

# **In Defense of Biblical Christianity**

## **Article 11**

### **The Hebrew Roots Heresy**

A Paper

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This apologetic paper is the eleventh of a series of articles called ‘In Defense of Biblical Christianity.’ I will be challenging false doctrines that have infiltrated, subverted, and perverted the truth of Biblical Christianity.

## Apologetic Preface

The Hebrew Roots Movement is a heretical religious movement that mandates Christian observance of the Torah. These groups identify as Torah-keepers, Torah-observant Christians and Messianic Christians.

Foundational to their theology is that Jesus did not abolish the Torah, meaning the 613 laws of Moses. They maintain that Christians must keep the following:

- 1) The Law of Circumcision.
- 2) The 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath
- 3) The 7 Feasts of the Lord (Passovers, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, The Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Booths.
- 4) The Food laws.
- 5) All morally applicable Laws.

I have dialogued with these people online, and they adamantly believe that those who don't keep the Law and the Sabbath are heretics. The Hebrew Roots theology is a perversion of the Christian faith, so it must be defeated.

### I intend to prove this from the scriptures.

My polemic against the Hebrew Roots heresy and my apologetic in defence of Biblical Christianity will include the following:

- 1) **Messianic Judaism**- We are not under Rabbinic Judaism; we are under Messianic Judaism. Jesus is our lawgiver and great high priest, not under Moses and Aaron.
- 2) **Circumcision and the Law**- Spiritual circumcision has replaced Abraham's covenant of circumcision, so we are not required to be circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.
- 3) **Dietary Restrictions**- Christians are not required to follow Jewish food law.
- 4) **Eight-Day Theology**- Christians live in the 8th day, awaiting consummation at the second coming.
- 5) **Torah Violations**- No one can keep the Mosaic Law even if they want to.
- 6) **Torah Observance Refuted**- The Mosaic Law cannot be kept without the Sacrificial and Temple systems.
- 7) **Covenant Replacement**- God promised a New Covenant to replace the Old Covenant. (**Jer 31:31-34, Eze 36:24-28**). No one can be in two covenants at the same time.
- 8) **The Ministry of Death vs The Ministry of the Spirit**
- 9) **Abrogated Laws**- The New Covenant, with 1050 commands, has abrogated the Laws of Moses and has a higher standard of holiness than the 613 laws of Moses.
- 10) **Proof Texts Refuted**- (**Matt 5:17-20**) and (**John 14:15**) are misinterpreted.
- 11) **The Lord's Day**- Christians celebrate the Lord's Day and Communion, not the Sabbath.

All offensive and defensive arguments are drawn from the scriptures and supported by the writings of the early church fathers.

## Introduction

The New Testament makes it very clear that the Old Covenant is obsolete (**Heb 8:13**). *In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.*

This statement in Hebrews draws upon God's promise that he would make the Mosaic Covenant obsolete. **Heb 8:13** is the concluding commentary referencing (**Jer 31:32-35** and **Ezek 36:24-28**). **Heb 8:8-12** and **Heb 10:11-18** quote these promised covenantal passages from Jeremiah and Ezekiel, revealing God's fulfillment of his promises in Christ Jesus.

Do not be deceived. If you believe you are obligated to keep the Torah, you are calling God a liar. He promised to make the first covenant obsolete, and you are denying his word. Paul says in **Rom 3:4**,... *God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar (KJV)*

I am going with Paul: I call those mandating Torah observance liars.

The New Testament also clarifies that we should not let people pass judgment on us for not keeping the ceremonial law or Sabbath. **Col 2:16-17** says, *Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.*

This is exactly what the Hebrew Roots theology does when they mandate Torah observance. They are passing judgment and teaching heresy.

This statement in Colossians is clear: let no one pass judgment regarding:

- 1) Food and Drink
- 2) A Festival
- 3) A New Moon
- 4) A Sabbath.

Paul explains that the Laws of Moses are but a shadow and the substance belongs to Christ.

I want to clarify my position before I delve into the deep theology. I am not saying we don't study and learn the Torah and the Old Testament. On the contrary, the greater our knowledge of the Old Testament, the better we will understand the New.

**2 Tim 3:16** says, *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* To this, I say amen.

There are 1045 references to the Old Testament in the New Testament. This is no accident; the theology of the New Covenant and the promises of Christ's coming are found there.

In the Old Testament, you will find 365 prophecies about the first coming of Christ. I teach the Book of Hebrews from cover to cover, and my research revealed that 135 direct quotes are referenced to the Old Testament.

The Hebrew Bible is called the Tanakh, which is an acronym for the Torah (Pentateuch), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Ketuvim (Writings)—a point of distinction. The Torah is the first 5 books of the Bible, and it includes far more than the laws of Moses. More about this later.

As Christians, we are adopted Jews; the Tanakh is for us as well. My deep study of the Tanakh has opened tremendous truth for me in the New Covenant. This background is necessary to understand the New Covenant. Not studying the Tanakh is likely the reason there are 43,000 protestant denominations.

Today, I reject numerous heresies that the modern church has taught me. These heresies are rooted in Old Testament illiteracy. As the argument advances, you will see the significance of understanding the Tanakh.

Two points of clarification. When I say Old Covenant, I am directly referencing the Covenant God made with the children of Israel through Moses. This is found in the Pentateuch, the Bible's first five books. When I say Old Testament, I mean the 66 books of the Tanakh, including the Pentateuch.

The argument begins.

## **The Argument**

### **1) Messianic Judaism**

Christians live under Messianic Judaism; we do not live under Rabbinic Judaism. This theology is clearly articulated in the New Covenant, especially in the Book of Hebrews.

The Book of Hebrews reveals Jesus' Messianic supremacy over everything, including the Torah. The author of Hebrews provides a historical, theological, and eschatological apologetic defending the revelation of Jesus Christ as our Apostle, Prophet, Great High Priest in the Heavens, The Son of God our King, the Heir of All Things, The Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, Our Mediator and Sacrifice, Judge, Sanctifier, Patriarch, Law and Spirit Giver, Lord and Savior, Covenant Keeper and Giver, and The Peace and Grace of God.

This entire book, from the first word to the last, proves that Christians do not keep the law of Moses. Let me share a few examples.

### **Heb 3:1-3 A Better Prophet**

*1Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. 3For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Jesus is our apostle (sent one); Moses was the (sent one) to Israel.
- 2) Jesus serves in the role of Moses to the church; he is our lawgiver.
- 3) Jesus serves in the role of Aaron as the high priest of our confession.
- 4) Jesus is declared to have more glory than Moses.
- 5) Jesus is a son, and Moses was a servant; Jesus receives higher honour.
- 6) Moses was a faithful servant, and Jesus is a faithful son.
- 7) Christians are Christ's house if we hold our confidence and hope in him

So here is the point: Christians belong to the household of Jesus; he is our Apostle and Priest. We keep his laws, not Moses, and receive atonement from him, not Aaron. Do not be deceived.

### **A New Priest and Law**

**Heb 7:11-12** says, *11Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? 12For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Perfection was not attainable through the Levitical priesthood.
- 2) Under the Levitical priesthood, they received the law.
- 3) The priest (Jesus) rose in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron.
- 4) The priesthood changed when Jesus was declared High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.
- 5) The law was changed when there was a change in priesthood.

So here is the point: Jesus is our high priest, and he changed the law, so how can a Christian be under the law of Moses that Jesus changed? Rudimentary logic proves Christians can't be under a law that Jesus abrogated. Do not be deceived.

### **Heb 8:1-7 A Better Covenant**

*1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a **high priest**, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2a minister in the holy places, **in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.** 3For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. 4Now if he were on earth, **he would not be a priest at all,** since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. 5They serve a **copy and shadow of the heavenly things.** For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make **everything according to the pattern** that was shown you on the mountain.” 6But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much **more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better,** since it is enacted on **better promises.** 7For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been **no occasion to look for a second.***

*Here Observe:*

- 1) Jesus is our High Priest; we do not go to a son of Aaron for atonement.
- 2) Jesus serves in the true tent in heaven, and Moses served in a man-made copy.
- 3) Jesus was not a priest on earth; his priesthood began in heaven.
- 4) Jesus' ministry is more excellent than Moses and Aaron's.
- 5) Jesus mediates a better covenant based on better promises.
- 6) The first covenant was faulty, so a new covenant had to be brought forward.

