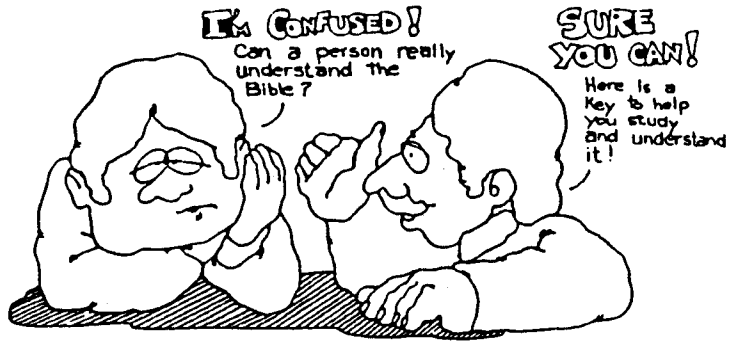


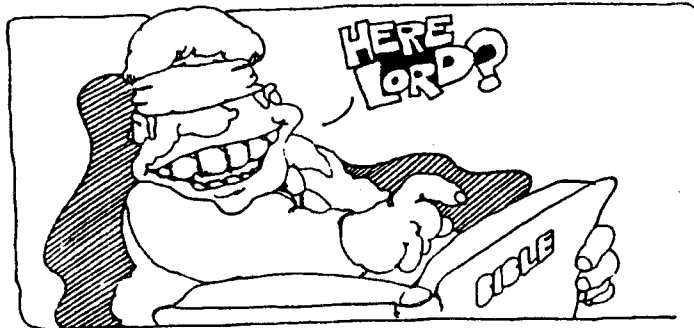
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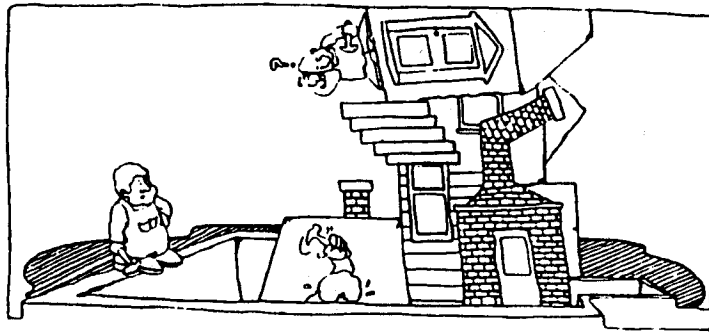



MOST PEOPLE STUDY THE BIBLE JUST "HIT AND MISS"

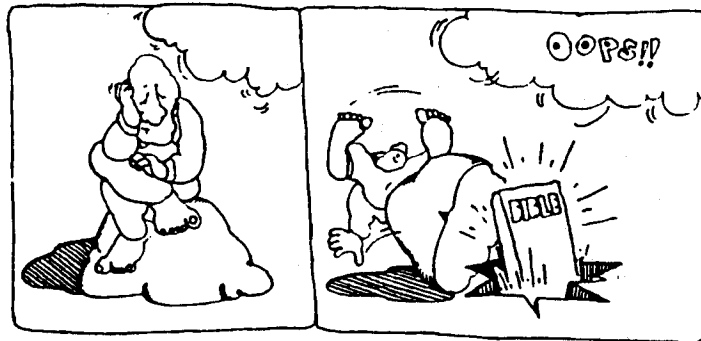
They think they can pick a verse with their eyes closed and God will guide them.



THAT IS JUST LIKE
BUILDING A HOUSE
WITHOUT A PLAN!
THE RESULT IS **CONFUSION!**



"BUT" 
The Bible didn't come to us by accident...
AND
it's not understood by accident.



THE BIBLE IS THE REVELATION
OF GOD'S CAREFULLY DESIGNED
PLANS FOR THE AGES...



