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Before the Flood, some animals were already considered clean and others were considered unclean. That concept wasn't **introduced** by the Mosaic Law, but was already in place before the Flood.

- **Genesis 7:8-9:** "Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah."

Because Jeroboam **introduced** idolatry to Israel and commanded the people to worship the golden calves instead of God, the Lord decided to utterly destroy the house of Jeroboam.

- **1 Kings 13:34:** "And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth."

The reason God was going to utterly destroy the entire house of Ahab was because Ahab made Israel sin (by **introducing** them to Baal worship, which was even worse than the worship of the golden calves).

- **1 Kings 21:22:** "And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith

thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin."

Manasseh caused the people of Judah to sin by **introducing** them to idolatry.

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Those who **introduce** others to idolatry are causing them to sin (which is extremely wicked in the sight of God).

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During the reign of Jeroboam (the king who **introduced** the worship of the golden calves to Israel), God killed 500,000 Israelites for worshiping the golden calves. (The Lord did this by giving military victory to Jeroboam's enemies.)

- **2 Chronicles 13:17:** "And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men."

It's better to be poor than rich, if those riches make the quality of your life worse by **introducing** strife into your life.

- **Proverbs 25:24:** "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house."

When Daniel went before Nebuchadnezzar to interpret his dream, it seems the king didn't know who he was. Since Arioch had to **introduce** Daniel (and only referred to him as "one of the captives of Judah"), this may have been the first time Daniel spoke directly with Nebuchadnezzar.

- **Daniel 2:25:** "Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation."

The person who **introduced** Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) to the apostles was Barnabas.

- **Acts 9:26-27:** "And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus."

The apostles only accepted Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) after Barnabas **introduced** him to them and explained what had happened.

- **Acts 9:28:** "And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem."

After Festus **introduced** Paul, King Agrippa told Paul that he was permitted to speak for himself. (In other words, Paul was allowed to defend himself to the king.)

- **Acts 26:1:** "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:"

There was no death before the fall of mankind. Death wasn't part of God's original creation, but was something Adam **introduced** into the world when he sinned.

- **1 Corinthians 15:21-22:** "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

In Paul's **introduction** to Philemon he referred to himself as a prisoner, not an apostle. He was emphasizing the fact that he lacked freedom (just like Philemon's slave Onesimus.)

- **Philemon 1:1:** "Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,"

When Peter **introduced** himself in his first epistle, the first thing he said was that he was a servant of Christ. He listed that before his apostleship.

- **2 Peter 1:1:** "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:"

In Jude's epistle he **introduced** himself as humbly as possible. (He didn't mention the fact that besides being the brother of James, he was also the half-brother of Jesus.)

- **Jude 1:1:** "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:"

From the moment the mark of the beast is **introduced** to the world during the tribulation era, it's better to be dead than alive. This is because those who are alive in those days will be tempted to commit a sin that's *unforgivable*, while those who are dead are safe from that temptation and can find rest.

- **Revelation 14:9-13:** "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."