



Matthew Chapter 23

The Arch Enemies of Yeshua (Jesus)

This morning we're going to venture into one of my favorite chapters of the Bible. The spiritual things that are revealed here in Matthew chapter 23 are literally ground-shaking.

To properly understand the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew is to properly understand prophecy. To properly understand the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew is to properly understand who the enemies of our Messiah were not only in his day... but to also properly understand who the enemies of our Messiah are today in our day.

To properly understand the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew is to properly understand who our true master is and who our true master is not. To properly understand the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew is to properly understand that the law of God himself does indeed still stand to this very day without question. To properly understand the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew is to properly understand exactly when our Messiah will return to the earth.

Understanding the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew is monumental to the salvation of a true God-fearing, Messiah-following, cross-bearing Christian. The 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew is chocked full of useful information for us in our time standing here at the end of the age.

My hope and my prayer is that those who are with us today, and those

who hear this teaching in the future will have the eyes to see and the ears to hear the truth of the red letter words spoken by our Messiah from his very own lips, and with his very own breath and his very own tongue.

There are many who would like to sidestep the lessons taught to us by our Messiah here in the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew. There are many who will refute the very plain, and the very straightforward commandments given to us by our Messiah here in Matthew chapter 23. And there are many false prophets who are standing behind our modern-day denominational church pulpits who will blatantly lie to you concerning the truth that our Messiah will speak to us today through Matthew chapter 23.

I would submit to you that today there will be a choice laid before us. There will indeed be a choice that we will be forced to make after reading this particular chapter of God's word. And that choice is once again whom it is that we will serve. Will we serve the self-serving pastors and priests and bishops and rabbis and popish leaders of our time who were the archenemies of our Messiah in his time... or will we listen to these red-letter words found in Matthew chapter 23 and will we abide in them?

The simple truth is that you can't have it both ways. It's either our Messiah's way or its the churches way. You can choose to follow who it is that you like. Certainly, our Father in heaven has given us that free choice to make. But... what you cannot do is follow both what our Messiah says and what the church today says because the church today by and large preaches and teaches the exact opposite of what our Messiah commands us here in Matthew chapter 23. And yes... that also includes your local "Babylonian Rabbi" as well and we'll see why that is as we read down through the 23rd chapter of the book of Matthew.

There is indeed much to see here in Matthew chapter 23 and there is much that we need to talk about here this morning. And so without any further delay, let's open our Bibles to the **23rd chapter of the book of**

Matthew E1

Seven Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

Mat 23:2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat,

Mat 23:3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.

Mat 23:4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.

Mat 23:5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,

Mat 23:6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues

Mat 23:7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.

Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Mat 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.

Mat 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

Mat 23:16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'

Mat 23:17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?

Mat 23:18 And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.'

Mat 23:19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that

makes the gift sacred?

Mat 23:20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.

Mat 23:21 And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it.

Mat 23:22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Mat 23:24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Mat 23:27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.

Mat 23:28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Mat 23:29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

Mat 23:30 saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.'

Mat 23:31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

Mat 23:32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.

Mat 23:33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Mat 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Lament over Jerusalem

Mat 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The first thing that I would like to make mention of is the explosive commandment that our Messiah gives us in the first three verses of Matthew chapter 23.

Anyone who knows anything about their church history certainly knows where the church went wrong during the days of Constantine. Or at least they should know. But then again... I suppose that depends on which denominational empire that you hail from.

Today in our time the majority of today's denominational empires all teach and preach that the law of God is not only dead and done away with... but they also go as far as to teach that the law... the spoken word of God... (that our Messiah became in the flesh)... Is a curse!

The first thing that I would like to make plain to everyone listening this morning is the fact that nowhere in the Bible does the apostle Paul tell us that the law of God, which is the word of God by the way... is a curse. You simply will not find that in your Bible anywhere. And before we go any farther, I would like to very quickly give you a reference point as far as what the apostle Paul did say about the law of God. But before I do that... the first thing that I would like to explain is why it is that we are talking about the apostle Paul in the first place here this morning. What does the apostle Paul have to do with Matthew chapter 23 verses one through three?

To put it plainly, most of today's denominational empires are no longer the church of Christ the Messiah. Most of today's so-called Christian denominational empires have become the church of the apostle Paul.

And the reason that so many of today's modern-day Christian denominational empires have put the apostle Paul way up on a pedestal is because they have twisted the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures and by doing so... the very foundation of their denominational empires are built upon the writings of the apostle Paul that they have literally twisted into another whole religion just like the Pharisees of our Messiah's time had done.

