

The Prophecy Club

Worksheet 8: “BRANCH Prophecy:
Messiah the Servant”

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The Five BRANCH PROPHECIES:

As we discussed in our last worksheet, we are now entering the time, which Scripture calls "The Falling Away". In this time, more and more believers are being drawn in to the deceptive lies of the Anti-Messiah. In fact, every Anti-messiah deception comes from distorting or misapplying the Branch prophecies. In order to be protected from the growing deception which will cause many faithful to fall away and accept Anti-messiah, we need to be thorough in our studies of the five Branch prophecies - and Yahshua's fulfillment of them.

With that goal in mind, we're going to do a deeper study of one of the branch prophecies – specifically the one about Yahshua as the Divine Servant, Who fully obeyed the Torah and gave us the example of righteous Servanthood, which we are all called to follow.

Another word for Messiah is Christ. And in the very end, one false messiah will rule the whole world, who will be the final antichrist. The antichrist is the deceiver – the false messiah who pretends to be Messiah - 1 John 2:18. The false messiah will cause his followers to receive the mark of the beast and ultimate eternal damnation.

The final moments of earth's history are characterized by a war of the messiah's. The true Messiah is Yahshua, Who is coming in the clouds to take the saved people to glory.

BRANCH PROPHECY: Zechariah 3:8

Servant: (ebed) – “a *servant*: - bondman, bondservant...”

- The bond servant serves out of love for the Master, the God of the House, and the House. His swearing in ceremony involves his blood upon the

doorpost. It is voluntary, and life-long. And the bondservant is an inheritor like a son of the house.

BRANCH: *tsemach* – “a *sprout*, branch, bud...” The BRANCH is Messiah, which is why Bible translators render Branch with a capital B. The Branch in Zechariah 3:8 is plainly identified as Yahshua, our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-15).

Ezekiel 17:22-24 – The work of the Branch is to come down and exalt those who are low (lost)... and bring life to even the dry trees. Trees are a symbol of people in Bible prophecy.

Before we can fully understand the significance of Yahshua’s fulfillment of the Servant Branch prophecy from Zechariah 3:8, we first need to understand how Scripture defines a Servant of Yah.

Romans 6:16 – Yahshua was a “servant unto righteousness”, meaning He did not obey “sin”, which yields death. A servant obeys. Yahshua was always obedient to the Will of Heaven - a “servant unto righteousness”.

According to Scripture, the Servant chooses whom he serves by who he OBEYS. If a servant serves SIN, he deserves death. But the servant who OBEYS Yahweh is a servant unto Righteousness.

Romans 6:22 - But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

This is one of those passages we should have tucked away in our memory banks. Yahshua says (John 14:6) that He is the WAY, and the TRUTH, and the LIFE. He is the Torah of the Father made flesh.

Yahshua is the Way - Psalm 119:1- “Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Law of Yahweh. (Obedience to Torah is walking in the Way.)

What is the Way? Acts 24:14 The Way was “Christianity”... It meant to follow Yahshua, Who is the WAY... Following the Way meant obedience to Torah.

Yahshua is the Truth - Psalm 119:142 – “Light” is a symbol of Truth. Light springs from Yahweh... and Torah... The Torah is TRUTH.

What does this mean? Malachi 2:6 – “The Law of Truth was in His Mouth, and iniquity was not found in His lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.”

Yahshua is the Life because He is Torah in the Flesh - Lev. 18:4, Prov. 4:4

- **Leviticus 18:4** “Ye shall do My Judgments, and keep Mine Ordinances, to walk therein: **I Am** (THIS IS A SEALING MATTER) Yahweh your God.”
- **Proverbs 4:4** “He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain My Words: keep My Commandments, and Live.”
 - James 2 – Faith without works is dead. Life involves obedient works, by faith. Even the devils believe in God – and tremble – but aren’t saved by dead belief (no obedience).

What does one do who is in the Way of Life?

