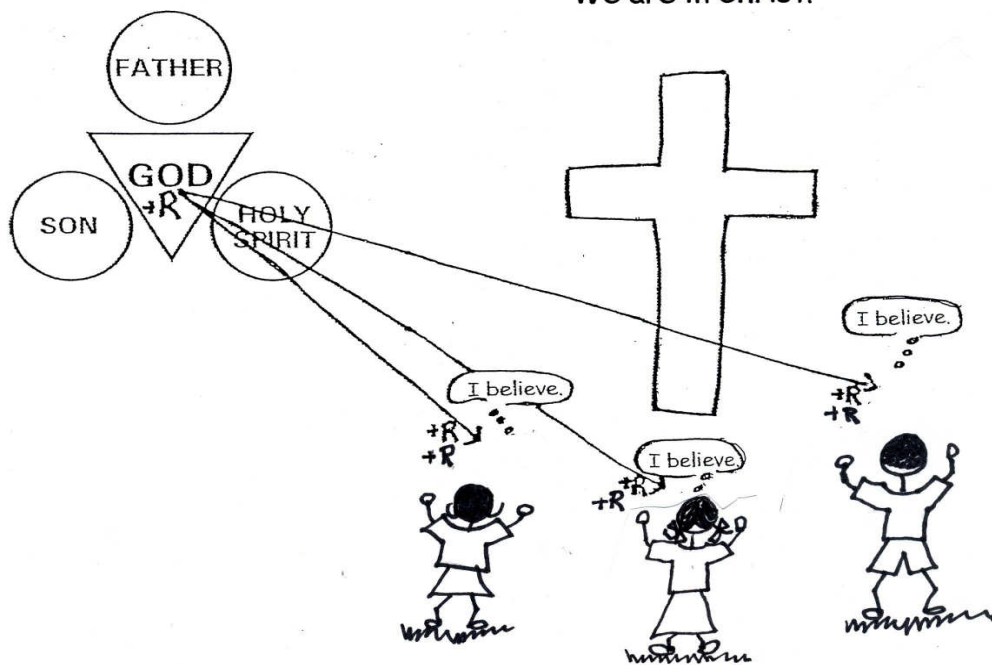


Read Exodus 21:1-23:9

In the **Dispensation of Israel**, the Mosaic Law was given to reveal or let mankind know that they were condemned at birth. Since we have to be condemned for something before we can be saved from it, God condemned us by giving us Adam's original sin at birth. We were all condemned by one man's sin. So, by one Man's righteousness, Jesus Christ's, we can all be made righteous! God again was showing His love, grace, faithfulness, and mercy!

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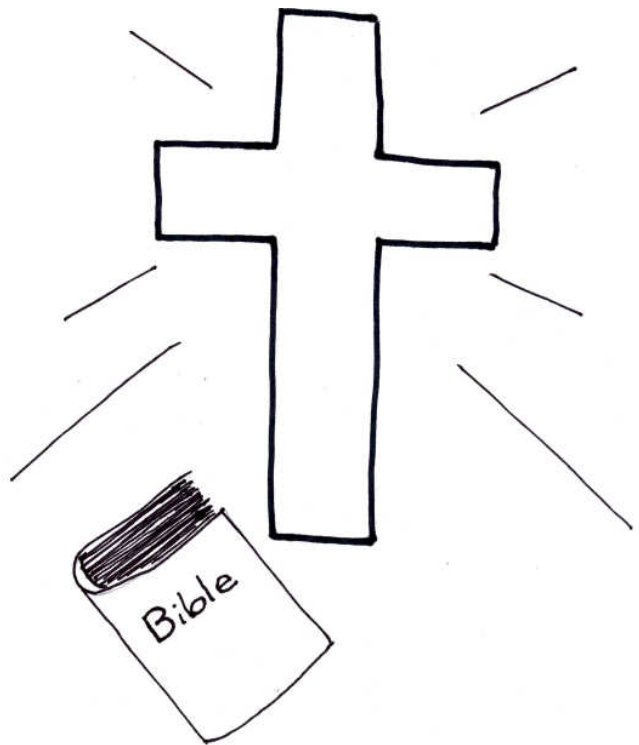
We are in Christ!



