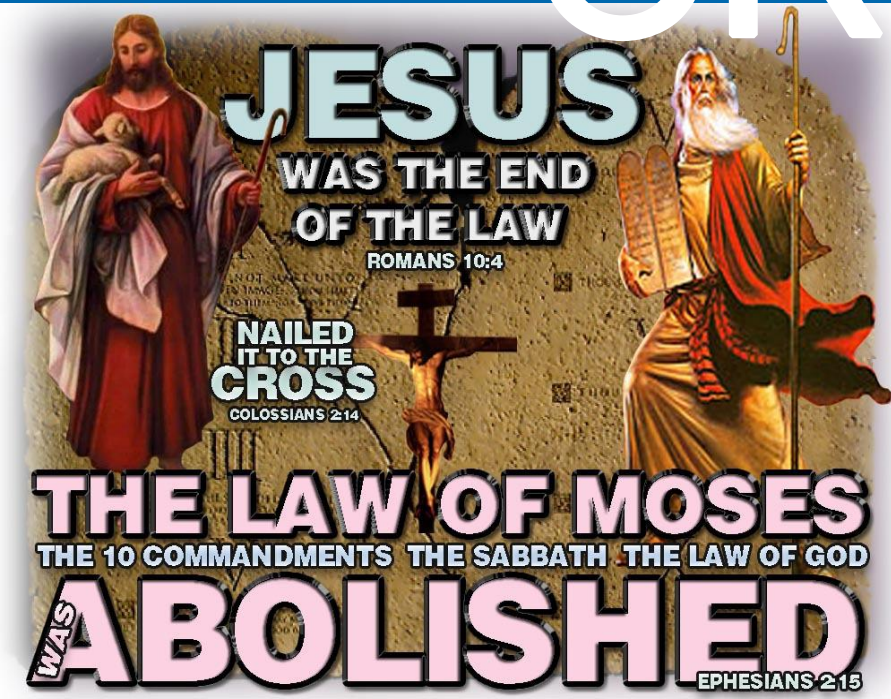


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# THE 3 ELEMENTS IN MATTHEW

- 1) Matthew presents Yeshua as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Moses
- 2) The Kingdom of Heaven has arrived so all must be understood in that context
- 3) The Law remains in force for Believers
- Most Bible scholars agree with elements 1 and 2, but not 3
- How & when did the anti-Law stance begin in the Church?

# THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS



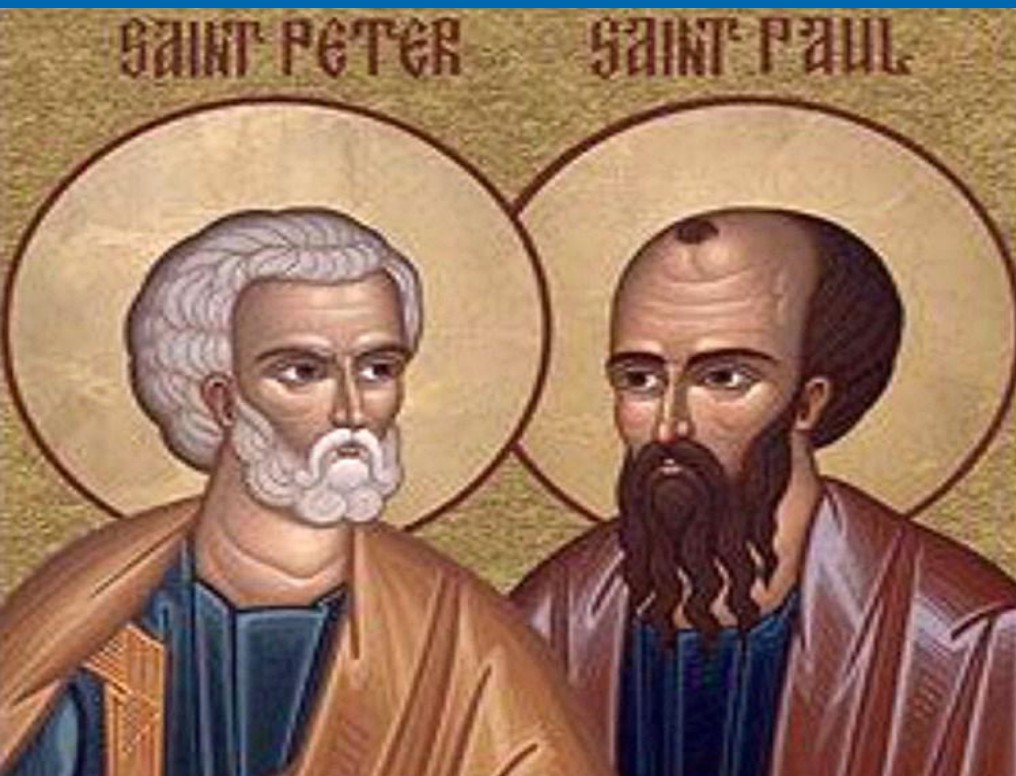
- Early Church Fathers were Bishops and scholars
- They lived and wrote from early 1<sup>st</sup> century to the 8th
- At the Council of Nicea, early 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Church began to morph into the institution we recognize today
- The earliest Church Father was Clement of Rome
- Born around 30 A.D., a Roman gentile, he lived when the Jews were still dominant in Church leadership

