

Disciples of Jesus Christ Are Under the New Covenant. Therefore, We Must Fully Understand Exactly What the New Covenant Is!

All of the covenants that God has established with mankind and His creation throughout the *synergy of the ages* build on each other and were all **confirmed** with the precious blood of Jesus Christ which is the “*sign*” of the New Covenant. The word “*confirmed*” in the Hebrew is “*gâbar*” which literally means “*he shall make strong*”. Thus Jesus Christ became the mediator of the New Covenant when He was sacrificed for the redemption of mankind’s sins so that we could be restored back into a covenant relationship with our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh*.

As such, for those who believe and receive Jesus Christ, God’s only *begotten* Son as their Lord and Savior, we receive eternal life and have the opportunity to inherit God’s covenant promises while we still live on the earth. Then after we die a physical death on the earth, we will be resurrected from the dead and receive our glorified bodies like Jesus did and we will also receive our heavenly rewards.

The “*essence*” of the New Covenant that Jesus is the mediator of and ratified with His precious blood is as follows:

“I will put My LAWS in their MIND and write them on their HEARTS; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. For I will be MERCIFUL to their UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, and their SINS and their LAWLESS DEEDS I will REMEMBER NO MORE.”

The Scriptures detailing what the New Covenant is, in context, are in Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:8-13.

Now let’s take a look at exactly what the New Covenant is according to God’s Word. My comments are in brackets for definition purposes only. In addition, when you see the *house of Israel* in the following passages of Scripture this is referring to the *ten tribes of Israel* from the *house of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) who originally were from the northern kingdom before God scattered them all over the world. These are those of us who were formerly Gentiles that were grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel* by our faith in Jesus Christ.

Moreover, when you see the *house of Judah*, this is referring to the Jews from the *tribe of Judah*, the *tribe of Benjamin* and some from the *tribe of Levi*, who were originally from the southern

kingdom of Israel when Israel was divided into two kingdoms—two nations after the death of King Solomon.

First, we will take a look at the Scripture prophesied by the prophet Jeremiah in the Old Testament concerning the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:31-33 below. Notice that even though *Yehôvâh* will make a NEW covenant with both the *house of Israel* and the *house of Judah*, it specifically says that He will put **His laws** in the minds and write them on the hearts of ONLY those from the *house of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim)—those who were formerly Gentiles that were grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel* by their faith in Jesus Christ. Also, make sure you read the meaning of the word “*law*” in the Hebrew as used in this passage of Scripture in Jeremiah 31:31-33 below. And, as will be the case with select passages of Scriptures throughout this teaching, I have included the Hebrew or Greek meaning of certain “*key*” words which are underlined and in all CAPS and their associated Hebrew or Greek meanings are highlighted and in brackets as indicated below, so that we fully understand what is being conveyed to us. First read the Scripture in context, and then read it again while looking at and meditating on the corresponding Hebrew or Greek meanings that I have provided in brackets for your convenience and your benefit.

“Behold, the days are coming, says the **LORD**¹ [**H3068: Yehôvâh: self Existent or eternal; Jehovah**], when I will make a **NEW**² [**H2319 & H2318: chādâsh: be new; causatively to rebuild: - renew, repair**] **COVENANT**³ [**H1285: b^e rîyth: cutting; a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh)**] with the house of **ISRAEL**⁴ [**H3478: Yiśrâ’êl: he will rule as God; Jisrael, a symbolical name of Jacob; also (typically) of his posterity**] **and** with the house of **JUDAH**⁵ [**H3063: Y^ehûdâh: celebrated; Jehudah (or Judah), the tribe descended from the first, and of its territory**] **NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS** [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—(Israel)] in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, **My COVENANT**³ which **they** [both the Jews from the House of Judah and the Gentiles from the House of Israel] **BROKE**, though I was a husband to them, says the **LORD**¹. But this **is** the **COVENANT**³ that I will make with the house of **ISRAEL**⁴ **after** those days, says the **LORD**¹. I will put **My LAW**⁶ [**H8451: tôrâh: direction or instruction based on the Mosaic Law**] in their **minds**, and write it on their **hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” ~ Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NKJV)

¹According to Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon #3068 the word “*Lord*” is the Hebrew word “*Y^ehôvâh*” pronounced “*yeh-ho-vaw*” and is from **H1961**; **(THE) SELF EXISTENT OR ETERNAL; Jehovah**, Jewish national name of God: - Jehovah, the Lord. Compare **H3050**, **H3069**.

²According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H2319** the word “new” as used in Jeremiah 31:31-33 above, which is used to describe the “new covenant” is the Hebrew word “*châdâsh*” which is from *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H2318** which is a primitive root; which means: **TO BE NEW; CAUSATIVELY TO REBUILD: - RENEW, REPAIR.**³³

³ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H1285** the word “covenant” is the Hebrew word is “*b^eriyth*” pronounced “*ber-eeth*” and is from **H1262 (IN THE SENSE OF CUTTING** (like **H1254**)); **A COMPACT** (because made by passing between *pieces* of flesh): - confederacy, [con-]feder[-ate], covenant, league.

⁴ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H3478** the word “Israel” is the Hebrew word “*Yisrâ'el*” pronounced “*yis-raw-ale*” and is from **H8280** and **H410**; *he will rule as God; Jisrael*, a symbolical **NAME OF JACOB; ALSO (TYPICALLY) OF HIS POSTERITY:** - Israel.

⁵ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H3063** the word “Judah” is the Hebrew word “*Y^ehûdâh*” pronounced “*yeh-hoo-daw*” and is from **H3034**; *celebrated; Jehudah* (or Judah), the name of five Israelites; also of **THE TRIBE DESCENDED FROM THE FIRST, AND OF ITS TERRITORY: - JUDAH.**

⁶ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon Number* # **H8451** the word “law” as used in Jeremiah 3:31-33 above is the Hebrew word “*tôrâh*” which according to *Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition* means **LAW, DIRECTION, INSTRUCTION** 1) instruction, direction (human or divine) 2) body of prophetic teaching 3) instruction in Messianic age 4) body of priestly direction or instruction 5) body of legal directives 6) law 7) law of the burnt offering 8)of special law, codes of law 9) custom, manner 10) **THE DEUTERONOMIC OR MOSAIC LAW.**

Therefore, this “new” covenant that our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* has established with both houses would be for the purpose of renewing, rebuilding or repairing the “old” covenant that God first established with the *children of Israel* through His servant Moses.

