

# COMMENTS 2016

9 Feb 2016

Thanks so much for praying for me Avram, and thanks for sending that story about Jose! I had a huge smile on my face at the beginning thinking about all those people in the Walmart aisles looking at you, I love very much how courageous you are when it comes to witnessing and praying for others; that is so rare and so so special!

But by the end of the story I nearly felt tears come into my eyes thinking about that big guy crying and in so much need of Yeshua, as you prayed for him!

Praise the Lord that sometimes we come across people that actually realize they need Him!

Love the story and I love everything about you Avram!

God bless you.

Rob Bucy

Missouri USA

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2 March 2016

Dear Avram,

I read the excellent article you wrote entitled *Gentile Circumcision?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Gentile-Circumcision.pdf>.

I have been commissioned by my university to design and write the content for a new course for our students on 'Jewish Messianic Integrated Studies.' One of the main purposes for the course is to present a balanced biblically relevant and comprehensive overview from an evangelical perspective. In addition to inform, we feel that it is important to have a systematic body of theologically sound information for believers to refer to in this day and age where we are smothered with all sorts of 'strange doctrines' from fringe groups within the Hebraic Roots movement, which I have no doubt you are aware of.

One of the modules I am writing concerns the Jewish rites of passage with reference to Jesus, and one of these chapters focuses on circumcision. I would like to include the summary of your article in this chapter and am asking your permission to do so.

I would ensure that full attribution would be given and that the extract would be fully supportive and in context with your point of view presented.

I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Shalom

Dr. Roger Lenk

United Kingdom

Author: *Romance of the Hebrew Calendar—Raphael ben Levi*

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Avram: I gave permission to Roger, thanking him for his graciousness in asking. Roger wrote back and said, 'Many thanks for your prompt response and kindness, it is much appreciated!'

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7 March 2016

Amazing revelation about Jesus the Branch. Puts so many things in perspective.

God bless you,

Helena

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18 March 2016

(Yakov, and a few following him, is speaking about the new website for The Seed of Abraham that went live on 18 March 2016)

Shabbat Shalom, Abba,

I am so grateful to Yeshua for the absolute treasure chest of scriptural and experiential knowledge that is now SO available on your site. I can't wait to sit and look through it, and also to read your latest book, *Sam the Rock Thrower*. Yeshua has built you into an invaluable Seed Planter and Water Reservoir, and now your work is 'growing others up' to do the same.

Your website has and will continue to change the world, to the glory of our Master and the Founder of our salvation.

I pray you have a most wonderful and restful Shabbat, filled with the presence of our Wonderful Creator, and please give our warmest hugs to Ima.

I can't wait to get to the site now!

Shabbat shalom,

Yakov

Cincinnati, Ohio USA

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18 March 2016

Avram,

Just wanted to let you know I love the new design of the website. It looks great!!! It's easy to navigate and find things.

Blessings on you and your wonderful wife.

Shabbat Shalom,

Adam Larson

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20 March 2016

Your new website is a dramatic improvement and will spread the message of the Hebraic Perspective much more effectively. It also looks really good and is attractive. Those that come to it will be served much more effectively. Your heart to freely give what you have been given is clearly displayed.

Bill Brady

New York USA

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6/22 May 2016

Since you mailed me the link for *The Lifting of the Veil* that's where I've been reading the last 3 weeks. Guess what. No doubt about it. The Veil needs to be lifted.

Never had I learned that about the four rules. As most people of traditional background I had also been explained to about table fellowship. Excellent and absolutely convincing arguments on the correct translation of *pornayah*. The descriptions of pagan culture and idolatry, the acceptance and partaking continually thereof after entering a covenant relationship with Yeshua reveals parallels to our modern Christianity because we do not understand the nature of our God. Because of anti-Torah theology and the demonization thereof.

Very rich and life giving teaching. I can already imagine the dry bones of Ezekiel's vision receiving living flesh.

It's also relief for me to learn about the the rabbinic fallacy of conversation to Judaism. As you also point out; no scriptural foundation. An argument to shut up Yosef Mizrachi and his hoard of followers. Thank You, Yeshua. They have no authority to deny my ancestry!

