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- **A maker of laws, a legislator.** The Bible centers attention on Yehowah as the fundamental Lawgiver of the universe.
- **Yehowah as the Lawgiver.** Yehowah is actually the one true Lawgiver in the universe. Attributable to him are the physical laws governing inanimate creation.
- **Where did you happen to be when I founded the earth? Tell me, if you do know understanding. (Job 38:4)**
- **Who set its measurements, in case you know, or who stretched out upon it the measuring line? (Job 38:5)**
- **Into what have its socket pedestals been sunk down, or who laid its cornerstone. (Job 38:6)**
- **When the morning stars joyfully cried out together, and all the sons of God began shouting in applause? (Job 38:7)**
- **And who barricaded the sea with doors, which began to go forth as when it burst out from the womb. (Job 38:8)**
- **When I put the cloud as its garment and thick gloom as its swaddling band. (Job 38:9)**
- **And I proceeded to break up my regulation upon it and to set a bar and doors. (Job 38:10)**
- **And I went on to say; This far you may come, and no farther, and here your proud waves are limited? (Job 38:11)**

- **Was it from your days onward that you commanded the morning? Did you cause the dawn to know its place. (Job 38:12)**
- **To take hold on the extremities of the earth, that the wicked ones might be shaken out from it? (Job 38:13)**
- **It transforms itself like clay under a seal, and things take their station as in clothing. (Job 38:14)**
- **And from the wicked ones their light is held back, and the high arm itself gets broken. (Job 38:15)**
- **Have you come to the sources of the sea, or in search of the watery deep have you walked about? (Job 38:16)**
- **Have the gates of death been uncovered to you, or the gates of deep shadow can you see? (Job 38:17)**
- **Have you intelligently considered the broad spaces of the earth? Tell, if you have come to know it all. (Job 38:18)**
- **Where, now, is the way to where light resides? As for darkness, where, now, is its place. (Job 38:19)**
- **That you should take it to its boundary and that you should understand the roadways to its house? (Job 38:20)**
- **Have you come to know because at that time you were being born, and because in number your days are many? (Job 38:21)**
- **Have you entered into the storehouses of the snow, or do you see even the storehouses of the hail. (Job 38:22)**
- **Which I have kept back for the time of distress, for the day of fight and war? (Job 38:23)**
- **Where, now, is the way by which the light distributes itself, and the east wind scatters about upon the earth? (Job 38:24)**
- **Who has divided a channel for the flood and a way for the thunderous storm cloud. (Job 38:25)**
- **To make it rain upon the land where there is no man, upon the**

- wilderness in which there is no earthling man. (**Job 38:26**)
- To satisfy storm-stricken and desolate places and to cause the growth of grass to sprout? (**Job 38:27**)
  - Does there exist a father for the rain, or who gave birth to the dewdrops? (**Job 38:28**)
  - Out of whose belly does the ice actually come forth, and as for the hoarfrost of heaven, who indeed brings it to birth? (**Job 38:29**)
  - The very waters keep themselves hidden as by stone, and the surface of the watery deep makes itself compact. (**Job 38:30**)
  - Can you tie fast the bonds of the Kimah constellation, or can you loosen the very cords of the Kesil constellation? (**Job 38:31**)
  - Can you bring forth the Mazzaroth constellation in its appointed time? And as for the Ash constellation alongside its sons, can you conduct them? (**Job 38:32**)
  - Have you come to know the statutes of the heavens, or could you put its authority in the earth? (**Job 38:33**)
  - Can you raise your voice even to the cloud, so that a heaving mass of water itself may cover you? (**Job 38:34**)
  - Can you send forth lightnings that they may go and say to you, Here we are! (**Job 38:35**)
  - Who put wisdom in the cloud layers, or who gave understanding to the sky phenomenon? (**Job 38:36**)
  - Who can exactly number the clouds in wisdom, or the water jars of heaven, who can tip them over. (**Job 38:37**)
  - When the dust pours out as into a molten mass, and the clods of earth themselves get stuck together? (**Job 38:38**)
  - He has founded the earth upon its established places, it will not be made to totter to time indefinite, or forever. (**Psalms 104:5**)
  - With a watery deep just like a garment you covered it. The

- waters were standing above the very mountains. (**Psalms 104:6**)
- **At your rebuke they began to flee, at the sound of your thunder they were sent running in panic. (Psalms 104:7)**
  - **Mountains proceeded to ascend, valley plains proceeded to descend, to the place that you have founded for them. (Psalms 104:8)**
  - **A boundary you set, beyond which they should not pass, that they should not again cover the earth. (Psalms 104:9)**
  - **He is sending springs into the torrent valleys, between the mountains they keep going on. (Psalms 104:10)**
  - **They continually give drink to all the wild beasts of the open field, the zebras regularly quench their thirst. (Psalms 104:11)**
  - **Above them roost the flying creatures of the heavens, from among the thick foliage they keep giving forth sound. (Psalms 104:12)**
  - **He is watering the mountains from his upper chambers. With the fruitage of your works the earth is satisfied. (Psalms 104:13)**
  - **He is making green grass sprout for the beasts, and vegetation for the service of mankind, to cause food to go forth from the earth. (Psalms 104:14)**
  - **And wine that makes the heart of mortal man rejoice, to make the face shine with oil, and bread that sustains the very heart of mortal man. (Psalms 104:15)**
  - **The trees of Yehowah are satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. (Psalms 104:16)**
  - **Where the birds themselves make nests. As for the stork, the juniper trees are its house. (Psalms 104:17)**
  - **The high mountains are for the mountain goats, the crags are a refuge for the rock badgers. (Psalms 104:18)**
  - **He has made the moon for appointed times, the sun itself knows well where it sets. (Psalms 104:19)**