So here is the point: Moses and Aaron mediated the first covenant, and Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant. The second covenant replaces the first. If the first has been replaced, how can it be in effect? Do not be deceived.

### **Heb 10:1-2 Shadow Versus Reality**

The Old Covenant was a type and a shadow of the current reality. **Heb 10:1-2** says *For since the law has **but a shadow** of the good things to come instead of the **true form of these realities,** it **can never,** by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, **make perfect those who draw near.***

**Here Observe:**

- 1) The Old Covenant is a shadow; the New Covenant is the true reality.
- 2) The Old Covenant, through annual sacrifices, could not make anything perfect; Christ's sacrifice can make perfect those who draw near.

So here is the point: Christ has replaced the shadow (The Law of Moses) and can make perfect those who draw near; Moses never could. Do not be deceived.

Rudimentary logic reveals that you cannot simultaneously live in the shadow (the Old Covenant) and the reality (the New Covenant).

Right away, I anticipate that the Torah keepers will say, yes, Jesus replaced the ceremonial law, but we are still required to keep the rest of the Torah. Sorry, but your position is untenable. I draw your attention to our next text (**Heb 8:13**).

### ***Heb 8:13 The Old Covenant is Obsolete.***

**Heb 8:13** says- *By calling this covenant new, he has made the first one obsolete, and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The text does not say the ceremonial law is obsolete.
- 2) The text says the First Covenant is Obsolete; this includes:
  - i. The ceremonial law.
  - ii. The civil law.
  - iii. The moral law.

Yes, the word obsolete means obsolete. Our Messiah was born under the law to Redeem those under the law **Gal 4:4**.

Torah keepers have a serious problem. The priesthood and the law have changed, and the Old Covenant is obsolete. So, how can someone keep the Torah? Do not be deceived.

So here is the point: No one can be in two covenants simultaneously. A person must choose Jesus as their high priest, lord and lawgiver, or they must choose the Aaronic priesthood and the laws of Moses. They cannot be blended.

The argument is already over, but there is much more to discuss.

## **2) Circumcision and the Law**

Paul's teachings are critical in defending against the Hebrew Roots heresy that Christians are to be circumcised and keep the law of Moses. Paul is adamant about Christians not being circumcised. Let's look at Paul and his teachings.

Paul was a Pharisee. **Phil 3:5-6** says- *circumcised on the **eighth day**, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; *was to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.**

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Paul was circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day connecting to the covenant.
- 2) He kept the law as a Pharisee, which means strict adherence.
- 3) He persecuted the church for preaching Jesus, not Moses.
- 4) He declares himself righteous under the law, to be blameless.

He studied under Gamaliel, a great Jewish Law teacher (**Acts 22:3**), and was advancing beyond others of his age, being zealous for the traditions of my fathers (**Gal 1:14**).

Based on Paul's education, connections and leadership position, he should be the last person on earth to say that Christians should not be circumcised.

### ***Physical Circumcision is Apostasy***

Here is what Paul has to say about being circumcised in **Gal 5:2-4**: Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, **Christ will be no advantage to you**. *3*I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. *4*You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

#### ***Here Observe:***

- 1) What Pharisees on the planet in Paul's day would say you did not need to be circumcised.
- 2) If Christians are required to keep the law of Moses, why is Paul a Pharisee warning believers not to be circumcised because they would have to keep the law of Moses?
- 3) Why would a Pharisee not want Gentles to keep the Law of Moses?
- 4) Paul says if you are circumcised, you not only must keep the law but:
  - i. **You are severed from Christ.**
  - ii. **You have fallen away from grace.**

Based on the above text, how could anyone possibly believe that Christians are to keep the Torah and be circumcised? I restate Paul- if you are circumcised, you must keep the law of Moses; Christ will be of no value to you, and you have fallen from grace. Do not be deceived.

Let's apply some rudimentary logic: if Christians are expected to keep the law of Moses, why is Paul saying to them that if you allow yourself to be circumcised, you must keep the Torah?

Let's go a little deeper by examining the covenant of circumcision.

Abraham was given the covenant of circumcision before the law in **Gen 17:14**, which says, "Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant." Previously, in verse 10, it said the covenant was between me and your offspring.

This naturally carried into the Law of Moses because the covenant is with Abraham and his descendants. **Lev 12:3** says- and on the eighth day, the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. We just read that Paul was circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day per the law.

**Here, Observe** what we discovered in the above texts.

- 1) If you are not circumcised under the Law of Moses (The Old Covenant), you are cut off from the covenant. (**Gen 17:12**) You have broken the Covenant.
- 2) If you allow yourself to be circumcised in the New Covenant, you are cut off from grace and Christ. (**Gal 5:2-4**). You are out of the Covenant.

The Apostle Paul, as a scholar of the Old Covenant, certainly understood that the connection to keeping the Torah was circumcision. Keeping the Torah was for the Jews and proselytes who converted to Judaism. Proselytes in the Old Covenant, regardless of their age, had to be circumcised. (**Ex 12:48**).

Now, hear Paul's words in **1 Cor 7:18**, which says, *Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision.*

The Torah observers are telling Christians to be circumcised, and Paul is telling Christians not to be circumcised. May I suggest we go with Paul.

I will cut to the chase. Anyone who teaches that Christians are obligated to be circumcised is teaching heresy. By their confession, they have fallen from grace and are severed from Christ. (**Gal 5:2-4**).

In the name of Christ, I pray you do not separate yourself from Christ by believing the heresies of the Hebrew Roots movement.

Now, Paul's words in **Gal 5:7-12** *You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!* Those are my sentiments exactly.

### Here Observe:

- 1) The Galatians initially obeyed Paul and did not allow themselves to be circumcised.
- 2) Someone in the Galatian church was trying to persuade them to be circumcisions.
- 3) Paul says this heresy of being circumcised leavens the whole lump.
- 4) Paul is confident they will believe what he is saying and reject the person troubling them with this heresy.
- 5) Paul says he does not preach circumcision, evidenced by his being persecuted for not preaching circumcision.
- 6) Paul says if I preach circumcision, the offence of the cross has been removed. He is saying this because the preaching of the cross excludes circumcision.
- 7) Paul wishes the heretics would emasculate themselves.

Paul's theology could not be clearer; physical circumcision connects to the Mosaic Covenant, and no Christian is required to first convert to Judaism (be circumcised) before they convert to Christianity. This is what the Judaizers were saying and what Paul is fighting against.

As Paul said in **Gal 5:8**, *"This persuasion is not from him who called you."*

Paul's allusion here is to the spirit of the antichrist, which is anything contrary to Christ. These men, through fine-sounding arguments, assault the glorious gospel of Christ. I, like Paul, wish that they would emasculate themselves. I pray that their deception will not deceive you.

Paul clarifies what Christian circumcision is in **Rom 2:28-29** which says - *For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Christian circumcision is not physical.
- 2) Christian circumcision is of the heart and by the Spirit, not the letter.
- 3) Christians who have circumcised hearts are real Jews, and they receive praise from God.

Those teaching that Christians need to be circumcised do not understand the teaching of scripture.

Below, Paul tells us plainly how Christians are circumcised and who performs the task.

**Col 2:11-12** says, *In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Christian circumcision is not made with hands.
- 2) Christian circumcision is by Christ, not Moses.
- 3) Our circumcision occurs when we are buried with him in baptism, not cut with a knife.
- 4) We are raised with Christ by faith in the power of God to raise us from the dead.

Do not miss this connection! Baptism is Christian circumcision. Our rebirth is our connection to entering the Covenant. We become a new creation in Christ (**2 Cor 5:17**) when baptized, and this by the Father through Christ. So yes, Christians are circumcised by Christ when we are baptized; we are not circumcised into Moses.

I strongly advise you not to listen or adhere to Hebrew Roots theology. If you do, you are sealing your demise. I repeat, Paul says, if you allow yourself to be circumcised, you must keep the law of Moses; Christ is of no value to you, and you have fallen from grace. You will be out of the covenant and doomed to destruction.

Do not be deceived.

### **3) Food Laws**

It is very interesting that when you read the book of Galatians, you realize that food laws and circumcision are tied together in the argument.

