



DEVARIM - WORDS

Deuteronomy 1:1 to 3:22

Isaiah 1:1-27

John 15:1-11

Hebrews 3:7 to 4:11

The Promise

Deuteronomy/*Devarim* is the last of the five books of Moses, which are traditionally called the *Torah*, God's/*Elohim* teaching and instruction. Deuteronomy is the culmination of the first four books and is the powerhouse volume that holds the vision and mandate for the Bride of Yeshua. For those who choose to walk humbly before God/*Elohim*, Deuteronomy becomes a type and shadow of the mantle Elijah passed on to Elisha. Deuteronomy contains material for Yeshua's priesthood. It is the *life* manual for all disciples, evangelists, teachers, rabbis, and prophets today and carries the final word concerning sanctification, righteousness, holiness, and the empowerment of the Spirit of Yeshua (John 5:46-47).

Moses epitomizes his last words to the Children of Israel in this last book of the Torah before they advance in to possess the land. As he will not be with them, he reminds them to be mindful and encourage Joshua, their new leader. If they listen carefully to God's/*Elohim* instructions and take them to heart, His word will lead them to victory. God's/*Elohim* principles have the ability to lift the faintest of men to become the strongest, and carry many beyond their own abilities, giving vision to the poor of heart, while humbling the oppressor and crushing the enemy. For those who walk in His words, they become their very life sustenance.

📖 **Leviticus 18:3-5** “According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: *I am* the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: *I am* the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

📖 **Ezekiel 20:10-12** “Therefore I made them go out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments,

'which, if a man does, he shall live by them.' Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh* who sanctifies them.

Moses

In Deuteronomy, Moses reflected on the Israelites forty-year wilderness beginning with the command to take the land from the Mountains of the Amorites to the Euphrates River. Instead of obeying, the Israelites preferred first to send an expedition in to spy out the land. Their report of the *visible* area was good. However, their impression of the *inhabitants* brought turmoil that cost many their lives and extended their journey in the wilderness forty years. Moses then shared how difficult it was to rule the people. As God/*Elohim* promised, they multiplied in number, but with that multiplication also came multiple problems, burdens, and complaints. Therefore, Moses set reputable leaders over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, and then set captains over the tribes to help preside over their needs. Moses himself decided the harder, more challenging cases. In this way, the camp ran smoothly.

The legacy of the Israelite struggles and their journey through the wilderness is an example for God's/*Elohim* people today. Moses was very concerned, with the hardness of their hearts and their constant debating, justification, and excuses. That prompted him to review God's/*Elohim* Covenant one last time. He carefully identified the delicate balance between what was righteous and what will cause the forfeit of their entrance into His Kingdom. With the reasoning of man's heart against God's/*Elohim* commandments, their issues show us today what needs our attention, as the Israelite hearts are a reflection of many hearts presently. Therefore, the teaching Moses is about to outline here is important, as the land of Israel is still in turmoil, and this turmoil has spilled over into every nation where the Israelites scattered to this very day. We all experience the burden of it. As we are part of God's/*Elohim* kingdom, we each have an integral role to play. Therefore, this last book is of great importance and holds the key to end times prophecy.

The days in the wilderness are complete when the Bride/believer understands *and* walks in her Covenant. Her Covenant is also called her Marriage Covenant/*Ketubah*. The teachings of Moses escort the Bride to her betrothal *and* ushers her into the wedding. When her desire becomes a reflection of her Bridegroom He draws her close in preparation for the marriage. When believers are fully engaged in His lifestyle, they are *betrothed* with Yeshua, the embodiment of the Father's Word. This transforming produces the life necessary for believers to reach their goal and purpose in Him – *eternal life*, which is also known as the restoration of David's tabernacle/Covenant (Amos 9:11).

🦋 **Ezekiel 20:34-38** “I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into *the wilderness of the peoples*, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,” says the Lord/*Adonai* GOD/*Yahweh*. “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you

into the bond of the covenant; I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh*” (Ezekiel Chapter 16).

📖 **Ezekiel 16:8** “When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time *was* the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine,” says the Lord/*Adonai* GOD/*Yahweh*.”

