



## THE TWO WITNESSES

### BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #6

- Revelation 11:3-12** The Bible tells of two witnesses who give a “testimony”
- Revelation 11:6** The two witnesses are portrayed in symbols that reference Moses and Elijah but the deeper meaning is the Old and New Testament, of which Moses and Elijah are representatives.
- Malachi 4:5** The message of Elijah is to be preached before the coming of Christ.
- Matthew 11:12-14** The message of Elijah was born by John the Baptist in New Testament times.
- John 1:17** The Bible teaches that two witnesses that are given are the law (Moses) and grace (Jesus Christ).
- Matthew 7:21-23** The majority of Christians will be lost because outwardly they were professed Christians, but they refused to *do* God’s will.
- Psalms 40:8** God’s will is having His law in our hearts.
- Romans 2:18** God’s will is found in God’s law.
- Ephesians 2:8-10** Though we are saved solely by the grace of God, that grace, if truly received in the mind, will transform us into people who do “good works.”
- Exodus 31:18** God wrote His law with His own finger on stone.
- Genesis 26:5** Abraham kept God’s commandments showing that the law existed before it was revealed to the people from Mt. Sinai.
- Psalms 119:142, 172** God’s law is equated with truth and righteousness
- Romans 7:12** God’s law is holy, just, and good.
- Matthew 5:17-19** Jesus said heaven and earth would pass before one jot or tittle could pass from the law (vs. 21, 27).

<b>Psalms 111:7,8</b>	His commandments are sure and stand forever and ever.
<b>1 John 3:4</b>	“Sin is the transgression of the law.” If we have sin in our world, therefore we must have law (vs. 6, 9)!
<b>Romans 4:15</b>	If you have no law, you have no sin.
<b>Romans 3:20</b>	Two important points: A. No one is justified or saved by keeping the letter of the law. If you could be, you wouldn’t need Jesus. We are all saved by grace alone through faith in Jesus. B. The purpose of the law is to give us a knowledge of what “sin” is.
<b>James 1:23-25</b>	The law is like a glass or mirror. It will show or reflect to us our true sinful condition. That’s its purpose!
<b>John 14:15,16,21</b>	If you love Jesus, you will keep His commandments.
<b>1 John 5:3</b>	His commandments are not hard to keep—we keep them because we love and have an abiding relationship with the Lord of the law.
<b>1 John 2:3,4</b>	Here’s the test of love and knowing the Savior Jesus: If we keep His commandments. If we don’t, we are liars and do not have the truth.
<b>Proverbs 28:9</b>	If we turn away from hearing God’s law, even our prayers are an abomination.
<b>James 2:19</b>	“Believing” means more than simple acknowledgment of the facts. The Greek translated “believing” should be translated “having faith,” which includes trust and obedience. The devils believe but they do not trust and obey! Men and women of faith automatically are also obedient and live the truth as it is in Jesus.
<b>Revelation 14:12</b>	The saints are especially recognized as commandment keepers.
<b>Revelation 22:14</b>	Only those who want to obey God fully will be allowed in the Holy City.

## SUPPLEMENT

### **THERE ARE TWO MAIN LAWS IN THE BIBLE:**

- 1. THE MORAL LAW**
- 2. THE CEREMONIAL LAW**

- Nehemiah 9:13,14** The moral law was spoken by God to Israel and the ceremonial law, though originating with God, was given to the people through Moses.
- 2 Kings 21:8** An example of the Bible mentioning both God's law and Moses' law.
- Exodus 31:18** God's law alone was written *by God on stone with His finger*.
- Deuteronomy 10:1-5** God's law was put *inside* the Ark of the Covenant and called the Ten Commandments.
- Deuteronomy 31:9** God used Moses to write this law only with human *handwriting*.
- Deuteronomy 31:24-26** Moses *wrote his law in a book (scroll)*, put it in the *side* of the ark of the covenant, and it was spoken of as being a witness *against* the people.
- Leviticus 23** Here you find the majority of information regarding Moses' law. Vs. 2 - feasts and holy convocations. Vs. 5 - Passover. Vs. 8 - offerings of fire. Vs. 11 - wave sheaf offerings. Vs. 12 - burnt offerings. Vs. 13, 18 - meat and drink offerings. Vs. 24-27, 32 - ceremonial sabbath days that fell on an annual date, (not to be confused with the weekly Sabbath of the Lord according to the fourth commandment. Vs. 37, 38 make this clear).

### **NOW WE ARE BETTER PREPARED TO ANSWER THESE SEEMING CONTRADICTIONS LIKE:** Colossians 2:14-16; Ephesians 2:15.

These verses are speaking not of the moral law, but rather of the ceremonial law which was fulfilled by Christ. He was the true Lamb that all the meat and drink offerings and sacrifices pointed forward to (Heb. 9:8-14; Matt. 27:51). The ceremonial sabbaths (Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Tabernacles, etc.) were also all fulfilled by Christ and done away with at His death.

- Ephesians 2:8** We are saved by grace and not our works, and yet, if we love Jesus, our works will give evidence of our true faith (Rev. 22:12-14).
- Romans 6:1,2** Shall we sin (which is breaking the law) so grace can abound? God forbid! With Jesus, keeping the law is a joy (1 Jn. 5:2, 3).
- Hebrews 10:15,16** God wants to write that moral law in your heart and mind through the Holy Spirit. This is the new covenant experience of conversion.