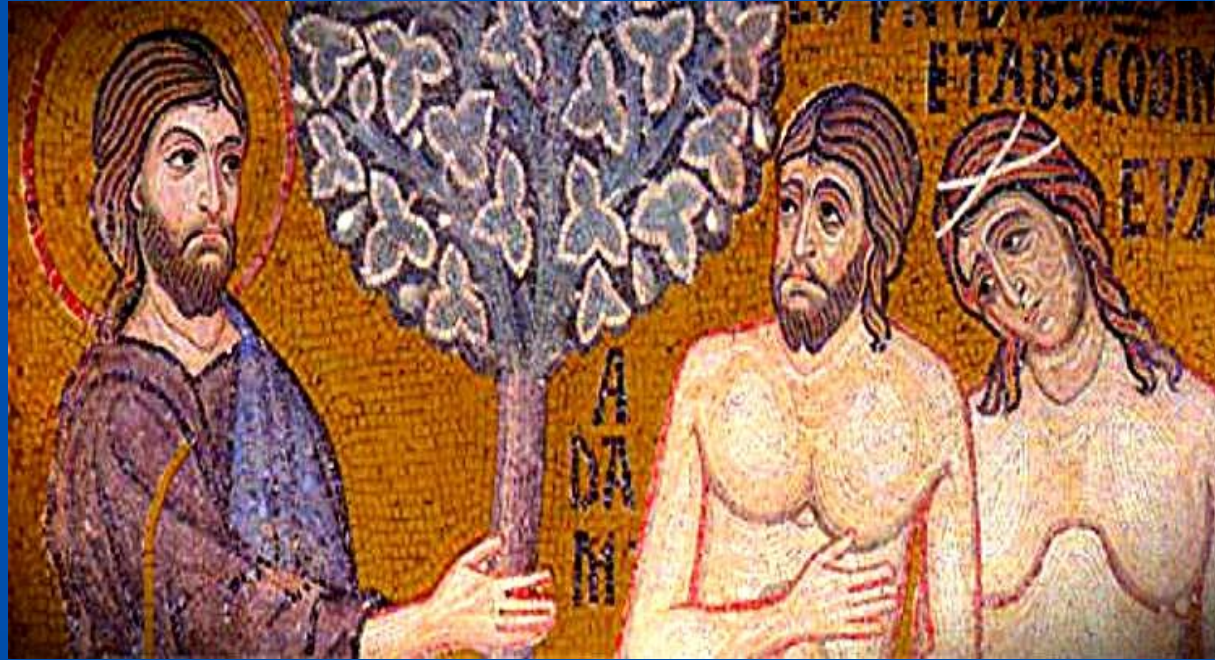
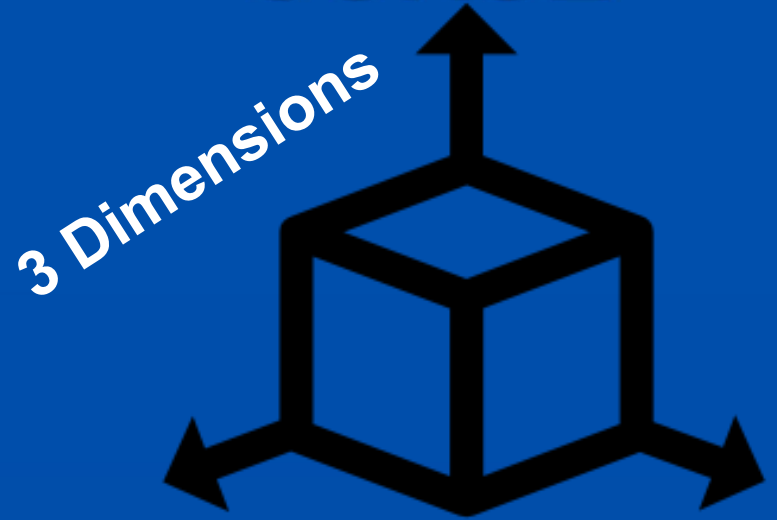


# ADAM AND CHRIST COMPARED



- Christianity turned Romans 5:12 into the Doctrine of Original Sin
- Several variations on the Doctrine of Original Sin
- Paul's theology rests on Adam introducing sin and death to the world
- Sin and death have an unbreakable bond

# TIME AS A CURSE



- Did time exist before Adam sinned?
- Matt. 6:19 – 20
- Time measures decay
- Eternity is the absence of time, therefore there is no death or decay
- Time and death are fused together as one
- OT and New characterize death as a curse
- 4<sup>th</sup> dimension is laid upon the 3 dimensions: either eternity or time, can't be both



