

The Mark of the Beast! Part 1

Rev 13:16-17 (NKJV) "He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, **to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, [17]** and that no one may **buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**"

Psa 119:160 (NASB) "The sum of Thy word is truth, And every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."

1 John 4:1 (NKJV) "Beloved, do not believe **every spirit**, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Rev 1:1 (NKJV) "**The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave Him to show His servants; **things which must shortly take place**. And He sent and **signified** it by His angel to His servant John,...[3] **Blessed** is he **who reads** and those **who hear the words** of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written in it; for **the time is near.**"

"The practice of **2 Timothy 2:15** requires one to **seek the divisions in Scripture and obey them**. A proper division between **Jew, the Gentile and the church of God**, and a knowledge of **which group one is in**, should lead to **those parts of God's word which are intended for us.**"¹

"Those who understand and believe the **dispensational** teachings of the Bible teach that **the Pauline epistles are specifically for the Church, the body of Christ**. **They make a clear distinction between these and the Hebrew epistles or the four Gospels.**" ... "However, there is "dispensation" or a "stewardship" of grace, **which was committed to Paul**. **It had a beginning and will have an ending**. **We call it grace** because it extends to all **without works, without the Jews or the law.**"... "However, **there have been and will be saved Jews and Gentiles who are not part of the present body of Christ.**"²

"Where in the Sermon on the Mount is the **Christian gospel** stated? ... Granted, the discourse contains several pointed invitations, but invitations to what? To believe that Jesus Christ **died for our sins and rose again?** Impossible to prove. **To repent? Definitely. Who were to repent? The Jewish people to whom He was speaking.** About what were they to repent? **About their disobedience to God's law.** What law? **The law of Moses.** That repentance was with a view to what? **To entering the kingdom of heaven, which was at hand.** **What would those people have understood the kingdom of heaven to be? The Messianic, Davidic kingdom on this earth in which the Jewish people would have a prominent place. This kingdom was not the body of Christ, nor was it heaven itself...** **If the sermon is "pure gospel," is it not presenting a works-salvation gospel?**... If the Sermon is directly for the church, it will be difficult if not impossible to interpret all of it completely and in a consistently literal manner."³

"It would have been **nonsense for Jesus to give the sermon in terms of the church**, for the church did not exist at that time."⁴

Rom 3:19 (NKJV) "Now we know that whatever the law says, **it says to those who are under the law**, that **every** mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before God.**"

¹ Ibbid. Pg. 16

² Dr. Ken Blue, Dispensationalism Misunderstood (Port Orchard, WA.: Local Church Publishing 1997) Ibbid. Pg. 8,10,14

³ Charles C. Ryrie "Dispensationalism" pg. 97,98

⁴ John A. Martin "Dispensationalism, Israel And The Church" (Grand Rapids, Zondervan 1992), pg261

Rom 11:31 (Arameic NT) "So also **are they now disobedient to the mercy**, which is upon you, that there may be mercy on them likewise. [32] for **Elohim has shut up all men in disobedience**, that **upon all men He might have mercy.**"

(Heb 9:15 NIV) "For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive **the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.**"

Titus 2:13-14 (NKJV) "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave Himself for us, that **He might redeem us from every lawless deed** and purify for Himself *His* own special people, **zealous for good works.**"

J. Dwight Pentecost professor emeritus of Bible exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary writes:

"It should be clear from a survey of the passages already cited (Jere 31; Heb 8) that **this covenant (New Covenant) was made with Israel**, the physical seed of Abraham according to the flesh, **and with them alone.**"⁵ Parenthesis mine

Gal 3:8-9 (NKJV) "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand**, saying, "**In you all the nations shall be blessed.**" [9] So then **those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.**"

Eph 4:4-6 (NKJV) "*There is one body* and **one Spirit**, just as you were called in **one hope** of your calling; [5] **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**; [6] **one God** and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all."

Israel was not founded on the finished work of Christ on the cross but on God's promises to her, which are still in force and will yet be fulfilled."⁶ Emphasis mine.

1 Cor 10:1-4 (KJV) "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; [2] And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; [3] **And did all eat the same spiritual meat; [4] And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.**"

Dispensationalist, Maurice Johnson, taught that the Messiah did not abolish the Torah, but that Paul did several years after the fact. He writes:

"Apparently God allowed this system of Jewish ordinances to be practiced about thirty years after Christ fulfilled it because in His patience, God only gradually showed the Jews how it was that His program was changing.... Thus it was that after **God had slowly led the Christians out of Jewish religion He had Paul finally write these glorious, liberating truths.**"⁷

2 Pet 3:16-17 (NKJV) "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.** [17] 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 wicked;**"

⁵ J. Dwight Pentecost, "Things To Come" (Grand Rapids, MI Zondervan, 1958), pg 116

⁶ Tim Lahaye "Rapture Under Attack" (Sister, Oregon.: Multnomah Publishers, 1998) pg. 231

⁷ (Saved by "Dry" Baptism!; a pamphlet by Maurice Johnson; pp. 9-10)

In his article “*Is the Law of Moses (Torah) Still Binding?*” Author Wayne Jackson, writer and editor for the “christiancourier.com” wrote, Concerning the Ten Commandments,

“In these times when so many are concerned about the moral deterioration of our nation, this recommendation is occasionally made: “We need to get back to the ten commandments as our code of conduct.” Although the motive for such an admonition is doubtless honorable, it suggests a common, though erroneous, concept about the nature of the ten commandments.... That aside, it is a logical fact that if one argues for the re-institution of the ten commandments, he must, if consistent, contend that the sabbath requirements are binding as well. This view, of course, is promoted by the Seventh-day Adventists and other sabbatarians, but it does not reflect the biblical perspective....