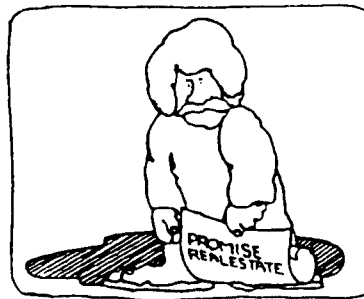
RECOGNIZING HIS PLANS
MAKES THE BIBLE
A
WHOLE NEW BOOK



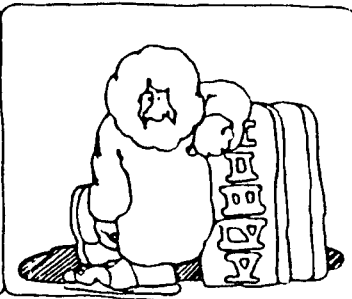
HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN SEARCHING OUT GOD'S PLANS!

God has spoken at different times
through different men (Hebrews 1:1,2).

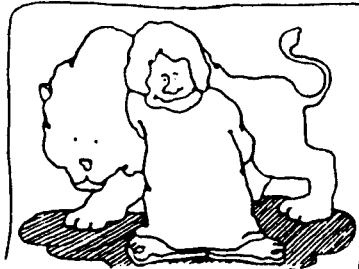
ABRAHAM



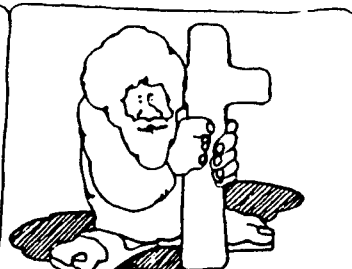
MOSES



DANIEL



PAUL



GOD HAS REQUIRED

**DIFFERENT
THINGS**

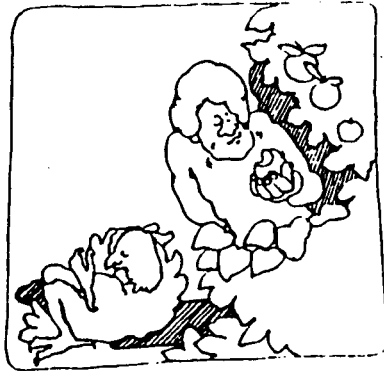
AT

**DIFFERENT
TIMES**

Take dietary laws,
for example.

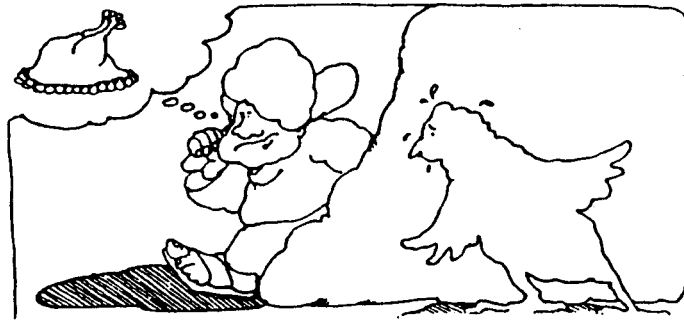
**DURING
ADAM'S
TIME** --- Gen. 1:29

Only herbs
and fruit
were allowed;
no meat.



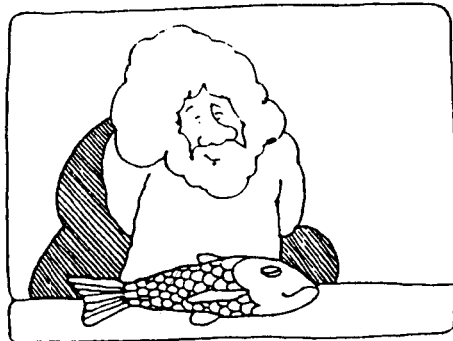
**AFTER THE
FLOOD IN
NOAH'S TIME...**

Any kind of
meat was
allowed. Gen. 9:3,4



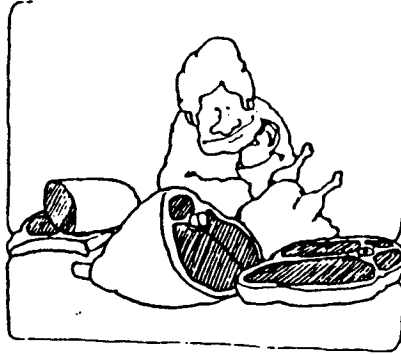
**DURING
MOSES'
TIME**

and under
The law -- Lev. 11
only certain
kinds of meat.



