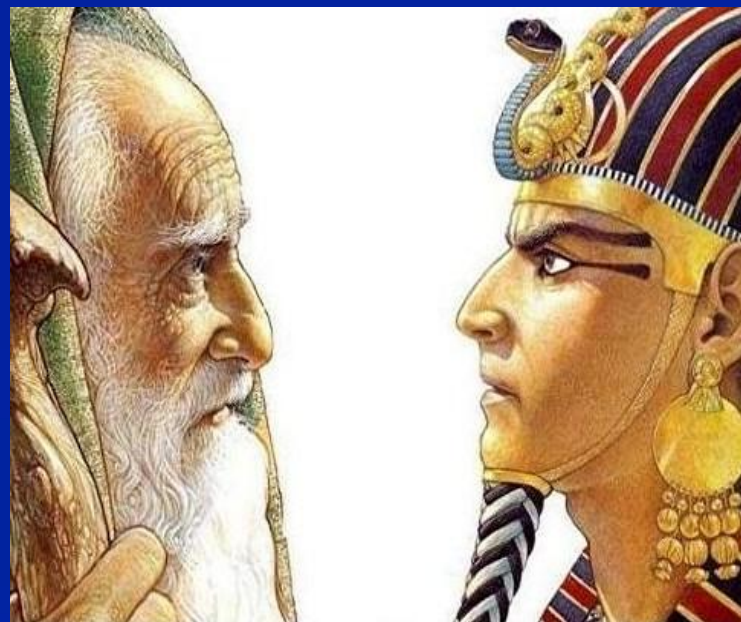


TORAH IS THE NECESSARY CONTEXT

- We can absorb things we hear unconsciously over time... especially when we're young
- The New Testament assumes that we possess knowledge of the Torah
- It is within the context of the Torah and Jewish culture that we are to understand Yeshua's words
- His meaning at that time remains the meaning now



THE 4TH WOE



- Ba'al Shem Tov Matthew begins: ***Oy lachem*** that is a combination of two words: Pain and War
- ***Remez*** level: comparison of the Pharisees to Pharaoh
- Mint, dill and cumin are spices, not necessarily “produce” of the land
- Tithe on produce was one-tenth Leviticus 27:30



To *Tithe*
or not to
Tithe...

- Different kinds of tithes, and the minimum was one-tenth
- Money as “frozen labor”
- YES! We are biblically mandated to tithe... But to what or whom?
- Biblically, the tithe was to the Temple
- No Temple for 2000 years
- The body of Believers is huge and scattered all over the Earth
- The organizations designed to lead God’s worshippers have evolved
- Tithing 10% represents the Spirit of the Law

CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE ARE MANMADE

- Synagogue created out of necessity due to the Babylonian exile
- Church is an off-shoot of the Synagogue, not of the Temple
- We are to support organizations that serve the Body of Christ, our Fellowship first
- Malachi 3:7 - 10



Freedom Shalom
King of Righteousness
Faithfulness
Justification Justify

Weightier Matters of Torah

Justice Mercy Faith



- What does “weightier” mean?
- Harder? What “law”?
- Should the Pharisees NOT have tithed on mint, dill, and cumin?
- Christ says they should have tithed as they did, but also should have done justice, mercy, and trust (or faith)
- Hosea 6:4 – 7
- Traditions are OK if they don’t twist God’s commandments or replace them; but they are NOT holy
- Targum Herios Beracot

THE PRINCIPLE OF ALL AGES AND FOR ALL HUMANITY



- Micah 6:6 – 8
- Acts 15:7 – 20
- Neither Micah nor James was abolishing the Law, but rather they explained the weightier things of the Law
- When approaching God: Obey Torah, obey the Prophets, obey God's Son, Yeshua

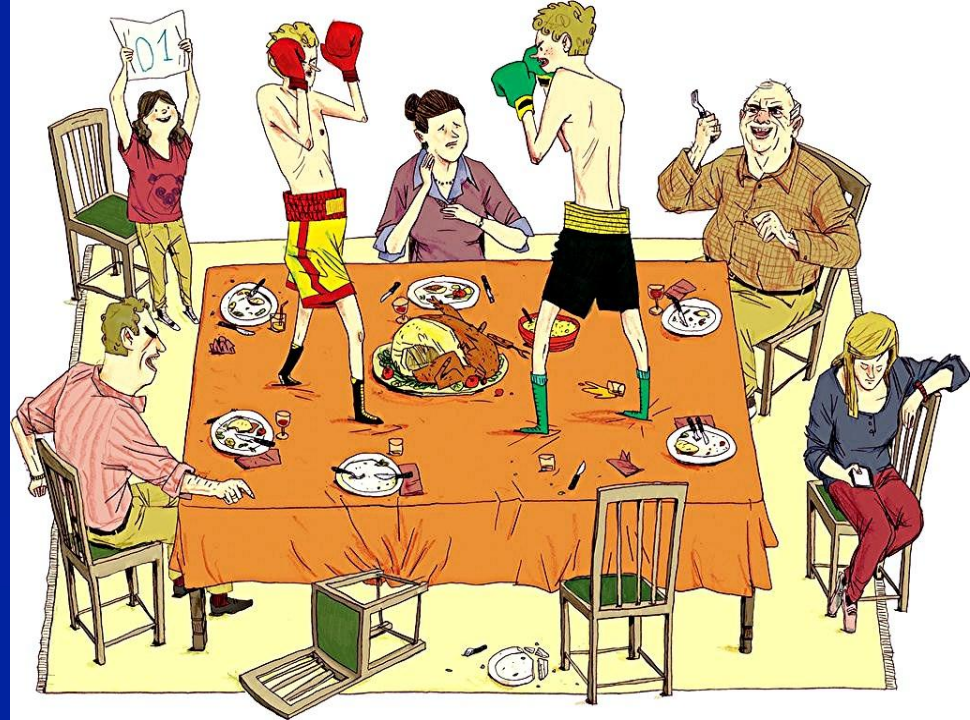
BLIND GUIDES

- Gnats and Camels aren't kosher
- The process is about filtering wine
- A metaphor about weightier vs. lighter and not mixing them up
- Woe #5 metaphor uses cups and plates
- This is NOT about proper ritual cleanness
- A hypocrite in a high position can ruin others



RUN FROM BAD TEACHERS!

- Our spiritual well-being is often tied to what we learn from our teachers
- 6th Woe
Whitewashed Tombs
- Is referring to tombs being plastered for ornamentation
- Zechariah's Tomb likely built during Yeshua's lifetime



BEIT SHE'ARIM



A SUMMATION OF WOES 4,5,6

- *Anomia* = lawless, without law
- Does NOT mean iniquity or evil doing
- In the Bible it always means disobeying the Law of Moses
- Woe #7
Hypocritically building tombs for the Prophets
- “Finish what your fathers started”



- Christianity says it is Israel's disobedience that brings on wrath
- Judaism says it is the Gentiles' disobedience that brings on wrath
- Matt.23:33 Implies that these Scribes and Pharisees are already judged irredeemable by Jesus
- Jewish Sages had created an Articles of Corrections and Additions

you are storing up
wrath for yourself
in the day of God's

WRATH

Romans 2:5

Gei Hinnom

