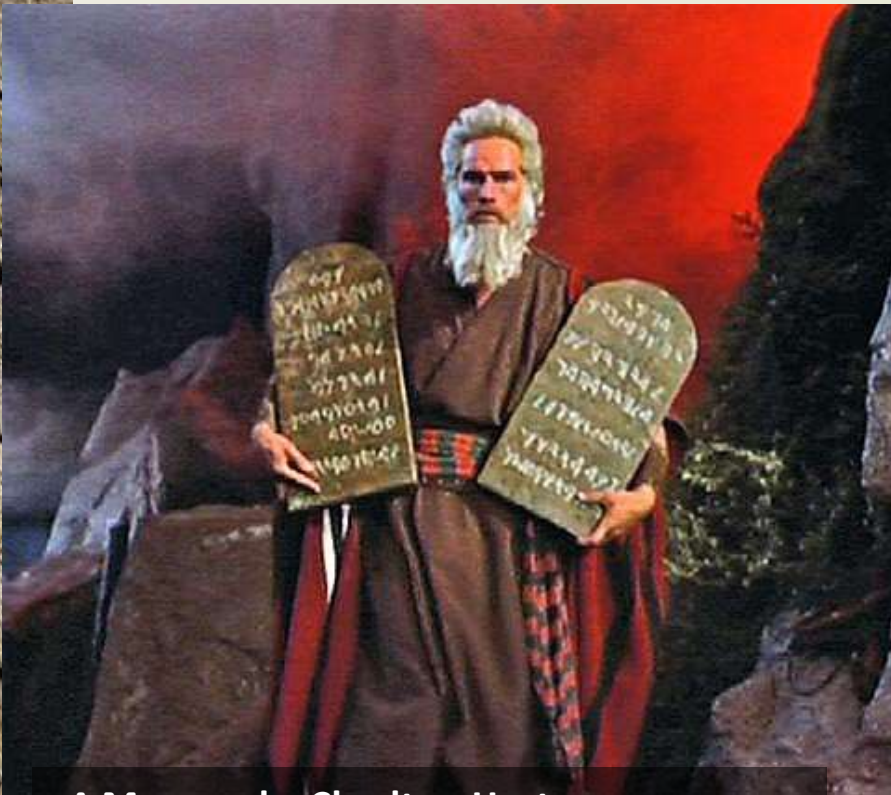


February 9 - Deuteronomy 18:15

Law Revealed



^ Moses, aka Charlton Heston,
in Ten Commandments

Moses Breaking the Tablets of
the Law by Rembrandt, 1659 >



Kadesh-Barnea to Moab



Lesson Theme

God provides messengers to
represent Him in this world



18:14-17 The Need –

Prophet to Rise

18:18-19 The Provision –

Prophet like Moses

18:20-22 The Test –

Message Credibility

with brief diversion on vs. 20 – killing false prophets

*On how Serious God is about **integrity***



Key Verse

Deuteronomy 18:21 ... *next to the last verse*

**21 - You may say to yourselves,
“How can we know when a message
has not been spoken by the Lord?”**

**That's the question ... we ask ... All the Time
How can we KNOW it is God's message?**

How can we KNOW it is God's Will?



Quarterly Background

Notice ... a summary of all the LAWS ...

Clear LAWS ... Severe LAWS ... Lots of LAWS

After the Plagues of Egypt ...

Crossing the Red Sea ... Moses is the Man

How can we KNOW it is God's message?

Even when they KNEW ... some rebelled



Reflection

- ✓ Deuteronomy = 2nd Law ... *Moses rehashes*
- ✓ Teacher Guide outlines

DEUTERONOMY 12:1–26:19

14 Chapters

The context for the text of this lesson is quite large, Deuteronomy 12:1–26:19. We saw that the previous major section, 5:1–11:32, was a general set of exhortations encouraging Israel to remain faithful to God and to learn and obey all His commands. In 12:1–26:19, we have commands that are more specific, instructing the Israelites about a wide range of topics. Some particular topics are as follows (this is not an exhaustive list):



✓ Deuteronomy = 2nd Law ... Outline

You are HERE

- the central sanctuary (12:1-28);
- dealing with apostates (13:1-11);
- dietary rules (14:3-21);
- the three annual pilgrimages (16:1-17);
- rules for the kings (17:14-20);
- criminal laws (19:1-21);
- laws about conducting a war (20:1-20);
- dealing with women taken captive in war (21:10-14);
- respect for the property rights of other people (22:1-4);
- sexual misconduct (22:13-30);
- money loaned at interest (23:19-20);
- marriage and divorce (24:1-5);
- charity toward widows, orphans, and resident aliens (24:19-22); and
- a man's duty toward the widow of his deceased brother (25:5-10).

