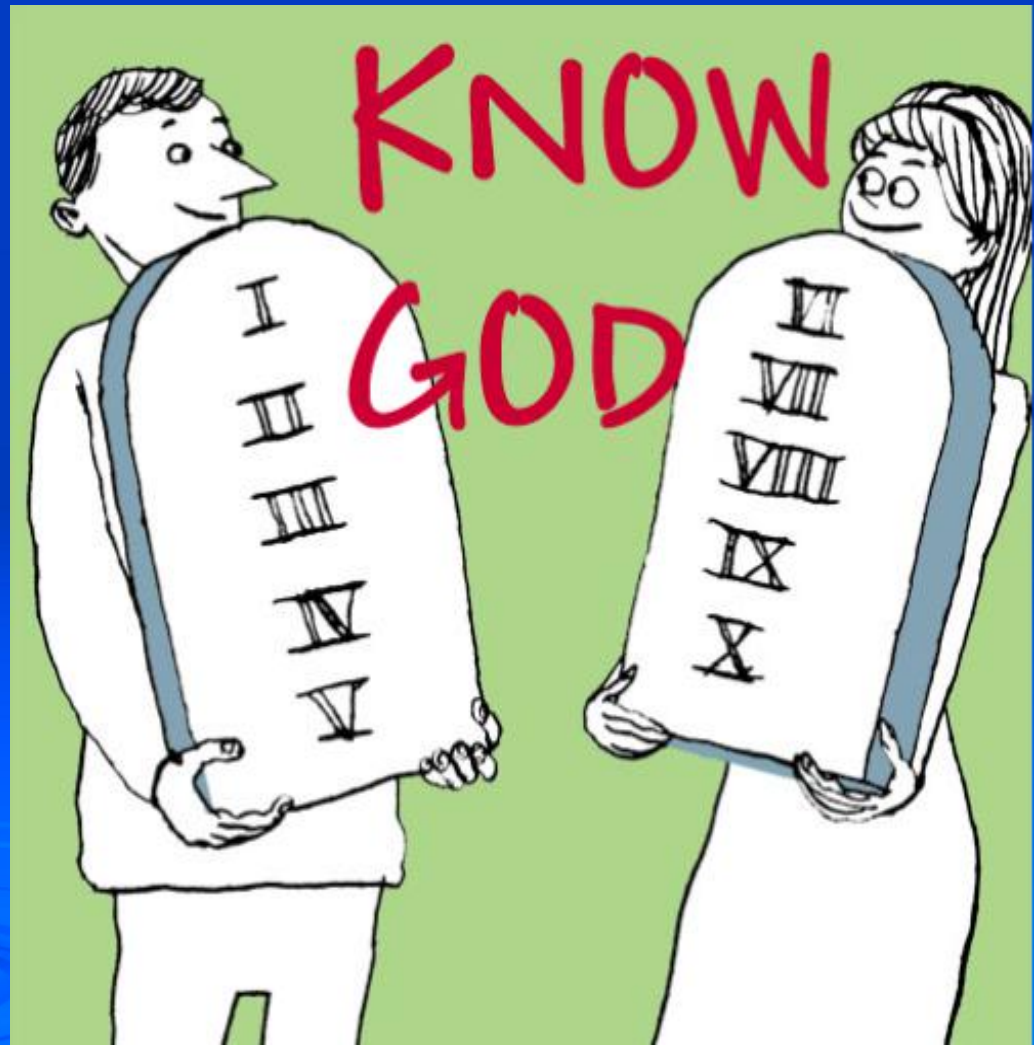


GOOD-BYE TO HOSEA AND GOMER

- Hosea and Gomer a living illustration of God and Israel's relationship
- Israel is speaking in vss. 1 -3, then switches to God speaking vs. 4
- To "know God" does NOT mean to be aware of Him
- To "know God" is to have a close, faithful relationship with the Law and the Lawgiver



CONFESSION VS. REPENTANCE

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- “My bad! Sorry ‘bout that”
Insufficient
- Acknowledgement of sin
doesn’t give forgiveness
- Actual, real change in
behaviors and decisions
is true repentance
- In Heaven, our sins
may be forgiven
- On Earth, we will likely
suffer the consequences
of our bad behavior





