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## Exodus 19b The Law That Stands

Last week as we began our study into the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus, we spoke about the fact that this new covenant, this new Mosaic law, would indeed be a new covenant to the house of Israel. The last covenant was made with Abraham back in the book of Geneses, and that particular covenant was much different than the new covenant that the house of Israel is about to receive at the foot of the mountain the God at Mount Saini.

And so, before we get started here today in our study into the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> chapters of the book of Exodus, I want us to be absolutely clear about why this new covenant did not erase the first covenant. Because once we understand that this new covenant also known as “*the law of Moses*” did not replace the first covenant given to Abraham, we will be better equipped to understand why the third covenant that was given to us through our Messiah’s blood, also did not abolish, or get rid of the previous covenant given to Moses.

Today’s modern-day version of Christianity has wrongfully and shamefully missed the Mark by proclaiming that this covenant that we are now reading about in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> chapters of the book of Exodus has all been done away with. I assure you my friends, nothing could be farther from the truth, and before we go any farther, I want to make this crystal-clear to everyone within the sound of my voice because our salvation does indeed depend upon our getting this straight. And yes, I am well aware of the opposition that will proclaim otherwise but... none the less... we are here to teach the truth of Yah’s word according to Yah’s word, and not the philosophically driven doctrine dogmas, and traditions of men.

One of the most important things that can be found in the book of Exodus chapter 19, is the choice that our Father in heaven gives to the house of Israel in verse five. **Exodus chapter 19 verse five and six E1:**

***Exo 19:5*** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

***Exo 19:6*** and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

Notice this most important choice that Yah gives to the house of Israel in verse five. He once again uses that very teeny tiny word, “*if*”.

This very little teeny tiny word “*if*” says it all for those of us who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. Yah says and I quote, “*if*”... *You will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant.*”

Yah reminds the house of Israel what he did to the Egyptians. Yah reminds the house of Israel that he bore them on Eagles wings and brought them to himself. And this is extremely important to grasp for today’s modern-day professing Christian several reasons.

As modern-day Christians, it shouldn’t be too hard for us to understand that this is exactly what our Father in heaven did for us. Egypt was a type and shadow of the fallen Babylonian world that we now live in today. Our Father in heaven sent his only begotten Son, to bear us on Eagles wings and to rescue us from modern day Egypt.

What we are reading here in Exodus chapter 19 clearly applies to every true God-fearing, cross bearing, Messiah following Christian today. As we read through the book of Exodus, we are reminded what our Father in heaven did to the Egyptians who kept his people in bondage.

It was through his only begotten Son, that he bore us on Eagles wings and rescued us out from under the bondage of this fallen Egyptian world. The world that we now live in today is nothing more than an amplified version of Egypt and Babylon. The world that we live in today is full of little “g” gods, and idols. We now even have TV shows entitled, “*American Idol*”. And not only our children... but many adults also see these songbirds as idols. Those who walk across the silver screen have indeed become our little “g” gods. They are worshiped, and they are lavished with money and riches, they are praised, and even listened to intently when it comes to political and ethical matters such as marriage and abortion. We have sports “idols”, and music “idols”, and we have sitcom “idols”. And many of us spend more of our time sitting in front of the boob tube having our brains sucked out of our heads by our adversary than we do reading our God breathed Scripture and worshiping our Father in heaven, and his only begotten Son that he sent to save our very lives.

Superman, Spiderman, Iron Man, Antman, Ultraman, and the list goes on, and on, and on. Our children no longer know who they are because we’ve taught them that they are insignificant compared to today’s Hollywood super heroes.

Today’s Egyptian tools of Hollywood, and our music industry, and radio, and television, and the Internet, fill the world with the sights and the sounds of our modern day little “g” gods, and “idols”. The moral compass of our societies no longer has a magnetic North. What is good has been traded for what is evil, and what is sweet has been traded for what is bitter, and I daresay that the salt of the earth has been trampled upon through the philosophy, and the theology, and the traditions of men.

But you see, just like our Father brought the house of Israel to himself here in the book of Exodus... he has also brought you and I to himself here today in our time. We too have been

lifted up on Eagles wings and brought to the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob through his only begotten Son that he sent to reestablish his relationship with his people.

And before we go any farther into this study, I want to make sure that everyone within the sound of my voice knows what our new covenant today is and what it stands for. Because if we do not understand the new covenant that modern-day Christians live under today... we're not going to understand how important the new covenant that the house of Israel is being given here in the book of Exodus chapters 19 and 20 truly is.

