

## Is the Old Covenant Valid?

In any discussion regarding God's Word and its application in our lives, it is important to differentiate between God's Word and the traditions of men. Why is this important? Because when men follow the traditions of men instead of the Word of God they make the Word of God null and void in their life. *Mark 7:7-8 (KJ2000) But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such things you do. Matthew 15:8-9 (KJ2000) These people draw near unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

*Note: There were no languages that had a "J" in them until around 1500 AD. There was no such name as Jesus in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. The Son of God is believed to have had the Hebrew name Yeshua. I have chosen to use Jesus in this document, although I am more comfortable with the name Yeshua, to make what is already a challenging read, more easily digested for those who may not yet be comfortable with the Jewishness of our Messiah.*

There are a few questions that are very helpful in determining the difference between scripture and traditions.

- **What did Jesus teach?**
- **Did Jesus and the apostles teach from the scriptures?**
- **What scriptures did Jesus and the apostles use to teach from?**
- **Based on what the scriptures said, did any of the Jewish people who knew the scriptures believe that Jesus was the Messiah?**
- **What does Deuteronomy 12:28 through 13:5 say?**
- **Was Jesus Torah observant?**
- **Forget what someone may have told you, what does scripture say?**
- **How did Moses receive the law (Torah)?**
- **Who is the Word of God?**
- **How many paths are there to God's plan of salvation?**
- **What is this new covenant?**

These and other questions are answered by scripture in the following documentation.

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Our traditions become so ingrained in our belief system that it is difficult for us to lay the traditions down. *John 6:61-66 (KJ2000)* When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, **Does this offend you?** What if you shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who would betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time **many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.**

### WHAT DID JESUS TEACH?

The error in the time of Jesus came from the traditions of men. *Matthew 15:8-9 (KJ2000)* These people draw near unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. *Mark 7:6-8 (KJ2000)* He answered and said unto them, Well has Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such things you do. *Mark 7:13 (KJ2000)* Making the word of God of no effect through your tradition, which you have delivered: and many such things do you. Many of the Jewish beliefs were established based on what man taught rather than what the written Word of God actually said. Two thousand years later with traditions born of paganism and transferred through Catholicism to protestant Christian denominations, we have man-made traditions so engrained in our belief systems that we never question their origins. If we choose to be loosed of these traditions, like bank tellers seeking to identify counterfeit money, we must study the real thing. Interestingly, by studying the counterfeits, you can never identify the false. Only by studying the Truth are the deceits revealed.

### DID JESUS AND THE APOSTLES TEACH FROM THE SCRIPTURES?

**Jesus and the apostles used the scriptures to convince people to believe.** Not only did they convert the people of their day using the scriptures, they taught from the scriptures. *Matthew 22:29 (KJ2000)* Jesus answered and said unto them, You do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. *Luke 24:27 (KJ2000)* And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. *Luke 24:32 (KJ2000)* And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? *Luke 24:45 (KJ2000)* Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, *Acts 17:2 (KJ2000)* And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, *Romans 1:2 (KJ2000)* (Which he had promised before by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) *Romans 16:26 (KJ2000)* But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the

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*prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (KJ2000) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 2 Peter 1:20 (KJ2000) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of one's own interpretation. 2 Peter 3:16 (KJ2000) As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable twist, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

### **WHAT SCRIPTURES DID JESUS AND THE APOSTLES USE TO TEACH FROM?**

**The only scriptures that existed during the time of Jesus and the apostles were the Tanach (the Torah and the Writings and the Prophets – what we know of today as **the Old Testament**).** Only one book of the New Testament is believed to have been written as a letter prior to 50 AD. Nearly all of the New Testament was written after 55 AD and prior to 100 AD. The New Testament was not canonized as scripture until the late 300 AD.