The Scriptures are emphatic that the requirement to keep the sabbath has been terminated. New Testament data lead to the conclusion that the law of Moses (with all of its components — including the sabbath) has been abrogated. **Paul affirmed that the “law of commandments” was abolished** “through the cross” (Eph. 2:14ff). Similarly, the “bond written in ordinances” (which contained such things as feast days, sabbaths, etc.) was taken out of the way, having been nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14-16).

Observe the following: God promised to make a “new covenant,” which would not be like the one given to Israel when the nation left Egypt (Jer. 31:31ff). When that “new covenant” was given, a “change” in laws was made (Heb. 7:12). But **the old law**, bestowed when Israel came out of Egyptian bondage, contained the ten commandments (1 Kgs. 8:9,21). Thus, **the decalogue passed away when the Old Testament was replaced by the New.**

In Romans 7, **the apostle** argued that the Christian is “dead to the law through the body of Christ”. **He further contended** that the child of God is “discharged from the law”.

Well, exactly what “law” was in view? Merely a “ceremonial” law? No, that is not the case, for subsequently **Paul says**: “[F]or I had not known coveting, except the law had said, ‘You shall not covet’” (vs. 7; cf. Ex. 20:17). Clearly, **the law to which the Christian is “dead,” i.e., separated from, and from which he is “discharged,” included the ten commandments.** The Christian is not under obligation to keep the sabbath. The fact is, just after **he affirmed** that the law was “nailed to the cross,” **Paul declared** that no one could “judge,” i.e., condemn (cf. Thayer, 361) a Christian for not keeping feast days, sabbaths, etc. (Col. 2:16). That statement could not have been made had the sabbath-law still been operative.”⁸

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Message: Shalom, Peace to you , I noticed you do not know who the anti christ is. I will tell you the most simple truth of it all, you will not believe me of course, no one does. The plain and simple truth which is provided by the teacher Yahshua (they call Jesus) is that it **is and was Paul of Tarsus the self proclaimed apostle who came to teach the lies** after Yahshua was murdered for teaching the truth. You see they rejected the true Messiah and accepted the one who came after him and was taught by Paul. It is so simple, Paul was and is still the most influential preacher there ever was. He single handedly through his travels and letters side tracked all of the Messiah\'s teachings and made the whole of the religions which have faith that he was right into blasphemy to Yahweh God All Mighty! Wow, sounds crazy doesn\'t it? He did away with everything that Yahshua taught in his whole time here, so according to Paul, Yahshua\'s breath was completely wasted and he utterly failed and wasted all his time because not a word he taught had any effect after his death? How can this be that the most important Prophet ever loved by Yah and given a mission of teaching to our brothers and us could be thrown out so quickly. Because our own hearts which accept Paul also love this world and everything in it! Take care and may you be blessed with opened eyes and ears from now on in! Jason A lost sheep who is found!

⁸ Wayne Jackson “Christiancourier.com “Should Christians keep the Sabbath”

2 Th 2:7,9-12 (NKJV) "**For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;**... "

Mark 7:15-16 (NKJV) ""**There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.** [16] "**If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!**""

Mark 7:7-9 (NKJV) "**And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'** [8] "**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.**" [9] He said to them, "**All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.**"

Mark 7:20-23 (NKJV) "And He said, "**What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.** [21] "For from within, **out of the heart of men,** proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, [22] "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, **pride,** foolishness. [23] "**All these evil things come from within and defile a man.**""

2 Th 2:3-4 (NKJV) "**Let no one deceive** you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the **falling** away comes first, and **the man of sin** is revealed, **the son of perdition,** [4] **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** [7] For **the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;** only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. [9] **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan,** with all power, signs, and lying wonders, [10] and with all **unrighteous deception/evil that deceives/deception of wickedness** among those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth,** that they might be saved. "

Luke 22:3 (NKJV) "Then **Satan entered Judas,** surnamed Iscariot, **who was numbered among the twelve.**"

Rev 12:9 (NKJV) "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world;** he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Rev 13:14 (NKJV) "And **he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs** which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived."

Rev 19:20 (NKJV) "Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet **who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast** and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Amos 3:7 (NKJV) "Surely the Lord GOD **does nothing,** Unless He **reveals His secret** to His servants the prophets."

We will continue this conversation next Shabbat!

Shabbat Shalom!