

Torah/Law Always?

Did Gods Torah exist before Sinai?

Was the Torah restated at Sinai?

Is the Torah still current?

The Torah will go forth from Jerusalem!

Torah, meaning instruction, can refer to the first 5 books of the Bible, Genesis through to Deuteronomy.

Torah can also refer to the 24 books in the Tanach.

They include the 5 books of Torah, 8 books of the Prophets and 11 books of the writings.

Timothy told us in 1 Timothy 3 that all scripture is profitable for instruction in righteousness.

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Timothy would only have had the Old Testament writings, but as the New Testament are also considered God breathed scripture Torah in a broader sense could refer to the whole volume of the scriptures.

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It is interesting to note that Timothy says all scripture is for instruction in righteousness. Instruction is one of the meanings of Torah.

Torah (Law, Commandments or Instructions)

Torah has 613 instructions. 221 apply to the temple. A further 74 may no longer apply.

After removing those commands applicable to the obsoleted temple and priesthood, and those that may not apply there remains approximately 318 commandments.

Estimations are that most Christians keep 201 commands, and a minority of Christians keep 275. That equates to Christians keeping between 66-85% of the Torah.

(Static's quoted from Andrew Gabriel Roth)

1050 individual instructions have been calculated in the New Testament

Keeping all the commandments

Luke 1:6 (V5 Zachariah & Elizabeth)

They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord (Yahweh)

Whilst it is common belief you can't keep all the commands, John the Baptist's parents Zachariah and Elizabeth are recorded in scripture as walking blamelessly in all the commandments

What commandments do christians observe

As we saw above It is estimated the average christian keeps between 66-85% of the commandments (Law)

The fourth commandment, Saturday Sabbath which was kept for around 200 years after Jesus (Yeshua's) death, the dietary food instructions (what Yahweh God considers to be food) and the Feasts are mostly what are not kept.

Many who believe we do not need to keep the commandments may be surprised to find they keep such a large percentage of them.

Cain and Abel's sacrifices and offerings

Genesis 4:3-5

So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord (Yahweh) of the fruit of the ground (V4) Abel, on his part brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord (Yahweh) had regard for Abel and his offering:

Right from the beginning Adam and Eve's offspring knew about sacrifices and offerings. (prior to the giving of Torah)

Noah and clean and unclean animals

Genesis 7:2

You shall take with you of every clean animal by sevens, a male and His female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female

Noah knew about clean and unclean animals (prior to the giving of the commandments at Sinai)

Noah a righteous and blameless man

Genesis 6:9

These are records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God

Just as Zachariah and Elizabeth walked blameless according to all the commandments (Luke 1:6) Noah knew how to walk righteous and blameless in his way before the law was given

Abraham keeping the charge, commands, statutes and Law

Genesis 26:5

Because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and my laws

Abraham kept the commands, statutes and laws (200 years before the law was written on tablets of stone)

Joseph knew evil and sin against God (Yahweh)

Genesis 39:9

There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?

Joseph knew Torah principles that teach what sin/evil is prior to Yahweh God's instructions being given at Sinai

Judah knew his son should be given to his brother's widow

Genesis 38:26

Judah recognized them, and said, She is more righteous than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah. And he did not have relations with her again.

Judah knew the instruction that his son was to be given to his brother's widow prior to this commandment being given to Moses

Remember the Sabbath day

Exodus 20:8

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it Holy

To remember something it has to have previously existed

How Sabbath is Observed

Genesis 2:2-3

By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

In Isaiah there is a beautiful description of Sabbath

Isaiah 58:13,14

If because of the Sabbath, you turn your foot from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and honor it, desisting from your own ways, from seeking your own pleasure, and speaking your own word, then you will take delight in the Lord.....

In these scriptures Sabbath is observed by:-

Resting from our work

Calling Sabbath a delight

Honouring the Sabbath day

Desisting from seeking our own ways

Desisting from seeking our own pleasure

Desisting from speaking our own words

Yahweh God has given us 6 days to work then a day of rest.

It is His day, a day that is Holy, a day set apart to spend with Him to be renewed and refreshed.

Is Torah for today?

No higher authority than the 'Living Word' himself, our Master (Jesus/Yeshua)

Matthew 5:18

For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the law until all is fulfilled

Isaiah 42:21 *The LORD was pleased for His righteousness' sake To make the law great and glorious*

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.*

Are we told to keep the commandments?

John 14:15

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Torah in the future

Micah 4:1-2

And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the Lord (Yahweh)

Will be established as the chief of the mountains, It will be raised above the hills

And the people's will stream to it.

(V2) Many nations will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord (Yahweh)

And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He May teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths".

For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the Lord (Yahweh) from Jerusalem

In summary we know that Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Joseph and Judah all knew Laws (Instructions) from Torah prior to Moses receiving it at Sinai. We also see the Torah going forth from Jerusalem as Jesus/Yeshua and His bride reign.

By Jesus words alone nothing of the Torah will pass away until all things are fulfilled. (Matthew 5:18)

It is our love for Him that spurs us on to give Him all our heart, all our mind, and all our soul, and out of that love delight in keeping His Word and His commands. His Sabbath.

Hallelujah, the Law, the very word of Yahweh will go forth from Zion.
Father hasten that day!