The Word LAW in Scripture

Assume nothing.

Do not assume when you read the word LAW in the word of God it only has one meaning. Doing so may lead you astray. One definition for Law defined as "a principle of instruction" or an "Command, Ordinance or Statute."

- 1. There is the law of sin and death. Rom 8:2, Eze 18:4, Gen 2:17
- 2. There is the Law of The Spirit of Life. Rom 8:2, John 6:63, John 5:25, John 3:6, Rom 2:14
- 3. There is the Ceremonial Law including animal sacrifices with a total of 613 ordinances. Exo 18:20, Lev 18:4, Heb 9:10 Multitude of other references.
- 4. There is the moral law (ten commandments). Jesus taught them as two commands. Exo 20:1-17, Matt 22:37-40 (Notice Jesus says nothing about a Saturday worship, new information) Put God first in your life.
- 5. There is the law of reciprocity. What man sows is what he reaps. Gal 6:7-8, Pro 22:8, 2 Cor 9:6
- 6. Two New Testament ordinances (laws) of Baptism and The Lord's supper. 1 Cor 11:2, Multitude of other references.
- 7. Laws of nature. Job 38:33, Jer 31:35, Jer 33:25, Gen 8:22
- 8. Laws of justice. Rom 13:1-7 Multitude of other references.
- 9. Laws or ordinances imposed by man but not approved by God. God set forth 7 Feast, (God's appointed times, not mans) The Jews added Hanuka and Purim. The candlestick God describes has 7 branches, the Jews candlestick has 9. Lev 23. Exo 25:31-32. The Shaft makes one and three on each side for a total of 7.

Many, many other examples could be cited of laws and practices that the Jews instituted that God never ordained and indicates His disapproval.

By no means is this list exhaustive. I trust it will serve as an example that context is important to discern the word "law" (as well as all others) as it is used in scripture.

Food for thought.

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