As such, just because God refers to this a “new” covenant this does not in any way, shape or form mean that the “old” covenant is now obsolete which I shall convey in this chapter based on the truth of God’s Word. Rather, the “old” covenant is being renewed, repaired or rebuilt into something new by God Himself. Hence, we need to learn what things in the “old” covenant has been renewed, rebuilt, or repaired by the blood of Jesus Christ which resulted in this “new” covenant correct?

And, based on the Hebrew definition of the word “law” as used in Jeremiah 31:31-33 above, God’s law that He will put on the minds and write on the hearts of New Covenant believers, specifically those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel*, will be the *Mosaic Law* which was written by His servant Moses found in the Torah which is our heavenly Father’s instructions and directions for ALL His people to live by in order to walk in a covenant relationship with Him. As such, “*the essence*” of the *Mosaic Law* is based on Deuteronomy 10:12-13 below which says...

“*And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God **REQUIRE OF YOU**, but to **FEAR** the Lord your God, to **WALK** in ALL His ways and to **LOVE** Him, to **SERVE** the Lord your God with ALL your **HEART** and with ALL your **SOUL**, and to **KEEP** the **COMMANDMENTS**” ⁷ **[H4687: *mitsvâh*: a command, whether***

human or divine (collectively the *Law*): ordinance or precept] **OF THE LORD**
and **HIS STATUTES** ⁸ [H2708: *chûqqâh*: appointed, custom, manner, ordinance]
which I command you today for **YOUR** good?" ~ Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (NKJV)

⁷According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # H4687 the word "commandments" is the Hebrew word "mitsvâh" pronounced "mits-vaw" and is from H6680; A **COMMAND, WHETHER HUMAN OR DIVINE (COLLECTIVELY THE LAW)**: - (which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept.

⁸According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # H2708 the word "statutes" is the Hebrew word "chûqqâh" pronounced "khook-kaw" and is the feminine of H2706, and meaning substantially the same: - **APPOINTED, CUSTOM, manner, ORDINANCE**, site, statute.

Now we will take a look at the Scripture that the apostle Paul wrote in the New Testament concerning the New Covenant in Hebrews 8:8-13. However, before we do, I need to address some critical points worth mentioning which is as follows:

1. When the apostle Paul said that God would put His laws on our minds and write them on our hearts what law do you think Paul was referring to based on the fact that the New Testament was not written yet? Again, he was referring to *Yehôvâh's* law in the Torah which the apostle Paul strictly taught from because he was "the" Pharisee of all Pharisees before God transformed his heart and removed his spiritual blindness on the road to Damascus. Moreover, the fact that the apostle Paul TAUGHT and WALKED strictly according to the Torah and the *Book of the Prophets* are substantiated by the following Scripture below.

*"But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a **SECT** [G139: *haireisis*: properly a choice, that is, (specifically) a party or (abstractly) disunion ("heresy" is the Greek word itself)], so I worship the God of my fathers, BELIEVING **ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAW and IN THE PROPHETS.**" ~ Acts 24:14 (NKJV)*

⁹ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # G139 the word "sect" is the Greek word "haireisis" pronounced "hah'ee-res-is" and is from G138; properly A **CHOICE**, that is, (specifically) a party or (abstractly) disunion. ("**HERESY**" IS THE GREEK WORD ITSELF.): - heresy [which is the Greek word itself], sect.

Notice that according to Acts 24:14 above, that the apostle Paul mentions that they called "the Way" that he worshipped the God of his fathers, which was according to ALL the things which are written in the law and the prophets, a "sect". In other words, some people in Paul's day were of the "opinion" that the movement that they called "the Way" back in Paul's time, referred to "the Way" that he was worshipping the God of his fathers according to the Torah and the *gospel of the kingdom* was heresy! Do we realize the same thing is being said in this hour concerning

those who desire to follow the God of our fathers by choosing to honor our heavenly Father by following His instructions written in the Torah and the things which were spoken of by the *Prophets of Old* in addition to what Jesus and his early disciples taught concerning the *kingdom of God*?

Let's continue to see what the apostle Paul had to deal with and what he did in order to prove that he was faithfully keeping the Torah, while he was preaching about the "good news" of the *gospel of the kingdom* that are substantiated in the Scriptures below.

*"Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you [Paul] **YOURSELF** also **WALK ORDERLY** and **KEEP** the **LAW**."* ~ Acts 21:24 (NKJV)

*"So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and **solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the **LAW OF MOSES** and **THE PROPHETS**, from morning till evening.**"* ~ Acts 28:23 (NKJV)

*"For as many as have sinned **without LAW** will also **PERISH without LAW**, and as many as have **SINNED IN THE LAW** will **BE JUDGED BY THE LAW**."* ~ Romans 2:12 (NKJV)

*"For circumcision is indeed profitable if you **KEEP** the **law**; but if you are **A BREAKER OF THE LAW**, your **circumcision** has **become UNCIRCUMCISION**."* ~ Romans 2:25 (NKJV)

2. Many Christians say that the Old Covenant has no relevance to New Covenant believers based on Hebrews 8:13 (NKJV) in which the apostle Paul says, "*In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first [covenant] **OBSOLETE**. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.*"

Yet, they are taking this statement out of context due to the fact that Paul starts off Hebrews Chapter 8 talking about the *NEW priestly order* of our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who is the mediator of a better covenant, which is established on better promises because it was ratified by His precious blood. I will cover at the end of this Chapter what

some of the differences are between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant which the *order of the Priesthood* is definitely different.

And, last but certainly not least, what Jesus did away with and made obsolete with the New Covenant is the CURSE that we would receive by NOT keeping the *letter of the law* like the Old Testament saints had to do before Jesus Christ shed His precious blood for us on the cross at Calvary!

This is why **immediately** preceding Hebrews 8:13 (NKJV) which says, “***In that*** *He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”*”

God says to us what “*In that...*” means when He says to us in Hebrews 8:12, “*For I will be **MERCIFUL** to their **unrighteousness**, and their **sins** and **their lawless deeds** I will **REMEMBER NO MORE.**”*”

Hence, under the old covenant God had a zero tolerance policy for His people’s sins and transgressions of His laws. In other words, if you transgressed His laws, you paid the price immediately even unto death. If you read the Old Testament you will know that under the Old Covenant God was not merciful with His people’s unrighteousness!

And, guess what? As it was in the beginning so it shall be in the end because Jesus Christ is coming back for a bride who is without spot or blemish! So the days of God’s people using God’s grace and mercy as a license to sin and playing church are over! For God is already beginning to separate the tares (unrighteous) from the wheat (righteous) in the *spiritual* realm now!

