

Noahide Laws –

**Are They
Commandments
From Yahovah?**

Have you ever approached a teaching or a subject thinking a certain way and then on further analysis determine something entirely the opposite?

So it is with me and the Noahide Laws.

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A set of imperatives which, according to the Talmud, were given by God as a binding set of laws for the "children of Noah" – that is, all of humanity.

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Also called:

Noachian laws

Seven Laws of Noah

Seven Commands for Noah's Sons

(Hebrew: שבע מצוות בני נח *Sheva*

Mitzvot B'nei Noach)

What are Noahide Laws?

A formal set of laws given to all humanity (all the sons of Noah) comes from the Talmud and is therefore extra-biblical.

What are Noahide Laws?

The Talmud is a "Jewish collection of teachings, laws, and interpretations based on the Old Testament Torah.

It has two parts, the Mishnah (written down oral Torah) and the Gemera. (Rabbinical analysis of and commentary on the Mishnah").

What are Noahide Laws?

The seven Noahide Laws are not explicitly listed in the Bible. Instead, they are derived according to the Talmud's interpretation of Genesis 2:16 given to Adam, and Genesis 9:4-6 given to Noah.

What are Noahide Laws?

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

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Genesis 9:4-6

⁴ “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. ⁶ “Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

What are Noahide Laws?

Other than the command to fill and subdue the earth and the prohibition against eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 1:28; 2:17), nowhere does the Bible record what laws God may have given Adam.

Their Significance

They attempt to extend God's saving grace outside the realm of Judaism so that non-Jews will also have a share in the world to come (in so far as they follow the Noahide Laws).

The Laws

Not to worship idols.

Not to curse God.

To establish courts of justice.

Not to commit murder.

Not to commit adultery or sexual immorality.

Not to steal.

Not to eat flesh torn from a living animal.

The Laws

According to Jewish tradition, the first six of these seven laws were given to Adam in the Garden of Eden (the sixth law, to not eat live animals, was extraneous, since Adam did not eat animals). When God established His covenant with Noah, He added the seventh.

The Laws

Each of the seven Noahide Laws is seen as a summary of more detailed laws, about 211 total.

The Laws

Blasphemy

Do not curse God

Worship and pray to the true God alone

Do not use God's name in vain

To believe in the singularity of God (Monotheism)

No witchcraft, soothsayers, or conjurers

No sorcerers, mediums, or wizardry

No demonology or necromancy

The Laws

Murder

Against murdering anyone

Self-defense is permitted

No suicide

No Moloch worship (infant sacrifice)

The Laws

Theft

Do not steal

Do not rob

Do not overcharge

Do not kidnap

Do not move a landmark

Do not use false weights and measurements

Do not covet

The Laws

Sexual Immorality

No incest

No bestiality

No homosexuality

Formal legal marriages

No adultery

No sodomy

Not to crossbreed animals

No castration

The Laws

Eating flesh of living animals

Prevention of animal cruelty

Do not eat an animal while it is alive

**Do not eat the flesh of an animal torn by a wild
animal**

Not to eat or drink blood

The Laws

Justice Laws

Against bribery

Against favoritism

Against condemning the innocent

Administer the death penalty

Treat people equally before the law

To establish courts and a system of justice

No false oaths

The Laws

Idolatry

Must worship God alone

No idols or statues

Do not bow before any statues or idols

Do not offer sacrifices before any statues or idols

To pray to Yahovah

To offer ritual sacrifices only to Yahovah

**Yeshua cannot be worshipped since it is considered
blasphemy**

The Laws

Since all modern humans are descendants of Noah, the name Noahide Laws referred to the laws that apply to all of humanity

Noahide Laws & Christians

The Talmud states: "Righteous people of all nations have a share in the world to come". Any non-Jew who lives according to these laws is regarded as one of "the righteous among the Gentiles".

Noahide Laws & Christians

According to Judaism, a Gentile does not have to follow the Mosaic Law; however, all Gentiles are obliged to follow the Noahide Laws.

The laws given to Noah's children are universally binding.

Noahide Laws & Christians

A non-Jew who abides by the Noahide Laws is considered a “righteous Gentile,” according to Judaism, and will earn a reward in the afterlife, *if* his obedience is coupled with a knowledge that the laws come from God.