And so, I would like us to turn to Jeremiah chapter 31, and I'd like us to read **Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31 through 33: E2:**

*Jer 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,*

*Jer 31:32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.*

*Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

The first thing that I want us to notice is who is making this covenant. This new covenant is being made by the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And who is this new covenant being made with according to the Scripture? Notice... that this new covenant is not being made with a new Gentile church. This new covenant is not being made with a Roman Empire. This new covenant is not being made with the Americans, or the Swiss, or the French, or the Canadians, or the Chinese, or the Japanese, or any other nation on the face of the earth other than... the house of Israel.

And what does our Father in heaven say that this new covenant is all about? Jeremiah chapter 31 verse 33 says and I quote, "*for this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days declares Yahovah*". After what days will he make this new covenant? After the days that he has divorced Israel, and has established the time that the two sticks of Ezekiel chapter 37 would once again be made one in the Father's hand.

Once again, the house of Israel and the house of Judah endured a civil war. And the house of Israel became the northern kingdom, and the house of Judah became the southern kingdom which were divided but... we read in Ezekiel chapter 37 that the house of Israel and the house of Judah would once again be joined together as one stick in the Father's hand.

According to the Levitical law handed down by Moses, if a man divorces a woman because of adultery, and the man gives her a certificate of divorce and sets her out of his house... that man can never take that woman back to be his wife again.

Once our Father in heaven had divorced the house of Israel, and had given her a certificate of divorce, according to his own law, he could no longer take that harlot back to be his bride. This left the house of Judah thinking that the northern kingdom (also known as the house of Ephraim) could never return to be the bride of the God of Israel. Little did they know, that from the very beginning, our Father in heaven already knew what Israel was going to do. Our Father in heaven already knew that Israel was going to break the covenant that we are now reading about here in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> chapters of the book of Exodus. He was already way ahead of them by leaps and bounds.

The old bride (Israel) could never return to her husband according to the Levitical law. She had played the harlot, and he had set her out of his house with a certificate of divorce. How then could she ever return to her husband? The answer to that question should be obvious to us all. Only through death, could she return. The old bride had to die, and a new bride had to be resurrected.

When we are buried in the watery grave of baptism... we die a fleshly death. When we raise up from the watery grave of baptism... we are raised again new and clean, and sinless because we have been baptized into the name of Yeshua Hamashiach (also known as Jesus in the Greek). The old sin of harlotry and whoredom that we used to live in came with a price tag. The wages of sin is death. And death is what we deserved because of our harlotry and whoredom against the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But, for those who believe in his only begotten Son, and the path that he cut to the cross and beyond... that death penalty was paid for us. And the new covenant of Jeremiah chapter 31 was established through the blood of our Messiah that dripped down to the foot of that cross on that dark and terrible day. **Luke chapter 22 versus 19 and 20 E3:**

*Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Luk 22:20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."*

This is when the new covenant was established, and this is who the new covenant was established by in the name of his Father. And so, if we are going to correctly understand what the new covenant that our Messiah's blood brought to us is... we must return to what our Father told us that this new covenant would be all about. Once again, Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31 through 32 **E2:**

*Jer 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,*

*Jer 31:32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke,*

*though I was their husband, declares the LORD.*

*Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

I want us to pay particularly close attention to Jeremiah chapter 31 verse 33. What is the covenant that our Father was to make with the house of Israel after those days all about exactly? Let's read it again. *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days declares Yahovah. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."*

I ask you plainly my friends... does our Father say anything here about nailing his laws to a tree? Does our Father say anything in here about abolishing his laws? Does our Father say anything in here about getting rid of the covenant that we are reading about in the book of Exodus chapters 19 and 20? The answer to that question my friends is a resounding, "**no it does not!**"

Some of our brothers and sisters will ignorantly proclaim that this does not apply to them because they are not part of the house of Israel. My friends, if that is your excuse for ignoring the laws, and the commandments, and the precepts, and the appointments of our Father in heaven... then you need to know that the ground that you stand on is nothing more than quicksand. Let us turn to **Galatians chapter 3 versus 27 through 29: (scrn 1)**

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.



