

20 Facts That Prove Paul Was a FALSE Apostle

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Among Messianics in the Hebrew Roots movement today, many have rightly come to the conclusion that not one *jot or tittle* of the Law of Moses has passed away just as Yeshua taught in Matthew 5:17-18. Yet most of these *observant* Messianics continue to engage in bend-over-backward apologetics for the man who is without question the source of the notion that the law has passed away. Yeshua was a 100% law-abiding Jew, as were his apostles who walked with him. There is no disputing this fact, nor is there disputing the fact that absent Paul's doctrine, no believer in Yeshua would have thought any differently about the Law of Moses.

The following facts are presented as evidence that Paul was a *false* apostle. None of these facts should be true if Paul had been a true apostle, and these are by no means the only arguments in the case against him. Each fact presented should cause Bible-believing people serious concern because each statement is based on facts found in the Bible itself. As you will see, the combined weight of these facts becomes a devastating indictment to Paul's claim of apostleship.

These 20 facts have been divided into 5 categories. They are; ***Paul's lack of qualifications***; his ***Arrogance***; his ***Doctrinal errors***; the fact that he is the ***source of the division between Jews and Christians***; and number 20 stands in a category all its own and should not be missed. Paul is also ***the very FALSE apostle Yeshua commended the Ephesian believers for rejecting in Revelation 2:2.***

Paul's lack of qualifications:

1. There were to be exactly 12 apostles. Not one more. Not one less.

And when it was day, he called his disciples to him; and from them he chose twelve whom he also named **apostles**.

Luke 6:13

So Yeshua said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve **thrones**, judging the twelve **tribes** of Israel."

Matthew 19:28

Now the wall of the city had twelve **foundations**, and on them were the names of the twelve **apostles of the Lamb**.

Revelation 21:14

2. Paul was UNQUALIFIED to be an apostle. He could not take Judas' place because he never walked with Yeshua!

To be qualified as one of Yeshua's twelve apostles, one was required to have walked with him and been an eye and ear witness of his entire ministry.

So Yeshua said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on **twelve** thrones, judging the **twelve** tribes of Israel." Matthew 19:28

When looking for someone to replace Judas so that there would again be exactly 12 apostles, Peter reiterated Yeshua's requirements:

"Therefore, OF THESE MEN WHO HAVE ACCOMPANIED US ALL THE TIME that the Lord Yeshua went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when he was taken up from us, ONE of THESE MUST become a witness with us of his resurrection." Acts 1:21,22

Peter clearly indicated there were a number of others who were qualified to be an apostle because they had been there, but there was only **one** vacancy that needed filling. Paul didn't even qualify because he hadn't been there.

3. Yeshua did NOT—nor did any of the original 12 apostles—EVER refer to Paul as an apostle!

This glaring fact stands on its own and speaks volumes. Paul referred to **himself** as an apostle 20 times.

Paul's arrogance:

4. Paul arrogantly claimed to be at least as good as the best of the 12 apostles!

"For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles."
2 Corinthians 11:5

Referring to Yeshua's 12 apostles, Paul said:

"...I labored more abundantly than they all!" 1 Corinthians 15:10

Paul made it clear he was in competition with Yeshua's apostles for status in the eyes of his readers. There is no other reason for making these kinds of statements. Yeshua condemned the Pharisees—of which Paul was a member—for this very behavior. See Matthew 23:1-36. Verse 5 sums it up: "*But all their works they do to be seen by men.*" There are two ways for a Pharisee like Paul to advance his image ...either lift himself above the other apostles, as in the example above, or put the other apostles down and belittle them. Bear this in mind in the following.

5. Paul actually tried to sell as a GOOD thing the fact that he had virtually NO input from the 12 apostles who DID walk with Yeshua!

Paul boasted of having spent no more than 15 days with Peter! His gospel was supposedly so much better because he received his by divine revelation!

“But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. **For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through THE REVELATION** of Jesus Christ.” “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentile, **I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me,** but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. **Then, after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.**” Galatians 1:11,12,15-18

One would think any connection to the 12 apostles who actually walked with Yeshua would have been considered a priceless asset to Paul, but he speaks of it as though it would have been a detriment to his version of the gospel. He actually boasted of how little exposure he had to the apostles as if any more exposure would have corrupted him!

6. Paul belittled Yeshua’s apostles and brother as those who only “seemed” to be something!

Listen to these incredibly condescending words of Paul toward Yeshua’s apostles.

“But from **those who seemed to be something** -- whatever they were, **it makes no difference to ME** ...God shows personal favoritism to no man* --for **those who seemed to be something added NOTHING to ME**. ... “...and when **James, Cephas (Peter), and John, who seemed to be pillars,** perceived the grace that had been given to **ME**, they gave **ME** and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship...” Galatians 2:6,9 NKJV

Paul’s pathological need to put down and belittle Yeshua’s true apostles could hardly be more evident.

