

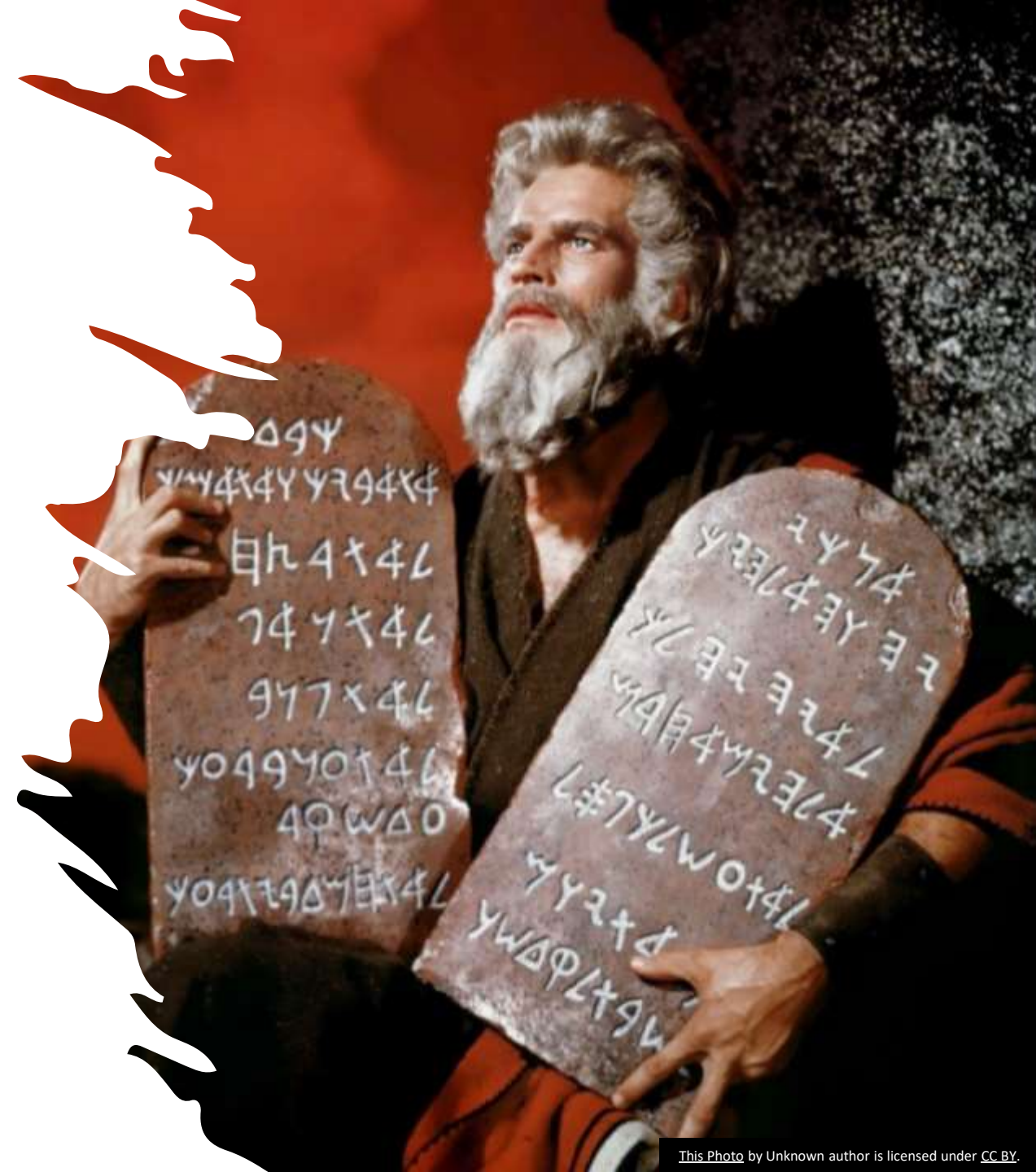
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# Standing Firm in Liberty

**Galatians 1:1-10**

# Introduction

- What is the role of the Law of Moses today?
- A HUGE amount of division surrounds this very question.
- The Law of Moses is used to justify:
  - Instrumental Music
  - Holidays
  - Clergy
  - Sabbath Keeping
  - Tithing
  - Binding Commandments
  - Binding Circumcision