### **BASED ON WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAID, DID ANY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE SCRIPTURES BELIEVE THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH?**

Many thousands of Jews believed. *Acts 2:41 (KJ2000) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Acts 4:4 (KJ2000) But many of them who heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. Acts 6:7 (KJ2000) And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. Acts 21:20 (KJ2000) And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, **You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who believe; and they are all zealous of the law:***

**Notice from the last scripture that the Jews who believed based on the scriptures were devout observers of the Torah (the Law).**

**Until Peter is sent to Cornelius all the believers were Jewish. Even after that it is a considerable time until an apostle goes to the nations to spread the Gospel.** Paul is consenting to the stoning of Stephen in chapter 7 and 8 of Acts. He is not sent to the nations until chapter 13 of Acts. We can calculate from Galatians chapters 1 and 2 and Acts chapters 13 through 15, that it is a minimum of 3 years after the stoning of Stephen and more likely 14 to 17 years after the stoning of Stephen that Paul began a full time ministry to the Gentiles. *Romans 1:16 (KJ2000) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

**Why was it important that Ananias be a Torah observant Jew?** *Acts 22:12 (KJ2000) And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews who dwelt*

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*there, Deuteronomy 13:3 (KJ2000) You shall not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. As a scripturally knowledgeable, Torah observant, Jew, Paul would not have believed anyone that was not Torah observant. If you doubt it, read Deuteronomy 12:28 through 13:5, referenced later.*

**Did the First Century Bereans believe after searching the scriptures? Acts 17:10-12 (KJ2000) And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming there went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women who were Greeks, and of men, not a few. Do you think the Bereans would have looked at scriptures like Deuteronomy chapters 12 and 13? .**

### WHAT DOES DEUTERONOMY 12:28 THROUGH 13:5 SAY?

**The scriptures required that you ignore the teaching of anyone who was not Torah observant or taught others to not observe the Torah (the Law). Deuteronomy 12:28-32 (KJ2000) Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God. When the LORD your God shall cut off the nations from before you, where you go to possess them, and you displace them, and dwell in their land; **Take heed to yourself that you are not snared by following them, after they are destroyed from before you; and that you inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.** You shall not do so unto the LORD your God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hates, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods. **Whatsoever thing I command you, observe to do it: you shall not add thereto, nor take away from it.** Deuteronomy 13:1-5 (KJ2000) If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke unto you, and he says, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them; You shall not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he has spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust you out of the way which the LORD your God commanded you to walk in. So shall you put the evil away from the midst of you.**

- **Jesus and the apostles taught from the Old Testament and convinced God fearing, Torah observant Jews that Jesus was (and is) the Messiah. Had Jesus and the**

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**apostles not been Torah observant and were not teaching Torah observance, the scriptures they taught from would prove Jesus could not be the Messiah. Therefore Jesus and the apostles had to be Torah observant and teaching Torah observance.**

### **WAS JESUS TORAH OBSERVANT?**

**Jesus was and is without sin.** *Isaiah 53:9 (KJ2000) And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJ2000) For he has made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 1 John 3:5 (KJ2000) And you know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Hebrews 4:15 (KJ2000) For we have not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; but was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin.*

**Sin is the transgression of the law (Torah).** *1 John 3:4 (KJ2000) Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. Isaiah 53:8 (KJ2000) He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 1 Samuel 15:24 (KJ2000) And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and your words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.*

Two important truths are established through scripture. The plan of salvation was established even before the creation of the world. If sin is the violation of Torah and Jesus is without sin, Jesus could never violate the torah (I John 3:4).

- **Jesus never violated Torah.**

I have heard many preachers and teachers that claimed Jesus did not keep the Torah, but scripture says that He had to keep the Torah perfectly. Jesus had to fulfill the Torah- to fill it up fully, keeping it perfectly without even the desire to violate one precept. Remember the beatitudes of Matthew Chapter 5? The desire to commit adultery is the same as committing adultery.

### **FORGET WHAT SOMEONE MAY HAVE TOLD YOU, WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY?**

The errant teachings we have today are due to remnant deceptions from Catholicism and our lack of understanding of the purpose of Torah. Do we not follow the pagan holidays of Christmas, Easter, and now Halloween? Show me where God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob commanded the believer to observe even one of those. Let us now expound upon what scripture says is the truth.

