

# Acts 15

## The Jerusalem Council



# A TEACHING FROM:



## Addressing the truth about Acts 15

**Through my studies a few years ago I learned that God, LORD and Jesus are fake names put into our Bibles to replace the Real Names of our Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son. The True Names have been removed over 7000 times from Scripture and replaced by God, LORD or Jesus which are not Names but titles like Mr. or Miss. Isn't it amazing if you ask a Muslim who he worships he will say Allah which is the name of his god and if you ask a Buddhist the name of his god he will say Buddha. Yet we as professed believers in our Creator do not even know the name of who we worship.**

Therefore, I use the four Hebrew letters yod, hey, vav, hey in English YHVH (and I pronounce it as Yahuwah) instead of LORD, which is a title - not a name. I also use Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration from a Greek mistransliteration. The name Jesus has no meaning, in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH and Yahusha are the actual original Hebrew names that speak of our Savior's true nature and character. Since the Father has a Hebrew name, the Son cannot have a Greek name, because the Son came in the name of His Father (John 5:43)!

# Searching for Answers!

Many of us possess the deep rooted desire to find out the truth about life's purpose, who am I, why am I here? There is much confusion, division, and disagreement especially in religion. Religious people are divided into hundreds of different denominations, wearing different names, worshipping different ways and teaching different doctrines.



**Finding the right answer,  
finding the truth, especially in  
matters of eternal salvation is  
a personal responsibility and  
a Biblical command!**

**In 1 John 4:1 we read:  
“Beloved, believe not every  
spirit, but try the spirits  
whether they are of YAH:  
because many false prophets  
are gone out into the world.”**



It states in Hosea 4:6

**“My people are  
destroyed for lack  
of knowledge!”**

If we don't want to be destroyed, it is important to seek the knowledge Hosea is talking about.

**We must seek for  
answers because we  
have an obligation to  
look and to search!**



2 Timothy 2:15  
has this advice:

“Study to show thyself approved  
unto Yahuah, a workman that  
needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing  
the word of truth.”



**We must dig deep into the Scriptures, starting in Genesis 1:1 and not in the middle of the Bible. Under no circumstances must we be satisfied until we have found our answers directly from the Word of Yahuwah!**



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and it shall be given.

Seek  
and ye shall find.

Knock  
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This would prove that  
we are truly  
interested to find  
answers to our  
questions!

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There are as many different opinions and interpretations in Christianity in reference to Biblical doctrines as there are denominations!



**Feast days?**  
**Weekly Sabbath?**



**New Months?**  
**Barley or Equinox?**



**Trinity?**  
**Crucifixion day?**  
**Name of God?**



**Romans 14?**

In other words  
**CONFUSION!**

**Colossians 2?**

**Ephesians 2?**

**Acts 15?**



**It is not enough to sit in a church and listen to someone preach a sermon! It is our responsibility to start asking questions and require a “Thus saith YHVH”!**



**Nothing less  
will do!**

Our message today deals with:

# Acts Chapter 15!

Again and again people are trying to use Acts 15 to do away with the Law of Moses, the Torah, specifically the weekly Sabbath, Feast days, dietary laws and other things they don't like or don't want to be accountable for.

**Are these people right?**

**Is Acts 15 doing away with the Law of Moses, the Torah, the Sabbath, Feast days & dietary laws, etc.?**





Let's  
find out  
what  
Acts  
Chapter  
15 is all  
about!

Let's first consider some background and some history of what led up to this Jerusalem council.



Let's be very clear: It doesn't matter what others do or believe, but it does matter what Scripture says.

We are not worshipping people, churches or denominations. We are worshipping YHVH, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. YHVH has the final authority and the last word.

According to the apostles, Gentile believers have been grafted into the family of Israel, brought near to the covenants of promise, and become citizens of the commonwealth of Israel. The dividing wall of partition is removed, and both Jewish and Gentile believers are as one new man, a spiritual temple being built together on Messiah. Together, Jewish believers and Gentile believers create the Israel of Elohim.

What is the bottom line with Yahuwah according to Peter in Acts 10:34-35? What is important?

**Peter opened his mouth and said,**

“Of a truth I perceive that Elohim is no respecter of persons, but:

... in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.”

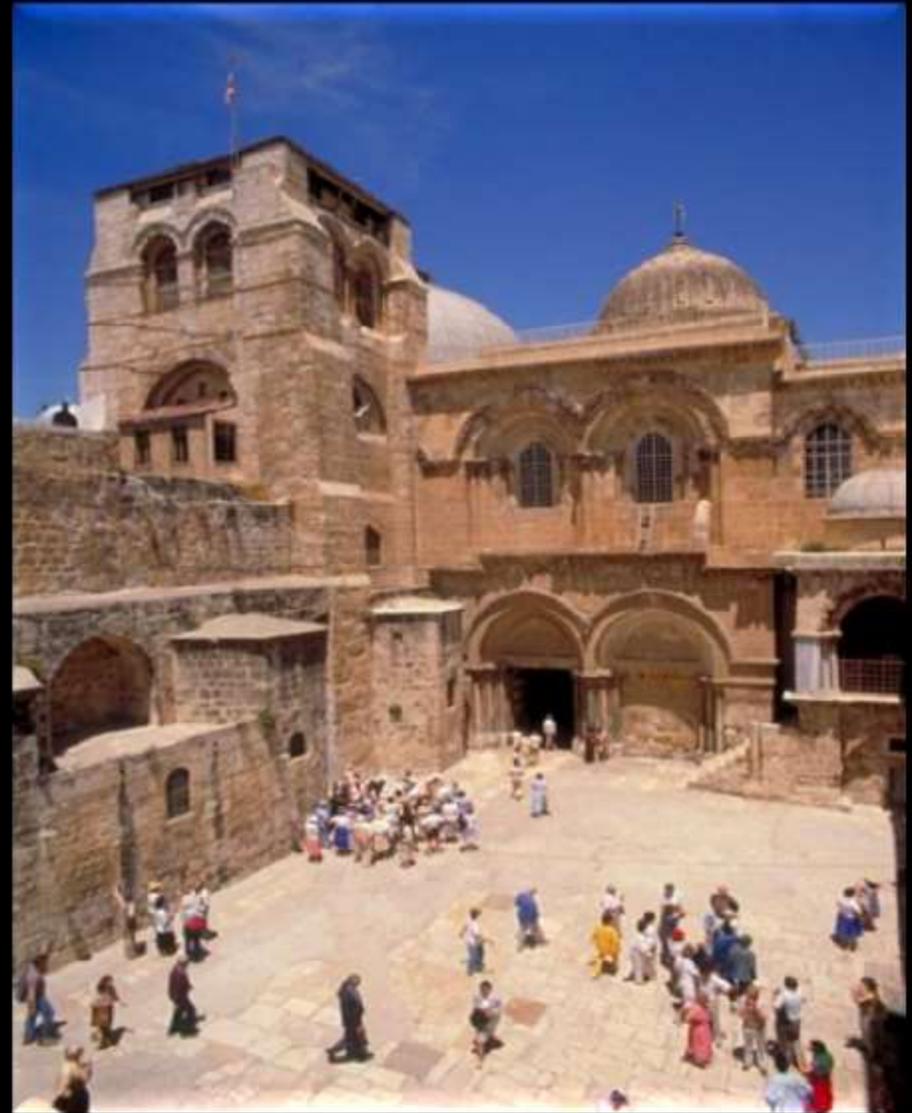


That simply means, that Yahusha  
is no respecter of persons!  
He shows no partiality!  
He shows no favoritism!  
He makes no difference between  
Jew and Gentile, free and bond,  
male and female,  
neighbors and strangers,  
between friends and enemies!



This truth was not self-evident to the first believers at that time.

Some insisted that Gentiles could not be part of Israel and the kingdom or even inherit eternal life unless they underwent conversion and became Jewish after coming to the faith.



In Acts chapter 15, believers from among the Pharisees charged that the Gentile believers needed to be circumcised and compelled to keep the Torah in order to be saved!

**They said in Acts 15:5:**

**“...it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.”**



By “circumcision,” they meant a legal conversion to Judaism. By “ordering them to keep the Law of Moses,” they meant compelling the Gentiles to keep the Torah (*the Written and Oral Torah*) as Jews. However the Oral Torah was to them even more important than the written one.



**That was a salvational  
issue to them!**

We must understand what  
circumcision meant as a kind of  
[physical identifying mark](#)  
to the Jews of the  
New Testament times.

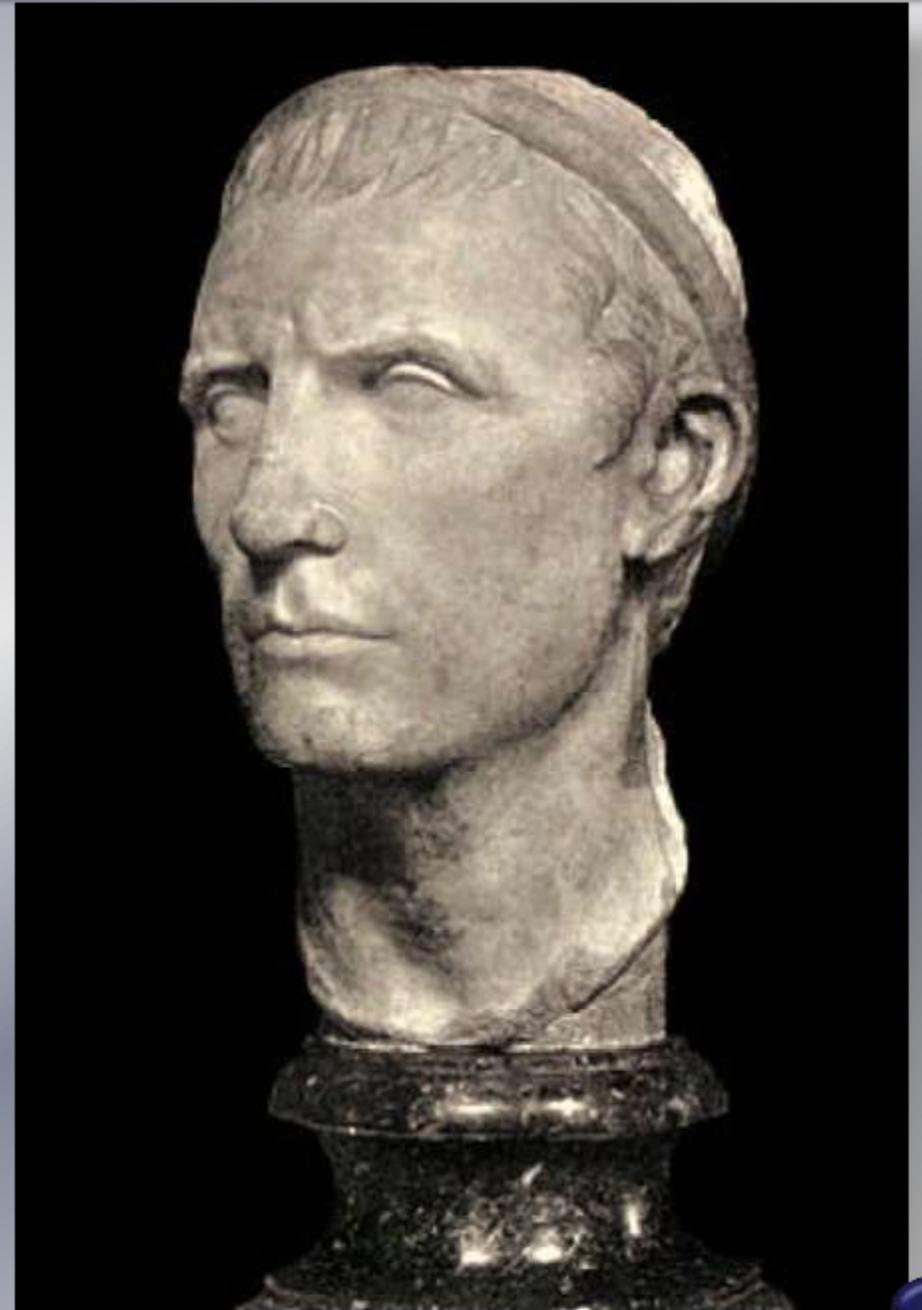
It simply meant they were  
part of Israel and Elohim's people -  
approved and part of the remnant!

**APPROVED**



Also remember: **during the reign of Antiochus, there was an attempt to force the Jews to not practice circumcision.**

**This caused them to lose their identity as children of Abraham.** It was one of the signs along with the weekly Sabbath and the Passover that they were His people, which were also attacked and forbidden by the Hellenists.





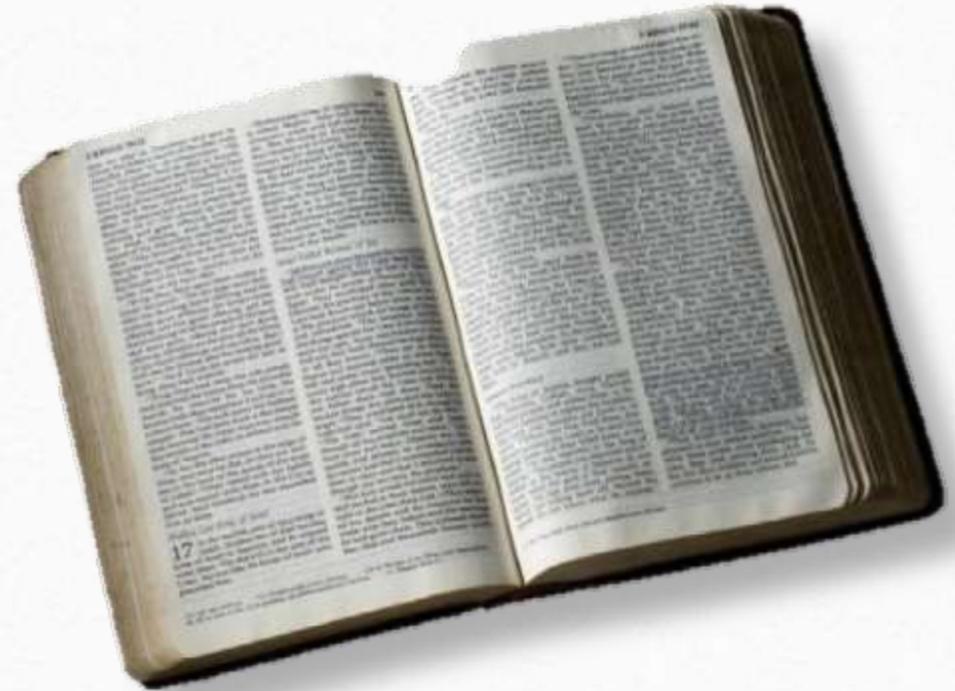
Circumcision was looked upon as the very sacrament of salvation much like water baptism for infants and the mass for Catholics.