Once again, what we hear from our Messiah right here in Matthew chapter 23 is not only refuted but rejected by the majority of today's modern-day so-called Christian denominational empires. And they love to quote the apostle Paul because they have built their denominational dogma around the writings of the apostle Paul that they have once again twisted to their own destruction just as the apostle Peter warned us not to do. **Second Peter chapter 3 verses 14 through 18 E2**

Final Words

2Pe 3:14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him **without spot or blemish**, and at peace.

2Pe 3:15 **And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,**

2Pe 3:16 **as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.**

2Pe 3:17 **You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.**

2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Right here in second Peter chapter 3, we have a warning from the apostle Peter himself who warns us that the writings of the apostle Paul are not easy to understand but that they are difficult to understand. And Peter goes on to warn us that the ignorant and the unstable would twist the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the

other Scriptures. And then Peter goes on to take another step. And what does Peter warn us against? Peter warns us against the error of and I quote, “lawless people”.

Peter is worried that in the future that the church would be deceived by lawless people. Not lawful people mind you... not people who believe in the law... but people that are lawless and believe that the law is a curse. **(scrn 1 show)**

Mat 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Luk 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.



Peter is not worried about the Torah keeper. Peter is not worried about those who know that just as our Messiah tells us in Luke chapter 16 verse 17 and again right here in the book of Matthew in chapter 5 that it would be easier for both heaven and earth to pass away than it would for one crossing of a “t” or one dotting of and “i” of the law of God to pass away.

There should be no doubt in our minds that the apostle Peter knew full well that even in his time after the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah, the law of Yehovah God still stood. And furthermore, there

should be no doubt in our minds that the apostle Peter knew that the ignorant and the unstable would twist the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures. And furthermore, the apostle Peter also knew that the people who would do this would indeed be lawless people who would ignorantly teach and preach that the law of God has all been done away with which once again is clearly in opposition to what our Messiah told us not once... but twice.

Keeping all of these things in perspective... I would like to present to you just some of the things that the apostle Paul said about the law of God in his writings that you will most likely not hear as a pew warmer (scrn 2)

What Paul Said About The Law of God...

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

Rom 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Rom 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

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.

Act 21:23 Do therefore what we tell you (Paul). 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.

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The apostle Paul tells us very clearly in Romans chapter 7 that he himself serves the law of God with his mind. The apostle James and the elders in Jerusalem clearly tell us that Paul always lived in observance of the law. And we even see the apostle Paul going to the temple to make sacrifices and paying for those sacrifices out of his own pocket so that four men who were under a Nazirite vow could shave their heads. And

why was Paul doing this? Once again to prove to the believing Jews in Jerusalem that what they had heard about him was incorrect. And what had they heard about him? Once again in Acts chapter 21, James and the elders in Jerusalem are worried because some of the believing Jews there in Jerusalem were told that Paul was forsaking Moses and teaching people not to circumcise their children. And because this was not true, James and the elders in Jerusalem had devised this plan of Paul going to the temple and paying for the sacrifices for these four men who were under a Nazirite vow so that the believing Jews who believed in our Messiah would understand that there was nothing in what they had been told about the apostle Paul. In other words, Paul was not forsaking Moses nor was he telling them not to circumcise their children.

But what does the church today teach? The church today teaches that Paul was forsaking Moses. The church today teaches that Paul was teaching against circumcision. And to be sure, there are several writings from the apostle Paul that could make someone think that Paul was speaking against circumcision if they did not understand the beginning of the Bible and what was written in the Torah. But this is in of itself is a lousy excuse for the church who is supposed to be teaching the whole Bible and not just half of it.

You see, you cannot properly understand the New Testament without first reading and understanding the Old Testament because the New Testament is a literal extension of the Old Testament. The Bible is one story, not two stories. And nowhere in your Bible is there an Old Testament and a New Testament. Man has inserted that division within your English-translated Bible. The fact of the matter is that the Bible is one story written by one author who is the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And this one book tells one story about one unfolding plan of salvation for mankind.

Keeping all of these things in perspective... we can now go back and hear what our Messiah commands us in Matthew chapter 23 verses one through three. **(scrn 3)**

Yeshua (Jesus) Commands His People To KEEP THE TORA!

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

Mat 23:2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat,

Mat 23:3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.



Right here in Matthew chapter 23 verses one through three our Messiah commands us to keep the Torah, the word of his Father.

Our Messiah commands us right here in Matthew chapter 23 to do and observe whatever the scribes and the Pharisees tell us while they are seated on Moses' seat.

Now, there are two very important things that we need to understand before moving forward. Number one is that the scribes and the Pharisees while seated on Moses' seat were not reading from the New Testament. The New Testament hadn't even been written yet. Not to mention the fact that the scribes and the Pharisees did not believe in the New Testament because our Messiah was the New Testament standing right there in front of them and they refused to acknowledge that he was the only begotten Son of God.

