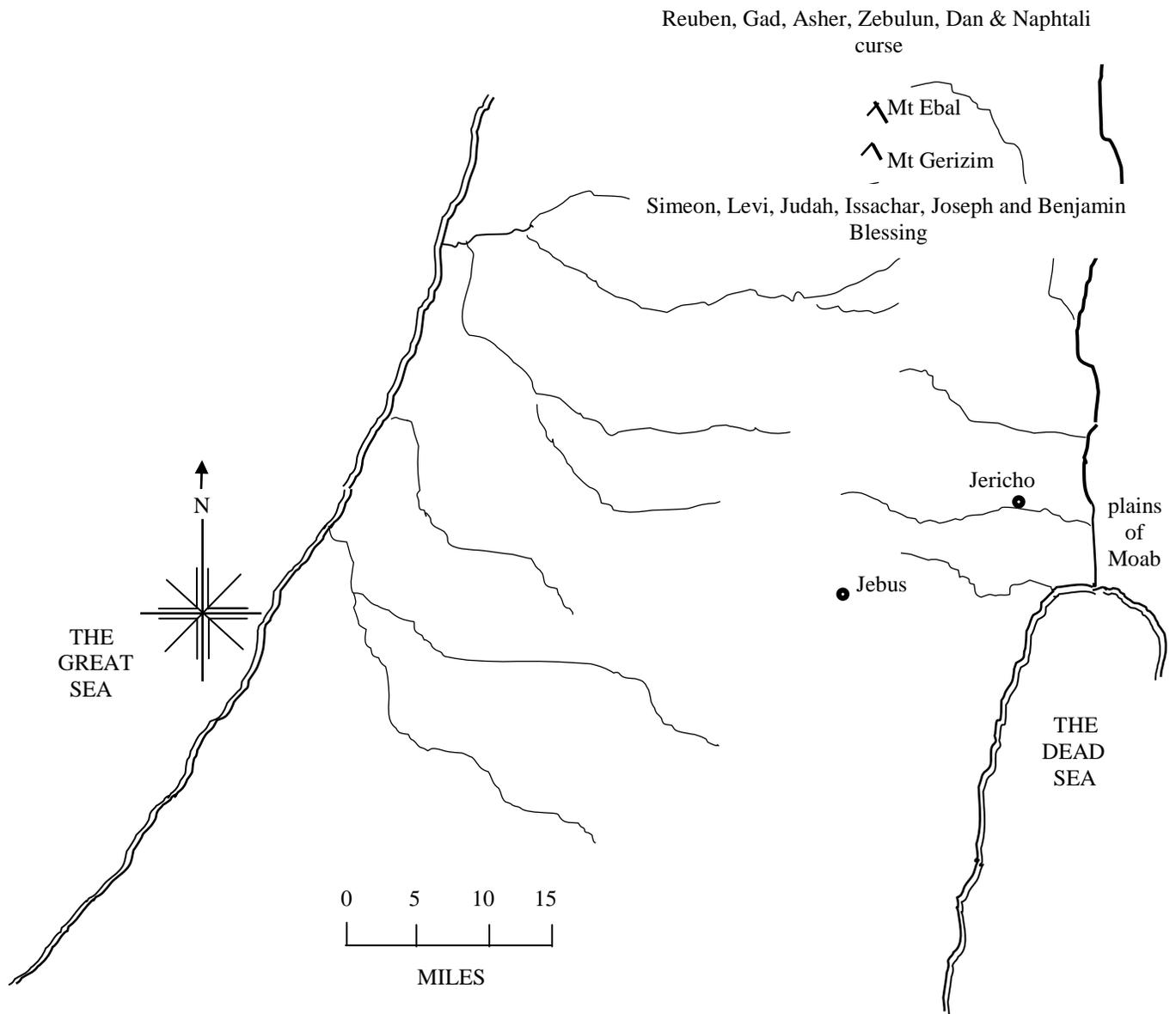


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#5, a curse, Gal 3:10-14

Just prior to entering the “promised land”, the children of Israel camped on the plains of Moab, just opposite Jericho. From Deuteronomy we read that Moses instructed them on what they were to do when they crossed the Jordan. They were to place large stones on Mt. Ebal. After covering them with lime they were to write the whole law on them. Half the tribes were then to stand on Mt Ebal and half on Mt. Garizim. From Mt. Garizim the Levites shouted a curse for breaking one of the laws and so on. At the completion of this part of the ceremony it was stated, Deut 27:26, Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them. And all the people shall say, Amen.