In Galatians chapter two, we see Paul identified as the Apostle to the uncircumcised, the Gentiles (**Gal 2:7**), and Peter to the circumcised, the Jews. (**Gal 2:8**).

As the story is revealed in (**Gal 2:1-10**), Paul says false brothers had secretly slipped into the church and were trying to get the believers to be circumcised, which Paul says is trading freedom in Christ for slavery. He reveals that Titus, a Greek, was not forced to be circumcision.

A key statement in the text is verse 5- *to them, we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the **gospel might be preserved for you.***

So, Paul did not submit for a second because he defended the gospel against false brothers teaching circumcision.

Now, I will make the connection to food laws. Paul holds the gospel position and does not submit to allowing circumcision; however, his counterpart, the apostle to the Jews, Peter, fails the gospel and submits to the Judaizer regarding food laws.

In **Gal 2:11-13** Paul blasts Peter. Peter is eating with the Gentiles, and then the circumcision party from Jerusalem shows up, and Peter and the rest of the Jews pull back in fear. Paul calls them hypocrites and states why he could not allow this hypocrisy.

In 14 & 15, he says- *But when I saw that **their conduct** was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) Paul states that telling Gentiles to keep food laws is not in line with the Gospel.
- 2) Paul has no issue with Peter, a Jew, living like a Gentile, which means he was not keeping the food laws. (Even eating with them was a violation)
- 3) Paul's issue is Peter's hypocrisy; he was not keeping the food laws, but then the circumcision party showed up. He goes back to the food laws and forces the Gentiles to live like Jews.

The false brothers teaching circumcision and food laws to Gentiles had slipped into Christianity in Paul's day, and they are still slipping in today.

Seriously, how can anyone possibly read the second chapter of Galatians and then tell Gentiles they are to be circumcised and keep dietary laws?

Do not be deceived by false brothers.

## 4) Eight Day Theology

What is missing from the modern church is 8th-day theology. The early church referred to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, the Lord's Day, as the 8<sup>th</sup> day. This teaching connects baptism, circumcision and resurrection with the inauguration of the 8th day of new creation in Christ Jesus.

Evidence that the early church believed in 8th-day theology is revealed in the following citations, but first, I will explain how to read the citations to you.

The citation below begins with the author's name, in the case directly below Barnabas, and then c.70-130 represents the approximate date of writing. The E means he wrote to the Eastern church. (W would be the Western church.) The 1 before the period is the volume number, and the 147 is the page number. This is how each quote is detailed unless otherwise cited from other sources, should you wish to look them up.

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Day Early Church Father Quotes***

#### **Barnabas (c. 70-130, E), 1.147**

*"I will make a beginning of the eighth day, that is, a beginning of another world. For that reason, we also keep the eighth day with joyfulness, the day Jesus rose again from the dead."*

#### **Justin Martyr (c. 160, E) 1.206**

*The eighth day possessed a certain mysterious significance, which the seventh day did not possess. It was promulgated by God through these rights.*

#### **Methodius (c. 290, E), 6.333**

*They foreshadowed the circumcision of the spiritual eighth day.*

#### **Cyprian (c. 250, W) 5.354**

*Concerning the observance of the eighth day in the Jewish circumcision of the flesh, a sacrament was given beforehand in shadow and in usage. But when Christ came, it was fulfilled in truth. For the eighth day (that is, the first day after the Sabbath) was to be that day on which the Lord would rise again, enliven us and give us the circumcision of the spirit. The eighth day (that is the first day after the Sabbath), the Lord's day was foreshadowed.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The physical circumcision on the 8<sup>th</sup> day in the Law of Moses foreshadows the spiritual circumcision in Christ, where the believer is given life in Christ on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.
- 2) Christ rose on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the day after the Sabbath, a theology depicting a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Our fathers understood the connection between circumcision, baptism and 8th-day theology. If you want to look up any of the citations or others, go to <https://www.earlychristianwritings.com/index.html>. This site includes the New Testament, Apocrypha, Gnostics, Church Fathers, and others.

Now, back to the 8<sup>th</sup> day theology starting with new creation.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Day Creation

John in **Rev 20:1-3** says, *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

### Here Observe:

- 1) There is coming a day when the first heaven and first earth made in the seven days of creation will pass away.
- 2) The new earth and heaven will be revealed the day after the first heaven and earth pass away. 7 + 1 equals the 8<sup>th</sup> day. A new creation and Jerusalem will come from heaven specifically for Christ and his bride.
- 3) On this 8<sup>th</sup> day, God will dwell with man, and we will be his people.

All of these events are post seventh day of creation, the 8<sup>th</sup> day. Christ has already betrothed us to the 8<sup>th</sup> day in his resurrection and ascension, and he will consummate the 8<sup>th</sup> day at our wedding when he returns. This I will prove shortly. We are betrothed but not married.

We live in the already but not yet world. The first step in God’s plan of bringing about the 8<sup>th</sup> day is recreating the people through baptism, a.k.a. spiritual circumcision.

Paul describes it another way in **2 Cor 5:17**, where he says, *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

The text says if we are in Christ, we are a new creation. This means spiritually, we have already entered the 8th day; we live in New Jerusalem now, and we await our resurrection body when the reality of the 8<sup>th</sup> day arrives.

All doctrines in the Bible that pertain to salvation fit this model of already but not yet. I will cite the scriptures on adoption to validate my point.

**Spiritual Adoption-Rom 8:15-16** *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**,*

**Actual Adoption- Rom 8:23** says *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the Firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies*

These two scriptures reveal the already but not yet. Like the 8<sup>th</sup> Day theology, we spiritually live in Jerusalem and await the physical reality.

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Day Adoption and Redemption***

Now, I will expand on adoption and connect it to the 8<sup>th</sup> day. **Romans 8:19-23** says *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) In Rom 8:15, we have the Spirit of adoption, and the Spirit bears witness that we are the children of God. (Spiritual)
- 2) Creation is waiting for the Sons of God to be revealed.
- 3) The creation will be set free from the bondage of corruption, as will we.
- 4) The creation is groaning to be reborn in childbirth.
- 5) In Rom 8:23, we eagerly await the adoption as sons of the redemption of our bodies. (Physical)

The betrothed and the earth live in the already, but not yet. We are living in the 8<sup>th</sup>-day, waiting for its consummation. Everything we have discussed regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> day connects in the following passage.

### ***Mount Sinai or Mount Zion***

*18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,*

The focus of the text is to contrast the mountains.

**Here Observe:**

- 1) You have not come to Mount Sinai (18) you have come to Mount Zion. (22)
- 2) The giving of the Law on Mount Sinai is described as follows:
  - i. Blazing fire and a trumpet.
  - ii. Voice with words that the hearer begged that they not be spoken.
  - iii. They could not endure the order that was given.
  - iv. Even if a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned.
  - v. It was terrifying. Even Moses said I was terrible with fear.
- 3) Christians have come to Mount Zion.
  - i. The city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
    - i. With innumerable angels in festal gathering
    - ii. To the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven and,
      1. To God, the judge of all and the spirits of the righteous made perfect.
      2. To Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

This is conclusive evidence that we are not connected to Mt Sinai; we have graduated from the Sinai to Mount Zion and live in the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. We are in the world, but we are not of the world. We live in the 8<sup>th</sup> day now, awaiting its consummation.

Christians are not connected by physical circumcision to the Torah; we are connected to Christ with spiritual circumcision through baptism. We do not follow Moses; Jesus is our Apostle and High Priest of our confession (**Heb 3:1-6**). We live in the 8th day of the New Creation in Christ Jesus.

Do not be deceived by people who are clueless in Biblical Theology. Now, the Great Day.

**8<sup>th</sup> Day, The Last Great Day After The Feast of Booths**

The greatest 8th-day connection in the Old Covenant is tied to the Feast of Booths, known as “The Last Great Day.” The Jews had developed an extra-biblical water libation ceremony where they drew water from the Pool of Siloam, brought it to the Temple, and poured it out on the altar in thanksgiving for rain.

This celebration was part of the Sukkot tradition dating back to the time of Zechariah—the Talmud and 1st century Rabbi Akiva evidence this.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Adonai Shalom, <https://adonaishalom.com/index.php/2021/09/14/water-feast-of-tabernacles/>

This is significant because Jesus connects personally to this tradition, as you will soon see. The following texts will connect Jewish tradition, scripture and the 8<sup>th</sup> Day.