- Matthew 19:17 – “And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God:* **but if thou wilt enter into Life, keep the Commandments.**”

The fact that *Yahshua* is, according to the Gospels, “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” is testimony (witness) that *Yahshua* fulfilled the BRANCH prophecy of Zechariah 3:8 – because *Yahshua* is the Bondservant who OBEYS – which is the base (foundational) meaning of these titles (WAY, TRUTH, LIFE).

The Law is the Written Transcript of Yahweh’s Character:

Description of the Law	Description of Yahweh
Romans 7:12 The Law is “holy”	Joshua 24:19 Yahweh is “holy”
1 Timothy 1:8 The Law is “good”	Psalm 73:1 Yahweh is “good”
Deuteronomy 4:8 The Law is “righteous”	Ezra 9:15 Yahweh is “righteous”
Galatians 5:14 The Law is “love”	2 Corinthians 13:11 Yahweh is “love”
Psalm 119:165 The Law is “peace”	Romans 15:33 Yahweh is “peace”
Psalm 119:142 The Law is “truth”	Deuteronomy 32:4 Yahweh is “truth”
Matthew 5:18 Torah is “eternal”	Deuteronomy 33:27 Yahweh is “eternal”

By what standard are we measured? 2 Corinthians 10:12-13; James 2:10-12 “We are measured by the rule which Yah has given (Torah).” “We are judged by the Law (of Liberty).”

What is the definition of sin? 1 John 3:4 “sin is the transgression of the Law”

Yahshua was without sin, yet was made to be “sin” for us – for our salvation - 2 Corinthians 5:21... it says “He knew no sin” (He was not in the wicked covenant – marriage – with snake... sin is likened to adultery) which by definition means Yahshua did not break the Torah – but kept it fully. This is why He was truly sinless.

Yahshua not only kept the Torah perfectly, He was also the GIVER of it (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

Yahshua came as the Righteous Branch, who lived in obedient Service to Yahweh. As such, He fully kept the Torah. In fact, it was because He lived in obedient service to Yahweh that He is the True Branch – the authentic Messiah.

And He, who is our Example in all things as it says in 1 Peter 2:21, tells us to follow Him into obedient Servanthood of the Heavenly Father (John 12:26). We are called to follow Yahshua in servanthood.

1 John 2:3-6 - “He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He (Yahshua) walked.” – Torah obedience.

John 14:15 - “If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40 – The Law is in two categories, which are: love for Yahweh and love for our fellow man.

John 14:21-24 - “He that hath My Commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me.”

1 John 3:4 – sin is transgression of the Law

John 14:6 – Yahshua is the only Way of Salvation – He is the Way, Truth and Life.

Matthew 5:17-19 – Yahshua did not come to destroy the Law or Prophets (OT), He came to fulfill it... And one jot or tittle will not pass till heaven and earth pass.

- **What does “fulfill” mean?** Fully keep it. Yahshua didn’t fulfill the Law by nailing it to His Cross... He fulfilled it by fully keeping it / full obedience / which is His Branch fulfillment Work – Messiah as the Servant.
- **What does this tell us about Yahshua?** He fulfilled the Zechariah 3:8 Branch prophecy which was of bond-service – full obedience to the Torah. Scripture says “all have sinned and come short of the glory of Yah.” There is no other person on earth – anti-messiah included – who could fulfill the Zechariah 3:8 requirement because no other (other than Yahshua) has fully obeyed Torah in everything without any exceptions. We are called to follow His Example... but we have sinned... So we need the Saviour’s Blood to cleanse and His empowerment to then walk in obedience. No human can fulfill this role.

Yahshua is the Righteous Branch – the True Messiah. And as proof of this, Yahshua was indeed the OBEDIENT SERVANT, who fully kept the Torah, and demonstrated what obedient servanthood looks like, for all of us to follow.

The spirit of Antichrist - and ultimately the final antichrist – attack Yahshua’s authenticity as Messiah. So, what are the lies of the antichrist, which attack Yahshua’s Work as the Obedient Servant?

