

Jesus Fulfilled The Law Matthew 5:17-19

Jews Longed To Be Rid Of At Least Parts Of Law

Amos 8:4-6

Some thought Messiah would bring relief

Jesus to contrast true righteousness with traditional interpretation of law (more in lesson on v20)

He did not wish misunderstanding so states what was not to do and what he meant to accomplish

He Came Not To Destroy

To destroy means to ruin the structure, the organic existence or condition of a thing; to demolish

The Law and the prophets embraced practically all of the Old Testament

Law-first five books; Prophets most of rest

Control civil Government and worship; Prophecies of the Messiah

What happens when you destroy Law?

Anarchy prevail in civil affairs

Prevent fulfillment of types and Prophecies of Christ

To destroy and to fulfill have in common the idea of bringing a thing to an end

Destroy is a violent unforeseen ending

Fulfill is intended and orderly pre-arranged conclusion

Jesus Came To Fulfill

Jesus brought the law to pre-arranged orderly conclusion

If not, He failed purpose in coming - **Matthew 5:17**

And we must observe the Law in strictest sense! - **Matthew 5:18-19**

If so, He accomplished His purpose! - **John 17:4**

We find a NEW Covenant governing God's people

Changes show Jesus fulfilled Old Law

Priesthood - **Hebrews 7:11-14**

Law itself - **Hebrews 7:18-22; 8:6-13**

He kept the COMMANDS of the law perfectly

He was without sin - **Hebrews 4:15; 2Corinthians 5:21**

His enemies could find no sin - **John 10:32**

His baptism was fulfillment - **Matthew 3:15**

Fulfilled the TYPES of the law

Sacrifices - blemish free - **Exodus 12:5; 1Peter 1:18-20**

First fruit of resurrection symbolized by first fruit of grain harvest - **Leviticus 23:10; Colossians 1:18; 1Corinthians 15:22-23**

Provides the water of life like the rock in the Wilderness - **1Corinthians 10:4; John 4:10-15**

He was THE Lamb of God toward which, all animal sacrifices pointed - **John 1:29**

He fulfilled the BLOOD requirements of the law

Without shedding blood - no remission - **Hebrews 9:22**

Blood of bulls and goats can't - **Hebrews 10:1-4**

The sacrifice of Christ does satisfy the demands of justice - **Isaiah 53:11; Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:14**

He fulfilled the PROPHECIES of the OT

His birth - **Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18ff; Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1**

His life - **Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:12-15; Isaiah 42:1ff; Matthew 12:17ff; Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 13:10ff**

His death - **Isaiah 53; 1Peter 2:22-24**

His resurrection - **Psalms 16:8-11; Acts 2:23-28**

"It Is Finished"

John 19:30

Until the law and prophets were fulfilled, Jesus taught:

The Law would be as permanent as the heavens and the earth - **Matthew 5:18; Luke 16:17**

Treatment of Law affect standing in kingdom - **Matthew 5:19**

Though Jesus ultimately fulfilled the Law and Prophets, at this time they had not been fulfilled. So, true to **verse 19**, He taught His disciples to be faithful to God's Law as it then stood

Jesus brought the O.T. and its law to an intended, predicted and orderly conclusion

New covenant predicted - **Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:13**

He was the prophet foretold by Moses

Peter quotes Moses in Deuteronomy to show Jesus fulfilled this promise - **Acts 3:21-24**

He was the end of the Law - **Romans 10:4**

Having nailed it to his cross - **Colossians 2:14**

He has established a new, living way through the gospel - **Hebrews 10:19-20; Romans 1:16-17**

Listen To Jesus

Moses solemnly warned that those who would not hear the prophet (Jesus) would be cut off from God - **Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-23**

Jesus did what he came to do, that is to fulfill or complete the law and the prophets and you can take advantage of his fulfillment through the gospel - **Romans 1:16-17**

Heed the warning of Moses and obey Jesus now and live

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