We need to agree that we do not need to be physically circumcised in order to be saved.

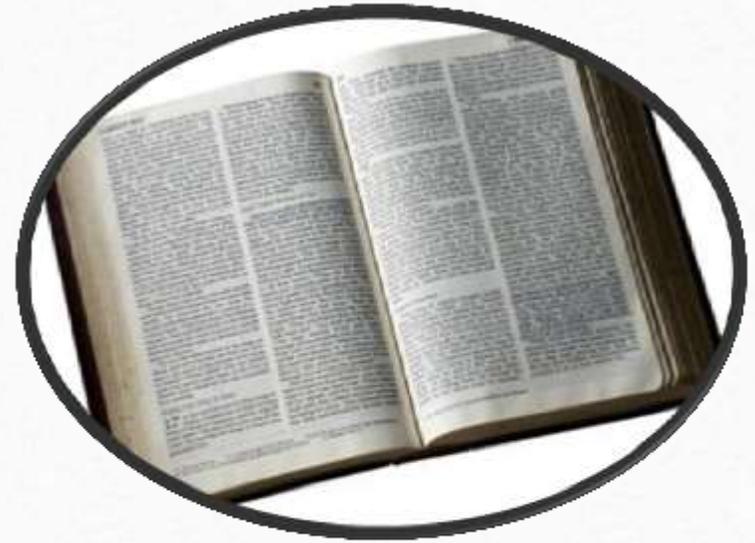
**Salvation is by the blood of Messiah and His atonement alone.**

Interesting enough, the very concept of circumcision in the Old Testament is also the cutting away of the foreskin, or flesh, of our hearts. **So if/when we are born again, we are internally heart circumcised.**

*We find this written in  
Deuteronomy 10:16,*  
**“Circumcise therefore  
the foreskin of your  
heart and be no more  
stiff necked!”**



*This is repeated in Jeremiah 4:4,*  
**“Circumcise yourselves to  
YHVH, and take away the  
foreskins of your heart,  
ye men of Judah and  
inhabitants of Jerusalem:  
lest my fury come forth like  
fire, and burn that none can  
quench [it], because of the  
evil of your doings.”**



The Rabbis made it into a gate, or door, to be a member of YHVH's true people.

- By the first century, circumcision took on a national identity mark to Judaism.
- The believing Jews did not want to lose that identity.

This was not the original intent of circumcision during the time of Abraham or Moses. It was a sign of righteousness that was already accounted to Abraham.

This is Paul's argument in Romans 4:11 saying, "And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith, which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he may be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also."



The Bible says in Leviticus 12:2 (*NLT*)  
“On the eighth day the boy’s foreskin must be circumcised.”

This command is no different than any other YHVH would ask us to do. We don’t eat pork, keep Sabbath or keep the Feasts to be saved. We keep them after we already have been saved and want to obey His Word because we choose to stop sinning and breaking His commandments.



When we read Acts 15:21  
we are told that after the  
Holy Spirit gave the  
directives on the question  
that Moses was to be read  
every Sabbath  
in the Synagogue.



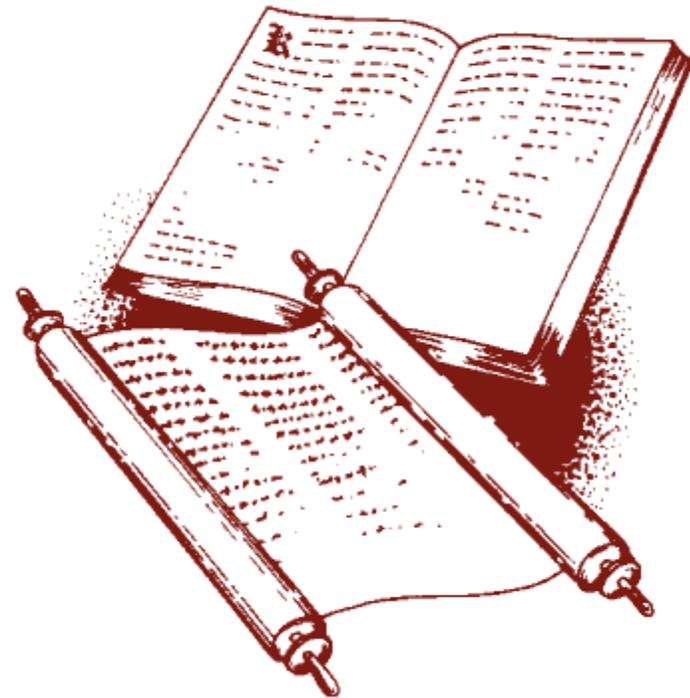
The new believers coming in to an understanding of the Torah would hear the rest of how they are to live.

There were four stipulations, which are merely the bare minimum they must start doing not so they can be saved, but so they can have fellowship with their brother Judah.



According to Acts 15:2, it was Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them that went to Jerusalem unto the apostle and elders to get an answer to that question.

Reading Acts 15, the Apostles were gathered in Jerusalem for the express purpose of deciding, [which laws](#) the Gentile converts were required to observe once they had been baptized into the body of Messiah!



We read in the Acts 15:7-8: “**And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago Yahuwah made a choice among us, that the Gentiles by mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe.**

8. And YAH, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us.”



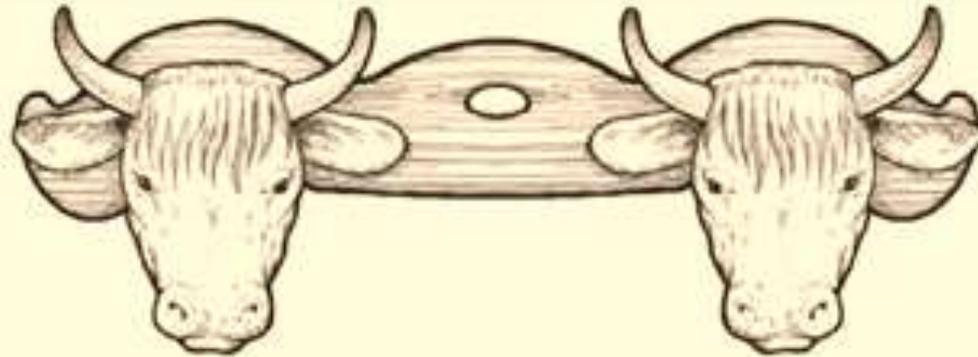
Then  
verse 9:  
“And put  
no  
difference  
between  
us and  
them,  
purifying  
their  
hearts by  
faith.”

Yahuwah Elohim has spoken!  
Let's accept it!



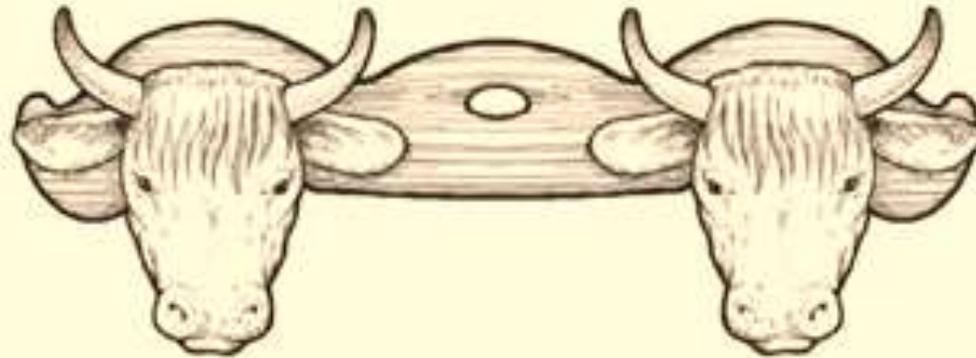
Before we go to verse 11, let's first look at verse 10, at the idea of putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither their fathers nor they were able to bear?

**What are they talking about?**



**10. Now therefore why tempt ye Elohim, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?**

**The same thought is brought out in Acts 15:28  
when it states ...**



**28. “For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost,  
and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden  
than these necessary things.”**

In verse 10 it talks about a yoke and in verse 28 it talks about a burden, which neither their fathers nor they themselves could bear.

### **What is this talking about?**

Is it talking about the 10 Commandments, the statutes, the judgments, the written Torah?

**The Written Torah given to Moses was never seen as a burden in Scripture.**

However, Christian theologians have always taken a dim view of Torah and are glad to dismiss the “Old Testament law” as an unbearable yoke.

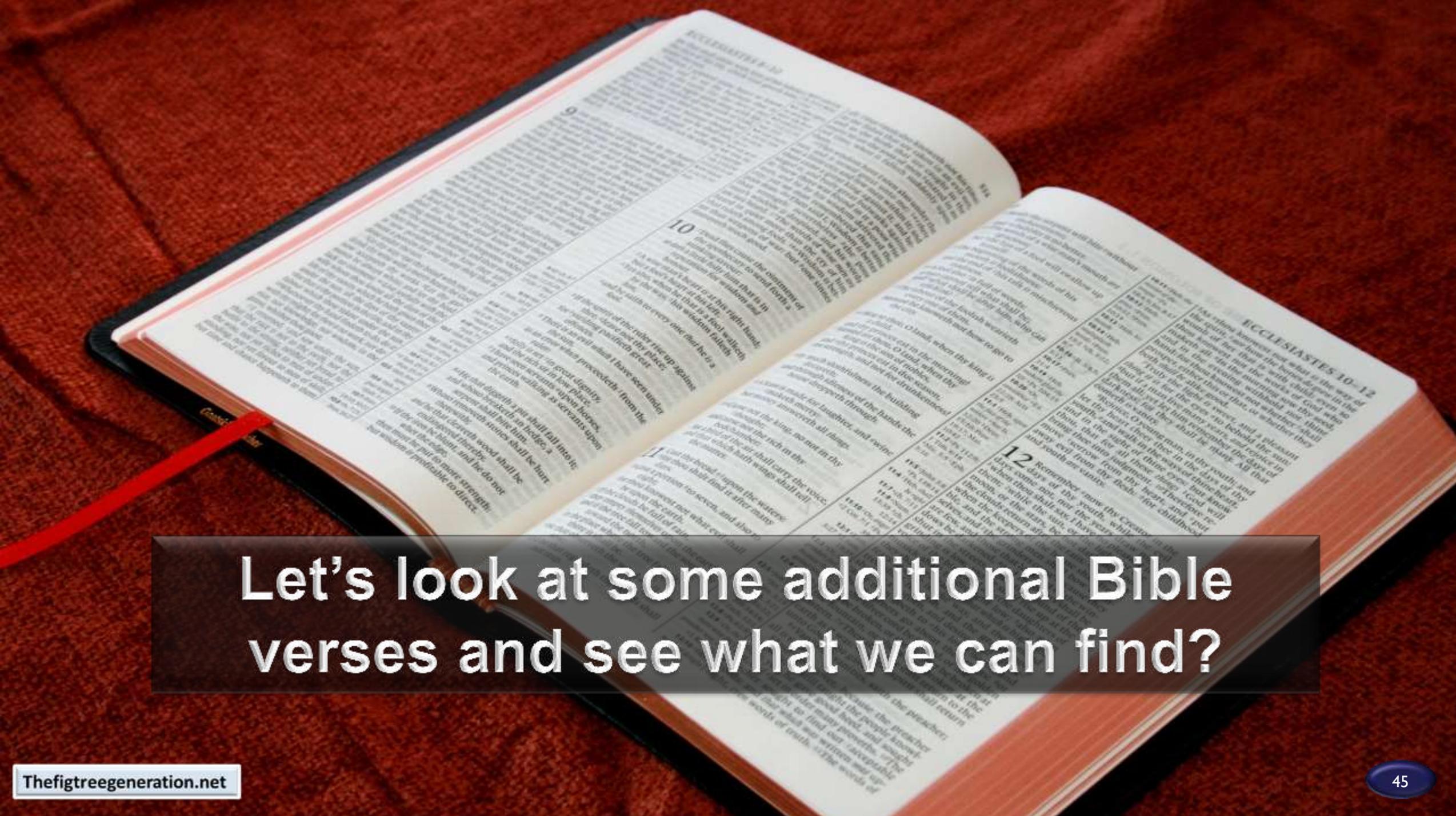
The **Written Torah** is never seen as a burden in Scripture as it is a reflection (mirror) of YHVH Himself, a reflection of His character.

He is not a task master or a burden to us.





*Paul states in Romans 7:12*  
**“The Torah is holy, and the  
commandment is holy and  
righteous and good!”**



Let's look at some additional Bible verses and see what we can find?



*Matthew 11:29-30* **“Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls...”**”



My burden is what?

