

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 G2840. To make common. Not the same as *akathartos* – unclean. Strong 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 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* Strong

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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9. Ephesians 2:15. *"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace."*

Greek – *nomon ton entolon en dogmasin*. *Nomon* Strong's G3551. A command or law of any type. *Entolon* Strong's G1785. An order, command, charge or precept. *Dogmasin* from *dogma* Strong's G1378. Used only four other times, never of God's Law. Luke 2:1, Acts 16:4, Acts 17:7, Col 2:14.

Doctrine – This is a reference to Acts 10. The law that kept Jews from going to the Gentiles was not God's law, but Rabbinic decree. Acts 10:28. Messiah gave the great commission in Matt 28:18 *et seq.* The Rabbinic rule had kept the apostles from carrying out Messiah's commission. God showed Peter that he should call no man common or unclean. Acts 10:28-29, 34-35. Enmity is hatred that separates – keeps Jews and Gentiles apart when we are to be one in Messiah. Eph 2:14. Gentile believers are grafted into Israel. Rom 11:13-23.

10. Galatians 3:24-25. *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."*

Greek – *Paidagogos* Strong's G3807. “a guide and guardian of boys. Among the Greeks and Romans the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals of boys belonging to the better class. The boys were not allowed so much as to step out of the house without them before arriving at the age of manhood”. Thayer's Greek Lexicon.

History – Young boys were special targets for homosexual pedophiles in Greece and Rome. The paidagogos accompanied the young boys everywhere they went lest they be raped and sodomized. They were bodyguards. They protected the young boys until they were old enough to protect themselves.

Doctrine – Before we reach Spiritual maturity with the ability to obey God out of faith and love, the Law kept us from deviating from God's path to our destruction. Deut 5:32-33. Deut 12:28-31. Once we get saved, we obey God's commandments out of love rather than fear. John 14:15-17, John 14:21-24, Jer 31:33, 1 John 5:2-3, 1 John 2:3-4, Ps 119:142, Heb 8:10.

What if I am wrong and the Torah no longer applies?

Torah means law and instruction. 2 Tim 3:16-17. Torah is truth. Ps 119:142.

Every word a prophet speaks must come to pass or he is a False Prophet. Deuteronomy 18:21-22.

Moses would be a false prophet. Deuteronomy 18:15 tells us Moses is a prophet, and Yeshua is a greater prophet. Leviticus 23:1-2, 14, 21, 31, 41 – Feasts of the Lord are forever. Ex 31:12-17. Sabbath is forever.

Isaiah would be a false prophet. Isaiah 66:14-17 -- Food laws remain. Isaiah 66:22-23 -- Sabbath remains.

Ezekiel would be a false prophet. Ezekiel 44:23-24. When Yeshua rules in the temple we will keep His laws, statutes, appointed meetings, and hallow Sabbaths.

Jeremiah would be a false prophet. Jeremiah 31:33. The new covenant -- The Lord will put His law (Torah) in our minds and write the law (Torah) on our hearts. See also, Hebrews 8:10.

Micah would be a false prophet. Micah 4:1-2. In the Messianic Kingdom Yeshua will rule from the third temple, and Yeshua will teach us His ways, we will walk in His paths, and out of Zion the law shall go forth.

Zechariah would be a false prophet. Zechariah 14:16. In the Messianic Kingdom, all nations will keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Yeshua would be a false prophet. Matthew 5:18. Yeshua says till heaven and earth pass away not one jot or tittle will pass from the law until all be fulfilled (*Genetai* - until all prophecy has come to pass). Matthew 4:4. Yeshua says that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

John would be a false prophet. He says the saints keep the commandments of God and the faith of Yeshua. Revelation 12:17, 14:12, and Rev 22:12-15.

What does Paul say?

Rom 3:31 (our faith strengthens the Law). Rom 5:13 (Sin is not imputed when there is no Law). Rom 6:1 (Shall we continue in sin – No!). Rom 7:12 (Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good).

But, the Bible is clear that the Torah (Law) is forever.

“My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.” Psalm 89:34 (NKJV).

“Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.” Psalm 119:89 (NKJV).

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.” Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV).

“Surely the Lord God does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7 (NKJV).

“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV).

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

Should We Keep His Commandments or Not?

1. If you do not keep His commandments, He says you do not love him. John 14:23-24.
2. If you do not keep His commandments, He says you do not know him. 1 John 2:3-4.
3. If you do not keep His commandments, He says He does not know you. Matthew 7:23.
4. If you do not keep His commandments, He says He will not hear your prayers. Proverbs 28:9, John 9:31.
5. If you do not keep His commandments, He says you do not have faith. Hebrews 3:18-19.
6. If you do not keep His commandments, He says you are of the devil. 1 John 3:8.
7. If you keep His commandments, He says you are righteous as He is righteous. 1 John 3:7.
8. If you keep His commandments, you have the right to the tree of life and the New Jerusalem. Otherwise, no. Revelation 22:14-15.
9. If you keep His commandments and teach others, He says you will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew 5:19, Dan 12:3.

Closing:

We are saved by faith. But, what is faith?

Gen 15:1-6 (*He 'emin* from *aman* from which we get *amen!*)

Deut 12:32 (Don't add to or take away from the *Torah* or Law.)

Deut 8:3 (Quoted by Messiah in Matthew 4:4.)

Deut 8:11 (To forget God's commandments it to forget God.)