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Everlasting (for ever, eternal) as Used in the Bible

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"ETERNAL `Olam: In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word `olam is used for "eternity," sometimes in the sense of unlimited duration, sometimes in the sense of a cycle or an age, and sometimes, in later Hebrew, in the signification of world. The Hebrew `olam has, for its proper New Testament equivalent, aion, as signifying either time of particular duration, or the unending duration of time in general. Only, the Hebrew term primarily signified unlimited time, and only in a secondary sense represented a definite or specific period. Both the Hebrew and the Greek terms signify the world itself, as it moves in time." (from *International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, Electronic Database Copyright (C) 1996 by BibleSoft)

"Everlasting" or "for ever" does not always convey eternal duration. It, like all other terms, must be determined by both an immediate expression (context) as well as the remote (context) usage of any given expression. "The whole of anything is the sum of its parts." When the term applies to God or to the ultimate state of His, we should consider it in the full and unqualified sense. When the term(s) applies to those things that the total teaching of the Bible presents as temporal (perishable or passing) in nature, then, we should consider the term(s) in a qualified or limited sense. Some of the limited, qualified (contexts) usages of "for ever" or "everlasting" are as follows:

Everlasting priesthood

(Note the expressions:

"Throughout their generations")

Exodus 40:15 And thou shalt

anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an **everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.** (Passages are from the KJV)

Numbers 25:13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, *even* the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.

Passover

Exodus 12:13-14 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD **throughout your generations**; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **for ever.** (See also verses 17 and 24)

Circumcision

Genesis 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an **everlasting covenant.**

Slave

Exodus 21:6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him **for ever.**

Olive Oil

Exodus 27:20-21 And thou shalt

command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which *is* before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: *it shall be* a statute **for ever** unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

Priests Clothing

Exodus 28:42-43 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute **for ever** unto him and his seed after him.

Offerings

Exodus 29:27-28 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which *is* for his sons: And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute **for ever** from the children of Israel: for *it is* an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD.

Ceremonial Washing

Exodus 30:19-21 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: When they go

into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: 21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute **for ever** to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

Temple

2 Chronicles 7:16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there **for ever**: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there **perpetually**.

Land

Genesis 13:15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed **for ever**.

Sabbath

Exodus 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel **for ever**: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Offering by fire

Leviticus 6:18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute **for ever** in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

Leviticus 6:22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: *it is* a statute **for ever** unto the LORD; it shall be wholly burnt.

Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16:31 *It shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute **for ever**. Leviticus 16:29 And *this* shall be a statute **for ever** unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

Offering of First Fruits

Leviticus 23:14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an

offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute **for ever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Festival Weeks

Leviticus 23:21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein*: *it shall be* a statute **for ever** in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

The Lamp

Leviticus 24:3 Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute **for ever** in your generations.

The Silver Trumpets

Numbers 10:8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance **for ever** throughout your generations.

Red Heifer Ceremony

Numbers 19:10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute **for ever**.

Priests and Levites Position

Deuteronomy 18:5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons **for ever**.

Numbers 18:8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance **for ever**.

Ammonite and Moabite Exclusion

Deuteronomy 23:3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD **for ever**:

Questions: From the total teaching of the Bible, do the items listed above comprise a part of the Old, Temporal System of Religion?

YES NO. Do the items listed above comprise a part of the final and ultimate state of religion that came by Jesus Christ and revealed to us in the New Testament? _____ YES _____ NO.

The Law may not be partially applied with God's approval (Matt. 5:17-20). If a person appeals to the Old Law for justification of an action, he will be obligated to keep the whole law (Gal. 5:3).

Those going to the Old Law for Sabbath regulation show a disrespect for the Law if they do not keep all the Law. Those going to the Old Law to sanction mechanical instruments of music show a disrespect for the Law if they do not keep all the Law. Those going to the Old Law to sanction Land Promises to Israel today show their lack of respect for the Law if they do not keep all their mandates of the Old Law.

Jamaica Campaign

Brian Kenyon will be leading eleven present and former students on a campaign to Jamaica, July 17-31. The work will involve door knocking, individual and group Bible studies, and a Gospel Meeting each evening. This will give us an excellent opportunity to put into practice the truths that are learned in the class room. We request your prayers for strength, safety, and success in spreading the Gospel of Christ to this part of the world.

