

The Law of the Stranger – Blessing All Nations of the Earth



Message Outline

- Context of the Law of the Stranger
- The Stranger is a Convert
- The Purpose of the Law of the Stranger



Context of the Law of the Stranger

- Dependent on the Mosaic Covenant.
- Leviticus does not address modern immigration and was never understood as such by the Jewish listeners and readers.
- The border abolitionist crowd does eisegesis here.



Dependent on the Mosaic Covenant

- Only Moral law is universal
- Levitical Law fulfilled in Christ
- Civil Law tied to Legal force of the Covenant



Only Moral Law is Universal

“Romans 2:14–16 NKJV... for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, (15) who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) (16) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel..”



Levitical Law fulfilled in Christ

Hebrews 7:1–28 NKJV ... (26) For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; (27) who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself...



Levitical Law fulfilled in Christ

Hebrews 7:1–28 NKJV ...(28) For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.



Civil Law Tied to Legal force of the Covenant

- Gentile nations are not signatories to the Mosaic Covenant
- The Mosaic Covenant is, generally, speaking, a source of wisdom
- What wisdom is it providing?



The Stranger is a Convert

- Strangers required to keep the Passover
- Circumcised Strangers Legally the Same as Native born
- Strangers required to keep the Sabbath
- Strangers required to keep the Day of Atonement and included among the atoned ones



Strangers Required to Keep the Passover

Exodus 12:18–19 NKJV In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. (19) For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land.



Circumcised Strangers Legally the Same as Native Born

Exodus 12:48–49 And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. (49) One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.”



Strangers Required to Keep the Sabbath

Exodus 20:10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.



Strangers Required to Keep the Day of Atonement and Included Among the Atoned Ones

Leviticus 16:29–30 NKJV “This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. (30) For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.



The Stranger,
Under Mosaic Law,
was a
Convert to Judaism.



The Purpose of the Law of the Stranger

- Application of the Golden Rule to foreigners (Matthew 7:12).
- The second purpose is to formulate a consistent rule of law.
- This allowed a pathway for foreigners to participate in the covenants of the people of God (Eph 2:11–22).



Application of the Golden Rule to Foreigners

Matthew 7:12 NKJV Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets



Formulate a Consistent Rule of Law.

- Set precedent for government of laws and not of men.
- Avoids apartheid state
- Keeps Israel focused on blessing all nations
- Reflect's Gods love for all people



A Pathway for Foreigners to Participate in the Covenants of the People of God

Ephesians 2:11–22 NKJV Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— (12) that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world...



A Pathway for Foreigners to Participate in the Covenants of the People of God

Ephesians 2:11–22 NKJV ...(13) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (14) For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,...



A Pathway for Foreigners to Participate in the Covenants of the People of God

Ephesians 2:11–22 NKJV ...(15) having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, (16) and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.



A Pathway for Foreigners to Participate in the Covenants of the People of God

Romans 11:17-25 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,... (23) And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again...



A Pathway for Foreigners to Participate in the Covenants of the People of God

Romans 11:17–25...(25) For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in...



A Pathway for Foreigners to Participate in the Covenants of the People of God

Romans 11:17-25...(26) And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB; (27) FOR THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."



Blessing All Nations of the Earth

Genesis 12:2-3 NKJV" I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed



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