**Lev 23:34-36** says, “*Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this **seventh month** and for **seven days** is the **Feast of Booths to the LORD**. 35On the **first day** shall be a **holy convocation**; you shall not do any ordinary work. 36For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the **eighth day** you shall hold a **holy convocation** and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.*”

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The Feast of Booths is to be celebrated for seven days.
- 2) The first day of the feast is a holy convocation with no ordinary work.
- 3) On the 8<sup>th</sup> day, you shall hold a holy convocation with no ordinary work.

The theology is amazing; the feast is declared to be only seven days. Therefore, the 8th-day convocation is not part of the Feast of Booths; if it is, the text contradicts itself.

This means we have a stand-alone unnamed feast day on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. Jewish scholars call this “The Last Great Day”, and so does the Apostle John. The name is justified. The Feast of Booths is the last annual Feast of the Lord. After that day, the 8th day, there is a one-day holy convocation. It is the last celebration day of the year. John provides us with the answer to this puzzling stand-alone feast.

**John 8:37-39** says *On the last day of the feast, **the great day**, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow **rivers of living water**.’” 39Now this he said **about the Spirit**, whom those who believed in him **were to receive**, for as yet **the Spirit had not been given** because **Jesus was not yet glorified**.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) John calls the 8<sup>th</sup> day after the Feast of Booths “the great day.”
- 2) Jesus says those who believe in him will have living water, which is declared to be the Holy Spirit.
- 3) God set aside the 8th day as the day the Holy Spirit would be promised to all. Only the priests, kings and prophets received the Holy Spirit in the Old Covenant.
- 4) The water Jesus gives does not give life to crops; this water is the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.
- 5) When the text says the Spirit was not given until Jesus was glorified, it is talking about his resurrection and ascension, where Jesus is declared the High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. He then takes his position on his throne at the Father's right side, having all authority in heaven and earth. (Please read Articles 1 and 2 for a comprehensive understanding of this theology).

Jesus used the Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) water ceremony and the eighth day to reveal the promised coming of the Holy Spirit.

Do not miss this: Christ offers living water on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, and the living water is received on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit falls on the believers, birthing the church.

The great mystery of “The Great Day” is resolved for us by Christ. The 8<sup>th</sup> day is the revelation of the New Covenant, the giving of the Holy Spirit. The writing of the law on the heart (**Jer 31:31-34, Heb 8:10**). Our early church fathers understood this, and I trust that you do as well.

The 8<sup>th</sup> day supersedes the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath, the 7 Feast, and the Laws of the Torah. We are New Covenant believers, and we come to Christ for living water, the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is our apostle, not Moses, our Great High Priest, or Aaron (Heb 3:1-2), and he gives us the life-giving Spirit.

No Gentile Christian has ever or will ever be obligated to keep the Mosaic Covenant. If any Christian rejects the 8th-day theology for 7-day theology, they are severed from Christ and have fallen from grace (**Gal 5:4**)

Do not be deceived; I repeat, if you allow yourself to be circumcised, a.k.a. be connected to the Mosaic Covenant, Christ will be no benefit to you (**Gal 5:1**), and you who are seeking justification by the law of Moses have fallen from grace (**Gal 5:4**).

There are many other 8th-day connections in the Old Testament, including:

- 1) The firstborn consecration of the male son and cattle on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. (**Ex 22:29-30**)
- 2) The priest's consecration lasts 7 days, and the temple service begins on the 8th. (**Ex 29:35-37**)
- 3) The consecration of the Altar is for 7 days, then it is in operation on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. (**Lev 8:33**)
- 4) Cleansing of the Leper on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. (**Lev 14:10-11**)

These 8th-day connections reveal Christ, the firstborn son over all of creation (**Col 1:15-21**), the consecrated Great High Priest (**Heb 4:14-16**), the perfect lamb of God (**Jn 1:29**) who takes away our sins. The one who cleansed the altar in heaven (**Heb 9:23**) and the only priest who can truly cleanse us from sin (Leprosy), making purification for sins and sitting down at the right hand of God (**Heb 1:3**).

Do not be deceived. The theology of the Bible does not have Christians obeying the Torah. It teaches us that we live in resurrection power now in the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

The argument continues.

## 5) Torah Violators

The ceremonial law was a system whereby sinful people could worship a holy God. The word sacrifice in Hebrew comes from Korban, which means to **draw near** to God. Simply put, any

violation of the Law had to be dealt with by sacrifices and offerings. The ceremonial system allowed the worshipper to draw near to God.

The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. This means that for almost 2000 years, no Jew could celebrate the pilgrimage feasts of Passover, Shavuot (Pentecost) or Sukkot (Tabernacles or Booths). The Day of Atonement and all the other feasts and sacrifices cannot be observed either.

This means every Jew is not keeping the Torah and is guilty of violating the entire Law of God.

**Jam 2:10** says, *For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.*

James does not say that someone can't be under the law; he says if you break even one command, you are guilty of violating all the laws. Let's pick up his argument in the text that follows.

**Jam 2:11-13** says *For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13For judgment is without mercy to one who has **shown no mercy**. Mercy triumphs over judgment.*

James has clarified that Christians are not focused on violations under the Mosaic Covenant; our focus is based on the New Covenant law of Liberty. The New Covenant reveals that mercy is greater than judgment. **Heb 4:14-16** says *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Do not miss this: The Hebrew sacrifices are how the worshipper drew near to God in the Old Covenant. In the New Covenant, we can (Korban) draw near at any time by going directly to the throne of grace and receiving mercy in our time of need. Why? Because, as Paul says in **Rom 6:14**, ...you are not under law but under grace.

Certainly, anyone can celebrate the feast as a reminder of what Christ has done. This would be a great teaching opportunity. But to imply you must keep the feast out of necessity to comply with the law of Moses is blatant heresy. It denies Christ's sacrifice and his priestly authority.

Torah observers are breaking or unable to keep hundreds of other Torah laws that I will prove as the argument advances. This is why the law of liberty, the grace of God, and the New Covenant must not be rejected. No one can keep the Torah since the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. No one gets to pick and choose what part of the Law of Moses they kept; it is all or nothing. Do not be deceived.

## 6) Torah Observance Refuted

Now, there are hundreds of Torah laws that cannot be kept. Please review the chart.

Mitzvot	Total Laws	Possible to Keep	Obsolete, Can't Keep
<b>Total Laws</b>	613		
<b>Do's</b>	248	126	122
<b>Don't</b>	365	243	122
<b>Circumstantial</b>			99
	<b>sub-total</b>	369	343

My analysis of every law in the Torah revealed that the 343 laws of the 613 cannot be kept even if someone wanted to do so. That means 55.9% can't be kept. Many scholars are more aggressive than I am and have a percentage upwards of 75%. To review the segmented Torah, go to my website, [www.breakfreeapologetics.com/free](http://www.breakfreeapologetics.com/free).

Many of the laws simply cannot be followed for the following reasons.

### Here Observe:

- 1) There is no Temple and no Levitical order; this means:
  - a. No sacrificial system.
  - b. No way to carry out the Feasts of the Lord
  - c. No temple, therefore, no temple purification laws.
  - d. No high priest and no priesthood.
  - e. No way to have unintentional sins atoned for.
- 2) Many civil laws were specific to Jews only. This will be obvious if you read through the laws.
- 3) Certainly, until 1948, no laws about the land could be adhered to.

Below are a few Laws I would like to see a Torah observer keep today:

- 1) Stone your children if they curse you (**Lev 20:9**)
- 2) Kill gays and lesbians (**Lev 20:13**)
- 3) Never shave your facial hair (**Lev 19:27**)
- 4) Only wear one fabric on your body (**Deut 22:11**)

I am specifically asking Torah observers not to stone your children and kill gays. You will spend a long time in prison because you do not live under the theocratic rule of God in Israel.

I would also like to inspect the closet of Torah observers to see if they own any blending fabrics, and I would like to inspect their bathroom to see if they own a razor.

Let me be clear: no one on planet Earth can keep the Law of Moses, and certainly, most people telling you to keep the Torah are not.

Go through the 613 laws on my website, and you will see that those telling you to keep the Torah cannot keep the Torah even though they want to.

Take these words to heart in **Acts 13:38-39** *Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.*

Now, let's talk about Covenant replacement.