The section about Ruth and Ittai. Eye openers. The arguments of whether or not Gentiles become Jews. All very practical resources founded on Scripture and Yahveh's truth. If I latch on and cling to Yeshua why wouldn't I want all He has to offer me? Psalm 19.

It's all so much to digest. I must read these over and over again. And then some more! ;-) This is meat to chew on.

In their blindness and deception the vast majority of the Gentile Church rejects this absolute gift, privilege, total blessing. How can a house that has its foundation built on sand stand when the flood comes!? The youth pastors here are leading the youth out on the streets in Santa costumes to hand out bratwurst (pork) as a form of evangelization. They encourage getting tattoos and even hold online discussions on why Jesus is okay with that! Gangster clothing on top of that as an outreach. The Pastor here thinks that is so cool.

I know these brothers and sisters. I taught quite a few of them in Sunday School while they were children. They're all grown up now and have families of their own. In my observation redemption (salvation) for them is the end-game. Their number one goal is to get as many saved as they can, but in doing so they are imitating the world. They look like the world. They eat like the world. You could not tell them apart from the world. They pretty much define the rules for holy living themselves.

Have a blessed Shabbat.

Miha'el Ortega

Germany

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7 July 2016: A comment on Avram's book, *Sam the Rock Thrower*, which can be read at <http://seedofabraham.net/Sam-the-Rock-Thrower.pdf>:

Now in *Sam the Rock Thrower* I am in 'this Book of Acts,' a work of grace and love reaching out to the Jewish people with the Gospel. To every Jew (and indeed the same applies to us Gentiles) you are posing the question, do you know Messiah? You are engaging your people in a matter that helps them to process what is in their Hebrew Bible, laying a firm foundation of what was prophesied, the fulfillment and the Truth of what it means to the Jews and the Gentiles. To many of the Jews, for example Varda and Avra-

ham, I have come to notice how you avail yourself to the prompting of the Spirit in how you are going to approach a group or a person .You seek your approach to be redemptive as you introduce Yeshua to them, wether it be Karmit, a businesswoman or Didier, the man running an eating place.

THE TRUTH OF YESHUA BEING MESSIAH IS THE MESSAGE, I see being conveyed in love, and at times, enmous risk.

You have shown how the Rabbis have perverted the word of God. I am learning more and more that part of the reason why the Jews are not receptive of Messiah is as a result of what they have been taught. The Gentile Jesus does not add up; there is a veil, they are not able see Messiah who came, lived among them, died and was resurrected. The ‘Lawless Jesus’ is a creation of man, the Scriptures have the authentic Savior, Messiah Yeshua; this the true Jesus who walked in the ways of Torah.

It pains me a lot when Christians always are quick to blame the Jews, while in fact, the Catholic Church and Christianity in general, stand also accused of what has befallen Israel. The persecutions and the Holocaust are historical events which are major roadblocks, which only God can work away out of through our humbling ourselves in repentence and allowing the fruit of repentance to grow as the Spirit leads believers to the 7th Day Sabbath rest and the Feasts of the God of Israel. Standing with Israel is the biblical order and pattern. God will put away the unbelief of Jacob; may it be soon.

The book is a captivating walk; the glimpse of the glory of Yeshua bursts before you as you read it, and some nights the story continues in dreams. It is amazing.

You put your experiences in the hands of God and God has turned them into landmarks of the love of God and life of Yeshua. It is my prayer that many will, in a humble spirit, accept the exchange; the carnal nature must give way to life in Christ.

As one goes through *Sam the Rock Thrower*, you start to get drawn to Yeshua because of the narrative of the compelling account you are reading. The distance is bridged and you get to overcome the cultural and religious differences because what matters here is the core issue; ‘do you know Messiah Yeshua?’

I thank the Lord in the way you first deconstruct the blocking ideas in order to present a sold biblical case. I am learning valuable lessons in the way you rely on the Lord, in the way you share your life, resources, time and all...it shows me what it is to depend on the Lord. I thank God I have a papa in this holy faith; your walk and passion in pursuit of the things of God is a firm foundation and example for those of us who have come to the Hebraic perspective as a basis for our Christian walk.

