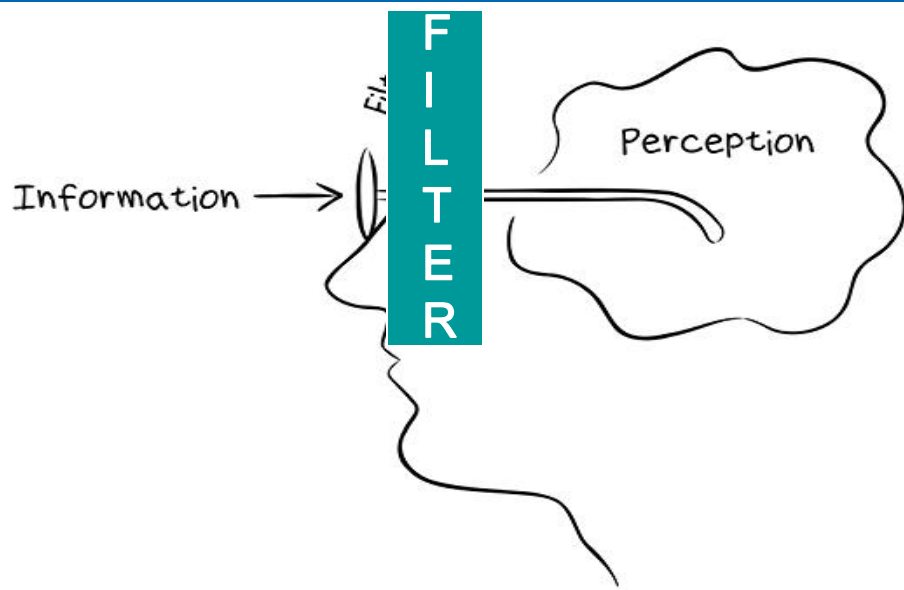
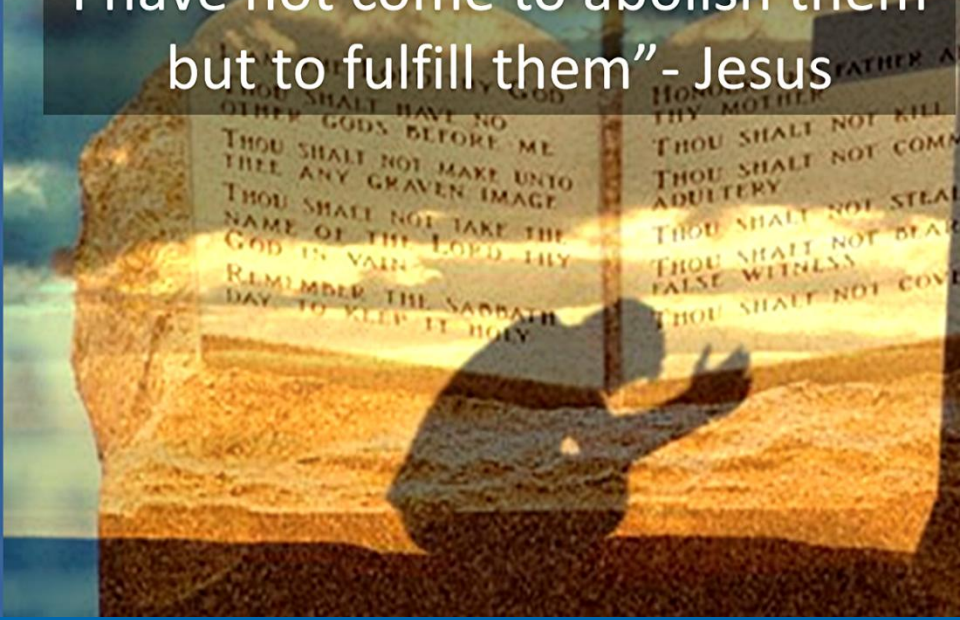




- The things that everyday Jews held as common knowledge is foreign to modern Believers. So history, culture and language has to be added to help us understand the true meaning of Yeshua's words
- Most of the Jews came to Jesus hoping for healing
- Matthew 5:17 – 19 is the foundation for understanding what Christ meant by what He said, and how we are to interpret His actions and words in the Gospels

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” - Jesus



- “Do not think...” This phrase is self-evident in its meaning
- Yeshua knows He’s going to encounter objections and misunderstanding
- All humans have mental filters
- Some info gets filtered out while other info is let through
- Temperaments, culture, family system, teaching, experiences, sensitivities all contribute to our personal mental filters

THE CROWD'S MENTAL FILTERS

- First: They were very aware of their rich Hebrew heritage
- Second: They were aware of the Torah and the Law but not in a detailed way
- Third: Didn't question the ongoing truth and validity of the Torah and the Prophets
- Fourth: Contact with the Temple for festivals and sacrifice was seldom and depended on where they resided