# A RADICAL PROPOSITION



- The Gospel is meant to reverse death and decay
- The 3 dimensions will be renewed, and never again subject to the curse of time
- The 4<sup>th</sup> dimension of time will not exist
- Rev. 21:1 – 7
- Rev. 22:1 – 5
- We see the Gospel in too limited of a way
- The Gospel affects everything that exists



NO LAW OF MOSES



- Logic tells us that the Law of Moses didn't exist from Adam until Moses received it on Mt. Sinai
- Yet, sin was in the world and identified as such
- Vs. 13: Sin not counted as sin when there is no Law
- Yet, Paul said that the Natural Law exists in all humans
- Does this mean that the smart thing to do is to ignore the Law? Because then we CAN'T sin?
- Wouldn't this mean that non-Believers don't sin because they don't know the Law?

- Paul uses the Greek word *nomos* in 3 ways:
- 1) Law of Moses (Torah)
- 2) Halakhah
- 3) Natural Law
- Paul took it for granted that Jewish Believers would know what he meant
- Paul was a Jew who thought like a Jew, and could not get into the mind of a gentile
- A Church bent against Jews and the Law since the late 2<sup>nd</sup> century

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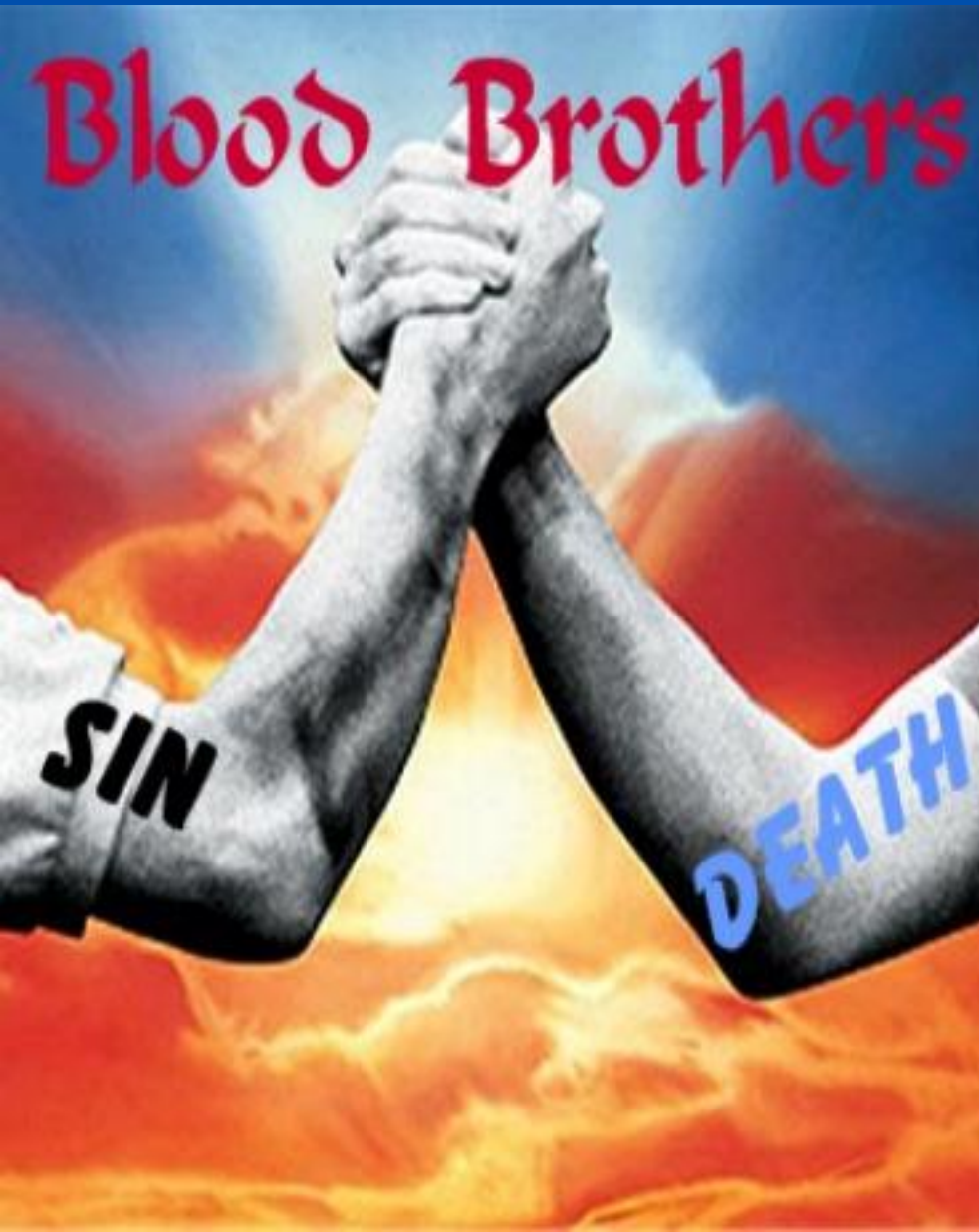


