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## **Ask the Scriptures**

Have you ever asked a question about the Bible and received several conflicting answers? That is most certainly a frustrating experience. The Bible does not have contradictions, but men’s understanding of the Bible are not always compatible.

Perhaps the best way to answer a Biblical question is to let Scripture speak for itself. The less commentary, and the more of God’s Word, the better.

This simple study asks questions and allows Scripture to establish the answer. Before we begin, from time to time you will hear our Savior’s Hebrew name Yeshua used instead of the more common transliterated form “Jesus.” This is just to familiarize you with the name He was referred to in the first century.

So, let’s begin with the questions and see what the Bible has to say.

Q. What is sin?

A. **1 John 3:4**

“Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.”

Q. If we love God, what does He want us to do?

A. **John 14:15**

“If you love me, keep my commandments.”

Q. What is love as defined by Scripture?

A. **2 John 1:6**

“And this is love, that we walk after His commandments. This is the commandment, that, as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.”

Q. Who did we receive this commandment from?

**A. 2 John 1:4**

“I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.”

Q. Is this commandment new? And, if not, how long have we had it?

**A. 2 John 1:5**

“And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command, but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another.”

Q. What message have we heard from the beginning?

**A. 1 John 3:11**

“For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.”

Q. When was the beginning?

**A. Genesis 1:1**

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

Q. Has the Word really been from the beginning?

**A. John 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Q. How do we love God and what does loving God really mean?

**A. 1 John 5:3**

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome.”

Q. Really? The Law of God as written by Moses is easy?

**A. Deuteronomy 30:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD (Yahweh) will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as He delighted in your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>if you obey the LORD your God and keep His commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. <sup>12</sup>It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” <sup>13</sup>Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” <sup>14</sup>No, the Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. <sup>15</sup>See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup>For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in

obedience to Him, and to keep His commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

Q. What is the whole responsibility of man?

A. **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”

Q. So then, how is keeping all the commandments loving God and loving others?

A. **Matthew 22:37-40**

<sup>37</sup>Yeshua said unto him, “You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like unto it, you should love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Q. If we love Him, how should we feel about His commandments?

A. **Psalms 1:2**

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.”

**Psalms 119:35**

“Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.”

**Proverbs 29:18**

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.”

Q. Did Yeshua abolish or remove any commandment from God’s law? And, what happens if we teach and act like He did?

A. **Matthew 5:17-19**

<sup>17</sup>Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I do not come to destroy but to fill up. <sup>18</sup>For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all (law and prophets) be fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Q. Did Paul abolish or remove any commandment from God’s law or did he agree with the teaching of Yeshua?

A. **Romans 3:31**

“Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.”

Q. How did Paul feel about the law? Did he claim the law was a burden?

A. **Romans 7:22**

“For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.”

Q. Did Paul and James state and prove that Paul followed, taught, and was obedient to all of what Moses wrote?

**A. Acts 21:20-26**

<sup>20</sup>When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: “You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. <sup>21</sup>They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. <sup>22</sup>What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come, <sup>23</sup>so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. <sup>24</sup>Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law. <sup>25</sup>As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality.”

<sup>26</sup>The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

Q. When Paul was again and continuously accused by the Pharisees for breaking the law of Moses, did he clarify himself again and again of what he believed just like in Acts 21?

**A. Acts 24:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me. <sup>14</sup>But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.

Q. So Paul kept stating he observed and taught what Moses wrote when he was accused of not teaching what Moses wrote?

**A. Acts 25:8**

“While he answered for himself, ‘Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.’”

Q. So, if Paul taught what Moses wrote, did Moses write that there is a different law of God for converted Gentiles?

**A. Numbers 15:15-16**

<sup>15</sup>One ordinance shall be for you of the assembly and for the stranger (alien/foreigner/Gentile) who dwells with you, an ordinance forever throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>One law and one customer shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.

Q. Really? So, if Paul was teaching what Moses wrote, he also had to be teaching the same for the converted Gentile or the foreigners?

**A. Leviticus 19:34**

“The foreigner who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Q. Did Yahweh really intend for converted Gentiles to follow the same law of God?

A. **Leviticus 24:22**

“You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.”