Yet, He will allow them to grow together UNTIL the end of the harvest where He will first deal with the tares—which are the unrepentant wicked inhabitants of the earth just like He did in the *days of Noah* and Lot.

Moreover, even though we are under the New Covenant and we may not reap what we sow immediately like God’s people did in the Old Testament, we can be assured that we will be held accountable and have to give an account come JUDGMENT DAY when all the books [plural] are opened up if we KEEP sinning against our heavenly Father and His commandments AFTER we come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and do NOT repent!

As a matter-of-fact, when you realize the Greek meaning of the word “*laws*” that the apostle Paul uses to substantiate that our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* has now put His laws

in our minds and written them on our hearts of those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* who have been grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel* by our faith in Jesus Christ, you will know beyond a shadow of doubt what I am proclaiming is true. Therefore, make sure you read the meaning of the word “**law**” in the Greek as used in Hebrews 8:8-13 as used in this passage of Scripture that I will cover in its entirety in CONTEXT shortly.

3. In addition, in Hebrews 8:8 the apostle Paul specifically says, “...*Because finding fault with **THEM**...*” The apostle Paul is saying that from God’s perspective there was nothing wrong with His laws found in the Torah written under the Old (first) Covenant by His servant Moses. Rather, God found fault with His people—from both houses because of their *spiritual* harlotry and disobedience to His laws! God’s laws are for our own good and they are our heavenly Father’s instructions for “**how**” **ALL** His people are supposed to live while we are still on the earth. Otherwise, how would we know what sin is and when we have transgressed His laws?

Again, the transgression of God’s laws is sin based on 1 John 3:4 (KJV) which says, “*Whosoever committeth **SIN** transgresseth also the law. **FOR SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW.**”*

In other words, sin is the transgression of God’s laws which is also called “**lawlessness**” in the Bible. As such, according to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon Number G458* the word “**law**” as used in 1 John 3:4 is the Greek word “**anomia**” which is from **G459**; which means **illegality**, that is, **violation of law** or (generally) **wickedness**: - iniquity, X transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

4. In perfect harmony based on Jeremiah 31:33 which says, “*But this is the covenant that I will make with the **house of Israel** after those days, says the LORD: I will put **My law** in their minds, and write it on their hearts...*” In the New Testament God uses the apostle Paul to specifically reiterate this indisputable truth once again in Hebrews 8:10, which says, “*For this is the covenant that I will make with the **house of Israel** after those days, says the LORD: I will put **My laws** in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*”

Yet, our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* is establishing this New Covenant with both the *House of Judah* [the Jews] and the *House of Israel* [the Gentiles] which will **not** be according to the covenant that He made with our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) as in the day that He took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt because this time He will use the precious blood of our perfect *Passover Lamb*—Jesus Christ to fulfill

(consummate, execute and ratify) the Old Covenant, rather than using the blood of animals!

As such, since our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* is establishing this New Covenant with both the *House of Judah* [the Jews] and the *House of Israel* [the Gentiles] as stated in the Old Testament and reiterated in the New Testament, then we must ask ourselves the following questions:

- ✚ Why does the Lord specifically say that He will put his laws in the minds and write them on the hearts of ONLY those of us who were formerly Gentiles whom He scattered all over the world that are originally from the *House of Israel*?
- ✚ Why does the Lord purposely **not** address putting His laws in the minds and writing them on the hearts of the Jews from the *house of Judah* as well since He is establishing this New Covenant with both houses?

Shortly I will reveal the answer to these thought provoking questions, but for now we will take a look at the passages of Scripture that the apostle Paul wrote in the New Testament concerning the New Covenant which is found in Hebrews 8:7-13.

However, before we take a look at Hebrews 8:7-13 concerning the New Covenant which is found in the New Testament, I must first address a serious translation error which is leading God's people astray and into apostasy concerning their erroneous belief that the New Covenant has made the Old Covenant obsolete which is based on this fact.

The word "*covenant*" as used in Hebrews 8:7 and 8:13 is italicized which means that the word "*covenant*" was added to this verse by the translators to *supposedly* help the reader understand what is being said. Yet, in this case it really does make a substantial difference of what the text is actually saying because the apostle Paul is referring to the new priestly service of our Great High Priest (Jesus Christ), which again, is what the main topic that the apostle Paul is addressing in Hebrews 8:1-6 is all about before he immediately begins talking about the New Covenant in Hebrews 8:7-13!

Therefore, when we read Hebrews 8:7 in which the word "*covenant*" has been added by the translators because it is italicized in the original text, we read "For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second..." And, again in Hebrews 8:13 the word "*covenant*" is italicized in the original text because it was added by the translators. As such, we read, "In that He says, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away..."

Therefore, **without** the word “*covenant*” which is italicized and placed in these passages of Scripture by the translators, then we would actually be reading this verse in context based on the subject matter of Hebrews Chapter 8, which is talking about the *order of the priesthood*, and not the *Old Covenant* that was established under God’s servant Moses for **all** the *children of Israel*. And, it is for this very reason that there is not a single passage of Scripture in the entire Bible, other than Hebrews 8:13 for the reasons I just explained, that substantiates that the Old (first) Covenant is now obsolete!

Hence, the word “*covenant*” which was added by the translators does **not** belong in either Hebrews 8:7 or Hebrews 8:13. As such, let’s read these verses as they should be read while keeping in mind that the apostle Paul is talking about the “*New*” Priestly Service!

Therefore, this verse in Hebrews 8:7 **should** be read as follows based on the subject matter of what Hebrews Chapter 8 is all about: “*For if that **first** had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.*”

The word “*first*” is addressing the *order of* the Levitical priesthood that was established under the *order of Aaron* in the Old Testament under the Old Covenant which also includes the priestly service of sacrifice with the blood of animals.

