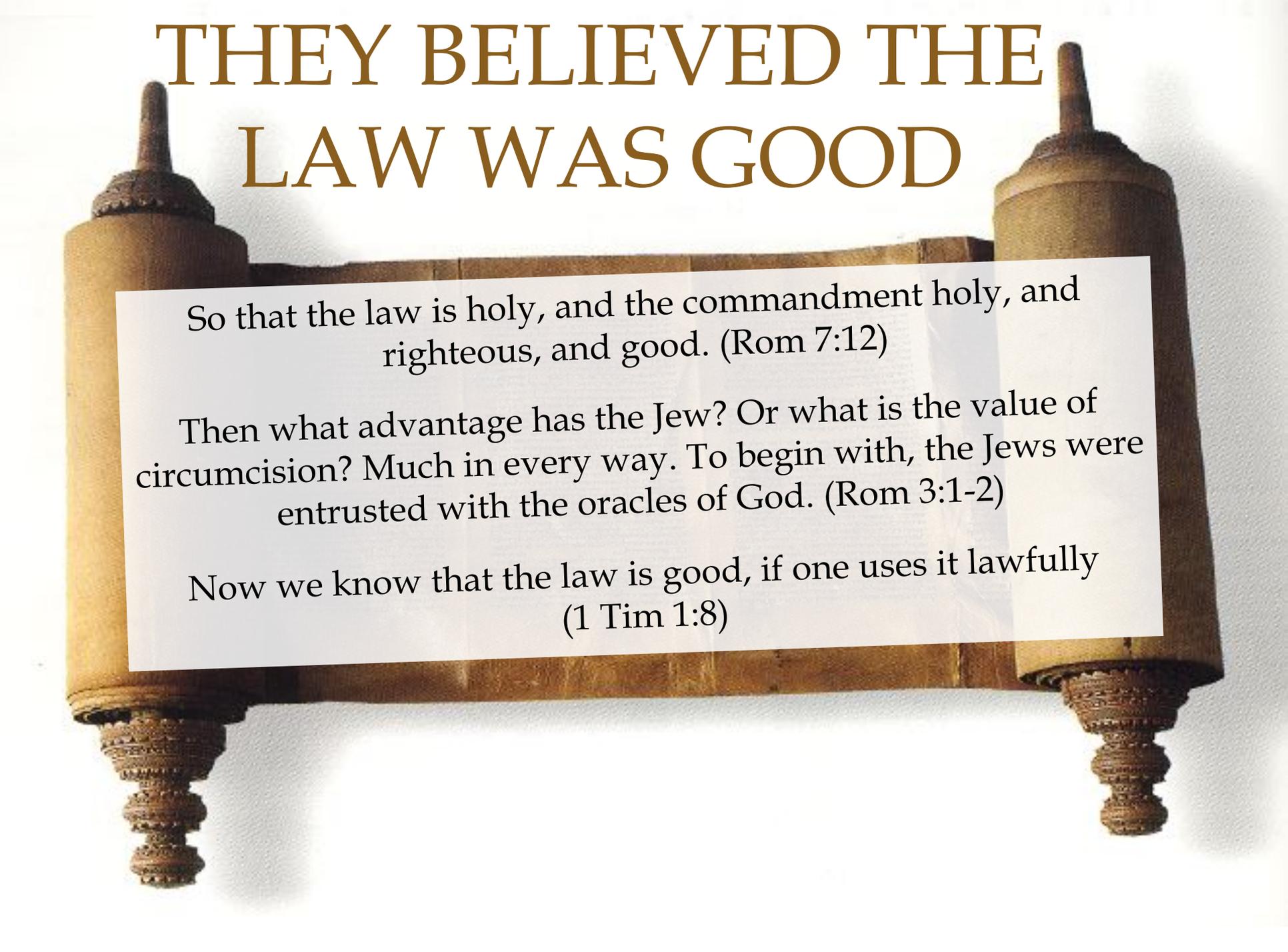


WHAT DID  
JESUS AND HIS APOSTLES  
THINK OF THE  
OLD TESTAMENT?

# THEY BELIEVED THE LAW WAS GOOD



So that the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and righteous, and good. (Rom 7:12)

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. (Rom 3:1-2)

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully  
(1 Tim 1:8)

# BUT THEY WERE ALSO DISCOURAGED BY THAT SAME LAW

Now therefore why make you trial of God, that you should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? (Acts 15:10)

## ROMANS 7

And I was alive apart from the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died; and the commandment, which was unto life, this I found to be unto death:

For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I know not: for not what I would, that do I practice; but what I hate, that I do.

For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practice.

For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death?

