

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* Strongs G2840. To make common. Not the same as *akathartos* – unclean. Strongs 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* Strongs 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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5. Romans 14:5. One man **esteemeth one day above another**: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind

Context – This is not about the Sabbath. It is about the Monday and Thursday partial fast ordered by the Rabbis. Romans 14:1-14, Luke 18:12, Acts 24:14, Acts 28:17.

Doctrine – Matt 15:1-9, Luke 4:16, Acts 17:1-4. Acts 13:42-44. 1 Cor 11:1, 1 John 2:3-6. Sabbath began in Eden. Gen 2:1-3 (rested in verses 2 and 3 is the verb Shabbat). Sabbath is found in Exodus 5:5 and Exodus 16:22-30, Only one of the ten commandments that specifically mentions non-Jews. Exodus 20:8-11. It is the sign that we worship God. Ex 31:12-17. For gentiles who want to enter into the Messianic Kingdom. Is 56:1-2, 6-8. Deut 12:28-32. Will be kept in the Messianic Kingdom. Ez 44:23-24. And in the new heavens and new earth. Is 66:22-23. There still remains a Sabbath-rest for the people of God. Heb 4:9. *Sabbatismos* Strongs

G4520 (a keeping of the Sabbath, a Sabbath rest). Verse 14 – *Koinon*, not *akathartos* (common, not unclean).

6. Colossians 2:14. Blotting out the **handwriting of ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross

Greek – *Dogmasin* from *dogma* Strongs G1378. Used only four other times, never of God's Law. Luke 2:1, Acts 16:4, Acts 17:7, Eph 2:15.

Context – Against manmade traditions. Col. 2:8-23.

Doctrine – Do not let friends and family turn you away from the commandments of the Law that point to Messiah, to take you back to manmade dogma. Matt 15:1-9. Ps 89:34. Mal 3:6. Matt 4:4. Num 23:19. Ps. 119:89, 126, 142. Prov 28:9, John 9:31. John 17:3, 1 John 2:3-6. 1 Cor 6:9-11. Matt 7:21-23. Rev 22:12-15. Paul believed the Law. Acts 24:14. Acts 28:17.

7. 1 Timothy 4:4. For **every creature** of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

Context – Verse 4 does not end the sentence. The next word is “for” meaning “because”. Verse 5 continues the sentence – “for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”

Doctrine – All of creation is good. Gen 1:31. But, not all of creation is food. Lev 11:1-47, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 2 Cor 6:16-7:1. Heb 12:14, Is 66:14-17. To be food, it must be “sanctified by the word of God” – meaning Leviticus 11 says we may eat it – and we must give God thanks for it. Pigs, shrimp, lobsters, catfish, etc. are not sanctified by the word of God.

8. Romans 10:4. *"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."*

Greek – *Telos* Strongs G5056. From a primary *tello* (to set out for a definite point or goal). The aim or purpose.

Doctrine - Messiah is the purpose of the law for righteousness. 1 Tim 1:5. Messiah is the goal of the law for righteousness. James 5:11 (KJV uses end – did the Lord come to an end? Was He destroyed?). Our faith does not make the law void. Romans 3:31. Those who endure until the coming of the Messianic Kingdom will be saved. Matt 24:14. 1 Cor 1:8. 1 Cor 15:24. Heb 3:6. What is the end of our faith? 1 Peter 1:9. The end of all things? 1 Peter 4:7. What comes after the end? Rev 2:26. Rev 21:6. Rev 22:13.

Prophecy – Ez 44:23-24. Is 2 :2-4, Micah 4:1-5. Zech 14:16. Is 66:22-23.

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