



How
**JUDAISM &
CHRISTIANITY
SEPARATED**

Answer Guide: The Revolt

DISCOVERING
THE **JEWISH
JESUS**

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A Jewish Believer In Jesus

The Revolt

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Series: *How Judaism and Christianity Separated*



Introduction

Jesus was a Jew. He came as a Jew. He lived as a Jew. He died as a Jew. His apostles were all Jews. He came to minister to the Jews. Knowing that this movement of Christianity had a deeply Jewish beginning, how now has Christianity so completely separated from Judaism? And should the Jewish people require gentile believers to keep the Law? Rabbi addresses these topics in this episode.

Fill in the blanks from Episode 6.

From James: "Therefore it is my judgement that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among Gentiles, but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath."
Acts 15:20–21

So, new Gentile believers did not have to follow the whole Law, but James determined that they should follow these four commandments: 1) ABSTAIN FROM THINGS CONTAMINATED BY IDOLS,
2) FROM EATING WHAT IS STRANGLED,

3) FROM DRINKING BLOOD,

4) FORNICATION (perhaps in order to foster fellowship between Jewish and gentile believers).

→ Many gentile believers, who had put their faith in Jesus, were learning about the God of Israel by going to the SYNAGOGUE on the SABBATH.

→ In 60-70AD, the Romans invaded Jerusalem, destroyed the temple, and levied a TAX against the Jewish people, collecting it on the Sabbath in the Synagogues. Gentile believers in Jesus didn't want to be taxed, so they stopped going to the Synagogues. Thus Gentile churches were launched with little understanding about the Jewish roots of their Christian faith.

→ BAR KOKHBA, in 132 AD, led a revolt against the Romans. Some Jewish people began to consider the general leading this revolt to be the Messiah. The Jewish believers in Jesus WITHDREW from the Jewish people for following this general. This ALIENATED the Jewish believers in Jesus from traditional Judaism.

→ Movements within Judaism:

THE SADDUCEES THE PHARISEES
THE ESSENES THE NAZARENES

→ CONSTANTINE unified the Roman empire under Christianity, but was an anti-semite. This further divides Judaism from Christianity.

Though Constantine rallied around his belief in Jesus and the cross, how was he used to further separate Judaism and Christianity?

How are the conflicts and troubles that these early believers faced (both Jew and gentile) applicable, conceptually, to our lives today? What are some promises from God that you depend on?

Key Points

→ Early after Jesus' ministry on Earth, gentile believers could attend synagogue and learn about the God of Israel, but, they didn't have to keep the whole Law because Jesus fulfilled it.

→ The gentiles believers stopped going to the synagogues when the Romans started to tax the Jews as punishment for their rebellion. Thus the division between Jews and gentile believers grew.