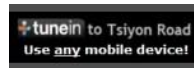
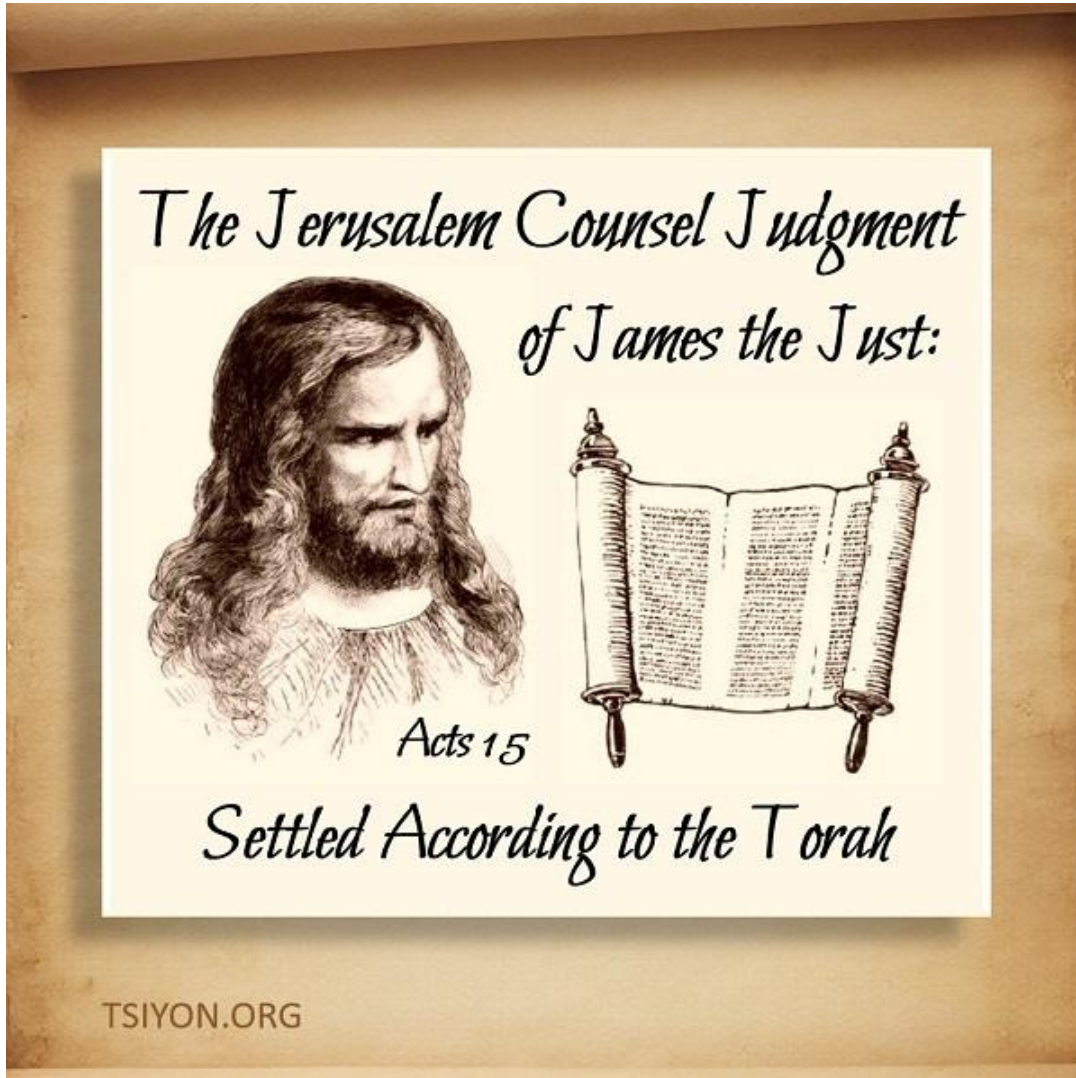


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Don't miss our live online Tsiyon Meeting at Tsiyon.Net tonight, featuring:



From Eliyahu

Consider this:

Many of us were once taught in the Church that the Torah (Law of Moses) has been done away with for everyone who puts faith in Messiah and is "saved." We were also told this is the same for Jews and Gentiles alike, because, once saved, all are part of the new body, the Christian Church. Adopting this point of view is a lot like putting on a pair of Church-colored glasses. With these glasses on one tends to read the Scriptures of the New Testament with this Church-bias against the Torah. Yet, reading through Acts, there are many points that don't conform to that picture. For example, we learn that the early believers considered themselves Jews, and were considered Jews, even if errant Jews, by the Jewish community