# ADAM HAD A ONE-LAW TORAH



- My interpretation of Romans 5:13
- *“Sin was indeed present in the world before the Law of Moses was given; but sin is not counted as sin when there is no divine law.”*
- Sin is not only associated with the Law of Moses, but also with the Natural Law
- Natural Law existed beginning with Adam
- In Paul’s day, Judaism believed that the Law of Moses was, and had always been, the only standard for sin
- Judaism’s interpretation did not agree with Paul’s Gospel

# THE DOMINION OF DEATH



- Humans continued sinning, but NOT Adam's sin
- Paul says Adam prefigured Christ, but then highlights the differences
- Yeshua enabled the dominion of life to counter-act Adam's dominion of death

# PAUL THE JEW OF JEWS

- Paul communicates in a conversational style
- He will say bold, even brash, things and then walk them back
- Tends to highlight only 1 or 2 aspects of a complex principle to make his point
- He assumes that anyone reading his letters is part of the congregation (Synagogue) he sent them to
- Paul did NOT write an intentional, organized system of Christian Theology





# ROMANS 5

## Vss. 18, 19

- Paul says in vs. 18 that in one bad deed Adam caused ALL people to die
- Also says that in one good deed, Yeshua caused ALL people to have righteousness
- Paul says in vs. 19 that in one bad deed Adam caused MANY people to die
- Also says that in one good deed, Yeshua caused MANY people to have righteousness



*Every individual  
and all people  
are.....heirs to  
eternal life....*

**ROM.5:18**



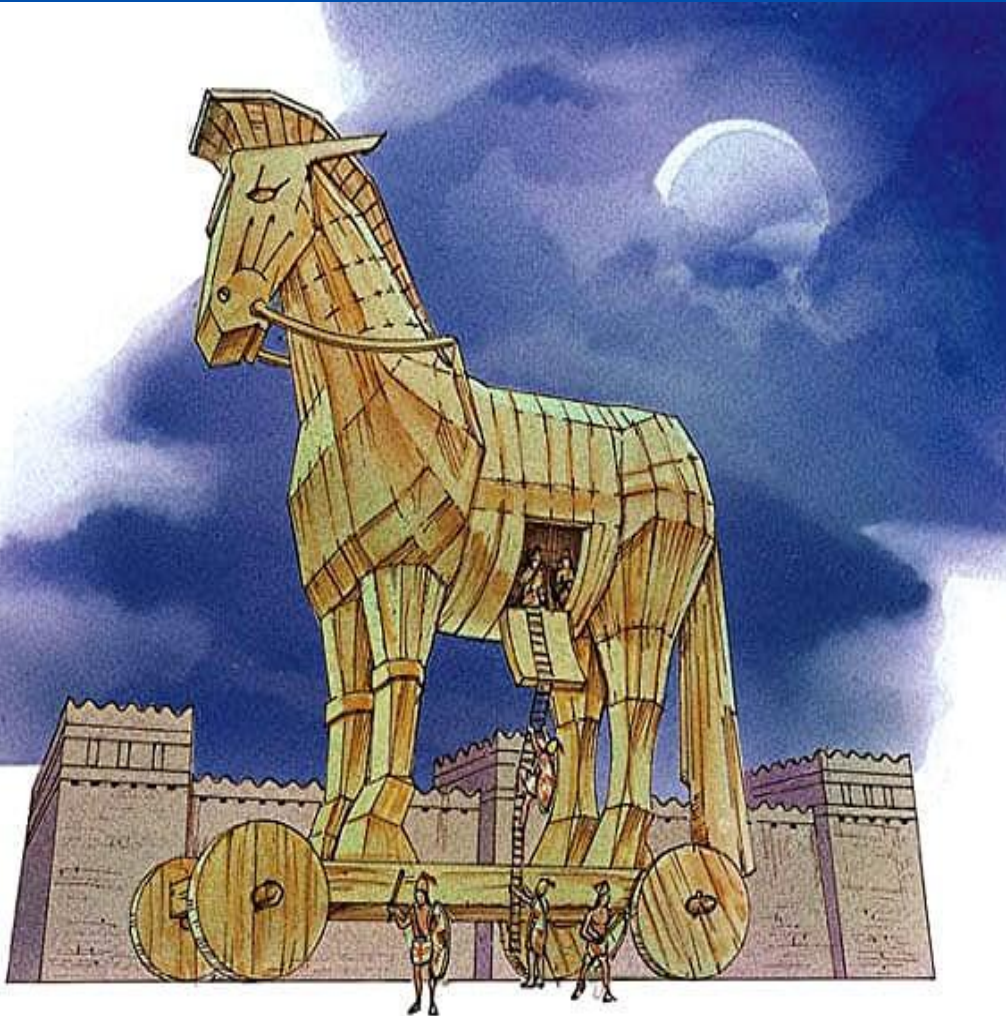
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**ROM.5:19**