*Side note: Paul was dead wrong in stating: “*God shows personal favoritism to no man.*” God most certainly favors those who love and obey Him. It should be every person’s goal to *grow in favor* with God. To the degree that one loves and obeys Him will be the degree to which they find favor in His eyes. (See Psalm 91:14-16, Proverbs 12:2, and Luke 1:28).

Paul’s need to belittle spiritual giants in an effort lift himself above them didn’t stop at belittling Yeshua’s apostles. Listen to how with a handwave, he arrogantly brushes aside even Moses!

“... **we** use great boldness of speech—**unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face...**” 2 Corinthians 3:12,13

7. Paul dropped his own name as though it were a household name throughout the Roman Empire to be reckoned with ...while speaking a damnable lie!

“Indeed, I Paul, say to you, that if you become circumcised, **Christ will profit you nothing.”** Galatians 5:2

Paul's incredible arrogance in that he pontificates from the supposed authority of his own name is the issue here. This point is self-evident enough that nothing more needs to be said about it. But the fact that he pontificates what is also a horrendous lie cannot be left unaddressed.

In other places where Paul speaks of circumcision, he speaks of it as being worthless and of no benefit. He says this because he believes the nation of Israel as identified by circumcision is no longer Israel in heaven's eyes. He believes that Christians who walk by faith-alone, apart from the law, are the new true “Israel of God.” See Galatians 6:15,16. This doctrine is called *replacement theology*. It is an evil doctrine that is responsible for Christian antisemitism that continues to this day. It manifests itself in today's Christians who challenge the validity of the reestablished nation of Israel. Former president Jimmy Carter is a classic example of this kind of *replacement theology* Christian. It is also well argued that the holocaust itself could not have happened had it not been for the general ‘*who cares about the Jews*’ attitude of Christianity! This attitude is the natural byproduct of believing Israel has been replaced by Christianity. It's a damnable lie that Paul is responsible for starting. God most certainly continues to see the circumcised descendants of Jacob as Israel. One proof of this is found in Revelation chapter 7 where 12,000 from each of the twelve *named* tribes of Israel are marked with God's name on their foreheads. Another proof (as mentioned in fact 1 and 2) is that when Yeshua returns and establishes the kingdom on earth, his twelve apostles will rule over the same twelve tribes of Israel.

But here now in the above passage, Paul's disdain for the law causes him to go so far as to say that circumcision is actually *detrimental* to one's relationship with Yeshua! He says, “*if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing*”. He goes on in the text to say that those who become circumcised become “*estranged from Christ*” and have “*fallen from grace*.” Galatians 5:4 Imagine being a Jew and you are effectively told that you must choose between Moses or Messiah! The lie in Paul's doctrine presupposes the choice is an either/or proposition, where Yeshua and Moses are mutually exclusive choices! They are **not** mutually exclusive. **Both** Yeshua and Moses can be and should be embraced! Paul's deceptive tactic is nothing short of a divide-and-conquer ploy.

Yeshua endorsed every “jot and tittle” of Moses. This means he endorsed everything Moses said about circumcision as well. Then Yeshua commanded his followers to “**go and make disciples of all nations**”, “**teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you**”. Matthew 28:19,20. One most certainly cannot become “*estranged from Christ*” and “*profit nothing*” from him for the act of obeying him!

Is it any wonder Jews want nothing to do with Christianity's Messiah? More on the fact that Paul is responsible for the division between Jews and Christians in number 17.

8. Paul believed his testimony should be considered as reliable as the testimony of three separate witnesses if he gave his testimony on three separate occasions!

Paul's arrogance is not the only thing on display in the following. Listen to his absurd logic where he quotes from the Law of Moses in Deuteronomy 19:15.

"This will be the third time I am coming to you. **'By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.'** I have told you before, and foretell as if I were present the second time, and now being absent I write..." 2 Corinthians 13:1,2

Really?! How far would this logic fly in any courtroom? If I walk into a courtroom and give my testimony, walk out, then come back in and give the same testimony a second time, walk out, and come back in and give the same testimony a third time, does that count as three separate witnesses? Of course not. Only in the most unjust and evil courtrooms could that charade fly. Are we really to believe these words are *"the infallible word of God?"*

Yeshua referenced this same Law of Moses. Notice the difference in how he applies it.

"Moreover, if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear you, take with you one or two more, that **'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'**" Matthew 18:15,16

In summary: If anyone other than Paul had said these kinds of arrogant, competitive, deceptive and dumb things, it would have been seen for what it was!