If you are the Messiah's, then you are Abraham's offspring which makes you part of the house of Israel. And not only are you Abraham's offspring, you are also heirs of the promise that Yah

made to Abraham. That land called Israel over in the Middle East, belongs to you and to your children, and to your children's children. And according to Jeremiah chapter 31 verse 33, what does our Father in heaven promise that he is going to do with his law? Let's read it again Jeremiah chapter 31 verse 33 **E2**:

**Jer 31:33** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

According to our Father in heaven this new covenant that we have been given through the blood of our Messiah is a new covenant that writes his laws within us. It's a new covenant that has been written by the finger of God on our hearts. Nowhere does our Father in heaven ever say that he is going to get rid of, or abolish, or change, or trade his law for another. Our God is a God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He does not change, and he does not make mistakes, and does not make promises that he can't keep.

Many of our lost brothers and sisters will proclaim that Paul did away with the law in the New Testament. But I would submit to you my friends that this is exactly why our lost brothers and sisters are indeed lost. They are lost because they believe the Roman rooted lie that they have bought into for generations. Let's turn to the New Testament, and let's see what the New Testament has to say about the new covenant that we as modern-day Christians now live under. **Hebrews chapter 10 verses 15 through 17: (scrn 2)**

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

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,"

Heb 10:17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."



What most modern-day Christians do not understand is that about two thirds of the New Testament... is nothing but quotes from the Old Testament.

If you took away all of the quotes from the New Testament, that were written in the Old Testament... you would be left with very few pages of the New Testament. Most modern-day professing Christians don't know that because they have been wrongfully and shamefully taught that they only have to read the back half of the book. Most modern-day professing Christians are completely ignorant of the fact that when they are reading the New Testament, they are indeed reading the Old Testament.

In Matthew chapter 5 versus 17 through 22 our Messiah tells us that he did not come to abolish the law or the prophets, but that he came to do them. He tells us very clearly in Matthew chapter 5 that until heaven and earth pass away, not the crossing of a "t" nor the dotting of an "i" will pass from the law until all is accomplished. And my friends, heaven and earth does not pass away, and all things are not accomplished until Revelation chapter 21 clear at the back of the book at the end of the age. But what does today's modern-day version of Christianity preach and teach? They say "*no... We know better! Paul says that the law is a curse, and Paul says that the law is done away with, and Paul says that we are no longer under the law!*".

Now my friends... Someone's got it wrong. Either God has it wrong, or we have it wrong. Who do you suppose it is that has it wrong... him... or us?

Either God is a liar who said that he would write his laws in our hearts with this new covenant in Jeremiah chapter 31, and again in the New Testament in Hebrews chapter 10, and our Messiah is a liar who said that this new covenant was brought to us through his blood in Luke chapter 22... or we've got something wrong.

I would submit to you my friends... that we've got it terribly wrong. What did the apostle Paul actually teach about the law of God (which is also known as the law of Moses that was given to him by God)? Was the apostle Paul really telling us that the law of God is a curse and that the law of God is dead, and that the law of God is nailed to the cross... or... are we misunderstanding what the apostle Paul was trying to tell the Jews of his day? Let's take a look at some of what the apostle Paul taught concerning the law in the New Testament. **(scrn 3)**

**Rom 2:13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.**

**Rom 3:31** Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.**

**Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

**Rom 6:2** **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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**Rom 7:12** So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

**Rom 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.

**Rom 8:8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.**

According to the apostle Paul in Romans chapter 2 verse 13 it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. According to the apostle Paul in Romans chapter 3 verse 31, we do not overthrow the law by our faith. By no means says Paul, on the contrary says Paul, we uphold the law says Paul. According to Romans chapter 6 versus one and two Paul tells us that we are not to continue to sin... and what is the biblical definition of sin according to Scripture? The biblical definition of sin is the transgression of the law according to first John chapter 3 verse four. So what Paul is telling us here in Romans chapter 6 versus one and two, is that we are not to continue to transgress the law that grace may abound. By no means says Paul. How can we who died to transgressing the law... still live in transgressing the law?

The apostle Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 7 verse 12, that the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, and righteous and good. That sure does sounds a lot different than the law is a curse according to Paul does it not?

The apostle Paul tells us in Romans chapter 8 verse seven, that the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God. Why? Because it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot. Therefore... Paul says that those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Why can't they please God? Because their mind is set on the flesh and it is hostile to God and the flesh does not submit to God's law. Not says I... but says the apostle Paul.

In Romans chapter 8 verse two, Paul sums it up very nicely when he tells us that the law of the spirit of life has set us free in the Messiah Yeshua from what? Does he tell us that the law of the spirit of life has set us free in the Messiah from the law? No, he does not. Paul tells us that the law of the spirit of life is set us free in the Messiah from (the law of sin and death).