## •• Animal Life

- Have you come to know the appointed time for the mountain goats of the crag to give birth? Do you observe just when the hinds bring forth with birth pangs? (**Job 39:1**)
- Do you count the lunar months that they fulfill, or have you come to know the appointed time that they give birth? (**Job 39:2**)
- They bow down when they cast forth their young ones, when they get rid of their pangs. (**Job 39:3**)
- Their sons become robust, they get big in the open field, they actually go forth and do not return to them. (**Job 39:4**)
- Who sent forth the zebra free, and who loosened the very bands of the wild ass. (**Job 39:5**)
- Whose house I have appointed the desert plain and whose dwelling places the salt country? (**Job 39:6**)
- It laughs at the turmoil of a town, the noises of a stalker it does not hear. (**Job 39:7**)
- It explores mountains for its pasturage and after every sort of green plant it seeks. (**Job 39:8**)
- Does a wild bull want to serve you, or will it spend the night by your manger? (**Job 39:9**)
- Will you bind a wild bull fast with its ropes in the furrow, or will it harrow low plains after you? (**Job 39:10**)
- Will you trust in it because its power is abundant, and will you leave your toil to it? (**Job 39:11**)
- Will you rely on it that it will bring back your seed and that it will gather to your threshing floor? (**Job 39:12**)
- Has the wing of the female ostrich flapped joyously, or has she the pinions of a stork and the plumage? (**Job 39:13**)
- For she leaves her eggs to the earth itself and in the dust she

keeps them warm. (**Job 39:14**)

- **And she forgets that some foot may crush them or even a wild beast of the field may tread on them. (Job 39:15)**
- **She does treat her sons roughly, as if not hers, in vain is her toil because she has no dread. (Job 39:16)**
- **For God has made her forget wisdom, and he has not given her a share in understanding. (Job 39:17)**
- **At the time she flaps her wings on high, she laughs at the horse and at its rider. (Job 39:18)**
- **Can you give to the horse mightiness? Can you clothe its neck with a rustling mane? (Job 39:19)**
- **Can you cause it to leap like a locust? The dignity of its snorting is frightful. (Job 39:20)**
- **It paws in the low plain and exults in power, it goes forth to meet armor. (Job 39:21)**
- **It laughs at dread, and is not terrified, nor does it turn back on account of a sword. (Job 39:22)**
- **Against it a quiver rattles, the blade of a spear and a javelin. (Job 39:23)**
- **With pounding and excitement it swallows up the earth, and it does not believe that it is the sound of a horn. (Job 39:24)**
- **As soon as the horn blows it says Aha! And from far off it smells the battle, the uproar of chiefs and the war cry. (Job 39:25)**
- **Is it owing to your understanding that the falcon soars up, that it spreads its wings to the south wind? (Job 39:26)**
- **Or is it at your order that an eagle flies upward and that it builds its nest high up. (Job 39:27)**
- **That on a crag it resides and stays during the night upon the tooth of a crag and an inaccessible place? (Job 39:28)**

- From there it has to search for food, far into the distance its eyes keep looking. (**Job 39:29**)
- And its young ones themselves keep sipping up blood, and where the slain are, there it is. (**Job 39:30**)
- **Man also, as a creation of Yehowah, is subject to Yehowah's physical laws, and since he is a moral, rational creature, capable of reasoning and of spirituality, he is equally subject to God's moral Laws.**
- Consequently I entreat you by the compassions of God, brothers, to present your bodies a sacrifice living, holy, acceptable to God, a sacred service with your power of reason. (**Romans 12:1**)
- But a physical man does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot get to know them, because they are examined spiritually. (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)
- However, the spiritual man examines indeed all things, but he himself is not examined by any man. (**1 Corinthians 2:15**)
- For, who has come to know the mind of Yehowah, that he may instruct him? But we do have the mind of Christ. (**1 Corinthians 2:16**)
- Furthermore, Yehowah's Law governs spirit creatures, angels.
- Bless Yehowah, O you angels of his, mighty in power, carrying out his word, by listening to the voice of his word. (**Psalms 103:20**)
- Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. (**2 Peter 2:4**)
- Whereas angels, although they are greater in strength and power, do not bring against them an accusation in abusive terms, not doing so out of respect for Yehowah. (**2 Peter 2:11**)
- **Yehowah's Physical Laws Are Unbreakable**
- This is what Yehowah has said; If you people could break my covenant of the day and my covenant of the night, even in order

- for day and night not to occur in their time. (**Jeremiah 33:20**)
- Likewise could my own covenant be broken with David my servant so that he should not come to have a son ruling as king upon his throne, also with the Levites, the priests, my ministers. (**Jeremiah 33:21**)
  - Throughout the known visible universe his Laws are so stable and reliable that, in areas where scientists have knowledge of these laws, they can calculate the movements of the moon, planets, and other celestial bodies with split-second accuracy.
  - One who goes contrary to the physical laws experiences immediate application of their sanctions. Likewise, the moral laws of God are irrevocable and cannot be circumvented or violated with impunity.
  - They are as sure of enforcement as are His natural laws, though the punishment may not be as immediately enforced. God is not one to be mocked. For whatever a man is sowing, this he will also reap.
  - Do not be misled! God is not one to be mocked. For whatever a man is sowing, this he will also reap. (**Galatians 6:7**)
  - The sins of some men are publicly manifest, leading directly to judgment, but as for other men their sins also become manifest later. (**1 Timothy 5:24**)

#### · How God's Will Was Determined Before The Law

- Whereas from Adam's rebellion to the Flood badness increased among the majority of his descendants, some faithful men kept walking with the true God.
- And after his fathering Methuselah Enoch went on walking with the true God three hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 5:22**)
- So all the days of Enoch amounted to three hundred and sixty-five years. (**Genesis 5:23**)
- And Enoch kept walking with the true God. Then he was no more, for God took him. (**Genesis 5:24**)