30. **“For my yoke is easy,  
and my burden is light.”**

**IT IS EASY!**



Also see 1 John 5:3 (NLT):

**“Loving YHVH means  
keeping His  
commandments ...  
and His commandments  
are not burdensome.”**

**NOT BURDENSOME!**

**Psalm 119:45**  
*(NLT)*

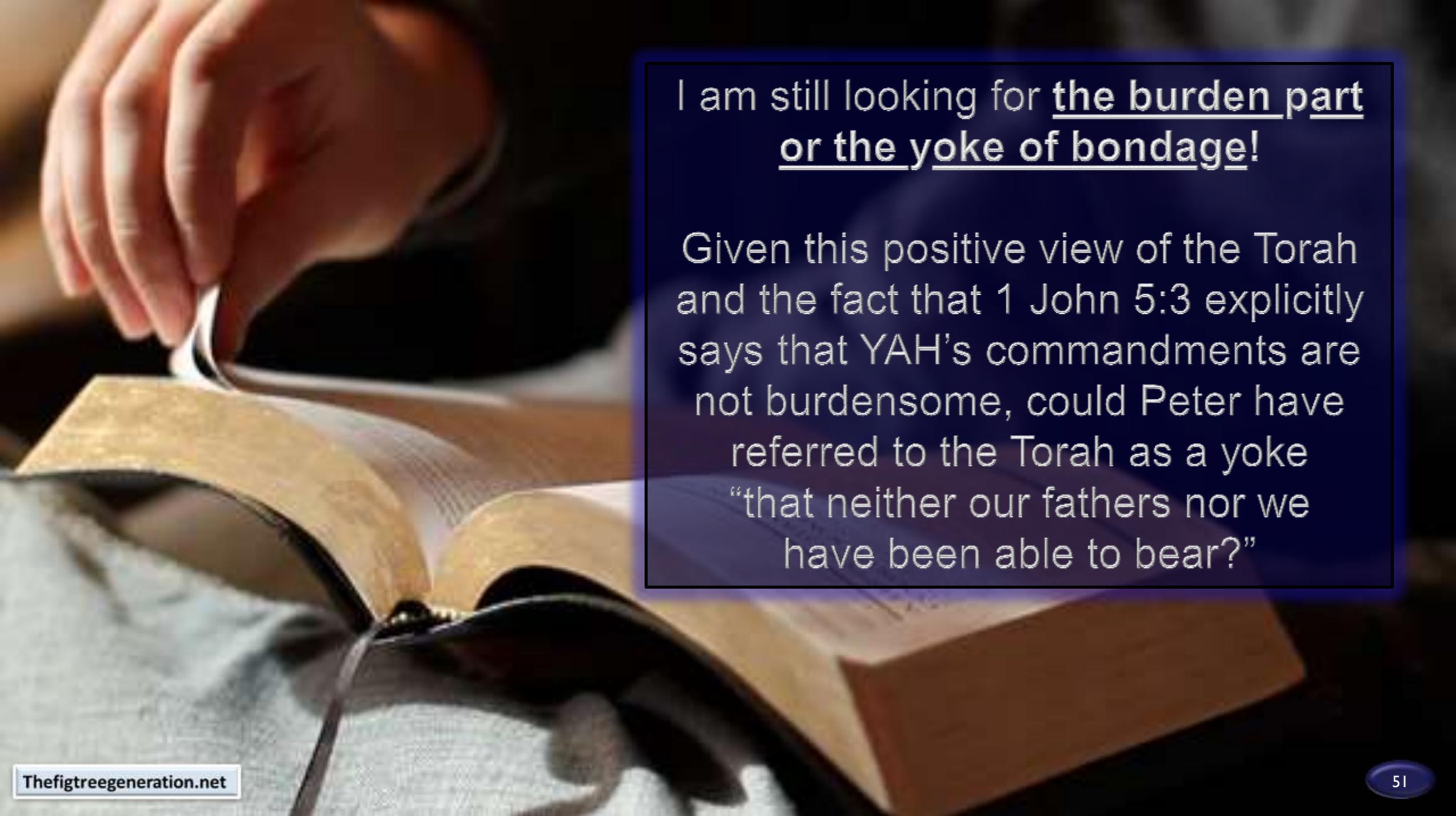
“I will walk in  
freedom, for  
I have devoted  
myself to your  
commandments.”





“Great peace  
have they which  
love thy Torah:  
and nothing shall  
offend them.”

Psalm 119:165 *KJV*



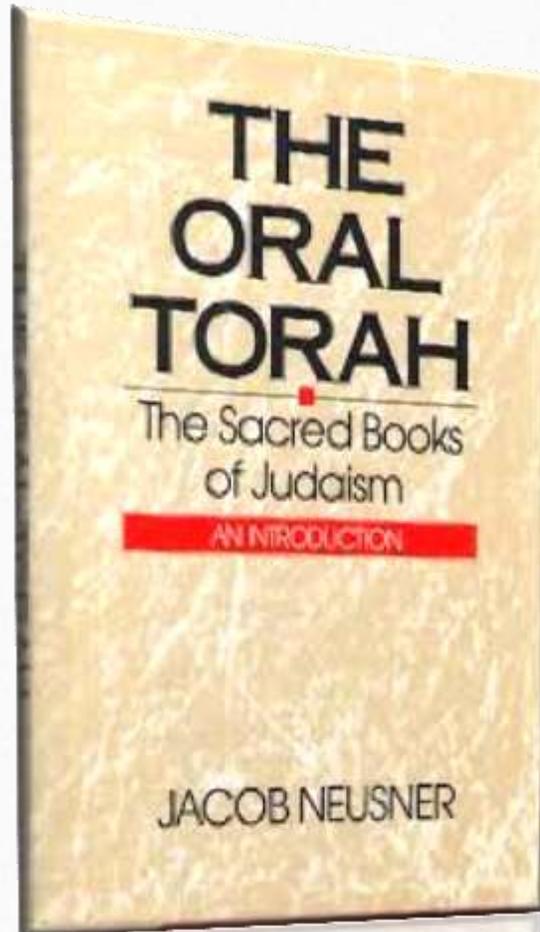
I am still looking for the burden part  
or the yoke of bondage!

Given this positive view of the Torah and the fact that 1 John 5:3 explicitly says that YAH's commandments are not burdensome, could Peter have referred to the Torah as a yoke "that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?"

So, what is it  
talking about in  
Acts 15, verses  
10 and 28?



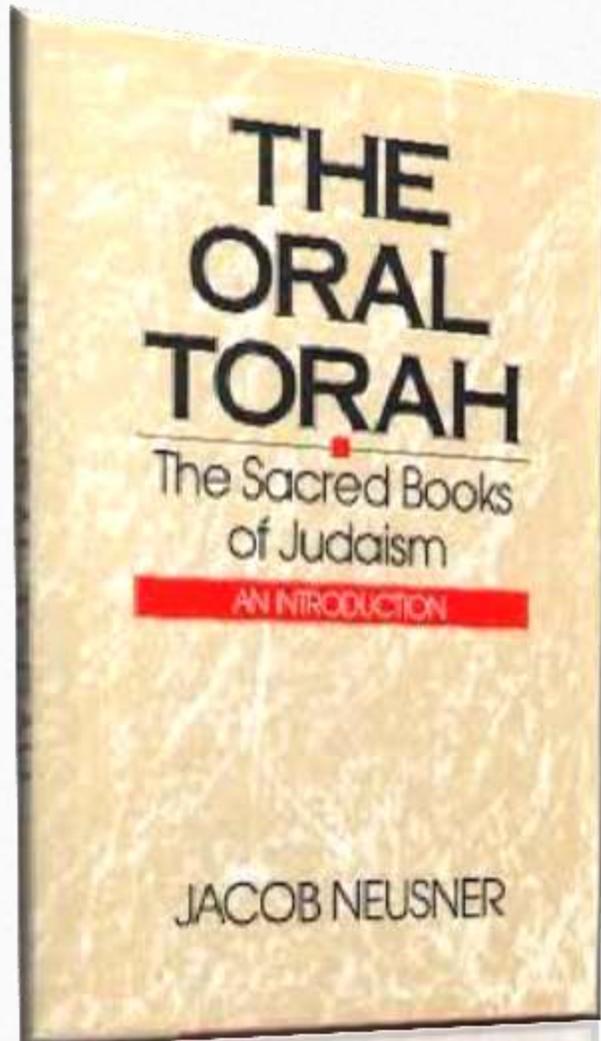
# Are vss 10 & 28 talking about the Oral Torah?



The Oral Torah was a set of man made laws – an invention by the Jews. This became a system of sacramental deeds and works (that the people had to jump through) to supposedly get into the Kingdom.

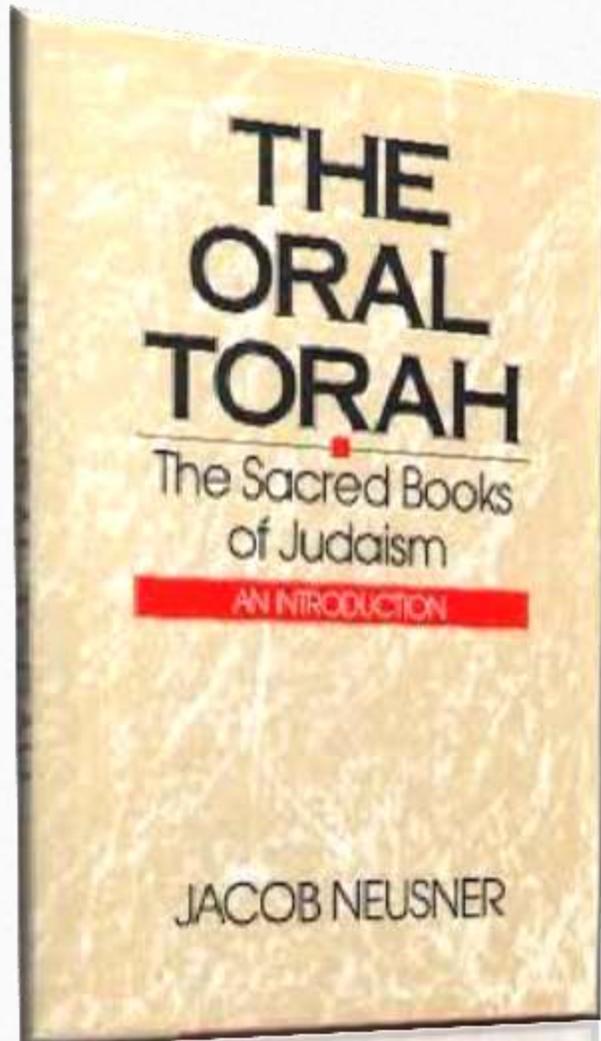
**In the Oral Torah, the Sabbath alone had over 1,000 commandments added to it. Circumcision in the Talmud (and Midrash) is another work (or sacrament) with multitudinous laws added. Even if a command was given only once in Scripture, the Rabbis made it into all kinds of laws that people came to believe were given to Moses. Unfortunately, most people did not have a copy of a Torah scroll and therefore had no idea where Elohim's laws started and then morphed into man's laws.**

**This “burden” had to be the oral traditions, therefore Peter uses the terms “tempt Elohim” and “yoke of bondage.”**



*Here are the words of Yahusha in Matthew 23:13, “**What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people’s faces. You won’t go in yourselves, and you don’t let others enter either.**”*

*(New Living Translation)*



“They crush people with impossible religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.”

Matthew 23:4 *(NLT)*

“For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.” *KJV*

Therefore, we read in  
Mark 7:7 ...

**“Howbeit in vain  
do they worship  
me, teaching for  
doctrines the  
commandments  
of men ...” KJV**

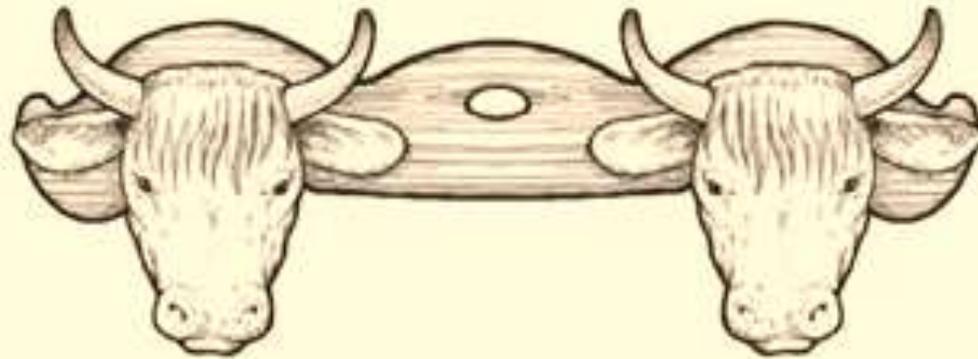
That was the problem that existed then, and it still exists today.

Today's Christianity is a mixture of the Torah with customs from Paganism and man-made doctrines and teachings.



At this point let's go to Acts chapter 15:11.

*(Restoration Study Bible):*



**11. "But we believe that through the grace of the Sovereign Yahusha Messiah we shall be saved, even as they."**

**The Apostles were trying to be uniform in their teaching, and in sharing, the love and law of the Messiah with the Gentile converts.**

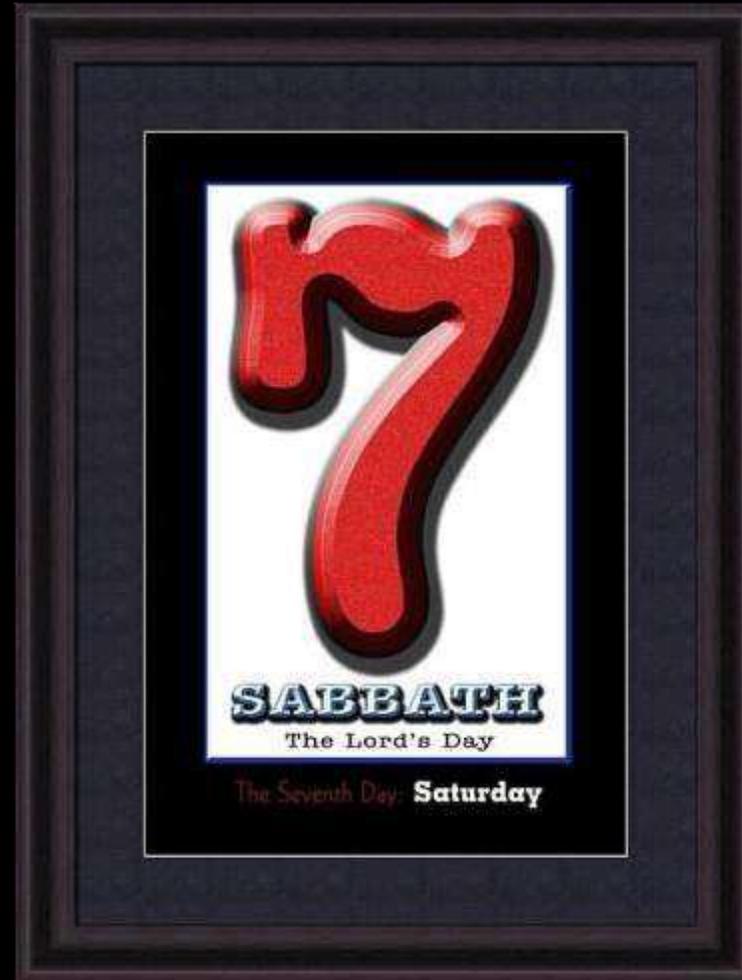
**Confusion and inconsistency was the last thing the Apostles wanted, or needed, to bring to the delicate faith of the Gentile converts.**