Romans 5:19 For as through the one man's [Adam's] disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Romans 8:1-4 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the [Mosaic] Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness [virgin birth] of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh

The Law was **never** given to the Jews to follow as a means of working for salvation. It was given to reveal or to show man's total depravity and total helplessness to do anything without the Savior of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Law was meant to teach mankind that he needed a savior. It pointed to the salvation work of Jesus Christ. It was given to Israel to show the glory and beauty of the grace and mercy of God. God always is faithful to mankind and gives them the means of salvation. God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to fulfill the Law and to bring us salvation. Codex I was fulfilled by His impeccability, Codex II by the cross, and Codex III by His patriotism, (Matthew 22:21). Jesus Christ fulfilled the Mosaic Law; He was the only One Who could. All we have to do for salvation is believe in the Lord Jesus Christ! Then we receive God's righteousness, +R. He has done all the work and we get the blessings! Awesome!

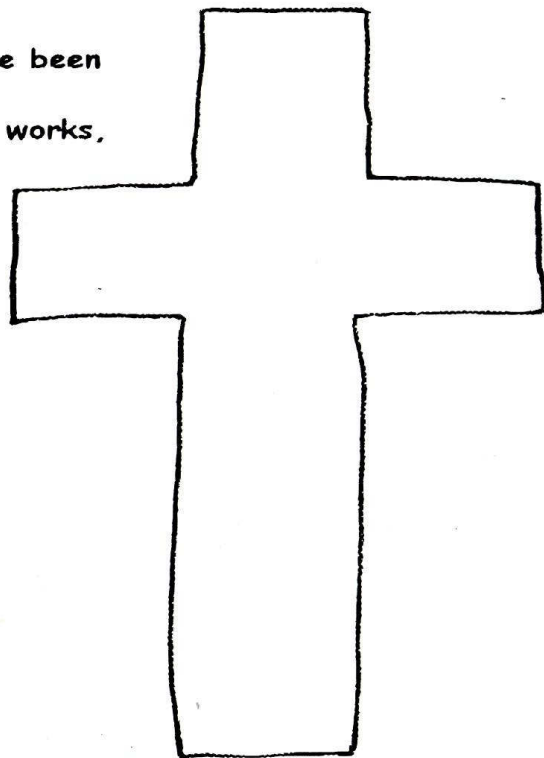
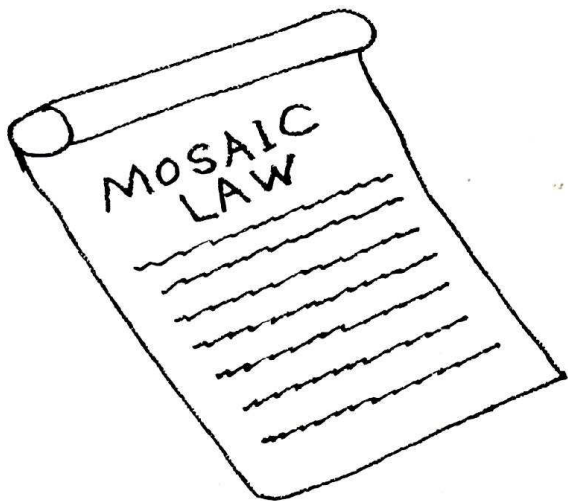


Romans 6:20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Galatians 3:6-7 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT [belief] WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, be sure [be confident] that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

God made Israel the receiver, care-taker, and communicator of the written canon, Biblical writings, of Scripture. Besides Moses, there were other authors of the Old Testament. They came from Israel! They received their information from God and carefully made sure that it was saved and written so it could be told to others. The people of the **Dispensation of Israel** had everything they needed to know to be saved and to serve God. Once again, however, not everyone chose to learn what they needed to know for the spiritual life. God still showed His grace, love and mercy to them. He was faithful even though they were unfaithful. The history and role of Israel was recorded forever in Scripture, the Bible! The Jews and their nation have a special legacy from God!

