



# Kabbalah In The Wilderness

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## What is the Mosaic Law?

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This topic is one of the most misunderstood even by religions leaders. Its role and purpose is not well understood and that has left the door open for misunderstanding and misinterpretation. We will explore that here.

To help us create a context there are a few passages I would like to discuss. Firstly, Exodus 4:22 "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh: Thus saith the LORD: Israel is My son, My first-born." "Israel is my son" in Hebrew is B'nai Yisrael which means my son Israel. The entire community of Israel is thought of in the singular as "my son". Israel collectively is a person.

Secondly, In Exodus 19, we find that the application of law is very time consuming and as such it is wearing out Moshe and the people. Yethro (Jethro) advises Moshe that there is a better way to implement a judicial system that will not wear out the people and Moshe. Yethro presents that system. This in effect prepares the people for the Ten Commandments given in chapter 20 as well as the next 603 Commands in the remainder of the Torah. To give a little more support for this thinking, the Ten Commandments is actually a table of contents for the remaining 603 Commands. Thus a corpus of law is being developed.

It should be noted that the Torah and Commandments are actually a constitution for B'nai Israel.

Thus we should be able to see that the 613 commands are actually communal commandments, not private commandments. Israel the community received the 613 so that the community can function as a unit in peace and harmony as an example for the world.

Before the commandments, mankind on a personal level, was righteous because of his/her pursuit of the Creator. This is a prerequisite to joining Israel's community. If such a walk is not pursued or is matured then joining Israel is not to be accomplished. However, once it has matured then one is free to join Israel and take on the yoke of Mosaic law with the community. The community is responsible to carry out the Mosaic law collectively. However, I must emphasize, the Mosaic law does not make an individual righteous.



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The personal pursuit of the Creator and the Mosaic law are two separate activities. They are to be executed in that order. Once one joins the community then both are to be executed but in that order (personal walk and Mosaic law).

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