## 7) Covenant Replacement

God's plan from the beginning was always to bring us a deliverer. We have God's prophetic promises throughout the Old Testament. God promised humanity a New Covenant where the law would be written on the heart. (**Jer 31:31-34, Ezek 36:24-28.**)

This promise is quoted in **Heb 10:16**- *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds" (also **Heb 8:10**).*

There are 365 prophecies about Christ completing the Old Covenant and inaugurating the New. Go to [www.breakfreeapologics.com/free](http://www.breakfreeapologics.com/free).

Moses spoke prophetically of Christ in **Duet 18:15**- *"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.*

This verse is cited by Peter in **Acts 3:23**, declaring Jesus to be this prophet. God the Father tells us in **Luk 9:35**-*And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is **my Son**, my Chosen One; listen to him!"*

Jesus is the prophet Moses promised and God's Son, the Chosen One. We are commanded to listen to him. This is critical theology that plays an integral part in proving that the Laws of Moses and the Sabbath are obsolete for Christians.

The ministry of Moses and the writing of the Torah was about to be completed. In the closing chapters, we read these words in **Deut 31:16**: *And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to **lie down with your fathers**. Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them.*

A review of the Old Testament reveals constant whoring, the forsaking of the covenant, and God's cycle of grace. God constantly sends the prophets to call his people to repentance, and occasionally we see revival.

The problem with the Torah is that it cannot transform the heart, evidenced by perpetual rebellion. Below is a list of rebellions:

- 1) Jews in the wilderness wandered for 40 years for disobedience.
- 2) The Judges had 7 great apostasies, followed by 7 subjugations and deliverances.
- 3) Saul & Solomon rebelled and led the people a whoring after other Gods.
- 4) 5 Kings out of 20 in the Southern Kingdom served God
- 5) No King in the northern Kingdom served God.
- 6) In total, 35 of the 40 kings did not serve God and led the people a whoring.
- 7) In 722, the Northern Kingdom was destroyed.
- 8) In 586 BC, the Southern Kingdom was exiled for 70 years and brought back.

Paul says in **Rom 5:20-21** *Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

#### Here Observe:

- 1) Paul identifies that one purpose of the law was to increase the trespass.
- 2) The law revealed sin and the abounding grace of God.
- 3) The law was not the problem. We know the law and commandments are holy (**Rom 7:12**). The problem is the human condition.
- 4) It is God's grace that reveals our inability to keep the law, so we call upon the grace of God to redeem us from the power of sin of death.
- 5) The law of Moses served its purpose for Christians; it led us to Christ.

The entire Old Testament reveals that the Law of Moses cannot bring about the righteousness of God. **Heb 8:7-8** says *For if that first covenant had been faultless; there would have been no occasion to look for a second. 8For he finds fault with them ...*

This text reveals that the covenant and the people both fail. Thank God for Jesus, the prophet like Moses, who transforms the human heart and writes his laws on our hearts, not the law of Moses. The Law of Moses is obsolete for Christians. We have a new high priest and a new law, the law of Christ.

The Law of Moses cannot compete with the power of the Holy Spirit to restrain sin. Paul tells us this in **Rom 8:12-13**- *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

God has given us this power; if we live by the Spirit of God, we will be victorious over sin. This is the game changer in the New Covenant. The Holy Spirit is given to all.

## 8) The Ministry of Death & Condemnation

May I suggest you read all of 2 Corinthians chapter 3? Below are a few verses that reveal the absolute superiority of the Spirit over the Law carved in stone.

**2 Cor 3:7-9** says, Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? <sup>9</sup>For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory

#### Here Observe:

- 1) The Law of Moses is called the ministry of death and condemnation.
- 2) Moses' law had great glory; the people could not even look at his face.
- 3) The text says this glory was being brought to an end.
- 4) The ministry of the Spirit has more glory; it is the ministry of righteousness and has far greater glory.

Torah-observant Christians who want to keep the Torah are putting themselves under the ministry of death and condemnation. The glory today is the ministry of the Spirit and righteousness. Do not be deceived. Be led by the Spirit, not letters in stone.

The argument moves to abrogation.

## 9) Abrogated Laws

The New Covenant reveals that God has abrogated many laws. There are several reasons for this. The first reason is that the gospel is for all people of all races and countries. The Law of Moses was specifically given to the people of Israel; God was to be their king, and they were to be “*a kingdom of priests and a holy nation*” (**Ex 19:6**)

Today, the royal priesthood is not in any country. They are spread throughout the world.

**1 Pet 2:9-10** says - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### Here Observe:

- 1) Christians are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a possession of God.
- 2) We proclaim his excellencies because he has pulled us out of the darkness into his light.
- 3) We were not his people, but now we are.
- 4) We did not have his mercies, but now we do.

From this geographical context, the Messiah had to change the law. The church lives in every nation on earth, and we are told to submit to authorities (**Rom 13:1**) unless they violate God's moral commands.

There is no country in the world under YHWH's theocratic rule, but millions of Christians have made Christ their King, Lord, Apostle and Great High Priest, willingly submitting to YHWH's rule.

The laws of YHWH given to Moses cannot be upheld in any country on earth. The Law Christ can be upheld in any country on earth, though it may cost your life.

Most Christians, and especially Torah observers, are unaware that the Law of Christ has a higher moral standard than the Law of Moses. Moses has 613 commands, and the New Covenant has 1050. I have segmented the 613 Law of Moses and the 1050 Commands of the New Covenant. These can be downloaded by going to my website, [www.breakfreeapologetics.com/free](http://www.breakfreeapologetics.com/free).

I did the work for you. Do a side-by-side comparison, and you will discover that the New Covenant has a higher standard for holiness.

No Christian can keep the Torah, but every Christian is called to keep the Law of Christ revealed in the 1050 commands of the New Covenant.

Do not be deceived; Christians don't keep the Laws of Moses; we keep the Laws of Christ.

The second reason for abrogation is that the Law of Moses could not do the job. **Heb 7:18-19** says, *For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The former commandment is set aside.
- 2) The Law made nothing perfect.
- 3) We have a better hope (Christ), and we draw near to God.

The Law of Moses had to be set aside because it was not the solution to the problem. Jesus is our solution to our problem because Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit who is with us and in us (**Jn 14:17**); we receive his power (**Acts 1:8**), and as Peter says in (**2 Pet 1:3**), *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.*

Moving beyond the theological evidence, let's look at the historical evidence that Christians did not keep the Law of Moses by reviewing the writings of our early church fathers.

#### ***Early Church Father Quotes***

##### **Tertullian (c. 197, W), 3.155**

*Just as the abolition of fleshly circumcision and the old Law is demonstrated as having been consummated at its specific times, so also the observance of the Sabbath is demonstrated to have been temporary.*

##### **Ignatius (c. 105, E) 1.62**

*...no longer observing the Sabbath but living in the observance of the Lord's day.*

### **Ignatius (Letter to the Magnesians 8) 110 A.D.**

*Do not be deceived by strange teachings, nor with old fables, which are unprofitable. For if we still live according to Jewish Law, we acknowledge that we have not received grace.*

### **Justin Martyr (c. 150 E)<sup>2</sup>**

*Is there any other matter, my friends, in which we [Christians] are blamed [by the Jews] than this: that we do not live according to the Law, are not circumcised in the flesh as your forefathers were, and do not observe Sabbaths as you do? (Dialogue with Trypho, a Jew 10)*

All the above quotes require no explanation. Our church fathers did not keep the Sabbath or Jewish law. There is no record in the early church of Gentile Christians keeping the Sabbath or the Laws of Moses.

The church fathers understood that the law of Christ abrogated the law of Moses. Now, the proof texts.

## **10) Proof Texts**

In this section, I will address two primary proof texts used in the Hebrew Roots movement to validate their position of Torah observance.

The first text is (**Matt 5:17-20**), and the second one is (**John 14:15**). First up (**Matt 5:17-20**). I have divided the verses to simplify the interpretation.

### ***Mat 5:17 Jesus Fulfills the Law***

When Jesus said in **Matt 5:17**, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

The word abolish means to end a system or a practice, and the word fulfill means to bring it to completion. This appears to be an apparent contradiction; how can you not put an end to the law while at the same time bringing it to completion?

