

The Problems with Christianity/Followers of Jesus

1. You have heard it said, “Jesus did away with the Torah, and taught a superior Torah.”, but the Tanakh says:

“If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other elohim (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for YHWH Eloheinu is testing you to find out if you love YHWH Eloheinu with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall follow YHWH Eloheinu and fear Him; and you shall keep His mitzvot, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him. But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against YHWH Eloheinu who brought you from the land of Mitzrayim and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which YHWH Eloheinu commanded you to walk.” (Deuteronomy 13:1-5)

So the test for a false prophet, is to see whether or not he taught the Torah. By this definition the Messiah of Christianity cannot be the true Messiah.

2. You have heard it said, “The Torah is a yoke, a burden, and it was only given to show that man is guilty. It is a curse and bondage,” but the Tanakh says:

“Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach” (Deut. 30:11)

“Your Torah is my delight.” (Psalm 119:174)

“So shall I observe Your Torah continually for ever and ever; and I will walk in liberty, for I have sought Your precepts.” (Psalm 119:44-45)

If a Christian were to read Psalm 119 or the Tanakh in general, he would think that the writers of the Tanakh were liars or ignorant. How could they love YHWH's Torah so much, don't they know it is a burden on them and not a “delight”? The Tanakh teaches that the Torah is a gift from El-Elyon and is freedom, a blessing, and life for those who submit to it. Contrary to what Christianity teaches, YHWH never expected His people to keep the Torah perfectly, that is why He gave them the sacrificial systems. To not continue in the Torah, means to not obey the Torah, to totally disregard the Torah, as the followers of Jesus do today. It does not mean that if you sin once you are completely condemned to eternal hell fire. Anybody who makes true teshuvah will have their sins forgiven; their punishment is placed upon the Yom Kippur sacrifice, which is the salvation sacrifice.

3. You have heard it said, “Followers of the Messiah, do not need to be circumcised, all that matters is circumcision of the heart”, but the

Tanakh says:

“You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”(Genesis 17:11-14)

So circumcision was an everlasting covenant, it could not have been done away with. But perhaps circumcision is only for the Jews now, and now gentiles do not have to join Israel's covenant to be in covenant with Elohim? This is assuming that YHWH provided a way for gentiles to come into covenant with Elohim, without joining Israel (which is never taught in the Tanakh). So does the Tanakh speak of Gentiles becoming part of a new entity(the Church), or do they speak of them joining the covenant of Israel?

The reader should keep in mind that the Torah was not only given to the Jews(the native-born), but also to the foreigner who wished to be in covenant with YHWH, as these verses show:

“The same Torah shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you.” (Exodus 24:49)

“There shall be one standard for you; it shall be for the stranger as well as the native, for I am YHWH Eloheinu.” (Leviticus 24:22)

YHWH is clear that He does not have double standards, anybody who wants to be in covenant with YHWH, is to measure up to the same standards as the natives(the Jews). Concerning the future Temple that will be set up during the Messianic Kingdom, it is written:

"This is what Adonai YHWH says: No foreigner uncircumcised in heart AND FLESH is to enter my Sanctuary, not even the foreigners who live among the Israelites." (Ezekiel 44:9)

Here YHWH Himself made it clear that He expects the non-Jews to be circumcised in the flesh. This is completely contrary to the Christian notion that circumcision is only for the Jews, and it does not apply to the non-Jewish followers of the Messiah. I don't care if the so called “New Testament” says that circumcision is not for today because the Tanakh which came first, says otherwise. And by the “New Testament” clearly contradicting Tanakh on this matter it cannot be the Word of YHWH. The bottom line is, if any message contradicts the message of the Tanakh, IT CANNOT BE SCRIPTURE. Anybody twisting the clear message of the Tanakh to fit their theology has gone astray. Likewise those who knowingly twist the “New Testament” or any other “new revelation” so that it doesn't contradict the message in the Tanakh, are fooling themselves.

4. You have heard it said, “Sabbath and the Biblical festivals are for the Jews, followers of Jesus no longer have to observe YHWH's appointed

times,” but the Tanakh says concerning the future:

"In any dispute, the priests are to serve as judges and decide it according to my ordinances. They are to keep my laws and my decrees for all my appointed feasts, and they are to keep my Sabbaths holy." (Ezekiel 44:24)

"Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, YHWH Almighty, and to celebrate Sukkot. If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, YHWH Almighty, they will have no rain. If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. YHWH will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate Sukkot. This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate Sukkot." (Zechariah 14:16-19)

"As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares YHWH, "so will your name and descendants endure. From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says YHWH . "And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind." (Isaiah 66:22-24)

"And he[the Anti-messiah] shall speak proud words against the Most High, and intends to change the appointed times and Torah; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time." (Daniel 7:25)

YHWH has made it clear that the Torah is still around and so are His appointed times. And YHWH clearly expects ALL MANKIND to observe His appointed times; these are not optional and not only for the Jews as Christianity teaches! It is also clear that even after the New Heavens and New Earth come, they will be observing YHWH's appointed times. Obviously then, the commandments of YHWH's appointed times are still for today, contrary to what Christianity says. Its also interesting to note that one of the characteristics of the anti-messiah is that he "intends to change the appointed times[Sabbath, New moon, Passover, etc.] and Torah"! Sounds a lot like what Christians say Jesus did, doesn't it? Lets take a look: Christians observe Sunday instead of Sabbath, Easter instead of Passover, and they completely ignore the rest of the chukkim of the Torah.