Q. Did Paul keep God’s feast days, too?

A. **Acts 18:20-21**

<sup>20</sup>When they asked him to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent, <sup>21</sup>but took leave of them, saying, “I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing.” And he sailed from Ephesus.

Q. Again, did Paul keep God’s feast days?

A. **Acts 20:17**

“For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost (which is Shavuot).”

Q. Did Paul teach his converts to keep God’s feast days?

A. **1 Corinthians 5:8**

“For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

Q. Should we let ourselves be judged by others because we keep God’s feasts, Sabbaths and dietary instructions? And, are they upheld because the feasts and Sabbaths prophetically teach us of things to come?

A. **Colossians 2:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>So, let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, <sup>17</sup>which are a shadow of things to come, and the substance is of Christ.

Q. Did Paul also follow and teach the law of Christ?

A. **Galatians 6:2**

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Q. Did Yeshua teach something different from the Father’s commandments? Are Yeshua and the Father the same (in other words, is there a difference between the law of God and the law of Christ?)

A. **John 10:30**

“I and My Father are one.”

**John 8:28**

“Then said Yeshua unto them, ‘When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you shall know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things.’”

**John 8:19**

“Then said they unto Him, ‘Where is your Father?’ Yeshua answered, ‘You neither know Me, nor My Father: if you had known Me, you should have known My Father also.’”

**John 14:24**

“He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.”

Q. In the great tribulation, does Satan go after those who just have the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah, or those that also keep God’s commandments?

**A. Revelation 12:17**

“And the dragon was enraged with the woman (Israel), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah.”

Q. Did Yeshua state that receiving the sword of truth would bring peace or division?

**A. Matthew 10:34-38**

<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.  
<sup>35</sup>For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup>He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Q. What does the sword do to people?

**A. Luke 2:35**

“(Yes a sword shall pierce through your own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Q. What is the sword?

**A. Hebrews 4:12**

“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Q. What did Yeshua state would happen if we follow His commandments and walk in His path?

**A. Mark 13:13**

“And you shall be hated by all for My Name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

Q. What does it mean to “endure?”

**A. Revelation 14:12**

“Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Yeshua.”

Q. How do we know if we know Him?

**A. 1 John 2:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup>He that says, “I know Him,” and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His Word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He that says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.

Q. Should believers do what is right in our own eyes and follow after our own heart? Or, should we just simply follow His commandments?”

**A. Deuteronomy 12:8**

“You shall not all do as we are doing here today - every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes -”

**Ecclesiastes 11:9**

“Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desire of your eyes. Yet, know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things.”

**Numbers 15:39**

“Seek not after your own heart and your own eyes.”

Q. Should we be careful not to add or take away from His commandments?

**A. Deuteronomy 12:32**

“Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.”

**Deuteronomy 4:2**

“You should not add unto the Word which I command you, neither should you diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you.”

Q. Should we serve, worship, and remember God in the same ways that false gods have been worshipped and remembered?

**A. Deuteronomy 12:30**

“Take heed to yourself that you are not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before you; and that you do not enquire after their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods? We will do the same.’ You must not worship the LORD your God in their way!”

**Jeremiah 10:2**

“Thus says the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.”

**Deuteronomy 12:4**

“You must not worship the LORD your God in their way.”

Q. Will He have the same commandments during His reign when He returns?

**A. Isaiah 2:2-4**

<sup>2</sup>Now it shall come to pass, in the latter days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. <sup>3</sup>Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Q. Will we be celebrating the feast of Tabernacles in the 1000 year reign?

**A. Zechariah 14:16-19**

<sup>16</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. <sup>17</sup>And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain; <sup>18</sup>If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles. <sup>19</sup>This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Q. When Yeshua returns, is one of the things that angers Him and is part of His judgment the eating of unclean things, such as pig?

**A. Isaiah 66:15-17**

<sup>15</sup>See, the LORD is coming with fire, and His chariots are like a whirlwind; He will bring down His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. <sup>16</sup>For with fire and with His sword the LORD will execute judgment on all people, and many will be those slain by the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>"Those who consecrate and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following one who is among those who eat the flesh of pigs, rats and other unclean things - they will meet their end together with the one they follow," declares the LORD.