Most ignorant and unstudied Christians today will simply breeze through Matthew chapter 23 verses one through three without giving a second

thought to what it is that our Messiah is commanding us right here in Matthew chapter 23 verses one through three. And why? Because they have been conveniently preprogrammed to ignorantly believe that the scribes and the Pharisees were reading out of the New Testament or... that our Messiah was only commanding us to do this until after his crucifixion when the law would then conveniently be done away with according to the church. Which I might add is not found anywhere within the confines of your God-breathed Scripture.

Nowhere during our Messiah's ministry does he ever tell anyone at any time that the law of his Father is going to pass away during his crucifixion. That demonically inspired nonsense is not found anywhere within the confines of your Bible. But that's what they teach. Why? Well, to understand the answer to that question all we need to do is turn to the book of **Jude**. (scrn 4 Show)

Judgment on False Teachers

Jud 1:3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Jud 1:4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jud 1:5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

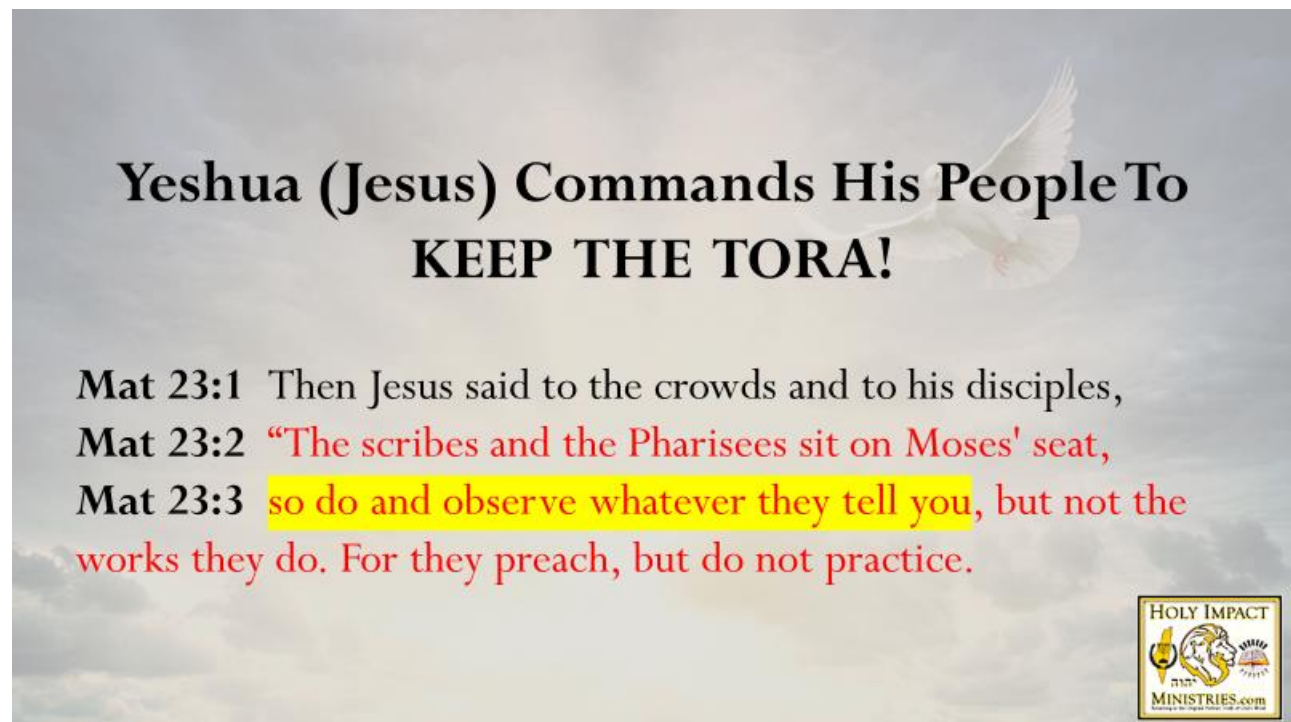


Jude who was the half-brother of our Messiah clearly warns us about people creeping in who would be unnoticed who were long ago designated for this condemnation. Ungodly people who would pervert

the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord Yeshua Messiah. And Jude warns us that it was the word of God that saved the people out of the land of Egypt that afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

And in Jude chapter 1, Jude continues to warn us against these people who reject authority and blaspheme the glorious ones. Jude goes on to tell us that these are hidden reefs at your feasts as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves, waterless clouds swept along by winds, fruitless trees in late autumn twice dead and uprooted, wild waves of the sea casting up the foam of their own shame wandering stars for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved for.

And so, getting back to Matthew chapter 23 verses one through three **(scrn 5)**



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I would like us to also pay close attention to what our Messiah says about the men who were standing behind the pulpits of his time.

