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Pharaoh's magicians could hardly be described as worshippers of JEHOVAH, yet they recognized the working of HIS mighty power as they told Pharaoh that this plague of lice, (which they could not duplicate through their slight of hand) was indeed the work of "ELOHIM" (i.e. the SUPREME GOD), Yet because the LORD had hardened Pharaoh's heart, he paid no heed to their warning. They said this was the "finger" of GOD. This is an interesting description and we see the "finger of GOD" mentioned several other times in the scriptures.

One of these is found when the LORD gave the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. *"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."* *"And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God;"* Lest any man should think that Moses sat down with a hammer and chisel (as depicted by some artists) to write this law from his own imagination, he reiterates that this Code is that which came directly from the hand of GOD.

Regardless of this fact; men did then, and continue now, to despise that which GOD wrote with HIS finger. *"Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law."* In this we see the fact, that though this law inscribed in tables of stone was indeed most glorious, it was never intended for any other purpose than to reveal the sinful nature of men. *"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."*

Thus, we are brought to see another time when the LORD wrote with HIS finger for the same purpose. The Pharisees brought a woman taken in the very act of adultery and cast her at the feet of the LORD JESUS. They did this, not because they loved the law, but because they wished to lay a snare for the LORD. They rightly spoke the law (as many modern Pharisee's do), as they pointed out the dire consequences which the law demanded. *"Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not."*

Much speculation has been made as to what HE wrote there, but the scriptures do not give us any indication as to what it was. But it is clear what the ultimate result of that which HE spoke and wrote was. *"So, when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground."* One by one, we see them slinking away, smitten in conscience and perhaps somewhat angry that they had been beaten at their own game. The Law is designed for condemnation and all who are confronted by it, by that which is written in the heart, by the "finger of GOD"; taste the bitterness of their own sin.

Paul experienced this same thing. *"For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me."* While he lived the life of a "Pharisee of the Pharisees", he thought that he had a high regard to the law, as he pressed its demands upon others, and took pride in his own keeping of it (according to his weak understanding). Yet when the LORD brought to him a clear understanding (i.e.; "when the commandment came") he was broken and ashamed by it.

Jeremiah records the promise of GOD unto those whom HE loves, *"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people---for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."* (This is a most glorious "writing" which is performed, only, by the "finger of GOD", as the LORD told Nicodemus, *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* This is the work of GOD which no man can perform and thankfully no man can prevent. Have you known this writing with the "FINGER of GOD," which is CHRIST? Ye must be born again.

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