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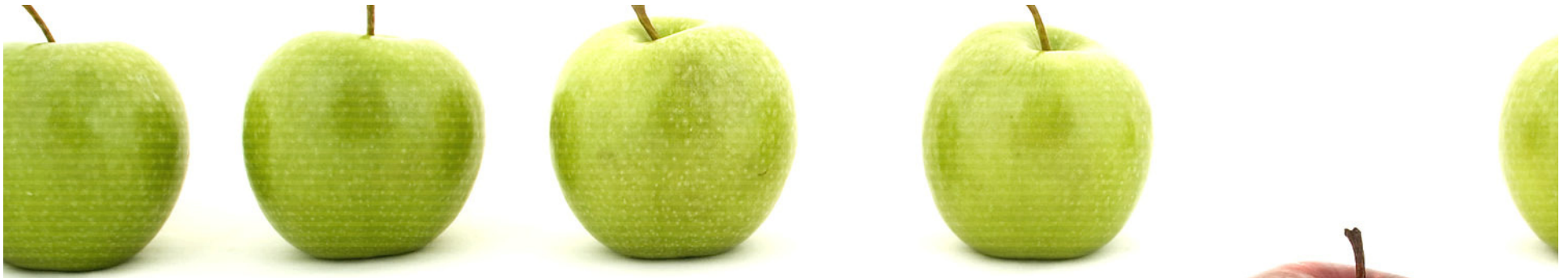


Strange Laws

Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk," Exod. 34:26;

"Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material," Lev. 19:19;

"Make tassels on the four corners of the cloak you wear," Deut. 22:12)



"A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing," Deut. 22:5;

"Rise in the presence of the aged," Lev. 19:32;

"The pig is also unclean; although it has a split hoof, it does not chew the cud. You are not to eat their meat or touch their carcasses," Deut. 14:8).




Embraced Laws

- **"Love your neighbor as yourself," Lev. 19:18;**
- **"You shall not commit murder," Exod. 20:13;**
- **"You shall not commit adultery," Deut. 5:18).**

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How do we know what law applies to us and what applied only to Israel

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When the New Testament repeats a law it thus becomes a commandment for believers, to be obeyed as a commandment of Christ. But this validity and authority as a *command* comes from the New Testament and not the Old Testament.

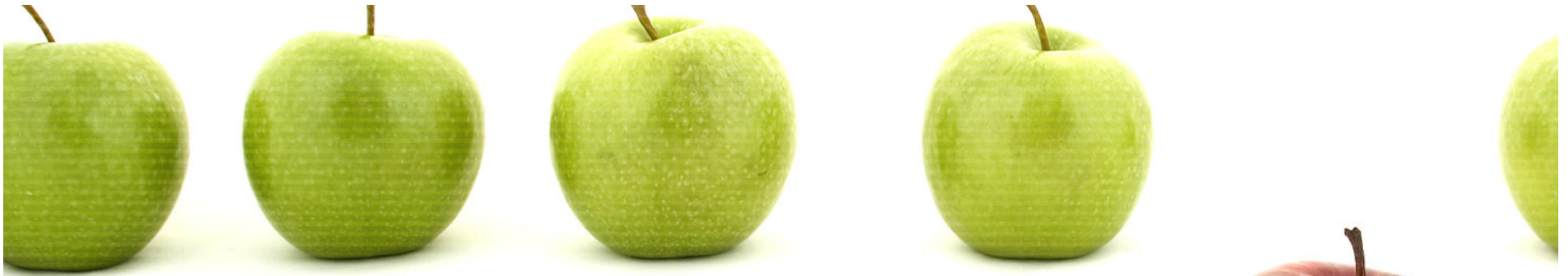


Exodus 23:14-19

14Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

15Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

16And the feast of harvest, (also called the Feast of First Fruits) the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.



17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God.

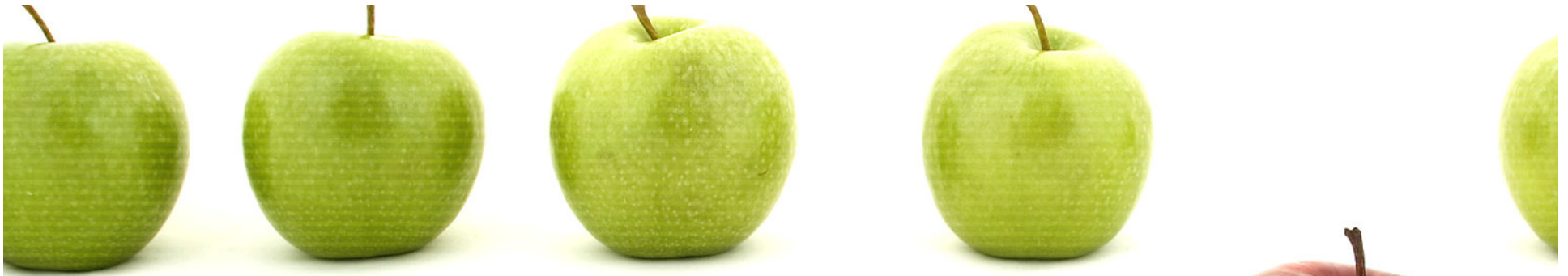
18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.



Deuteronomy 26:1-11

1 "Then it shall be, when you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it, 2 that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you bring in from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name. 3 "You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare this day to the LORD my God that I have entered the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' 4 "Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. 5 "You shall answer and say before the LORD your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and sojourned there, few in number ; but there he became a great, mighty and populous nation.

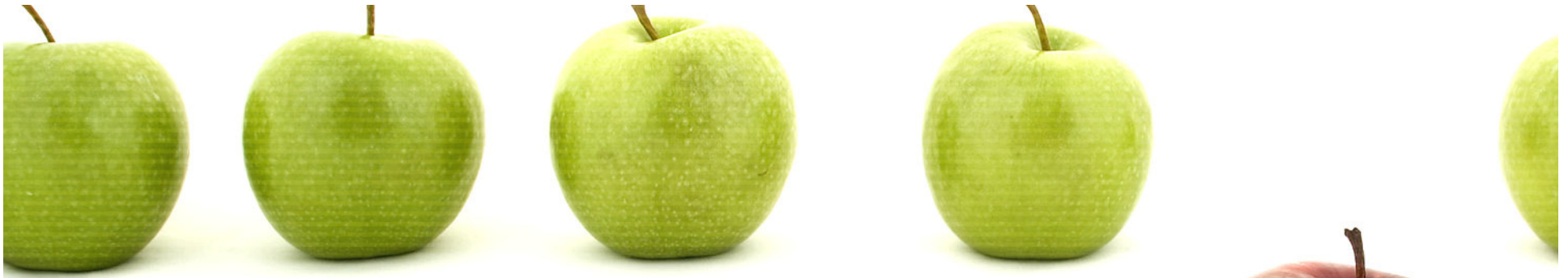


- **6 'And the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us. 7 'Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression ; 8 and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and wonders ; 9 and He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 'Now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which You, O LORD have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God ; 11 and you and the Levite and the alien who is among you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you and your household.**

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Principles of First Fruit Offering

- **First Fruit Offering reinforces the principle of putting God First.**
- **First Fruit Offering reinforces the principle of Gratitude.**
- **First Fruit Offering reinforces the principle of Reciprocity.**



Proverbs 3:9-10 (King James Version)

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance,
and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
and thy presses shall burst out with new
wine.