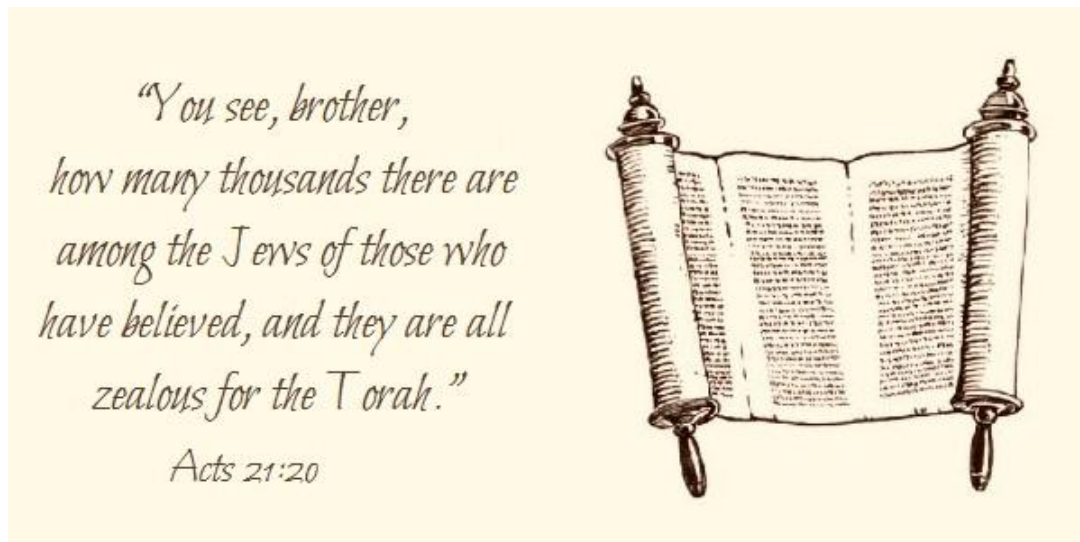
at large. As Jews, they kept the Torah. For example, James, the leader of the Assembly in Jerusalem said to Paul:

"You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Torah." Acts 21:20

Why were all the thousands of believers in Jerusalem identified as "Jews" who are "zealous for the Torah" if the Torah had been done away with? Note that James had proudly informed Paul of this love of Torah on the part of all the believers in Jerusalem. Surely, if James and the believers in Jerusalem were wrong about this, Paul would have corrected James about it, but Paul never did. Actually, Paul was a Jew "zealous for the Torah" also! This is what he said to a crowd of fellow-Jews in Jerusalem:

"I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict tradition of the Torah of our fathers, being zealous for Elohim, even as you all are this day." Acts 22:3

This would have been the perfect opportunity for Paul to identify himself as a "Christian" - if that is how he saw himself and the movement he was a part of. Instead, he said "I am indeed a Jew." This is but one of many examples indicating flaws in Church theology on this topic. If the Church could be wrong about this, what else have they been wrong about? If we take off the Church-colored glasses and just see what is on the pages of Acts, what else will we find?



Actually, we will never find men like James and Paul identifying themselves as part of some Gentile group called "the Christian Church". They behaved like Israelites, observing the Law of Moses. For example, Paul attended synagogue every Sabbath, kept the feast days of YHWH, and even went beyond that, taking a nazirite vow. (1Cor 5:8, Acts 18:4, 18-19, Numbers 6:1-21)

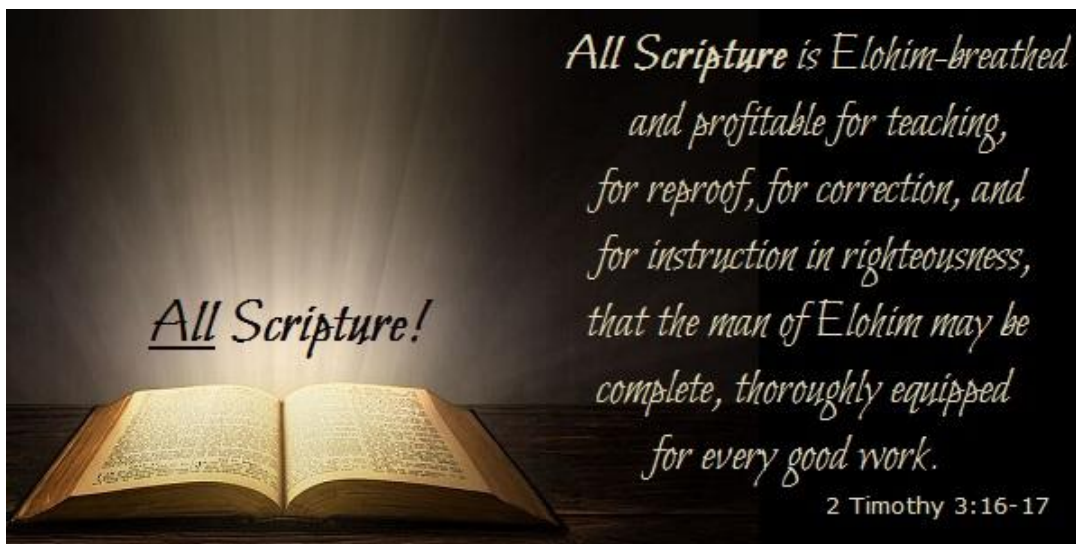
If all of this is true then why do we find Paul seeming to make statements against the Torah, even doing away with it? Statements like this:

"..having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace" Ephesians 2:15 NKJV

Here, it is usually supposed that Paul is saying that Christ "abolished" the Torah. But what exactly is "the law of commandments contained in *ordinances*"? Here is the Greek word this is translated from:

dogma- G1378 - from G1380; an opinion, (a public) decree [NASEC]

Paul is talking about DOGMA! - not the Torah! Dogma refers to opinions and decrees of religion. Such opinions and decrees issue from man, not God. Yeshua often referred to such dogma as "traditions of men" and condemned them as making the commands of God of none effect. It is this dogma, commandments of men, that Yeshua voided by His death for us. By contrast, the Torah is the inspired foundational Scripture on which all the Scripture that follows rests. You can't throw out the foundation of your house and expect the rest of it to continue standing! ALL Scripture must be embraced as the Word of God. (Mark 7:7+8)



The truth is, the Christian Church as we know it through history, and even today, is not much like the Assembly of the early believers. Yes, some people still get "saved" through faith in "Jesus" through exposure to the Christian Church. However, pretty much everything that happens with those believers after that is entirely different than the 1st century pattern. For example, in Acts 15 new Gentile believers are told they must "*abstain from the pollution of idols, from sexual immorality, from what is strangled, and from blood.*"

When is the last time you heard this command being given to new Christian believers? In some cases idolatry and sexual immorality may be warned against -

but do most of us even know what it means to "abstain from what is strangled and from blood"? And do we know why this would even be important for newly-saved people? We can hardly say this is not important, given that this instruction came from a meeting of all the apostles and elders of the early Assembly! The reason Christians don't understand this command, or hold it as important, is because it originates in the Torah - and Christians have been told to ignore the commands of the Torah.

This is only one example of how Acts 15 illuminates an entirely different dynamic among the early believers than we see in Christian denominations and even Messianic congregations today. This matters, because how we are organized, and what we believe to be important, is the difference between success and failure in our mission as representatives of Messiah in the world. Could this be the key to the reason we are 2,000 years past the coming of Messiah and still have not completed our mission? Could it be that something the early believers had has been lost, and the power they experienced has been lost with it? If this is true (and I know it is) then we cannot hope to fulfill our mission without getting that special something back! It is time to go back to where we started, to pick up the thread that was lost, to rebuild from there. Almost 2,000 years of moving away from our foundations must be reversed! A body of overcoming believers is foretold in Scripture as doing exactly that in the Last Days. For them to do that, they will have to take Acts 15 into account, and what is more, conform themselves to that Acts 15 pattern. That's exactly where we are at, as we consider Acts 15 in our live online Tsiyon meeting tonight.



Please join me tonight at tsiyon.net, at 8 pm cst, for our live meeting. The key to the success of the early believers is to be found in Acts 15. Be there, or be unaware!

Blessings and good health to you!

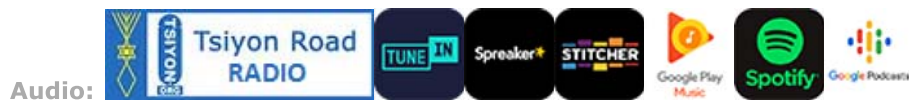
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PS - The imminent collapse of America will impact all nations in a deadly domino effect. It is getting more and more vital for the remnant nation of Renewed Israel to unite and organize, because we will have to get out of the Gentile nations soon or endure their fate. We must get organized now for the Remnant Exodus.

Click this video for the latest prophetic message:



Be still, and know that I am Elohim. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. YHWH of Armies is with us. The Elohim of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Psalms 46:10+11



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