5. You have heard it said, "Jesus fulfilled all of the sacrifices, so the sacrifices are no longer for today, and the sacrifices never accomplished anything," but the Tanakh says concerning the future Temple in the Messianic Kingdom:

"It will be the duty of the Prince to provide the burnt offerings, grain offerings and drink offerings at the festivals, the New Moons and the Sabbaths-at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel. He will provide the sin offerings, grain offerings, burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to make RECONCILIATION for the house of Israel." (Ezekiel 45:17)

"There will be [another area] eight and one-third [miles] long and three and one-third [miles] wide for the Levites who minister in the Temple; it will be their possession for

towns to live in.” (Ezekiel 45:5)

“But they shall serve YHWH their Elohim and David their King, whom I will raise up for them.” (Jeremiah 30:9)

“Then I will set over them one Shepherd , My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. And I, YHWH, will be their Elohim, and My servant David will be prince among them; I YHWH have spoken.” (Ezekiel 34:23-24)

“My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd ; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.” (Ezekiel 37-24-25)

“On that day the Prince is to provide a bull as a sin offering for himself and for all the people of the land.” (Ezekiel 45:22)

There is a lot going on in these passages, which completely contradict the Christian notion that “Jesus fulfilled the sacrifices, and thus has done away with them.” Some even go so far as to say that to offer sacrifices is anathema. Many Christians try to argue that these future sacrifices are done in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. The problem with this is, that these Scriptures clearly say that these sacrifices bring reconciliation, and are not memorial sacrifices(A sin sacrifice does not remove sin, it only reconciles the person back to God). Also take note that it is the Levitical priesthood that returns, and not some new priesthood. And note the mentioning of “David the Prince.” It is generally agreed upon in Christian and Jewish circles, that these verses are speaking of the Messiah. We notice in the last verse cited, that the Prince needs to bring a sin offering for himself. Some think that a sinless man wouldn't need to offer sin sacrifices for himself. But sin sacrifices are not always for when a person commits a sin. One example is a mother giving birth, has to offer sin sacrifices. Or when a person touches a dead body they have to offer a sin sacrifice. These instances of when a person becomes unclean/defiled are not sins. Or else God would be telling women to sin when He said, “Be fruitful and multiply...” Being unclean is not a sin, rather entering certain holy areas while in an unclean state is a sin. For example God said do not partake of sacrifices in an unclean state. To do so would be a sin, because you are doing what God said not to do. So there are certain times when a person must offer a sin sacrifice, even when there is no sin, like when a person becomes unclean. So by the Prince(Messiah) offering sin sacrifices for Himself, this does not mean that He has sinned.

Scripture that comes later cannot contradict the initial Scriptures. Christianity blindly follows the “New Testament” and Jesus, without even checking to see if they measure up to the former Scriptures. If they did, they would see that Jesus[or at least their interpretation of Him] doesn't meet the requirements of the Messiah, and that the message of the “New Testament”[once again, their interpretation] is false. Even when these contradictions are presented, Christians ignorantly respond, “We have a New Covenant” or “We are no longer under the Law.” You

foolish sons of men, if this message of the so-called “New Covenant” contradicts the message of the Tanakh[especially the Tanakh's description of the New Covenant], do you honestly believe it is from YHWH? Do you even care to notice what the Tanakh says about the New Covenant? The Torah will be written on the hearts of men, so that they will keep and walk in His chukkim [Ezekiel 36:27](dietary commandments, Sabbath, festivals, etc.), and also notice that the New Covenant is made with Israel, not with some new entity known as the Church. You foolish sons of men who argue “we are no longer under the Torah,” do you not even care that this message is completely contrary to the Tanakh? A messiah that taught against and did away with the Torah of Moses, is a false messiah. Any writer(yes, not even Paul is above the Tanakh's standard) that teaches that the Torah is not for today, is a false messenger. Jesus cannot come and annul what the Tanakh says concerning the test for a false prophet and the requirements for the Messiah. So by Jesus(this is what some Christians argue) coming and promoting his own teaching(as if it is superior) over the instructions of YHWH(the Torah), he has deemed himself a false messiah. By Paul and the other apostles coming and saying that Shabbat, circumcision, and the appointed times are not for today[even if they were only speaking concerning the Gentiles, this is still contrary to Isaiah 56:1-8; and the message of “one Torah for the native born and foreigner”], they have deemed themselves false prophets(or apostles).

It is illogical to follow the message of the New Testament(at least the Christian representation of it), as it clearly contradicts the Tanakh. Some might argue, what about such verses as Daniel 9:24-26? Wasn't the Messiah suppose to come during the time of Jesus? There are several explanations for this, either way since Jesus contradicts the message of the Tanakh he cannot be the Messiah. Concerning Daniel 9:24-26, it could just as well read “a messiah” as it can “the messiah”. There are several people in the first century who could have been “an anointed one”, such as the High Priest. It could very well be that this is a false prophecy, and in that case the reader has two choices:(1) disregard the book of Daniel as Scripture, (2) deny the whole Tanakh as Scripture. But to try and argue that Jesus must be the Messiah of the Tanakh, is illogical because even if he did fit the time frame, his and his apostles' message does not meet the requirement of the Tanakh.

Unless the followers of Jesus are misinterpreting Him and His Apostles?