**Uniformity of purpose and doctrinal agreement was the primary purpose for this convention.**

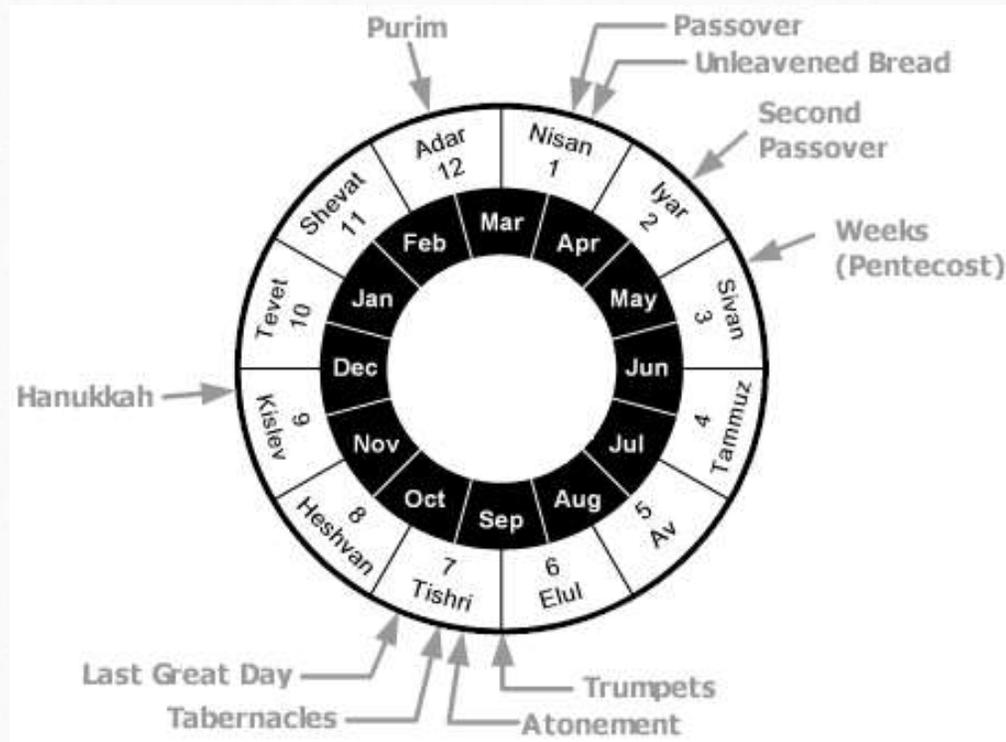
**Before I continue,  
I cannot  
overemphasize  
the following  
facts:**



#1 The  
observance  
of the  
7<sup>th</sup> day  
Sabbath!



## #2 And the observance of the yearly appointed Feast Days ...



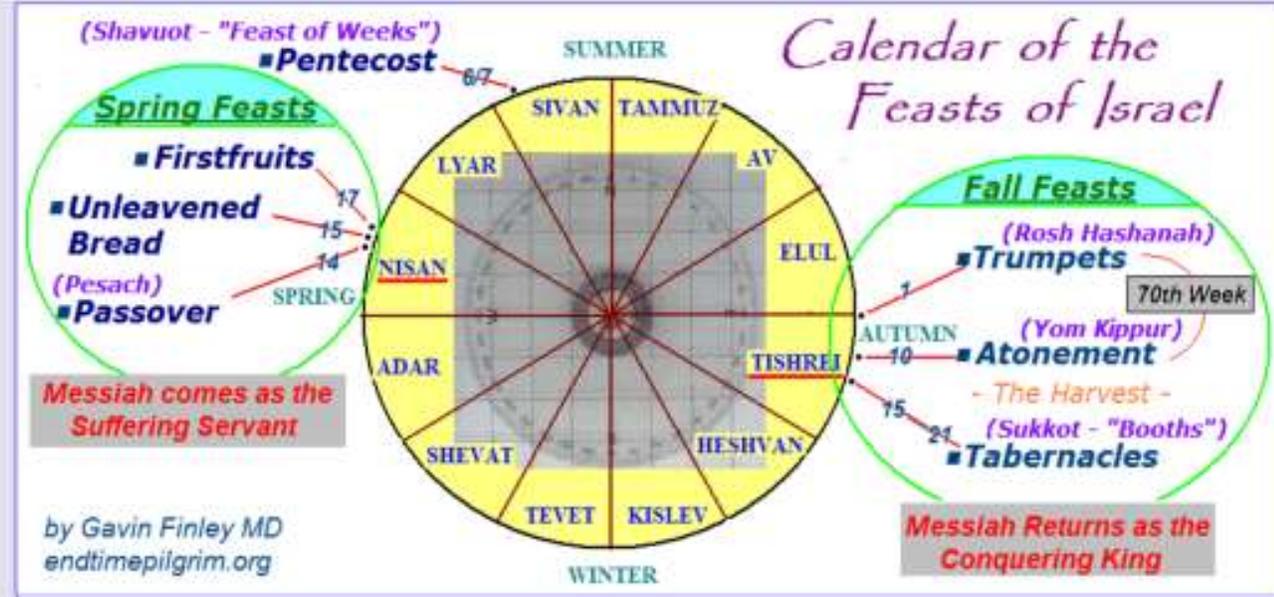
... were not even up for discussion  
before, during or after  
the Jerusalem counsel  
as it was already “a given”

that Israelites

*(native born and adopted/Gentile believers)*

would always observe the  
**Holy Days of Yahuwah.**

# THE SEVEN FEASTS OF ISRAEL AND THE HEBREW CALENDAR



I repeat:  
It was a given  
that all Israel,  
whether native  
born or adopted,  
would attend  
Yahuwah's  
appointed  
Holy Days!

**The primary law up for debate at that meeting was,  
“Is circumcision necessary to be saved?”**

**The annual feasts, and the weekly Sabbath were not  
in question as the Apostles all knew that  
the celebration of the festivals  
were exactly what Gentiles were “grafted” into  
according to Romans 11:17-24!**

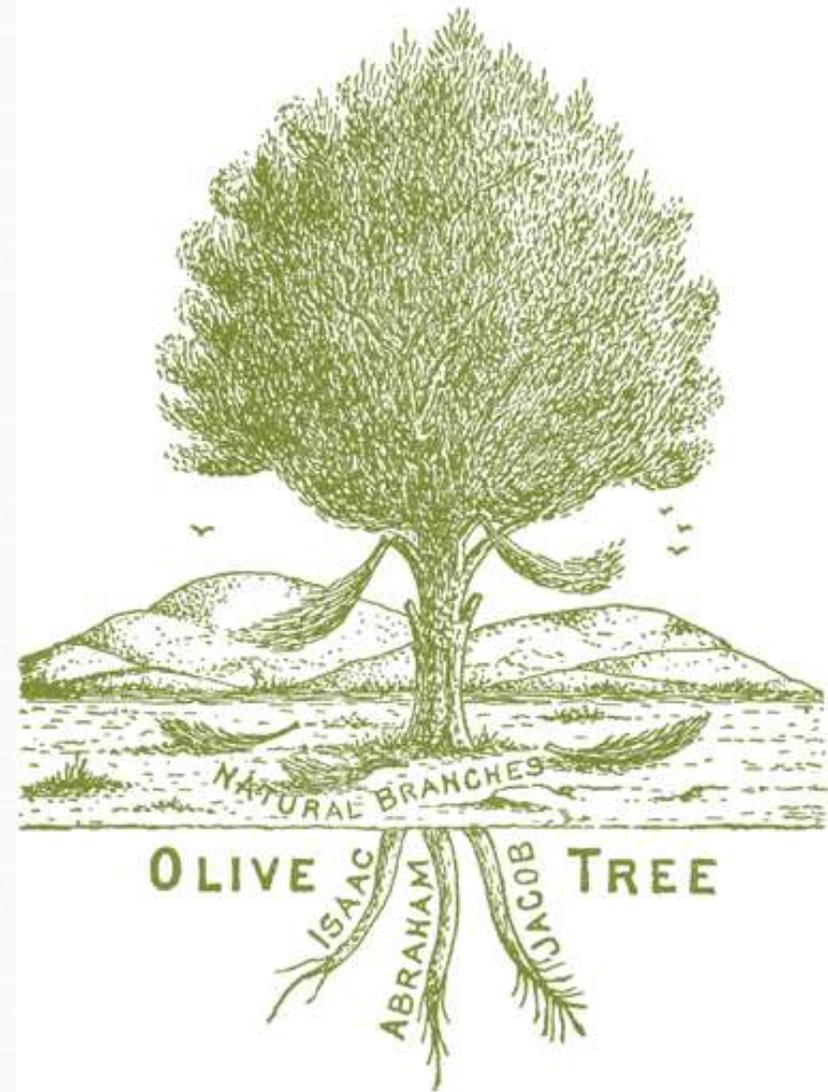


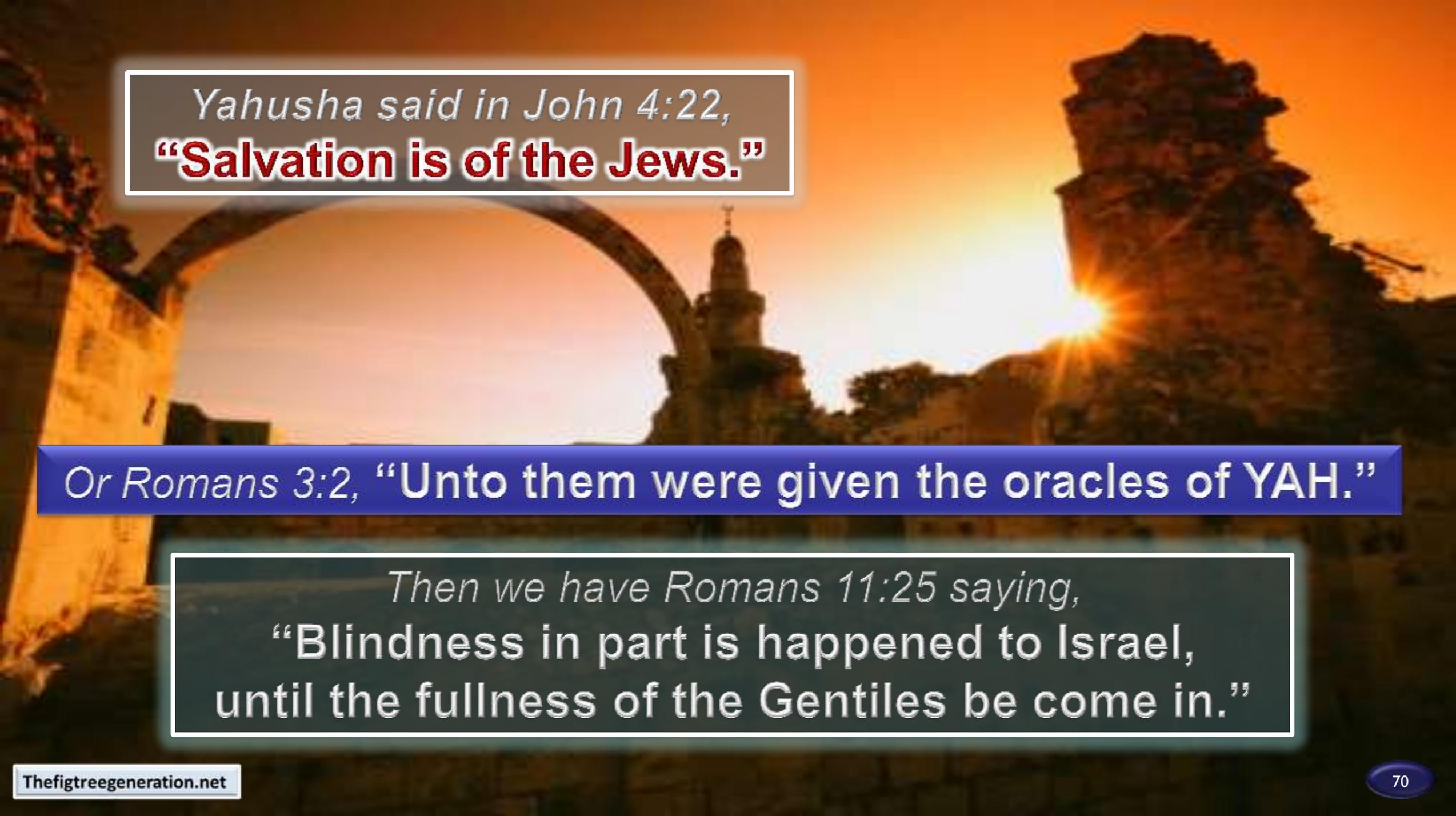
The celebration of Sabbath, and Feast days gave the Gentiles opportunity to associate and learn from the leaders and founders of the Apostolic church who happened to be Hebrews!



If the newly converted Gentiles did not attend and observe the Sabbath, and the annual Feast Days, then they would have little to no opportunity to associate with the very men that brought them the good news of the Messiah in the first Place.

Let's not forget that some of the natural branches were broken off and the Gentiles, (being a wild Olive Tree), were grafted in among them and with them are partakers of the root and the fatness of the olive tree!