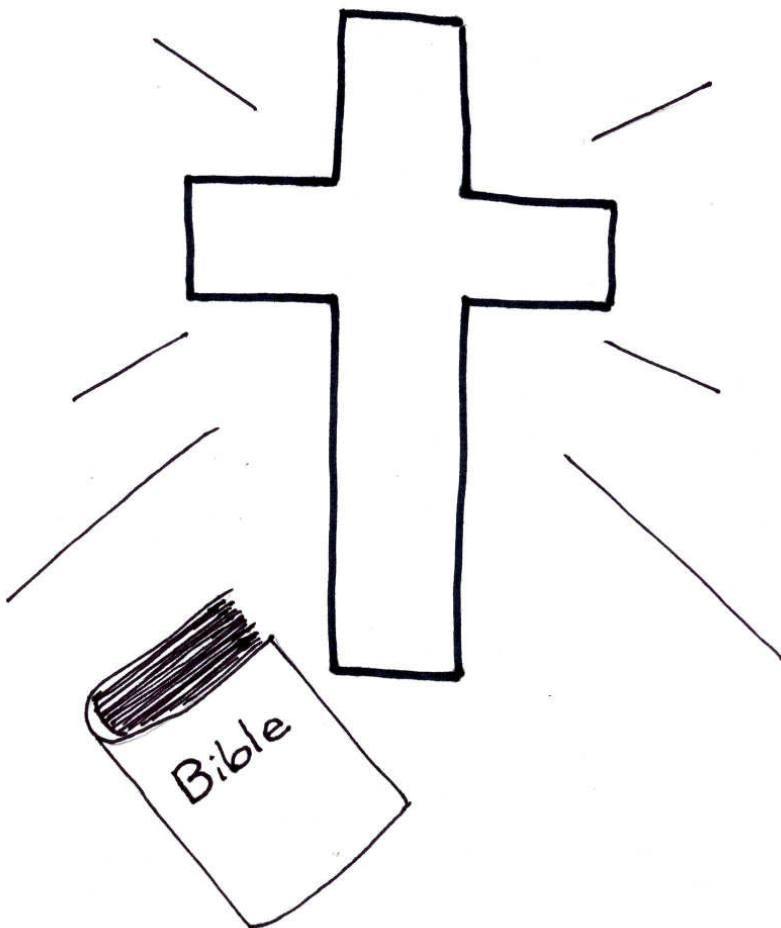
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Points to Remember

1. The Jews would be led by Moses into a new country and a new way of life.
2. The Exodus, or the Jews being set free from slavery, was the beginning of the **Dispensation of Israel**.
3. Moses was born into slavery, but as God would have it, he was taken to live in Pharaoh's palace for 39 years.
4. God had a special plan for Moses and He gave him everything he needed to follow that plan!
5. There are many comparisons between Moses and Jesus Christ.
6. The Jews became a nation when God, through Moses, led them out of bondage in Egypt. They were on their way to Canaan, the promised land of Israel!
7. God had Moses write the first five books of the Bible.
8. The Mosaic Law was written down by Moses in the first five books of the Bible.
9. The Mosaic Law has three parts: Codex I, Codex II, and Codex III.
10. The Mosaic Law was given to reveal our total depravity and total helplessness to do anything without the Savior of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was meant to teach that mankind needed a Savior.
11. The history and role of Israel was recorded forever in Scripture, the Bible.



Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Map 2: THE EXODUS ROUTE AND CONQUEST OF CANAAN



Vocabulary

1. **Represent:** To stand for, be an example, or portray.

Egypt **represented** the cosmic system.

2. **Deliver:** To set free.

God **delivered** His people, the Jews.

3. **Emphasize:** Putting importance on someone or something.

The Dispensation of Israel **emphasized** and glorified God the Father's purpose as it relates to the angelic conflict.