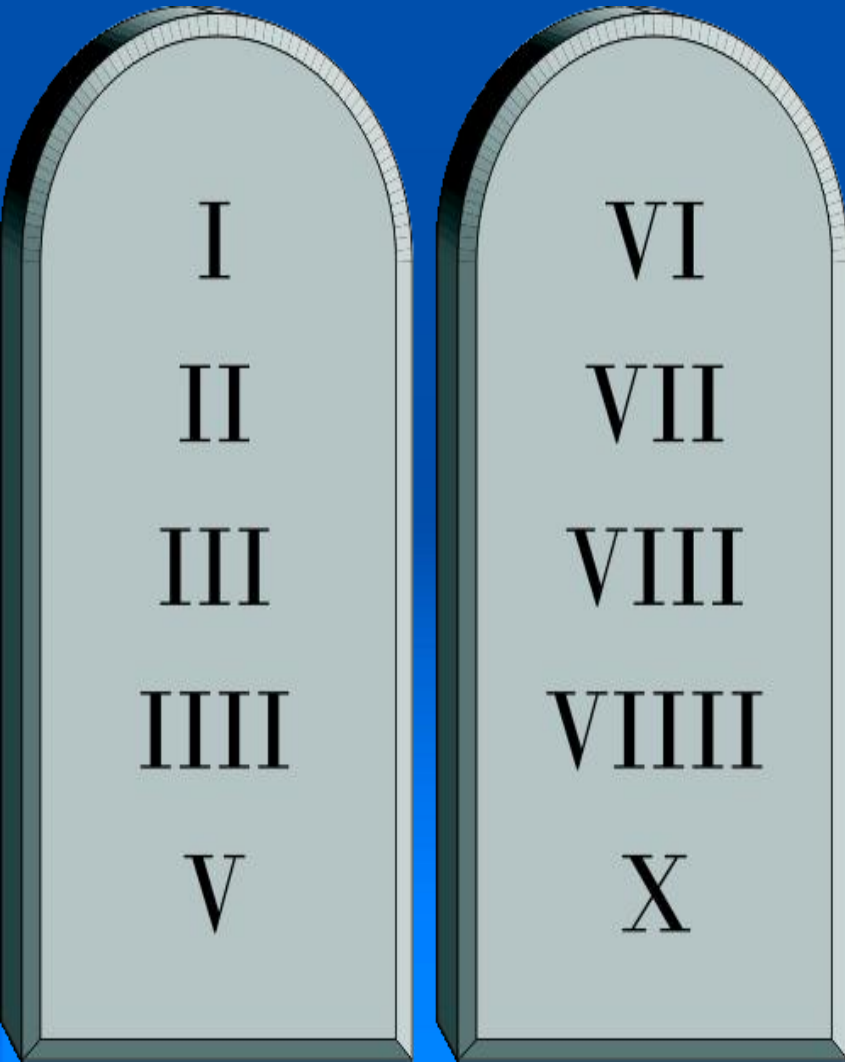
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# IS THE TORAH ACTUALLY GOD'S TROJAN HORSE ?



- What Paul has been saying about the Torah would have shocked his Jewish readers
- **Pleonazo** = super-abound
- Paul is speaking about one narrow aspect of the Torah
- Paul exposes a great truth about humanity: the more we're told NO, the more our evil inclinations want to do it!
- The generality of the Natural Law gave way to the explicitness of the Law of Moses
- No more excuses!

# IS THIS WHAT PAUL IS SUGGESTING?



- Is Paul saying that the more we sin, the more grace God gives?
- Is sin good because it produces more grace?
- Is that why God gave Israel the Torah?
- Why, then, would anyone follow the Torah?
- Why would God do this to Israel?