We must remember that the scribes and the rabbinical Pharisees of our Messiah's time were the men who were standing behind the pulpits of his time teaching the word of God. These scribes and these rabbinical Pharisees were indeed the arch enemies of our Messiah. And yet... because they were reading the Torah, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms... Yeshua tells us to do and observe whatever they tell us... However... our Messiah goes on to tell us not to do as they do because they don't practice what they preach. In other words, they were a bunch of hypocrites which is just one of the pet names that he has for them listed here in Matthew chapter 23.

And so, right off the bat here in Matthew chapter 23 we now have two very important pieces of the puzzle that have been handed to us by our Messiah personally. Number one, we know that our Messiah expects us to do and observe the Torah, the word of God his Father. Once again, this is a red-letter commandment that comes directly from our very own Messiah from his very own breath, his very own tongue, and his very own lips. And number two... we also know that the men standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah's time were a bunch of hypocrites.

And so, with those two pieces of the puzzle firmly in hand, we can move down to **Matthew chapter 23 verses eight through 12 (scrn 6)**

Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be called masters (kathegetes), for you have one master, the Christ.

Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant

Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.



Right here in Matthew chapter 23 verse eight, our Messiah commands us... and I want to be clear here... he does not request us... he does not ask us... he commands us... not to be called rabbi.

Now, I want to stop right here for just a moment because as plain and as simple as this language is to understand... as simple as it is... to this very day, there is still a gaggle of men who call themselves “Babylonian rabbis”. And they will bald-faced lie to you and to your children and tell you that you must have a rabbi to instruct you or you will never gain entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

You see, there is no difference between the rabbinical Pharisee of our Messiah’s time and the rabbi of our time today. Both claim to have power that they do not have over you. And both are guilty of breaking the commandment of Yehovah God. And I must say that I have heard sermons that go on for hours from men who call themselves “rabbis” attempting to do all kinds of theological gymnastics and to even twist the language into knots in an attempt to erase this red-letter commandment from your Bible.

I have heard the most ludicrous, the most outlandish, the most ridiculous rebuttals from men who call themselves “Rabbi” attempting to erase this red-letter commandment from your Bible. And my friends as we have said many times before, so now we say again... you can rent your clothes, you can kick your pulpit, you can throw yourself down on the ground like a spoiled rotten child at the local Walmart. But what you cannot do... what you cannot do is to change one dotting of an “i” or one crossing of a “t” from these God-breathed Scriptures.

Most modern-day Christians have no idea where the modern-day rabbi even comes from. Once again, I would like to draw our attention to the fact that there are no rabbis found in your Old Testament. During the days of Moses, there was only the high priest who had to be in the bloodline of Aaron, and Moses or whoever the king was over Israel at that point in time. There are no rabbis in the Torah, the writings of the prophets, or the Psalms. Why is that?

Once again, the rabbi is an invention of man. And not only is the rabbi an invention of man, the rabbi is a byproduct of Babylon where the rabbi was born.

Because the southern kingdom of Judah was disobedient to Yehovah God, our Father in heaven allowed Babylon to overtake them and to make them slaves in the land of Babylon. During this time, the Jewish people had no temple because it had been destroyed by Babylon. And therefore, after several years of being slaves in Babylon, they began to build what were known as “synagogues” all throughout Babylon and they appointed for themselves these men called “rabbis” to be in charge of God’s word.

And just like any authority that man creates for himself, the rabbi taking all of this authority that had been freely given to him literally became a child of the devil. I would like to read you three different

proclamations that come directly from our Messiah concerning the Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees of his time. (scrn 7)

Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies

Mat 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

Rev 2:9 “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.



Once again, even right here in Matthew chapter 23 verse 15 our Messiah tells us that these rabbinical Pharisees are children of hell. And in Revelation chapter 2 verse nine our Messiah pays homage to the church in Smyrna for the tribulation that has been caused by the rabbinical Pharisees who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

Once again, it's important to mention here that the high priest of the temple in our Messiah's day was not and I repeat not in the bloodline of Aaron and therefore was indeed an illegitimate high priest. (scrn 8)

The high priests belonged to the Jewish priestly families that trace their paternal line back to Aaron—the first high priest of Israel in the Hebrew Bible and elder brother of Moses—through Zadok, a leading priest at the time of the reigns of David and Solomon over the United Kingdom of Israel. This tradition came to an end in the 2nd century BCE during the rule of the Hasmoneans, when the position was occupied by other priestly families unrelated to Zadok.

Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Priest_of_Israel

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Here's more historical documentation (**scrn 9**)

Herod the Great nominated no less than six high priests; Archelaus, two. The Roman legate Quirinius and his successors exercised the right of appointment, as did Agrippa I, Herod of Chalcis, and Agrippa II. Even the people occasionally elected candidates to the office. The high priests before the Exile were, it seems, appointed for life;[6] in fact, from Aaron to the Captivity the number of the high priests was not greater than during the sixty years preceding the fall of the Second Temple.