Paul's doctrinal errors:

9. Paul stated something about Abraham that was absolutely wrong!

How can Paul's words be considered the infallible word of God in light of the following?

Referring to Abraham, Paul said;

"And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old). And the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God." Romans 4:19, 20

Now compare this to the record in Genesis.

Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sari your wife, you shall not call her name Sari, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."
Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be

born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" Genesis 17:17

Paul apparently had a lapse in memory and got it completely wrong. This would be forgivable for an ordinary person if it were an honest mistake, but when a man's words have been elevated to the level of *infallible word of God*, error of **any** kind is unforgivable and **proof** that his words are **not** the inspired Word of God.

10. Paul said Yeshua abolished the Law of Moses, but Yeshua said do not think he came to do any such thing!

Here is a sampling of Paul's anti-law statements:

"For he himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us, **having abolished in his flesh the enmity, that is the law of commandments contained in ordinances**, so as to create in himself one new man from the two thus making peace," Ephesians 2:14,15

"Therefore, my brethren, you also have become **dead to the law** through the body of Christ." Romans 7:4

"**For Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes." Romans 10:4

"Therefore, **the law was our tutor** to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, **we are no longer under a tutor**." Galatians 3:24

But Yeshua said:

"DO NOT think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I did NOT come to destroy, but to fulfill" ("fulfill" Strong's 4137: Thayer's: *To ratify, to execute fully*). **"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"**. ("fulfilled"= Strong's 1096: Thayer's: *completed, done*). Matthew 5:17,18 (*"all" here is referring to *heaven and earth's* time.)

Side note: In the Preface to *The Clementine Homilies* is what many scholars believe to be a genuine letter of Peter to James. This letter refers to an *adversary* (some translations render "*enemy*") with **law-less** teachings. Many contend this adversary is Paul and I agree. It would appear rather obvious. But listen now to what Peter says about the notion that the law has passed away:

"For some among the Gentiles have rejected my lawful preaching and have **preferred a lawless and absurd doctrine of the man who is my adversary**. And indeed, some have attempted, while I am still alive to distort my word by interpretation of many sorts, **as if I taught the dissolution of the law ... But that may God forbid! For to do such a thing means to act contrary to the Law of God which was made to Moses and was confirmed by our Lord in its everlasting continuance. For he said: 'For heaven and earth will pass away, but not one jot or tittle shall pass away from the law.'** But these men, professing, I know not how, to know my mind, undertake to explain my words, which they have heard of me, more intelligently than I who spoke them,

telling their students that the nullification of Torah is my intended meaning, which indeed I never thought of. But if, while I am still alive, they dare thus to misrepresent me, how much more will those who shall come after me dare to do so?

On another side note: This excerpt from Peter's letter also shines a whole new light on 2 Peter 3 where Peter, in earlier times, had spoken more favorably of Paul. It's one of the first passages Paul-supporters point to in defense of Paul. The words in 2 Peter 3:15-17 could well be the very words Peter was referring to here when he said some had distorted *his "word by interpretation of many sorts"* as if he had *"taught the dissolution of the law,"* because that is **exactly** what they are used for even to this day! Every time someone quotes 2 Peter 3:15-17 they are claiming Peter endorsed Paul's anti-Moses doctrine as *"scripture"* ...which he most certainly did not! One has to *"distort"* Peter's words with *"interpretations of many sorts"* to come up with that idea. Peter was always 100% pro-Moses just as Yeshua was.

11. Paul said that ALL the law hung on ONE commandment. Yeshua said it hung on TWO!

Paul said:

"For **all the law** is fulfilled in **one** word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'". Galatians 5:14

"Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has **fulfilled the law**. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet.' **and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'**" Romans 13:8,9

Now listen to what Yeshua said.

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, testing him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Yeshua said to him, "'**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**' **This is the first and great commandment. And the second** is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **On these TWO commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**" Matthew 22:35-40

Paul left out the **first** and **GREATEST** commandment ...to love God with all one's heart! Obviously, the laws to observe Sabbath days and feast days, as well as dietary laws and other calendar laws would come under the law to love God with all one's heart. These laws have nothing to do with one's neighbor. It's interesting to note that these are the very laws Paul said to ignore!

"Therefore let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a feast day or a new moon or sabbaths..." Colossians 2:16

12. Paul abused Scripture by taking passages out of context and giving them meanings that were never intended!

To proof-text his doctrine, Paul lifted numerous Scripture passages out of their original context and spun new meanings for them that were never intended by their original authors. This is something the Pharisees were well known for doing. Paul even spun some meanings that the surrounding context completely annihilates! The following is one such example.