4. **Reject:** To refuse or not accept.

Moses was **rejected** by his own people.

5. **Comparison:** Likeness or similarity.

There are many **comparisons** between Moses and Jesus Christ.

6. **Bondage:** Slavery

Moses led the Jews out of **bondage** in Egypt.

7. **Established:** Set up.

God chose and **established** Israel as a nation.

8. **Codex:** A book of rules.

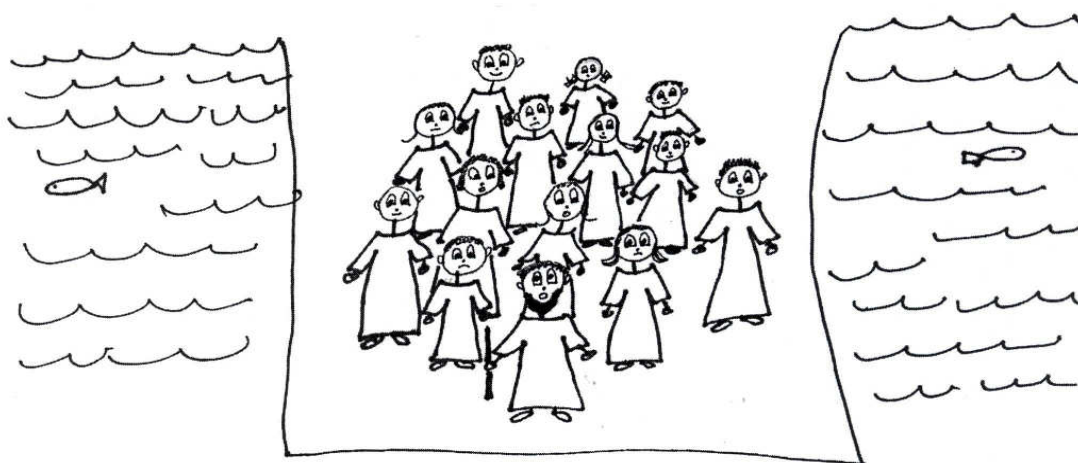
Codex I of the Mosaic Law is the Freedom Code.

9. **Condemn:** To find guilty

The Mosaic Law was given to let mankind know that they were **condemned** at birth.

10. **Reveal:** To show or make known.

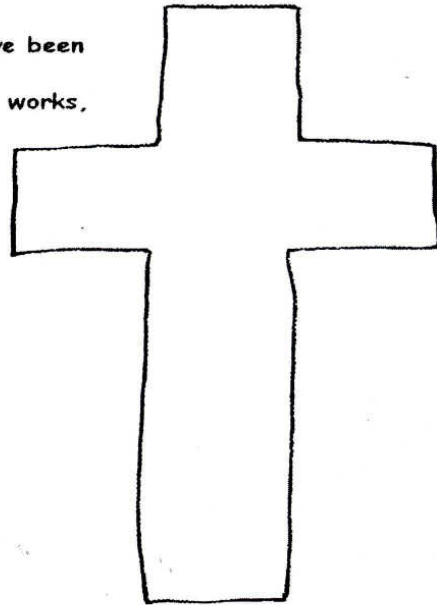
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Questions for Discussion

1. Did the people of the Dispensation of the Gentiles succeed in living in the plan and policy of God?
2. Who delivered the Jews from bondage?
3. What event began the Dispensation of Israel?
4. How can you describe Moses?
5. What are some comparisons between Moses and Jesus Christ?
6. Why did God set up Israel as a special nation?
7. Who wrote the first five books of the Bible? What were they called?
8. What does Torah mean?
9. What are the three parts of the Mosaic Law?
10. Who was to follow the Mosaic Law?
11. Why was the Mosaic Law given?

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"Apart from Me you can do nothing."

The Ten Commandments

- 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*
- 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*
- 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*
- 4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*
- 5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*
- 6. Thou shalt not kill.*
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.*
- 8. Thou shalt not steal.*
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*
- 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

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