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Our history books tell us very clearly that our Fathers sanctified, and ordained high priest stopped being high priest in the second century BC that is before Christ. And therefore, the high priest that was standing

before our Messiah in his day was nothing more than an imposter and so to was the leadership of the temple in our Messiah's day. They were indeed children of the devil. Imposters if you will who once again had twisted the Scripture in order to usurp the authority of God for themselves.

To call yourself a "rabbi" is to weld yourself with these Babylonian rabbis. To call yourself a "Rabbi" is to proudly proclaim your rightful place amongst the rabbinical Pharisees who have come before you. And what was it exactly that our Messiah accused these rabbinical Pharisees of being? (**scrn 10**)



Mat 23:28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.



right here in Matthew chapter 23 verse 28 our Messiah accuses these Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees of being lawless.

Was being lawless a big deal according to our Messiah do you think? If you are lawless... can you be a child of God? Can you be reborn again... a lawless child according to the Bible?

The devil wants you to think so. And therefore, let me ask you... is this what you think? And if so... why?

Our Messiah tells us more than once that it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the law to be made void. Our Messiah tells us right here in Matthew chapter 23 to do and observed the Torah, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms. And our Messiah tells us that the Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees of his time are children of the devil because and I quote, they are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

We just heard the apostle Peter warning us not to be led astray by the lawless. We also heard the apostle Paul tell us very clearly in the book of Romans that he serves the law in his mind but that it was his flesh that rebels against the law. And in Acts chapter 21 verse 24 we are told by James and the elders in Jerusalem that Paul always lived in observance of the law. And this once again my friends, this was after... the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah that the apostle Paul was found at the temple in Acts chapter 21 not only performing sacrifices... but paying for sacrifices for four men who were under a Nazirite vow. And if you don't know what a Nazirite vow is or what the sacrifices were all about, you can simply go read Numbers chapter 6 and be informed.

And yet... the church today continuously shamefully preaches that the law of God is dead. Your once saved always saved, and a pre-tribulation rescue is going to whisk you away to safety and protect you from the persecution that the prophets all faced and the apostles all faced and even our Messiah faced because you... are so much more loved than the prophets and the apostles and even the only begotten Son of God. How special? It's all about you as far as the church is concerned. And why is it all about you? Because that's what fills the coffers. That's what puts the cheddar in the Golden pie plate.

You know... people will from time to time talk about me behind my back and complain that I chastise the church too much. Some will say that because I chastise the church that I'm arrogant. Some will say that

because I tell the truth about the identity of the rabbis that I am anti-Semitic. And some will say that I do all of these things for my own gain.

But I ask you plainly... what has the truth that I speak earned me? What profit have I gained? I tell you the truth... every time I speak the truth the offering plate dwindles. It must be the 20-year-old truck that I drive. Or the goodwill clothes that I wear. Or maybe it's the holes in my boots that they think that I've earned. Maybe they should talk to my landlord about the rent that I often times can't pay on time because... I tell the truth and I don't care who likes it or doesn't like it.

To say that the things that I speak I speak for my own gain is ludicrous. I say the things that I say, and I speak the things that I speak because they are given to me by my Father in heaven to say and to speak. And it is indeed true that the world does indeed hate me because it hated my Messiah and King first. But my Father always sees to me. And he knows my heart is zealous for his house. And if speaking the truth to my Jewish brothers and sisters in order to save them from the Babylonian Rabbis is antisemitic to some... then I guess that's their problem, isn't it?

You see people don't like to hear that they are wrong. People don't like to be told that they are wrong. But Matthew chapter 23 is a prime example of how our Messiah spoke to the so-called "church" of his time. Matthew chapter 23 is a prime example of who the men standing behind the pulpits of his time truly were and not only who the men standing behind the pulpits of his time were... but also who the men standing behind our pulpits today are!

Why do I chastise the church so openly and so often? Why do I speak so boldly in defense of our God-breathed Scripture? Because our God-breathed Scripture trumps the church. And the church doesn't like to hear that. The church that keeps the Pope of Rome's first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, the church that celebrates the Pope of Romans Good Friday instead of the true anniversary of the death of our Passover Lamb on Passover day. The church that mocks our Messiah's birth

through the Roman Catholic Christ-mass replacing our Messiah with a make-believe immortal toy God from the north and the divination and the magic of flying reindeer and Krampus elves.