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10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

curse, to invoke evil upon or denounce

11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

[1.] v:10-11, ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN, Why is anyone who seeks righteousness by keeping the law, "skating on thin ice"?

[2.] v:10-11, ALL, James 2:10 is about a person who is disobedient to just one of the laws. From the list below, choose that which best describes the person's guilt.

- a) God overlooks it if they didn't know or forgot.
- b) Cursed for only the particular law they broke.
- c) As long as they obey the big ones they're OK.
- d) Guilty of all the law.

[3.] questions [1.] & [2.], Some teach that the law is divided into the ceremonial ones and the pertinent ones. Why is or why isn't this correct?

[4.] v:11, justified by the Law, Considering all the folks who are trying to be justified by the law, how many will be successful?

[5.] v:11 again, Many have looked for and failed in becoming righteous by the law. From the list below, choose that which will not help.

- a) Just do that which their teachers tell them to do.
- b) The men are not to shave their beards.
- c) Be a really good person.

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12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM."

[6.] v:12, the Law is not of faith; **Having just read (v:11) that the righteous live by faith, why is or why isn't it a good idea to give the law a shot anyway?**

[7.] v:12 again, on the contrary, **Jot down the meaning of this phrase.**

[8.] **OK be honest now. Write down why it seems more satisfying to our flesh to do the works of the law, rather than to live by faith.**

Something to think about.

[9.] **It's been said by certain folks that in the fourteen & fifteen hundreds a large denomination changed God's word so that what we read in our Bibles is not accurate. If God couldn't protect His Word, what does that say about the power of God?**

[10.] **question [9.] Why, do you think, would these folks latch on to this bit of nonsense?**

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us - for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" - 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

[11.] v:13, redeemed, **This is a compound word meaning from or out of and to ransom or to rescue.**

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Write down how it is applied to Christians.

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[12.] v:13 again, Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, **Back again to the plains of Moab.** Moses (Deut 21:22-23) gave instructions for the death penalty. Scripture proves that Christ did not sin. So for whose violation, of the law, was he executed?

Now looking at v:14 with v:13. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us - for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" - 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

[13.] v:14, in Christ Jesus, **Looking back to Gal 2:16 & 20**, we see this description, or its variation, used about four times. The 1st one is given, go ahead and jot down the rest.

- 1) 2:16, justified, through faith in Christ Jesus,
- 2) 2:16,
- 3) 2:16,
- 4) 2:20,

[14.] Eph 2:13-16, the enmity, **From the following, choose the best description of putting to death the enmity.**

- a) Making Jews and Gentiles friends.
- b) Settling the difference between Rome and Israel.
- c) Abolishing the law of commandments in ordinances.
- d) None of the above. The Jews were never enemies of God.

These verses describe how both Jews and Gentiles were reconciled to God.

Eph 2:13-16, But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

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Rom 3:21-22, But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

Back to Gal 3:14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

[15.] Rom 3:21-22, now apart from the Law, OK, we saw how, by faith in Christ, both Jews and Gentiles went from being enemies to being reconciled. From these verses what does faith in Christ provide for those who have been reconciled?

[16.] We have already discussed the blessing of Abraham in lesson #4, question [14.]. From the following choose the best description of this blessing.

- a) The land of Israel.
- b) A very large family.
- c) Declared righteous by his faith.
- d) Meeting Melchizedek.

[17.] Look at Hebrews 10: 1-4. If it was it really important that Christ needed to die for Jews and Gentiles, why was it important?

[18.] In conclusion, How was the curse of Gal 3:10 removed?

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