- **This is the history of Noah. Noah was a righteous man. He proved himself faultless among his contemporaries. Noah walked with the true God. ([Genesis 6:9](#))**
- **By faith Abel offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through it he, although he died, yet speaks. ([Hebrews 11:4](#))**
- **By faith Enoch was transferred so as not to see death, and he was nowhere to be found because God had transferred him, for before his transference he had the witness that he had pleased God well. ([Hebrews 11:5](#))**
- **Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him. ([Hebrews 11:6](#))**
- **By faith Noah, after being given divine warning of things not yet beheld, showed godly fear and constructed an ark for the saving of his household, and through this faith he condemned the world, and he became an heir of the righteousness that is according to faith. ([Hebrews 11:7](#))**
- **The only specific commands recorded as given to such men by God are the instructions to Noah in connection with the ark. These Noah obeyed implicitly.**
- **After that God said to Noah; The end of all flesh has come before me, because the earth is full of violence as a result of them, and here I am bringing them to ruin together with the earth. ([Genesis 6:13](#))**
- **Make for yourself an ark out of wood of a resinous tree. You will make compartments in the ark, and you must cover it inside and outside with tar. ([Genesis 6:14](#))**
- **And this is how you will make it, three hundred cubits the length of the ark, fifty cubits its width, and thirty cubits its height. ([Genesis 6:15](#))**
- **You will make a tsohar roof, or, window for the ark, and you will complete it to the extent of a cubit upward, and the entrance of the ark you will put in its side. You will make it with a lower**

story, a second story and a third story. (**Genesis 6:16**)

- **And as for me, here I am bringing the deluge of waters upon the earth to bring to ruin all flesh in which the force of life is active from under the heavens. Everything that is in the earth will expire. (**Genesis 6:17**)**
- **And I do establish my covenant with you, and you must go into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons wives with you. (**Genesis 6:18**)**
- **And of every living creature of every sort of flesh, two of each, you will bring into the ark to preserve them alive with you. Male and female they will be. (**Genesis 6:19**)**
- **Of the flying creatures according to their kinds and of the domestic animals according to their kinds, of all moving animals of the ground according to their kinds, two of each will go in there to you to preserve them alive. (**Genesis 6:20**)**
- **And as for you, take for yourself every sort of food that is eaten, and you must gather it to yourself, and it must serve as food for you and for them. (**Genesis 6:21**)**
- **And Noah proceeded to do according to all that God had commanded him. He did just so. (**Genesis 6:22**)**
- **Nevertheless, there were principles and precedents to guide faithful human's in their walking with the true God.**
- **They knew of God's bounteous generosity in providing for man in Eden, they saw the evidence of divine unselfishness and loving interest. They knew that the principle of headship was in effect from the start, God's headship over man and the man's headship over woman.**
- **They knew of God's assignment of work to man as well as His concern for proper care of the things given to man for his use and enjoyment.**
- **They knew that sexual unions were to be between man and woman and that those so uniting were to do so within a marital relationship, that they would leave father and mother to form a lasting union instead of a temporary one, as in fornication.**

- From God's command regarding the use of the trees of the garden of Eden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad in particular, they could appreciate the principle of ownership rights and due respect for such.
- They were aware of the bad results coming from the first lie. They knew of God's approval of Abel's course of worship, God's disapproval of Cain's envy and hatred of his brother, and God's punishment of Cain's murder of Abel.
- And God went on to say; Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:26](#))
- With that Cain went away from the face of Yehowah and took up residence in the land of Fugitiveness to the east of Eden. ([Genesis 4:16](#))
- Thus, even without further specific statements, decrees, or statutes from God, they could draw on these principles and precedents to guide them in different, but related, situations that might develop. Centuries later, Jesus and his apostles viewed pre-Flood matters in this way.
- And Pharisees came up to him, intent on tempting him and saying; Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife on every sort of ground? ([Matthew 19:3](#))
- In reply he said; Did you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female ([Matthew 19:4](#))
- And said; For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will stick to his wife, and the two will be one flesh? ([Matthew 19:5](#))
- So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has yoked together let no man put apart. ([Matthew 19:6](#))
- They said to him; Why, then, did Moses prescribe giving a certificate of dismissal and divorcing her? ([Matthew 19:7](#))

- He said to them; Moses, out of regard for your hardheartedness, made the concession to you of divorcing your wives, but such has not been the case from the beginning. (**Matthew 19:8**)
- I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except on the ground of fornication, and marries another commits adultery. (**Matthew 19:9**)
- Why is it you do not know what I am speaking? Because you cannot listen to my word. (**John 8:43**)
- You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (**John 8:44**)
- Because I, on the other hand, tell the truth, you do not believe me. (**John 8:45**)
- Who of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why is it you do not believe me? (**John 8:46**)
- He that is from God listens to the sayings of God. This is why you do not listen, because you are not from God. (**John 8:47**)
- Let a woman learn in silence with full submissiveness. (**1 Timothy 2:11**)
- I do not permit a woman to teach, or to exercise authority over a man, but to be in silence. (**1 Timothy 2:12**)
- For Adam was formed first, then Eve. (**1 Timothy 2:13**)
- Also, Adam was not deceived, but the woman was thoroughly deceived and came to be in transgression. (**1 Timothy 2:14**)
- For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should have love for one another. (**1 John 3:11**)
- Not like Cain, who originated with the wicked one and slaughtered his brother. And for the sake of what did he

slaughter him? Because his own works were wicked, but those of his brother were righteous. ([1 John 3:12](#))

- **Law** means a **rule of action**. By God's words and acts they had the means for knowing something of his way, his standards, and this should be the rule of action, or **Law**, for them to follow.
- By doing so, they could keep on walking with the true God. Those failing to do so were sinning, missing the mark, even though there was no Law code to condemn them.

