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Matthew 5:17 (KJV):

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

1. Misuse of the Word "Fulfill":

- Many believe "fulfill" means to complete and abolish the law.
- In Hebrew context, "fulfill" means to bring full meaning or to obey completely-not to end it.

2. Influence of Paul's Writings:

- Verses like Romans 6:14 are used to argue the law is no longer needed.
- But Paul also said in Romans 3:31, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

3. Church Tradition Replacing Scripture:

- After Constantine, Torah observance was discouraged as "Jewish."
- The Sabbath, dietary laws, and feast days were replaced by Roman customs.
- Christians were taught the Law was old or legalistic.

4. The Next Verses Are Often Ignored:

Matthew 5:18-19:

"Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law..."

"Whoever breaks even the least commandment... shall be called least in the kingdom..."

- Heaven and earth still exist, so the Law still stands.

- Yahusha warns against teaching disobedience.

5. Fulfillment Means Obedience, Not Abolition:

- Yahusha fulfilled the Law by living it perfectly.
- He showed us how to keep it, not how to ignore it.

Conclusion:

Matthew 5:17 does not abolish the Law-it confirms it.

The misunderstanding comes from mistranslation, Greek philosophy, and church tradition.

Yahusha upheld the Torah and expects His followers to do the same.