The First Lie of the Spirit of Antichrist: **Yahshua didn’t keep the Torah** (*therefore He cannot be our sinless Sacrifice, or Example*)

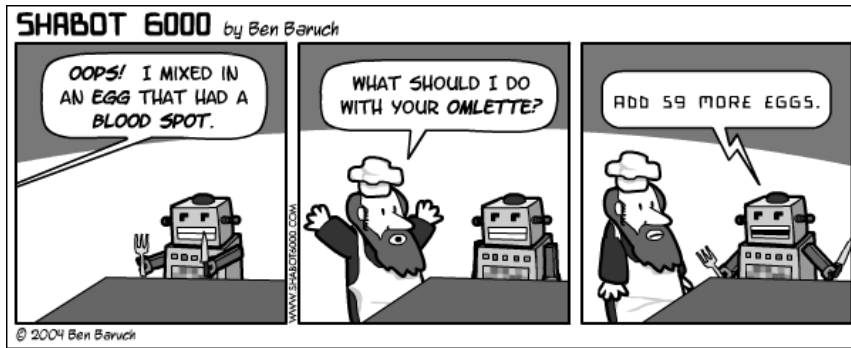
- The reason that many people now believe that Yahshua broke the Torah, giving us the Example of Torah-breaking, is that He broke the traditional laws which the Jews had made up – Laws which they claimed were part of Yahweh’s Law, but were actually a man-made Talmud.

Every miracle that Yahshua performed was done in such a way as to break the Talmud. In this way, He powerfully came against it to show that the laws of the Talmud were in violation of Torah – Deuteronomy 4:2.

“The **Talmud** is the central text of Rabbinic Judaism and the primary source of Jewish religious law and Jewish theology. Until the advent of modernity, in nearly all Jewish communities, the Talmud was the centerpiece of Jewish cultural life and was foundational to "all Jewish thought and aspirations", serving also as "the guide for the daily life" of Jews.” (Safrai, S. (1969). "The Era of the Mishnah and Talmud (70–640)". In Ben-Sasson, H.H. (ed.). [A History of the Jewish People](#). Translated by Weidenfeld, George. Harvard University Press (published 1976). p. 379)

Talmud also contradicts Statutes, allowing people to work their way into being cleansed from the sin of transgression of Torah (1 John 3:4).

Talmud teaches “The volume of kosher must be 60 times greater than the volume of non-kosher.” So, as the following Jewish cartoon shows, it is possible, through **works** to atone for one’s sin of breaking Torah (Torah prohibits eating blood – Leviticus 3:17).



The Pharisees had enacted over 500 Laws governing the keeping of the Sabbath day, including what constituted forbidden work, how far one may walk on the Sabbath, what one must do before the Sabbath in order to carry anything on the Sabbath.

- Yahshua violated the prohibition of putting saliva on one's eyes on the Sabbath (Talmud, Shabbat 108b;19-25)
- He commanded those that He healed on the Sabbath to break other Pharisees laws - "take up your bed, and walk" (Talmud Mas. Shabbat 6a)

In Yahshua's day, the Pharisees considered themselves to be lawmakers, who had the power to supersede the Torah. To do this, the Rabbis would go into the synagogues and sit in a special seat, called the "seat of Moses". The Pharisees taught that every new commandment they invented, while sitting in this seat, had the same authority as the commandments Moses received from the hand of the Almighty.

The very existence of the Babylonian Talmud laws was a sin – breaking the Torah rule of not adding to Yahweh's Law:

Deuteronomy 4:2 – "we are not to add to nor diminish any part of the Torah"

But, in Messiah's day, the Pharisees had elevated their manmade Talmud to be equal with the Torah... In fact greater than Torah...

The reason the Pharisees believed they had the power to override the Torah was that they claimed to "sit in the seat of Moses"

This picture shows an actual Seat of Moses, from one of the Synagogues during the time of Messiah.