**DURING
OUR
TIME**

I Tim. 4:48
For
Every
Creature
of
God
is
Good,



You are saying
that a person must
determine which
commands God has
given for any
particular period
of time!

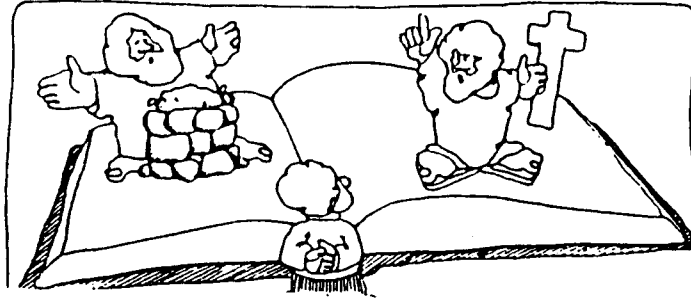
EXACTLY!

It is also
important to
know God's
messenger
for that
time

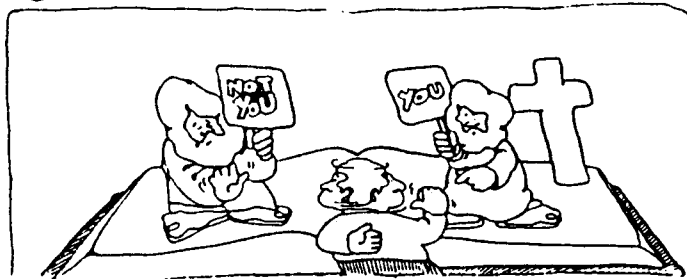
**I FOUND THE FOLLOWING GUIDE
A REAL HELP WHEN STUDYING
THE BIBLE:**

CONSIDER **WHO**
WHOM
WHAT
WHEN

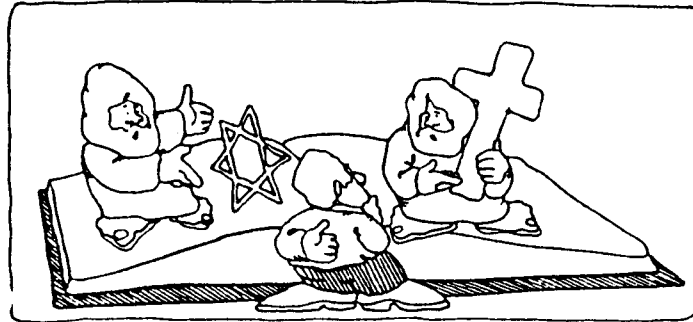
CONSIDER WHO is speaking.



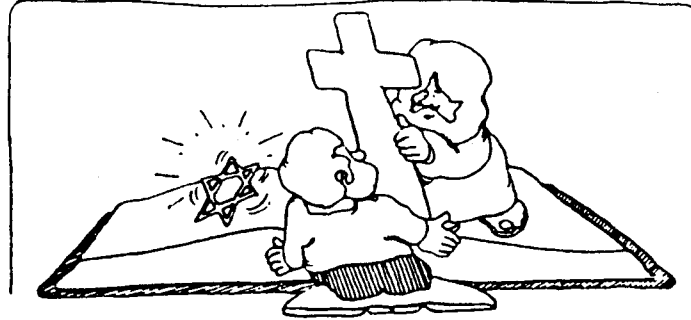
CONSIDER to **WHOM** he is speaking.



