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- **Exodus 7:10-12:** "And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods."

The magicians of Egypt were able to use enchantments to turn water into blood. (In other words, they were able to **copy** the miracle that Aaron did.)

- **Exodus 7:19-22:** "And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river;

and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said."

The magicians of Egypt were able to use enchantments to bring up frogs. (In other words, they were able to **copy** the miracle that Aaron did.)

- **Exodus 8:5-7:** "And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt."

The magicians of Egypt were unable to use their enchantments to **copy** the plague of lice. (It seems that after this point they stopped trying to copy God's miracles.)

- **Exodus 8:18-19:** "And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said."

Moses wrote a **copy** of all the commandments and judgments that God gave him. This was separate from the law which God personally wrote on the tablets of stone, since it was written *before* those stone tablets were created.

- **Exodus 24:4:** "And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel."
- **Exodus 24:12:** "And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them."

God forbade the Israelites from **copying** any of the abominable customs of the Canaanites. (The Israelites didn't obey this command.)

- **Leviticus 18:24-25, 30:** "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. ... Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God."
- **Deuteronomy 18:9:** "When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations."

The Israelites were forbidden from seeking to learn how the nations of Canaan worshiped their false gods, and then **copying** their example. (The Israelites didn't obey this command.)

- **Deuteronomy 12:30:** "Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be

destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise."

Under the Mosaic Law, the Israelites weren't allowed to **copy** the pagan mourning practices of those around them. Instead God restricted what they could do when it came to mourning for the dead.

- **Deuteronomy 14:1:** "Ye are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead."

In ancient times, groves of trees were used as places of pagan worship. The Israelites weren't allowed to **copy** that practice when they worshiped God. (The Israelites didn't obey this command.)

- **Deuteronomy 16:21:** "Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee."

God expected the priests and Levites to have a **copy** of the Mosaic Law, to share with whoever needed it. (Yet there still came a day when they lost it, and it wasn't rediscovered until Josiah repaired the temple.)

- **Deuteronomy 17:18:** "And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:"

Under the Mosaic Law, when the king of Israel sat upon the throne of his kingdom, he was required to write for himself a **copy** of the entire Mosaic Law. (There's no indication that *any* king of Israel or Judah ever did this.)

- **Deuteronomy 17:14, 18:** "When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; ... And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:"

The reason the king of Israel was required to write his own **copy** of the entire Mosaic Law was so that he would learn to fear God, obey all of His commands, and not lift himself up above his people.

- **Deuteronomy 17:18-20:** "And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel."

On mount Ebal, Joshua wrote upon stones a **copy** of the law of Moses.

- **Joshua 8:30, 32:** "Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord

God of Israel in mount Ebal, ... And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel."

When Jehoiada brought out Joash to anoint him as king over Judah, he gave him "the testimony". (This seems to have been a **copy** of the Mosaic Law.)

- **2 Kings 11:12:** "And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king."
- **2 Chronicles 23:11:** "Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king."

When the Israelites burned incense in the high places, they were **copying** the heathen who God cast out of the land.

- **2 Kings 17:11:** "And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:"

Jehoshaphat didn't **copy** the wickedness of the Israelites (who worshiped the golden calves).

- **2 Chronicles 17:3-4:** "And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel."

When Ahaz burned his children alive as human sacrifices to idols, he was **copying** the practice of the pagans who used to live in the land.

- **2 Chronicles 28:1-3:** "Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord, like David his father: For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel."

During the reign of Josiah, Hilkiah found a **copy** of the Mosaic Law in the temple (while the building was being repaired). He then gave it to Shaphan, who brought it to Josiah. (It seems the priests and Levites managed to *lose the Mosaic Law* over the years. Even though they were required to keep the Law close, they utterly failed to do that.)

- **2 Chronicles 34:15-16:** "And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it."

Ezra 5 includes a **copy** of the letter that Tatnai and his companions sent to Darius about the construction of the second temple.

- **Ezra 5:7:** "They sent a letter unto him, wherein was

written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace."

Ezra had a **copy** of the law of God.

- **Ezra 7:12, 14:** "Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. ... Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand;"

After King Ahasuerus gave Haman permission to pursue a campaign of genocide against the Jews, a **copy** of that commandment was published to everyone in every province.

- **Esther 3:8-9, 11, 14:** "And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. ... And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. ... The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day."

Mordecai gave a **copy** of the king's proclamation to Hatach, so he could show Esther that Haman was planning on killing all

of the Jews throughout the kingdom.

- **Esther 4:8:** "Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people."

After Haman was killed, a **copy** of the proclamation that the Jews were allowed to defend themselves against their enemies was published to everyone in every province.

- **Esther 8:10-13:** "And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies."

We must not **copy** any of the ways of oppressors.

- **Proverbs 3:31:** "Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways."

The proverbs of Solomon that are found in Proverbs 25 were **copied** by men who worked for King Hezekiah.

- **Proverbs 25:1:** "These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out."

God commanded His people to not **copy** the pagans.

- **Jeremiah 10:2:** "Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them."

God was the first one to issue a mark on the forehead of His followers. (The devil is going to **copy** this in the tribulation period, when he will put the mark of the beast on the forehead of his worshipers.)

- **Ezekiel 9:4:** "And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

God commanded Judah to not **copy** the sinful behavior of Israel.

- **Hosea 4:15-16:** "Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth."

We must not **copy** the way that pagans pray to God.

- **Matthew 6:7-8:** "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

When Jesus was in the synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath day, He was given a **copy** of the book of Isaiah.

- **Luke 4:16-17:** "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,"

God the Father and God the Son do the same things. The Son **copies** the Father.

- **John 5:19:** "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."

When Jesus brings people to life, He's **copying** what He saw God the Father do.

- **John 5:21:** "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will."

The man from Ethiopia had a **copy** of the book of Isaiah.

- **Acts 8:27-28:** "And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet."

In the past the Corinthian church had helped someone, and their zeal motivated other churches to **copy** their example.

- **2 Corinthians 9:2:** "For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many."

The tabernacle that Moses made (when Israel was in the wilderness) was a **copy** of something that was Heavenly.

- **Hebrews 8:5:** "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

Jesus said that He would kill Jezebel's children. (This seems to refer to those who **copied** her example and committed the same sins that she did.)

- **Revelation 2:20-23:** "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to

repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."

The miracles which will be done by the false prophet during the tribulation era seem to be a poor **copy** of the miracles that were done by the two witnesses (who will ascend into Heaven before the antichrist is resurrected). Although the false prophet will be able to make fire come down from the sky, the two witnesses will do much more than that.

- **Revelation 13:11-14:** "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."