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THREE CODICES OF THE MOSAIC LAW

Paul left Timothy at the Church of Ephesus to address specific issues in the church. The first issue to address was the doctrine of works regarding salvation and spirituality being taught by the “teachers of Law” (1 Tim.1: 3-7).

This lesson will study three aspects of Three Codices of Mosaic Law.

1. The Mosaic Law can be divided into three codices.

“It should be emphasized that the Laws of Moses were codes, not collections of court decisions known to lawyers as common law, but codes given abstractly, not in view of any particular concrete case, and arranged in systematic order (Wiener, Bib. Sac., 1909-10).” (ISBE, vol.3, pg.2090)

- **Codex 1 (Ex.20)**
 - Under a Theocracy the Moral code was known as the Ten Commandments or Decalogue.
 - It carried both the theocracy’s Divine Code (God tablet) as well as the Moral Code (mankind tablet)(Matt.19:16-26; Mark 2:27-28; Ex.20:8-11; Matt.12:1-8; Deut.23:24-25; 1 Tim.1:8-11; Matt.5:17).
- **Codex 2 (Ex.21-24)**
 - It contained the Theocracy Social code but no Spiritual code.
 - It contained common law as a source of social order such as safety, personal injuries and property, and business, etc.(Zech.11:12-13; Matt.26:14-16; 27:3-9; Acts 1:16-19; Ps.41:9; Ex.21:32; Gal.3:1-5, 10-14; 4:4-7).
- **Codex 3 (Ex.25-31)**
 - It contained the Theocracy Spiritual code of shadow Christology(Matt.27:51; Ex.26:31-37; Heb.9:1-5, 14-15, 24-28; 10:14, 19-20; Gal.3:24-25; Rom.10:4).

2. These three codices are to be distinguished from the Traditions of the Elders.

Pharisaical legalism (Matt.15:1-14; 5:20; Rom.3:21-24; Gal.2:21; Phil.3:9)

3. These three codices were written in the Book of Deuteronomy and placed in the Ark of the Covenant until the Babylonian Captivity (Heb.9:3-5; Deut.10:1-5; 31:9, 24-26).

Spiritual reformation came to the Priest-Nation of Israel under King Josiah because of the things written in the Book of Deuteronomy (2 Kings 22:8; 23:1-3, 24-25).

It was important to the Divine Agency of Israel during the Jewish Age Dispensation of the Old Covenant.