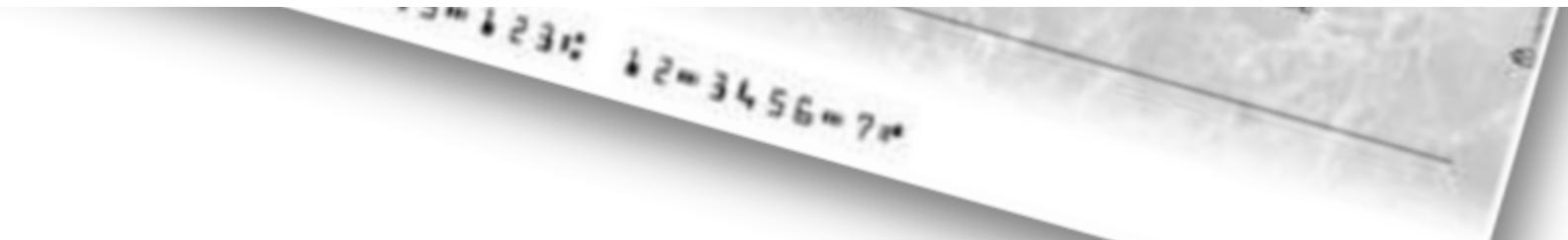
# THEY ALSO TAUGHT THAT THE LAW WAS INSUFFICIENT



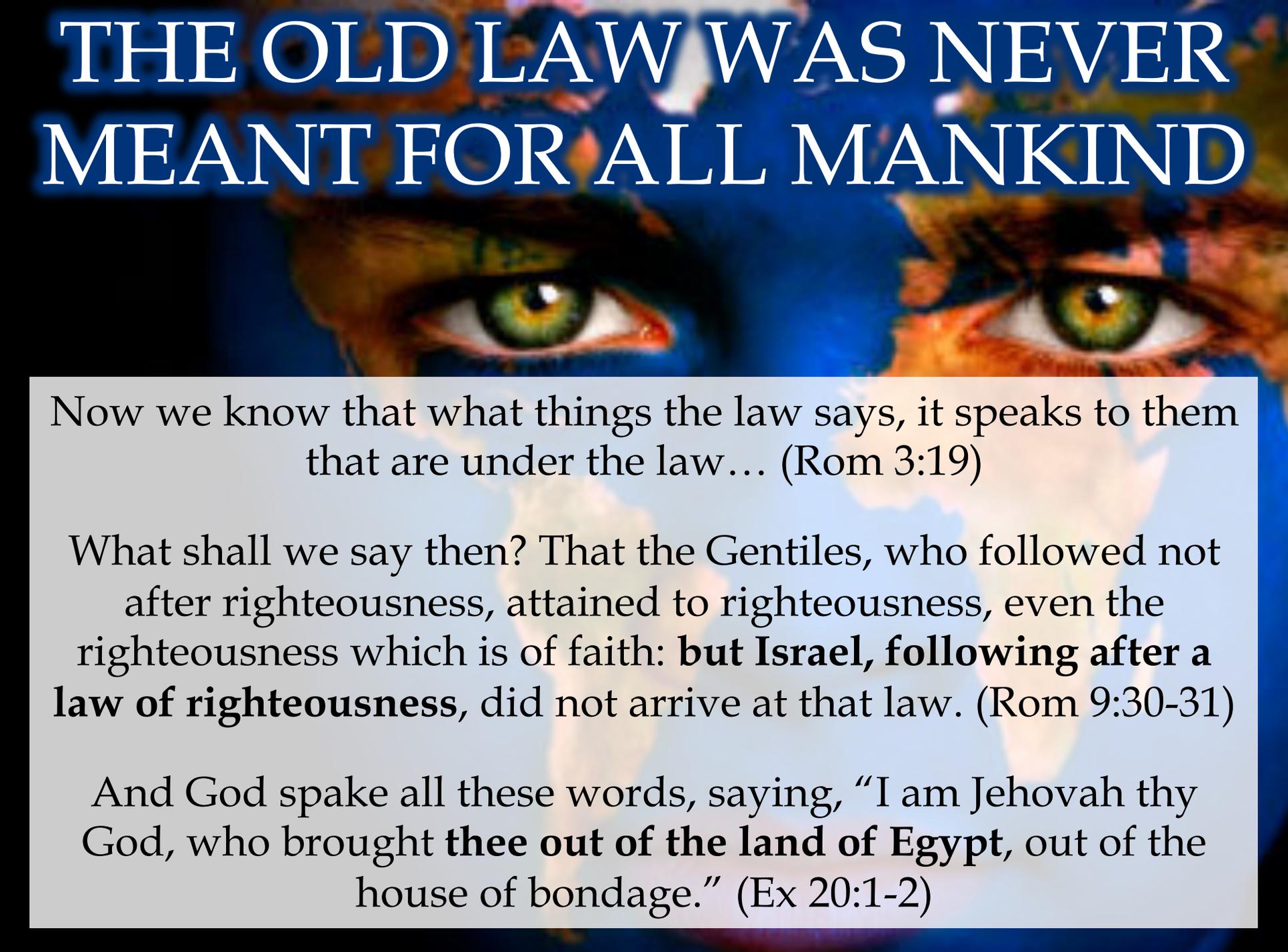
For what the law could not do, in that **it was weak** through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (Rom 8:3)

For the law **having a shadow** of the good things to come, not the very image of the things, **can never** with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, **make perfect** them that draw nigh. (Heb 10:1)

Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law. (Gal 3:21)



# THE OLD LAW WAS NEVER MEANT FOR ALL MANKIND



Now we know that what things the law says, it speaks to them that are under the law... (Rom 3:19)

What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who followed not after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith: **but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.** (Rom 9:30-31)

And God spake all these words, saying, "I am Jehovah thy God, who brought **thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**" (Ex 20:1-2)

# WHAT THE LAW WAS MISSING WAS JESUS

For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believeth.  
(Rom 10:4)

Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. (Matt 5:17-18)

So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the rudiments of the world: but when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, **born under the law, that He might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.** (Gal 4:3-5)

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (Rom 8:2-4)

# THE OLD LAW DIDN'T MAKE CHRISTIANS

(Gal 3:24-28)

But the scriptures shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. **But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law**, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

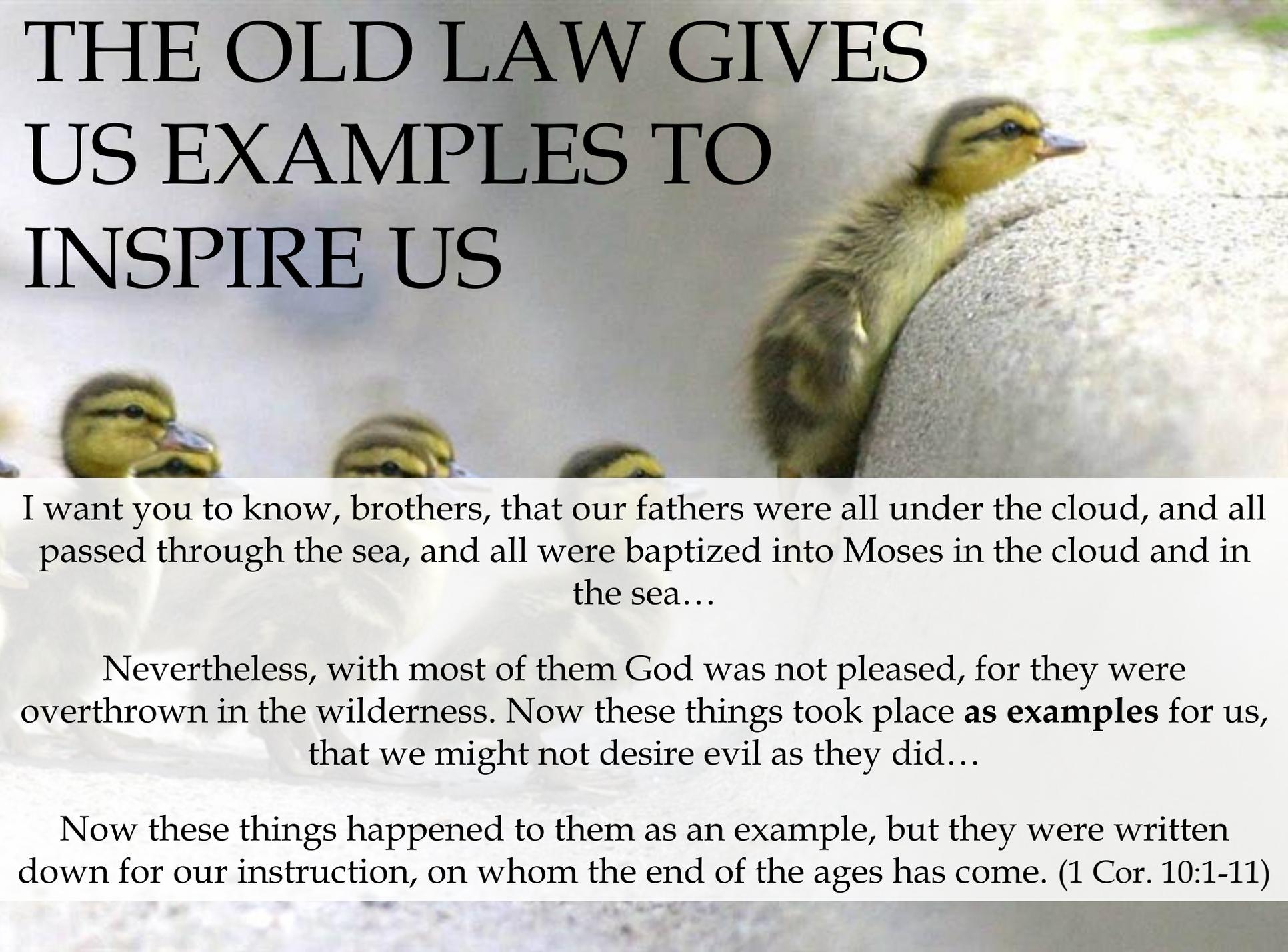
So that the law is become our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

But now that faith is come, **we are no longer under a tutor.**

For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.

**There can be neither Jew nor Greek**, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one man in Christ Jesus.

# THE OLD LAW GIVES US EXAMPLES TO INSPIRE US

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I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea...

Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place **as examples** for us, that we might not desire evil as they did...

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor. 10:1-11)

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