**Scripture proves Paul is Torah observant as a believer and teacher, even after his ministry to the nations** (around 59 AD). *Acts 21:24,26 (KJ2000) Them take, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those*

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*things, of which they were informed concerning you, are nothing; but that you yourself also walk orderly, and keep the law. Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to announce the accomplishment of the days of purification, until an offering should be offered for every one of them.*

**Paul's teachings were being misconstrued very early in Christian history.** *Acts 21:20-21, 23-24 (KJ2000) And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who believe; and they are all zealous of the law: And they are informed of you, that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. Do therefore this that we say to you: We have four men who have a vow on themselves; Them take, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses, that they may shave their heads: **and all may know that those things, of which they were informed concerning you, are nothing; but that you yourself also walk orderly, and keep the law.** 2 Peter 3:15-16 (KJ2000) And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him has written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are **some things hard to be understood**, which they that are unlearned and unstable **twist**, as they do also the other scriptures, **unto their own destruction.***

Regardless what some theologian may say a scripture means, those that wrote and spoke them were Torah observant and never taught others to be otherwise, as testified by scripture. To teach different, according to the scriptures Jesus and the apostles used, is to teach errant doctrine.

To teach covenants made by God and declared by God to be everlasting can be annulled, is to say the covenant you now claim may be temporary and God may change His mind again and make the current covenant null and void. The believer's salvation would be in jeopardy. To say God made a mistake or changed is in conflict with scripture and makes YHVH no God at all.

**God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He does not change.** *Malachi 3:6 (KJ2000) For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed. James 1:17 (KJ2000) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Numbers 23:19 (KJ2000) God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good? 1 Samuel 15:29 (KJ2000) And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for He is not a man, that He should repent.*

**Jesus was with God from before time began.** *John 1:1 (KJ2000) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Ephesians 3:9 (KJ2000) And to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: John 8:58 (KJ2000) Jesus said unto them,*

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*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Colossians 1:17 (KJ2000) And he is before all things, and by him all things are held together.*

**Jesus the Son and God the Father are in perfect unity.** Their thoughts are one. The Son does only what He sees the Father has directed. *John 17:21 (KJ2000) That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 10:30 (KJ2000) I and my Father are one. 1 John 5:7 (KJ2000) For there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. John 5:19 (KJ2000) Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise. John 8:28 (KJ2000) Then said Jesus unto them, When you have lifted up the Son of man, then shall you know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things.*

**All things that were(are) created were(are) created through Jesus (the Son).** *Colossians 1:16 (KJ2000) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: John 1:3 (KJ2000) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. Psalms 33:6 (KJ2000) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*

**The plan of salvation was established before the creation of the earth and Jesus was ordained to be the perfect sacrifice.** *1 Peter 1:19-20 (KJ2000) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Ephesians 1:4 (KJ2000) According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Titus 1:2 (KJ2000) In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the ages began; Revelation 13:8 (KJ2000) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

**Jesus is the same throughout eternity and doesn't change.** *Hebrews 13:8 (KJ2000) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Revelation 1:8 (KJ2000) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, says the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.*

**To summarize what has been established to this point by scripture:**

- God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He does not change.
- Jesus was with God from before time began.
- Jesus the Son and God the Father are in perfect unity.
- All things that were(are) created were(are) created through Jesus (the Son).

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- The plan of salvation was established before the creation of the earth and Jesus was ordained to be the perfect sacrifice.
- Jesus is the same throughout eternity and doesn't change.
- Jesus was (is) without sin.
- Sin is the transgression of the law (Torah).

Scripture exposes the deceptive teaching that Jesus violated Torah, as a tradition of man. Let us explore another deception that scripture will expose.

*Acts 21:21 (KJ2000) And they are informed of you, that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. Acts 21:23-24 (KJ2000) Do therefore this that we say to you: We have four men who have a vow on themselves; Them take, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses, that they may shave their heads: and all may know **that those things, of which they were informed concerning you, are nothing; but that you yourself also walk orderly, and keep the law.***

This scripture passage describes James, the brother of Jesus and the head elder of all the believers in the Way, speaking to Paul. James is instructing Paul to participate in the Torah prescribed ritual of a Nazarite vow to prove Paul's practice of Torah observance. Why? That all of the many thousands of Torah observant Jews who believed in Jesus as the Messiah, would know the rumor the Judaizers were spreading about Paul was untrue. What was the false rumor? The false rumor was that Paul taught the Jews who were among the Gentiles to forsake the Torah. What was the truth? The truth, as stated in scripture, is that Paul did not teach that the Torah should be abandoned and that Paul himself kept the Torah. Paul willingly participated in a Torah ritual that includes an animal sacrifice to prove the rumor false. The Nazarite vow that Paul was participating (apparently between 58 and 60 AD) included an animal sacrifice in the Temple. (For the requirements of the Nazarite vow, refer to Numbers 6: 2-21.)