*Yahusha said in John 4:22,*  
**“Salvation is of the Jews.”**

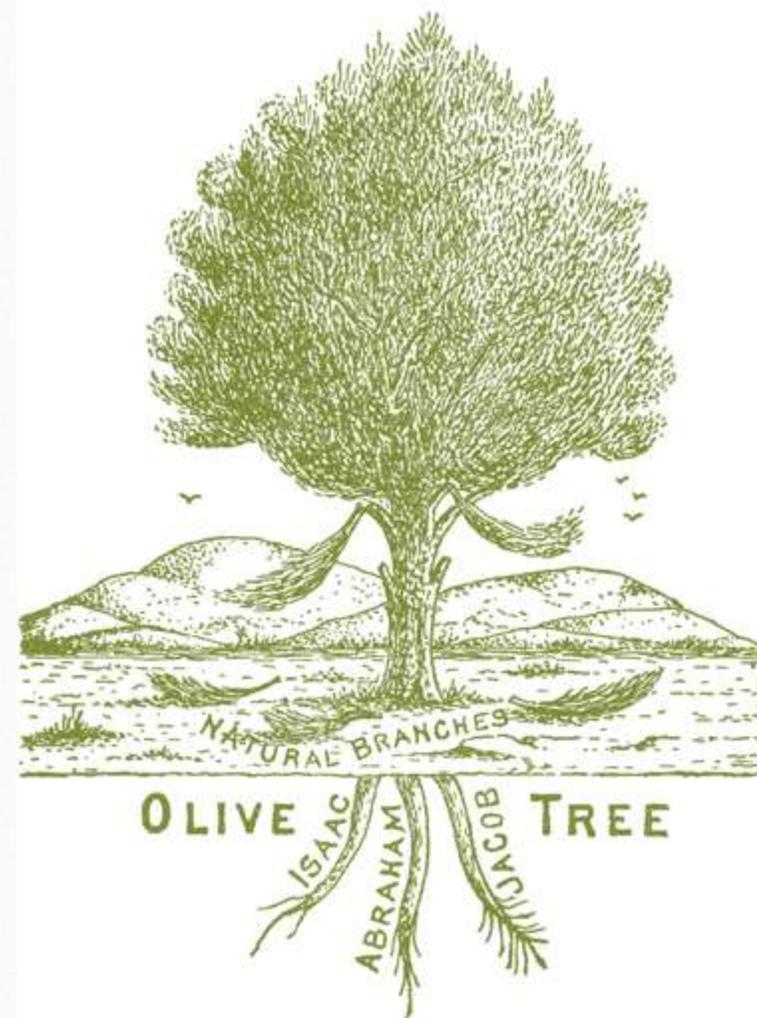
*Or Romans 3:2, “Unto them were given the oracles of YAH.”*

*Then we have Romans 11:25 saying,*  
**“Blindness in part is happened to Israel,  
until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.”**

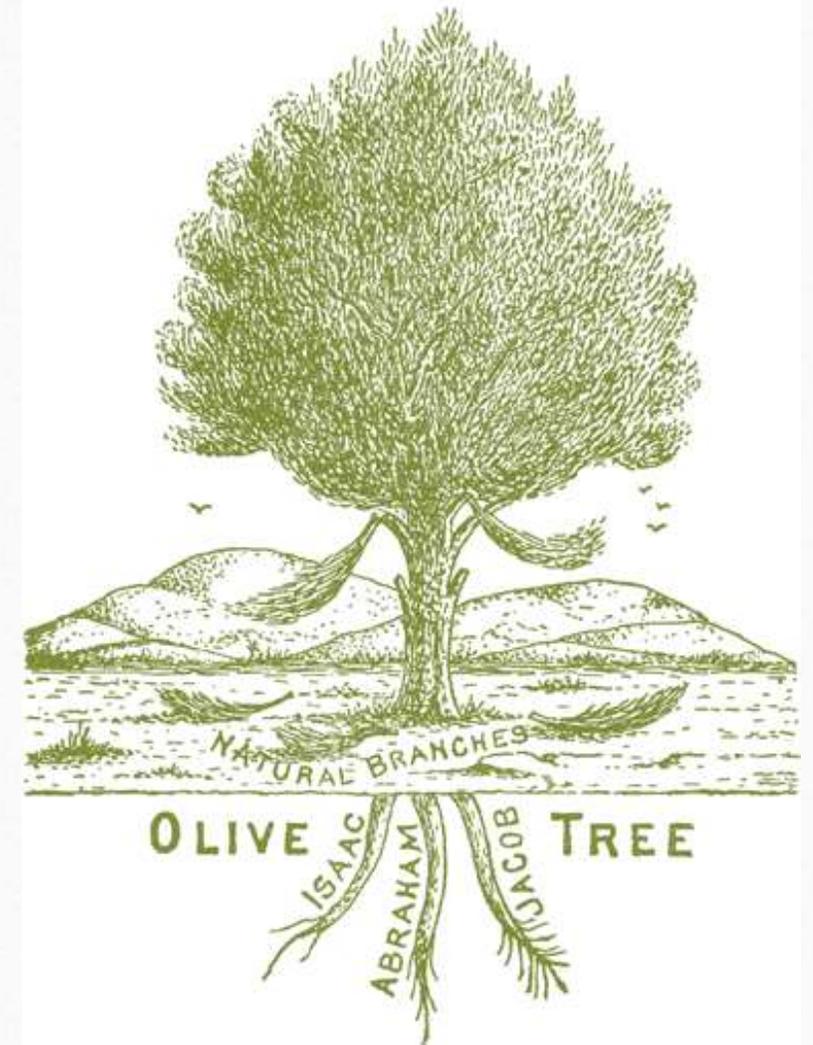


***Romans 11:28*** “As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father’s sakes.” (KJV)

In Jer 11:16-17, Israel is called a **"GREEN OLIVE TREE,"** fair, and of goodly fruit, but is warned that for its idolatry its branches shall be broken off. In Rom 11:17-27 we have the Parable of the **"TWO OLIVE TREES."**

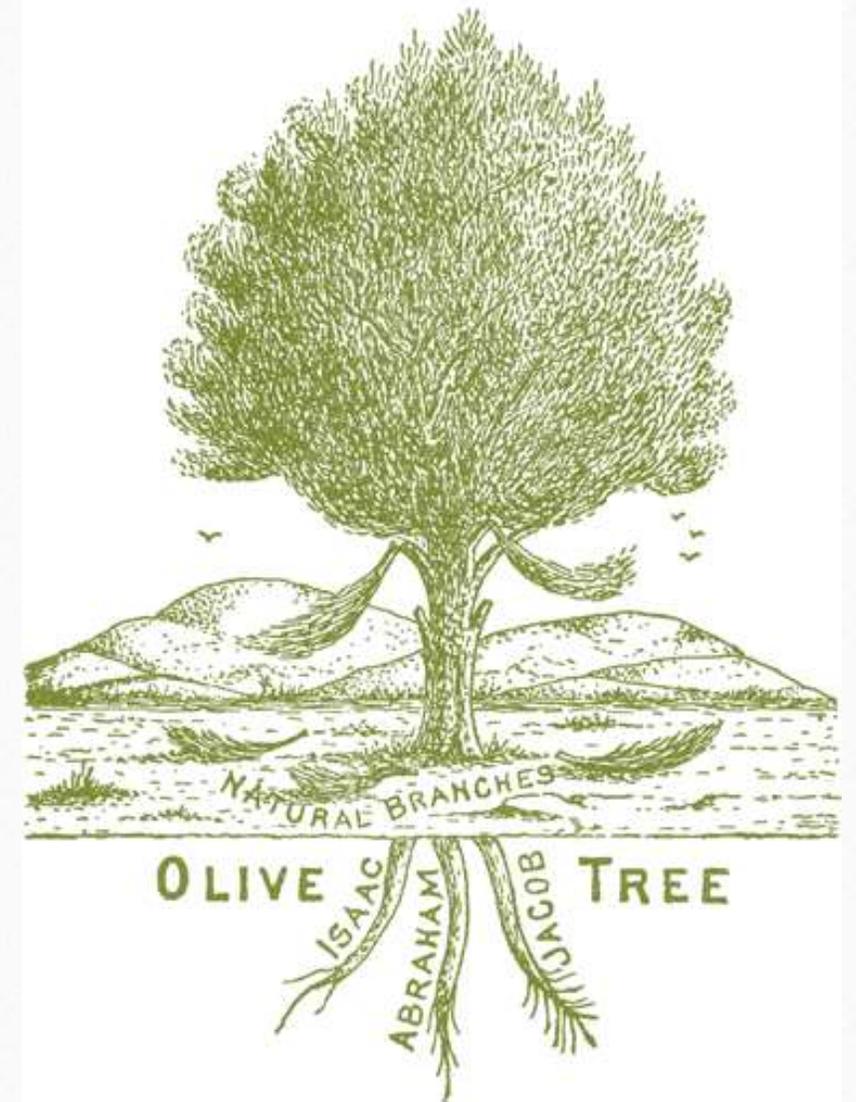


One is called a **GOOD** Olive Tree, the other a **WILD** Olive Tree. The **GOOD** Olive Tree represents Israel, the **WILD** Olive Tree represents the Gentiles. The **root** of the **Good Olive Tree** consists of the main root **Abraham**, the other two are **Isaac** and **Jacob** (Israel).

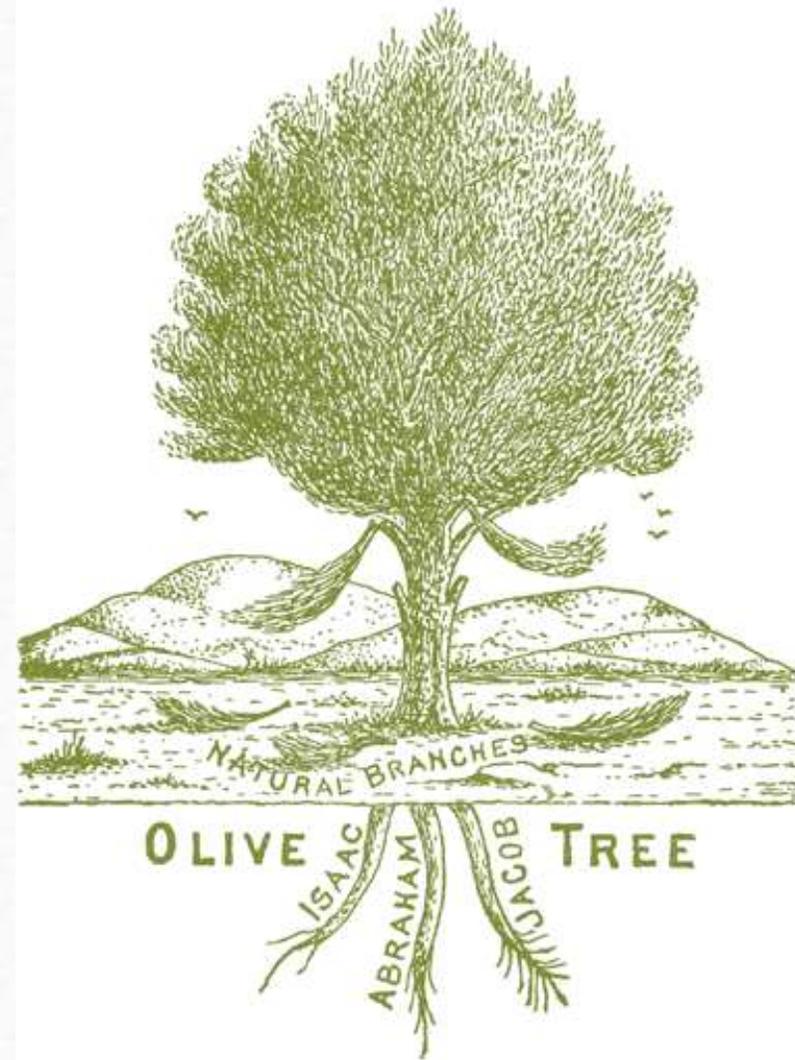


Israel was not broken off so the  
Gentiles might be grafted in,  
but they were broken off  
because of **"UNBELIEF."**

The Gentiles were not grafted in that  
they might supplant or take the place  
of the branches that had been  
broken off, but that they, as branches  
of a **"WILD Olive Tree,"** might be a  
**PARTAKER** of the  
**"root"** and **"fatness"**  
of the **GOOD Olive Tree.**



The "Threefold root" of the Good Olive Tree was **SET-APART**, separated, and as the "**root**" was **SET-APART** so are we as the "**branches.**" We next read that only "**some,**" (not all), of the branches were broken off.





The "root" is still there and well!

We see from this that the "GOOD Olive Tree" is not rooted up and destroyed with a "WILD Olive Tree" planted in its place. The GOOD Olive Tree remains alive and gives life to both the "Good" and "Wild" Olive branches.

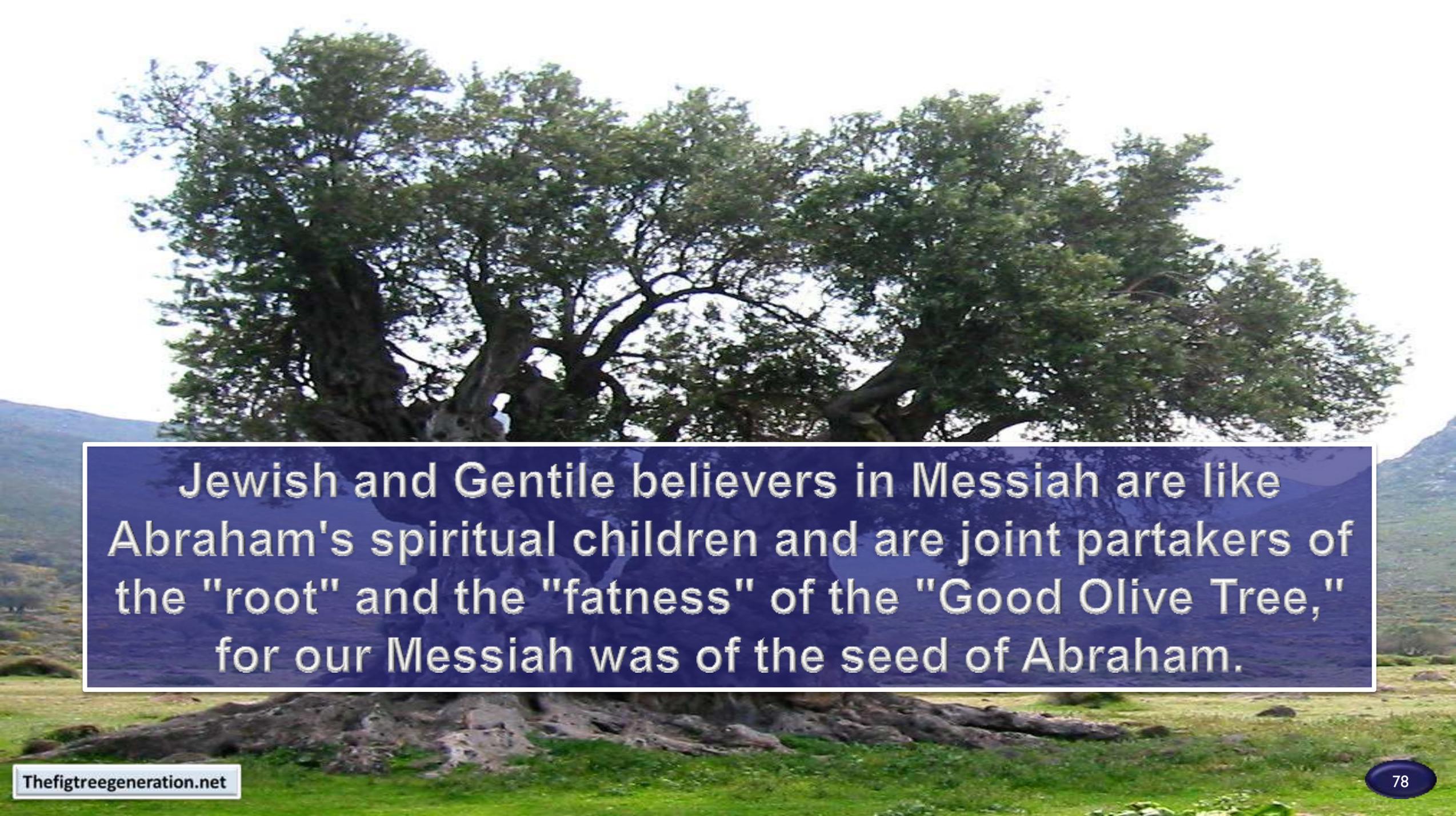
Those who claim that the "Wild Olive Branches" that are grafted in represent the Christian Church, and that the Church has taken the place of Israel,

**must be in error!**

**WHY?**

The "Wild Olive Branches" do not remain on the "Good Olive Tree when they are unfaithful."