### ·· **Following The Flood**

- God stated to Noah the law, binding on all mankind, that allowed the eating of flesh but prohibited eating of blood, and He stated the principle of capital punishment for murder.
- And God went on to bless Noah and his sons and to say to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth. ([Genesis 9:1](#))
- And a fear of you and a terror of you will continue upon every living creature of the earth and upon every flying creature of the heavens, upon everything that goes moving on the ground, and upon all the fishes of the sea. Into your hand they are now given. ([Genesis 9:2](#))
- Every moving animal that is alive may serve as food for you. As in the case of green vegetation, I do give it all to you. ([Genesis 9:3](#))
- Only flesh with its soul, its blood, you must not eat. ([Genesis 9:4](#))
- And, besides that, your blood of your souls shall I ask back. From the hand of every living creature shall I ask it back, and from the hand of man, from the hand of each one who is his brother, shall I ask back the soul of man. ([Genesis 9:5](#))
- Anyone shedding man's blood, by man will his own blood be shed, for in God's image he made man. ([Genesis 9:6](#))
- In the early post-Flood period, men such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph showed genuine concern for God's way, his rule of action.

- **And Yehowah said; Am I keeping covered from Abraham what I am doing? (Genesis 18:17)**
- **Why, Abraham is surely going to become a nation great and mighty, and all the nations of the earth must bless themselves by means of him. (Genesis 18:18)**
- **For I have become acquainted with him in order, that he may command his sons and his household after him so that they shall keep Yehowah's way to do righteousness and judgment, in order, that Yehowah may certainly bring upon Abraham what he has spoken about him. (Genesis 18:19)**
- **Now after these things it came about that the wife of his master began to raise her eyes toward Joseph and say; Lie down with me. (Genesis 39:7)**
- **But he would refuse and would say to his master's wife; Here my master does not know what is with me in the house, and everything he has he has given into my hand. (Genesis 39:8)**
- **There is no one greater in this house than I am, and he has not withheld from me anything at all except you, because you are his wife. So how could I commit this great badness and actually sin against God? (Genesis 39:9)**
- **And he went on to say; I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Then Moses concealed his face, because he was afraid to look at the true God. (Exodus 3:6)**
- **Though God gave certain specific commands to faithful men.**
- **Due to the fact that Abraham listened to my voice and continued to keep his obligations to me, my commands, my statutes, and my Laws. (Genesis 26:5)**
- **Such as the Law of circumcision, there is no record of his giving them a detailed Law code to observe.**
- **And Moses proceeded to call all Israel and to say to them; Hear, O Israel, the regulations and the judicial decisions that I am speaking in your ears today, and you must learn them and be careful to do them. (Deuteronomy 5:1)**

- **Yehowah our God concluded a covenant with us in Horeb. (Deuteronomy 5:2)**
- **It was not with our forefathers that Yehowah concluded this covenant, but with us, all those of us alive here today. (Deuteronomy 5:3)**
- **Nonetheless, they had not only the principles and precepts of the pre-Flood period to guide them but also additional principles and precepts to be drawn from his expressions and dealings with mankind in the post-Flood period.**
- **Thus, although God had not given a detailed Law code, as he later did with the Israelites, men were not without some means for determining right and wrong conduct. Idolatry, for example, had not yet been specifically condemned by a stated law.**
- **Nonetheless, as the apostle Paul shows, such practice was inexcusable inasmuch as God's invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship. The venerating and rendering of sacred service to the creation rather than the One who created was against all reason.**
- **Those following such an empty-headed course would thereafter deviate into other unrighteous practices, such as homosexuality, changing the natural use of themselves into one contrary to nature. Again, even though no specific Law had been given, such practice was obviously contrary to the way of God the Creator, as the very structure of the male and female manifested.**
- **Man, having been originally made in God's image, had intelligence sufficient to see these things. Hence, he was responsible before God if he went contrary to God's way, he was sinning, missing the mark, even without a specifically stated Law to charge him with guilt.**
- **For God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who are suppressing the truth in an unrighteous way. (Romans 1:18)**
- **Because what may be known about God is manifest among them, for God made it manifest to them. (Romans 1:19)**

- **For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (Romans 1:20)**
- **Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God nor did they thank him, but they became empty-headed in their reasonings and their unintelligent heart became darkened. (Romans 1:21)**
- **Although asserting they were wise, they became foolish. (Romans 1:22)**
- **And turned the glory of the incorruptible God into something like the image of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed creatures and creeping things. (Romans 1:23)**
- **Therefore God, in keeping with the desires of their hearts, gave them up to uncleanness, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. (Romans 1:24)**
- **Even those who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and venerated and rendered sacred service to the creation rather than the One who created, who is blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 1:25)**
- **That is why God gave them up to disgraceful sexual appetites, for both their females changed the natural use of themselves into one contrary to nature. (Romans 1:26)**
- **And likewise even the males left the natural use of the female and became violently inflamed in their lust toward one another, males with males, working what is obscene and receiving in themselves the full recompense, which was due for their error. (Romans 1:27)**
- **For until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not charged against anyone when there is no Law. (Romans 5:13)**

## •• **The Law Covenant**

- **Even prior to the Exodus from Egypt, Yehowah had served as the Statute-Giver to his people Israel.**