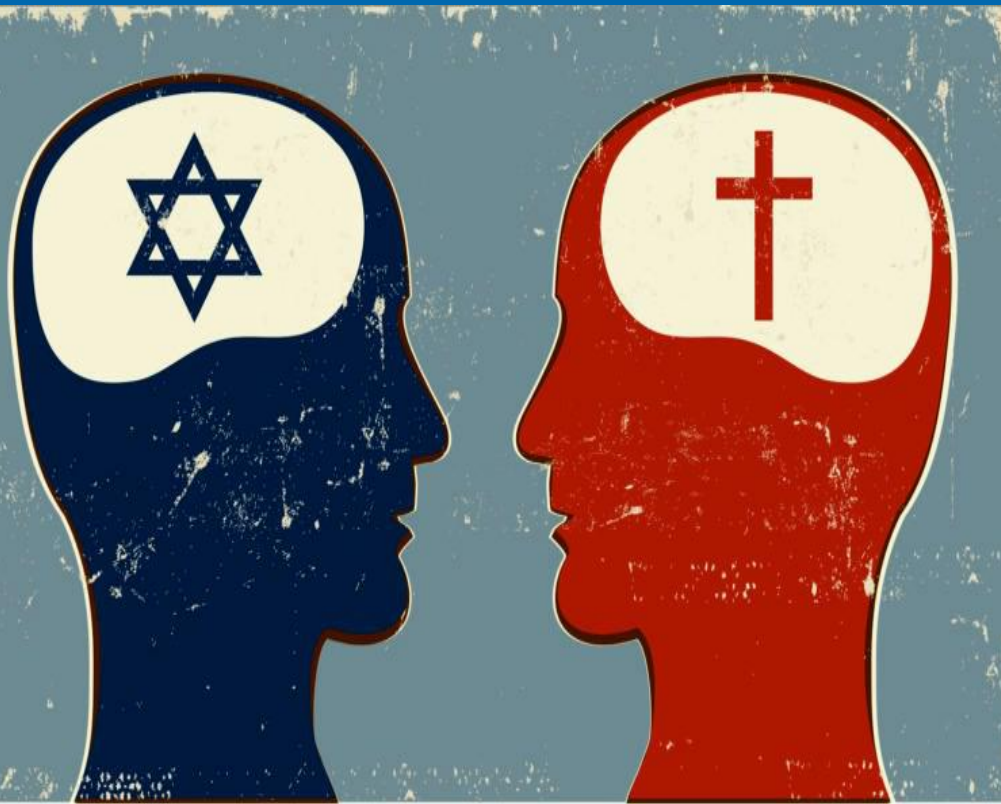


FILTERS BASED ON CULTURE, TRADITION AND JEWISH LAW

- Fifth: Babylonian exile created a vacuum in Jewish religious leadership and teaching
- Sixth: The Synagogue was born out of this vacuum
- Synagogue first served the Diaspora then later the Holy Land Jews
- Pharisee teaching and authority led the Synagogues
- Yeshua's crowd will filter everything He says through this mental matrix



SYNAGOGUE AND CHURCH: TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN



- The crowd listening to Christ doesn't actually know what the Torah says, so doesn't have a proper reference point
- They mainly knew the Traditions they had been taught in their Synagogues
- Christians generally the same; don't study the Bible, so don't know what it really says
- Christians tend to accept what the Church leadership says is truth in the form of doctrines



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- Matthew's filter: a Believing Jew whose thought processes followed a Hebrew path
- *Kataluo* = abolish, over throw (destroy)
- *Nomos* and *Prophetes* = Law and Prophets
- The problem with *nomos* (law) is that the term gets used in many ways in the Bible that seem the same
- *Nomos* = law..... it is used to translate: Torah, Law of Moses, Oral Law, Jewish Law (*Halakah*), even civil law

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

The Canon of the Hebrew Bible

Torah	Prophets		Writings
	Former	Latter	
Genesis	Joshua	Isaiah	Psalms
Exodus	Judges	Jeremiah	Job
Leviticus	Samuel	Ezekiel	Proverbs
Numbers	Kings	The Twelve	Ruth
Deuteronomy			Song of Songs
			Ecclesiastes
			Lamentations
			Esther
			Daniel
			Ezra-Nehemiah
			Chronicles

- When the terms The Law and the Prophets are coupled, it is referring to the entire Hebrew Bible
- Therefore Christ said He did not come to abolish any part of the Old Testament
- *Tanakh*, Hebrew Bible, and Old Testament mean the same thing
- So if Christ isn't abolishing anything, what is He doing?



What does it
mean?

CHRIST CAME TO

FULFILL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

- “Abolish” is repeated
- *Pleroo* = fulfill (in Greek Lexicons) to make full, to fill up, to fill to the full, to render full, i.e. to complete
- This does NOT mean: stop, terminate or conclude!!
- Means “complete” in the sense of “my spouse completes me as a person”

Pleroo!



Fill 'er up!

- False interpretation: “I come not to abolish but to terminate”..... This is gibberish!
- Yeshua means that He will bring all that the Old Testament has established to its fullest heights and intents
- Not unlike the discovery of the atom. Thought to be the smallest particle until neutrons, protons and electrons were discovered. The truth of the atom didn't change; only the deeper mysteries of it were revealed

“... until heaven
and earth pass
away.....”

- Vs.18 expands upon vs.17
- Vs.17 means Yeshua personally will not abolish the *Tanakh*
- Vs. 18 means nothing will abolish the *Tanakh*
- Rev. 21:1
- John was quoting Isaiah from Isa. 65:17
- First: in Isaiah “heavens” is plural and means the physical Universe; this is not about Heaven where God dwells



“...a new heavens and earth....”



- Second: the re-creation is a future event
- Third: the content and relevance of the Tanakh WILL end at some point..... Yeshua says it will end at the passing away of the old heavens and earth
- Jesus goes on to say that not even a single letter in a single word of the Old Testament will be changed or will it be abolished



- Does Messiah want us to obey God's commands?
- Matt.5:19
- Yeshua tells us the consequence of obedience and of disobedience
- Wrong doctrine #1: Christ created a new "Law" with all new instructions
- Wrong doctrine #2: We should strive to be the LEAST in the Kingdom of Heaven
- Jews understood Yeshua in terms of light vs. heavy laws... A construct of the Scribes and Pharisees
- Matt. 5:20