Therefore, Hebrews 8:13 **should** also be read as, “*In that He says, “A new [priestly service or order of the Priesthood]” He [Jesus Christ our Great High Priest under the order of Melchizedek] has made the first [the Levitical priesthood under the order of Aaron including the animal sacrifices thereof] obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.*”

This indisputable fact is based on Hebrews 7:11 which addresses the need for a “*New Priesthood*” where the apostle Paul tells us, “*Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that **ANOTHER PRIEST SHOULD RISE ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK, and **NOT** be CALLED ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF AARON?***”

In addition, I can guarantee you one thing which is this. For us to even begin to think that God’s law is and was the problem under the Old Covenant, or the New Covenant for that matter, then we are definitely deceived! Because God’s ETERNAL Word which lives in us through His Holy Spirit is perfect. Therefore, God’s law is perfect and the One who gave us His law in the first place is the One who converts our soul by His Holy Spirit. This is why the Psalmist says to us in Psalm 19:7, “**THE LAW of the LORD is PERFECT, CONVERTING¹⁰ the soul...**”

¹⁰According to *Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon # H7725* the word “*converting*” is the Hebrew word “*shûb*” pronounced “*shoob*” which is a primitive root; **TO TURN BACK (HENCE, AWAY)** transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not Page 9 “*What is the New Covenant?*” by Donna M. Rogers, Angel of Love and Light Ministries www.angelloffait777.com

necessarily with the idea of *return* to the starting point); generally to *retreat*; often adverbially *again*: - ([break, build, circumcise, dig, do anything, do evil, feed, lay down, lie down, lodge, make, rejoice, send, take, weep]) X again, (cause to) answer (+ again), X in any case (wise), X at all, averse, bring (again, back, home again), call [to mind], carry again (back), cease, X certainly, come again (back) X consider, + continually, convert, deliver (again), + deny, draw back, fetch home again, X fro, get [oneself] (back) again, X give (again), go again (back, home), [go] out, hinder, let, [see] more, X needs, be past, X pay, pervert, pull in again, put (again, up again), recall, recompense, recover, refresh, relieve, render (again), X repent, requite, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to, make to) return, reverse, reward, + say nay, send back, set again, slide back, still, X surely, take back (off), (cause to, make to) turn (again, self again, away, back, back again, backward, from, off), withdraw.

Therefore, based on the Hebrew meaning of the phrase “*converting the soul*” as used in Psalm 19:7 above, the word “*converting*” essentially means that the law of God will cause one to turn back to God, to repent, **when** we realize that we have sinned against Him. Yet, we will only realize when we have sinned against Him and transgressed His laws when we read, study, and meditate on His laws, which are His instructions, on how we are to talk, walk and live our lives while we are sojourners on this earth.

And, as a result, when we realize that we have sinned against God and His Word, then we will turn away (repent) from our sins and return back to our first love—our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* who has now put His laws on our minds and written them on the tablet of our hearts under the New Covenant.

Yet, returning back to our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ begins by us coming to the saving **knowledge** and **understanding** of *the Word* who will never transgress God’s commandments, statutes, laws, ordinances, and righteous judgments because *the Word* is the very One who came up with God’s laws in the first place. In other words, God will not require us to keep His Word, if He doesn’t keep it Himself first, and then instruct us “**how**” to **APPLY** His Word to every area of our lives. God is not a hypocrite and He will never ask us or expect us to “**do**” what He does not first require of Himself as an example to us all.

Moreover, since His Holy Spirit lives in us, then “*the*” Law lives in us as well and He expect us, His people, to fulfill “*the law*” as well. For Jesus said to us, His disciples, in Matthew 5:17-18 below, that He came to fulfill (consummate, execute, and ratify) the law not abolish it. Again, has heaven and earth passed away yet? No! Then not one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law until ALL is fulfilled.

*“Do **NOT** think that I came to **DESTROY** the Law or the Prophets. I did **NOT** come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will **BY NO MEANS** pass from the law **TILL ALL** is fulfilled.” ~ Matthew 5:17-18 (NKJV)*

As such, obviously it is **not** “*the law*” of God that was “*faulty*” and needed to be replaced under the New Covenant which was established under the Old Covenant.

Rather, it was God's people that were the problem in addition to the *order of the Priesthood*, and "the blood" which was used in order to make God's people "perfect" who have now have been JUSTIFIED **IN** Christ under the New Covenant. And, as result, we have now been reconciled and restored back into a covenant relationship with our heavenly Father so that we may approach His throne of mercy and grace because we have been made perfect in God's sight because of **what** Jesus did at Calvary when He shed His precious blood as our NEW High Priest under the *order of Melchizedek*. Hence, Jesus Christ became the mediator between God and man under the New Covenant.

Now let's take a closer look at exactly what the apostle Paul says to us in Hebrews 8:7-13 below in CONTEXT in consideration of the main topic of the "New Priestly Service" that he just finished talking about in Hebrews 8:1-12 which **immediately** precedes what the apostle Paul says about the New Covenant. I have taken the liberty to put my commentary and the Greek meanings of certain "key" words in brackets so that we will fully understand what the apostle Paul is saying to us. First read the scripture only, and then go back and read it slowly with the Greek meanings that I have placed in brackets, or the commentary that I have written, including taking out the word "covenant" that does not belong as indicated because it was added by the translators. Please note: that when you read the following Scripture I have NOT italicized the word "covenant" that was added by the translators so you can quickly identify where it does **not** belong. Also, it is indicated in lower case.

"For if that first **covenant** [this word "covenant" is italicized—it was added by the translators; so what Paul is talking about is the *order of the priesthood* NOT the old covenant—take this word "covenant" out] had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because *finding fault with THEM*, [God's people from both the *House of Judah* and the *House of Israel* who could not or would **not** keep His commandments, statutes, ordinances and decrees because of their rebellion and hardened hearts] He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the **LORD**¹¹ [G2962: *kurios*: supreme in authority as in God or master] , when I will make a **NEW**¹² [G2537: *kainos*: of uncertain affinity; new (especially in freshness)] **COVENANT**¹³ [this word covenant is in the original text; G1242: *diathēkē*: a disposition or contract (especially a *devisory* will or testament)] **with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL**¹⁴ [G2474: *Israēl*: *Israel* (that is, *Jisrael*), the **adopted** name of Jacob, **including his descendants** (literally or figuratively)] **and with the HOUSE OF JUDAH**¹⁵ [G2455: *Ioudas*: *Judas* (that is, *Jehudah*), the name of ten Israelites; also of the **posterity of one of them** and **its region**; therefore, this is specifically talking about the Jews from the *tribe of Judah*— **NOT** according to the **COVENANT**¹³ [this word covenant is in the original text] that I made with their fathers [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel)] in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt;

BECAUSE THEY [both the *House of Judah* and the *House of Israel*] **DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT**¹³, and **I DISREGARDED THEM**, says the **LORD**¹¹.” ~ Hebrews 8:7-9 (NKJV)

“For this **is** the **COVENANT**¹³ that I will make **with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL**¹⁴ **AFTER** those days, says the Lord: I will put **My LAWS**¹⁶ [G3551: *nomos*: a command or law based on the entire volume of the Decalogue or Pentateuch and the gospel, given by Christ especially concerning love] in their **MIND** and write them on their **HEARTS**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the **LORD**,¹¹’ for **all** shall know **Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them. **FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.**” ~ Hebrews 8:10-12 (NKJV)

