

Biblical Law:

A Reflection of God's Character



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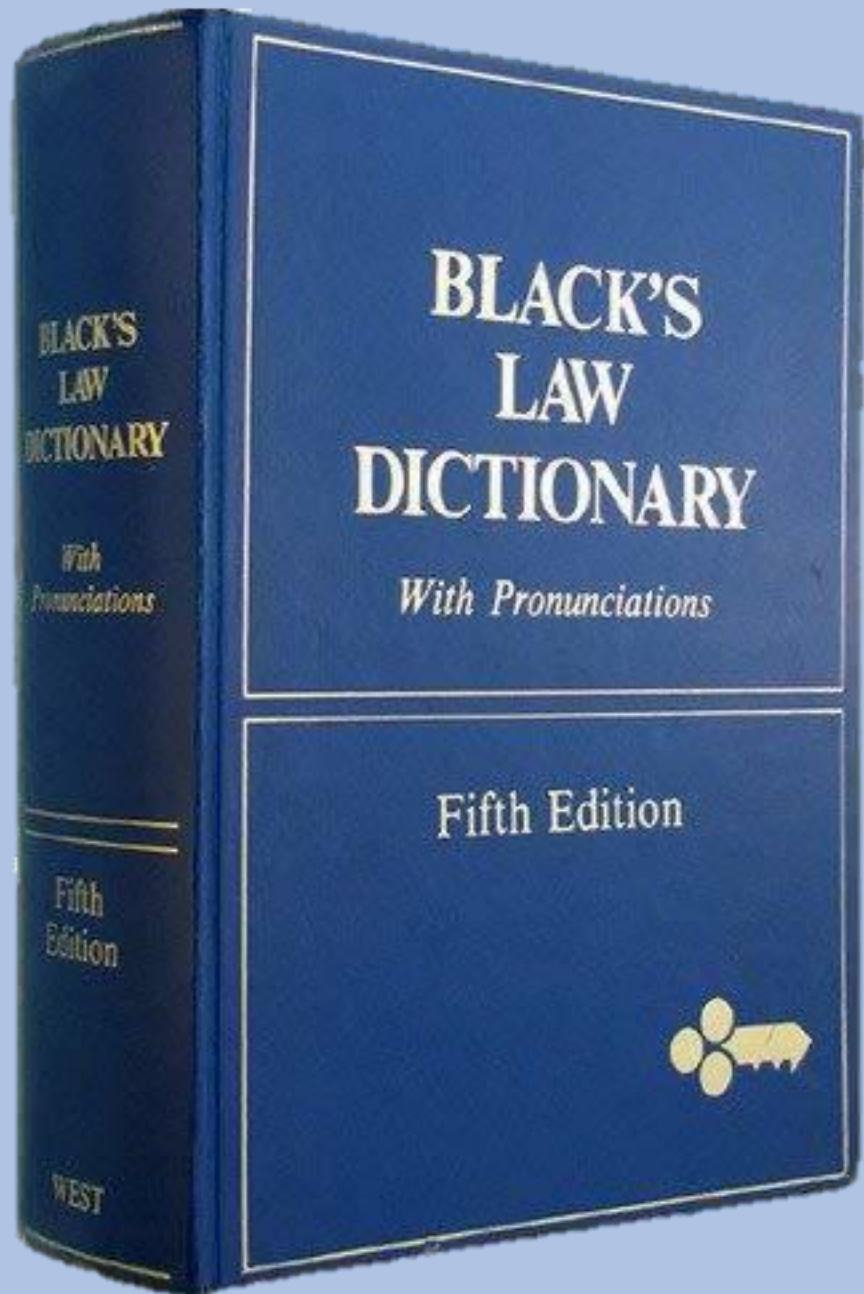
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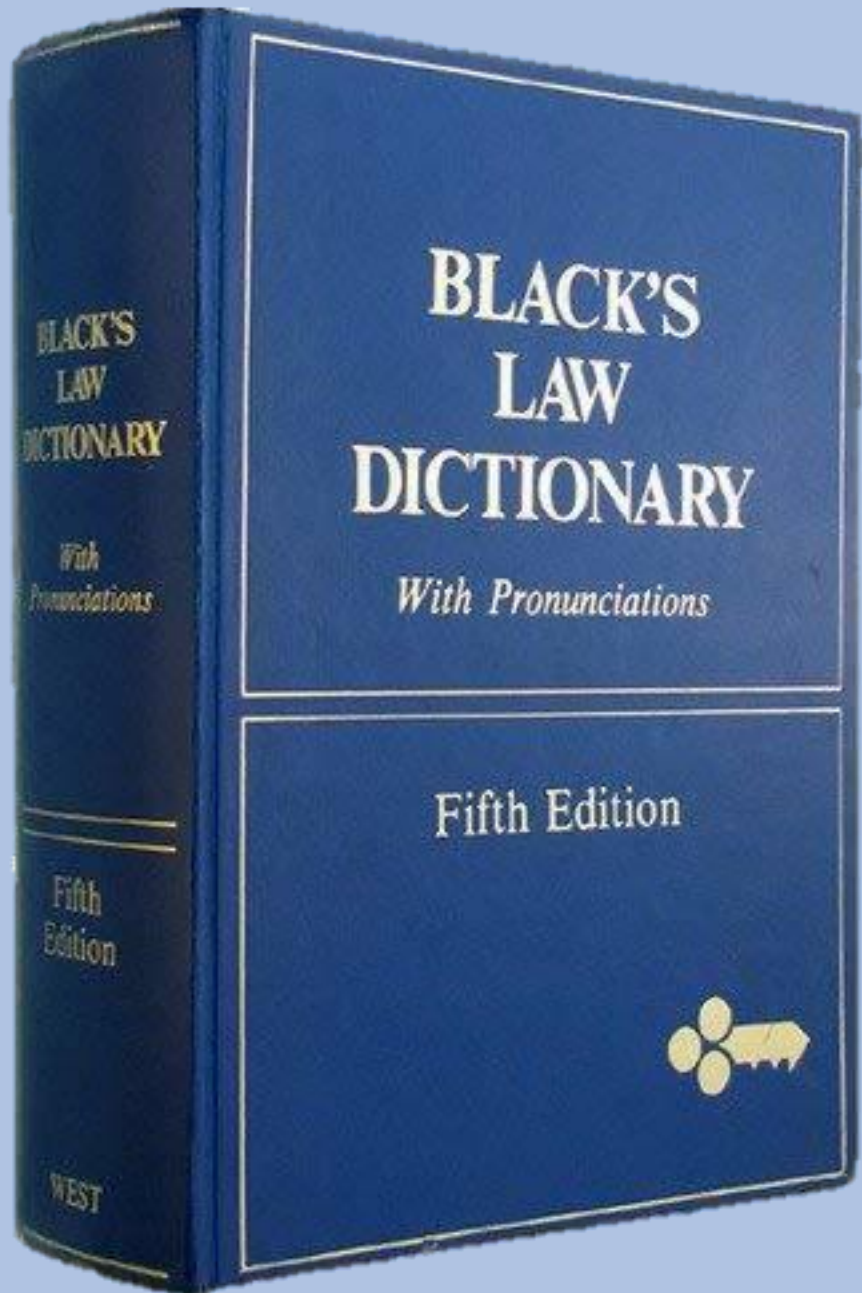