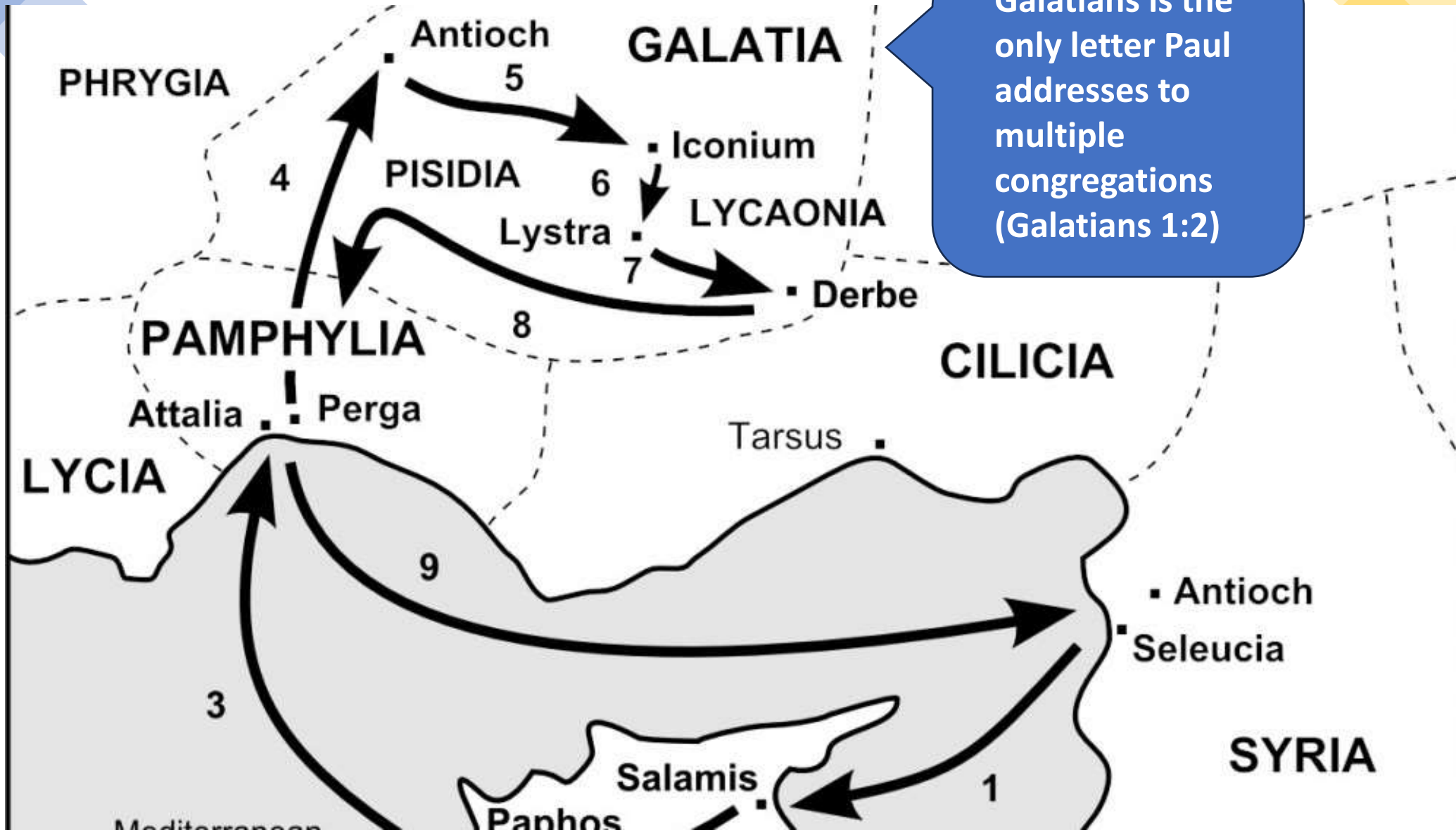


# The Epistle to the Galatians

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Galatians is the only letter Paul addresses to multiple congregations (Galatians 1:2)

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- Now, within a few years they were being contaminated by false doctrine – Gal 1:6-9
- Paul's letter is at times, harsh in tone, appalled they were returning to the yoke of the Law – 3:1-4
- Paul first defends his own apostleship (1:11-2:14)
- Then turns to a defense of the Gospel – 2:15-16



# The Nature of the Error

It was a "different" gospel – 1:6

It was a perversion of the true gospel – 1:7

- We are not at liberty to "interpret" the gospel to suit our desires.
- If we "alter" the truth, we corrupt it.

It asserted salvation by works of the Law – 2:16

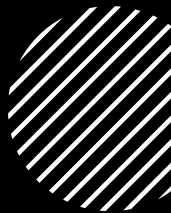
- The Law of Moses
- Circumcision

Our attitude toward false teaching:

- It must not be accepted – 1:8-9
- It must not be tolerated – 2:4-5
- It must be exposed and accursed – 1:8-9