- Hosea 1:7 ***“But I will pity the house of Judah...”***
- “Judah” is a copyist mistake or a gloss added later
- Israel’s “faithful love” towards God was neither faithful nor love
- The **ONLY** way God accepts love towards Him is through obedience, not warm feelings
- God responds as an exasperated father to a defiant child

Secret

Sin

Exposed



- “Light” is not meant in the positive sense, but rather it exposes and reveals what has been hidden
- Hosea 6:6
“For what I desire is mercy, not sacrifices; knowledge of God more than burnt offerings”
- If one has knowledge of God, and is obedient, then no sacrifice becomes necessary

GROUNDED



- Matthew 9:10 – 15
- If the Pharisees had open minds towards Jesus they would have helped, not hindered, Him
- Love your neighbor, a fundamental God-principle
- God refuses to accept Israel's repentance; He sees it as fleeting
- Hosea 6:7 Adam can mean a human being, or mean the 1st man, or a biblical place
- Even when we recognize our sin, we don't immediately recognize all of it

THE PROBLEM OF MANMADE RELIGION

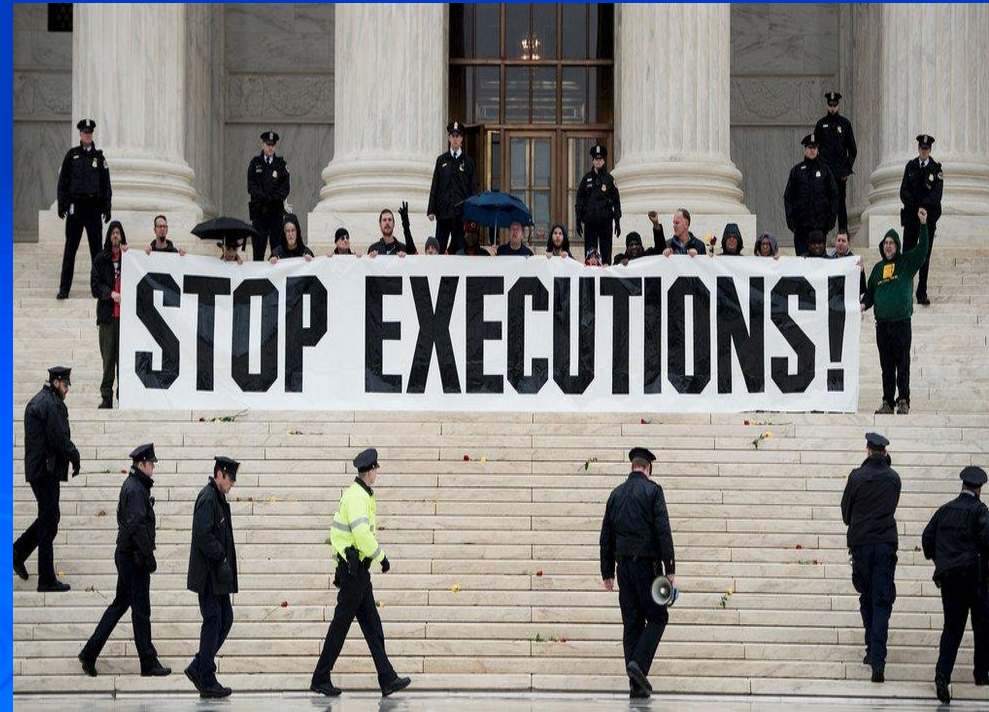
- There are several Gileads
- 2 Kings 15 speaks of 50 men of Gilead who helped Pekah murder Israel's sitting king
- The priests have so misled Israel that they no longer know right from wrong



WHERE MANMADE DOCTRINES LEAD TO



- Manmade doctrines inherently set our human sense of injustice and justice against God's
- A.J. Heschel
"Man's sense of injustice is a poor analogy to God's sense of injustice..."
- God prioritizes the seriousness of each sin by the kind of punishment each deserves