The church that hates the law of God. The church that has become lawless and by doing so has indeed become godless. The church that crosses over land and sea to make one follower and when they do, they make him twice as much a child of hell as themselves. The church that proclaims that her priests and her pastors can save people by calling them down to the front of the aisle and praying for them. The church and all of her hypocrisy that usurps the very power and majesty and authority of God himself for themselves thinking to change the times and the law of God and to replace him with a fraudulent imposter.

Matthew chapter 23 is all about the seven woes of the scribes and the Pharisees. And once again the scribes and the rabbinical Pharisees were the men that were standing behind the pulpits of his time. **(scrn 11 show)**

Yeshua's Pet Names For The Rabbinical Pharisees

Sons of Those Who Murdered The Prophets	
Hypocrits	
Children of Hell	Lawless
Blind Guides	Serpents
Blind Fools	Brood of Vipers
Blind Men	Witewashed Tombs



Our Messiah had over 10 different pet names that he called the Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees of his time just here in the 23rd chapter of Matthew. But the one that he used most often is the word “hypocrites”. Once again, this was because they called themselves men of God but did not practice what they preached. They were continuously adding to God’s word and taking away from God’s word which is indeed a sin according to the Torah that they were reading in verse two. (**scrn 12**)

Deu 4:2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

Deu 12:32 “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.



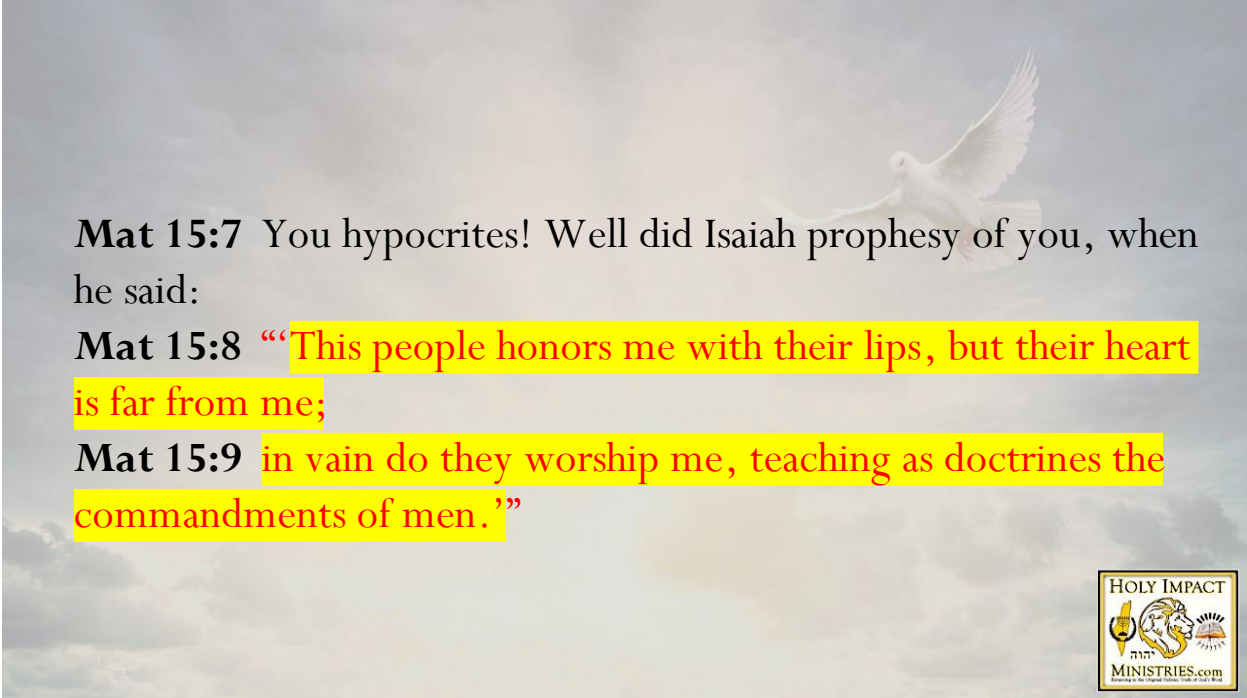
Every time the church teaches someone to do something that is not found in the Bible the church is sinning. They are transgressing the law of God and are guilty of adding to and taking away from the word of God.

Tell me exactly who it was that commanded us to keep holy the first day of the week Sunday and to call it God’s Sabbath day? Tell me who it was that ever commanded such a thing anywhere within the confines of your God-breathed Scripture? Tell me where it is written that our Messiah who is our Passover Lamb died on a Roman Catholic-created Good

Friday every year. Tell me where it is written within the confines of your God-breathed Scripture that our Messiah who is the First Fruits of the new Harvest was resurrected on a pagan Easter morning? Tell me where it is written that you are once saved always saved. Tell me where it is written that the newfound Gentile country club church has replaced the house of Israel. Tell me where it is written that a pastor, priest, Bishop, Pope, or Rabbi can save you by calling you down to the front of the aisle and saying a prayer for you. Tell me where it is written that “do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law” and that God’s law is null and void for the Christian. The only Bible that that is written in is the devils Bible itself written by Aleister Crowley!

