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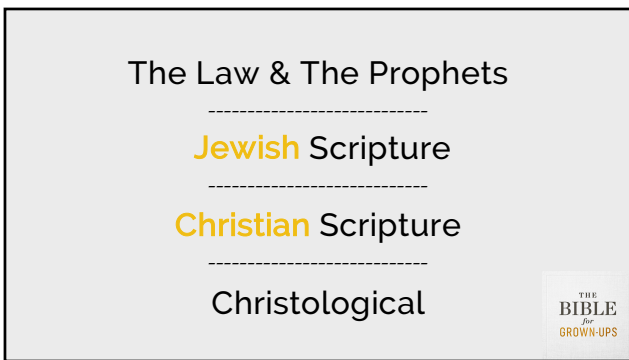
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**GOD THE FOUNDER**

- Abraham
- Moses
- **Sinai Covenant**



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*"Judaism: originally a tribal cult of a single fiercely **unpleasant** God, morbidly **obsessed** with sexual **restrictions**, and with the smell of charred flesh ... "*

Richard Dawkins  
*The God Delusion*



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Leviticus 18:  
19 **Sexual** Prohibitions


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17 of 19 **illegal**  
or **frowned** upon today

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*"No one is to approach any close **relative** to have **sexual** relations."*

Leviticus 18: 6 NIV



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### SINAI COVENANT

A moral and civil *code* that when *understood* in its ancient world *context* was *brilliant*.

The *protections* afforded to the most *vulnerable* were nothing short of *revolutionary*.

The covenant was *conditional* in that God would *bless* the nation if they *obeyed*, but *unconditional* in God's *commitment* to the *nation* of Israel, his *chosen* people.



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### GOD THE FOUNDER

- Abraham
- Moses
- Sinai Covenant
- Kings



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### GOD THE FOUNDER

- Abraham
- Moses
- Sinai Covenant
- Kings
- Temple



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**GOD THE  
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- Abraham
- Moses
- Sinai Covenant
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*He was **despised** and **rejected** by mankind,  
 a man of **suffering**, and familiar with **pain**. ...  
 But he was **pierced** for our **transgressions**;  
 he was **crushed** for our **iniquities**; the  
**punishment** that brought us **peace** was on him,  
 and by his **wounds** we are **healed**.  
 ... the Lord has laid on **him**  
 the **iniquity** of us all.*

Isaiah 53: 3, 5-6b

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*For he was **cut off** from the land of the **living**; for the  
**transgression** of my people he was **punished**.  
 He was assigned a **grave** with the wicked,  
 and with the rich in his **death**, ...  
**After** he has suffered,  
 he will see the **light of life** and be satisfied;  
 by the **knowledge** of **him** my righteous **servant** will  
**justify** many, and he will **bear** their **iniquities**.*

Isaiah 53: 8b-9a & 11

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**OLD COVENANT STORY**

Israel was a divine *means* to a divine *end*.

God *wades* into the fray and *plays* by the rules of the *kingdoms* of this *world* in order to *usher* in a *kingdom* not of this *world*.

The *old covenant* story is an *epic, gritty story*. Powerful ancient *history* with a divine *purpose*. A purpose *announced* by God to *Abraham* and *fulfilled* 2,200 years later ... in *Jesus*.

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**AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME ...**

But when the *set time* had fully come, God *sent* his Son (Jesus), born of a woman, born under the law, that we might *receive* adoption to *sonship*.

Galatians 4: 4-5 NIV

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The **Old** Covenant

The **Old** Testament

Brand **New** Covenant

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