For those who marry, they reflect on their betrothal with fond memories, from the day of their engagement to the arrival of their hugely anticipated wedding day. The purpose and goal of engagement is reached when they arrive at the altar. Their wedding day is the *end* of their betrothal and the *beginning* of their marriage. Many Christians hear that when Yeshua died and resurrected, that event was the *end*. They equate that event as ‘*the end of the law,*’ which means they are *no longer under that old law in the Old Testament*. As a result, *Moses* is no longer applicable now that they are under the law of *grace* in Yeshua. Therefore, they reason that *all of His laws* are no longer required or relevant. However, Scripture clearly states the purpose of Yeshua’s work on earth was not to destroy the *Torah* (the works of life), but to destroy the *works of the devil*.

📖 **1 John 3:4-5, 8** “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you [*believer*] know that He [*Yeshua – the word*] was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning [*Beresheet/Genesis*]. For this purpose [*the beginning*] the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

Yeshua *fulfilled* or *ended* the law of sin and death. That was His *goal*. Now, *life* in Him *begins*. His *life* is not a synonym for *done away*. It is the opposite. As the couple followed all the *guidelines* of betrothal, those guidelines did not *end* or *cease* at the altar of *marriage*. So it is with Yeshua. When He sacrificed His life, He redeemed His people. The altar is where our old carnal life *ends* and our new redeemed life *begins*. Our walk and life in Yeshua begin at His Altar. Now we are in Covenant relationship, as are a husband and wife. As a gift, Yeshua generously gave His people all the guidelines to provide *eternally* for this abundant new life in Him. It is called eternal life (Exodus 13).

📖 **Matthew 5:17** “Do not think that I [*Yeshua*] came to destroy the [*Mosaic*] Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy [*end*] but to fulfill.”

Fulfill: Strong’s G4137 *to make full, to cause to abound, furnish, supply liberally, render complete, fill to the brim, perform, execute, sayings, promises, prophecies, to bring to pass, ratify, accomplish, to cause God’s will to be known in the law and God’s promises given through the prophets to receive fulfillment.*

Moses, knowing he only had a short time with Israel on the eve of her destiny, outlined one last time the pattern and heritage for all Israel. He led Israel over forty years and now they were coming to their final days together. Even though Moses could not join them, he desired to be a good steward in presenting a spotless Bride before his Redeemer. He strove to make sure a remnant would carry *the testimony* of the Covenant back to the Land. Moses also knew that once they entered the land, this would mean the difference between life and death. Therefore, his review was very critical at that time, as it is for us today.

✿ **Isaiah 41:13-14; 43:3** “For I, the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you.’ ‘Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you,’ says the LORD/*Yahweh* and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. For I *am* the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.’ ”

What will our legacy and lasting memories tell about us after we are gone? What will our children and grandchildren remember most? Moses invested the Father’s wisdom into the Children of Israel and their grandchildren after him to empower and arm them. That wisdom has carried generations (our generation included), and can be measured in wealth well beyond silver and gold.

✿ **Proverbs 3:13-15** “Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.”

✿ **Galatians 3:7-9** “Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture [*Yeshua*], foreseeing that God/*Elohim* would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, preached *the Gospel* to Abraham beforehand, *saying*, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham” (John 1:1,14).

Many have experienced a wilderness and wondered how they could survive. Without Moses to guide them, generations became lost as they could not find the streams of living water found in the desert. This impaired vision resulted in their generations scattering throughout the Nations. Did the wilderness disappoint Moses? This man had a profound relationship and trust in *Yeshua* and when he died was able to see Israel’s rich inheritance in the Land within the seed of Abraham to the next generations - *the salvation of his soul* (1Peter 1:7-11).

✿ **Hebrews 11:24-27** “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God / *Elohim* than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.”

🌿 **1 Peter 1:8-12** “Though now you do not see Him [*Yeshua*], yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith - *the salvation of your souls*. Of this salvation [*of the soul*] the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ/*Yeshua* who was in them [*the prophets*] was indicating when He [*Yeshua*] testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ/*Yeshua* and the glories that would follow. To them [*the prophets*] it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they [*the prophets*] were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached *the Gospel* to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things which angels desire to look into” (Deuteronomy 34:10).

The Purpose of the Wilderness

Some look at the wilderness experience as a form of punishment. It can be for those who have little faith. Look at the life of Moses. He was born in captivity and lived his whole life in the wilderness. He had wisdom beyond measure and was one of the most influential spokesmen in all of the Tanakh: *Genesis to Revelation* and has encouraged generations still this today. The wisdom Moses imparted from The Father is for *our* benefit, *our* generation, and *our* lives today. The seasons of testing in our lives (often called *trials, tribulations, and the wildernesses*) are to *help us*. These are times of infilling and empowering by the Spirit of the Holy One. The trials we face today help form *Yeshua's* character within. Through trials, we learn to trust and follow His instructions. That is how we grow in maturity in Him and build relationship (2 Corinthians 6:3-10).