I am relating this because of what I have come to perceive reading of these young people—Austi, Zoli and Penina. In Christianity or church we are too shallow in the we way deal with people. It is no wonder that the gospel preached is given names like ‘cheap grace.’ We have lost the sense of the enormous sacrifice on the part of God to reach the undeserving; we are strangers to God and his ways until we come and accept the Hebraic foundation.

I am getting to know places in Israel, the customs, the food and the ways of those in Israel. When you have Jews from Russia, Morocco and other parts of world, it is a melting pot situation indeed, and in all these I have been blessed. I will keep on praying for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem and the ministry God has given you to both Jews and Gentiles.

(From Sammy Maseru in Nairobi, Kenya, a pastor for more than 30 years and now a minister of The Seed of Abraham, after Yeshua opened his eyes to The Hebraic Perspective, in 2010.)

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21 July 2016, commenting primarily on the article, *The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers* *After the Resurrection* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf>:

Hello Avram Yehoshua,

I just finished reading your article in its entirety. You are such a good and thorough writer. Anyone who is serious about studying the scripture, and really wants to know the truth of God's Word, will definitely take the time needed to truly study your teaching with a teachable, open spirit.

I so agree with your article, and there were several points that helped clear up my misunderstandings of the scripture. I am so grateful for reading your article, as it is helping me to 'rightly divide the Word of Truth.' I really get upset at so many of the bible translators who put their 'spin' on God's Word because of their theological biases and their misguided beliefs. Unfortunately, for some of those beliefs, I have been misguided. I was really wondering how you would explain some of the areas where I got 'hung up' on, but you did an excellent job.

Here are a couple of things I learned from your article: 'eating with unwashed hands does not make one unclean'-- my paraphrase right now, as it's quite late, and I don't want to look up the scripture. This is so clear now. I always thought where the NAS translation inserted: 'Thus making all food clean,' was correct, but, with your thorough explanation, I can see that the dirt that they may have ingested when they ate the food, does not make that food unclean, as the stomach purges out the dirt. It doesn't talk about eating 'pig,' etc, is made clean. So, thank you for that clear explanation, and for letting me know that the NAS translators inserted their own words which weren't in the Greek. It's so important that we keep things in context when interpreting the scripture!

Avram adds: "Amen!, and also, Yeshua was speaking against the Pharisaic teaching that if someone ate food without saying *their* blessing and following *their* ritual, their hands would be 'unclean,' and so, anything they ate would, by extension, also be 'unclean.' Yeshua's word took care of both aspects of 'uncleanness;' the ceremonial and the physical."

Another thing I learned was that concerning the Sabbath--that in the book of Colossians they were having trouble with the Gnostics, saying that 'fasting' should occur on the Sabbath. So, Paul was saying that it doesn't matter which day you esteem for fasting, etc.

Avram: Yes, and that; which day you esteem for fasting, comes right out of Rom. 14, which was written about two years after Galatians. Here's an article on it: *Romans 14 and the Dietary Laws* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Romans-14-and-the-Dietary-Laws.pdf>.

I never thought about that fasting implication with the Sabbath in this portion of scripture. I heard that this part of scripture meant that the Sabbath was done away with, but in my heart, I never agreed with it.

I read your footnotes, and even clicked links to other articles and read a lot of those. Now I want to read everything that you've written!

Most everything else in your article I already had a good grasp on, and agree with totally. Ever since my children were young, we celebrated the Passover every year as a family, and cut out Easter all together. I also know about the corruption in the Catholic Church, and I know the history of how they introduced illicit SEX -- (I like how you put that, it sure is catchy!).

I pray that the Church will come back to her roots, and fall in love with our Jewish Messiah, Yeshua. I want to be just like him.

Thank you so much for your kindness in suggesting that I read your other article. Now you've gotten me hooked! I will share your writings with others, also. I know that it will be rejected by many Christians, as they can't seem to get out of their dogma with an open heart and mind--to search the scriptures like the Bereans (excuse my spelling), but for those who are hungry, they they will relish your teachings and

hunger for more.

Thank you so much, again, for all that you do for the Kingdom of God. I just loved reading all of your words and getting such good ‘meat’ to chew on. You really help to clarify what the scriptures really mean. I will pray for you and your family.

I will probably write to you, again...the Lord willing. I am so honored to write to you, now!

