

# Did Yahshua Lie?

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This is a serious question as most Churches inadvertently preach that he did. How can I say this? Let's look at the scriptures in question.

**Mat 5:17** *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

**Mat 5:18** *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

**Mat 5:19** *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

The way these scriptures are usually translated lead many to believe the law was abolished at the death of Yahshua. However, let's examine the words that were written originally in Hebrew/Aramaic and then in Greek. The Hebrew copies no longer exist, but we do have the Greek version of the New Testament.

The word "law" in these verses is the Greek word "nomos". Strong's concordance defines it as the following:

## G3551

νόμος

nomos

nom'-os

From a primary word νέμω nemō (to *parcel out*, especially *food* or *grazing* to animals); **law** (through the idea of prescriptive *usage*), generally (*regulation*), **specifically (\*\*of Moses** [including the volume]; also of the Gospel), or figuratively (a *principle*): - law.

\*\* The Law of Moses is the Torah.

To prove that this word means the Torah, let's find a scripture in the New Testament that is a quote of an Old Testament scripture, which translates the word "nomos" as law. We find such a verse in Hebrew 8:10.

**Heb 8:10** Because this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says **YAHWEH**, I will give **My Laws** (*nomos*) into their mind, and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."

So what is the corresponding verse in the Old Testament?

**Jer 31:33** But this shall be the covenant that I will cut with the house of Israel: After those days, declares **YAHWEH**, I will put **My Laws** in their inward parts, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.

What is the word that is translated "law" in Jeremiah 31:33?

## H8451

תורה תורה

tôrâh tôrâh

to-raw', to-raw'

From [H3384](#); a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch: **-law**.

We see here that the law that is meant in Hebrews 8:10 and that spoken of by Yahshua in Mat. 5:17 is the Torah. So let's write the verse as it should be understood.

[Mat 5:17](#) Do not think that I came to annul the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfill.

Also, he is not talking about doing away with prophets or prophecy, but what is meant here is prophecy written in the books of the prophets in the "Old Testament" or the Tanakh. The "Tanakh" is an acronym for "Torah, Prophets and Writings".

What about the meaning of the word "Fulfill"?

G4137

πληρόω

plēroō

**Thayer Definition:**

- 1) to make full, to fill up, i.e. to fill to the full
  - 1a) to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally
    - 1a1) I abound, I am liberally supplied
- 2) to render full, i.e. **to complete**
  - 2a) to fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, fill to the brim
  - 2b) to consummate: a number
    - 2b1) to **make complete in every particular**, to render perfect
    - 2b2) **to carry through to the end, to accomplish, carry out**, (some undertaking)
  - 2c) to carry into effect, bring to realisation, realise
    - 2c1) of matters of duty: to perform, execute
    - 2c2) of sayings, **promises, prophecies, to bring to pass, ratify, accomplish**
  - 2c3) to fulfil, i.e. **to cause God's will (as made known in the law) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfilment**

As you can see above, there is not even a hint that the word "fulfill" means to annul or do away with. There are still many things that have to occur prophetically including the return of Yahshua.

A better rendering of "fulfill" here would be "complete". Yahshua meant the "Law and the Prophets" were incomplete without Messiah to whom they all pointed. Yahshua came to complete the promises YHWH gave to Moses, not to do away with them. After all, Yahshua is called the "Word of YHWH"

So now we can translate Mat 5:17 as follows:

[Mat 5:17](#) Do not think that I came to annul the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to make **complete**.

Then Yahshua continued by saying:

**Mat 5:18** Truly I say to you, Until the heaven and the earth pass away, in no way shall one yod or one stroke pass away from the Torah until all comes to pass.

Now ask yourself the question, is the heaven and the earth still here? I look down and I am standing on the earth. I look up and see the heavens. Therefore what Yahshua is saying is that the Torah will not be abolished as long as these things exist.

He also had another reason for using the phrase “heaven and earth” because he is reminding them of the warnings that YHWH gave to Israel what would happen if they forsook the Torah. He called “heaven and earth” to witness against them what would happen if they did. (Deut 4:13, 26-27, 30:19, 31:28). Also see Isa.1:2. In each case here he is telling them to keep Yahweh's Torah or they would be scattered into all nations. Of course, we know Israel disobeyed and as a result, they were scattered into all the nations, exactly as YHWH warned.