The "Wild Olive Branches" will be broken off so that the original branches may be grafted back again.



Jewish and Gentile believers in Messiah are like Abraham's spiritual children and are joint partakers of the "root" and the "fatness" of the "Good Olive Tree," for our Messiah was of the seed of Abraham.

The **unbelieving** Jews  
who rejected the Messiah  
and thus broke away from the  
faith and belief of Abraham,  
are the branches, who, through unbelief,  
are broken off.

A large, spreading olive tree with dense green foliage, standing in a field. The tree has a thick, gnarled trunk and branches that spread out in all directions. The background shows a hazy, overcast sky and some distant hills or mountains.

In grafting, the practice is to graft the "**Good**" Olive Branch on the "**Wild**" Olive tree to improve the fruit of the "Wild" Olive.

If the "Wild" Olive is grafted on the "Good" Olive the effect is the reverse, and the "Good" Olive will run to **wildness**.

So, Paul knew what he was talking about when he said that the grafting of the "Wild" Olive branch on the "Good" Olive Tree was  
**“CONTRARY TO NATURE.”**

In nature, one puts a good branch  
on the bad tree and not  
a bad one on a good tree!

From this we see that the injection of Paganism into Judaism is not beneficial to Judaism. Paganism (the wild Olive branches) must be removed or cut off from the “Good” Olive Tree and be replaced by the grafting back again of the **“Natural Branches.”**

(Romans 11:21)

By Paganism, we mean that part of the Gentile world known as Christianity, or the professing Church, as described in the parables of **Matthew 13**.

It is the Laodicean part that YHVH says He will **"SPUE OUT OF HIS MOUTH"** (Rev. 3:16).

Yahuwah will **remove these "Wild" Olive branches** from the "Good" Olive Tree. **Why?**

**Because all true believers** who have been **regenerated** by the Holy Spirit, **will make up the true Assembly** (or the "Body of Messiah"). They are the ones that belong to the "Spiritual Israel" of Yahuwah.

**They are the ones that cannot be displaced.**

Today we are witnessing the Apostasy of the "Wild Olive Branches" by the professing Christian Church. Soon they will be "cut off," and then the BLINDNESS shall be removed from Israel, and the "Natural Branches" will be grafted back again. This Parable teaches us that we are not to look upon the unbelieving Jew as a cast-off and withered branch only fit for fire-wood. We are to consider that his "casting away" as well as his "blindness" **is only temporary, and that some will again take up their position as believers among the nations of the earth.**

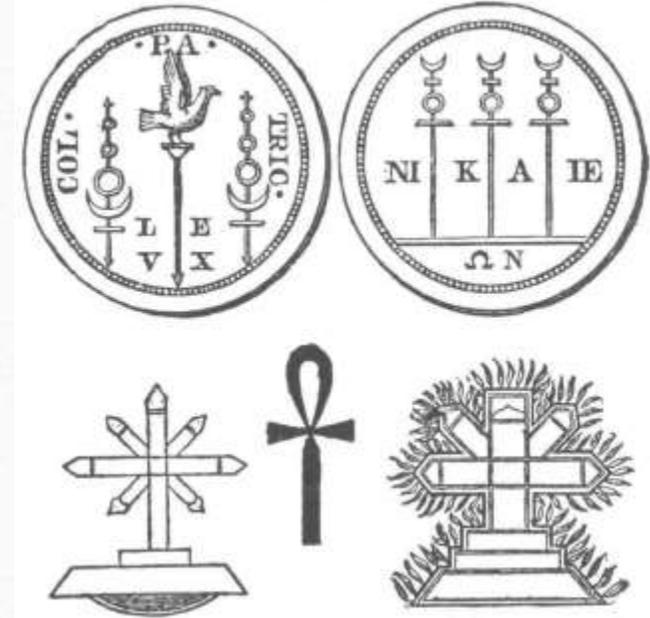
Scripture does acknowledge “the Way”  
as the “Living Word of YHVH, HIS Torah!”

That should be our way; and it is certainly what  
Yahusha taught while on earth. He did not teach any  
non-Torah beliefs of Christianity as we know it today!



**Yahusha never taught us anything about Sunday, Easter, Christmas, St Valentine's day, St Patrick's day, popes, nuns, holy water, sacraments, or any separation of His Church into a "priesthood" and "laity"!**

**We are all priests on level ground with one another, and HE is our High Priest!**





If you are studying something, and embrace it as a way of living ... shouldn't you search it out completely and find where its roots lead?



If the root is good,  
the fruit is good!



Christianity is a religion without Hebrew roots,  
mainly Greco – Latin.

Christianity could be called a usurper.

**Remember Esau and his Edomite descendants - they were usurpers seeking to steal the birthright and promises that were only given to Israel, the over comers.**

**This is what is at the heart of Replacement Theology.**

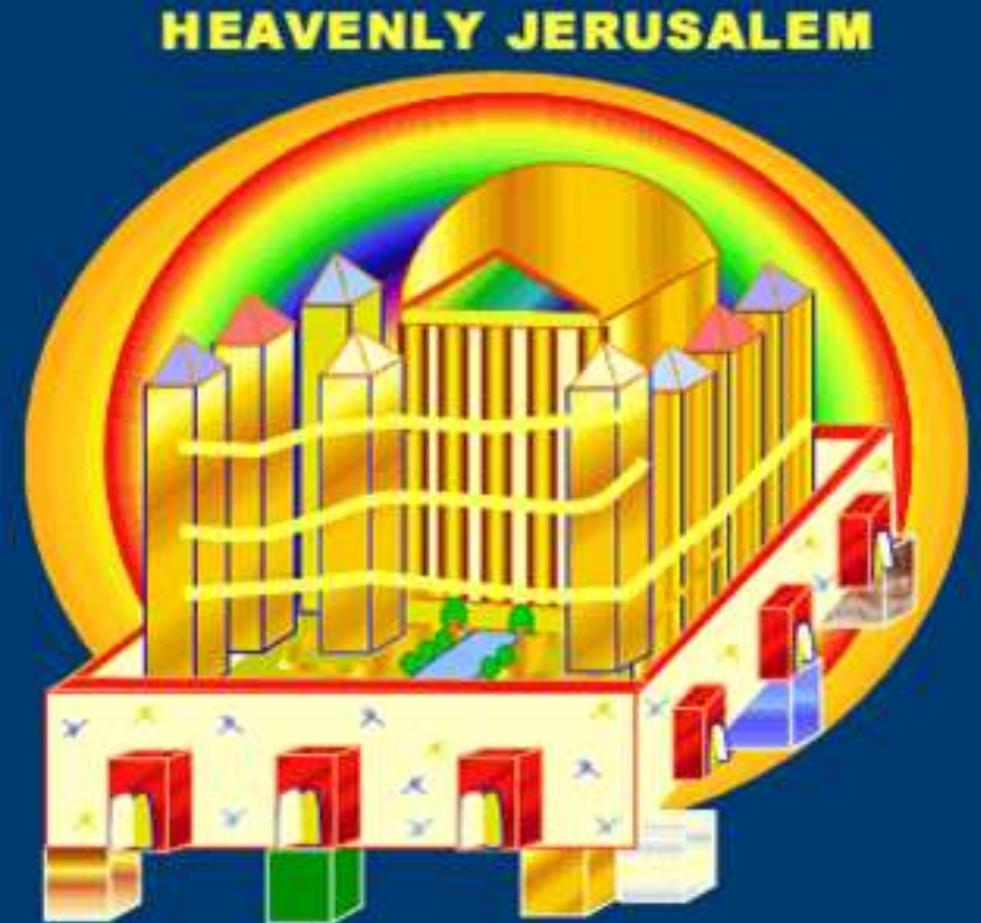
Today's Christianity, therefore, is like Esau and the Edomites. They modify the Covenant and still want to claim the promises made to Israel the Overcomers.

**Some also call Christianity the Synagogue of Satan!**

These are strong words, but they do contain truth.

The new Jerusalem will have 12 gates with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel engraved therein!

Why wasn't there **at least one gate** called "Christians?" Or specifically Catholics, Protestants, Mormons, Seventh-day Adventists, or Baptists etc.?





**Something  
to think  
about...**

**We must become  
spiritual Israelites  
in order to be  
allowed to go  
through one of  
these gates!**

**Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book  
of life, only those who are sealed, will enter those gates!**

**Let's go back to Acts Chapter 15!**

**What was the decision of the Apostles (who were gathered in Jerusalem), for the Jerusalem Council?**

**Acts 15:19 – 21 states,**



“Wherefore my sentence is that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to Yahuwah, 20. **But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.**

21. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.” *KJV*

*These four things are being repeated again in Verse 29:*

**“That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.” KJV**

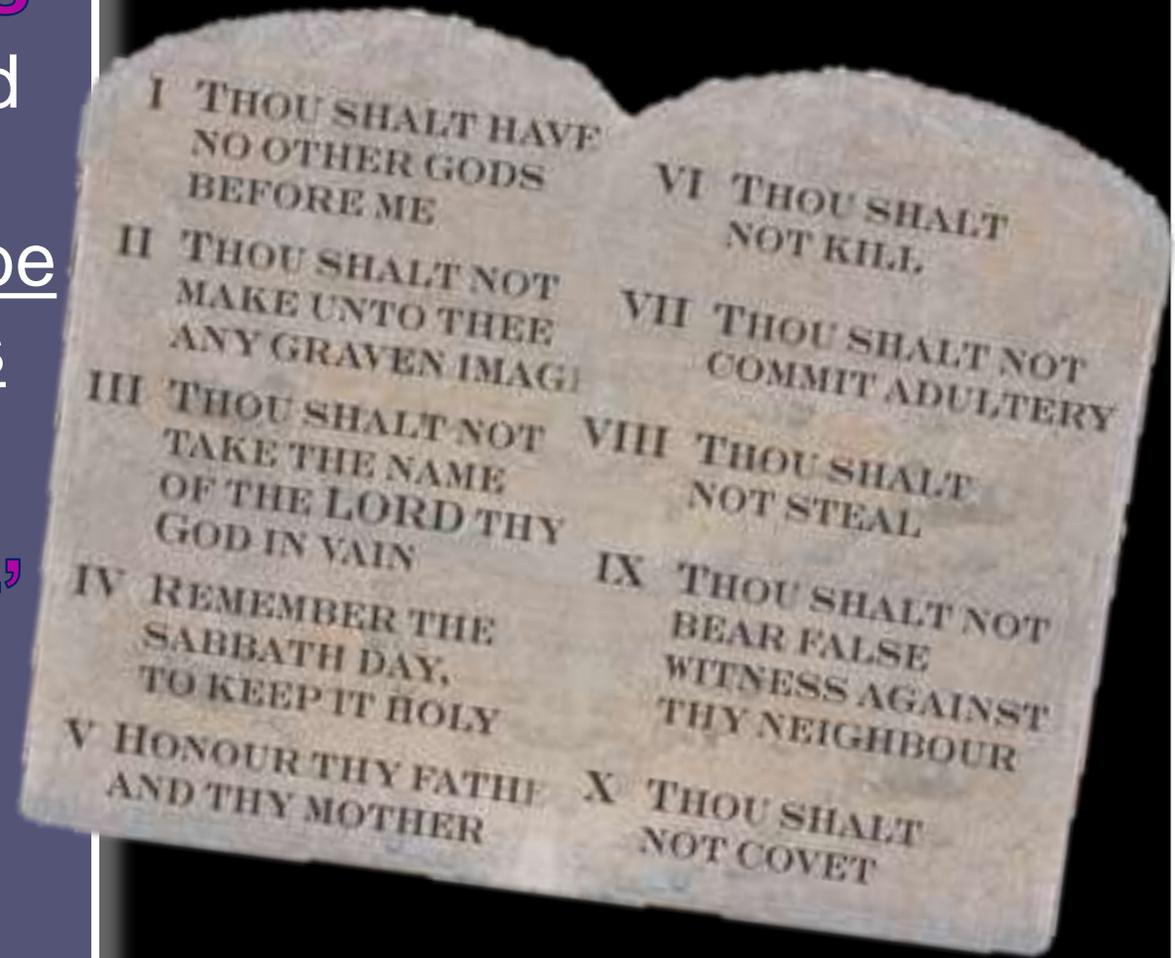
**“That you abstain from what is offered to idols, and blood, and what is strangled, and whoring. If you keep yourselves from these, you shall do well. Be strong!” *The Scriptures***

**We should point out that the word “meats” is not in the original sentence at all, but “apechomai” meaning “abstain” and “eidolothuton” meaning “idol/sacrifice/service/offering.”**

This would include a great deal of changes, such as participating in ANY pattern of Pagan idol servitude; going to a party and lifting a cup to toast “the gods,” or celebrating on a day that is only derived from a Pagan background (such as Saturnalia = Christmas) – even if it had been “cleansed” and turned into another meaning. That would also include the offering of “meat” to an idol.

