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2 Tim 4:2
1 Peter 3:15

Num. 23:19
Mal 3:6
Ps. 89:34
Matt 4:4

What if the Law has been abolished?

For more than two decades, I have taught that the Law (Torah) was not abolished at the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua (Jesus) and is still very much in effect. If we let the Bible speak for itself, the Bible is very clear on this issue. In this paper, I want to take a few minutes to examine what it would mean if the Law has been abolished.

Point 1. The Scriptures say that every word spoken by a true prophet of God will come to pass.

“But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that *is* the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.” Deuteronomy 18:20-22, NKJV.

Point 2. If the Law has been abolished, then Moses is a false prophet, for Moses wrote that the Feasts of the Lord would be kept forever.

Concerning First Fruits (Yom HaBikkurim) – “You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.” Leviticus 23:14, NKJV.

Concerning the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) – “And you shall proclaim on the same day *that* it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on *it*. *It shall be* a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.” Leviticus 23:21, NKJV.

Concerning the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) – “You shall do no manner of work; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.” Leviticus 23:31, NKJV.

Concerning the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth) – “You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month.” Leviticus 23:41, NKJV.

Point 3. If the Law has been abolished, then Moses is a false prophet, for Moses wrote that the Sabbath of the Lord would be kept forever.

“Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations *as* a perpetual covenant. *It is* a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.” Exodus 31:16-17, NKJV.

Point 4. If the Law has been abolished, then Isaiah is a false prophet, for Isaiah wrote that the Lord would teach the Law (Torah) from Zion (Jerusalem) in the latter days (Messianic Kingdom).

“Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the Lord’s house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” Isaiah 2:2-3, NKJV.

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Point 6. If the Law has been abolished, then Ezekiel is a false prophet, for Ezekiel wrote that the Priests would teach the Law (Torah) in the Messianic Kingdom with Messiah Yeshua sitting on the throne.

“And they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to My judgments. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.” Ezekiel 44:23-24, NKJV.

Point 7. If the Law has been abolished, then Jeremiah is a false prophet, for Jeremiah wrote that the New Testament (Renewed Covenant) would mean that God would write the Law (Torah) on the hearts and minds of His people.

“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; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Jeremiah 31:33, NKJV.

Point 8. If the Law has been abolished, then Zechariah is a false prophet, for Zechariah wrote that everyone who is left alive among the nations at the end of the Great Tribulation will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem every year. He also wrote that as we approach the Day of the Lord (Messianic Kingdom), non-Jews would begin to keep the Law.

“And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.” Zechariah 14:16, NKJV.

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard *that God is with you.*”’” Zechariah 8:23, NKJV.

Point 9. If the Law has been abolished, then Daniel is a false prophet, for Daniel wrote that the False Messiah (Antichrist) would intend to change the Feasts of the Lord and the Law during the Tribulation Period, which he could not do if they had already been abolished.

“He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.” Daniel 7:25, NKJV.

Point 10. If the Law has been abolished, then Daniel is a false prophet, for Daniel wrote that the False Messiah (Antichrist) would stop the sacrifice and offering in the Tribulation Temple. If the Law has been abolished, there would be no Temple service to stop and nowhere for him to setup the abomination of desolation.

“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.” Daniel 9:27, NKJV.

Point 11. If the Law has been abolished, then Yeshua (Jesus) is a false prophet, for Yeshua said that until heaven and earth pass away, which does not happen until after the Messianic Kingdom has been for a thousand years (Revelation 21:1), not the smallest letter or even the smallest piece of a letter would pass away from the Law.

“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. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:18-19, NKJV.

Point 12. If the Law has been abolished, then Yeshua (Jesus) is a false prophet, for Yeshua said that when the saints in the Tribulation see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place they should flee from Jerusalem, but they should pray that it not be on the Sabbath. If the law has been abolished, then there would be no Sabbath to be concerned about.

“And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.” Matthew 24:20, NKJV.