Tell me where the church got that pagan obelisk sitting on the roof of the church building. Where do we see an obelisk on the temple of God or a dome for that matter? Tell me where it is written in the Bible that this seventh month of God’s month is Rosh Hashanah the Jewish new year. Tell me according to the Bible who named the 10th month of the Jewish months after the pagan Babylonian God Tammuz. Tell me if you know!

I ask you plainly... is there any difference between the Babylonian rabbinical Pharisees of our Messiah’s time and the pastors, priests, bishops, popes, and rabbis of our time? Aside from the fact that they can’t seem to agree on anything... much of what they do agree on is nothing more than the doctrine of men. And what in our Messiah say about that? **(scrn 13)**



Mat 15:7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

Mat 15:8 “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Mat 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”



Our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 23 verse four that these rabbinical hypocrites love to tie up heavy burdens hard to bear and lay them on people’s shoulders. They do all their deeds to be seen by others. They love to wear their colorful robes and their three-piece suits and their patent leather shoes. And they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the churches. And they love the greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.

All of Matthew chapter 23 is a chastisement against the men who were standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah’s time. All of Matthew chapter 23 is a warning to any man who calls himself a man of God. Our Messiah commands us what to be called and what not to be called. He warns us that if we are men of God that we are to humble ourselves and not to exalt ourselves. He warns us not to be lawless, he warns us not to swear by anything because we own nothing. He warns us not to preach one thing and then to do another. And I want us to pay close attention to what our Messiah says in verses **29 through 33 (scrn 14)**

Mat 23:29 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

Mat 23:30 saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’

Mat 23:31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

Mat 23:32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.

Mat 23:33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?



Our Messiah says that because the rabbinical Pharisees called those who had murdered the prophets their fathers... they were witnessing against themselves that they were indeed the sons of those who murdered the prophets. Stop and think about this for just a moment.

If the rabbinical Pharisees were witnessing against themselves by calling themselves sons of those who murdered the prophets... then what is the rabbi doing by keeping the tradition of the rabbis and calling themselves “rabbis”? Is the so-called rabbi today not witnessing against himself as the son of a child of the devil? Do they not pride themselves on the writings of their sages? Do they not drag their Talmudic beliefs into their teachings and some of them even the Babylonian teachings of the Kabbalah? The very title “Rabbi” directly connects them to the rabbinical Pharisees of our Messiah’s time does it not?

And could the same not be said for today’s pastors and priests and bishops who follow after the Roman Catholic pope’s first day of the week Sunday Sabbath? Who’s Sabbath are they keeping? Are they not witnessing against themselves by keeping their fathers first day of the

week Sunday Sabbath who is the Pope of Rome? And what about Good Friday and Easter and Christ-mass and advent and Lent and All Saints Day also known as “Halloween” which was established by the pagan Church of Rome as a day of necromancy and praying to the dead? How about a little trunk or treat out in the church parking lot?

Where are we today in our time? Do we not stand at the end of the age? Are there not famines coming on the horizon, earthquakes in various places, wars and rumors of wars, kingdoms rising against kingdoms, plagues and signs in the sun moon and stars that have already been shown time and time again? What was the very first thing that our Messiah said in Matthew chapter 24 when his disciples asked him what the signs of his coming would be? Was the very first thing that he said not to let anyone lead us astray? And did he not prophesy that many would come in his name saying, “I am the Christ” and that they would lead many astray? How many Roman Catholic popes have there been all claiming to be the Christ and all leading billions of people astray?

Is this all just coincidental what we are seeing here in Matthew chapter 23 do you think? Why do we even have Matthew chapter 23 in front of us to read today? Why has this book been preserved for thousands of years for us to read today at the end of the age?

And what else did our Messiah tell us in **Matthew chapter 23 verse 34? (scrn 15)**

Mat 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town

Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.



Did our Messiah not say that he would send prophets and wise men and scribes? He certainly did. And did he not tell us that they would kill and crucify those who he would send and even flog them in their synagogues and persecute them from town to town? He certainly did. And is this not what they did to the apostles? And is this not what was done to true Christians by the Roman Catholic Church in the dark ages through her inquisitions? Do you know who the Albigenses were? Do you know who the Waldenses were? Do you know who the Hussites were? (scrn 16)

Lament over Jerusalem

Mat 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”



How often has our Father in heaven gathered his children together under his wings only to find that they were not willing? And what happens when we are called and we do not answer that call? And an even better question is, how long will he stand knocking at the door? How long will the invitation last? What happens when there’s no more sand left in the hourglass?

