

Every Stroke Inspired: Embracing Jesus' High View of Scripture (Pt. 2)

Matthew 5:17-20

I. Affirm Jesus' Relationship to Scripture (17)

A. He Did Not Come to *Abolish* the OT (17a)

B. He Came to *Fulfill* the OT (17b)

1. He perfectly explained its meaning in His teaching (21-48)
2. He perfectly obeyed its commands in His life (Mt. 3:15; Jn. 8:46; 15:10; Gal. 4:4-5)
3. He perfectly embodied its message in His Person
 - a. Its prophecies (11:7-15)
 - b. Its ceremonies & sacrificial system (Lk. 24:27, 44; Jn. 5:39; Col. 2:16-17; Heb. 10:1-12)

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- Lit., "One *yōta* or one little horn, no not at all shall pass away."
- ***"Smallest letter"***
 - In Greek
 - Its name is "*ἰῶτα*", pronounced *yōta*.
 - It resembles our lower case "i".
 - It's equivalent to the English letter "I".
 - In Hebrew
 - Its name is "*yodh*", pronounced *yōth*.
 - It's equivalent to English "Y".
 - It looks like our apostrophe:
 - > 66,000 *yodhs* in the OT
 - Jesus says, "Not one shall pass!"

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- Lit., “One *yōta* or one little horn, no not at all shall pass away.”
- **“Stroke”**
 - Lit., “little horn”
 - The small pen stroke or projection that distinguishes one Hebrew letter from another
 - Cf. the English capitals of O and Q
 - ב [beth] vs. כ [kaf]
 - ד [daleth] vs. ר [resh]
 - Jesus says, “Not one of those small marks or projections will pass away, lose its force, or become invalid.”

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 - C. Its Plenary Inspiration – "until all"