In Yeshua,

Gwen Catron

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21 August 2016

Shalom Avram,

I was introduced to your writings by Kalev, who resides in Virginia. We are both members of Patriots For America and have had many spirited debates on Theology. His Jewish perspective rubbed against many of my Protestant beliefs and education I’ve have for over 40 years. He recommended your book, *The Lifting the Veil*, which I am currently reading. After ready your explanation on the Ressurrection, the Sabbath, Divorce and Cult Harlotry vs Adultery, and recognizing and reading in my seminary classes the authors you reference I was taken aback. I had to look further and I believe you are correct, and what I have learned is wrong. I’m still reading the book, as its slow going, since I’m in a couple of others at the same time, but you definitely have my attention, and I believe after reading you and considering what you say you are correct and the theologians, on these issues anyway, aren’t. I would be grateful if you would add my name to your mailing list. I will research your website to learn more about your Ministry.

Again thank you,

Michael Regan

P.S. I attended Shiloah Bible College in 1976. In 1994 I attended an extension of Southwestern Theological Seminary. which is in the state of Washington. I attended a branch in Sacramento, California.

Kalev keeps sending me these posts on subjects you’ve written on, and now I’m reading *Grace, Holiness and the Pharisaic Church* and I feel like you’ve picked me up, spun me around, threw me in the water and now I’m coming up gasping for air. I’m asking myself; have I been wrong all this time? I can’t argue with your conclusions. It’s like I’m seeing with new eyes.

I worked in the ministry when we worked with the homeless in San Francisco with *Jews For Jesus*, but really never had a chance to learn from them. I believe God is leading me into the Truth through your ministry. For that I am forever grateful. I look forward to reading you works, but honestly...I need a break. I feel like I just had open heart surgery!! LOL!

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25 August 2016

Shalom Avram,

I’ve been reading your works. Just finished ‘Returning To His Ways.’

All I can say is ‘I was blind, but now I see.’ I know enough that looking at your exegesis and your biblical interpretation that you are correct and the Church is wrong. I know my time is not God’s time, but it’s hard to believe that it has taken over 40 years to see the Truth. Well, I guess I don’t need to worry about finding a Church anymore!! Now I just have to find out how to live out my life according to God’s Word.

I need to learn about the feasts and celebrating the Sabbath, etc. I still cant believe that I didn't see the Apostles and the Gentile converts still celebrating the Sabbath and keeping the Law and the feasts. I'm asking myself how could I have studied the Word so long and miss that? And I ran right over Paul taking the Nazerite vow!!! Wow!

I'd love to see the Church hear these things, but as you stated, I'd be confronted by stiff necked Gentile Pharisees. I can't thank you enough for sharing the Truth that the Holy Spirit has revealed to you. Looking forward to reading all your articles!

Agape, In Yeshua,

Michael Regan

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November 19, 2016

Thank you very much -senior Elder Avram,

We are certainly happy about your prompt reply to our enquiry for partnership in NIGERIA.

We have 3 reasons for seeking affiliation with your esteemed organization:

1. After we read through your articles, especially Yahshua or Yeshua, we found the article very interesting. You have done deep research work in all your article; you are like a professor, making very intellengent research. People under your mentorship will certainly be blessed in the word of God. Your articles are brilliant and make sense and are in line with scripture.
2. I was a Pentecostal pastor for about 15 years before I converted to Messianic Judaism just about 2 years ago. We need a good teacher to actually put us to the truth about the gospel. The person who converted me does not have what it takes to teach the messeanic faith. When I was a Christian pastor our congregation was great, but now since we changed to sabbath keeping our congregation is vitually empty.
3. We don't practise the feast days because we don't know how to observe the feast days, like Passover, etc. We need to get some of your teaching articles and other materials that will boost our ministry in Nigeria.

Suggestion: with your permission we shall have THE SEED OF ABRAHAM FELLOWSHIP center in NIGERIA. We shall send tithe/offering to your organization as soon as we mature into a big congregation.

Meanwhile we await your reply.

Note- see the attached: my picture.