You see when the Apostle Paul taught... he often times spoke of many different laws found within the law of Yah. (**scrn 4**)

## **THE LAWS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL:**

1. **The Law Of God:** Rom 3:31, 7:22-25, 8:7
2. **The Law Of Sin:** Rom 7:23-25
3. **The Law Of Sin And Death:** Rom 8:2
4. **The Law Of The Spirit Of Life:** Rom 8:2
5. **The Law Of Faith:** Rom 3:27
6. **The Law Of Righteousness:** Rom 9:31
7. **The Law Of Christ:** 1st Cor 9:21



And so, when the Apostle Paul spoke about “the law” it’s important to understand which law Paul was talking about.

The law of sin and death was the penalty for breaking the law. The wages of sin (which is the transgression of the law according to Scripture) is death. It was the penalty of the law that our Messiah moved out of the way so that we could return to our Father in heaven a new spirit, without sin, and without that penalty over our heads. It was the penalty of the law that our Messiah paid so that we could live. Our Messiah did not abolish the law or the prophets just like he told us that he did not abolish the law or the prophets in Matthew chapter 5. Our Messiah moved the penalty of the law out of the way so that we could come back to the Father who sent his only begotten Son so that we could come back to him clean, and without sin. Purified and washed in the blood of his only begotten Son.

The apostle Paul says many different things to many different people in his New Testament writings. What we must understand is who Paul was talking to, and why he said the things that he said. We must understand that the apostle Paul was speaking to many different audiences from all over that part of the world back in that time. One thing that we can be rest assured of is that the apostle Paul himself did indeed live in obedience to the law according to James and the Elders at Jerusalem.

If we turn to the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the book of Acts, we see the apostle Paul joining James and the elders in Jerusalem. And it’s important to understand that James was the head of the Jerusalem council. James was also the half-brother of our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach (also known as

Jesus in the Greek).

When the apostle Paul came to meet with James and the Elders in Jerusalem, they were glad to hear about Paul's ministry and how many Gentiles that he was able to reach through his ministry but... as we read down through acts chapter 21, we see that James and the Elders at Jerusalem are somewhat perturbed with the apostle Paul because of some of his teachings. James tells the apostle Paul in acts chapter 21 that there are thousands of the Jews who have believed in the Messiah. And James tells the apostle Paul that they are all zealous for the law, because they know that the law is the word of the Most-High God of Israel.

So, James and the Elders at Jerusalem tell Paul to take these four men who are under a Nazarite vow to the temple so that they can shave their heads. When someone took a Nazarite vow, they were not allowed to have a razor touch their body. They were not allowed to touch dead people, and they were not allowed to drink wine. A Nazarite vow was a vow that you took before the God of Israel for a specific amount of time. It might be a year, it might be six months, it might be eight months, but whatever that specified amount of time was... you had to live under this Nazarite vow. At the end of that specified time, you then had to shave your head, and there were specific offerings that you had to make to the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And these offerings were pretty expensive. And so, James tells the apostle Paul to take these four men who are under this Nazarite vow to the temple and to pay their expenses so that they could make their offerings according to the law... (get that my friends... according to the law)... and so that they could shave their heads so that their Nazarite vow could be completed.

Now... before we go any further, if you would like to know more about what a Nazarite vow is exactly... you can turn to Numbers chapter 6, and read all about what a Nazarite vow is and how it's executed (for time's sake I'll let you do your own homework on that particular topic). But getting back to the point that I'm trying to make... in Acts chapter 21, James and the Elders want Paul to take these four men to the temple and pay their expenses to make their offerings according to the law... so that they can shave their heads so that all of the Jews will know that Paul himself also lives in observance of the law. Let there be no mistake about it my friends... the apostle Paul always lived in observance of the law according to our God breathed Scripture, not says I... but says your own God breathed Scripture. Let's turn to **Acts chapter 21 verses 18 through 24: E3:**

*Act 21:18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.*

*Act 21:19 After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.*

*Act 21:20 And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,*

*Act 21:21 and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or*

*walk according to our customs.*

*Act 21:22 What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.*

*Act 21:23 Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow;*

*Act 21:24 take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law.*

Once again, according to James who was the head of the Jerusalem Council and the half-brother of our Messiah, and the Elders at Jerusalem... Paul always lived in observance of the law. And if we read down through Acts chapter 21 verse 26, we see that Paul did exactly what James and the Elders at Jerusalem told him to do, and he took the four men to the temple, (according to the law) and he purified himself along with those four men, and he paid for their expenses to make their offering at the temple **according to the law**.