“In **THAT** [the last statement immediately preceding this one which was made in Hebrews 8:10-12 which is this. God will be merciful to our unrighteousness, and our sins and our lawless deeds He will remember no more] **He** says, “**A NEW covenant**”, [this word “*covenant*” is italicized—it was added by the translators; therefore remove it] **He** [Jesus our Great High priest under the *order of Melchizedek*] **has made the first obsolete** [the apostle Paul is referring to the *order of Priesthood*—the *order of Aaron* based on Hebrews 8:1-6 and Hebrews 7:11-13 and the blood of animals which was used to ratify the Old Covenant. This is what has been made *obsolete*]. **Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.**” ~ Hebrews 8:13 (NKJV)

¹¹According to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon* # G2962 the word “*Lord*” is the Greek word “*kurios*” pronounced “*koo'-ree-os*” which is from κύριος *kuros* (*supremacy*); **SUPREME IN AUTHORITY**, that is, (as noun) *controller*; by implication *Mr.* (as a respectful title): - God, Lord, master, Sir.

¹²According to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon* # G2537 the word “*new*” is the Greek word “*kainos*” pronounced “*kahee-nos*” **OF UNCERTAIN AFFINITY**; **NEW (ESPECIALLY IN FRESHNESS)**; while G3501 is properly so with respect to *age*: - new.

¹³According to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon* # G1242 the word “*covenant*” is the Greek word “*diathēkē*” pronounced “*dee-ath-ay'-kay*” and is from G1303; properly **A DISPOSITION**, that is, (specifically) **A CONTRACT (ESPECIALLY A DEVISORY WILL)**: - covenant, **TESTAMENT**.

¹⁴According to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon* # G2474 the word “*Israel*” is the Greek word “*Israēl*” pronounced “*Is-rah-ale*” which is of Hebrew origin [H3478]; *Israel* (that is, *Jisrael*), **THE ADOPTED NAME OF JACOB, INCLUDING HIS DESCENDANTS** (literally or figuratively): - Israel.

¹⁵According to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon* # G2455 the word “*Judah*” is the Greek word “*Ioudas*” pronounced “*ee-oo-das*” and is of Hebrew origin [H3063]; *Judas* (that is, *Jehudah*), the name of ten Israelites; also of the posterity of one of them and its region: - Juda (-h, -s); Jude.

¹⁶ According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon Number G3551* the word "laws" as used in Hebrews 8:8-12 above, is the Hebrew word "nomos" which means anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, A LAW, A COMMAND a) of any law whatsoever 1) A LAW OR RULE PRODUCING A STATE APPROVED OF GOD a) BY THE OBSERVANCE OF WHICH IS APPROVED OF GOD 2) A PRECEPT or injunction 3) the rule of action prescribed by reason b) OF THE MOSAIC LAW, AND REFERRING, ACC. TO THE CONTEXT. EITHER TO THE VOLUME OF THE LAW OR TO ITS CONTENTS c) the Christian religion: the law demanding faith, THE MORAL INSTRUCTION GIVEN BY CHRIST, ESP. THE PRECEPT CONCERNING LOVE d) the name of the more important part (THE PENTATEUCH), IS PUT FOR THE ENTIRE COLLECTION OF THE SACRED BOOKS OF THE OT.

Do not dismiss the significance of the Greek meaning of the word "law" as used in Hebrews 8:10-12 above. It refers to the entire collection of the sacred books found in the Old Testament in the Torah, which includes some of the *Mosaic Law* in addition to the moral instruction given to us by Jesus, especially concerning love.

Yet, many Christians are of the "opinion" that the Old Covenant and God's laws have no relevance to New Covenant believers! However, as I have clearly conveyed we have indeed been led astray. In many ways the Old Covenant is still applicable to New Covenant believers, even though we now have our *Great High Priest*, Jesus Christ, who is the "mediator" between God and ALL His people of a "new" covenant, which surpasses the "old" covenant because it has been established on better promises because Jesus ratified all of God's everlasting covenants by His precious blood. In the weeks ahead I will be releasing some teaching which will briefly cover what some of the differences are between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant in which the *order of the Priesthood* is definitely different.

For now, let's focus our attention on the Greek meaning of the word "laws" that the apostle Paul tells us that *Yehôvâh* will put in the minds and write on the hearts of New Covenant believers from the *House of Israel*. The apostle Paul is referring to the Torah, which is found in the first five books of the Bible, written by God's servant Moses, which also includes the moral instructions written in the gospels given by Christ, especially concerning love.

Therefore, based on the whole counsel of God's Word, it seems that the Torah, which is our heavenly Father's written instructions that He has given to ALL of His people to live by in order to be walking in a covenant relationship with Him, is still applicable to New Covenant believers!

As such, following are many fallacies, which for the most part, many people in the *body of Christ* adhere to and walk according to which is based on what the false teachers that tell them what their *itching* ears want to hear rather than what they need to hear. And, unfortunately as a result, they have led God's sheep astray.

✚ You know the Old Testament part of the Bible, which most Christians are taught was written just for the Jews!

As a matter-of-fact, the apostle Paul says to us in Christ, *spiritually* speaking, there is no difference between Jew nor Greek (Gentiles) for we are all ONE in Christ Jesus based on Galatians 3:26-29 below.

*“For you are **all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **There is neither Jew nor Greek,** there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are **all one in Christ Jesus.** And if you are Christ’s, then you are **Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.**” ~ Galatians 3:26-29 (NKJV)*

As such, if there is no difference between Jew or Greek (Gentile) who are **in** Christ, *spiritually* speaking, is the Old Testament and the *Book of Revelation* just written for the Jews or is it written for ALL of God’s people, which includes those of us who were formerly Gentiles that have now been grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel* by our faith in our Jewish Messiah Jesus Christ?

Furthermore, since we are now *citizens of Israel*, why do we falsely believe that we do not have to follow the same law that God gave to our Jewish sisters and brothers from the *House of Judah*? Especially, when God has said according to His ETERNAL Word that He has now put His laws on our minds and written them on our hearts for those of us who are from the *House of Israel* by His Spirit which now lives in us!

