

New Testament Containment Clauses

On July 18, 2025, Creekside Messianic Fellowship held a Bible study on Which of God's Commandments are Forever. <http://john1415.org/Matt-25/12-12-Matt-25-Forever.MP3>.

We found that the text of the Bible says over and over that God's commandments are forever.

I have been asked to look at several New Testament verses that some say teach that the commandments no longer apply. The requester called them New Testament Containment Clauses.

1. Matthew 5:17. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to **fulfill**.

Greek – *plerosai* from *pleroo* Strong's G4137. To fill full. Septuagint for *malay* Strong's H4292.

Other verses using - Matt 3:15, Matt 13:48, Acts 5:28, Rom 15:14, Rom 15:19

How could He – Lev 12:2, Lev 12:5.

NT doctrine – Matt 4:4, 2 Tim 3:16-17, Matt 5:18, Matt 15:1-9.

Paul believed - Acts 24:14, Acts 28: 17, Acts 20:21, Acts 21:17-24, Acts 6:8-13.

Prophecy – Is 2:2-3, Micah 4:1-2, Ez 44:23-24.

Idiom – ““Destroy” and “fulfill” are technical terms used in rabbinic argumentation. When a sage felt that a colleague had misinterpreted a passage of Scripture, he would say, “You are destroying the Law!” Needless to say, in most cases his colleague strongly disagreed. What was “destroying the Law” for one sage, was “fulfilling the Law” (correctly interpreting Scripture) for another.” David Bivin and Roy Blizzard, *Understanding the Difficult Words of Jesus*, page 114.

2. Mark 7:19. Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, **purging all meats?**

Greek – *katharizon panta ta bromate*. Purge all of the foods. Foods at issue are *artous* Strong's G740 bread, not animal flesh. In 1611, wheat was called meat. “Leviticus 2:7 ... “And if thy oblation be a **meat** offering baken in the fryingpan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.” (KJV).”

Issue – Disciples ate bread without doing the ceremonial handwashing *n'tilat yadaim*, literally washing hands. Mark 7:1-19.

Meaning – If there was any dirt on the hands that got on the bread which they ate, it would go out in the latrine later, being purged from the body with the food remnants.

Doctrine – Unclean animals are not food. Lev. 11:1-8. See three-part series on Biblical Definition of Food by Daniel McArthur, August 1-8, 2025, under Help! I am New to Torah and I do not Know What to Do! (On our website john1415.org.) Job 14:4, 2 Cor 6:14 – 7:1, Rom 6:19, 2 Cor 12:21, Gal 5:19, Eph 5:3, Col 3:5, 1 Thes 4:7, 2 Peter 2:10.

3. Acts 10:15. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou **common**.

Greek – *Koinon* from *koinoo* Strong's G2840. To make common. Not the same as *akathartos* – unclean. Strong's G169.

Context – Acts 10:1-17. Three gentiles – three times the bat kol.

Doctrine – What did God cleanse? The Gentiles, not the pig. Job 14:4, Acts 10:24-29, 34-35.

Prophecy - Ez 44:23-24.

Challenge – Find one Believer in the New Testament eating an unclean animal. There are none!

4. Romans 6:14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are **not under the law**, but under grace.

Greek – *hypo* Strong's G5259. A primary preposition usually translated as “of” or “by” rather than “under”.

Usage in KJV – Matt 1:22 (of). Matt 2:17 (by). Matt 8:24 (with).

It can be translated as “under”. Matt 5:15.

Other NT words translated as “under”. Matt 7:6 (en). Mark 7:28 (hypokatO). Luke 7:8 (hyp).

Doctrine – We are saved by grace, not by the works of the law. Eph. 2:8-9. Keeping the Law is proof of love for God. 1 John 5:2-3. Romans 6:15. Failing to keep the Law is sin. 1 John 3:4. It is the proof of faith in God. Heb. 3:16-19, 1 John 2:3-6. God's Law does not change. Ps 89:34. Watch out for lions. 1 Kings 13:1-24.

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