One of Paul's most fundamental doctrines literally states that **absolutely no one is righteous**. To proof-text his doctrine, Paul cuts and pastes together no less than 7 snippets of Scripture and presents them as one:

“There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none who seeks after God. They have all gone out of the way. They have together become unprofitable. **There is none who does good, no, not one.** Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced deceit. The poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood. Destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Romans 3:10-18

Each and every one of these snippets Paul took out of context and gave a meaning that its author never intended. The first snippet is our example of how Paul spun a meaning to a passage where only two verses later the author said something that completely destroys Paul's take on it. This snippet was taken from Psalm 14 where David begins by speaking specifically of atheistic “fools” who say in their heart “*there is no God*”.

The fool has said in his heart, “**There is no God.**” **They** are corrupt, **they** have done abominable works, **there is none who does good**. The Lord looks down from heaven upon **the children of men**, to see if there are **any** who understand, who seek God. They have **all** turned aside, they have **together** become corrupt. **There is none who does good, no, not one.** Psalm 14:1-3

In no way was David referring to every human being here. He was speaking specifically of “fools” who say “*there is no God*” ...and he was specifically referring to these atheists when he used the phrase “**the children of men**.” It is among them that he says there is none righteous. This is obvious, because he goes on in the very next verses to **contrast** these “**children of men**” with those whom God calls “**My people**” and “**the generation of the righteous!**”

Have all **the workers of iniquity** no knowledge, who eat up **My people** as they eat bread, and do not call on the Lord? There they are in great fear, for God is with **the generation of the righteous**. Psalm 14:4-5

Imagine that... “**the generation of THE RIGHTEOUS!**”!! Paul neglected to tell us about this part of the Psalm! So much for his assertion that no one is righteous!

13. Paul says that no one is justified by the works of the law, and that faith ALONE makes one righteous. Yeshua and Moses say otherwise!

Paul said:

“...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.” Galatians 2:16

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight...” Romans 3:20

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.” Romans 3:28

But Moses said about the law...

“And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. Then it will be righteousness for us, IF we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.” Deuteronomy 6:24,25

And Yeshua said about works...

“**Do not marvel at this:** for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear his voice and come forth--those who have done good, to a resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to a resurrection of condemnation.” John 5:28,29

And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.” Revelation 20:12,13

“...and my reward is with me, to give to every one according to his work.” Revelation 22:12

14. Paul used sleight of hand and abused Scripture when he tried to convince his readers that God hated Esau before he was even born.

“...for the children (Jacob and Esau) **not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil**, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, **not of works, but of Him who calls**, it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” As it is written, “**Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.**” What shall we say then? **Is there unrighteousness with God?**” Romans 9:11-14

The very fact that Paul anticipates the revulsion to his picture and asks the obvious question himself; “*Is there unrighteousness with God?*” makes it clear he was indeed stating that God hated Esau before he was born or ever had a chance to do good or evil. This is without question Paul’s position in the fuller context of Romans 9. Virtually all scholars agree on this. What Paul

hasn't told his readers (and scholars conveniently neglect to point out) is that God's words, **"Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."** were not spoken before Esau was born, but were spoken hundreds of years after Jacob and Esau had lived and died. Unlike the first prophecy, *"The older shall serve the younger"*, which was spoken before the boys were born and was recorded in the very first book of the Bible, these words were recorded by the prophet Malachi in the very last book of the Tanakh, and were speaking of the descendant nations of Jacob and Esau, Israel and Edom! God did not hate Esau before he was born, but Paul sure tried to make us think that.

15. Paul used the analogy of God being a potter and men clay to state that the clay has NO say in the matter of what the potter makes of it, when God said the clay has EVERY say in the matter!

Paul borrowed the potter/clay analogy from Jeremiah, and again, took the analogy out of its context where it had painted a very different picture from the one he used it for. Paul used it as proof for what is in fact a pagan doctrine from hell ...predestination ...where a person's life and destiny are predetermined by God before they are ever born!

Here are Paul's words:

"So then, **it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs**, but of God who shows mercy." ... "Therefore He has mercy **on whom He wills, and whom He wills** He hardens. You will say to me then, **'Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?'** But indeed, Oh man, **who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?' Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor, and another for dishonor?** Romans 9:16,18-21

Let's look at Paul's proof-analogy for this doctrine. The following are God's words concerning the potter and the clay. As you read it, notice who is ultimately responsible for what the potter does with the clay!

