

THE FINGER OF GOD

¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.”

¹⁷ They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came on people and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats. ¹⁸ But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. Since the gnats were on people and animals everywhere, ¹⁹ the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said.

Exodus 8:16-19

²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luke 11:20

I. When magicians fail

* This is the season when counterfeits are going to fail!

A. Pride leads to obstinacy. God knows how to break that. A plague without warning.

B. The third plague on the Egyptians was lice. It was the judgment of God upon Geb - the god of the earth father of Osiris, Isis and Seth. The earth was the house of Geb. Earthquakes were his laughter. He was the god of harvest and had authority over tombs and the underworld.

C. Satan is a master magician and super scientist; he cannot do miracles.
(II Thessalonians 2:9)

⁹ *The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie,*

D. Up until this point, the magicians had some response to God’s work. (Staves that turned to snakes. Some kind of blood that looked similar to the Nile.)

E. But when non-life turns to life the magicians are stopped and declare appropriately, “This is the finger of God.”

F. Satan is on a leash. He can only go so far.

II. The buck stops here / The war on reason (Luke 11:14-16)

¹⁴ *Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.* ¹⁵ *But some of them said, “By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.”*

¹⁶ *Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.*

- A. In an ultimate rejection of Christ, the leadership claims Jesus is possessed by the devil.
- B. Jesus points out that this is illogical. If Satan casts out his own demons he is opposing himself, dividing his kingdom, and destroying his own house.
- C. Second, their charge was self-incriminating. Jesus gives them the “shoe on the other foot test” and says and how do we know it’s not Satan working through your disciples when they cast demons out? They couldn’t get anywhere with that argument. (Acts 19:13-16)

¹³ *Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.”* ¹⁴ *Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.* ¹⁵ *One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?”* ¹⁶ *Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.*

- D. Jesus’s miracle proved that He was stronger than Satan, that the kingdom of God had come, and that He was the King! This was the finger of God!
- E. Jesus points out that it is impossible to be neutral in spiritual war. The decision to make no choice is a choice against him. (Luke 11:24-26)

²⁴ *“When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’”* ²⁵ *When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order.* ²⁶ *Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first.”*

- F. Imagine being so blind that you cannot tell the difference between the work of God and the work of the devil. (Isaiah 5:20)

²⁰ *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light*

and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

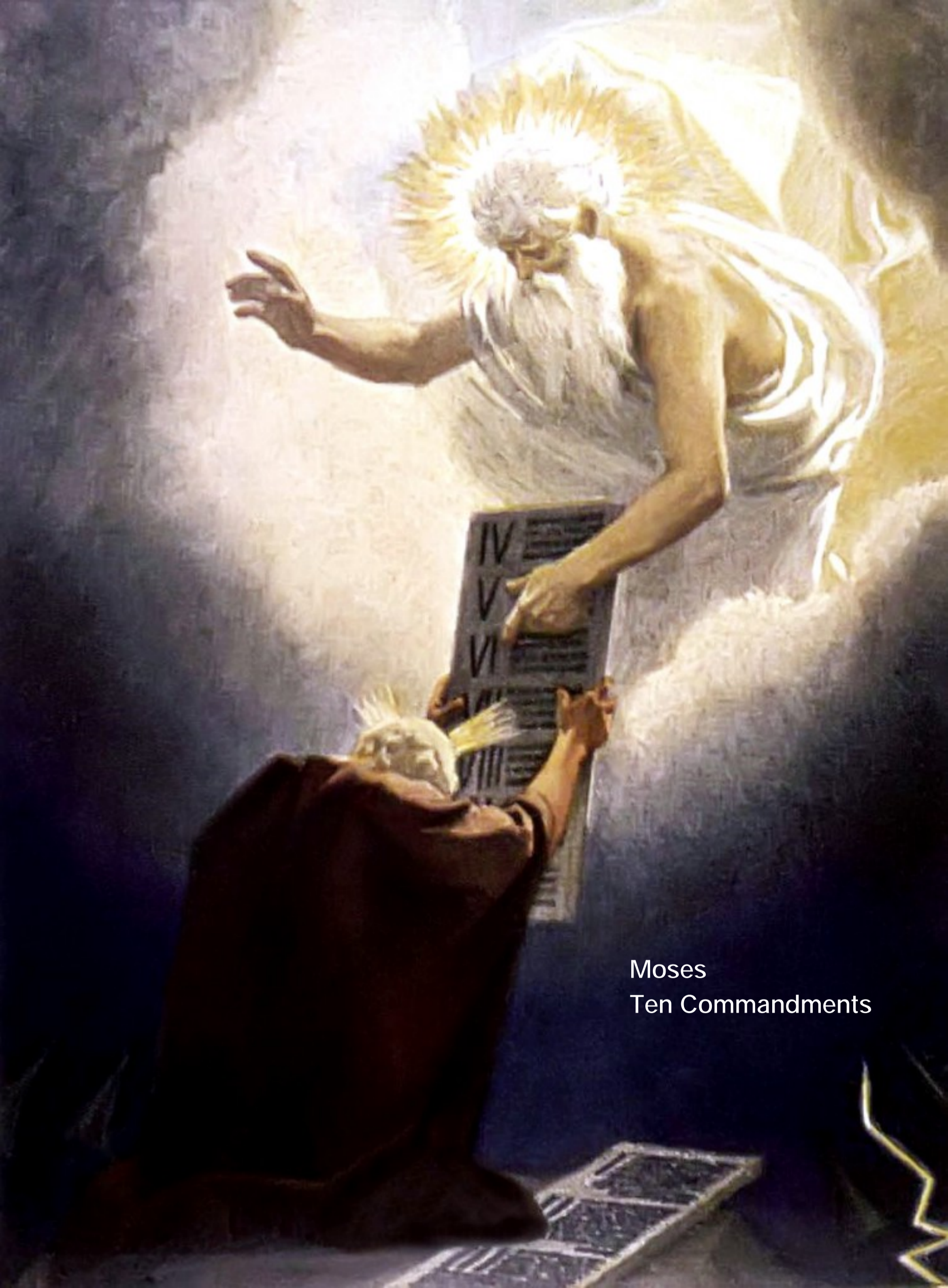
“There is always enough evidence to convince anyone who isn’t set against it.”

Geb



Writing on the wall





Moses
Ten Commandments