The second consideration in this text is what Jesus means by the word law. Most immediately try to make this only mean the 613 commands of Moses. This is incorrect and the source of misinterpretation. When combined, the word law and the prophets mean the sacred writings of the law and the writing of the prophets. The Bible's first five books are called the Book of the Law, the Torah. It is clear in context that Jesus is referencing the Pentateuch.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.christian-history.org/sabbath-quotes.html>

I believe there is a third consideration tied to the word fulfilled. In **Matt 11:13**, Jesus says, “For all the Prophets and the **Law prophesied** until John.”

Do not miss this: the Torah and the prophets both gave prophecies about the coming Messiah, and we know Jesus fulfilled these prophecies.

Beyond prophecy in the Book of the Law, the Torah has the 613 laws of Moses. The New Testament reveals that Christ never sinned and fulfilled the Torah from this aspect.

The fourth consideration tied to the word fulfilled is the necessity of fulfillment. The Torah is the story of Paradise Lost and the plan of a loving God to restore creation and mankind.

### **The Torah Reveals:**

- 1) The creation of the universe, the earth, and mankind.
- 2) The fall of man.
- 3) The great flood of Noah.
- 4) The tower of Babel.
- 5) The call of Abraham and the covenant.
- 6) The supernatural birth of Issac.
- 7) The slavery and deliverance from Egypt.
- 8) The Journey to the Promised Land.
- 9) The law given at Mt Sinai.
- 10) The death of Moses.
- 11) The victories of Joshua.
- 12) The dividing of the Land.
- 13) Numerous rebellions and so forth.

I trust you will never look at the word Torah the same and that you understand what Jesus fulfilled in his first coming.

Now, the supporting evidence. First up, the 47 prophecies about Jesus in the Torah are evidenced below.

## The Torah Prophecies About Jesus

#	The Torah	Torah Prophecy	Torah Fulfillment
1	Genesis 3:15	Seed of a woman (virgin birth)	Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:18-20
2	Genesis 3:15	He will bruise Satan's head	Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 3:8
3	Genesis 5:24	The <b>bodily ascension</b> to heaven illustrated	Mark 6:19
4	Genesis 9:26-27	The God of Shem will be the Son of Shem	Luke 3:36
5	Genesis 12:3	As <b>Abraham's seed</b> will bless all nations	Acts 3:25,26
6	Genesis 12:7	The promise made to Abraham's Seed	Galatians 3:16
7	Genesis 14:18	A <b>priest</b> after Melchizedek	Hebrews 6:20
8	Genesis 14:18	A <b>King</b>	Hebrews 7:2
9	Genesis 14:18	The <b>Last Supper</b> foreshadowed	Matthew 26:26-29
10	Genesis 17:19	The Seed of Isaac	Romans. 9:7
11	Genesis 21:12	Seed of Isaac	Romans 9:7, Hebrews 11:18
12	Genesis 22:8	The <b>Lamb of God</b> promised	John 1:29
13	Genesis 22:18	As Isaac's seed will bless all nations	Galatians 3:16
14	Genesis 26:2-5	The Seed of Isaac promised as the Redeemer	Hebrews 11:18
15	Genesis 49:10	The time of His coming	Luke 2:1-7; Galatians 4:4
16	Genesis 49:10	The Seed of Judah	Luke 3:33
17	Genesis 49:10	Called Shiloh or One Sent	John 17:3
18	Genesis 49:10	To come before Judah lost their identity	John 11:47-52
19	Genesis 49:10	To Him shall the obedience of the people be	John 10:16
20	Exodus 3:13,14	The <b>Great "I Am"</b>	John 4:26
21	Exodus 12:5	A <b>Lamb without blemish</b>	1 Peter 1:19
22	Exodus 12:13	The blood of the Lamb saves Roman's wrath.	Romans. 5:8
23	Exodus 12:21-27	<b>Christ is our Passover</b>	1 Corinthians 5:7
24	Exodus 12:46	Not a bone of the Lamb to be broken	John 19:31-36
25	Exodus 13:2	Blessing to the firstborn son	Luke 2:23
26	Exodus 15:2	His exaltation was predicted as Yeshua	Acts 7:55,56
27	Exodus 15:11	His Character-Holiness	Luke 1:35; Acts 4:27
28	Exodus 17:6	The <b>Spiritual Rock of Israel</b>	1 Corinthians 10 4
29	Exodus 33:19	His Character-Merciful	Luke 1:72
30	Leviticus 14:11	The <b>leper cleansed</b>	Luke 5:12-14; Acts 6:7
31	Leviticus 16:15-17	Prefigures Christ's once-for-all death	Hebrews 9:7-14
32	Leviticus 16:27	Suffering outside the Camp	Matthew 27:33; Hebrews 13:11, 12
33	Leviticus 17:11	The Blood life of the flesh.	Matthew 26:28; Mark 10:45
34	Leviticus 17:11	It is the blood that makes atonement	1 John 3:14-18
35	Leviticus 23:36-37	<b>The Drink-offering:</b> "If any man thirst."	John 19:31-36
36	Leviticus 23:35-36	The Great Day Giving the Holy Spirit	John 8:37-39
37	Numbers 9:12	Not a bone of Him broken	John 19:31-36
38	Numbers 21:9	<b>The serpent on a pole-Christ</b> lifted up	John 3:14-18
39	Numbers 24:8	Flight to Egypt	Matthew 2:14
40	Numbers 24:17	Time: "I shall see him, but not now."	Galatians 4:4
41	Numbers 24:17-19	A star out of Jacob	Matthew 2:2, Luke 1:33,78, Revelation 22:16
42	Deuteronomy 18:15	"This is of a truth that prophet."	John 6:14
43	Deuteronomy 18:15-16	" Had ye believed Moses, ye would believe me	John 5:45-47
44	Deuteronomy 18:18	Sent by the Father to speak His word	John 8:28, 29
45	Deuteronomy 18:19	Whoever will <b>not hear must bear his sin</b>	John 12:15
46	Deuteronomy 21:13-23	As a prophet	John 6:14; 7:40, Acts 3:22,23
47	Deuteronomy 21:23	<b>Cursed is he that hangs on a tree</b>	Galatians 3:10-13

The evidence is clear: the law prophesied about Jesus, and Jesus fulfilled these prophecies.

Below are ten very significant prophecies in the Torah:

- 1) Jesus is the seed of the woman.
- 2) Jesus is the seed of Abraham.
- 3) Jesus is the great priest in the order of Melchizedek and King of Peace.
- 4) Jesus is the great I AM.
- 5) Jesus is the Lamb of God, fulfilling the ceremonial law of God.
- 6) Jesus reveals the Great Day is the promise of the Holy Spirit.
- 7) Jesus bodily ascension.
- 8) Jesus cleansed the leper; he is the sin remover.
- 9) Jesus is the spiritual rock of Israel.
- 10) Jesus is a prophet like Moses.

When we add the prophets that Jesus references, the number of prophecies Jesus fulfilled on his first coming jumps to 365.

### ***The Prophets Prophecy about Jesus***

Below are 20 significant prophecies that Jesus fulfilled from the Prophets.

1	Micah 5:2	Place of his birth	Mat 2:1, Lk 2:1-7 & John 7:42
2	Isa 9:6	Born in the flesh	Luke 2:11
3	Numb 24:17	A star will signal the birth	Mat 2:2
4	Isa 7:14, Gen 3:15, Jer 31:22	Born of a virgin	Luke: 1-34-35, Matt 1:18, Gal 4:4, Rev 12:5
5	Isa 7:14	Divine name	Matt 1:21
6	Psalm 72:10-11	Presented with gifts	Matt 2:1, 1
7	Hos 11:1	Trip to Egypt	Matt 2:14-15
8	Isa 11:1	Reside in Nazareth	Matt 2:23
9	Isa 53:2	Grow up in poverty	Mk 6:3, Lk 9:59
10	Isa 11:1-2	Spirit-filled and anointed from birth	Lk 2:46-47
11	Micah 5:1	Stricken	Matt 26:67
12	Isa 52:14	Face beaten to a pulp	Matt 27:30
13	Isa 50:6	Beard plucked	Mark 15:16-20
14	Zech 13:6	Crucified	Luke 23:33
15	Psalm 22:18	Clothes divided	John 19:23-24
16	Isa 53:9	Resurrection	Matt 27:57-60
17	Psalm 68:18	Ascension	Eph 4:7-10
18	Psalm 110:1	Exaltation	Mark 16:19
19	Psalm 110:4	Serve as High Priest	Heb 6:20, Heb 5:1-7, Heb 7:11-29
20	Psalm 2:1-2	Despised by the nations	1 John 5:19

To view or download all 365 prophecies, go to [www.breakfreeapologetics.com/free](http://www.breakfreeapologetics.com/free) or click [365](#) to connect directly.

