

# 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-backwards 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 not a true apostle of Yeshua. Not one 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. These are merely some of the highlights. Each fact presented should cause Bible-believing people serious concern because each statement is based on facts found in the Bible itself. (Some historical facts are offered as corroborating evidence as well.) As you will see, the combined weight of these facts becomes a devastating indictment to Paul's claim of apostleship.

These facts have been divided into 5 sections. 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 that he is ***The very FALSE apostle Yeshua commended the Ephesian church 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. Neither Yeshua nor any of the original 12 apostles EVER referred to Paul as an apostle!**

This glaring fact stands on its own and speaks volumes. Paul referred to **himself** as an apostle 20 times. Only Luke, a Gentile follower of Paul, accommodated Paul and his assessment of himself and referred to him as an apostle **one** time.

### **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

## 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!

He 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 that any connection to the 12 apostles who actually walked with Yeshua would have been considered a priceless asset, yet Paul 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 such 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**...”

Galatians 2:6,9

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

## 7. Paul even belittled Moses!

Listen to how Paul, with a hand wave, arrogantly brushes aside Moses!

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

**8. 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

**9. 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 kind of logic fly in any courtroom?

**Paul’s doctrinal errors:**

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

Here is just 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: *To confirm by performing flawlessly.*). **“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** (“heaven and earth”) **is fulfilled”** (“fulfilled”=Strong’s 1096: *completed, done.*).

Matthew 5:17,18

Historical note: In the Preface to *The Clementine Homilies* is what many scholars believe to be a bonafide letter of Peter to James. This letter refers to an adversary with lawless teachings. Many contend this adversary is Paul and I would agree. It would appear rather obvious. Regardless, listen 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 a 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.’**”

## **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 loving one’s neighbor. It’s interesting to note that these are the very laws that 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 prove his doctrine, Paul lifted numerous Scripture passages out of their context and gave them meanings that were never intended. Some of these he gave the very opposite meaning of what the original context insisted upon! The following is just one classic example:

One of Paul’s unique and fundamental doctrines states that **absolutely no one is righteous**. To prove 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 was never intended in its context. The first snippet is our example of how the opposite meaning was given to it. It was taken from Psalm 14. The Psalmist here begins by speaking specifically of “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

The Psalmist is in no way referring to *every* human being with the term “the children of men”. He is speaking of *fools* who say *there is no God* and is referring specifically to them as *the children of men*. It is among these that he says there is none righteous. We know this because he goes on to contrast these **children of men** with those he calls **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 didn’t tell us about this part of the Psalm! So much for his doctrine 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 the opposite!**

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 this 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 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 (“Old Testament”), 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 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 to prove

what is in fact a pagan philosophical doctrine from hell; predestination, ...where a person's life and destiny are predetermined before they are ever born!

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, and 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 a blasphemous pagan philosophy!**

Yeshua chose un-educated men to be his apostles for a reason. Educated men of the first century (Pharisees like Paul), were steeped in the philosophies of Plato 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 that 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 know 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 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 the 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 (see 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 Judaism and Christianity***

### **17. Paul is the source, and is 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 told 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 as was commanded. But when his Moses-disparaging doctrine was justifiably 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 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

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 very Jewish Messianic faith of the apostles in Jerusalem immediately after Yeshua's ascension is what the true gospel of Yeshua is. There never should have been a split between Jewish and Gentile believers in Yeshua.

## 18. Paul said there were two separate gospels when 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 should not come as any surprise that Paul’s gospel was different from that of the true apostles in light of the fact that he refused to learn much of anything from them but supposedly received his gospel by “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 Paul said he did the very same thing!

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 against Paul's blinding wisdom. Peter most certainly would have objected to the accusation 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 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. What's more, he told the Corinthians to do the same! 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 very false apostle Yeshua spoke of to the Ephesians**

**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 deception that says the book of Revelation was written near the end of the first century around 96 A.D. The early “church fathers” Irenaeus and Eusebius, are responsible for starting this deception and Paul supporters have pointed to them as the last word on the subject ever since. Both Irenaeus and Eusebius have been shown to be far from infallible, and there is information in the book of Revelation itself that totally discredits their 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! 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. 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. (We know the book of Ephesians was written right 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 (around 64 A.D.), when writing to Timothy who was in Ephesus, Paul orders his young apostle-apprentice to stay in Ephesus, 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 some there in Ephesus 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

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

After this, and after each church address, Yeshua states that the truth he speaks to these churches 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

Because of the urgency of some 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

Why do you suppose all of Asia suddenly turned its back on Paul?! 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 was not 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 fact that the Messianic believers in Asia had recently heard from Yeshua by letter from John and had heard how Yeshua commended the Ephesians for rejecting the one whom they all knew was Paul! They quite apparently had “ears to hear” what the Spirit had said to the Ephesians and 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**

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 that 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 7:21-23?

“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.**”

Only Christians will be calling Yeshua “Lord”, and only Christians will be claiming to have done **MANY** things in his name. And Yeshua said there will be “**MANY**” who claim to have done

these great things for him. Yeshua said that the only ones who will be allowed to enter the “kingdom of heaven” will be those who have done *the will of the Father in heaven*. That will be without question God’s Law as given by Moses, because those who practice *the will of the Father* are contrasted with those *who practice law-less-ness*. The Father’s will is the Law. Citizenship in the kingdom/city of the New Jerusalem in heaven is the reward for those who have demonstrated they will be **Law-abiding** citizens of the kingdom! Outside the city it’s a different story. When Yeshua says, “Depart from me”, that does not necessarily mean to the lake of fire. It means that they will be required to **keep their distance** and stay out of his kingdom/city.

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 with the streets of gold ...the New Jerusalem. For more on this, please see the chapter in my book entitled:

***Heaven or Hell? What’s at Stake?***

<http://www.judaismvschristianity.com/heavenorhell.htm>

**AND**

For an exciting 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 above, please see the following article:

***The Date of John’s Revelation and the Josephus Connection***

<http://www.judaismvschristianity.com/The%20Date%20of%20John%20w%20timeline.pdf>

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