"Oh house of Israel, **can I not do with you as this potter?**" Says the Lord. **"Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, Oh house of Israel! The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will repent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will repent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it."** Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord; "Behold, I am **fashioning** a disaster and devising a plan against you, Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.'" Jeremiah 18:6-11

16. Paul's doctrine is founded on blasphemous pagan philosophies!

Yeshua chose un-educated men to be his apostles for a reason. Educated men of the first century (Pharisees like Paul), were steeped in Greek philosophy much the way university graduates of today are steeped in leftist ideologies. One of the more pervasive philosophies of

that time was the blasphemous teaching that God created evil ...and He created it for a purpose. The philosophy goes something like this: *Good is only comprehended when it is contrasted with evil. Since God wants us to know He is good, He created evil that we might comprehend how good He is!* It must be pointed out that aside from the totally nonsensical nature of the logic here, the premise that good must be contrasted with evil before it can be comprehended is dead wrong. Good can be comprehended if things **keep getting better** ...which is exactly how it is with God. But listen now to Paul's blasphemous words which state that evil men were intentionally created by God and preordained to be destroyed so that those who were preordained to be saved will know how good He is!

"So then, it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy." ... "Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. You will say to me then, 'Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?' But indeed, Oh man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?' Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor, and another for dishonor? **What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, THAT HE MIGHT MAKE KNOWN the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory?**" Romans 9:16,18-23

The incredible blasphemy in these words should cause great pause. If it is an unforgivable blasphemy to credit the works of the Father's Holy Spirit to evil entities (Matthew 12:22-32), how much worse is it to state that evil men were purposefully created by God?

As an additional note, concerning the notion that God intentionally created people destined to be destroyed, listen to what God and Peter have to say:

"**AS I LIVE**," says the Lord God, "**I have NO pleasure in the death of the wicked**, but that the wicked **turn from his way and live**." Ezekiel 33:11

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **NOT WILLING** that **ANY** should perish but that **ALL** should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

Paul is the source of the ongoing division between Jews and Christians

17. Paul is the origin, and ultimately responsible for the rift between Judaism and Christianity that continues to this day!

There was no rift between Jewish and Gentile believers in Yeshua before Paul. Yeshua had clearly commanded his apostles to go to both Jew and Gentile.

"Go therefore and make disciples of **all** the nations," Matthew 28:19

Then he (Yeshua) said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and

remission of sins should be preached in his name to **all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem.” Luke 24:46,47

Peter had to be reminded that he was expected to go to the Gentiles as well when the Holy Spirit sent him to Cornelius. Later, Peter said of Cornelius:

“In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in **every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him**. Acts 10:34,35

Paul originally preached to both Jew and Gentile, but when his Moses-disparaging doctrine was understandably rejected by the Jews, he said:

“It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, **we turn to the Gentiles**.” Acts 13:46 (see verse 39 for proof that Paul had disparaged Moses to these Jews)

Then Paul arrogantly belittled the true apostles and fabricated a total lie when he told the Galatians that the apostles had given him exclusive rights to the Gentiles!

“But from those who **seemed** to be something - whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man - for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me. But on the contrary, when they saw that **the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to ME**, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), and when James, Peter, and John, who **seemed** to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to **me**, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that **we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised**.” Galatians 2:6-9 NKJV

What a lie! In no way did Peter or the others abandon the Gentiles to Paul. Nothing can be found in the book of Acts to corroborate this statement. In fact, Paul effectively admits this himself when he accused Peter of compelling Gentiles to live as Jews! (see Galatians 2:14)

But the narrative was set. From that point on, Jews and Christians have been at odds. There have been exacerbating events in history that have pushed Jews and Christians further apart, but the original split came from Paul and his rejection of Moses. To this day, this fact continues to be a very sore spot for Jews. The original Moses-observant Messianic faith of the apostles in Jerusalem, right after Yeshua's ascension, is the true gospel of Yeshua. There never should have been a split between Jewish and Gentile believers in Yeshua.

18. Paul said there were two separate gospels. Yeshua said there was only one!

Paul said there was a gospel for the Gentiles and another for the Jews!

“But on the contrary, when they saw that **the gospel for the uncircumcised** had been committed to me, as **the gospel for the circumcised** was to Peter...” Galatians 2:7

Different gospels mean different messages! If there were no difference in the message it would be the same gospel! Paul's "gospel" was anti-Moses, but Peter's gospel was pro-Moses just as Yeshua taught.

Yeshua indicated there was only one gospel ...and it was for all.

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach **THE gospel** to **EVERY** creature." Mark 16:15

Paul's gospel was not only very different from the one Yeshua and his apostles preached, he claimed that what he taught was his own personal gospel!

"...in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ **according to my gospel.**" Romans 2:16

"Now to Him who is able to establish you **according to my gospel...**" Romans 16:25

It's no surprise that Paul's gospel was different from that of the true apostles in light of the fact that he refused to learn anything from them, but supposedly received his gospel by divine "revelation".