Shalom from,

Donald Maika

From Avram in reply to Donald Maika:

Among other things I suggested the Donald begin the ordination process, with its intensive teaching and instruction in The Hebraic Perspective (not Messianic Judaism). This will insure that he learns how to keep the Feasts of Israel, and why, and that he would be able to teach his congregants the Way of the Lord.

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Dec 10, 2016

Subject: Thank you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Dear Avram,

I would like to thank you in Christ for your work providing "The Two Babylons" online and defending it at the same time.

You're welcome, David! Where do you live in Germany?

Although I am German and prefer the German version called "Von Babylon nach Rom" (From Babylon to Rome), I must say that I have found the best English online version of Hislop's book.

Thank you, David. I appreciate that. It was a lot of work for me to do that, but I loved doing it.

I was a Catholic myself and God called me out of the Whore of Babylon by his Word (Revelation 18:4) to believe in God alone and not be bound by any worldly denomination but the heavenly ekklesia of Christ.

Amen!, and Glory to Messiah Yeshua!

In the Name of Christ, the living God Yahveh, may your work be supported by the Holy Spirit as a method of saving lost sheep.

Thank you, again, David! Truly, Yeshua is worthy of our lives!

God Bless you,

David Meir

Blessings from Above,

Avram

P.S. Have you seen this? *The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers After the Resurrection* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf>

If you have any questions, please let me know!

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Dec 10, 2016

Subject: Gentile believers and the law

Avram I would like to ask some questions about your teaching that Gentile believers should keep the Law.

OK!

I believe the Ten Commandments are central to one's walk and that New and Old Covenants were made by the same unchanging God, who wants to write His Law on our hearts and minds. I believe that Jesus came to fulfil the Law not to abrogate it for the Jews. I believe His criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees largely centred on their belief in the inspiration of the so-called 'Oral Torah.' But there is much of the Law (the sacrificial code) that cannot be kept even by Jews as there is no Temple at present. And there are some commandments which Jesus himself did not implement e.g. stoning the woman caught in adultery. Gentiles are not to be circumcised - though this is part of the Law - and Gentiles are told in Acts 15 that there are only four aspects of Mosaic Law that they need keep - which Leviticus specifies are to apply

both to Jews and the foreigners living amongst them. Also if you compare the First giving of the Law with Deuteronomy (the Second) there are a few detailed differences, suggesting to me that God knew the Law needed adjustment to adapt to the different circumstances of a settled nation as opposed to a nomadic people.

So I don't see how one can justify asking Gentiles to keep the details of Mosaic Law in its entirety, on the basis of a rounded view of scripture.

Andrew Wright

Well, Andrew, you've presented your position and I appreciate that, and for the sake of clarity, I'll reply in the order that you have spoken of:

If the Ten Commandments are central of one's walk, as you state, do you keep the 4th Commandment; to honor the 7th day Sabbath? If the 'same unchanging God' made it and all his rules, commandments, statutes, etc., why do you think it would change for the Gentile, especially as the New Covenant was made with Israel, not any Gentiles or Gentile nation, and Paul distinctly says that the Gentiles have been grafted into Israel, the olive tree (Rom. 11:11f.) and that the Gentile is now part of the Commonwealth of Israel (Eph. 2:11f.).

Also, and this is especially important to realize, the word for 'law,' in the only place in all the Old Testament where God speaks of a New Covenant, is Torah, which means Mosaic Law, not the Ten Commandments:

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a *new covenant* with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 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 (Torah/Mosaic Law) in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31-34 NKJV)

So we see that the intention of the Father is to place Mosaic Law within our souls and upon our minds. The writer of Hebrews, obviously in the NT, affirms this twice, when he quotes that very verse/s:

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: *I will put My laws* in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” (Hebrews 8:10 NKJV)

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put *My laws* into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” (Hebrews 10:16 NKJV)

According to Scripture, both Old and New, Mosaic Law is to be our set of rules for what is sin and what is right, in God's eyes. This understanding is affirmed by Messiah Yeshua

when the scribe comes to Him and asks Him what's the greatest commandment? Yeshua replies, and also gives the second commandment of loving one's neighbor, and then says,

“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:40 NKJV)

In other words, Andrew, the reason for all the other rules is God's very definition of how to love Him and others, out of the mouth of Jesus Christ, so why would they be abrogated for the Gentile???