# Who Was Clement of Rome?

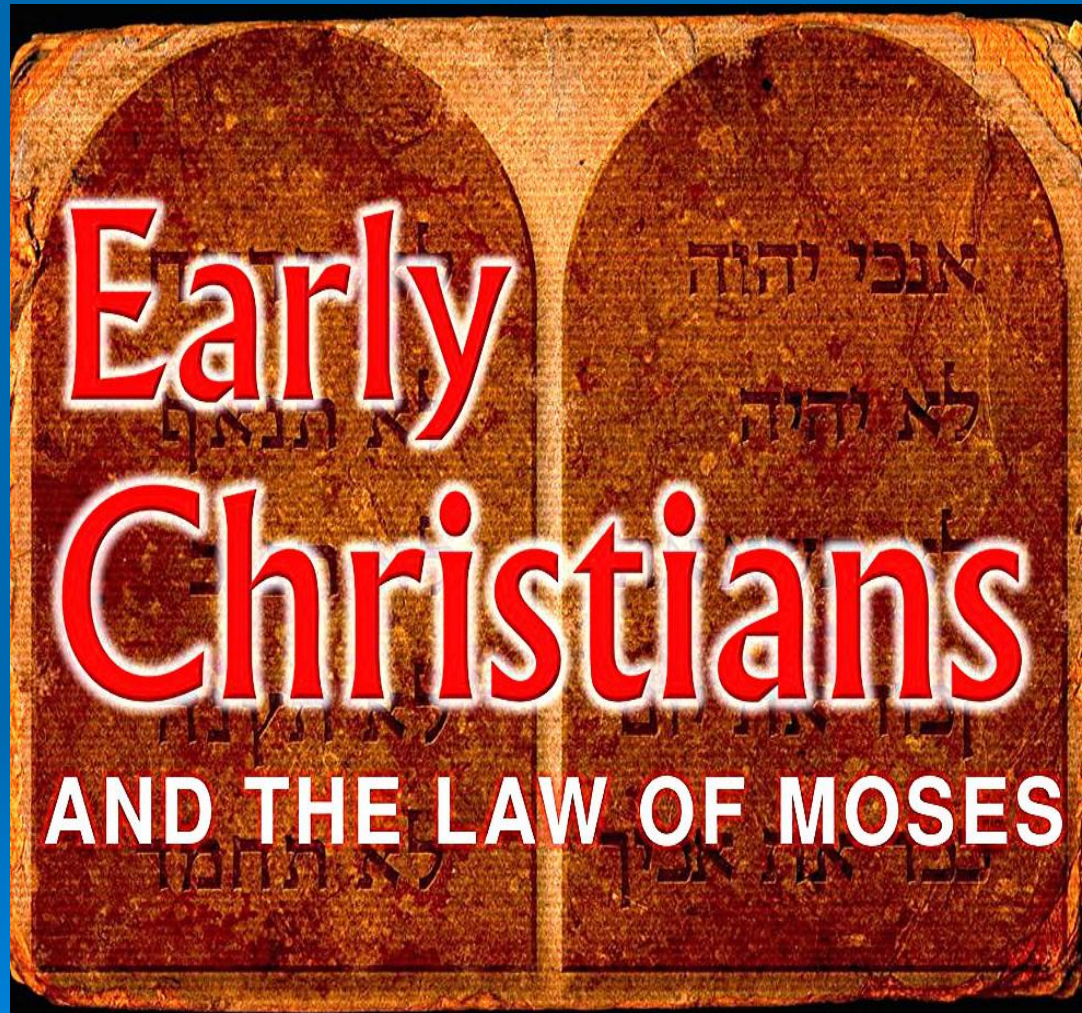
30 – 100 A.D.