All synagogues had a "seat of Moses" upon which the elders sat to pronounce new commandments they invented at will.

- "Their sanctified commandments are established, which are defined as "laws enacted by the rabbis which changes or negates the written Torah law" (*Encyclopedia Judaica*).
- Seat of Moses Power = "laws enacted by the rabbis which changes or negates the written Torah law" (Encyclopedia Judaica)

In fact the Pharisees claimed that when they made new laws, even the Almighty must obey their verdicts!

- A story in the Talmud illustrates the authority of the rabbis over the scriptures and even over God Himself. The story is called *Aknai's Oven* and deals with issues of ritual purity.
- Rabbi Eliezer stood in opposition to the majority in his ruling on this matter. He calls for several miracles to take place to confirm his viewpoint as being correct.
- The miracles occur but still the voice of the majority is accepted over his. He calls for confirmation from God.
- A voice from heaven speaks declaring Rabbi Eliezer to be correct. The rabbis' response to the voice? "**We do not heed Heaven.**"

- The Talmud interprets this response in this way: “The Torah has already been given to us on Sinai. We are not to listen to a heavenly voice (i.e. on matters of halakhic decision). Thou hast already written for us at Sinai to make decisions in accordance with the majority.” Later Rabbi Nathan encountered Elijah and asked him what was God’s reaction to this discussion. “God was laughing and said, **My sons have defeated Me, my**

“God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priests, and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution . . . THE SENTENCE OF THE PRIEST PRECEDES, and God subscribes to it.”

“Dignity and Duties of the Priest,”
Liguori, Vol. 12, p. 27.

sons have defeated Me.” (B. Talmud, Baba M’Zia 59b)”

What was the Talmudic teaching here?

The voice/decision of the Rabbis

(majority) supersedes the Voice of

Yahweh. This blasphemous teaching by

the Pharisees and the creation of the

Talmud (being the governing rule of

Jewish life) was a deceptive practice that

was carried on by Papal Rome.

Repeatedly, Yahshua performed miracles

– which got attention and notice, in that

they were miracles – in such a way as to

come against the false Talmud.

Yahshua not only performed miracles to

expose the fraudulence of the Talmud

and the Pharisee’s law-making power, He also spoke against it:

Matthew 15:2-3 – “Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?”

How does the Talmud transgress the Law of Yahweh?

- Deuteronomy 4:2 – Man is not to add or take away from the Torah Laws.
- Isaiah 29:13 - their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men (laws, teachings, traditions, requirements given by men)
- Matthew 15:9 - “But in vain (empty, pertaining to idolatry, unacceptable to Heaven) they do worship Me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.** (Isaiah 8:20 – doctrine has to come from Torah)

Yahshua worked to expose the evil of the Talmud laws in both miracles and teachings. **But never did He ever break the Law of Yahweh.** Breaking Torah is a sin. And if Yahshua had sinned, HE could not be our sacrifice and Salvation.

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In fact, Torah not only existed on Earth. The very fact that the devil could sin is evidence that that Torah is the foundation of the Government of Yahweh, on and off world.

1 John 3:4 – “Sin is transgression of the Law (Torah – Nomos).”

1 John 3:8 “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

Not only does the spirit of antichrist attack Messiah’s Work as the Obedient Servant of Heaven through claiming that Yahshua broke the Torah, he also goes against it from the other side.

Zechariah 3:8 “Behold, I will bring forth My Servant the **BRANCH**.”

The 2nd Lie of the Spirit of Antichrist: Yahshua kept the Torah as a Jew (but non-Jews should not keep it)

There is a new teaching out there which claims that Gentile converts should not be keeping Torah, rather the Gentiles should keep a separate set of laws known as the Noahide Laws.

To prepare the Gentile world for the acceptance of the Noahide Laws, Jewish leaders have been hosting Noahide Conferences, like the one which The Temple Institute hosted, in Florida, which was the 1st World Conference of what are called the Noahide Nations. By Jewish definition, the Noahide nations are all non-Jewish nations and peoples.