Q. In the 1000 year reign, and extending into eternity, will we still be observing the new moon feast and Sabbaths?

**A. Isaiah 66:22-23**

<sup>22</sup>"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>And it shall come to pass that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.

Q. Can we be corrupted or spoiled by man's philosophy, traditions, and principles of the world?

**A. Colossians 2:8**

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men,

after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Q. If we are spoiled by not going after Christ, then what is it about Christ that we are to go after?

A. **Revelation 19:13**

“He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God.”

Q. Did Abraham already have the law and commandments or was the law a new invention at Mount Sinai?

A. **Genesis 25:5**

“Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

Q. Are we heirs of Abraham’s promise if we are of Christ?

A. **Galatians 3:29**

“And if you be Christ’s, then are you Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Q. If we are heirs of the promise of Abraham, are we to follow the laws and commandments like Abraham did?

A. **John 8:39**

“They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Yeshua saith unto them, ‘If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.’”

Q. What did Abraham do?

A. **Genesis 25:5**

“Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

Q. What is faith?

A. **Hebrews 11:1**

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Q. What is works?

A. **Matthew 5:16**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

**Revelation 22:12**

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

Q. If letting our light shine is good works, which earns our eternal rewards or crowns, what is the light that we show before men?

**A. Proverbs 6:23**

“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”

Q. Who is the best example of how to walk in the light, God’s commandments and law, our way of life?

**A. John 8:12**

“Then spoke Yeshua again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

Q. Why did Yeshua consider Himself to be the light?

**A. John 1:14**

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, and the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

**Revelation 19:13**

“He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”

Q. If Christ is the Word of God, can the Word of God change?

**A. Hebrews 13:8**

“Yeshua Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Q. Should we walk as Yeshua walked and follow the Word as Yeshua followed the Word?

**A. 1 John 2:6**

“He that says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.”

Q. How do we perfect our faith?

**A. James 2:21-24**

<sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar? <sup>22</sup>See how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? <sup>23</sup>You see, then, how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Q. How did Yeshua learn obedience?

**A. Hebrews 5:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>He (Yeshua) learned obedience by the things which He suffered. <sup>9</sup>And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Q. What is the relationship between faith and works?

**A. James 2:17, 26**

<sup>17</sup>Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ...<sup>26</sup>For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Q. So how do we show (evidence) our faith (things not seen)?

A. **James 2:18**

“But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

Q. Is it possible for works to please God without faith?

A. **Hebrews 11:6**

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

Q. After we realize that Yeshua is the Savior, what did Yeshua say we should continue to do to have eternal life?

A. **Matthew 19:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>And, behold, one came and said unto Him, “Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I might have eternal life?” <sup>17</sup>And He said unto him, “Why do you call me ‘good?’ There is none good but one, that is God: but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

Q. What did Yeshua state that we are to do in order to have the right to the tree of life?

A. **Revelation 22:14**

“Blessed are they that do His (Yahweh’s) commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

Q. Are any parts of the law, or any commandments in Scripture, not holy, good or just and therefore worth abolishing?

A. **Romans 7:12**

“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”

Q. Is the path, or “The Way” of life (which is also the light and the Word) broad or narrow, and is it few or many that find it?

A. **Matthew 7:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <sup>14</sup>Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.

Q. Are we to be cautious of false prophets and do false prophets appear like believers on the surface?

A. **Matthew 7:15**

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

Q. How will we know false prophets (teachers)?

A. **Matthew 7:16-20**

<sup>16</sup>You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? <sup>17</sup>Even so, every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Wherefore, by their fruits you shall know them.

Q. What is the law's relationship to bearing fruit, and how will sinners fair in the judgment, even if they are in the congregation of the righteous?

**A. Psalm 1:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth it's fruit in it's season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. <sup>4</sup>The ungodly are not so: but are like chaff, which the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Q. What is good fruit that believers bring forth?

**A. John 15:8-10**

<sup>8</sup>Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father loved me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.

Q. Will there be people that thought they were bringing forth good fruit, but actually were bringing forth corrupt fruit? And, if so, what happens to them?