# Refutation of the Error



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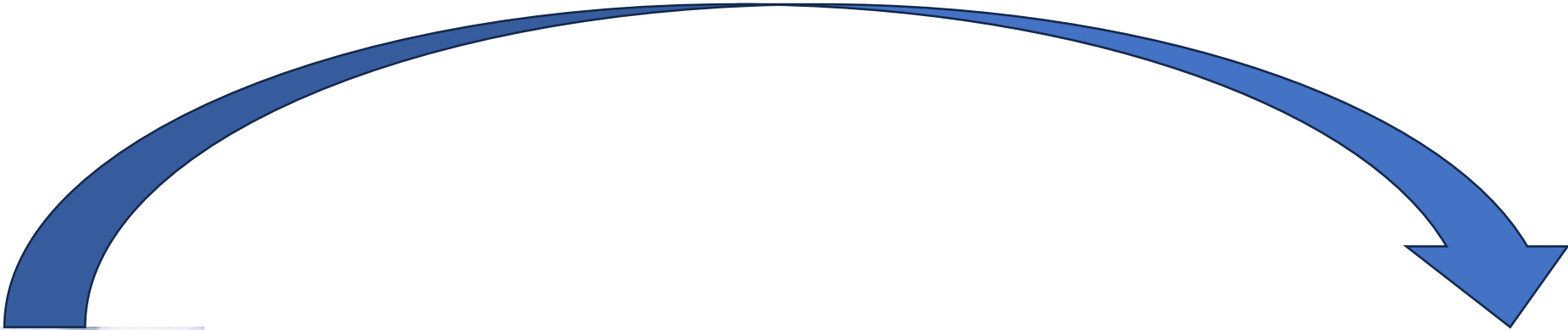
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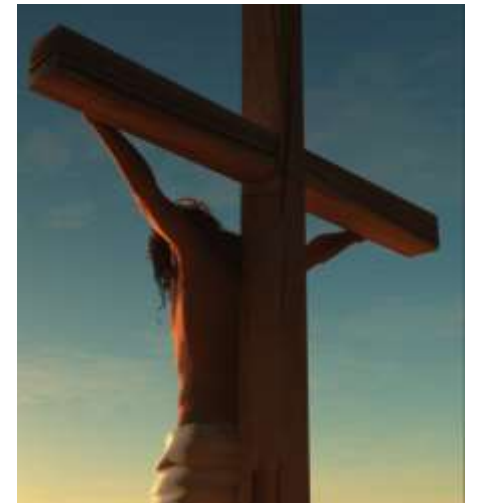
# The Promise, The Law and Grace



**Genesis 22:18**  
**1,800 B.C.**



**John 1:17**  
**1400 B.C. (430 yrs.)**

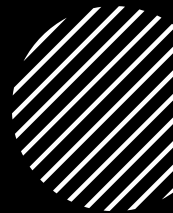


**Galatians 3:16**  
**30 A.D.**





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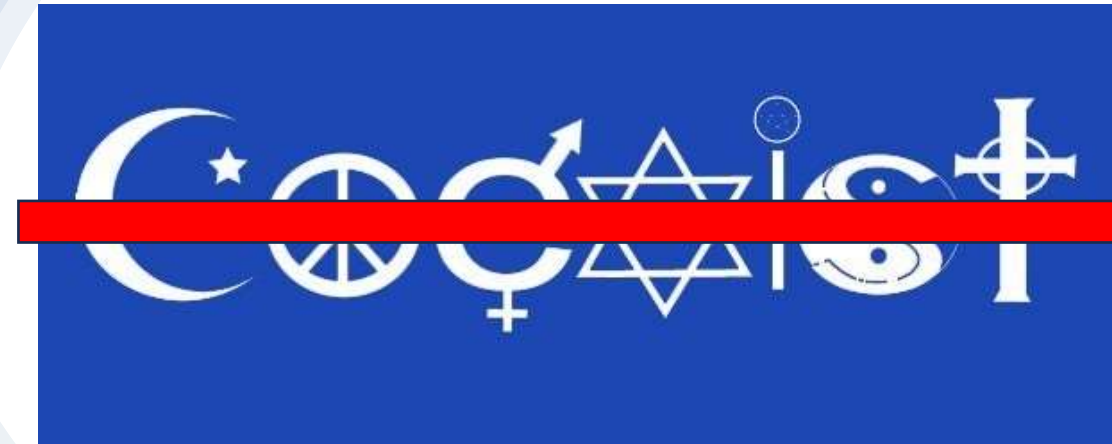
The Law was a Temporary Institution – 3:19-25



If You are Christ's, the you are Abraham's Seed –  
3:26 – 4:11

# Grace and Law *CANNOT Coexist*

- Do not be *tangled again* – 5:1
- If you become circumcised, Christ *will* profit you nothing – 5:2
- You are indebted to keep the whole law – 5:3
- You *have become* estranged from Christ – 5:4
- You *have fallen from* grace – 5:4
- This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you – 5:6
- You *ran well* who hindered you? - 5:7
- A little leaven leavens the whole lump – 5:10



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# Conclusion

- Stand fast in Liberty – 5:1
- Walk by the Spirit – 5:6
- Crucify the Flesh – 5:24
- Bear One Another's Burdens – 6:1
- Sow to the Spirit – 6:8
- Do not Grow Weary – 6:9



**Stand Fast**

**therefore in the liberty**

**by which Christ  
has made us free,**

**and do not be  
entangled with a  
yoke of bondage.**

(Gal. 5:1)