Why is there a worldwide famine coming our way? Why are gas prices soaring through the roof? Why are food prices going through the roof? Why are we just coming out of one plague and going into another? Why are we on the cusp of the financial collapse? Are any of these things registering? And who is it that people are crying out to fix all of these things? We cry out to Senators, we cry out to congressmen, we cry out to presidents and prime ministers, some cry out to the world economic forum. But who is it that we should be crying out for? Whose face is it that we should be seeking?

What is Matthew chapter 23 teaching us? Are we hearing it? Are we getting it? Is it sinking in yet?

How mad... how angry do you think our Father in heaven is right now looking down upon this wicked world? How angry do you think our Father in heaven is looking at the harlot church today? How much longer do you think that we have before the patients of our Father in heaven wears out? How long has he already been patient? What prophecies are there that haven't been fulfilled as of yet? I would submit to you that more prophecies have already been fulfilled than there are left to fulfill.

This is not a joke my friends, this is reality in all of its glory. And we could get into a whole study on the Four Horsemen of the book of Revelation and what it is that they bring but I would submit to you that it's too late for that because they're already on the horizon.

There is so much to teach concerning Matthew chapter 23, there is so much that we should be able to see in retrospect. And yet, there are still those pew warmers who love their rose-colored glasses and the stained-glass windows of the church.

My friends, as we have said so many times it's important for our brothers and sisters to sit down and read the Bible from the beginning of the book for themselves and not just from the book of Matthew. We must know the beginning of the story so that we can know the end of the story. We must understand what it was that our Messiah has brought to us at the cost of his very life. We must be able to identify the enemy and we must set the wicked man outside of the assembly. We must be teaching the difference between the clean and the unclean. We must be speaking boldly to the church just as our Messiah spoke boldly to the church. It is written that we are to walk as he walked and to do as he did. Our Messiah told the truth as difficult as it was to hear it. Our Messiah told them what was coming before it came. Our Messiah warned them flat out what they would receive for their works.

When our Messiah saw a lie, he was quick to point it out as a lie. When

our Messiah saw deception, he was quick to point it out as deception. Our Messiah was no pacifist. Our Messiah was indeed the lion of Judah in all of his glory. The only time that he was silent was when they nailed him to the cross and that was because he knew what had to be done in order for him to fulfill the unfolding plan of salvation that his Father in heaven had given him to deliver to us.

My hope and my prayer is that you will take these things to your prayer closet and truly test them through the fire of prayer. My hope and my prayer is that you will not take these words for granted. My hope and my prayer is that you will accept the simplicity of what is commanded here in Matthew chapter 23 by our Messiah and that you would take these red-letter words to heart.

And as we continue to venture through the ministry of our Messiah and the red-letter words that he spoke, let us always remember that these are not secondhand words. These are words spoken by our Passover lamb. These words were spoken by the first fruit of the resurrection. And that's what makes these red-letter words so vitally important to understand. Because if we do not understand the ministry of our Messiah and what he taught and what he did not teach... we are never going to be able to understand what the apostles were teaching and what they were not teaching.

We must always remember that the apostles were teaching what our Messiah had already taught them. And therefore, if the writings of the apostle Paul or any other apostle conflict with what our Messiah has already taught us... we can know without a doubt that we are not understanding what the apostles were teaching properly.

The red-letter words of our Messiah serve as a guide to help us better understand the teachings of the apostles not the other way around. It's not about matching up what the Yeshua said to what the Apostle Paul said. It's about matching up what the Apostle Paul said to what Yeshua said. The apostle Paul was not, and I repeat not our Messiah. And I

would submit to you that the apostle Paul would not deliberately teach against what our Messiah had already taught. And therefore, a rule to always remember when reading the difficult writings of the apostle Paul is what did Yeshua say about the matter? Did Yeshua ever say that the law was going to be dead? Did Yeshua ever say that works were going to be dead? Did Yeshua ever say that after his crucifixion he was going to change his Father's Sabbath that is supposed to be a sign between his Father and his children? Did our Messiah ever teach anyone to celebrate his birthday? Did our Messiah ever celebrate the birthday of any of his apostles? Did our Messiah ever teach Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny or the tooth fairy or about cupids or to pray to the dead?

The red-letter words of our Messiah should be our measuring stick. It is these red-letter words more so than any other that should be written across our hearts and in our minds because once again, just as our Messiah tells us, the words that he spoke were not his own but where what his Father gave him to speak and what to say. And is it not the word of God that is to be written across our hearts and in our minds?

Think on these things my friends. Meditate on these things. Pray over these things. And never forget... to do these things.

And with that being said we close this mornings session and I will once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone and the proper door will be open to you. And if you will do that, 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.