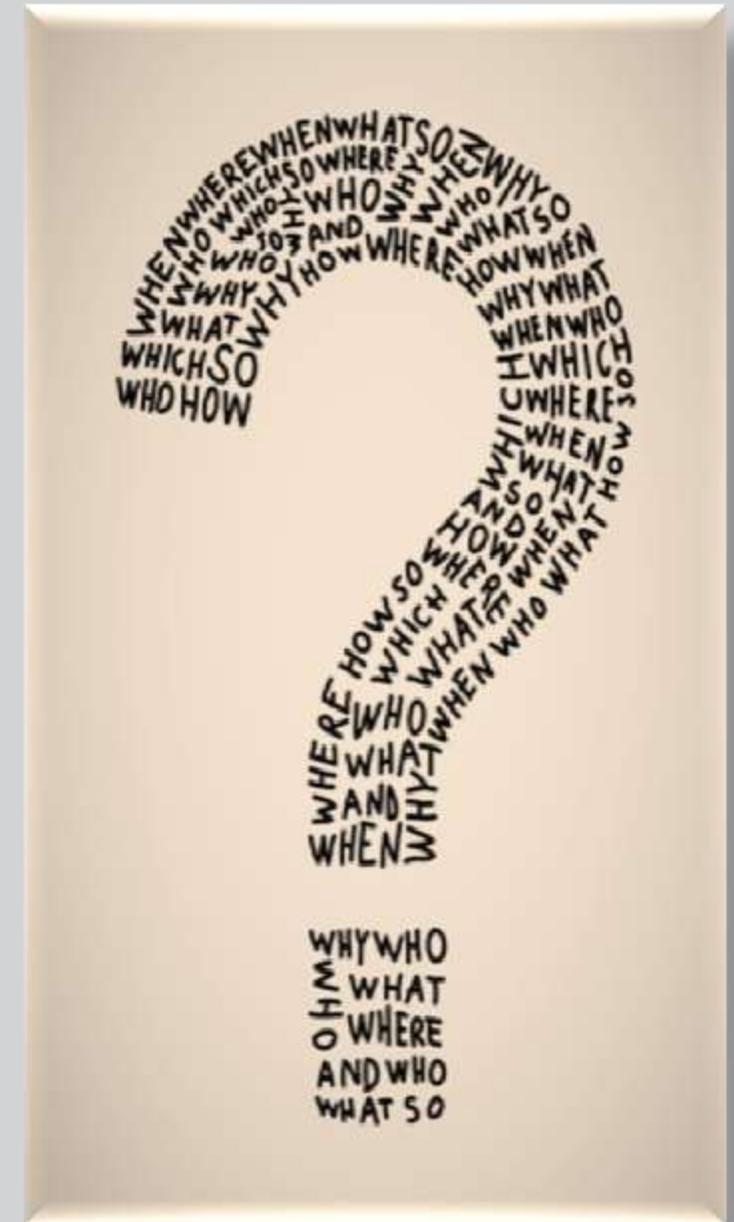
Just a note: Under the influence of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, **the laws** that the Apostolic counsel decided to strictly enforce upon the Gentile believers are no where to be found in the Ten Commandments but rather, are found in the statutes, which of course explain the Ten Commandments.

(See Lev 3:17; Lev 19:26 and Lev Ch 18.)



To take these verses as is, (without understanding the context and what the Gentiles were used to doing) and then claim that people born out of the Covenant may do whatever they wish except for these four things, is misinterpreting Scripture!

If this were the case, it would mean that former Gentiles *(who have become fellow citizens of Israel through the Everlasting Covenant)* could covet, lie, misuse YHVH's Name, ignore the Sabbath, and the Feast days and also dishonor their parents, and still be fine with Yahuwah in a saving relationship with HIM.



**These four (4) things were mentioned:**

**Pollutions of Idols**

**Abstaining from blood**

**Abstain from things strangled**

**Abstain from fornication**

All seem to point to the practices that went on at the Pagan temples, including “porneia,” which was central to idol-worship, through the temple prostitutes.

The question is:



... these four (4) prohibitions?

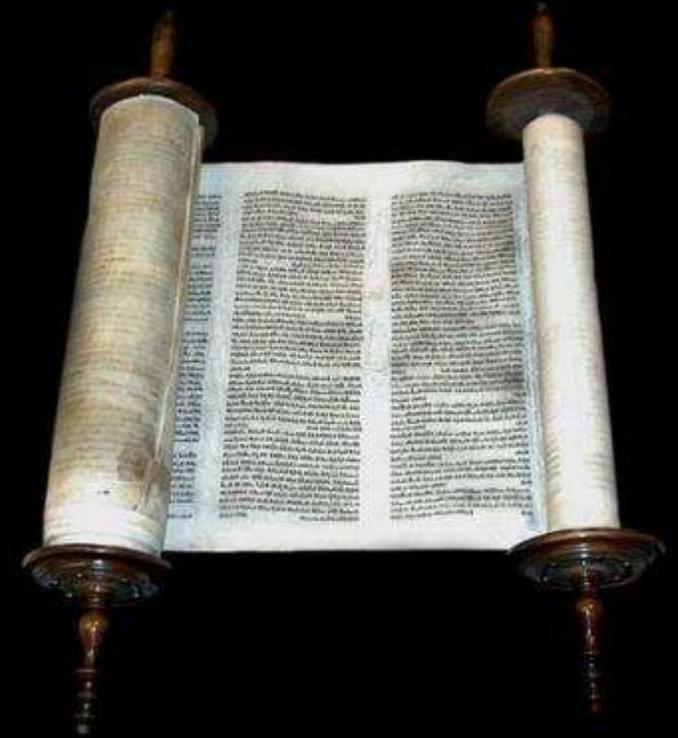
Someone said: “The requirements ... were primarily practical social requirements for fellowship between Jewish and Gentile believers. **A Gentile who did not immediately observe all four prohibitions would so offend his Jewish brothers in the faith that a spirit of community would never be able to develop.** These changes in the Gentile’s behavior were necessary in order to gain acceptance into the Jewish congregations so that they could, eventually, learn the Torah and live it out.”

The four prohibitions were not to become the only Torah standards by which all people everywhere would be bound for all time. This is evident in the conjunction “**For Moses**” of verse 21 as we have seen in previous slides. Since the context of this verse pertains to the public readings of the Torah in the synagogues on every Sabbath, the Jerusalem Council thought it good to immediately bind the Gentiles “turning” to Yahuwah with the understanding that they would be attending synagogues with the Jews on the weekly Sabbath.



## Why would the Council want this? The answer is obvious!

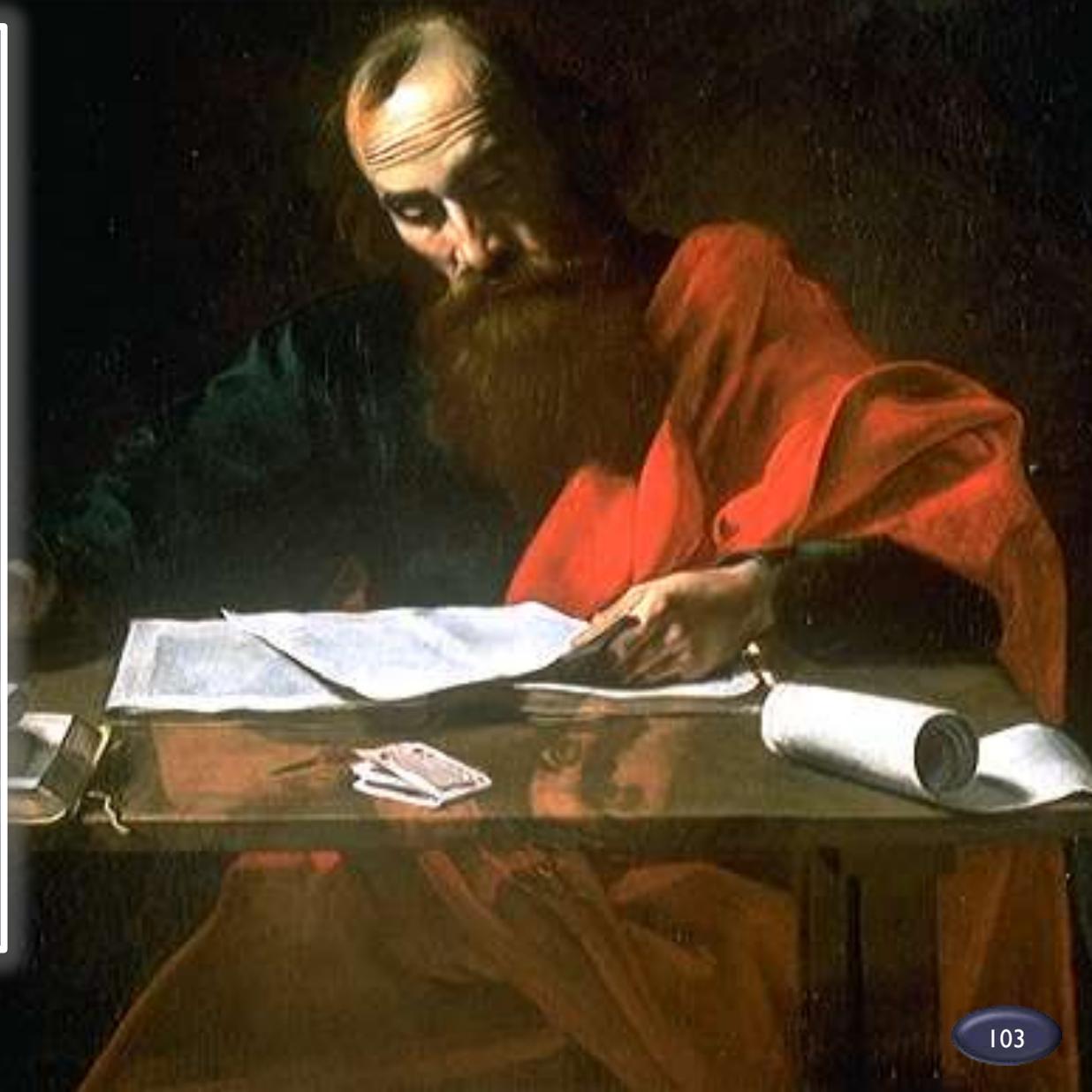
So that the Yah-fearing Gentiles,  
now grafted into Israel, could  
learn the Torah,  
do the Torah, and  
live righteously  
as empowered by the indwelling  
of the Ruach Ha Kodesh.



This is apparent in Paul's writings of 2 Tim 3:16-17.

“All scripture (is) given by  
inspiration of YAH, and (is)  
profitable for doctrine,  
for reproof,  
for correction,  
for instruction in  
righteousness:

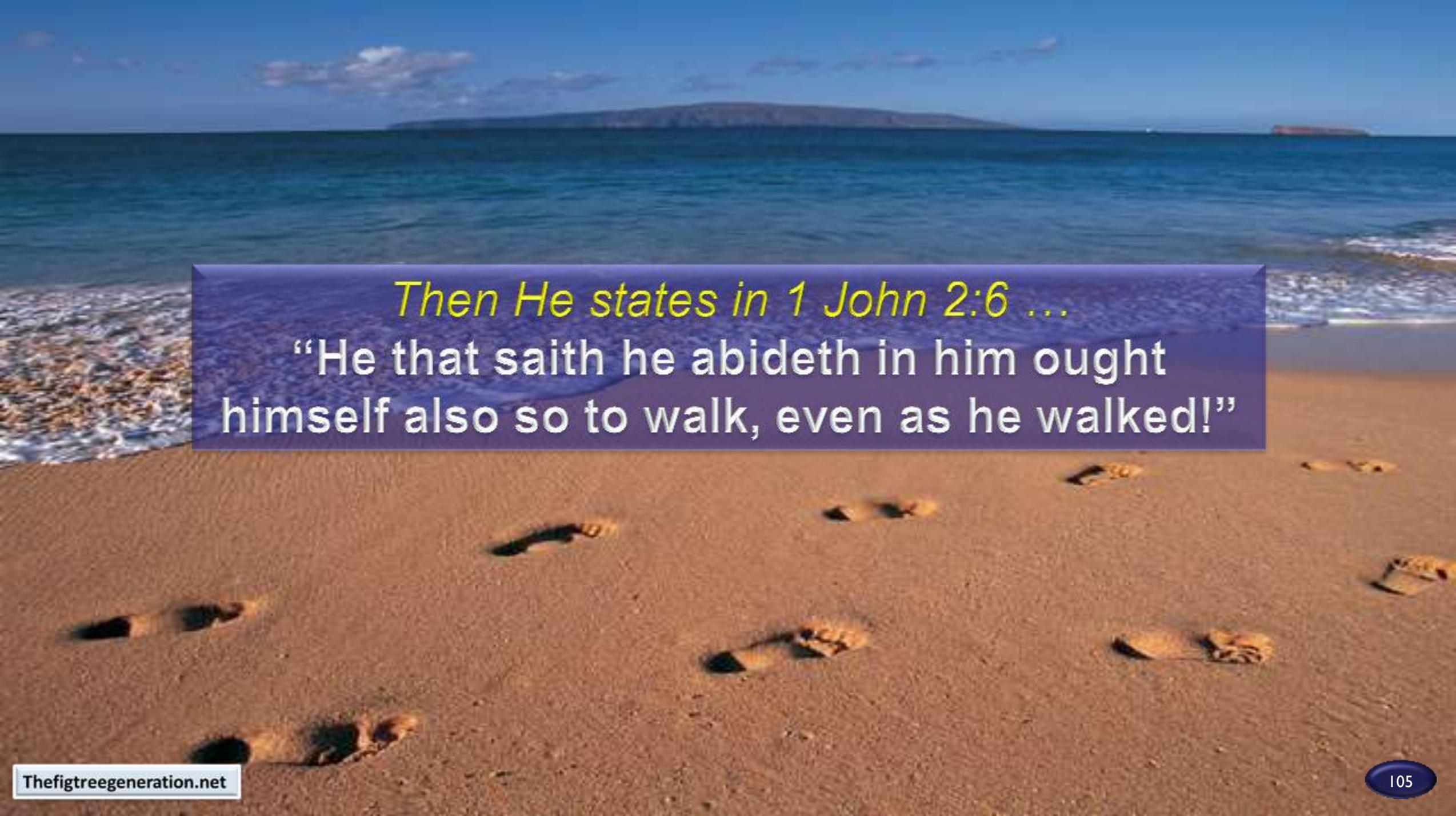
That the man of YAH may be  
perfect, thoroughly equipped  
for every good work.”