Yahshua is NOT saying that the law is passed away. He is saying just the opposite. Heaven and earth are still here. Anyone who teaches that the law is done away is teaching in the spirit of antichrist. They are teaching in opposition to what Yahshua plainly stated. If any teaches otherwise, he is to be discounted and labeled a false teacher.

Now look at the last verse:

**Mat 5:19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these **least commandments**, and shall teach men so, he shall be called **the least in the kingdom of heaven**: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called **great in the kingdom of heaven**.

This certainly doesn't sound like the law is done away, does it? It's just the opposite of what is being taught today. Many preachers are teaching that the law was abolished at the death of Yahshua, but fail to explain to you why Paul and the rest of the Apostles kept on obeying it afterwards anyway.

Dear reader, do you keep YHWH's Commandments today? Do you keep the Sabbath? You will not find a single verse in scripture to indicate that the Sabbath was to be changed to the first day of the week (Sunday). How many preachers and pastors today teach that we are to keep the Ten Commandments, yet continue to violate them? If you break even one of these Commandments, you are breaking them all.

**Jas 2:10** For whoever shall keep all the Torah, even though he fail in but one statute, he has become guilty as to all of it. (Deut. 27:26)

The keeping of the Sabbath is the identifying sign between YHWH and His people forever. The last thing YHWH spoke to Moses before giving him the tablets of the Ten Commandments was to admonish the people to keep the Sabbath (Exo. 31:12-18). The Sabbath is still valid today and the violating of it is called sin.

**1Jn 3:4** Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is the breaking of the Torah. (HRB)

The seriousness of ignoring and violating the Torah is brought home with some very dire words from Yahshua in Matt.7:23. Very few actually understand what Yahshua was saying.

**Mat 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

**Mat 7:22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

**Mat 7:23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity**. (KJV)

Of course, none of us think we are workers of iniquity, do we? What is the word translated “iniquity”. It is the Greek word “anomia”.

### G458

ἀνομία

anomia

an-om-ee'-ah

From **G459**; *illegality*, that is, **violation of law** or (generally) *wickedness*: - iniquity, X **transgress (-ion of) the law**, unrighteousness.

Okay, what law? Let's trace it out further by looking at G459.

### G459

ἄνομος

anomos

**Thayer Definition:**

1) **destitute of (the Mosaic) law**

1a) of the Gentiles

2) departing from the law, a violator of the law, lawless, wicked

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**A Related Word by Thayer's/Strong's Number:** from G1 (as a negative particle) and G3551

The “a” prefix is a negative participle when attached to the word “nomos” makes it translate “lawless”. We have already seen that the word ‘nomos’ translated here as “law” is actually “Torah”. So verse 23 could be written more correctly as:

**Mat 7:23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **Torahlessness**.

Now, we can read the verses from 7:12-27 with better understanding of what Yahshua is teaching, paying careful attention to verse 15.

**Mat 7:13** Go in through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are the ones entering in through it.

**Mat 7:14** For narrow is the gate, and constricted is the way that leads away into life, and few are the ones finding it.

**Mat 7:15** **But beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are plundering wolves.**

**Mat 7:16** From their fruits you shall know them. Do they gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

**Mat 7:17** So every good tree produces good fruits, but the corrupt tree produces evil fruits.

**Mat 7:18** A good tree cannot produce evil fruits, nor a corrupt tree produce good fruits.

**Mat 7:19** Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and is thrown into fire.

Mat 7:20 Then surely from their fruits you shall know them.

Mat 7:21 It will not be that just everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power?

**Mat 7:23** And then I will declare to them, from everlasting, I never knew you; "depart from Me, those working Torahlessness!" (Psa. 6:8)

Mat 7:24 Then everyone who hears these Words from Me, and does them, I will compare him to a wise man who built his house on the rock;

Mat 7:25 and the rain came down, and the floods came up, and the winds blew, and fell against that house; but it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

Mat 7:26 And everyone who hears these Words of Mine, and who does not do them, he shall be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand;

Mat 7:27 and the rain came down, and the floods came up, and the winds blew and beat against that house; and it fell, and great was the collapse of it.