- Personally disciplined by Peter and Paul
- Phil. 4:3
- Became the natural successor to Paul
- NT Epistles and Gospels chosen from among many, including Clement's
- 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle to the Corinthians
- Clement's is the earliest known doctrinal view within the Church

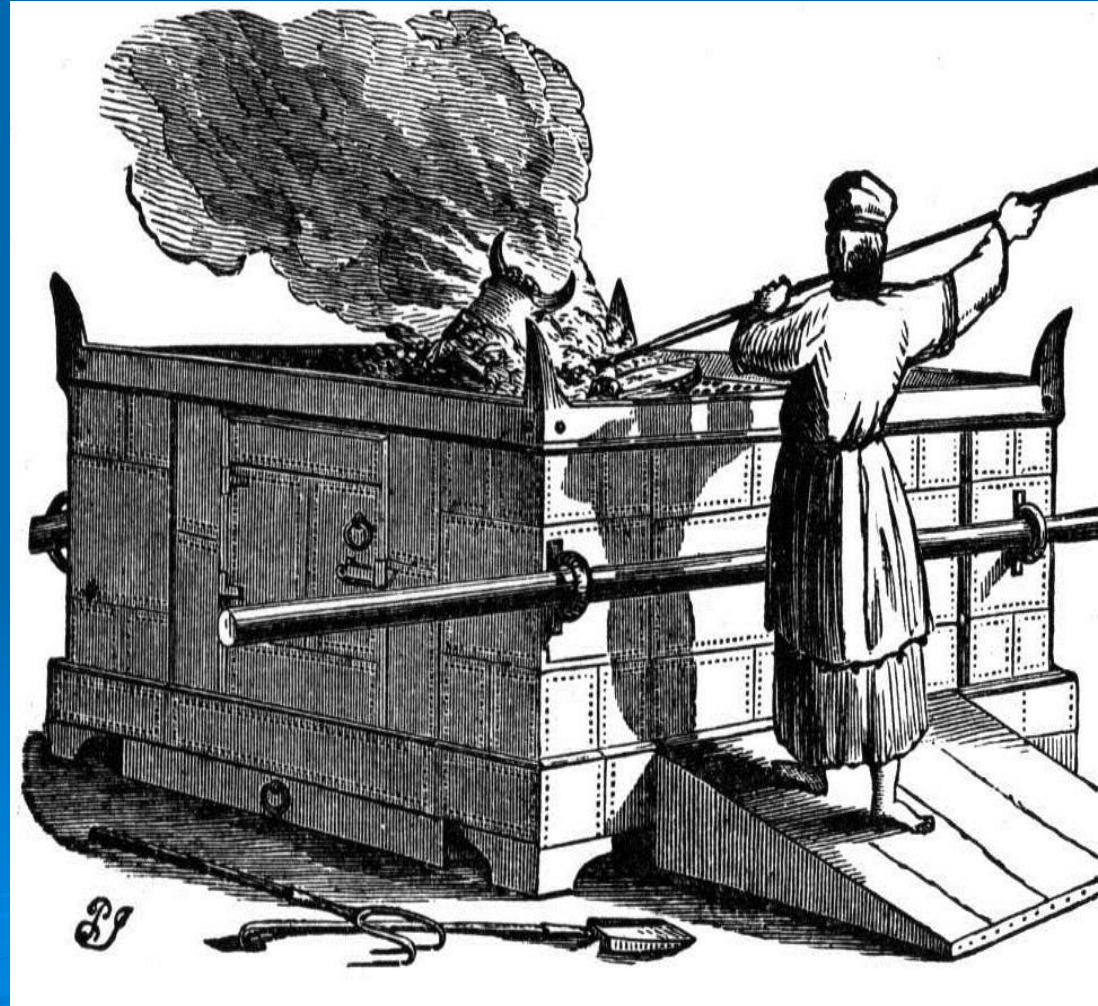


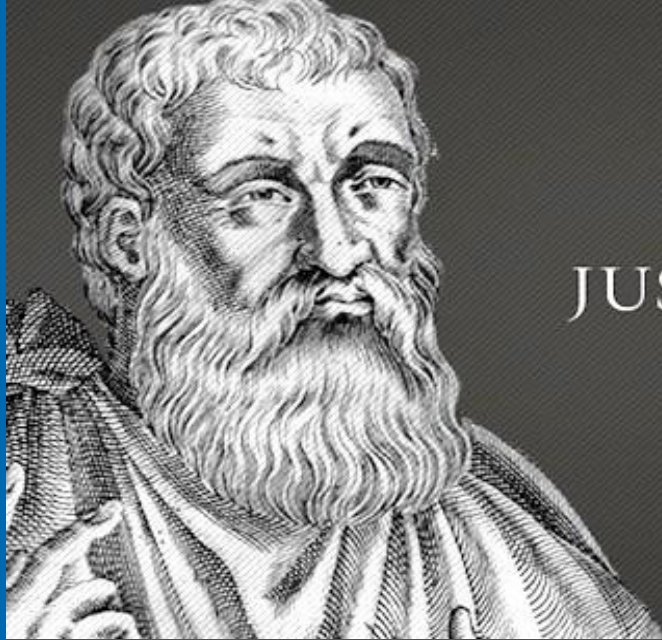
- Clement: “.. *Those who present their offerings at the appointed times...follow the Laws of the Lord... they sin not...*”
- Believers duty bound to do all things within their proper order
- “Laws of the Lord” does NOT mean “Laws of Jesus”
- “Laws of the Lord” are referring to God’s Laws...Law of Moses



# CONTROVERSY IN CORINTH

- Clement: “.. *Not in every place, brethren, are the daily sacrifices offered...but in Jerusalem only....*”
- Clement wrote this before 70 A.D. when the Temple was destroyed
- It seems some in the Corinth congregation were offering sacrifices on their own altars
- Even with the advent of Christ, Believers cannot change the appointed times or the ritual order
- Clement continued Peter and Paul’s doctrine about the Law of Moses





## JUSTIN MARTYR

110 - 165 A.D.

- Papias born 40 years after Clement
- *“Matthew put together the oracles of the Lord in the Hebrew language....”*
- Earliest Believers intent on obeying the Law of Moses
- Some, outside the Holy Land, went too far and took ritual matters into their own hands
- Justin Martyr, a favorite of Seminaries, took the Church in a radically new direction

# Dialogue with Trypho

Justin Martyr



- A true account
- Created about 150 A.D.
- Trypho: *“...Gospel...I have carefully read them...you, professing to be pious... observe no festivals or sabbaths or circumcision”*  
*“You, despising the covenant, reject the ...duties”*
- By this time the Church was gentile controlled
- Justin Martyr: *“... We do not trust through Moses or....the Law”*



- Justin Martyr says circumcision was only made for Jews because they are evil and rebellious
- Christians are now in control, and Jews have no place in leading
- *“...God enjoined you to keep the Sabbath.....on account of your unrighteousness and that of your fathers....”*
- *“...you were commanded to abstain from certain foods... seeing that you were prone and ready to depart from His knowledge..”*