The scriptures reviewed to this point have revealed two traditions of men that are in disagreement with the Word of God. The Truth is:

- **Jesus never violated Torah.**
- **Paul did not teach the Torah should be abandoned and that Paul himself kept the Torah.**

Another tradition that is being taught is that God made a covenant and then annulled the covenant He made and put another in its place.

*Genesis 9:16 (KJ2000) And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. Genesis 17:7 (KJ2000) And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you in their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be a God*

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unto you, and to your descendants after you. Genesis 17:13 (KJ2000) He that is born in your house, and he that is bought with your money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an **everlasting covenant**. Leviticus 24:8 (KJ2000) Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an **everlasting covenant**. Exodus 31:17 (KJ2000) It is a **sign** between me and the children of Israel **forever**: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. Exodus 31:16 (KJ2000) Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to **observe the Sabbath** throughout their generations, for a **perpetual covenant**. Leviticus 3:17 (KJ2000) It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you eat neither fat nor blood. Deuteronomy 4:40 (KJ2000) You shall **keep therefore His statutes, and His commandments**, which I command you this day, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days upon the earth, which the LORD your God gives you, **forever**. Deuteronomy 29:29 (KJ2000) The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but **those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever**, that we may **do all the words of this law**. Leviticus 3:17 (KJ2000) It shall be a **perpetual statute** for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you eat neither fat nor blood. Leviticus 23:21 (KJ2000) And you shall proclaim on the same day, that it may be a holy convocation unto you: you shall do no regular work on it: it shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. Leviticus 23:31 (KJ2000) You shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Galatians 3:15, 17 (KJ2000) Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; **Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannuls**, or adds thereto. - And this I say, **that the covenant**, that was confirmed before by God in Christ, **the law**, which was four hundred and thirty years after, **cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of no effect**. Hebrews 6:13-18 (KJ2000) For when God made a promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, **he swore by himself**, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. So God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise **the immutability of his counsel**, confirmed it by an oath: **That by two immutable things, in that it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: In Hebrews the scripture reveals that when God put Abraham to sleep to make the covenant He made the covenant with Himself that it (the covenant of salvation by faith) would never be annulled. Consider that the two immutable things were God the Father and the element of Himself that we understand as the pre-incarnate of the Son of God (the lamb that was slain before the foundations of the earth). These two things were eternal and unchanging. Since they are eternal and unchanging the covenant of promise will never go away. Just as heaven and earth were called as witness to the covenant of the Law of Moses (the Torah) that the Torah can never go away as long as God and heaven and earth exist.

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That king's orders sealed by the king, cannot be annulled as long as the king lives is a scripturally established truth. *Esther 8:8 (KJ2000) Write you also for the Jews, as it pleases you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse. Daniel 6:12, 14, 16 (KJ2000) Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree; have you not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any god or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which alters not. - Then the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him. - Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said unto Daniel, Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you.*

**Scripture documents that the law (the Torah) is perfect.** *Psalms 19:7-11 (KJ2000) The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

**What does the perfect law of God (Torah) provide?** *Deuteronomy 30:15-18 (KJ2000) See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command you this day to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that you may live and multiply: and the LORD your God shall bless you in the land where you go to possess it. But if your heart turns away, so that you will not hear, but shall be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I declare unto you this day, that you shall surely perish, and that you shall not prolong your days upon the land, which you pass over Jordan to go to possess.*

What does scripture say regarding the abolishment of the “old covenant” and the installation of the new in its place?

- **God said His covenants are eternal, forever, perpetual, everlasting.**
- **The Torah is made up of two parts (Life and Blessings –Curses and Death).**
- **Covenants made by a king cannot be annulled as long as the king lives (Books of Ester and Daniel).**
- **God the Father and Jesus the Son could these be the two immutable things that made the covenant of faith with Abraham that the covenant made with the children of Israel, through Moses, does not annul.**
- **The covenant established with the children of Israel through Moses established the promise of blessing and life, or curses and death.**