- **Yehowah now said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:1)**
- **And this day must serve as a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to Yehowah throughout your generations. As a statute to time indefinite you should celebrate it. (Exodus 12:14)**
- **Seven days you are to eat unfermented cakes. Yes, on the first day you are to take away sourdough from your houses, because anyone eating what is leavened, from the first day down to the seventh, that soul must be cut off from Israel. (Exodus 12:15)**
- **And on the first day there is to take place for you a holy convention, and on the seventh day a holy convention. No work is to be done on them. Only what every soul needs to eat, that alone may be done for you. (Exodus 12:16)**
- **And you must keep the festival of unfermented cakes, because on this very day I must bring your armies out from the land of Egypt. And you must keep this day throughout your generations as a statute to time indefinite. (Exodus 12:17)**
- **In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, in the evening you are to eat unfermented cakes down till the twenty-first day of the month in the evening. (Exodus 12:18)**
- **Seven days no sourdough is to be found in your houses, because anyone tasting what is leavened, whether he is an alien resident or a native of the land, that soul must be cut off from the assembly of Israel. (Exodus 12:19)**
- **Nothing leavened are you to eat. In all your dwellings you are to eat unfermented cakes. (Exodus 12:20)**
- **And you must keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year. (Exodus 13:10)**
- **But an outstanding example of his role as Lawgiver to a nation was his institution of the Law covenant. Here, for the first time, was a body of laws in code form governing every facet of life.**

- **This covenant making Israel an exclusive people, a nation belonging peculiarly to Him, distinguished Israel from all other nations.**
- **And the sons of Israel must keep the Sabbath, so as to carry out the Sabbath during their generations. It is a covenant to time indefinite. (Exodus 31:16)**
- **Between me and the sons of Israel it is a sign to time indefinite, because in six days Yehowah made the heavens and the earth and on the seventh day he rested and proceeded to refresh himself. (Exodus 31:17)**
- **And what great nation is there that has righteous regulations and judicial decisions like all this Law that I am putting before you today? (Deuteronomy 4:8)**
- **And he proceeded to raise up a reminder in Jacob, and a Law he set in Israel, things that he commanded our forefathers, to make them known to their sons. (Psalms 78:5)**
- **He is telling his word to Jacob, this regulations and his judicial decisions to Israel. (Psalms 147:19)**
- **He has not done that way to any other nation, and as for his judicial decisions, they have not known them. Praise Yah, you people! (Psalms 147:20)**
- **In a prophetic message forecasting salvation by Yehowah, the prophet Isaiah stated; Yehowah is our Judge, Yehowah is our Statute-giver, lawgiver. AS, Dy, Le, Yg**
- **For Yehowah is our Judge, Yehowah is our Statute-giver, Yehowah is our King, he himself will save us. (Isaiah 33:22)**
- **Yehowah therefore constituted the judicial, legislative, and executive power in Israel, the three branches of government were combined in him. Isaiah's prophecy thus gave assurance of complete defense and direction for the nation, for it highlighted the fact that Yehowah was in a full sense the Sovereign Ruler.**
- **In describing Yehowah as Israel's Statute-Giver, or Lawgiver, Isaiah used a form of the Hebrew term *cha-qaq'*, which literally means **hew out** or **inscribe**.**

- In discussing this word, the Hebrew lexicon by West. Gesenius explains: Since the inscribing of decrees and statutes on public tablets and monuments was the part of the lawgiver, this implied also the power of decreeing. [A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament, translated by E. Robinson, 1836, p. 366]
- Bible translators have rendered the word, **lawgiver, ruler, and commander**. AT, KJ, NW, RS, Yg.
- The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. (**Genesis 49:10**)
- And he will pick out the first part for himself, for there the allotment of a statute-giver is reserved. And the heads of the people will gather themselves together. The righteousness of Yehowah will he certainly execute and his judicial decisions with Israel. (**Deuteronomy 33:21**)
- Out of Ephraim was their origin in the low plain, with you, O Benjamin, among your peoples. Out of Machir the commanders went down, and out of Zebulun those handling the equipment of a scribe. (**Judges 5:14**)
- Gilead belongs to me and Manasseh belongs to me, and Ephraim is the fortress of my head one. Judah is my commander's staff. (**Psalms 60:7**)
- Gilead belongs to me. Manasseh belongs to me, and Ephraim is the fortress of my head one. Judah is my commander's staff. (**Psalms 108:8**)
- Hence, the rendering, **Statute-giver**, is in accord with one sense of the **Hebrew** word, and it provides a suitable contrast and completeness at;
- For Yehowah is our Judge, Yehowah is our Statute-giver, Yehowah is our King. He himself will save us. (**Isaiah 33:22**)
- Where the word is included in the same sentence with **Judge** and **King**.
- God had not given such a detailed Law to any other nation or people. Nevertheless, God had originally created man in righteousness and had endowed him with the faculty of conscience.

- **Despite fallen man's inherent imperfection and tendency toward sin, there also remained evidence of his having been made in his Creator's image and likeness as well as evidence of the faculty of conscience.**

- **Thus, even among the non-Israelite nations certain rules of action and judicial decrees were developed that reflected to some degree the righteous principles of God.**

- **The apostle Paul describes this in saying;**

- **For instance, all those who sinned without Law will also perish without Law, but all those who sinned under Law will be judged by law. (Romans 2:12)**

- **For the hearers of Law are not the ones righteous before God, but the doers of Law will be declared righteous. (Romans 2:13)**

- **For whenever people of the nations that do not have Law do by nature the things of the law, these people, although not having law, are a Law to themselves. (Romans 2:14)**

- **They are the very ones who demonstrate the matter of the Law to be written in their hearts, while their conscience is bearing witness with them and, between their own thoughts, they are being accused or even excused. (Romans 2:15)**

- **Thus, those nations, though not brought into legal relationship with God, were not sinless but missed the mark of Yehowah's perfect standards.**

- **What then? Are we in a better position? Not at all! For above we have made the charge that Jews as well as Greeks are all under sin. (Romans 3:9)**

- **By giving the Law covenant to Israel, God made clear that all persons, not merely the idolatrous pagans but also the Israelites, were guilty of sin.**

- **It served to make the Israelites acutely aware of the many ways in which they failed to measure up to perfect standards. This was so that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become liable to God for punishment for by Law is the accurate knowledge of sin.**

