

# The Story of the Bible in 16 Verses

*Why then the Law?*

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For His Glory and our joy!

## Outline

### Introduction

- Welcome baby C.S. Lewis!

### Recap of the story so far...

- God creates and humans create a God-sized problem
- God begins his plan of redemption through one family – Israel
- Israel is enslaved and set free in the Exodus

### What is the Law?

- A national charter for the people of Israel to be set apart (food laws, sabbath keeping, how to grow crops, etc.
  - Deuteronomy 4:8
  - Psalm 119
- A means to obtain/maintain the Abrahamic promise of land, blessings, life
  - Exodus 19:4-5, Leviticus 18:5
  - If...then – language of the law

### Why then the Law?

- To clearly define sin
- To increase sin (!!?)
- To show how everyone is under law
- To reveal our need for a second exodus
- To contrast the gospel of grace

### How then shall we live?

- Under grace, not law
- “Every year you grow, you will find me bigger”

### Gospel Application:

- Are you becoming more tired of your own self-righteousness and learning to breathe the fresh air of Christ and his righteousness for you?

## **Scripture Passages** (from the New International Version)

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- Charles Hodge, Systematic Theology. Grand Rapids: EERDMANS, 1993: 375

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- — Martin Luther, Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians

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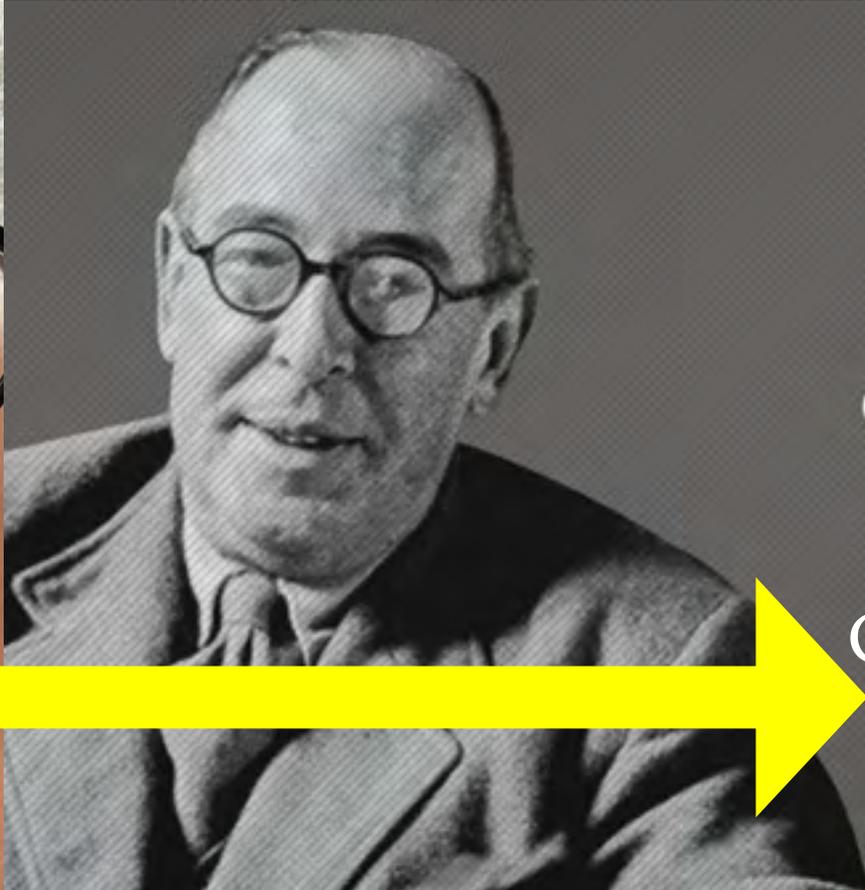
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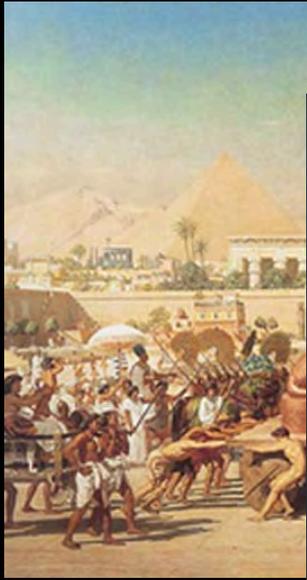




# I. Israel Enslaved



## II. Israel Set Free



### III. Israel Under Law

# The Law



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Steve Kerr





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BUT IT WOULD TAKE ALL  
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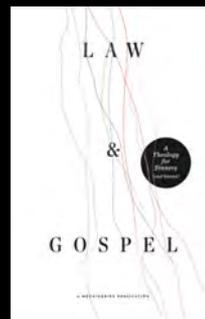


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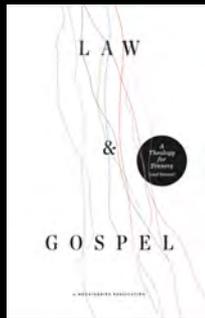
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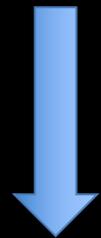
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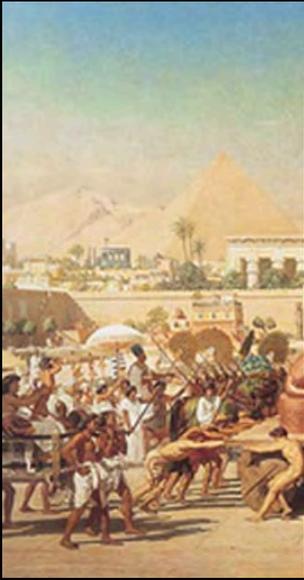
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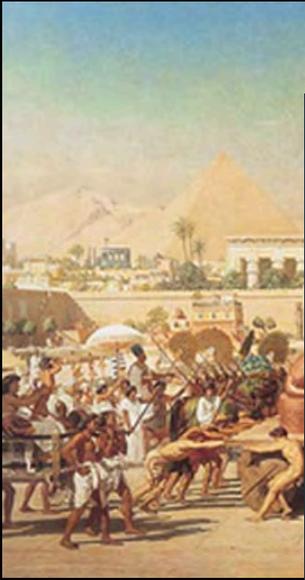
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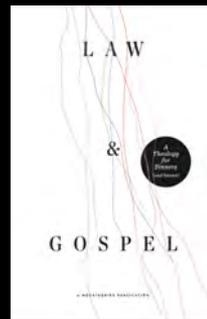
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<sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

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Lucas Cranach, *The Law and the Gospel*, c. 1529, oil on wood

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