Unfortunately, this is where some of the Jews who did not believe in the Messiah found Paul and wanted to stone him to death for bringing Gentiles into the temple. We must remember that not all Jews believed. According to James thousands of the Jews did believe, but there were thousands more who did not believe, and they still believed in the religion of Judaism which wrongfully and shamefully said that a Jew could not even eat with a Gentile because a Gentile was a dog. The Torah never says anything like that anywhere, but the man-made law... and the manmade religion of Judaism did teach such a thing, and according to the Judaizers, Paul was breaking their man-made law and this was punishable by death.

Just like the covenant at mount Sinai did not abolish the covenant that Yah had made with Abraham, neither does our new covenant today abolish the covenant that Yah made with the house of Israel at mount Sinai. All three of these covenants complement one another by working hand in glove.

Now... I want everyone within the sound of my voice to understand that the sacrificial system using animal blood to atone for sin that began back with Adam and Eve, has been transformed into the blood of our Messiah which is what it always pointed to in the first place. We no longer sacrifice animals for the atonement of sin because the blood of animals was nothing more than a tool that was used to teach us what our Messiah was going to do when he arrived. The sacrificial system of using animal blood to atone for sin was meant to teach us what sin was, and what sin led to. That sacrificial system also was meant to teach us why it was that our Messiah had to be our Passover Lamb.

Man had fallen in the garden and had transgressed the law of the one true creator of all things seen and unseen. Because man had transgressed Yah's law, man had a debt hanging over his head that needed to be paid by a man. Yeshua Hamashiach, (Jesus in the Greek) was that man who came from the body of David according to second Samuel chapter 7. **(scrn 5)**

Jer 33:16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Jer 33:17 "For thus says the LORD: **David shall never lack a man** to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,

Jer 33:18 and the Levitical priests shall never lack **a man** in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever."



(scrn 6)

1Ti 2:5 For there is **one God**, and there is **one mediator** between God and men, **the man** Christ Jesus,

1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.



Was the spirit of Yah in his only begotten Son? The answer to that question is a resounding "yes". Our Messiah was the word of God made flesh just as you and I are to be the word of God made flesh. He was the word of God made flesh because he obeyed the word of God flawlessly. You and I also are commanded to obey the word of God flawlessly by our Messiah who was the word of flesh and who also wants us to be like him so that we also may be the word of God made flesh. (scrn 7)

Mat 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



Let me ask you something my friends, would our Messiah ask us to do something that was impossible for us to do knowing that he would have to judge us for not doing it? Is it impossible for us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect? Was our Messiah simply joking here in Matthew chapter 5 verse 48? Because according to most mainstream modern-day professing Christians... no man can be perfect. Is that true? Is it too hard for us to keep the law of God and his commandments properly? Not according to God it's not. **Deuteronomy chapter 30 verses nine through 20: (scrn 8)**

Deu 30:9 The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers,

Deu 30:10 when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deu 30:11 "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.

Deu 30:12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

Deu 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

Deu 30:14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.



Once again my friends, our Messiah would not command us to do something that he knew was impossible for us to do, knowing that he would have to condemn us for not doing it. Both our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son tell us very clearly that his laws are written in our hearts and in our minds if... and there is that humongous word again, "if" ... we are indeed our Messiahs.

If... we truly are God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians, then we should be practicing righteousness. And I'm not talking about a man-made philosophical roman rooted righteousness. I'm talking about the righteousness that our Messiah came to show us how to practice by keeping his Fathers feast days and his 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbaths, and his precepts, and his commandments. And I would submit to you that practicing righteousness is just like practicing anything else. Practice does indeed... make perfect.

What's important for us to understand, is that each one of our Fathers covenants, at the time that they were given, were fully developed and fully established for the divine purpose that he created them. Each and every one of these covenants were created, and remain, perfect and intact for the purpose that God intended for each one of them.

Many of the things that we see written in the law of Moses (which was given to Moses by our Father in heaven) have served their purpose in pointing to our Messiah who is our Passover Lamb (and not our Easter ham by the way).

The purpose of the law was to show man what God's principles and attributes and morals are. The written law is a schoolmaster which teaches us what sin is. But there is a spiritual law that is found within the written law that we must shema... (hear and obey). Many people claim that sin has been abolished by our Messiah. This is true in part... but I think that we can all clearly recognize that sin is far from having been abolished. All we have to do is look around. Open a newspaper, or turn on the news, all you see is sin. Sin is the transgression of the law, according to Scripture. This world is full of people who are still transgressing his law.