## COUNCIL OF NICEA



- Council of Nicea 325 A.D. Anti-Law & Anti-Jewish doctrines written and embedded into Christianity
- After the deaths of Peter, Paul, John and Clement, there was a move to end anything “Jewish”
- Conclusion: There was an early, definite and identifiable path to disavow The Law of Moses and to discourage Jews from being part of the Church



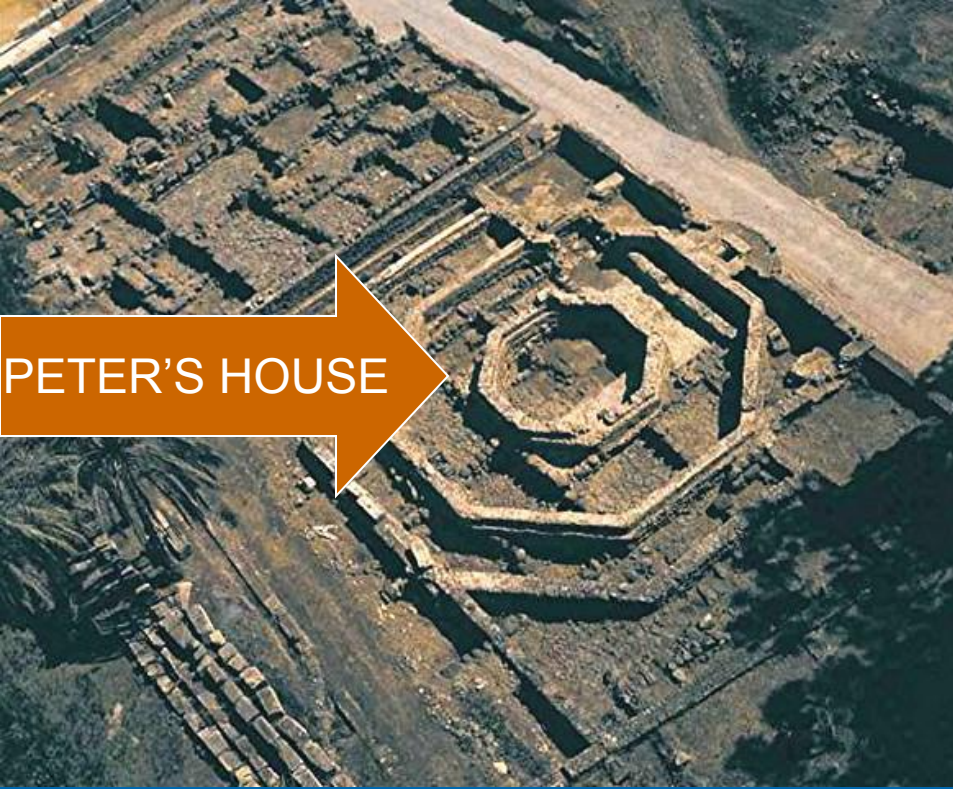
- Matt. 8:13 Centurion in Capernaum asks Yeshua to heal his house slave
- This was not a faith/trust in Christ as God or Messiah
- The Centurion's unyielding trust/belief in the miracles he saw Jesus do led him to approach Christ and trust
- Yeshua used this as an example of what (especially) His Jewish followers' faith ought to look like

# YESHUA HEALS PETER'S MOTHER IN LAW

- Mark 1:29 – 31
- James, John, and Jesus went to Peter's house from the Synagogue
- Upon being healed the woman got up "to serve" Yeshua
- "To serve" means to fix and serve Him a meal
- Yeshua seems to have known this woman



# PETER'S HOUSE



PETER'S HOUSE



- Peter's house was small and simple
- Added on to as a Church some decades later
- Capernaum a town of about 1500 people, a fishing village on a trade route
- The Centurion was likely stationed in Capernaum
- House and most of Capernaum built of volcanic black Basalt
- Christ lived most of his adult ministry in Capernaum
- Luke 7:1 - 10