19. Paul hypocritically accused Peter of doing something he himself claimed to do!

Paul boasted to the Galatians of how he had put Peter in his place before his peers and called him a hypocrite for acting like a Gentile around Gentiles and a Jew around Jews, when to the Corinthians, he said he did the very same thing! Paul simply couldn't say anything good about Peter! The fact that we have here another incident of Paul attacking Peter clearly exposes the fact that Paul was in competition with Peter and had made himself Peter's adversary.

Here, Paul brags about dressing down Peter in front of his peers for his supposed hypocrisy:

"But when Peter had come to Antioch, **I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed**; for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. And the rest of the Jews **also played the hypocrite with him**, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. **But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, 'If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?'**" Galatians 2:11-14

Paul conveniently leaves out Peter's defense here as though Peter were left speechless by his blinding wisdom. Peter most certainly would have objected to the accusation that he had been "*living in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews*". Eating with Gentiles might have broken a tradition of the Pharisees, traditions that Yeshua himself condemned, but it did not break with the law of Moses. Regardless, after calling Peter a hypocrite for not wanting to offend the Jews by acting like a Jew around Jews and a Gentile around Gentiles, listen to what Paul tells the Corinthians he does!

“For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and **to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law, that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.**” 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. **Give no offense, either to the Jew or to the Greek** or to the church of God, **just as I also please all men in all things**, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. **Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.**” 1 Corinthians 10:31 -33

Paul did the very thing he lambasted Peter for doing! Who is the real hypocrite here? Paul admitted he was a chameleon who blended in with his surroundings. Then he had the audacity to claim he imitated Yeshua in this! Can anyone seriously imagine Yeshua blending into his surroundings and saying something like, “I am all things to all people”, or “I please all men in all things”? Of course not! Yeshua offended **many** people! Considering Paul never walked with Yeshua and refused to learn anything from those who did, is it any wonder he had no idea what it meant to “*imitate Christ*”?

Paul was the FALSE-apostle Yeshua referred to

20. Paul was the very FALSE-apostle Yeshua commended the Ephesians for rejecting as a liar in Revelation 2:2!

There is some extremely compelling circumstantial evidence demanding that we conclude Paul and his young apostle-apprentice Timothy were the very false-apostles Yeshua commended the Ephesian church for rejecting as liars in Revelation 2:2!

This evidence has been suppressed by Paul-favoring scholars throughout history with the lie that says the book of Revelation was written near the end of the first century around 96 A.D. The early “church father” Irenaeus is ultimately responsible for the origin of this lie, and Paul’s supporters have pointed to him as the last word on the subject ever since. Irenaeus was a big fan of Paul. But he has also been shown to be far from infallible. For example, he also taught that Yeshua was crucified at fifty years of age! Most importantly, information in the book of Revelation itself totally discredits his claim. In chapter 11, John is told to measure the Temple for its destruction. That destruction we know occurred in 70 A.D. The Revelation couldn’t possibly have been given after that because there was no temple left to be measured! This point has not been lost on many scholars. What’s more, John was told the destruction would occur in exactly 42 months from that day when he measured it! That means John had his vision early in the year 67 A.D. during the Neronian persecution. There are other ancient sources that corroborate this date as well. (*For an absolutely fascinating study on this subject, please see the link at the end of this article: **The Date of John’s Revelation and the Josephus Connection.***)

With the understanding that John was visited by Yeshua on the isle of Patmos and given the Revelation early in the year 67, follow the timeline below and put the pieces of the puzzle together.

61 A.D.

Aside from Peter, Paul is the only person from that time period known to have claimed to be an apostle. John didn't even use the title that was rightfully his to identify himself in the book of Revelation, but Paul claimed the title many times and introduces himself as such, again, to the Ephesians of Asia Minor. (It is generally accepted that the book of Ephesians was written around 61 A.D.)

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus...” Ephesians 1:1

64 A.D.

A few years later, when writing to Timothy who was staying in Ephesus, Paul orders his young apostle-apprentice to continue staying there, and deputizes him to police his exclusive doctrine there in his stead.

“...remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine.” 1 Timothy 1:3

In the same letter, Paul displays an unusual defensiveness for his title of ‘*apostle*’ in a manner that clearly suggests the Ephesians had accused him of lying about it!

“...for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying...” 1 Timothy 2:7

Question: Who is ever compelled to defend themselves with a statement like “*I am not lying*” if they have never been accused of it? Paul’s defensiveness speaks volumes. He had undoubtedly been accused by the Ephesians of lying about his apostleship!

67 A.D.

A few years later, in 67 A.D., John receives the Revelation. Yeshua tells John to write to all his church assemblies in Asia. The first one he mentions is Ephesus:

“What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.” Revelation 1:11 NKJV

Yeshua commends the Ephesians for exposing as “liars” some who have claimed to be *apostles*!