If we are true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians, then for us sin has indeed been defeated for us through the blood of our Messiah who has left us with his Father's Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit) to remind us, and to convict our hearts in order to protect us from sin. But... this is not so for those who do not believe. For those who do not believe, sin is alive and well and flourishing as we speak.

What we as modern-day Christians need to understand, is that all three covenants are needed in order for us to have the salvation that our Messiah so desperately wants us to have. All three covenants are indeed still valid. The Torah of our Father in heaven should be studied, not thrown in the trash. There are many things that are written that we're going to see in our Fathers Torah that we no longer have to physically do. But this does not erase that law.

If the law has been done away with as so many wrongfully and shamefully proclaim... then no one needs a Messiah anymore. If the transgression of the law has been done away with... then what do you need a Messiah for? The very reason that you need a Messiah is because the law does still stand and you have transgressed it. And without the blood of our Passover Lamb who is our Messiah... we still owe that debt for transgressing the law... which is... death. And this is exactly why those who are resurrected during the first resurrection will rule and reign with our Messiah, and those who are resurrected in the second resurrection, will be thrown into the Lake of fire which is the second death.

Think about it my friends... why will they be thrown into the Lake of fire? They will be thrown into the Lake of fire because they have rejected their Messiah, and because their debt for transgressing the law still needs to be paid. And because they have no Messiah to pay that debt for them... they themselves will have to pay that debt for transgressing the law... which is... death.

If the law has been erased and done away with, then no one needs to come to the Messiah anymore, and we do indeed live in a world where "*do as thou wilt is the whole of the law*" just as the Devils Bible proclaims. But I would submit to you my friends, that

the law is indeed still in effect for the world today. And I would also submit to you that those who are foolish enough to not accept the free gift of salvation that our Messiah laid his life down to give us will indeed pay the debt required for transgressing the law. My hope and my prayer is that you are not one of them.

Once again, the law of our Father in heaven which is his Torah, (and often times is called "*the word*" or "*the law of Moses*") is to be studied so that we can understand it, and not thrown into the trash can.

If you'd like to understand more about this particular topic you can visit us at HolyImpactMinistries.com where we have literally hundreds if not thousands of hours of teachings concerning our Father's laws and why our God breathed Scriptures clearly tell us that we should be studying and keeping them.

We do not keep the laws of God in order to be saved... we keep the laws of God because we are saved. Our Messiah commands us that if we love him... (there's that humongous word "if" again)... "*if*"...we love him... we will keep his commandments, and our Father tells us in his God breathed Scripture that the very definition of the love of God found in first John 5:3 is that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not a burden to us.

This law... this word of God... this new covenant that is being given to the house of Israel in Exodus chapters 19 and 20 is indeed an everlasting covenant for the house of Israel and those of us who have been grafted into the house of Israel. And for more information on that you can read Romans chapter 11 to know and to understand that if you are a Christian... you are indeed grafted into the house of Israel which is the only people that Yah has ever names as his people anywhere in the 66 books of scripture.

As we move into the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> chapters of the book of Exodus, we're going to re-solidify why it is that our Father's law does indeed still stand, and how we are to keep it properly. But the first thing that we need to understand is the whole of Scripture and not just half of it.

And if all of this sounds strange to you, and you've never heard these things before, I would invite you to stay with us as we journey through the book of Exodus and our Father's Torah so that you too can be one of the few who have read the book from the beginning of the book to the end of the book instead of one of the many who have read the book from the middle of the book to the end of the book.

Many will be called... but only few will be chosen. Straight is the gate and narrow is the

path, and only few will find it. Not everyone who says to me “Lord, Lord” will enter the gates of heaven... but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

With all of that being said my friends I think will close the books for now, and I will once again as I always do, ask you to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you’ve heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And remember above all... that the truth does not come from any pastor, it does not come from any priest, it does not come from the Bishop, and it certainly does not come from any Pope. The truth of our Fathers word and the discernment to understand it comes only from him and his only begotten Son and the Ruach Hokadesh that he left to dwell within us to remind us of the things that he said, and to teach us all things.

If you are asking for the discernment to understand, he will give it to you. And if you will do the truth that he has given you... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I’m pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and I like to thank each and every one within the sound of my voice here this evening for sharing your time with us and for combing through our God breathed Scripture so that we can test everything.