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Theme: What Does It Mean To Be A Christian Like Paul?

Monday	Tuesday
9:00 How Was Paul Called to Be an Apostle? Charles Burch, Sparta, TN	9:00 Did Paul Make a Mistake? Bruce Daugherty, Daytona Beach, FL
9:40 Do You Teach Apostasy as Paul Did? Adron Doran, Lexington, KY	9:40 Paul: an Example to Preachers Part I, V. P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
10:20 Break	10:20 Break
10:50 Paul Changed Religions, Could You? Carlton Hyde, Lakeland, FL	10:50 What Did Paul Teach on Fellowship? Roy Dicks, Lake City, FL
11:30 LUNCH	11:30 LUNCH —(Faculty, Student, Alumni Photos)
How Did Paul Deal With Customs?	How Did Paul Address These Issues?
1:30 Head Coverings, Holy Kiss, and Foot Washing, Terry Hightower, Sachse, TX	1:30 Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage? Terry Hightower, Sachse, TX
2:00 Offending a Weak Brother, David Watson, Orange Park, FL	2:00 Homosexuality, Tom Holland, Brentwood, TN
2:30 Became All Things to Win Souls, Keith Cozort, Hager Hill, KY	2:30 Women in Leadership, Jimmy Clark, Athens, AL
3:00 Break	3:00 Break
3:30 Questions	3:30 Questions
4:30 DINNER	4:30 DINNER
6:30 Singing	6:30 Singing
7:00 What Did Paul Teach on Water Baptism? William Kerrison, Lakeland, FL	7:00 What Was Paul's View of the Church? Landis Suggs, Branford, FL
7:45 If Brother Paul Visited ...? B. C. Carr, Lakeland, FL	7:45 What Was Paul's View of God's Word? Jimmy Clark, Athens, AL
Wednesday	Thursday
9:00 What Did Paul Teach on Tongues? Mike Elledge, Alachua, FL	9:00 How Did Paul Handle Church Funds? Earl Edwards, Henderson, TN
9:40 Paul: an Example to Preachers Part II, V.P. Black, Chickasaw, AL	9:40 Paul: an Example to Preachers Part III, V. P. Black, Chickasaw, AL
10:20 Break	10:20 Break
10:50 How Did Paul View the Second Coming of Christ? Bob Carey, Gainesville, FL	10:50 What Did Paul Teach on Grace and Works? Earl Edwards, Henderson, TN
11:30 LUNCH	11:30 LUNCH
How Did Paul Reach the Lost?	How Did Paul Solve Problems?
1:30 By Starting Congregations, Dale Flowers, Westmoreland, TN	1:30 Personal Problems, Robert Brooks, Plant City, FL
2:00 By Stabilized Congregations, Maurice Davis, Lakeland, FL	2:00 Congregational Problems, J. H. Blackman, Jr., Lakeland, FL
2:30 By Teaching Congregations to Help One Another, E. Claude Gardner, Henderson, TN	2:30 Brotherhood Problems, Leslie Bland, Jacksonville, FL
3:00 Break	3:00 Break
3:30 Questions	3:30 Questions
4:30 DINNER	4:30 DINNER
6:30 Singing	6:30 Singing
7:00 How Did Paul View Heaven? Howard Johnson, Live Oak, FL	7:00 How Did Paul Deal With False Teachers? Vernon Sirmons, Lake Panasoffkee, FL
7:45 Did Paul Emphasize Doctrine? E. Claude Gardner, Henderson, TN	7:45 Do You Have the Zeal and Perseverance of Paul? Tom Holland, Brentwood, TN
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Tuesday _____ 8:30 to 12:00 _____ 8:30 to 12:00 _____ 1:00 to 4:15 _____ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Greek 21322 English Grammar 11324 Old Testament History 21339 Hebrews and Galatians 21343	Stearnsman Kenyon Stilwell Blackman	3 3 3 2½
Wednesday _____ 8:30 to 12:00 _____ 1:00 to 4:15 _____ 1:00 to 4:15	Life of Paul 21362 Topical Studies 11334 Computer-based Bible Exegesis 31392	Stearnsman Kenyon Stearnsman	3 3 3
Thursday _____ 8:30 to 12:00 _____ 1:00 to 4:15 _____ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Ezekiel and Daniel 21314 Song Leading 11333 Minor Prophets 22346	Kenyon Davidson Kenyon	3 3 2½
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