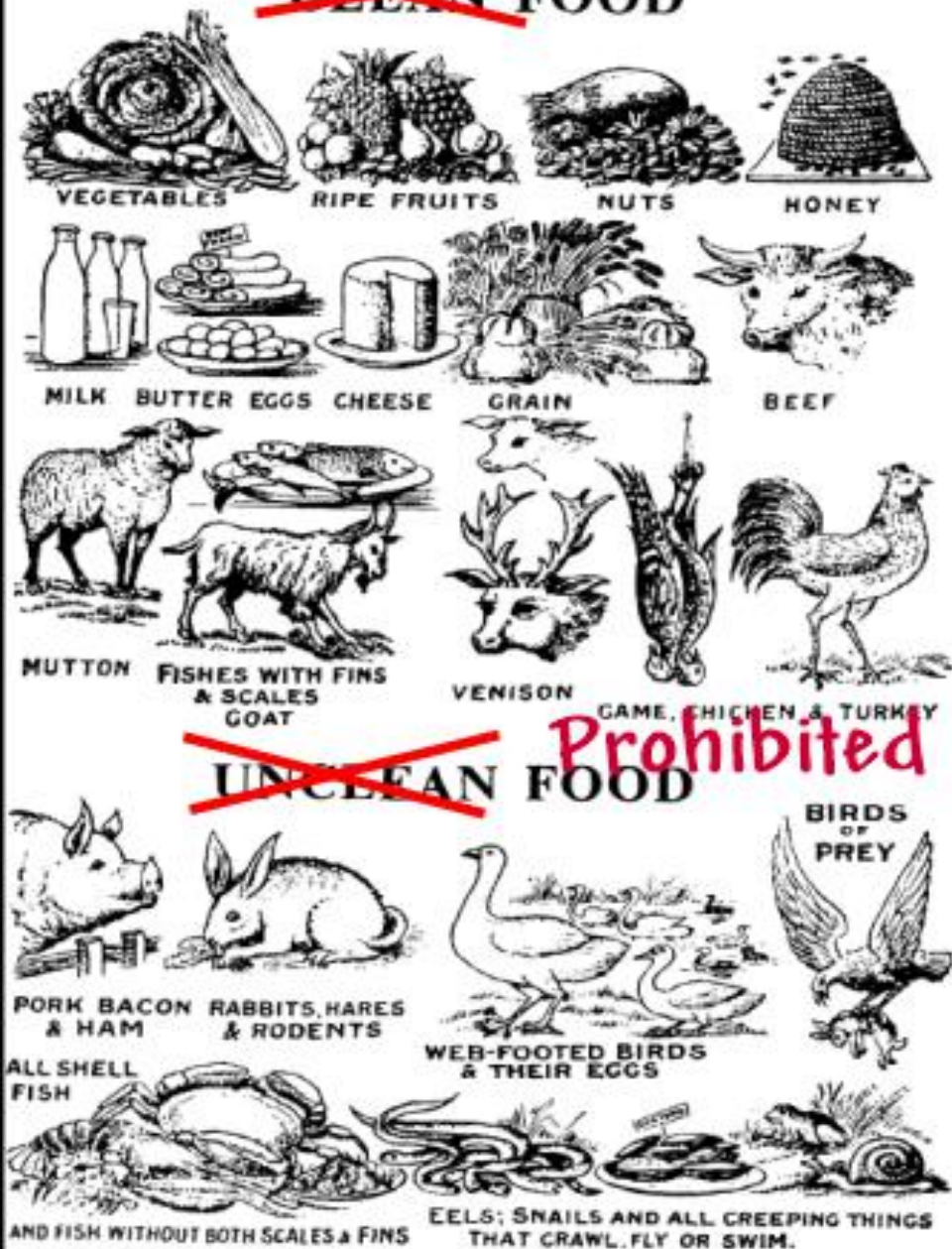
WHAT SHALL WE EAT?

Permitted

~~CLEAN FOOD~~

TAMEH

- Shechem, Gilead, and Adam represent all Israel
- *Tameh* = unclean
- Different laws for permitted vs. prohibited, and clean vs. unclean
- Whatever is permissible only applies to God's people
- ONLY that which is permissible is subject to the laws of clean and unclean



HOSEA

CHAPTER 7



- Hosea 6:11 either written by a Judean many years later, or it is original and it means Judah and Israel suffer similar fates
- The term “harvest” nearly always refers to the End Times
- Hosea 7:1
- Nations are defined by their capitals and those who govern there
- The greatest influence over what is possible in our lives comes from government

- God views national leadership as consisting of both politicians and religious leaders
- Religious leadership must be a counter-balance or the nation tips into disaster
- Even with enemies attacking, criminal activity, gangs, the people still don't ascribe it to their wickedness
- 2Kings 15