- **Now we know that all the things the Law says it addresses to those under the Law, so that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become liable to God for punishment. (Romans 3:19)**
- **Therefore by works of Law no flesh will be declared righteous before him, for by Law is the accurate knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20)**
- **Even though an Israelite may have been free from idolatry, may have been abstaining from blood, may not have been guilty of murder, he was still declared guilty of sin by the Law covenant.**
- **This was so because the Law covenant now specifically identified a host of actions and even attitudes as sinful. Hence, Paul, viewing himself as if alive in the loins of his forefathers prior to the giving of the Law, says;**
- **What, then, shall we say? Is the Law sin? Never may that become so! Really I would not have come to know sin if it had not been for the Law, and, for example, I would not have known covetousness if the Law had not said; You must not covet. (Romans 7:7)**
- **But sin, receiving an inducement through the commandment, worked out in me covetousness of every sort, for apart from Law sin was dead. (Romans 7:8)**
- **In fact, I was once alive apart from Law, but when the commandment arrived, sin came to life again, but I died. (Romans 7:9)**

#### ·· Other Lawgivers

- **When God's Son came to earth, he acknowledged Yehowah as his Lawgiver and God. As a Jew, Jesus himself was born under the Law covenant and was obligated to obey it perfectly.**
- **But when the full limit of the time arrived, God sent forth his Son, who came to be out of a woman and who came to be under law. (Galatians 4:4)**
- **That he might release by purchase those under Law, that we, in**

turn, might receive the adoption as sons. ([Galatians 4:5](#))

- He, in turn, set forth laws for his followers, both when he spoke to them and through Holy Spirit operating on his followers who wrote the Christian Scriptures. Collectively, these laws are called, the Law of the Christ.
- Go on carrying the burdens of one another, and thus fulfill the Law of the Christ. ([Galatians 6:2](#))
- If you observe my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have observed the commandments of the Father and remain in his love. ([John 15:10](#))
- These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and your joy may be made full. ([John 15:11](#))
- This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. ([John 15:12](#))
- No one has love greater than this, that someone should surrender his soul in behalf of his friends. ([John 15:13](#))
- You are my friends if you do what I am commanding you. ([John 15:14](#))
- I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, because all the things I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ([John 15:15](#))
- To those without Law I became as without Law, although I am not without Law toward God but under Law toward Christ, that I might gain those without Law. ([1 Corinthians 9:21](#))
- This Law governs the Israel of God, his spiritual nation.
- And all those who will walk orderly by this rule of conduct, upon them be peace and mercy, even upon the Israel of God. ([Galatians 6:16](#))
- But you are, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies, of the one that called you out of darkness into his

wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

- Christ, however, did not originate these laws but got them from the great **Lawgiver**, Yehowah.
- Do you not believe that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me? The things I say to you men I do not speak of my own originality, but the Father who remains in union with me is doing his works. (John 14:10)

## •• Moses

- Although the Bible repeatedly mentions, the **Law of Moses**.
- Just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the Law of Moses; An altar of whole stones, upon which no iron tool has been wielded, and they went offering up burnt offerings upon it to Yehowah and sacrificing communion sacrifices. (Joshua 8:31)
- Then he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the Law of Moses that he had written before the sons of Israel. (Joshua 8:32)
- And you must keep the obligation to Yehowah your God by walking in his ways, by keeping his statutes, his commandments and his judicial decisions and his testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, in order, that you may act prudently in everything that you do and everywhere that you turn. (1 Kings 2:3)
- Further, Jehoiada put the offices of the house of Yehowah in the hand of the priests and the Levites, whom David had put in divisions over the house of Yehowah to offer up the burnt sacrifices of Yehowah according to what is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with song by the hands of David. (2 Chronicles 23:18)
- And they kept standing at their place according to their rule, according to the Law of Moses the man of the true God, the priests sprinkling the blood received from the hand of the Levites. (2 Chronicles 30:16)
- It also acknowledges Yehowah as the actual **Lawgiver** and Moses as only His instrument and representative in giving the Law to Israel.

- Now while they were bringing out the money that was being brought to the house of Yehowah, Hilkiyah the priest found the book of Yehowah's Law by the hand of Moses. (**2 Chronicles 34:14**)
- Even angels had a share in representing God in this matter, for the Law was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. Nevertheless, Moses, being Yehowah's appointed mediator of the covenant between God and Israel, is spoken of as if he were the **lawgiver**.
- Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)
- For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. (**Hebrews 2:2**)

#### •• **Human Rulers As Lawgivers**

- God has not established worldly human governments nor given them their authority, but he has allowed them to exist and has removed them and permitted new ones to come up as it suited his purpose.
- When the Most High gave the nations an inheritance, when he parted the sons of Adam from one another. He proceeded to fix the boundary of the people with regard for the number of the sons of Israel. (**Deuteronomy 32:8**)
- And all the inhabitants of the earth are being considered as merely nothing, and he is doing according to his own will among the army of the heavens and the inhabitants of the earth. And there exists no one that can check his hand or that can say to him, What have you been doing? (**Daniel 4:35**)
- This is the interpretation of the word, Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and has finished it. (**Daniel 5:26**)
- Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and have been found deficient. (**Daniel 5:27**)