"For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah 56:7

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FIRST WORLD NOAHIDE CONFERENCE BEGINS

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(IsraelNN.com) The 1st World Conference of the Noahide Nations is underway in Florida.

The conference is taking place at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton Hotel, and is designed to bring Jews and Noahides together. The organizers stated that for this purpose, the location was specifically chosen for its proximity to a large Jewish populace.

According to this growing teaching, there are seven Noahide Laws, which replace the 10 commandments and 613 statutes of Torah, for the non-Jewish world.

The seven Noahide laws, by which Gentiles are bound according to Torah law and which are being accepted by increasing numbers of non-Jews, are the following:

- 1. Belief in one G-d; no idol worship.**
- 2. Respecting G-d: Do not blaspheme His Name.**
- 3. Respect for human life: Do not murder.**
- 4. Respect for family: Do not commit immoral sexual acts.**
- 5. Respect for others' rights: Do not steal.**
- 6. Creation of a judicial system.**
- 7. Respect All Creatures: Do not eat live animals or be cruel to them.**

For several years now, the Noahide laws have even been gaining legal acceptance in various nations – including the United States.

On March 20th 1991, the United States Congress passed H.J Res 104, which was then signed into law by President George H. W. Bush and became Public Law No. 102-14.

The language of the law asserts that the "Seven Noahide Laws" are the ethical values of civilized society and are the basis on which the American nation was founded and that without these Seven Noahide Laws society stands in peril. It is also stated that it is our nation's "responsibility" to transmit these "ethical values" to the generations of the future and that in the future the President of the United States will sign an "international scroll" pledging to return the world to the Seven Noahide Laws through education and charity.

The law also celebrates Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, who along with this organization has been dedicated to spreading and fostering the Seven Noahide Laws in society.



"The U.S. Congress officially recognized the Noahide Laws in legislation that was passed by both houses. Congress and the President of the U. S., George Bush, indicated in Public Law 102-14, 102nd Congress....this Public Law designated March 26, 1991 as Education Day."

But the teaching behind the Noahide Laws doesn't stop at merely telling Gentile converts that they DON'T HAVE TO KEEP the Torah. It goes much farther – claiming that IF a non-Jew keeps the Torah, that he has blasphemed Yah and is now worthy of death!

In the section "Laws Before Sinai" the 1906 Jewish Encyclopedia states that with few exceptions, the breaking of the Jewish Noahide Laws is punishable by death by decapitation.

- *"Every law that was enjoined upon the Noachidæ and was repeated at Sinai is meant to apply both to Israelites and to non-Israelites; laws that were enjoined upon the Noachidæ and were not repeated at Sinai apply to Israelites only" (Sanh. 59a; R. Jose ben H̄anina; comp. Bacher, "Ag. Pal. Amor." i. 430 and note)*
- *In the elaboration of these seven Noachian laws, and in assigning punishments for their transgression, the Rabbis are sometimes more lenient*

and sometimes more rigorous with Noachidæ than with Israelites. With but a few exceptions, the punishment meted out to a Noachid for the transgression of any of the seven laws is decapitation...” (1906 Jewish Encyclopedia, “Laws Before Sinai”)

- *“Moses our Teacher was commanded by the Almighty to compel the world to accept the Commandments of the Sons of Noah. **Anyone who fails to accept them is executed.**” – Mishneh Torah (Rambam), Laws of Kings and Wars, 8.13*

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NOAHIDE LAWS:

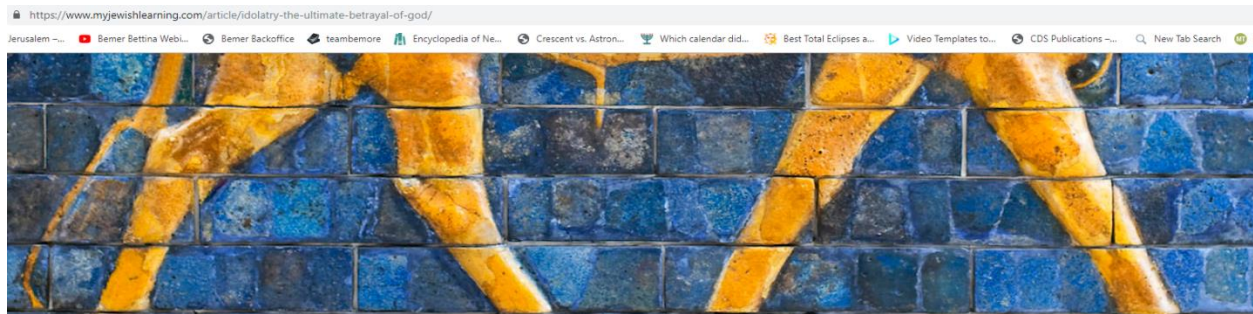
Adultery is a “crime” under Jewish Noahide Law, one for which non-Jews are to be decapitated. But what is the Jewish definition of adultery? Many might be surprised to learn that under usual circumstance, only a woman can be accused of adultery under Jewish Law, while Jewish men are free to engage in all manner or immorality...

But the teachings of the spirit of antichrist, which are behind the Noahide Laws, become very clear in the first of them.

1. Belief in one G-d; no idol worship

2. Respecting G-d: Do not blaspheme His Name
3. Respect for human life: Do not murder
4. Respect for family: Do not commit immoral sexual acts
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Idolatry: The Ultimate Betrayal of God

From the worship of statues to -- some would say -- the absolute veneration of political movements, Judaism forbids idolatry in all its forms.

BY RABBI LOUIS JACOBS

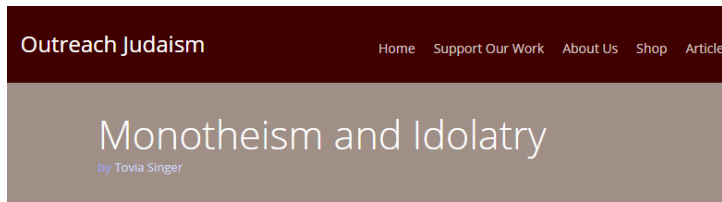
What does it mean to believe in one God and have no idol worship? At first, this sounds very good – Torah-like! But it is actually an attack against Messiah, and all who would believe in Him.

In the post-talmudic period, there was no longer any threat to Judaism from the pagan religions, and a certain relaxation was granted of some of the stricter rules against relations with idolaters. The discussion among the Jewish teachers then centered on whether Islam and Christianity, the two daughter religions of Judaism (as they were called) and the new rivals to the Jewish religion, were to be treated as idolatrous religions.

Many professing believers are being hit with the lie that Yahshua didn't keep the Torah. But the "laws" that He broke were themselves Lawless (they broke Torah

by their existence) and had no right to exist. He broke Tradition “laws”, never Torah.

This area of deception usually includes the teaching that Yahshua IS OUR EXAMPLE- but since – they claim – He didn’t obey Torah, it is a reason which justifies Christians not keeping the Torah today. This is a lie which comes straight from the Spirit of Antichrist. And it is most commonly used against the Sunday-keeping community of believers.



Question:

I'm confused. I know that Christianity is pure paganism. I still believe that Yeshua ben Josef from Nazaret is not only the Messiah, but he is God. Not the second part of a three-part- God, but God himself. I am looked down upon because of my belief. I have been buried by my family, and the other Jews throughout the world that I communicate with via internet do not consider me a Jew any more, even though I am more orthodox in my observance of Judaism than most of them are. The Christians do not accept me either because of the way I feel about their faith. I believe that God gave his life to forgive me and gave me the ability to obey his law without breaking the smallest of his commandments. Why is Judaism so unforgiving?

Answer:

I am surprised that you, who I presume firmly embraces the core tenets advanced in the New Testament, are wondering "Why is Judaism so unforgiving?" I think that the ideas attributed to Jesus, or "Yeshua," as you call him, should haunt your soul.