Now, the evidence that Jesus fulfilled the 613 laws of the Torah.

## ***The Torah Laws Fulfilled***

The only way to fulfill the law is never to sin. If Jesus never sinned, he did not need an atonement for sin. The Bible teaches that Jesus did fulfill all 613 laws of Moses. This means he had to keep the ceremonial, moral, and civil law to perfection. If Jesus broke even one law, his brother James would have to call him a lawbreaker (**Jam 2:10**).

The sinless perfection of Christ is essential from a theological perspective. Jesus could not be the perfect sacrifice for sin if he were not sinless.

Below are the scriptures that prove Jesus fulfilled all 613 laws.

**Heb 4:14-15** says *14. So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.*

**2 Cor 5:21** *21For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (NLT)*

Also see 1 Pet 2:22, Luke 1:35, 1 Jn 3:5, John 8:29, Isa 53:9, 1 Pet 1:18-19.

So far, we have seen that Jesus fulfilled prophecies about himself, and he never sinned, fulfilling the law by sinless perfection. Included in the 613 laws were the Feasts of the Lord; Jesus not only fulfilled the feasts but embodied them, as evidenced below.

## **Jesus Fulfills the Feast**

1. **Passover Lamb 1 Cor 5:7** For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. (**Jn 1:29**)
2. **Unleavened Bread Heb 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
3. **First Fruits 1 Cor 15:20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
4. **Pentecost Acts 2:1** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5. **Trumpets 1 Cor 15:51-52** Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

6. **Day of Atonement Heb 8:1-2** Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. (**Heb 10:11-14**)
7. **Tabernacles Rev 21:1-3** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God
8. **Sabbath, Sabbatical Year and Jubilee (Matt 12:8)** For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

The evidence is conclusive: Jesus has embodied the ceremonial system. **Heb 10:1-2** says *For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who **draw near**.*

Christians don't draw near to God through a shadow (The Torah). We draw near to God through Christ, the Torah's personification and Messianic incarnation.

If you want to study this in greater detail, I have provided a spreadsheet on The Jewish Feasts in Appendix 1. Now, the second verse.

### ***Matt 5:18 The Torah will Not Pass Away***

*18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

In verse 17, Jesus said he was not going to abolish the law but to fulfill it. We then examined the evidence, and I believe conclusively proved that Jesus fulfilled the 613 laws of the Torah and every prophecy about His first coming in the Book of the Law (Torah) and the prophets.

If we are to understand this passage, we must understand the broader context of the Law that we just discussed. The Law is the Torah, the Pentateuch, not just the 613 Laws of Moses.

With this frame of reference, it becomes clear what Jesus is teaching us. Heaven and earth will not pass away, and not one iota or dot can be removed because the book of Torah is about the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Without the Torah, no one would understand the New Testament.

How could we understand:

- 1) Biblical faith without the story of Abraham.
- 2) The need for a second Adam if we did not understand the transgression of the first Adam.
- 3) That Jesus is the seed of Abraham.

The Hebrew Roots and many denominations and sects in Christianity have made the same mistake; they have narrowed their interpretation of the word Torah to mean the 613 laws.

All is not accomplished; two thousand years have passed since Christ's incarnation, and still today, the Torah is fulfilling its purpose; it is declaring what it declared two thousand years ago.

When Christ returns and consummates the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the Torah will pass away because its mission will be complete.

This is the full and true meaning of the Torah. I have not skirted the 613 laws. I will deal with these laws in the next verse because Jesus transitioned from talking about himself by bringing the commandments of God into the conversion to scolding the scribes and Pharisees.

### ***Matt 5:19-20 Warning to the Scribes and Pharisees***

***Matt 5:19-20*** says, *Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Jesus told us in verse 17 that he had come to fulfill the Law and the prophets; however, at this stage of his ministry, he had not completed all the prophecies; he had to die, resurrect, ascend to the Father, take his throne in heaven, become a priest in the order of Melchizedek and so forth.

The Old Covenant had not been declared obsolete (**Heb 8:13**), the priesthood and the law had not changed (**Heb 7:12**), you get the picture. Christians cannot keep the laws in an obsolete Covenant.

All had not been fulfilled. It is in this context that we must interpret the passage. The story of redemption is unfolding, and therefore, we must understand who Jesus is talking with. He is not talking to Christians. Jesus is warning Jews not to be like the scribes and Pharisees.

### **Here Observe:**

- 1) If a person relaxes the commandments and teaches others to relax them, they will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 2) If a person does and teaches the commandments, they will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 3) Jesus says you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven unless your righteousness exceeds the scribes and Pharisees.
- 4) Straight up, Jesus is calling the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites; they do not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 5) Jesus says if you relax the commands, you can enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but you will be one of the least.

This teaching is not about Christians keeping the Torah; it is about not being a hypocrite. The same principle applies to us.

Now, let me connect the Commandments of God to the New Covenant.

In the New Covenant, nine of the Ten Commandments have been repeated for us to keep. We will have the same result if we take the same attitude as the scribes and the Pharisees.

Do not be deceived. We do not keep the Law of Moses. We keep the Law of Christ; we are under his Messianic rule, and his law repeats nine of the Ten Commandments of God.

**Rev 12:17** proves this when it says: *Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.*

Don't be deceived. Christians are to keep the commandments of God.

Yet Paul says in **Rom 10:4** *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

There is no contradiction.

Paul also says in **Gal 3:23** *Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So, then the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The commands of God reveal our need for a saviour in both Covenants.
- 2) When we come to Christ, the purpose of the law is fulfilled; it leads us to Christ.
- 3) When we come to faith, we are no longer under the captivity of the law.
- 4) The law of Moses was a guardian leading us to Christ.

Now, the second primary proof text.

#### ***John 14:15 Keep My Commandment***

*15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The text says to keep my commandments.
- 2) This is direct evidence that Jesus gave commandments beyond the commandments of Moses.

So, my question is, what commandments of Jesus do we have to keep? I found a site that did the work for me. The list below is not exhaustive, and I restructured it for clarity. Please read.

## Jesus Gave Specific Commandments<sup>3</sup>

- 1) Jn 13:34, 15:12 A new commandment to love one another
- 2) Mat 22:36-40 Love the Lord and your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophet's hand on these two commands.
- 3) Matt 7:12 The Golden Rule
- 4) Mark 11:25-26 Forgive, and you will be Forgiven
- 5) John 3:7: You must be born again.
- 6) John 15:4 Abide in me.
- 7) Mat 5:14-16 Let your light shine.
- 8) Matt 5:25, 18:15-17 Settle matters quickly.
- 9) Matt 5:29-30 Right-hand causes you to sin; cut it off.
- 10) Matt 5:34-37 Your yes be yes, do not swear an oath.
- 11) Matt 5:38-39 Do not resist an evil person.
- 12) Matt 5:40-42 Go the extra mile.
- 13) Matt 5:43-45 Love your enemies.
- 14) Matt 6:1: Don't let men see your acts of righteousness.
- 15) Matt 6:5-7 Pray where you are unseen.
- 16) Matt 6:16 When fasting, don't disfigure your face.
- 17) Matt 6:18 Store up treasures in heaven.
- 18) Mat 6:35-26 Don't worry about your needs.
- 19) Matt 6:34: Don't worry about tomorrow.
- 20) Mat 6:33 Seek first the kingdom of heaven; needs will be provided.
- 21) Matt 7:6: Do not give dogs what is sacred, and do not throw your pearls to pigs.
- 22) Matt 7:7: Ask, seek and knock.
- 23) Matt 25:34-36 Care for the stranger; even a drink to them is given to me.
- 24) Matt 7:13-14 Enter the narrow gate.
- 25) Matt 7:15- Watch out for false prophets
- 26) Matt 10:18: Exercise authority over sickness, demons, etc.
- 27) Matt 18:10: Do not despise childlike believers.
- 28) Matt 23:8-12 Do not exult yourself, or you will be humbled.
- 29) Mark 9:38-40 Not against us is for us.
- 30) Mark 11:22-24 Have faith in God
- 31) Luke 10: 30-37 Behave like the good Samaritan.
- 32) Luke 22:19-20 Celebrate communion in remembrance of me.
- 33) John 13:14 Wash one another's feet.
- 34) Luke 6:36 Be merciful as your Father.
- 35) Matt 28:19-20 Make disciples, baptize, teach obedience.
- 36) Luke 12:40 Stay ready for His return.