- **Peres, your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians. (Daniel 5:28)**
- **At that time Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple, with a necklace of gold about his neck, and they heralded concerning him that he was to become the third ruler in the kingdom. (Daniel 5:29)**
- **In that very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed (Daniel 5:30)**
- **And Darius the Mede himself received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old. (Daniel 5:31)**
- **And he made out of one man every nation of men, to dwell upon the entire surface of the earth, and he decreed the appointed times and the set limits of the dwelling of men. (Acts of Apostles 17:26)**
- **Let every soul be in subjection to the superior authorities, for there is no authority except by God, the existing authorities stand placed in their relative positions by God. (Romans 13:1)**
- **Some of these rulers become lawgivers to their nation, state, or community. But their laws and statutes are proper only if made within the framework of and in harmony with the Law of the Great Lawgiver, Yehowah God.**
- **The famous British jurist Sir William Blackstone said; with reference to God's Law governing natural things: It is binding over all the globe, in all countries, and at all times: no human laws are of any validity, if contrary to this, and such of them as are valid derive all their force, and all their authority, immediately or immediately, from this original.**
- **Also, Upon these two foundations, the Law of nature and the Law of revelation, found only in the Holy Scriptures, depend all human laws, that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these. [Chadman's Cyclopedia of Law, 1912, Vol. I, pp. 89,91]**
- **They said; Caesar's. Then he said to them; Pay back, therefore, Caesar's things to Caesar, but God's things to God. (Matthew 22:21)**

- In answer Peter and the other apostles said; We must obey God as ruler rather than men. (**Acts of Apostles 5:29**)

### · In The Christian Congregation

- Jesus half brother James wrote to some Christians who were becoming proud, boastful, and critical of their Christian brothers, saying,
  - Quit speaking against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother speaks against Law and judges law. Now if you judge Law, you are, not a doer of Law, but a judge. One there is that is **lawgiver** Greek, *no-mo-the'tes*, and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy.
  - But you, who are you to be judging your neighbor? James goes on to speak of those who bragged about what they would do in the future, as though they were independent of circumstances, instead of saying; If Yehowah wills.
  - Quit speaking against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother speaks against Law and judges Law. Now if you judge Law, you are, not a doer of Law, but a judge. (**James 4:11**)
  - One there is that is **lawgiver** and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But you, who are you to be judging your neighbor? (**James 4:12**)
  - Come, now, you who say; Today or tomorrow we will journey to this city and will spend a year there, and we will engage in business and make profits. (**James 4:13**)
  - Whereas you do not know what your life will be tomorrow. For you are a mist appearing for a little while and then disappearing. (**James 4:14**)
  - Instead, you ought to say; If Yehowah wills, we shall live and also do this or that. (**James 4:15**)
  - But now you take pride in your self-assuming brags. All such taking of pride is wicked. (**James 4:16**)

- James had spoken of the kingly Law; You must love your neighbor as yourself.
- If, now, you practice carrying out the kingly Law according to the scripture; You must love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing quite well. (**James 2:8**)
- These Christians, by failing to exhibit love for their neighbor, speaking against him instead, were, in effect, setting themselves up as judges of divine law, as **lawgivers** or lawmakers.
- The apostle Paul had given similar counsel in his letter to the Romans concerning some who were judging others on the basis of such things as what they ate and drank. Who are you to judge the house servant of another? **To his own master he stands or falls**. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for Yehowah can make him stand.
- Who are you to judge the house servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for Yehowah can make him stand. (**Romans 14:4**)
- In the light of the foregoing, how can Paul's instructions with regard to a serious case of fornication in the congregation at Corinth be viewed?
- He said; I for one, although absent in body but present in spirit, have certainly judged already, as if I were present, the man who has worked in such a way as this. Do you not judge those inside, while God judges those outside? Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.
- He then spoke of judging matters of this life and of those in the congregation that they put in as judges.
- Actually fornication is reported among you, and such fornication as is not even among the nations, that a wife a certain man has of his father. (**1 Corinthians 5:1**)
- And are you puffed up, and did you not rather mourn, in order, that the man that committed this deed should be taken away from your midst? (**1 Corinthians 5:2**)
- I for one, although absent in body but present in spirit, have certainly judged already, as if I were present, the man who has

worked in such a way as this. (1 Corinthians 5:3)

- For what do I have to do with judging those outside? Do you not judge those inside. (1 Corinthians 5:12)
- while God judges those outside? Remove the wicked man from among yourselves. (1 Corinthians 5:13)
- Do you not know that we shall judge angels? Why, then, not matters of this life? (1 Corinthians 6:3)
- If, then, you do have matters of this life to be tried, is it the men looked down upon in the congregation that you put in as judges? (1 Corinthians 6:4)
- Stop judging from the outward appearance, but judge with righteous judgment. (John 7:24)
- **With authority vested in him as an apostle of Jesus Christ, Paul had responsibility for the cleanness and welfare of the congregations**
- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, and Timothy our brother to the congregation of God that is in Corinth, together with all the holy ones who are in all of Achaia. (2 Corinthians 1:1)
- Besides those things of an external kind, there is what rushes in on me from day to day, the anxiety for all the congregations. (2 Corinthians 11:28)
- **So he wrote to those who by appointment of the older men had authority in the congregation.**
- Moreover, they appointed older men for them in each congregation and, offering prayer with fastings, they committed them to Yehowah in whom they had become believers. (Acts of Apostles 14:23)
- Now as they traveled on through the cities they would deliver to those there for observance the decrees that had been decided upon by the apostles and older men who were in Jerusalem. (Acts of Apostles 16:4)
- Therefore, indeed, the congregations continued to be made firm

in the faith and to increase in number from day to day. (**Acts of Apostles 16:5**)