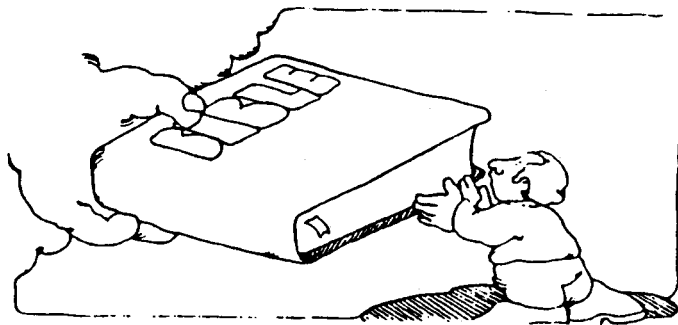
CONSIDER WHAT he is speaking about.



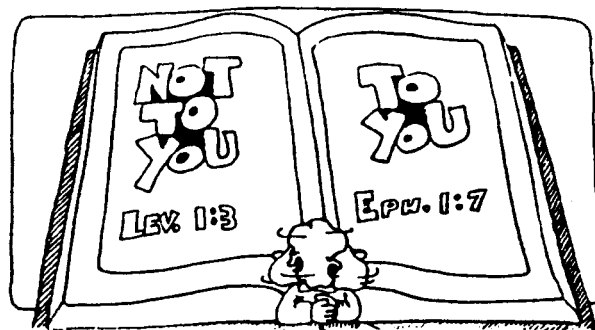
CONSIDER WHEN it was spoken.



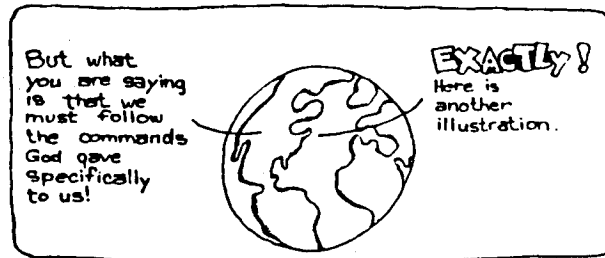
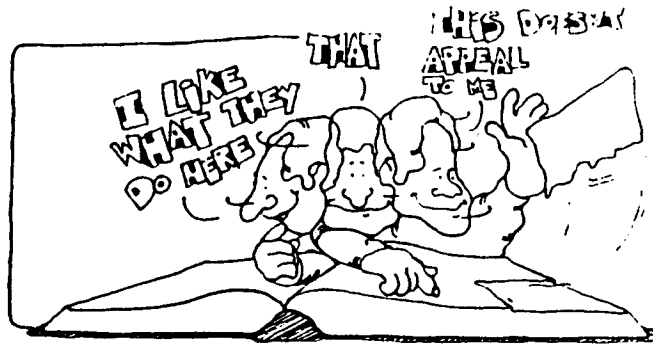
REMEMBERING --
THE WHOLE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN
"FOR"
"YOU"



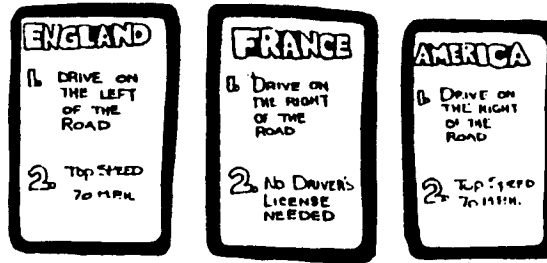
"BUT"
NOT ALL OF IT WAS WRITTEN
DIRECTLY
"TO"
"YOU"



**SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY
CAN JUST PICK WHAT
APPEALS TO THEM.**

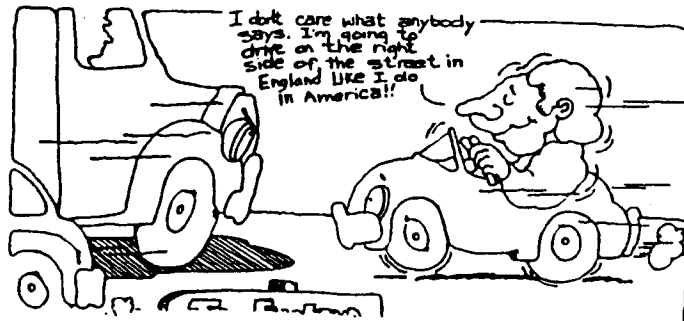


**SUPPOSE WE HAVE
THREE DIFFERENT
SETS OF LAWS.**



THEY ARE SIMILAR IN SOME PARTS
BUT VERY DIFFERENT IN OTHER PARTS

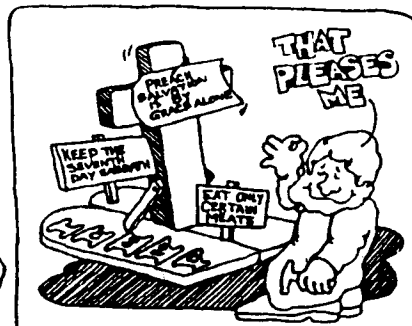
AN AMERICAN CANNOT
CHOOSE SOME ENGLISH
SOME FRENCH
SOME AMERICAN LAWS
AND THEN DRIVE
AS HE PLEASES.



So the Christian cannot choose parts of God's commands to others and mix them with commands given to him to please himself...

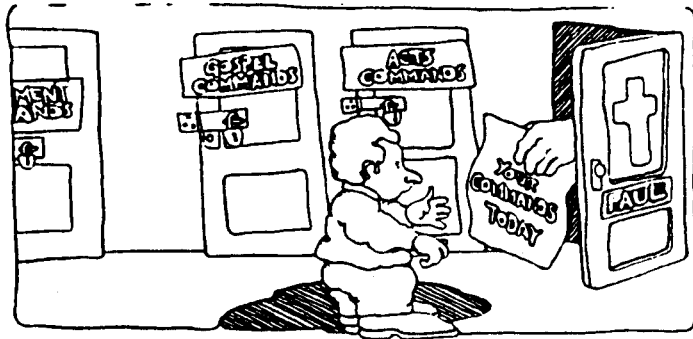
RESULTS!!

CONFUSION



WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW

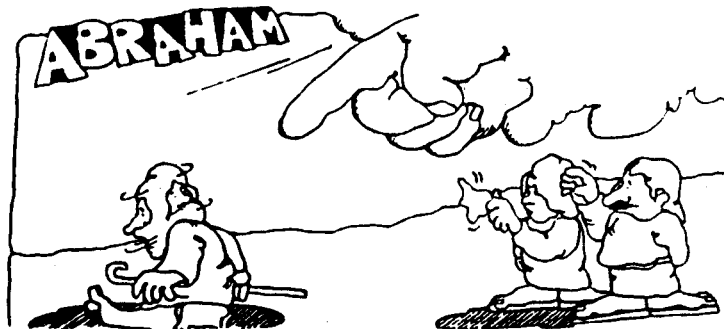
1. What scriptural commands belong to us.
2. Follow them without mixing them with others.



UNDER THE KINGDOM PROGRAM

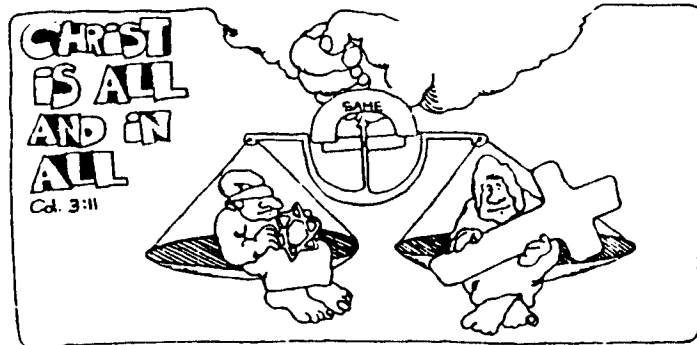
The Jews are God's chosen people
and the Gentiles are to be saved
through Israel's blessing.