“To the messenger of the church of Ephesus write...” “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. **And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars.**” Revelation 2:1,2 NKJV

After this, and after addressing each assembly, Yeshua states that the truth he speaks to these assemblies is good for any and all who are willing to listen!

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 2:7,11,17, 29 & 3:6,13, 22 NKJV

Because of the urgency of certain prophecies (like the obvious time-sensitive information in 2:10), the Revelation is immediately copied and circulated to all 7 Messianic assemblies in Asia as Yeshua had commanded.

68 A.D.

Somewhere between one and two years later, out of his own mouth, Paul complains to Timothy that **not just the Ephesians, but ALL of Asia had rejected him!**

“This you know, that **ALL those in Asia have turned away from me.**” 2 Timothy 1:15

Now why do you suppose all of Asia suddenly turned its back on Paul?!

Take a moment to ponder this. Here we have all the believers in Asian suddenly turning their backs on Paul right after John had sent a letter to every Messianic assembly in Asia ...a letter in which Yeshua had commended the Ephesians for rejecting as liars some who had claimed to be apostles. With this, we know of no others from that time who ever claimed to be apostles, anywhere, yet we know Paul claimed to be an apostle, **and** that he specifically claimed to be an apostle to the Ephesians! We also know that Paul had defended himself against being called a lying false apostle to Timothy who happened to be in Ephesus. Are we really to believe this is just coincidence, and that all of Asia **just happened** to turn its back on Paul at this time? No, these circumstances couldn't possibly be coincidence.

Furthermore, Paul did not say Asia had turned away from Yeshua! Those who would try to defend Paul must believe that Paul would have placed a higher value on Asia believing in Yeshua than on his own personal acceptance there. As such, Paul would have been more distressed by Asia's rejection of Yeshua and would have said so had that been the case. But that wasn't Paul's concern. His was a personal complaint. Paul said Asia had rejected only him! This should not come as a surprise in light of the above. Every assembly in Asia knew Yeshua was referring to Paul and his young apostle-apprentice Timothy. The other six assemblies quite apparently had “ears to hear” what the Spirit had said to the Ephesians and they went and did likewise!

Conclusion

When you add this evidence to Paul's lack of qualifications to be an apostle, his arrogance, his abuse of Scripture, and most importantly his doctrinal conflicts with God, Yeshua, and Moses, what other conclusion can possibly be drawn?

Additional thoughts/Where do we go from here?

Yeshua was as Law-of-Moses abiding and as Jewish as anyone could be. He didn't come to start a new religion. He endorsed the Law of Moses, and all the early believers were law abiding Jews as well. Considering Paul was a false apostle who taught against the Law of Moses and is therefore the true father of the new religion of Christianity, who do you suppose Yeshua was speaking of in Matthew 7?

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the WILL of my Father in heaven. MANY will say to me in that day, 'LORD! LORD! Have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done MANY wonders in your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice LAW-LESS-NESS.'" Matthew 7:21-23

On that day, only Christians will be claiming to have done many things in his name. No Jews or Muslims or anyone else for that matter will be making such claims. Yeshua said there will be "many" who will claim to have done these great things for him. But he said the only ones who will be allowed to enter the "*Kingdom of Heaven*" will be those who have done "*the will of my Father in heaven*." That will is without question, God's Law as given by Moses. It should be obvious, because those who "*do the will of my Father*" are contrasted in this passage with those who "*practice law-less-ness*." The Father's will **is** His Law! Thanks to Paul, all of Christianity practices the principle of law-less-ness by turning its back on God's Law to one degree or another. The worst part is that those who heed Paul's teaching learn to ignore the laws that fulfill the *greatest* commandment of all ...to love God with all one's heart.

The right to enter the "Kingdom of Heaven" is the reward for those who have demonstrated they will be law-abiding citizens of the new kingdom. The "Kingdom of Heaven" in this passage is specifically referring to the city of New Jerusalem in the new heavens and new earth to come. It is described in detail in Revelation 21. According to the specs in this chapter, *New Jerusalem* is a huge, glorious, and fabulously-wealthy city where the streets are paved with gold! This one city is 1,380 miles square, and bigger than most *countries* on earth today. Its borders couldn't fit inside the lower 48 states. They would have to extend roughly 80 miles into both Mexico and Canada. It is so big it's a city-country-kingdom all in one. It is this city that Yeshua was referring to as the "Kingdom of Heaven". Outside the city is a different place that is not considered part of the Kingdom of Heaven. It's the remaining area of the new earth where the remainder of those who were saved (salvaged) live. So, when Yeshua says, "depart from me" to those who are not allowed into his city, it does not necessarily mean they have lost eternal life and are sent to the second death in the lake of fire. It means they will be required to keep their distance and stay out of his kingdom/city.