A “righteous Gentile” might also be called a “Hasidic Gentile” or simply a “Noahide.”

Noahide Laws & Christians

Rabbinic Judaism has never adjudicated any cases under Noahide law, Jewish scholars disagree about whether Noahide law is a functional part of Halakha ("Jewish law").

Noahide Laws & Christians

In recent years, the term "Noahide" has come to refer to non-Jews who strive to live in accord with the seven Noahide Laws; the terms "observant Noahide" or "Torah-centered Noahides" would be more precise but these are infrequently used.

Noahide Laws & Christians

The rainbow, referring to the Noahide or First Covenant (Genesis 9), is the symbol of many organized Noahide groups, following Genesis 9:12–17.

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

Proselytism is the act of attempting to convert people to another religion or opinion.

The word proselyte denoted a Gentile who was considering conversion to Judaism.

The word proselytism originally referred to Early Christianity and the voluntary conversion to be a follower of Yahshua.

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

A non-Jew who keeps the Noahide Law in all its details is said to attain the same spiritual and moral level as Israel's own *Kohen Gadol* (high priest)

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

While Jewish law does not prohibit proselytization, it does not call for a world of Jewish converts, either.

The traditional messianic vision, as articulated in the Book of Isaiah, is of a world at peace in which everyone acknowledges one God, even if all do not adopt Judaism.

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

To various modern theologians the Noahide laws represent the inclusive nature of Judaism because they affirm the equality of Jews and non-Jews. To other intellectuals these seven laws represent natural law which are accessible to all through intellect and do not require revelation.

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

According to Acts, Paul began working along the traditional Jewish line of proselytizing in the various synagogues where the proselytes of the gate and the Jews met.

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

Only because Paul failed to win the Jews to his views, encountered strong opposition and persecution from them, did he turn to the Gentile world after their acceptance of the Noachian laws (Acts 15:1–31).

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

The Apostolic Decree recorded in Acts 15 is commonly seen as a parallel to Noahide Law; [29] that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

As an ancient moral code, the Noahide Laws have been a major influence in many cultures.

In 1991, both houses of Congress passed a bill, signed into law by President George H. W. Bush, that declared the Noahide Laws to be “the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization” and the “ethical values and principles . . . upon which our great Nation was founded” (H.J.RES.104.ENR).

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

According to some, this Congressional Act potentially gives the Jews the legal right to imprison and condemn to death Christians as “idol worshippers” according to the 1st Article of the Noahide Laws which considers the worship of Jesus Christ as “idolatry” for worshipping a “false god”

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

Indeed, the ancient Jewish Sanhedrin that condemned Yahshua to death was recently reinstated in Israel. The newly-instituted Sanhedrin wasted no time in giving themselves governance over the Gentiles concerning the Noahide Laws.

Many claim we must all do everything in our power to stop the Anti Christian Jews with their Noahide Laws now before it's too late!

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

The bottom line is that this ultimately means the international imposition of the Noahide Laws by Jews. These Noahide Laws, which potentially can condemn Christians to death, will be governed by the Zionists who are given ownership over these laws by both the Vatican and the US Government.

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

**Under the Talmud's Noahide Laws,
the worship of Yahshua is
forbidden under penalty of death,
since such worship is condemned
by Judaism as idolatry**

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

Judaism holds that Gentiles (*goyim*; "non-Jews," literally "nations") are not obligated to adhere to all the laws of the Torah (indeed, they are forbidden to fulfill some laws, such as the keeping of the Sabbath in the exact same manner as Israel). Rabbinic Judaism and its modern-day descendants discourage proselytization.

Noahide Laws & Proselytizing

The Noahide Laws are regarded as the way through which non-Jews can have a direct and meaningful relationship with Yahovah, or at least comply with the minimal requirements of civilization and of divine law.

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No, not as a definitive list, and they are certainly not associated with either Noah or Adam.

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Yes, the basic seven laws are congruent with the Old Testament.

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**For the most part, they represent
moral and equitable ways to live.**

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**No, it is important to note that we are
not saved by rule-keeping; God
requires faith in His Son (John 3:18)
and obedience of the Torah.**

Should We Follow Noahide Laws?

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