Point 13. If the Law has been abolished, then Yeshua (Jesus) is a false prophet, for Yeshua said that His words would never pass away.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Matthew 24:35, NKJV.

Point 14. If the Law has been abolished, then the Apostle John is a false prophet, for John said that the saints in the Tribulation would observe the Law.

“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”
Revelation 12:17, NKJV.

“Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” Revelation 14:12, NKJV.

Conclusion: If the Law has been abolished, then many of the great prophets of the Bible would have to be branded as false prophets. But even worse, that would mean that Yeshua (Jesus) is a false prophet, and not the Messiah. God forbid!

Rather, it is as Peter described – “Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.” 2 Peter 3:14-16, NKJV.

Some of the Apostle Paul’s writings have been misunderstood, leading some Christian scholars to erroneously conclude that the Law has been abolished. But review these Scriptures yourselves, and think hard about the consequences if the Law has been abolished.

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Statute Forever

Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers

Exodus 27:21

In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which *is* before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the Lord. *It shall be a statute forever* to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

Exodus 28:43

They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they come into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy *place*, that they do not incur iniquity and die. *It shall be a statute forever* to him and his descendants after him.

Exodus 29:28

It shall be from the children of Israel *for* Aaron and his sons by a **statute forever**. For it is a heave offering; it shall be a heave offering from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, *that is*, their heave offering to the Lord.

Exodus 30:21

So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a **statute forever** to them—to him and his descendants throughout their generations.”

Leviticus 6:18

All the males among the children of Aaron may eat it. *It shall be a statute forever* in your generations concerning the offerings made by fire to the Lord. Everyone who touches them must be holy.”

Leviticus 6:22

The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. *It is a statute forever* to the Lord. It shall be wholly burned.

Leviticus 7:34

For the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering I have taken from the children of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons from the children of Israel by a **statute forever**.”

Leviticus 7:36

The Lord commanded this to be given to them by the children of Israel, on the day that He anointed them, *by* a **statute forever** throughout their generations.

Leviticus 10:9

“Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. *It shall be a statute forever* throughout your generations,

Leviticus 10:15

The thigh of the heave offering and the breast of the wave offering they shall bring with the offerings of fat made by fire, to offer *as* a wave offering before the Lord. And it shall be yours and your sons’ with you, by a **statute forever**, as the Lord has commanded.”

Leviticus 16:29

“*This shall be a **statute forever** for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether* a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you.*

Leviticus 16:31

*It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a **statute forever**.*

Leviticus 17:7

They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a **statute forever** for them throughout their generations.”

Leviticus 23:14

You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; *it shall be a **statute forever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*

Leviticus 23:21

And you shall proclaim on the same day *that* it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work *on it*. *It shall be a **statute forever** in all your dwellings throughout your generations.*

Leviticus 23:31

You shall do no manner of work; *it shall be a **statute forever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*

Leviticus 23:41

You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. *It shall be a **statute forever** in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month.*

Leviticus 24:3

Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the Lord continually; *it shall be a **statute forever** in your generations.*

Numbers 18:23

But the Levites shall perform the work of the tabernacle of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; *it shall be a **statute forever**, throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.*

Numbers 19:10

And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. *It shall be a **statute forever** to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them.*

Forever (Other)

Genesis 9:12

And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for **perpetual** generations:

Exodus 29:9

And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a **perpetual** statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.

Exodus 31:16

Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations *as* a **perpetual** covenant.

Exodus 31:16

Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations *as* a **perpetual** covenant.

Numbers 19:21

It shall be a **perpetual** statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening.

Deuteronomy 5:29

Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My **commandments**, that it might be well with them and with their children **forever!**

2 Kings 17:37

And the statutes, the ordinances, the **law**, and the commandment which He wrote for you, you shall be careful to observe **forever**; you shall not fear other gods.

Psalms 119:44

So shall I keep Your **law** continually, **Forever** and ever.