- ✚ The part of the Bible that most Christians are taught no longer applies to New Covenant believers when the laws that God will put in the minds and write on the hearts of New Covenant believers is from the *Book of the Law* or referred to as the *Book of the Covenant* because the New Testament was not written when Jesus, his disciples, and the apostle Paul turned the world upside down with the *gospel of the kingdom*! As a matter-of-fact, the words spoken by the apostle Paul based on the following Scriptures is not from someone who believed the law was done away with at all!

*“Do we then make **void the law through faith? CERTAINLY NOT! On the contrary, WE establish the law.**” ~ Romans 3:31 (NKJV)*

*“Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that **THE LAW HAS DOMINION** over a man **AS LONG AS HE LIVES?**” ~ Romans 7:1 (NKJV)*

*“What shall we say then? **Is the law sin? CERTAINLY NOT! On the contrary,** I would **not** have known **SIN** except **THROUGH** the **LAW**. For I would not have known covetousness unless **the law** had said, “You shall not covet.” ~ Romans 7:7 (NKJV)*

*“Therefore **the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.**” ~ Romans 7:12 (NKJV)*

*“I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with **the mind I MYSELF SERVE THE LAW OF GOD,** but with **the flesh the law of sin.**” ~ Romans 7:25 (NKJV)*

*“For I delight in **the law of God** according to the **inward man.**” ~ Romans 7:22 (NKJV).*

As, the apostle Paul proclaimed, when we delight ourselves in the *law of God*, then we will not sin against God and we will “do” His will which is substantiated in the Scriptures below.

*“I delight to do **Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.**” ~ Psalm 40:8 (NKJV)*

*“**Your word** I have **hidden in my heart,** That I might **not sin against You.**” ~ Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)*

✚ The part of the Bible that most Christians do **not** even bother to read, study, or heed because they are taught that Jesus did **away** with the law rather than the **curse** of the law! Rather, what the apostle Paul teaches us is that Jesus Christ **has redeemed** us from the **curse** of the law so we might receive the PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH based on Galatians 3:1-14 below. But for the sake of time, we will begin at Galatians 3:10-14.

*“For as many as are of the **WORKS OF THE LAW ARE UNDER THE CURSE;** for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in **all** things which are written in the **book of the law,** to **do** them.” But that **no one** is **justified by the law in the sight of God is evident,** for “**the just shall live by faith.**” Yet the law is **not of faith,** but “**the man who does them shall live by them.**” ~ Galatians 3:10-14 (NKJV)*

“Christ has redeemed us from THE CURSE OF THE LAW, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH.” ~ Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV)

- ✚ The part of the Bible that most Christians have been taught that the New Covenant has replaced all the *Mosaic Covenant*, or *law of Moses*, that *Yehôvâh* decreed for **ALL** His people for all time to live by! Again, the Torah details our heavenly Father’s instructions for **“how” ALL** His people, the Jews from the *House of Judah* and those of us who were formerly Gentiles from *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim), are to live our lives while we are still on the earth according to *Yehôvâh*’s statutes, commandments, precepts, principles, judgments, Sabbaths, Holy Convocations, etc.

Now I will address why the Lord specifically says in Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:8-13 that when He establishes the New Covenant with both the *House of Judah* and the *House of Israel* He specifically mentions putting **His laws** in the minds and writing them on the hearts of ONLY those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim) that were grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel*. Therefore, one must ask themselves this question: **“Why did Yehôvâh not include the house of Judah too when He said this?”**

And, here is the answer. It is because the Jews from the *House of Judah* already know His laws by heart and study and memorize them diligently from the time they are small children. The Jews from the *House of Judah* study the *Tanak*, the Hebrew Bible, which is divided into the following three parts: 1) The Torah (Law) or Pentateuch; 2) The *Book of the Prophets* 3) The Kethubim, or the *“writings,”* generally termed *“Hagiogr”* that is the third part of the Old Testament which include the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Job, the Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles.

Therefore, for the **devout** Orthodox Jews from the *House of Judah*—all they need to do to be saved and have the testimony of Jesus Christ is to believe that He is their Messiah they have been waiting for all this time because they already **know** and **keep** the law of God! And, when the *Fullness of the Gentiles* comes to its zenith, God will then remove the spiritual blindness from the Jews from the *House of Judah* that He caused in the first place due to their unbelief.

As a matter-of-fact, one of the reasons that God allowed the Gentiles to be grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel* was so those of us who were formerly Gentiles would provoke the Jews to jealousy based on Romans 11:11-12 (NKJV) which says, **“I say then, *have they stumbled that***

they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, TO PROVOKE THEM TO JEALOUSY, SALVATION HAS COME TO THE GENTILES. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!”

The fulfillment of the above Scripture was foretold in Deuteronomy 32:21 below.

“They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are NOT a nation; I will move them to anger by a FOOLISH¹⁷ [H5036: nâbâl: stupid, wicked] NATION¹⁸ [H1471: gôy : a foreign nation; hence a Gentile, heathen people].~ Deuteronomy 32:21 (NKJV)

¹⁷According to Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon # H5036 the word “foolish” is the Hebrew word “nâbâl” pronounced “naw-bawl” which is from H5034; STUPID; WICKED (ESPECIALLY IMPIOUS): - fool (-ish, -ish man, -ish woman), VILE PERSON.

¹⁸According to Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon # H1471 the word “nation” is the Hebrew word “gôy” pronounced “go’-ee” and is apparently from the same root as H1465 (in the sense of *massing*); A FOREIGN NATION; HENCE A GENTILE; also (figuratively) a *troop* of animals, or a *flight* of locusts: - GENTILE, HEATHEN, NATION, PEOPLE.

The Torah (the first five books of the Bible written by Moses) is *Yehôvâh’s* teachings, instructions, and directions for ALL His children to live by so we will reap blessings, not curses, life and not death.

Therefore, our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* does not have one set of instructions for the Jews from the *House of Judah* and another set of instructions for those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel* (Jacob/Joseph/Ephraim)—for the Bible from the *Book of Genesis* to the *Book of Revelation* is the Holy Book for ALL disciples of Jesus Christ!

For there is only ONE and the SAME law or custom of God for the native-born Jews and those of us who were formerly Gentiles that are NO longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the *household of God* because we have been grafted into the *commonwealth of Israel* by our faith in our Jewish Messiah Jesus Christ. This is substantiated by the following Scriptures.