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What is “Law”?

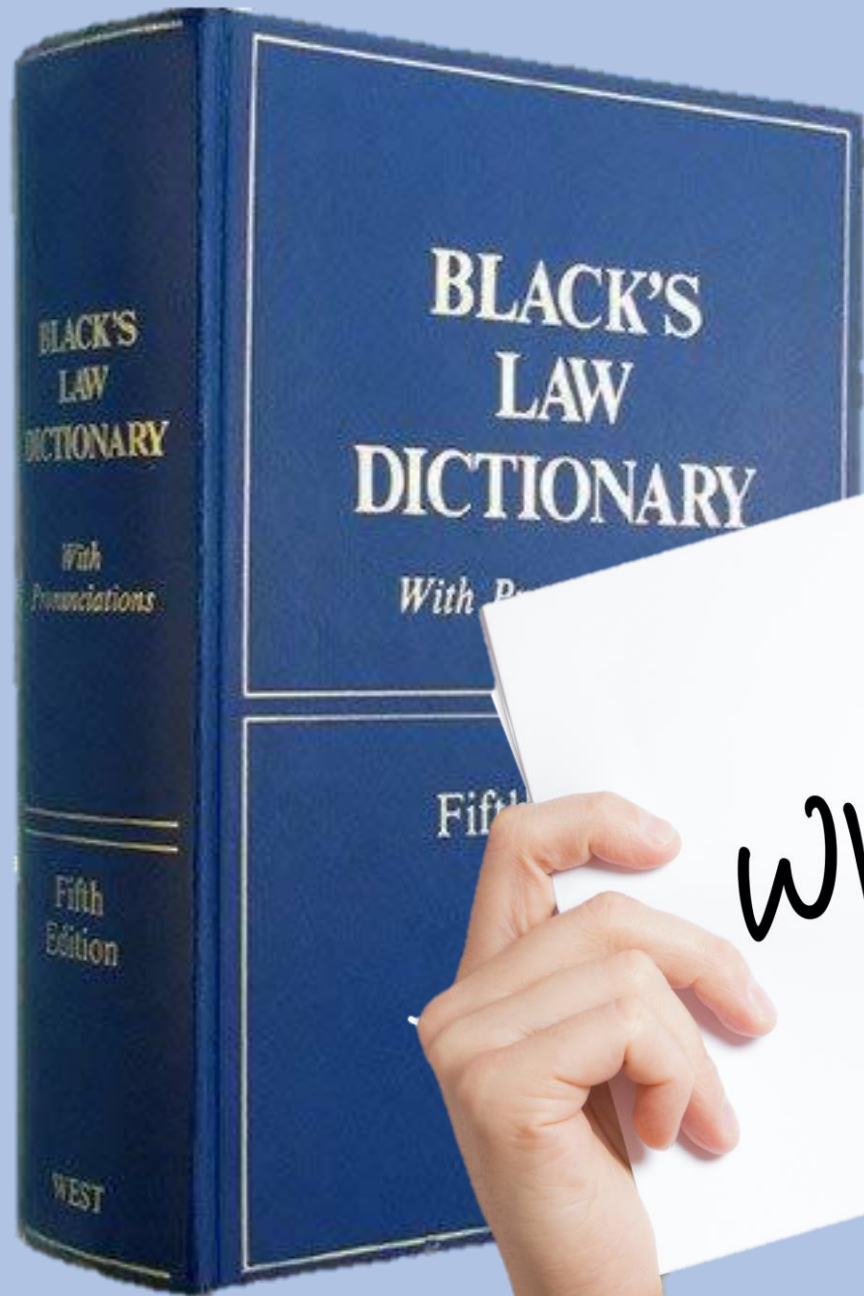




What is “Law”?

A system of principles and rules of human conduct which is laid down, ordained, or established

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Who Says You Can't?

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The Supreme Court?



The Constitution?

We the People
insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Consti-
tution.¹

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to secure their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly we have seen the patient sufferance of those Colonies, and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former system of Government, that the Declaration of Independence, which they have now adopted, is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct or indirect purpose, to establish an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be supposed:—

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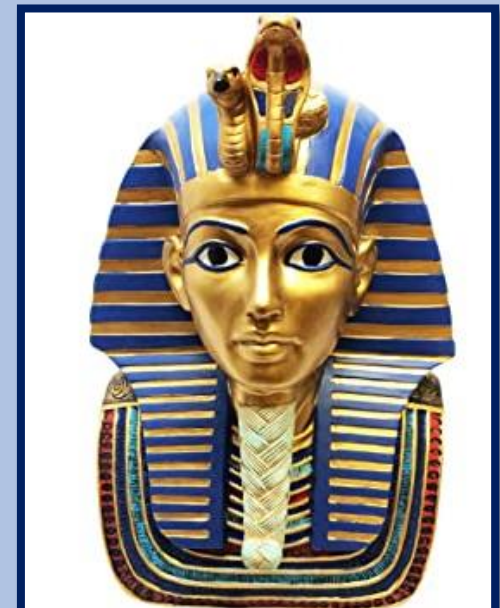
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When Anu the Sublime, King of the Anunaki, and Bel, the lord of Heaven and earth... assigned to Marduk, the overruling son of Ea, God of righteousness, dominion over earthly man... they called Babylon by his illustrious name, made it great on earth, and founded an everlasting kingdom in it





