

# Outline

## The Amazing RACE

Whose Law is it Anyway?

### 5000 BC Truths in a 2000 AD World!

#### Point# Content

#### 1 At First Glance the Bible can seem weird and Archaic.

"Don't boil a kid in its mother's milk." Exodus 23:19 TM

In context, this had to do with mystical witchcraft of other nations.

"You are to be my holy people. So do not eat the meat of an animal torn by wild beasts; throw it to the dogs." Exodus 22:31 NIV

In context this was for sanitary reasons.

#### 2 At Second Glance the Bible can seem contradictory to our sensibilities.

"When you buy a Hebrew slave, he will serve for six years..." Exodus 21:2 TM

"When a man sells his daughter to be a handmaid, she doesn't go free after six years like the men..." Exodus 21:7 TM

Approach the Bible with intelligence:

Assume that God loves humanity, His Creation!

Check the context to make sure you are interpreting correctly.

Look at the culture of the day and walk a mile in those shoes.

Slavery of the old world was usually different than slavery of the new world  
– survival vs. monetary for motivation; voluntary often as opposed to forced labor; provisional vs. proprietary.

God's love is a guided love rather than a controlling love.

#### 3 Not so fast ... what about all the rules that God seems to lay down dictating life in the OT? ... Context, Context, Context!

Manual for Wilderness Survival

"Of all the animals on Earth, these are the animals that you may eat..." Lev.11:1 TM

Manual for Hygiene and Social Cleanliness

Leviticus 12-Entire chapter for hygienic childbirth and aftercare of mom/baby

Leviticus 13 – Entire chapter dealing with how to handle skin infections

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Manual for Societal Regulation where there had been no society before

"If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows." Exodus 21:22

"If someone borrows an animal from a neighbor and it gets injured or dies while the owner is not present, he must pay for it. But if the owner was with it, he doesn't have to pay. If the animal was hired, the payment covers the loss." Ex. 22:14 NIV

"If you lend money to my people, to any of the down-and-out among you, don't come down hard on them and gouge them with interest." Exodus 22:25 NIV

"Don't abuse or take advantage of strangers; you, remember, were once strangers in Egypt. Don't mistreat widows or orphans. If you do and they cry out to me, you can be sure I'll take them most seriously." Exodus 22:21-22 NIV

**4 So what? We are not a nomadic people living in 5000 BC learning to be a civilization.**

Agreed – the specific principle may not apply, but still often does.

The Spirit of the Law always applies: Respect, Honor, Integrity, Generosity

**5 The over-arching general laws of the Basic 10 Commandments always apply:**

Commandments to Have a good relationship with God

No other gods; only Me

No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever

No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy

Commandments to Have good relationships with each other

Honor your father and mother so that you'll live a long time

No murder

No adultery

No stealing

No lies about your neighbor

No lusting after your neighbor's house or wife or servant or maid or ox or donkey –

Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbor's.

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