“ONE LAW¹⁹ [H8451: tôrâh: a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch] shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.” ~ Exodus 12:49 (NKJV)

“You shall have the SAME LAW²⁰ [H4941: mishpât: verdict (favorable or unfavorable pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree of

divine law; justice] for **THE STRANGER** and for one **FROM YOUR OWN COUNTRY**; for I am the Lord your God.” ~ Leviticus 24:22 (NKJV)

“**ONE LAW**¹⁹ and **ONE CUSTOM**²⁰ shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you.” ~ Numbers 15:16 (NKJV)

¹⁹According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H8451** the word “law” is the Hebrew word “*tôrâh*” pronounced “*to-raw*” which is from [H3384](#); **A PRECEPT OR STATUTE, ESPECIALLY THE DECALOGUE OR PENTATEUCH**: - law.

²⁰ According to *Strong's Hebrew Lexicon* # **H4941** the word “law” is the Hebrew word “*mishpât*” pronounced “*mish-pawt*” which is from [H8199](#); properly **A VERDICT (FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE) PRONOUNCED JUDICIALLY, ESPECIALLY A SENTENCE OR FORMAL DECREE (HUMAN OR (PARTICULARLY) DIVINE LAW, INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVELY)**, including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly **JUSTICE**, including a particular *right*, or *privilege* (statutory or customary), or even a *style*: - + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, X worthy, + wrong.

Moreover, it is essential for disciples of Jesus Christ to study and understand the Old Testament for the following reasons:

1. To understand that the moral laws both *Yehôvâh* our heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ expects us to live by so that we are set apart for His purposes and glory. We are to influence the culture and establish God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. And, it begins by disciples of Jesus Christ living according to His precepts, statutes, commandments, ordinances and judgments which are based on the **whole** counsel of His Word. In other words, we need to practice what we preach otherwise we are hypocrites. God is holy, and as such, He expects His people to live holy according to one and the same law that He has for ALL His people that He established a New Covenant with! If God’s people do **not** live according to the whole counsel of God’s Word themselves, how then can we **properly** disciple the nations as we carry out *The Great Commission* teaching them to OBSERVE everything that Jesus told us to do based on our heavenly Father’s commandments detailed in the front of our Bibles? We cannot!
2. In order to understand what will take place prior to Jesus’ second coming, we have to look at what took place in the beginning of man’s rule on the earth. History always repeats itself. And, as stated in Ecclesiastes, 3:15, “*Whatever has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.*”
3. To understand the consequences of obeying or rejecting God’s commandments and why we will reap His blessings or curses according to what we choose to do or what we choose not to do. As I have already established, Jesus did NOT do away with the law,

rather He did away with the curse that we would reap for not keeping the *letter of the law*! Therefore, **some** of God's instructions found in the Torah are still valid under the New Covenant.

4. To avoid making the same mistakes the people in the Old Testament did and reaping the curses of God accordingly. History always repeats itself and we would be wise to not repeat past failures.
5. To learn from the people who pleased God (Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Gideon, King David, etc.) and to understand what they did to reap the blessings of God due to their faith and devotion to Him.
6. To understand the requirements of all seven (7) of *Yehôvâh's* holy convocations based on Leviticus 23. As a matter-of-fact, *Yehôvâh's* Holy convocations which are held in the spring include *Passover*, the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, the *Feast of Firstfruits* and the *Feast of Weeks* (Pentecost) that were all fulfilled with Jesus' first coming to the very **day** and the very **hour**.

Yet, *Yehôvâh's* holy convocations which are held in the fall, specifically the *Feast of Trumpets*, the *Day of Atonement*, and the *Feast of Tabernacles*, which culminates with the *Last Great Day*, will be totally fulfilled to the very **day** and the very **hour** with Jesus' second coming as well. In addition, we cannot truly understand the gospels, including the *Book of Revelation*, without first understanding *Yehôvâh's* seven holy convocations based on Leviticus 23, which includes His Sabbaths [plural]!

All seven (7) of *Yehôvâh's* holy convocations are not only commandments that we are commanded by Him to keep, they are also prophetic shadow pictures of great things to come which we will be commemorating in the new millennium when Jesus *literally* sets up His kingdom on the NEW earth after the one thousand years is over!

Christians may argue that the Bible addresses *Yehôvâh's* feasts as "*Jewish*" feasts and this is true. However, a lot of the Scriptures concerning our heavenly Father's holy convocations were translated in ignorance and even by some who intentionally wanted to introduce the *doctrines of men* and the pagan traditions thereof into the *body of Christ*. We have indeed been led astray from the teachings of Jesus and his early disciples, who by the way were all Jewish, that were being taught to the Jews and those new Gentile converts that placed their faith in Jesus Christ at the beginning when the *gospel of the kingdom* was being preached and taught at the *synagogue* every Sabbath day.

Again, the gospel which was once delivered to the saints was based on the Torah and the *Book of the Prophets* because the New Testament wasn't written yet!

7. We need to understand the future fulfillment of prophecy by the *Prophets of Old* such as Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Malachi, Obadiah, and Zechariah, etc. because most of their prophecies have a dual fulfillment. First, a partial fulfillment in history, and second, a complete fulfillment at the *end of the age*. We are now in the *Book of Revelation* and the tribulation period has begun. Therefore, we will be seeing these end-time prophecies come to pass before our very eyes. Jesus told us to **watch and pray** and one of the things that we are to watch for is the fulfillment of end-time prophecy coming to pass on a global basis.

Furthermore, one of the reasons for the great apostasy that we see happening in the *body of Christ* is mainly due to the false teaching that Jesus Christ has done away with the law rather than the curse that we would reap for not keeping the *letter of the law* once we become saved by placing our faith and trust in Him.

As such, many believers in the *body of Christ* worship Him in VAIN because they do NOT live according to His truth, which is based on the whole counsel of God's Word. Hence, many believers are more interested in following the "*traditions*", "*customs*", and the "*doctrines*" of men rather than the *commandments of God*. And, it is for the very same reason that the Pharisees and Sadducees did so long ago—they seek man's approval more than God's approval and fear men more than they have the reverential fear of God Almighty!

Moreover, concerning the New Covenant based on Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:8-13 we are specifically told that our heavenly Father *Yehôvâh* has **not** done away with His laws which were established under the *Mosaic* covenant when He says, "**My** laws." Rather, He specifically says that He will put His laws in our minds and write them on our hearts of those of us who were formerly Gentiles from the *House of Israel*.

Again, in Hebrews 8:8-12 the apostle Paul says that *Yehôvâh* did **not** find fault with the Old Covenant that He established through His servant Moses. Rather, He found fault with His people because they did **not** continue in His covenant as it is to **this** very day!