**A. Matthew 7:21-23**

<sup>21</sup>Not every one that says unto Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father, which is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" <sup>23</sup>And then I will profess unto them, "I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work lawlessness."

Q. What is the Father's will? What is iniquity? And, is it still sin if we do not know we are sinning?

**A. Leviticus 5:17**

"And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he knew it not, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his iniquity."

Q. How do we know that we know Him, and know that we are in Him?

**A. 1 John 2:3-5**

<sup>3</sup>And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup>He that says, "I know Him," and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in Him. By this we know that we are in Him.

Q. Who redeemed us from iniquity? Should we have faith, commit trust, and believe? And, how will

we act and what will we be if we are truly His people?

**A. Titus 2:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Yeshua the Messiah; <sup>14</sup>Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Q. When the many false prophets arrive, will their teaching deceive many people into sin, and thus they will not be obedient to the commandments, which Scripture defines as the means to love?

**A. Matthew 24:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. <sup>12</sup>And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Q. Will these false prophets speak of God's ways, the way of truth, as evil through their own destructive ways that they invented?

**A. 2 Peter 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord (Word of God) who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup>And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth (Word of God) will be blasphemed.

Q. What is the "way of truth" that will be spoken of as evil by false prophets?

**A. Psalm 119:142**

"Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is the truth."

**Daniel 9:13**

"As it is written in the law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth."

**Psalm 119:160**

"The entirety of Your Word is truth, and ever one of Your righteous judgments endures forever."

Q. If Yeshua was the Word made flesh, and the law is truth, is Yeshua the truth? And, is it anything different than the Father's truth?

**A. John 14:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said unto him, "Lord, we know not where you go; and how can we know the way?"  
<sup>6</sup>Yeshua said unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known Me, you should have known My Father also: and from henceforth you know Him, and have seen Him.

Q. If Yeshua is the truth, which is also the Word and law of God, what is the life and the way? What is the light?

**A. Proverbs 6:32**

“For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”

**Proverbs 13:13-15**

<sup>13</sup>Whoever despises the Word shall be destroyed; but he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded. <sup>14</sup>The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. <sup>15</sup>Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard.

Q. If Yeshua is the light, the truth, the life, the way that we should all walk, did Paul also consider “the way” the law and the prophets?

**A. Acts 9:2**

“And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of the Way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

**Acts 19:9**

“But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.”

**Acts 19:23**

“And the same time there arose no small stir about the Way.”

**Acts 24:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. <sup>14</sup>But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way, which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.

Q. Are we grafted into Israel, which already existed, or did God create a new body outside of Israel that is supported by a different world?

**A. Romans 11:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>For if the first-fruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. <sup>17</sup>And, if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup>do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

<sup>19</sup>You will say, then, “Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.” <sup>20</sup>Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. <sup>21</sup>For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. <sup>22</sup>Therefore, consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. <sup>23</sup>And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup>For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Q. If, according to Paul, the olive tree is Israel, do the prophets agree with Paul (that Israel is the olive

tree)?

**A. Jeremiah 11:16**

“The LORD called your name, green olive tree, lovely and of good fruit. With the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it, and its branches are broken.”

Q. So, if we are grafted into Israel, which is all supported by the same Word, are we no longer Gentiles and now considered citizens of Israel and even part of the covenants (plural) of Israel?

**A. Ephesians 2:11-13**

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh - who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands - <sup>12</sup>that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants (plural) of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Yeshua you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Q. Was the New Covenant made only with Israel and therefore we are a part of Israel if we are part of the New Covenant?

**A. Jeremiah 31:31-33**

<sup>31</sup>Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah - <sup>32</sup>not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Q. So are we to understand that we are all one body, baptized into one body, drink from the same body, with one Shepherd giving us all one direction, regardless if we are Jews or Greeks?

**A. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup>For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Greeks, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

**Ephesians 3:6**

“That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs (as the Jews), and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel:

**John 10:16**

“And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

Q. Is that one body called “The Church” (or in the Greek: “Ekklesia”)

**A. Colossians 1:24**

“Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body’s sake, which is the church.”

**A. Ephesians 5:23**

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the savior of the body.”