- **That statement is faithful. If any man is reaching out for an office of overseer, he is desirous of a fine work. (1 Timothy 3:1)**
- **The overseer should therefore be irreprehensible, a husband of one wife, moderate in habits, sound in mind, orderly, hospitable, qualified to teach. (1 Timothy 3:2)**
- **Not a drunken brawler, not a smiter, but reasonable, not belligerent, not a lover of money. (1 Timothy 3:3)**
- **A man presiding over his own household in a fine manner, having children in subjection with all seriousness. (1 Timothy 3:4)**
- **If indeed any man does not know how to preside over his own household, how will he take care of God's congregation? (1 Timothy 3:5)**
- **Not a newly converted man, for fear that he might get puffed up with pride and fall into the judgment passed upon the Devil. (1 Timothy 3:6)**
- **Moreover, he should also have a fine testimony from people on the outside, in order, that he might not fall into reproach and a snare of the Devil. (1 Timothy 3:7)**
- **Ministerial servants should likewise be serious, not double-tongued, not giving themselves to a lot of wine, not greedy of dishonest gain. (1 Timothy 3:8)**
- **Holding the sacred secret of the faith with a clean conscience. (1 Timothy 3:9)**
- **Also, let these be tested as to fitness first, then let them serve as ministers, as they are free from accusation. (1 Timothy 3:10)**
- **Women should likewise be serious, not slanderous, moderate in habits, faithful in all things. (1 Timothy 3:11)**
- **Let ministerial servants be husbands of one wife, presiding in a fine manner over children and their own households. (1 Timothy 3:12)**

- For the men who minister in a fine manner are acquiring for themselves a fine standing and great freeness of speech in the faith in connection with Christ Jesus. ([1 Timothy 3:13](#))
- Never lay your hands hastily upon any man, neither be a sharer in the sins of others, preserve yourself chaste. ([1 Timothy 5:22](#))
- They were responsible for keeping the congregation in good standing, as pure in God's sight. These men, in sitting in judgment in the case mentioned, which was an open and flagrant violation of God's law, would not be making themselves judges of the Law of God, nor would they be making laws according to their will.
- They would not be going beyond the boundaries of God-given law. They would be acting according to the Law given by the great Statute-Giver, denouncing fornication as unclean. Practicers of such uncleanness could not enter God's Kingdom, according to God's law.
- What! Do you not know that unrighteous persons will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be misled! Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men kept for unnatural purposes, nor men who lie with men. ([1 Corinthians 6:9](#))
- Nor thieves, nor greedy persons, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit God's kingdom. ([1 Corinthians 6:10](#))
- They were not fit to remain in association with the congregation of Christ. Yet even then the men responsible for the cleanness of the congregation, by expelling unclean ones, were not executing the penalty that God the **Lawgiver** himself would execute on those unrepentantly continuing to follow such a course, namely, death.
- Therefore God, in keeping with the desires of their hearts, gave them up to uncleanness, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. ([Romans 1:24](#))
- Even those who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and venerated and rendered sacred service to the creation rather than the One who created, who is blessed forever. Amen. ([Romans 1:25](#))
- That is why God gave them up to disgraceful sexual appetites, for both their females changed the natural use of themselves into

one contrary to nature. (**Romans 1:26**)

- **And likewise even the males left the natural use of the female and became violently inflamed in their lust toward one another, males with males, working what is obscene and receiving in themselves the full recompense, which was due for their error. (**Romans 1:27**)**
- **Although these know full well the righteous decree of God, that those practicing such things are deserving of death, they not only keep on doing them but also consent with those practicing them. (**Romans 1:32**)**
- **Paul also calls to the attention of Christians that the holy ones will judge the world and that we shall judge angels. Here he is speaking, not of the present time, but of the future, when those who reign in the Kingdom with Christ will serve as heavenly judges, administering the Law of God and executing judgment on wicked ones.**
- **Does anyone of you that has a case against the other dare to go to court before unrighteous men, and not before the holy ones? (**1 Corinthians 6:1**)**
- **Or do you not know that the holy ones will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you unfit to try very trivial matters? (**1 Corinthians 6:2**)**
- **Do you not know that we shall judge angels? Why, then, not matters of this life? (**1 Corinthians 6:3**)**
- **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)**
- **You men already have your fill, do you? You are rich already, are you? You have begun ruling as kings without us, have you? And I wish indeed that you had begun ruling as kings, that we also might rule with you as kings. (**1 Corinthians 4:8**)**

#### •• **Moses' Blessing Of Gad**

- **In Moses' blessing of the tribes of Israel just before his death, as to Gad he said;**

- **And as to Gad he said; Blessed is the one widening the borders of Gad. As a lion he must reside, and he must tear the arm, yes, the crown of the head. (Deuteronomy 33:20)**
- **And he will pick out the first part for himself, for there the allotment of a **statute-giver** is reserved. And the heads of the people will gather themselves together. The righteousness of Yehowah will he certainly execute and his judicial decisions with Israel. (Deuteronomy 33:21)**
- **This use of the term, **statute-giver**, may have the following meaning. Most of the tribes had their inheritance assigned to them by lot, under the direction of Joshua and Eleazar the High Priest. But, shortly after the defeat of the Midianites, the tribe of Gad, along with Reuben, had requested land East of the Jordan River.**
- **Since these tribes had much livestock, the land was well suited for them. Moses heard their request favorably and granted them this part of the land.**
- **Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had come to have numerous livestock, very many, in fact. And they began to see the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and, look! The place was a place for livestock. (Numbers 32:1)**
- **Hence the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and said this to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the chieftains of the assembly. (Numbers 32:2)**
- **Ataroth and Dibon and Jazer and Nimrah and Heshbon and Elealeh and Sebam and Nebo and Beon. (Numbers 32:3)**
- **The land that Yehowah defeated before the assembly of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock. (Numbers 32:4)**
- **And they went on to say; If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan. (Numbers 32:5)**
- **At this Moses said to them; If you will do this thing, if you will equip yourselves before Yehowah for the war. (Numbers 32:20)**



- **And every equipped one of yours will actually pass over the Jordan before Yehowah, until he drives away his enemies from before him. (Numbers 32:21)**
- **And the land is actually subdued before Yehowah, and afterward you return, you also will indeed prove yourselves free from guilt against Yehowah and against Israel, and this land must become yours as a possession before Yehowah. (Numbers 32:22)**
- **Accordingly Moses gave a command respecting them to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel. (Numbers 32:28)**
- **Hence, their portion was an allotment of a statute-giver, Moses, the **lawgiver** to Israel.**