As for much of Mosaic Law that cannot be done, please realize that sacrifice was done by all the Apostles, including Paul, and that nowhere is sacrifice spoken of as not being necessary. Yes, there are some phrases that Christians use to say that sacrifice is done away with, but during the days of the Apostles it was actually being done by them. In Acts 21 Paul is led to take the Nazarite Vow, and to pay for four other Jewish men under the Vow, which included animal sacrifice (Num. 6:14). Nowhere does Paul, nor Luke who wrote Acts, speak of it being wrong or done away with, in Acts or in any of Paul's letters, and Paul expressly took the Vow to show everyone, including you and me today, that Torah/Mosaic Law is God's way of walking out our faith in Christ:

“Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that *you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law.*” (Acts 21:23-24 NKJV)

Check most any standard Christian commentary and you'll find that they speak of the vow being the Nazarite Vow because of the shaving of the head (Num. 6:18). Obviously, the Law that Paul is said to be still keeping, 25 years after the resurrection, is Mosaic, because the Nazarite Vow is not found in the Ten.

As for sacrifice today, it's similar in that it's like the time after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the King of Babylon in Jeremiah's time, and for at least 70 years there was no sacrifice in Jerusalem. Yet, when the Jews returned sacrifice commenced. In other words, just because there has been a hiatus of more than 1,900 years (70 AD to the present), it doesn't mean that sacrifice has been invalidated, especially according to Messiah's own words:

“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)

Not one jot or tittle means exactly that; and the Heavens haven't vanished yet, so Mosaic Law is still God's holy Standard for both Gentile and Jew who love Messiah Yeshua. Also, please note well: Yeshua speaks of those who break the least of the commandments of Mosaic Law, and yes, He is speaking of Mosaic Law, that they will be called least in His Kingdom. There is a hierarchy but the point is that His Kingdom didn't officially begin until Acts Two, so He's speaking of a time after His death and resurrection, which the Church says was the time when Mosaic Law was negated 'because He fulfilled it.'

Speaking of Him fulfilling Mosaic Law, does that really mean that we don't have to fol-

low or emulate Him? Isn't Yeshua supposed to be our Example in how to live our lives? If so, and He is, how is it that what was sin for Him (desecration of the Sabbath, the keeping of pagan holy days; Sunday, Easter and Xmas), and the eating of unclean meats; pig/shrimp, etc.) the Church says we can do?

It was the Bishop of Rome, Sixtus, around 120 AD, whose office would later become that of the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, who threw out Mosaic Law because he didn't want to be persecuted by the Roman Empire for 'being Jewish.' Up until then all Christians kept Torah; that's Church History, which I'll send along a short paper on for your perusal. That's when, where and why the Church keeps holy days that aren't listed in the NT, and eats unclean meats that are still unclean, according to the NT. All the Apostles, including Paul, kept Mosaic Law as a means of walking out their faith in the Messiah of Israel.

You bring up a great point about the woman caught in adultery not being stoned. The reason for that is the same as when the man came to Yeshua and asked Him to help him get his fair share of his father's inheritance. It seemed that his brother was getting most of it in a wrong way, but note well what Yeshua says and you'll have your answer for why Yeshua didn't say to stone the woman:

"But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"  
(Luke 12:14 NKJV)

In other words, when Yeshua came 2,000 years ago, He didn't come as the Judge, but as the Lamb of God to present God's gracious and forgiving salvation. That reality will not change until Judgment Day, and that's why we don't stone the adulteress. There are other commandments that evolve or are magnified, different from what is seen in the OT, but truly, everything of Messiah's words is found, albeit, sometimes in 'germ' form, in the Old. For instance, hate is now equated with murder. It was always there, in the commandment, but God didn't bring it out at Sinai because Israel was carnal; God had to wait until His Son died so that we could be transformed by His blood and Spirit to be able to do the commandments like that; to love our enemy:

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you *a new heart and put a new spirit* within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put *My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*" (Ezekiel 36:25-27 NKJV)

It's not so hard to stay away from bacon and lobster, but it's impossible to love our enemy, but that's why Yeshua died; so we could do all Mosaic Law that applies to you, and that's another point. Yeshua only kept those laws of Moses that applied to Him. He didn't sacrifice the goat for the Day of Atonement because He wasn't the High Priest; nor did He have to deal with the laws on farming because He wasn't a farmer, but all the laws that applied to Him He did, and so should we if we want to follow Him, as the Apostle John says, 60 years after the resurrection:

"He who says he abides in Him *ought himself also to walk just as He walked.*"  
(1st John 2:6 NKJV)

Doesn't that say it all, Andrew? To walk like Christ walked means to keep the 7th day

Sabbath holy; to keep the Feasts of Israel and the Mosaic dietary laws, etc.