Q. So, is anyone that is saved by Christ part of this one body? And, does the body have one head giving one set of instructions or two heads giving two different sets of instructions (law)?

**A. Colossians 1:18**

“And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

**Ephesians 3:6**

“This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Yeshua.”

Q. Was the church a new invention of God at the cross, or has it existed since the beginning and included all?

**A. Ephesians 3:21**

“Unto Him be glory in the church by Yeshua the Messiah throughout all ages, world without end.”

**Ephesians 1:23**

“Which is His body, the fullness of Him that fills all in all.

Q. Was Israel in the wilderness even called “the church” when the law of Moses was written?

**A. Acts 7:38**

“This is He, that was in the church (ekklesia) in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him in the Mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:”

Q. How many gates lead into the New Jerusalem and are they labeled as Israel?

**A. Revelation 21:10-13**

<sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>Also, she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: <sup>13</sup>three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Q. Is all Scripture instructions in righteousness, training, correcting and even rebuking?

**A. 2 Timothy 3:16**

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”

Q. So, if all of this Scripture is true, why do many teachers teach me through Paul’s letters that God has abolished certain laws?

**A. 2 Peter 3:15-17**

<sup>15</sup>Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation - as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, <sup>16</sup>as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup>You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, **being led away with the error of the lawless;**”

Q. Did also Paul warn the Greeks that this would happen?

**A. Acts 20:29-30**

<sup>29</sup>For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup>Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

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Q. Why are Teachers permitted to teach such things?

**A. 2 Timothy 4:2-4**

<sup>2</sup>Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will heap up around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Q. Are God’s feasts His feasts, or are they just Jewish things?

**A. Leviticus 23:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.’”

Q. How long did God state in Scripture that His people should keep the commandment to keep the Sabbath, and when did God give us that commandment?

**A. Exodus 31:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. <sup>17</sup>It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

**Leviticus 16:31**

“It is a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

Q. How long did God state in Scripture that we should keep the Day of Atonement?

**A. Leviticus 16:29-31**

<sup>29</sup>This shall be a statute forever for you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you

shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. <sup>30</sup>For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. <sup>31</sup>It is a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

Q. How long did God state in Scripture that we should keep Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits?

A. **Leviticus 23:14**

“It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.”

Q. How long did God state that we should keep Pentecost/Feast of Weeks/Shavuot?

A. **Leviticus 23:21**

“And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.”

Q. How long did God state that we should keep the Feast of Tabernacles?

A. **Leviticus 23:41**

“You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations.”

Q. Are we to keep God’s law forever?

A. **Psalms 119:44**

“So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever.”

Q. How should we respond to others with this truth?

A. **Ephesians 5:11**

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

**Titus 2:15**

“These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise you.”

**1 Timothy 5:20**

“Them that sin rebuke before all, that others may also fear.”

**Proverbs 9:8**

“Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.”

**Jude 1:3**

“...contend earnestly for the faith, which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

Q. Do we need men to teach us how to understand Scripture?

A. **1 John 2:27**

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

Q. Did Yeshua tell His disciples to observe and do the law of Moses but do not do Pharisee tradition and doctrine?

A. **Matthew 23:2-3**

<sup>2</sup>Saying, The Scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: <sup>3</sup>All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

Q. Were those at Mount Sinai presented the same gospel as us?

A. **Hebrews 4:2**

“For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”

Q. Was that because Yeshua considered it bad that the Pharisees nullified the law of God as written by Moses?

A. **Mark 7:6-13**

<sup>6</sup>He answered and said unto them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. <sup>7</sup>And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ <sup>8</sup>For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men - the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” <sup>9</sup>He said to them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother;’ and ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban’ -’ (That is, a gift to God), <sup>12</sup>then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, <sup>13</sup>making the Word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

Q. So then, Pharisees taught the law of God, but in practice they were lawless?

A. **John 7:19**

“Didn’t Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law! Why do you want to kill Me?”

Q. So, if Yeshua taught that it was bad to nullify what Moses wrote, did Yeshua tell us to teach all nations to obey everything He commanded, which would include the law of Moses?

A. **Matthew 28:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

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