The words "false prophets" in verse 15 is the Greek word "pseudoprophetes". Pseudo means "false" and 'prophetes' means "prophet". If we dig a little for the meaning of 'prophetes' we find the following:

#### G4396

προφήτης

prophētēs

#### Thayer Definition:

1) in Greek writings, an interpreter of oracles or of other hidden things

2) **one who, moved by the Spirit of God and hence his organ or spokesman, solemnly declares to men what he has received by inspiration, especially concerning future events, and in particular such as relate to the cause and kingdom of God and to human salvation**

Isn't this what most preachers claim? They claim their sermons which they deliver to their sheep are received by inspiration of YHWH. So, the warning in verse 15 is to beware of those who falsely claim they are inspired of YHWH and preach or teach lies. It also tells us they will look like the sheep and pretend to be one of them, but they are there to fleece the sheep. How many of the big preachers that teach Torahlessness are multi-millionaires and live in large mansions? I can name a good number of them that tickle the sheep's ears and tell them the things they want to hear, even if they starve their souls to death.

The rest of the verses tell how we will know them. If they teach truth, their fruit will be good, but if they preach lies their fruit will be bad. We were told in Jeremiah 16 the following:

**Jer 16:19** O YAHWEH, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the nations shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, **Our fathers have inherited only lies, vanity, and there is no profit in them.**

**Jer 16:20** Can a man make gods to himself? But they are not Elohim!

**Jer 16:21** Therefore, behold, I will make them know this time; I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and **they shall know that My name is YAHWEH.**

The day of affliction is the tribulation and men will realize that they have been lied to and taught false doctrine that causes them to disobey Torah. Many will expect to be “raptured” out of harm’s way only to find themselves going through Jacob’s trouble. They have followed a false Torahless Messiah whose followers emulate him with false feast days (Xmas, Easter) and a false Sabbath (Sunday). They have made their own god and have rejected the Torah keeping Messiah of the scriptures. This is why the Jews reject the Jesus of Christianity. They are looking for a Torah observant Messiah.

There are a few other scriptures that I want to mention:

**Rev 14:12** Here is the patience of the saints; here are the **ones keeping the commandments of YAHWEH, and the faith of Yahshua.**

**Rev 22:14** Blessed are the **ones doing His commandments,** that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and that they may enter by the gates into the city.

**Rev 12:17** And the dragon was enraged over the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, **those keeping the commandments of YAHWEH, and having the testimony of Yahshua Messiah.**

**Mat 19:17** And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One, YAHWEH! But if you desire to enter into life, **keep the commandments.**

You can see that those who are the saints have two things in common. They keep the Commandments of YHWH and believe in Yahshua as their Messiah. The Commandments of YHWH are found in the Torah.

To answer my first question, did Yahshua lie? The answer is no, he told the truth. It is the false teachers and pastors who have lied to us. Who are you going to believe? Yahshua, who spoke very plainly or what you think the Apostle Paul meant in some of his epistles?

Peter said in 2 Peter 3:15-16.

**2Pe 3:15** And consider the long-suffering of our Master as salvation, as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him;

**2Pe 3:16** as also in all his epistles, speaking in them concerning these things, in which some things are hard to understand, which those that are ignorant and unstable pervert their meaning, as also they do the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Personally, I choose to believe Yahshua. Paul’s writings have been misunderstood and erroneously preached which will deprive millions of being the bride of Yahshua and possibly their being called “least” in the kingdom of heaven. They are the 5 foolish virgins with no oil (Torah) in their lamps.

The Torah is still to be followed today with YHWH’s Feasts, Sabbath and clean food laws. To say it is abolished is to call Yahshua a liar. But let YAHWEH be true, and every man false; even as it has been written, "That you should be justified in your words, and will overcome in your being judged.

As scripture says, we have truly inherited lies.... (Jer 16:19).

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