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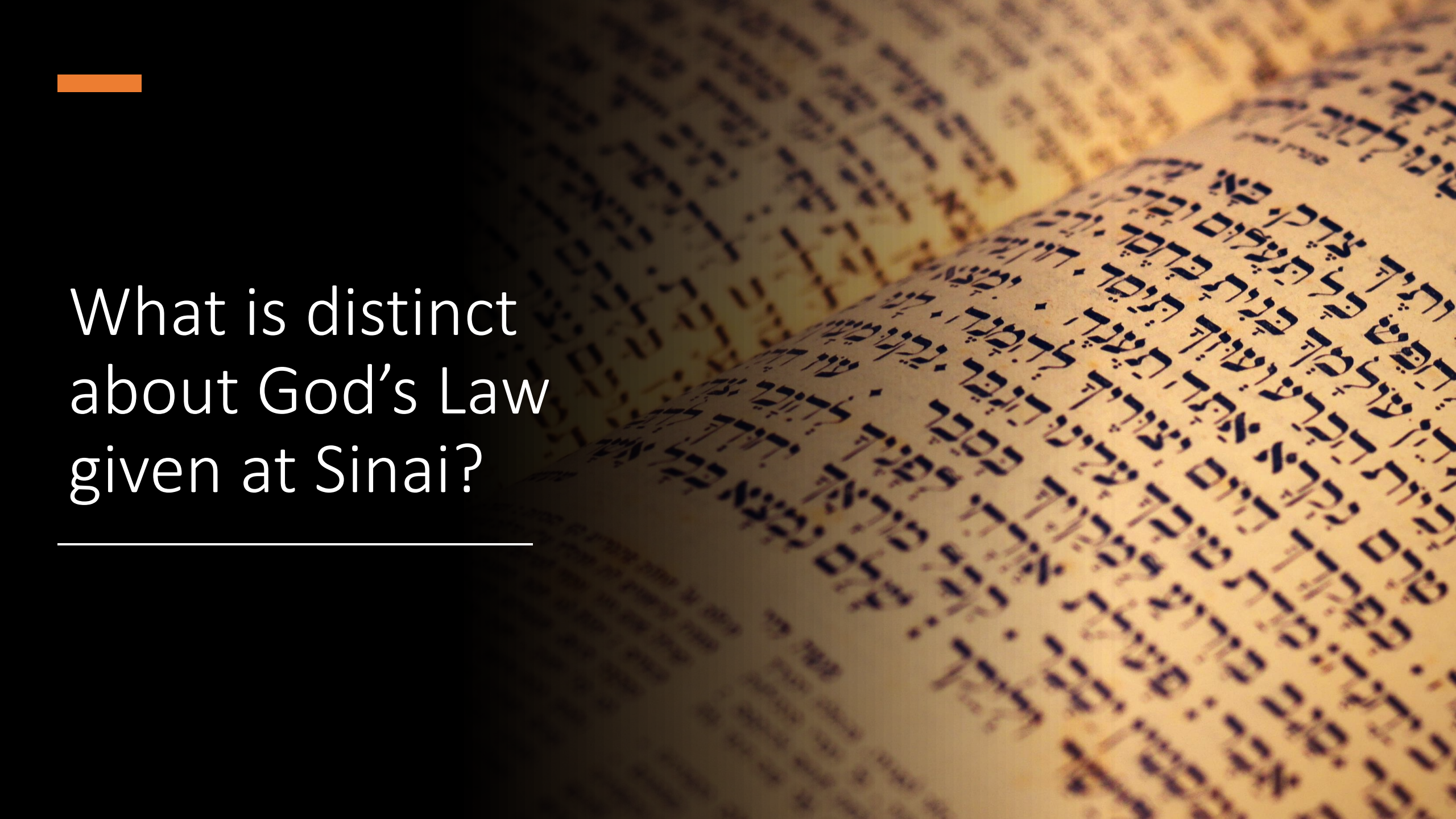


then Anu and Bel called by name me, Hammurabi, the exalted prince... to bring about the rule of righteousness in the land... so that I should rule over the black-headed people like Shamash



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What is distinct
about God's Law
given at Sinai?

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The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of a page from an ancient Hebrew manuscript, likely the Torah. The text is written in black ink on aged, yellowish parchment. The script is a traditional Hebrew font, and the lines of text are arranged in columns, typical of biblical manuscripts. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the parchment and the depth of the ink.

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God's Law expressed God's
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Finding God through the Law



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The key:

The Biblical Law reflected God's holy ethics in a way that would guide Israel in its time and place of history to fulfill God's purposes by walking in God's holiness



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Social
justice



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Quarantining



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Immigration













Some of the water
sloshes among the
buckets!



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“He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.” (Lk 22:1—20)

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“under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins... has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.” (Hb. 9:22-26)

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“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience” (Col. 3:12)

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When “the law of God is in
one’s heart; one’s steps do
not slip” (Psalm 37:31)

“The law of your mouth is
better to me
than thousands of gold and
silver pieces.”
(Psalm 119:72)

“Great peace have those who
love your law.”
(Psalm 119:165)

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