Gen. 12:1-9



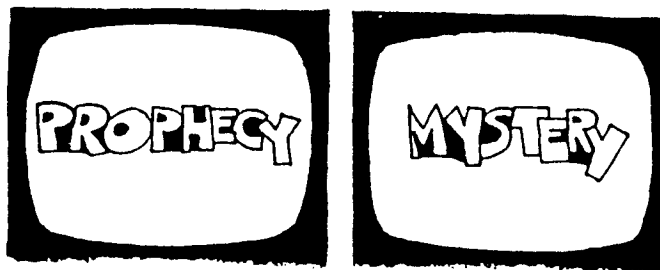
UNDER THE BODY OF CHRIST PROGRAM

There is no national difference. God
receives all people on the same basis...
Jew, Gentile, bond, or free in one body
Col. 3:11



IN ORDER TO KNOW WHAT
COMMANDS BELONG TO
US, WE NEED TO DISTINGUISH
BETWEEN...

GOD'S TWO MAJOR PROGRAMS



CONCERNING THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL



Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
Acts 3:21

GOD'S SECRET CONCERNING THE BODY OF CHRIST



Now to Him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began...
Romans 16:25

SO, THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE IS TO REALIZE THAT...

Although all of it is written

FOR US

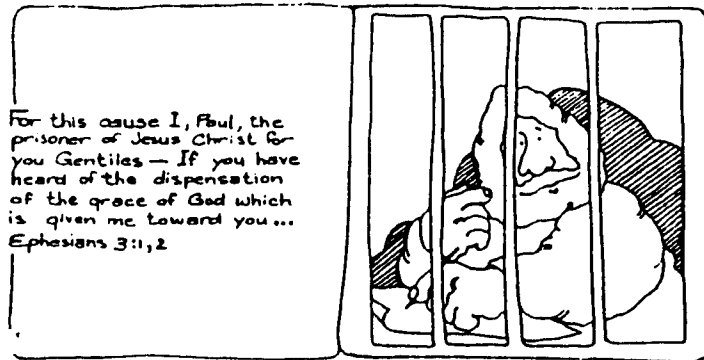
it is not all written directly

TO US

God's commands and instruction for the Church, the Body of Christ, are found in ... Paul's Epistles

THE MESSAGE FOR THE CHURCH TODAY IS

The preaching of Jesus Christ,
According to the Revelation of
the Mystery! Rom. 16:25



For this cause I, Paul, the
 prisoner of Jesus Christ for
 you Gentiles — If you have
 heard of the dispensation
 of the grace of God which
 is given me toward you...
 Ephesians 3:1,2

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST?

YES!

If the answer is yes, then you must
 be sure you search out what God
 has in His word written directly
 to you!

NO!

If the answer is no, won't you bow
 your head and receive Christ
 as your personal Saviour.

Lord Jesus, I thank you for your love and for dying in my
 place on the cross. I know that I am a sinner and I receive
 you now as my personal Saviour.

Where to Look in the Bible...

- When you need rest and peace,
read Matthew 11:25-30.
- When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
- When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
- When you need peace of mind,
read John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-8.
- When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
- When you grow bitter or critical,
read 1 Corinthians 13.
- When you have sinned, read Psalm 51; 1 John 1.
- When you are discouraged, read Psalm 34.
- When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
- When the world seems bigger than God,
read Psalm 90.
- When in sickness, read Psalm 41.
- When you feel sorrowful,
read John 14; Psalm 46.
- When in danger, read Psalm 91.
- When you want courage, read Joshua 1:1-9.
- When you need assurance, read Romans 8.
- When you forget your blessings,
read Psalm 103.
- When looking for joy, read Colossians 3.
- When you leave home to travel, read Psalm 121.
- When you think of investments,
read Mark 10:17-31.
- When you need guidelines for living,
read Matthew 5-7; Romans 12.
- When you need rules of conduct,
read Exodus 20:1-17.
- When you need to know God's will for your life,
read Proverbs 3:1-6.