

Even Jots and Tittles were Abolished

As indicated by the following biblical verses, the Jews were in the habit of claiming to adhere to the Old Testament, when in fact, they were nullifying it with invented traditions: -9) Jesus said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! 10) “For Moses said, ‘honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses his father and mother must be put to death.’ 11) But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), 12) then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. 13) Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you handed down. And you do many things like that.”- (Mark 7: 9-13) *See note below

The Law/Old Testament, or simply, the whole Jewish system, was given for a purpose which includes everything right down to the very letters and punctuations. This specifically includes the Ten Commandments, but it also includes all the bylaws like the killing of disobedient children as indicated in the paragraph above, the stoning of women (St. John 8: 5), the circumcision of men, and all the food laws and festivals. Robert D. Brinsmead correctly states in his journal “Jesus and the Law”: ‘No distinction is made between what later theology called the “moral” and “ceremonial” law,’ (See: “*Jesus and the Law*” in *CD 1 of the 2 Olive Trees at <http://greatest1command.com/>). Therefore, before the coming of Christ under the old administration, to be a Jew and a child of God, one must adhere completely to the whole of the Jewish system. St. James wrote, “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” (St. James 2: 10) And, St. Paul stated, “Curse is everyone who does not do everything written in the book of the law.” (Gal. 3: 10) – And that means everything!*

Also, only by the law’s strictness was God assured the law would hold together the Jews until the arrival of the Messiah. (Gal. 3: 19, 23- 25) It was for this very reason God would raise up prophets who would guide or return the people back to the adherence of the whole law and its spirit and true intent. This was the case in Jesus’ generation. John the Baptist did his part, but Jesus compounded it even more. As noted in the first paragraph above, in Jesus’ generation, the Jews were not teaching the true scope and fullness of the law.

Therefore, Jesus on the mountain (acting first as a prophet to bring full awareness and full adherence to the whole law – Matt. 5- 7) expounded to the people the stern importance of paying attention to every detail, such as even jots and tittles. Also, as many today mistakenly exclude because of their misunderstanding of the Law, Jesus expounded, the putting to death of disobedient children, the stoning of women, the circumcision of men, and all the food laws and festivals. On the other hand, Jesus (alternatively as savior to bring full replacement of the whole law) knew when he was giving his “Sermon on the Mount”, that until he had shown (by his examples) that love was the fulfillment of the Jewish religion (Rom. 13: 10), heaven and earth would pass away before someone would weaken that old norm of law. (Matt. 5: 17, 18) Only when the people understood the fullness and how to bring about the fullness of the law, could Jesus then, show the full and complete end of that old system. (Rom. 10: 4) The end would occur as a result of Jesus offering all religions a transcendent norm, or simply, a truer “law keeping” from his personal examples. (St. John 14: 6) (1st Peter 2: 21)

In summary, the Law/Old Testament/Jewish System was a “temporary” guide until humanity was ready for a more personal and explicit standard by God himself. But before Jesus’ himself could be that new norm, the Jews had to understand their misuses and neglects right down to the very letters and punctuations. In this way not one jot or one tittle, would be left un-abolished and a complete transition could be fully, fulfilled. If it were not for Jesus replacing the Law with his fulfilling examples, heaven and earth would have passed away before the law could be abolished. Fortunately, at the Cross, the Law, right down to even jots and tittles were abolished. Therefore, they have all passed away! (Matt. 5: 18) (St. John 19: 28- 30) (Col. 2: 14) (Heb. 8: 13)

***Note:** The following is a quote from “*The Truth About the Talmud; A Documented Expose of Supremacist Hate Literature*”: “The famous warning of Jesus Christ about the tradition of men that voids Scripture (Mark 7: 1- 13), is in fact, a direct reference to the Talmud, or more specifically, the forerunner of the first part of it, the Mishnah, which existed in oral form during Christ's lifetime, before being committed to writing. Mark chapter 7, from verse one through thirteen, represents Our Lord's condemnation of the Mishnah.” *For more information see link: <http://revisionisthistory.org/talmudtruth.html>* Greatest1command.com