How Tovia Singer responded to this question on Outreach Judaism:

"Why does Judaism regard your professed beliefs as hostile to the God of Israel? There is no greater sin than idolatry. Your worship of a man as God violates the very first of the Ten Commandments"

Who is this referring to? The Jewish belief here is that Yahshua is just a man.

In other words, according to Talmud and Jewish teaching,

worshiping Yahshua as God is breaking the Noahide laws and is worthy of execution by beheading.

A sobering connection... **Revelation 20:4** – "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and **I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;** and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

But the Bible doesn't teach that the Torah is only for the Jews! According to Scripture, Torah is for all Israel:

Malachi 4:4-6 – the Commandments and Statutes given to Moses (Torah) are for all Israel.

Only Israel is saved:

Galatians 3:16 – "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made..." Promises of Eternal Life / Salvation.

The Covenant is made with Abraham:

- Genesis 17:7-9 – The Covenant is made with Abraham and his seed (Isaac, Jacob, who was renamed Israel... In other words Israel).

Only Abraham and His Seed have the promise of the Everlasting Covenant. Clearly, only Abraham's Seed are saved.

- Romans 2:28-29 – “Jews” (Israel, the saved) are not in the flesh, but spiritually determined. So it's not the literal DNA that makes us Israel.
- John 8:39 – to be Abraham's seed (his children), we must the works (by faith) of Abraham – not just claim the bloodline.
- Genesis 26:5 – “Abraham obeyed My Voice, and kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Laws.” These are the “works of Abraham, mentioned in John 8:39.

No one can be saved who is not counted as the Seed of Abraham and is a spiritual partaker of the Covenant between Yahweh and Abraham's Seed. Thus, all the saved people are Israel. There is only one Law - the Torah – and one Example of Obedient Servanthood – Yahshua, who is our Example in all things.

According to Torah, is there a separate Law for Gentiles?

- **Numbers 15:15-16** – “One Law (Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) and one manner (way of living) shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth (Gentile convert) with you.”
- **Deuteronomy 4:6** – Torah keeping is done before the unconverted nations and is meant to convert them to Torah-keeping.
- **Proverbs 6:23** – “For the **Commandment is a lamp; and the Law is light;** and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life.” (Isaiah 8:20)
- **Isaiah 60:1-3** – it is Yahweh's Plan for the Gentiles to be converted to the light and to forsake darkness – remember the Law is LIGHT.

Having the Testimony of Yahshua doesn't only mean that we follow His Example (by His Grace), it also means that we believe Yahshua is Messiah—the One foretold in the five Branch prophecies. We must have both beliefs from Revelation 12:17 to be safe from the overmastering lies of the seemingly Torah-keeping Beast!

The Last Days are characterized by a war of the Messiahs. Most of the world – even those who once accepted Yahshua as their Messiah – will change sides and serve the Anti-Messiah. One of the main reasons this will happen to former believers is that they will be deceived by the Antichrist’s twisting of the Branch prophecies and by its suggestions that Yahshua didn’t fulfill them.

The definitive characteristic of the Anti-Messiah and its deceptive spirits is the rejection of Yahshua in three ways:

- 1) Denying that Yahshua is God manifested in the flesh (1 John 4:2-4).
- 2) Denying that Yahshua fulfilled(s) the five BRANCH prophecies.
- 3) Denying the testimony that Yahshua is the MESSIAH.

In the end, final Israel—the saved people of Yahweh who do not worship the Beast or receive his mark—will be those who live by two key identifiers:

- 1) they keep the Torah (Commandment of God) and
- 2) they have the Testimony of Yahshua the Messiah!

We find this in Revelation 12:17

May we all be counted among the true Seed of Abraham, never swerving from our commitment to follow Yahshua’s Example of Servanthood in full obedience to Torah and from our belief in Yahshua as the Authentic, the one and only Righteous Branch, who is our true Messiah.