Please also read the following:

- 1) **Matt 5:27** *But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*
- 2) **Matt 5:22:** *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder;' and whoever murders will be liable to judgment." 22But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment;*
- 3) **Matt 18:21-22** *Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

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<sup>3</sup> Trusting in Jesus, <https://www.trusting-in-jesus.com/Commandments-of-Jesus.html>

These three texts and other scriptures cited prove Christ is calling his followers to a higher standard than the Law Moses. Christians are under the Law of Christ (**Gal 6:1-5**), not Moses.

I trust it is clear that the Hebrew Roots movement has misappropriated the text, making the commandment of Jesus the Ten Commandments of Moses.

## 11) The Lord's Day

There is no evidence that the early church kept the Sabbath, but plenty of evidence that the church kept the Lord's Day. Below are a few scriptures about the Lord's Day, and then I will cite the early church fathers.

- 1) **Acts 20:7**- *On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread...*
- 2) **1 Cor 16:2**- *On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper so that there will be no collecting when I come.*

### Church Fathers

#### Justin Martyr (c. 160, E) 1. 186

*And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together in one place ... Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world. On the same day, Jesus Christ, our Savior, rose from the dead.*

#### Didache (c. 80-140, E), 7.381

*But every Lord's Day, gather yourselves together and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions so that your sacrifice may be pure.*

#### **Here Observe:**

- 1) The New Testament teaches that the church met on the first day of the week.
- 2) There is no mention in the New Testament of any Gentile Christian keeping the sabbath.
- 3) The early church fathers mention coming together on the first day of the week to celebrate the resurrection.
- 4) The church also confessed its sins before they celebrated the Eucharist.

## Conclusion

It should be abundantly clear that Christians are not required to keep the Torah or the Sabbath. Below is a summary of the arguments.

- 1) Christians are not under rabbinic Judaism; we are under Messianic Judaism.
- 2) Jesus is our Apostle and High Priest, not Moses and Aaron (Heb 3:1-3)

- 3) Jesus is the prophet Moses promised (Deut 18:15) and the Son of God; God commands us to listen to him. (Lk 9:35)
- 4) When the priesthood changed, the law changed. (Heb 7:11-12)
- 5) Christ has delivered a better covenant (Heb 8:1-7)
- 6) The Old Covenant is obsolete (Heb 8:13)
- 7) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Gal 4:4)
- 8) We are under the law of liberty (Jam 2:11-13)
- 9) We are not under the law but under grace (Rom 6:14)
- 10) Christ is the end of the law for those who believe. (Rom 10:4)
- 11) The Torah cannot be kept without the ceremonial law.
- 12) The first covenant was faulty, useless and weak (Heb 8:7-8)
- 13) Christians are not to allow anyone to judge them for not keeping the Sabbath, the New Moon or the Feast Days. (Col 2:16-17)
- 14) Christ embodies the ceremonial law; he is our Passover lamb, The Firstfruits, Our Unleavened Bread, and he gave the Spirit on Pentecost, etc.
- 15) We live in Mount Zion, the city of God, not at the foot of Mount Sinai. (Heb 12:18-24)
- 16) Christians were not required to keep food laws, and to teach you are is an offence to the gospel. (Gal 2:1-14)
- 17) Christ's commandments exceed the standards set out in the Old Covenant. (Matt 5-7)
- 18) If we are circumcised, we are required to keep the law of Moses and are severed from Christ and fallen from grace. (Gal 5:2-4)
- 19) Circumcision and the Cross cannot both be preached. (Gal 5:7-12)
- 20) Christian live in the 8<sup>th</sup> day awaiting consummation (Rev 20:1-3, 2 Cor 5:17, Rom 8:19-23, (Lev 23:34-36, John 5:37-39), Heb 12:18-24.
- 21) God promised a New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34, Eze 36:24-28, Heb 8:10, Heb 10:10), and you can't be in both covenants simultaneously.
- 22) We do not follow the glory of the ministry of death and condemnation; we follow the glory of the Spirit (2 Cor 3:7-9)
- 23) No one can keep the Torah, at best 55%, and who is going to stone their children or put to death a homosexual? (Lev 10:9, Lev 20:13)
- 24) A side-by-side comparison reveals that the 1050 commands in the New Covenant have a higher standard of holiness than the 613 commands in the law of Moses.
- 25) The writings of the early church fathers do not support keeping the Torah, Sabbath, Circumcision or anything the Hebrew Roots theology articulates.
- 26) The writings of the early church fathers reveal that the early church kept the Lord's Day, not the Sabbath.

Much more evidence could be given, but I have sufficiently proven that the Hebrew Roots theology of Torah observance is heretical. May I suggest you believe Paul- He said, *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.* (**Rom 10:4**). Amen.

## Appendix 1- The Jewish Feast

Major Feast Days								
<i>Feast #</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>FEAST</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>O.T. Scriptures</i>	<i>O.T. Purpose</i>	<i>Symbolism</i>	<i>Jesus</i>	<i>N.T. Scriptures</i>
<b>SPRING FEASTS</b>								
1	1st Nissan	Passover	14	Lev 23:4-5, Ex 12:1-13	Deliverance from Egypt (Sin)	God delivers from slavery, sin and oppression	Deliverance from Sin. He is our passover lamb.	Jn 1:29, <b>1 Cor 5:7</b> , 1 Pet 1:18-19, Rev 5:12, 7:14, Isa 53:7; <b>Heb 4:15</b>
2	1st	Unleavened Bread	15-21	Lev 23:6-8 Ex 12:13-20	Israel Delivered in Haste	Must turn away from sin immediately and don't look back.	Separation from Sin. He lived in perfect obedience	
3	3rd Swan	Firstfruits	16	Lev 23:9-14	Recognized LORD's Provision	God is the source of provision, your life comes from him	New Life in Christ/ Resurrection	<b>1 Cor 15:20</b>
4	3rd	Feast of Weeks/ Pentecost	50 days later	Lev 23:15-16	Joy & thankfulness for LORD's blessing of Harvest	Joy thankfulness, the LORD provides the harvest	Baptism H.S., Pentecost/ New Covenant	<b>Act 2:1</b> , Act 20:16, 1 Cor 16:8
<b>FALL FEASTS</b>								
5	7th Tishri	Trumpets	1	Lev 23:23-25	Present Israel before the LORD for his favor	Call to repentance, 10 days of Awe	Second Coming	<b>1 Cor 15:52</b> , 1 Cor 14:8, 1 Th 4:16, Rev 8:7
6	7th	Day of Atonement	10	Lev 23:26-32, Lev 16:12-15	Cleanse priest, people and Holy Place	The LORD is the one who make you clean and delivers from punishment	Sin paid for, judgement of the wicked (Jesus)	Heb 6:20; 8:1-2
7	7th	Tabernacles	15-22	Lev 23:33-36	Journey from Israel to Canaan	Gathering of saints to dwell with God	Jesus Reign on Earth as King	Rev 20,21 Rev 21:5
<b>Other Celebrations</b>								
8	7th day	Sabbath	7	Ex 20:8-11; Dt 5:12-15 Lev 23:1-2	Holy convocation to the Lord, no work, part of the ten commandments.	Eternal life, Promise land Rest, Kingdom of Heaven	Jesus is our permanent rest from our labor.	Matt 12:8; Heb 4:1-16
9	7	Sabbatical Year & Jubilee	7 & 50th year	Ex 23:10-11; Lev 25:4, 8-55; Deut 15:9, 12	Debt remission, all debts cancelled, No farming every 7 and 49th year. Return all property	Deliverance from debts owed to God that we could not pay	Jesus pays for our sin, principal of redemption	Gal 3:13-14; Col 2:13-15; 1 Pet 1:18-21

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