According to Revelation 21, this huge city/kingdom is also surrounded by a wall over 200 feet high. That wall is there for the purpose of keeping non-citizens out. Only the law-abiding citizens identified by the mark of the Father's name on their foreheads will be free to come and go as they wish. Walls and citizenship IDs are Godly principles! Hell hates boundaries as well as the principle of individual identity because it's the nature of evil to infiltrate, steal, dehumanize, kill and destroy.

Paul's doctrine of grace through faith alone is a liberal gospel of amnesty. Paul, and those who teach his doctrine, are the equivalent of "coyotes" attempting to smuggle lawbreakers into where they don't belong. It's a something-for-nothing gospel where people are led to believe they've

won the spiritual lottery and some new right to just walk right into the kingdom. Sound familiar? Its appeal to man's tendency toward irresponsibility and laziness have made it highly marketable, but the only way for people to become *legal* citizens of the kingdom is by *demonstrating* they will be Law-abiding citizens by keeping God's Laws **now**. That demonstration must begin with obeying the *greatest* commandment ...to love God with all one's heart. God doesn't want people near Him who don't understand Him, who don't fear Him or acknowledge Him as Creator or love Him and therefore can't be trusted ...any more than citizens of countries here on earth want people in their country who don't understand it or love it and therefore can't be trusted.

Hell's greatest goal is to rob God of the love He was seeking when He took the incredible risk in creating a being with a free will. What God desires most is to be **understood and loved for His character!** A person's character is who and what they are. Only beings of similar character can understand each other and are therefore capable of loving each other. To the degree that two beings are *similar* in character will be the degree to which they are capable of understanding and loving each other. The lies that have been sown about God's character seem to have no end ...and Paul is responsible for some of the worst of them! No decent person, who believes God intentionally creates some people evil so He can vent His rage on them and thereby show those He predestined to be saved how good He is can possibly identify with that character. Only the worst of psychopaths could identify with that kind of person! Decent people who believe that lie about God simply cannot relate, and therefore cannot truly love Him. This is only one of Paul's lies to that effect! The fact that Paul left out the greatest commandment to love God with all one's heart, tells us everything we need to know. If Paul actually believed the things he taught about God, he couldn't love Him either.

God is good and righteous in everything He has ever done. It's easy and natural to fall in love with Him when we come to know this truth about His character. He has been hurt deeply by man who has so easily believed the lies about Him. It started with Adam and Eve believing the lie that God didn't have their best interests in mind and was keeping something from them.

Many Christian teachers object to the concept of God "hurting", claiming God can't be God if He feels pain. But that too is a lie that has made its way into both Christian and Jewish teaching through the Pharisees and Greek philosophy. Hell doesn't want you knowing this about God. Humans instinctively know that the ability to feel the pain of rejection can only occur in a person who truly feels the *desire* for another's love. The Devil doesn't want us knowing that God truly *desires* to be loved by us. Those who know God's character and love Him feel His pain in His words, "Adam! Where are you?" Those who can't feel the heart-ache in those words ...don't know God!

When it comes to judgment day, God will not exact from a man something he cannot deliver. Every person will be righteously judged by what they *did* with what they were given. To whom much was given, much will be required. To whom little was given, little will be required. Contrary to popular Christian doctrine, there are no special tickets for *saying* the right words, or simply *believing* the right things ...nor will there be any loopholes to justify condemning anyone. Everyone will receive exactly what they have merited. The Pauline/Christian doctrine that says, *you can't do anything to win your salvation so you shouldn't even try*, will be exposed for the lie that it is. On that day everyone will see how good, righteous, lovable, unimaginably awesome and to be feared God has always been, and we will hate the lies and hate ourselves for ever having believed them for a moment.

Did you know there are **two** books of life? There is the *general* “Book of life” in which are the names of all those who are given eternal life and spared the second death in the lake of fire, and then there is the “Lamb’s book of life.” In this second book are the names of all those who have proven to be law-abiding citizens of the kingdom and are given access to the city/kingdom with the streets of gold ...the New Jerusalem. For more on this, please see my online book ***Yeshua and the Law versus Paul the False Apostle*** at www.judaismvschristianity.com/ and chapters 2 and 3 entitled: [Heaven, or Hell? What is at Stake?](#) (part 1) [Heaven, or Hell? What is at Stake?](#) (part 2)

Also

For a fascinating study on how the exact date of John’s visitation and the writing of the book of Revelation can be determined to be April 12, 67 A.D. as mentioned earlier, please see my article:

[The Exact Date of Revelation \(John’s Vision\) Established by Josephus: April 12, 67 AD!](#)

For more information on Paul the false-apostle, as well as other articles of interest, please see my website and online book, ***Yeshua and the Law versus Paul the False Apostle***, at www.judaismvschristianity.com/