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- **The covenant that Jesus declares in Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24 and Luke 22:20 is the new covenant of the Torah being written in our hearts by the Spirit of God and provides the propitiation of the blood atonement for the curse of the Torah while not doing away with the promised blessings for those who are willing to willingly repent and submit by faith.**
- **Jesus' willing sacrifice (as the perfect lamb) without sin (spot or blemish) provides the provision of the promise of forgiveness by faith that was the covenant promise given Abraham to all who will receive it.**
- **The covenant given to Moses did not do away with the covenant given Abraham (Galatians 3:17).**

**What was the plan of salvation in the Old Testament?** *Genesis 15:6 (KJ2000) And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. Deuteronomy 32:20 (KJV) And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end [shall be]: for they [are] a very froward generation, children in whom [is] no faith. Habakkuk 2:4 (KJV) Behold, his soul [which] is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Romans 4:3-6 (KJ2000) For what says the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that works is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that works not, but believes on him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describes the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputes righteousness without works, Romans 4:20-25 (KJ2000) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification. Galatians 3:6-9 (KJ2000) Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know you therefore that they who are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed. So then they who are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. Psalms 106:31 (KJ2000) And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations forevermore. Romans 4:11 (KJ2000) And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: **Righteousness has been a product of faith throughout the Old Testament.***

**If being counted righteous was the product of faith in the Old Testament, what was the purpose of the law?** *Deuteronomy 30:15 (KJ2000) See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil; Deuteronomy 30:19 (KJ2000) I call heaven and earth as witness this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose*

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*life, that both you and your descendants may live: Leviticus 18:2-5 (KJ2000) Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. According to the practices in the land of Egypt, wherein you dwelt, shall you not do: and according to the practices of the land of Canaan, where I bring you, shall you not do: neither shall you walk in their ordinances. You shall do my ordinances, and keep my statutes, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.* The instructions given by God, that we commonly refer to as the law or Torah, are given that we can distinguish between “**life and good, and death and evil**” and choose the good “**which if a man do, he shall live in them**”. *Galatians 3:12 (KJ2000) And the law is not of faith: but, The man that does them shall live in them.*

### **HOW DID MOSES RECEIVE THE LAW (TORAH)?**

*Leviticus 18:1 (KJ2000) And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, Moses received the Torah from God through God’s spoken Word.*

### **WHO IS THE WORD OF GOD?**

*John 1:14 (KJ2000) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:1 (KJ2000) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:3 (KJ2000) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. Genesis 1:26 (KJ2000) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. **Jesus is the Word of God.***

### **HOW MANY PATHS ARE THERE TO GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION?**

**There is beginning to arise a teaching of one path for Jews and one for Gentiles. This teaching is in direct opposition to scripture.** *John 14:6 (KJ2000) Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me. Acts 4:12 (KJ2000) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved. Romans 1:16 (KJ2000) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 11:17 (KJ2000) And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them partake of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Romans 11:23 (KJ2000) And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 1 Corinthians 12:13 (KJ2000) For by one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Galatians 3:28 (KJ2000) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Matthew 7:13-14 (KJ2000) Enter in at the*

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*narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in there: Because narrow is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.*

**One Law** *Leviticus 24:22 (KJ2000) You shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God. Numbers 15:16 (KJ2000) One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourns with you.*

### WHAT IS THIS NEW COVENANT?

*Luke 24:44 (KJ2000) And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*

**What was written in the prophets concerning the new covenant and Jesus?** *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (KJ2000) Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; my covenant which they broke, although I was a husband unto them, says the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says the LORD, I will put my law (Torah) in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, says the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

Hopefully this will help people understand the Adamic, Abrahamic, Noahidic, Mosaic and the New Covenant of Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (where God will write the words of the Mosaic covenant on our heart instead of on stone) are all presently in effect and none is done away with.

Just as the coming covenant of everlasting peace will not void the atoning sacrifice of Jesus ‘the atoning sacrifice of Jesus did not void the need to repent and willingly submit to do God’s will for no other reason than to be pleasing unto God.

**There are two parts to the Law of Moses. The first the Blessings and the second the Curses. The atoning sacrifice of Jesus paid our debt for the Curses we had brought upon ourselves by doing the things that brought curses so that through submission and joyful willing obedience we may live in the blessing promised by the Law of Moses given to him by the Word of God as an everlasting covenant.**

**With this understanding, the errant teachings passed to us through paganism about the writings in the New Testament can be reviewed and clarified otherwise *some things hard to***

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*be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable twist, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

Shalom