There are not two Torahs – one for the Jew and one for the Gentile. There are not two laws! There are not two ways of salvation. **Only under one name is a person saved – Yahusha our Messiah.** Since He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, neither His ways nor His Instructions change.  
The beloved apostle says in 1 John 2:5:

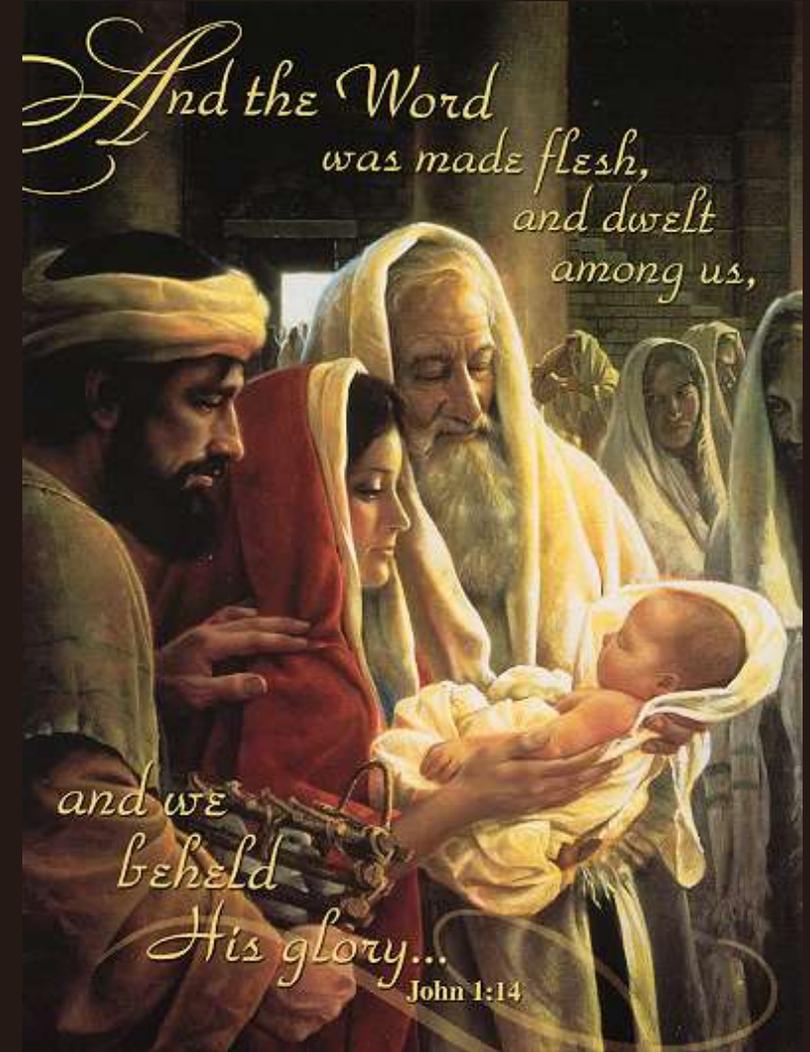
“Hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments.**”





*Then He states in 1 John 2:6 ...*  
“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked!”

The Word of YHVH became  
flesh and walked among us  
as a Rabbi and  
a Torah-keeping Hebrew.  
He ascended into heaven as  
a Torah-keeping Hebrew /  
Jew and He will return to  
earth as a Torah-keeping  
Hebrew / Jew.



During the last 2,000 years, people have looked at Scripture with ignorance and often through anti-Semitic lenses. Especially Christians have missed the point of Acts 15:19-21.

These verses come to teach all who want to draw close to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to learn that salvation is wrought through faith in Yahusha alone. Further instruction comes by associating with like believers in the everlasting Covenant, who can continue to instruct them, (as Paul, James, Peter, John and others did), in the ways of righteousness – the royal Torah of YHVH. Thankfully, the scribes of Judah did preserve the oracles of Elohim, (the Torah according to Romans 3:2) to be read and taught every Sabbath!

**After stopping their idolatrous style of living, the next step for these who were “turning” to YHVH was to hear the instructions that are being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day. We read about that in Acts 15:21.**

## Acts 15:21

“For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.”



Isn't amazing that most of Christianity misses this blatant reference to the weekly Sabbath, and the yearly Feast days?

The gentile converts were not required to get circumcised in order to be saved **but they were expected to learn and to study the Torah of Moses every Sabbath day!**

**Circumcision was/is an option but not a requirement for salvation!**

When the apostles convened in Jerusalem, they never in their wildest imagination dreamed that Christians some 2,000 years later would attempt to use their meeting as an excuse (or justification) for NOT observing the weekly Sabbath, and the Annual Feast Days!



The apostles would cringe, if they knew how Christianity of the 21<sup>st</sup> century abuses and twists this passage of Scripture to excuse their ignorance of, and disdain for, the observance of the Sabbath, and Feast days.



The privilege and duty of observing the festivals of Lev 23 gives Gentile believers, as well as free born Jews, the opportunity to associate, learn from and encourage one another.

Not observing the feast days is comparable to not observing the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath, because the weekly Sabbath is the first feast day mentioned in Lev 23.

Non-observance of the feast days would be defined by the Scripture as sin.

All of Yahuwah's holy days are important to HIM.

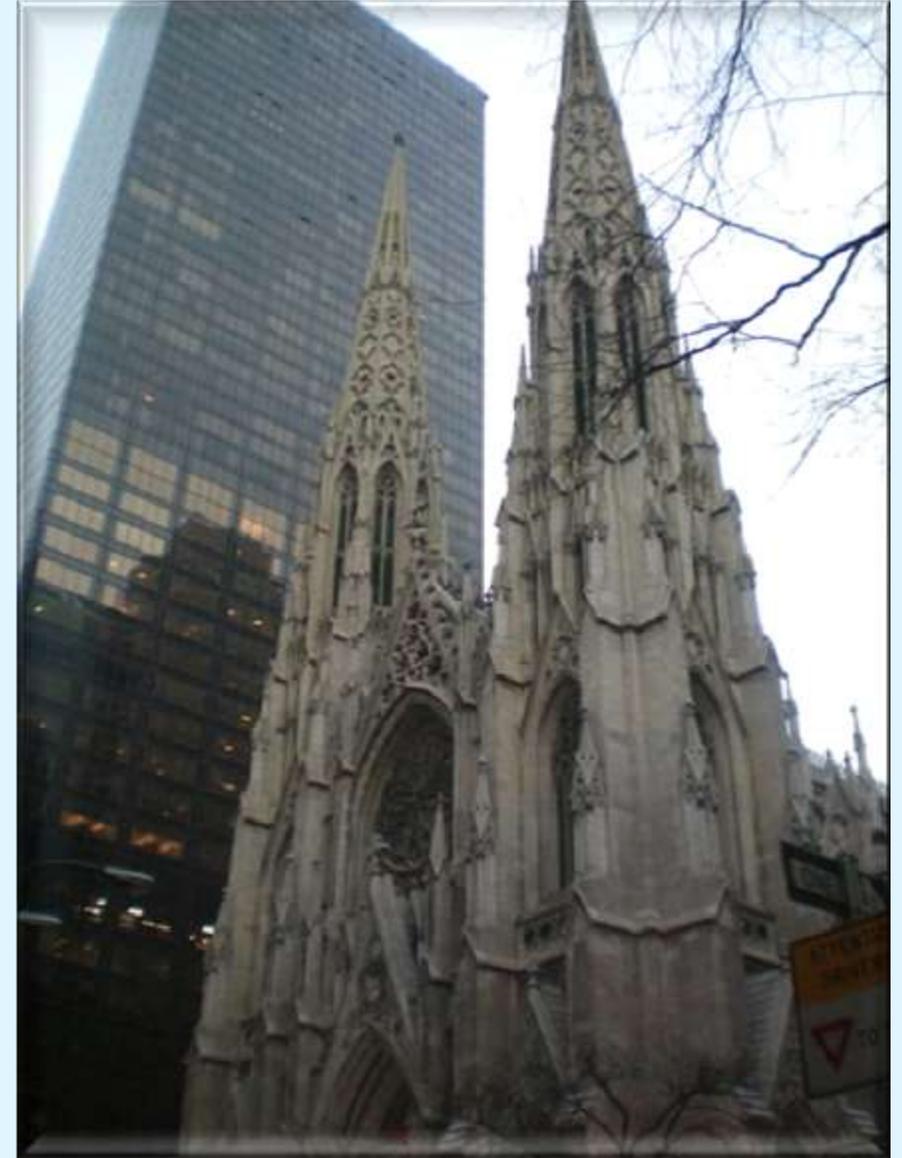
**The truly converted individual would never forget this fact.**



*Read Leviticus 23 and you will see that these holy convocations are all about worshipping our Creator!*

These are His invitations! Not only that but they are all important to YHVH and His true Disciples. His followers will live in a way that shows enthusiasm and excitement for the opportunity to gather during these holy, festive occasions to meet with their Creator and Savior.

**Yahuwah longs for modern Christians to purposefully clear away the rubble and debris of anti-Semitism and Replacement Theology from artifacts like Acts 15 and other passages like them. This “rubble” abrogates and destroys the Torah including the weekly Sabbath, the feast days, etc. May they seek to understand and interpret these scriptural teachings within their proper setting, the Everlasting Covenant.**

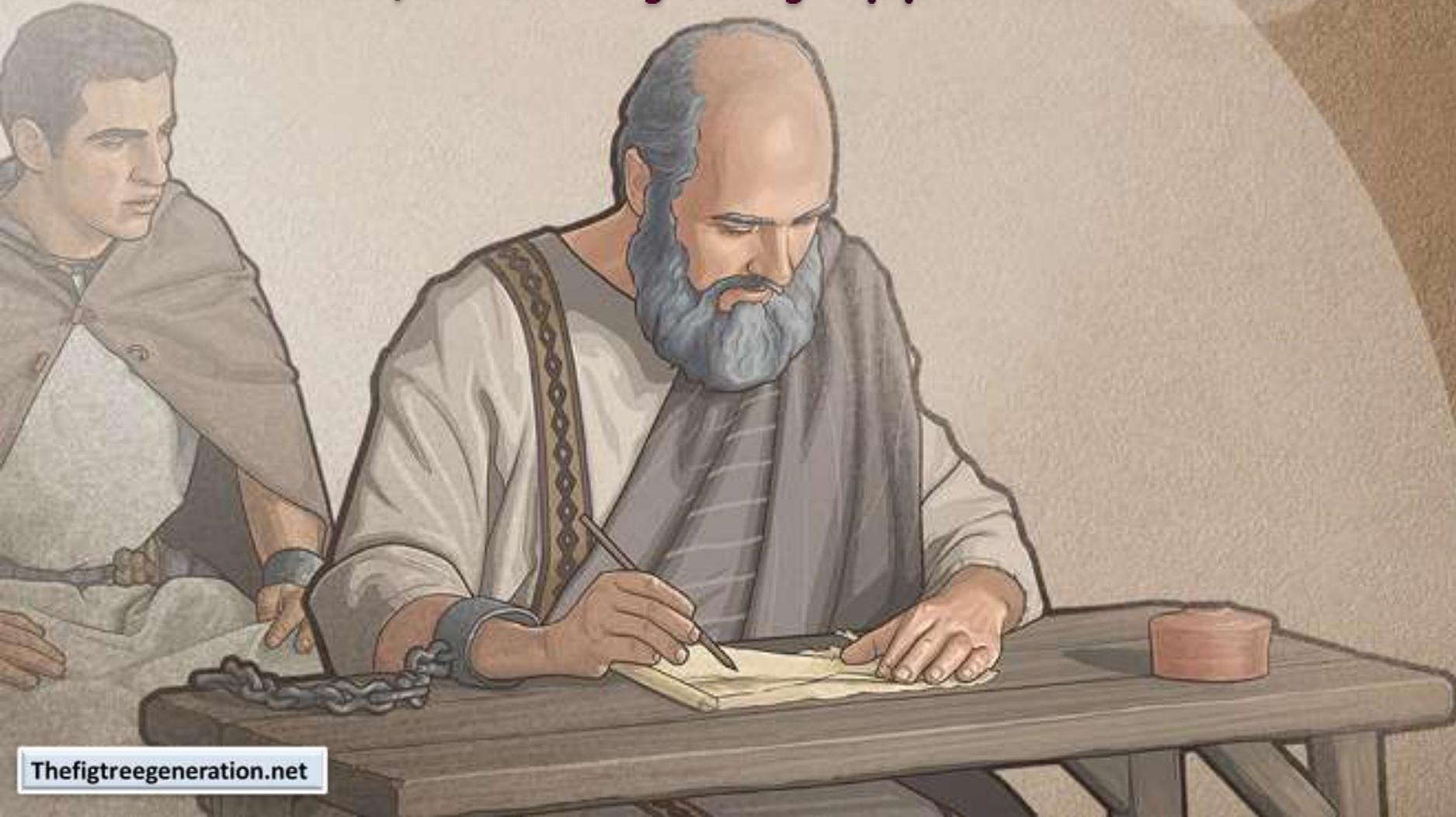


# Believers should consider our Master's warning in Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Torah until all is accomplished.”



**With these words in mind how could people ever accuse Paul, Peter, or the Jerusalem Council of doing away with the Torah, with the weekly Sabbath, and the yearly appointed Times?**



**It is time  
people  
mature past  
the days of  
Acts 15  
and seek  
to study  
the Torah,  
petitioning  
YHVH  
as did  
King David.**

**Open my eyes  
that I may behold  
wonderful things  
from Your law**

**Psalm 119:18**





*May this be our longing and desire!*

SHALOM

*Supreme Provider*

*Yahusha Ha Mashiach*

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