18:1-8 – Provisions for Priests

18:9-14 – Sorcery Abominable

18:15-22 – New Prophet Credibility

Reflection

Last Week ... we bound Scripture to our foreheads

- ✓ **How Serious are we? ... Baptists don't**
- ✓ **Protestants and Catholics do not ...**
- ✓ **How Literal should we be?**
- ✓ **All of agreed with Michael Gracey ...
we are to take to HEART  God's Word**
- ✓ **What about here? > > > Kill False Prophets**



Reflection – How LITERAL? ...

- ✓ Verse 18:20 asks DEATH for false prophets
- ✓ Sanctity of Life? ... Based on *deduction* from 6th Commandment “Don’t Murder”
- ✓ If we want to take so SERIOUS today the anti-abortion as God’s LAW not to murder
- ✓ That is a Deduction **FROM** a Command ...
- ✓ Not unreasonable ... still a deduction ...



Reflection – How LITERAL? ...

- ✓ Then how **SERIOUS** do we take the
LAW to KILL False Prophets?
- ✓ We have made the **DEDUCTION**
more serious than the **COMMAND ...**
- ✓ NOT made **CLEAR** our own **DUPLICITY**
- Serious about **Abortion Deduction vs.**
Denying Command to Kill False Prophets



Death Penalty Today

✓ Verse 18:20 = DEATH for False Prophets?

Jan. 16, 2020 ... Christopher Blake Paulette, 35 - **GUILTY**
by a Tyler County jury ... torture & murder of 64-year-old

Susan Morris of Onalaska

- Sentence: Life without parole
- Too expensive to seek DEATH
- How literal to take God's Word



Deuteronomy 18:14-17 ... The Need

14 - The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination.

But as for you, the Lord your God has NOT permitted you to do so.

What is going on today?

King Saul sought the Witch of Endor

Today every newspaper has a horoscope



Deuteronomy 18:15-17 ... The Need

15 - The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

Deut. 34:10 – Moses Greatest Prophet

Acts 3:22 – Peter preached using this passage ... pointing to Jesus

then ... Peter and John were arrested ...



Deuteronomy 18:15-17 ... The Need

16 - For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said,
“Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

17 - Lord said to me: “What they say is good.”
Moses and Jesus spoke directly to God



Deuteronomy 18:18-19 ... The Provision

**18 - I will raise up for them a prophet like
you from among their fellow Israelites,
I will put my words in his mouth.
He will tell them everything I command him.**

Responsibility of the Prophet ...

What is the Prophet supposed to do ... ???



Deuteronomy 18:18-19 ... The Provision

**19 - I myself will call to account anyone
who does NOT listen to my words that
the prophet speaks in my name.**

**God ... Himself ... will hold accountable
Job of the Prophet ... deadly serious ...**



Deuteronomy 18:20-22 ... The Test

20 - But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have NOT commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to DEATH."

DEATH

Who wants to apply for that job?

Get it RIGHT or DIE ... *darn serious*



Deuteronomy 18:20-22 ... The Test

**21 - You may say to yourselves,
“How can we know when a message
has not been spoken by the Lord?”**

And we do today ...

How do we know ... God's Will???



Deuteronomy 18:20-22 ... The Test

22 - If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does NOT take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has NOT spoken.

**That prophet has spoken presumptuously,
so do not be alarmed.**

Proof ... is in fulfillment ...



We have a DUTY to follow God's commands

God will provide leaders ... if we LISTEN

God has given us a New Testament ...

We do NOT Kill False Prophets today

for many reasons

Namely, Christ fulfilled the LAW ... *all of it*

Our Duty ... today ... is ...

Love God with All our HEARTS



Love Others as We Love Ourselves

All things therefore whatsoever
ye would that men should do unto you,

even so do ye also unto them:
for this is the law and the prophets.
Matthew 7:12

