The Tithe Low-Down

Get the inside scoop to improve your understanding of monetary tithing



What is the Biblical Contextual Definition of Tithing?



A tithe is defined as a tenth or tenth part

The strict biblical definition of tithe related to context and exegesis as it relates to the law is in Leviticus 27:30-33. Abram's tithe was spoils of war (the choicest of goods) that came from the heap of the first fruits. This pre-law tithe is a custom only.



Leviticus describes the contents of God's approved tithe

Leviticus describes God's holy tithe in context as "every tithe of the land," "seed of the land" "fruit of the tree" "herds" "flocks" and every tenth animal. Leviticus does not describe money as a tithe.



The Hebrew word for tithe defines its contents as non-monetary

The tithe in Hebrew is ma'aser is a commandment in the Torah that requires giving one tenth of agricultural produce to charity. Remember, Leviticus included every tenth animal as a tithe also. Hebrew scholar Josephus described tithing as everything eatable.



The tithe belonged to Levites not pastors or churches

Levites received the tithe because God gave it to them as an inheritance to work the temple. They ate part of the tithe that was not used for a sin offering. Levites were not called to the ministry, they were birthed into the ministry. To co-op another person's tithe inheritance and change it to money is actually robbing God.



A monetary tithe custom called Ma'aser Kesafim

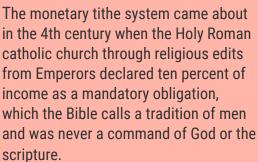
There is a Jewish custom/Rabbinical command of money tithing. It obligates only a Jew to give ten percent of their income to the poor not the church or synagogue. This happened because society switched from an agricultural economy to a commerce based economy, and Jews wanted to ensure the poor would still receive help now that the agricultural tithe was gone. This is a custom not a biblical command.

God's Tithe In Hebrew Means Maaser



Tithe is Translated to Mean Crops and Livestock of

Tithing is not monetary. Tithing comes from land based eatible items.





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