As for circumcision (physical covenant circumcision, like God spoke of to Father Abraham), the Jew continues to circumcise his sons because he is still literally part of the covenant that God made with Abraham, but the Gentile doesn't, because, as Paul says and means, this circumcision doesn't stop a non-circumcised Gentile from entering Messiah's Kingdom, and the circumcised Jew doesn't have any more merit to enter His Kingdom, but what matters is the keeping of God's commandments:

“But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches. Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing (in terms of salvation), but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.” (1st Corinthians 7:17-19 NKJV)

Whenever ‘commandments’ is mentioned in Scripture, whether Old or New, unless it specifically speaks of the Ten, it speaks of all the rules. I have a paper on that, if you like.

Acts 15:20! I have written a book on that, and I will give you the link to it so that you can read it, if you like because most Christians think that James is saying only the four rules and no more, but this is easily seen to be not the case when he states immediately after that:

“For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues *every Sabbath*.” (Acts 15:21 NKJV)

Here we not only see that the Church was still meeting on the Sabbath, not Sunday, and Acts 15 takes place in 48 AD, or 18 years after the resurrection, but that James saw that the Gentile believers were going to the synagogues to learn Torah because that's where God's holy guideline for living is found. They had been going there to learn of the God of Israel and what His ways were, since the days of the first Gentile coming to Jesus; Cornelius in Acts 10, eight years earlier. Where else would they go to learn Scripture? And if they are learning it, then they will be implementing Sabbath and Feasts, etc., and that's why only four rules, which rules don't speak of dietary restrictions, but they are a unit on sacrificial sexual idolatry, which if the Gentile continued to do he would lose his salvation because Christ will not allow any other god or goddess to be seen alongside Him, yet for the Gentile back then, it was very common to have a number of gods and goddess, and so adding Christ to them wouldn't have seemed wrong, and hence, why James brings up these four rules on idolatry, which you can read about in my book. Christian commentators speak of the rules for table fellowship, but that's torpedoed when we realize that nowhere does James, nor anyone else, speak of which animals were off limits to the Jews (e.g. pig), so the Gentile could roast the pig until it was well done (no blood) and could have slit the throat and not strangled it, and could have theoretically presented a pork chop to his Jewish believing friend, for there isn't any animal that's listed as off limits but the Jew would have been very offended (Lev. 11). How is it that all Christian commentators haven't seen that, and that the rules obviously cannot speak of table fellowship. The conference was called to determine what a Gentile must do in order to be saved (Acts 15:1f.). It wasn't a conference on table fellowship, but this is the theology of the Church when it is blind to Torah.

As for the First and Second giving of the Ten, I've seen that the only significant difference is the reason for the Fourth Commandment. What have you seen?

“Therefore *the law is holy*, and the commandment *holy* and just and good. For we know that the law is *spiritual*, but I am carnal, sold under sin.” (Romans 7:12, 14 NKJV)

Note also what Paul says in his greatest letter about the Law and sin:

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the *knowledge* of sin.” (Romans 3:20 NKJV)

In other words, without Torah one doesn't have the full knowledge of what God considers to be sin.

What do you think, now? Can you see that what I've presented is the biblical reply to your concerns? If not, please let me know where I am wrong.

(PDF for, A Snapshot of Church History and Torah; if anyone would like that, please ask me for it.)

Please see these two articles and my book, also: The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers After the Resurrection at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf>

Take the Quiz! Five Quick Questions about the New Testament at <http://seedofabraham.net/Take-the-Quiz.pdf>

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If you have any questions or concerns, Andrew, please let me know!

Blessings from Above,

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