And, know this indisputable truth. All of the covenants that God has established with mankind and creation from the beginning of time are still in effect and will remain in effect until the sun, moon, and stars no longer give their light immediately preceding the return of Jesus Christ based on the **everlasting** covenant that *Yehôvâh* established with King David! Which is substantiated by Jesus when He says to us in Matthew 5:18 (NKJV) "*For assuredly, I say to you, TILL*

heaven and earth PASS AWAY, one jot or one tittle will by NO MEANS PASS from THE LAW till ALL is FULFILLED.”

In addition, when the Lord says this is the New Covenant that He will make with the *House of Israel* and the *House of Judah* after those days, He is talking about after Jesus Christ came to the earth the first time to seek and to save that which was lost. As a result Jesus was crucified to fulfill (consummate, execute, and ratify) the Old Covenant *Yehôvâh* established with His servant Moses in the Old Testament.

Furthermore, the Old Covenant which was established between *Yehôvâh* and the *children of Israel*, which included all *twelve tribes of Israel*, as they gathered at the base of Mount Sinai during very first *Feast of Weeks* (Pentecost) is the result of the everlasting covenant *Yehôvâh* first established with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel), that we in Christendom refer to as the *Abrahamic Covenant* or the *Covenant of Circumcision*.

Listen to what the apostle Paul says about this covenant that *Yehôvâh* established with Abraham and his descendants based on Galatians 3:17-18 below.

*“And this I say, that the LAW,²¹ [G3551: *nomos*: a command or law based on the entire volume of the Decalogue or Pentateuch] which was *four hundred and thirty years LATER, CANNOT ANNUL*²² [G208: *akuroō*: invalidate and make of none effect] the COVENANT²³ [G1242: *diathēkē*: a disposition, that is (specifically) a contract, covenant, testament (especially a devisory will)] that was CONFIRMED²⁴ [G4300: *prokuroō*: to ratify previously or to confirm before] before by God **IN CHRIST**, that it should make **THE PROMISE** of no **EFFECT**. For **IF THE INHERITANCE IS OF THE LAW**, it is **NO LONGER OF PROMISE**; but **GOD GAVE IT TO ABRAHAM** by **PROMISE**.” ~ Galatians 3:17-18 (NKJV)*

²¹According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # G3551 the word “law” is the Hebrew word “nomos” which means anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, A LAW, A COMMAND a) of any law whatsoever 1) A LAW OR RULE PRODUCING A STATE APPROVED OF GOD a) BY THE OBSERVANCE OF WHICH IS APPROVED OF GOD 2) A PRECEPT or injunction 3) the rule of action prescribed by reason b) OF THE MOSAIC LAW, AND REFERRING, ACC. TO THE CONTEXT. EITHER TO THE VOLUME OF THE LAW OR TO ITS CONTENTS c) the Christian religion: the law demanding faith, THE MORAL INSTRUCTION GIVEN BY CHRIST, ESP. THE PRECEPT CONCERNING LOVE d) the name of the more important part (THE PENTATEUCH), IS PUT FOR THE ENTIRE COLLECTION OF THE SACRED BOOKS OF THE OT.

²²According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # G208 the word “annul” is the Greek word “akuroō” pronounced “ak-oo-ro'-o” and is from G1 (as a negative particle) and G2964; to INVALIDATE: - disannul, MAKE OF NONE EFFECT.

²³According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G1242** the word “*covenant*” is the Greek word “*diathēkē*” pronounced “*dee-ath-ay'-kay*” and is from **G1303**; properly **A DISPOSITION**, that is, (specifically) **A CONTRACT (ESPECIALLY A DEVISORY WILL)**: - covenant, **TESTAMENT**.

²⁴According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* # **G4300** the word “*confirmed*” is the Greek word “*prokuroō*” pronounced “*prok-oo-ro'-o*” which is from **G4253** and **G2964**; **TO RATIFY PREVIOUSLY**: - confirm before.

Therefore based on the Greek meaning of the word “*confirmed*” and the word “*covenant*” that the apostle Paul uses in Galatians 3:17-18 above, it means that Jesus was ratifying a contract, covenant or testament which already existed. As such, what law was given four hundred and thirty (430) years later **after** the *children of Israel* were delivered up out of Egypt because of God's grace and mercy based on one of the promises that God gave to Abraham and his descendants which is substantiated in Genesis 15:13-16 and Exodus 12:40-41?

This same covenant, contract, or testament which was confirmed (ratified) first by the blood of animals under the Old (first) Covenant by God's servant Moses was then confirmed (which means to ratify that which was established previously or confirmed before) once again by the precious blood of Jesus Christ! It was the *Mosaic* Law that God gave to **ALL** the *children of Israel* to keep and observe throughout their generations throughout the *synergy of the ages*!

As such, note that according to Galatians 3:17-18 above, the apostle Paul specifically says that “*the law*” which was established by Moses for the *children of Israel*, from **ALL twelve tribes of Israel**, which also included **some** Gentiles, that was established four hundred and thirty (430) years **after** God established the **everlasting** covenant with Abraham **when** He brought the *children of Israel* out of Egypt, **CANNOT** annul the covenant that was confirmed before God **IN** Christ that it should make the promises that God gave to Abraham and his descendants to be of no effect.

And, the reason this is a fact is because God did NOT make these promises to Abraham and his descendants based on the law. Rather, God established the *Covenant of Circumcision* or the *Abrahamic* Covenant based on Abraham's faith in God alone. In other words, Abraham believed what God told Him He would do, even though Abraham didn't exactly know how God would bring these promises to pass. Yet, Abraham's faith in God was evidenced by his obedience to do what He told Abraham to do, as is the case for all New Covenant believers as well.

In conclusion, **when** we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord **and** Savior, *Yehôvâh* will remember our sins no more because we have become a new creature by being “*born again*.” As such, everything that we did wrong up to that point is forgiven and forgotten and we begin our new life as His child with a clean slate. And, we are **supposed** to stop sinning at this point once we know what sin is by reading the whole counsel of God's Word. Again, sin is the transgression of God's law. Yet, if we should sin, because we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, then we simply

confess our sin to our heavenly Father and we ask Him for His forgiveness. And, He will forgive us as we forgive others who have transgressed against us.

However, if we **habitually** continue to sin after we become saved and we know **His** terms and conditions of being in a covenant relationship with our heavenly Father and Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which is evidenced by us obeying His Voice and His Word, then we will be judged by **His law** because we did **not** receive the love of the truth, that we **might** be saved based on 2 Thessalonians 2:5-12.

In the upcoming months I will release additional teachings so that we can discover what the major differences are between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant so that we will know the truth and the truth will set us free.