🌿 **Isaiah 35:6-10** “Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; it shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD/*Yahweh* shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

Our Ketubah

Moses is our model of how to live and what we teach our children. Seeing *The Word face to face* enabled Moses to follow the pattern given to him. He was intimate with The Word and wrote down all he learned. These instructions are *The Covenant*. In Hebrew, it is called the *ketubah* or Marriage Covenant. Other Hebrew idioms for the *ketubah* are “*The promise.*” “*The Message.*” “*The Gospel.*” “*The Good News.*” “*Good tidings.*” “*The Song of Moses.*” “*The Kingdom of God/Elohim.*” “*The Song of the Lamb.*” “*The Royal Law.*” “*The Law of Liberty*” and “*The Word of Truth.*” The interpreters of the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* put all these expressions

together into one word namely *nomos* (Strong's G3551). Simply translated it comes out as "law." Unfortunately, through the lens of a Greek to English mindset, this word looks more negative and legalistic than positive. Using the word *nomos* has literally severed the Bride's identity.

We learned in past Torah studies (*Korach* and *Balak* www.sheepfoldgleanings.com) that the early Church fathers held to many of the teachings of Korah, Balaam, and Jeroboam. Their doctrines tried to discredit the teachings of Moses by eliminating a believer's identity and heritage altogether. Forbidding Passover and moving their focus over to the Babylonian feast of Easter under the rule of the First Council of Nicaea hindered many believers from knowing their true identity as part of Israel and averted the Redemption of the Firstborn from returning to the Promised Land. The Greek word *nomos* was one of the ways they strove to accomplish this (Exodus 13; Revelation 2:14; First Council of Nicaea).

Whenever we read the word *law* in our English *translation* of the Hebrew Scriptures of the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, it is through the Greek rendering *nomos*. As a result, when we read God's/*Elohim* Word today, we are not sure if the word *nomos* is referring to:

- The *law of life* in Yeshua: The teaching and instruction of how to receive the blessings, which include the moral and ethical codes of conduct for a holy redeemed lifestyle that governs His Kingdom? OR
- The *law of sin and death*: When a believer walks in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, or the pride of life and not according to the *law of life* (1 John 2:15-16)? OR
- One of the *Five Books of Moses* or all *Five Books of Moses* called *the Song of Moses*? (Exodus 15:1; Deuteronomy 31:22, 30; 32:44; Revelation 15:3) OR
- The Song of the Lamb*? (Revelation 15:3) OR
- The Gospel*? OR
- The Old Testament* or *Covenant* that man says has become obsolete? OR
- The Ten Commandments*, the wedding vows known as *precepts, decrees, statutes, judgments, statements, categories, and principles* that governs and gives believers life in Yeshua's Kingdom on earth? OR
- The Covenants* put into effect by the Holy Spirit to direct a believer's life (i.e. the Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic, Renewed Covenants)? OR
- God's *Feast Days* given to the bride as a road map to escort her to the wedding on time to celebrate with Him? OR
- Yeshua's *Commandments – the laws of life*? OR
- The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil – the laws of sin and death*? OR
- The Tree of Life*? OR
- The Law of Liberty*? OR
- The Royal Law*? OR
- The Kingdom of God*? OR
- The mind, will, constitution and government* of God? OR

- Satan's government?* OR
- The Word of Truth?*

Which *law* are believers to discern when they see the word *nomos*? As believers, we are not confused, but the Greek rendering *nomos* can leave us very confused.

If *law/nomos* in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* often refers to our Marriage Covenant, our identity, how to walk in our inheritance, and inherit the land, then why have so many down through the generations taught that *the law has been done away with* and that God's/*Elohim* people *are no longer under the 'law'*? We could further elaborate, but the point is: which *law is* the word *nomos* referring to in which chapter and verse of our English bibles: the realm that brings blessings (life) or the realm that brings curses (death)?

A frequently asked question today is, "*Do we have to obey Moses now that we have Jesus? Jesus fulfilled all the Law and the Prophets. Therefore, we are no longer under the law; we are now under grace and mercy.*" We are learning through Torah that salvation without sanctification is dead works (James 2:17). As stated earlier, yes, Yeshua fulfilled all of the law and the prophets, but the question is: which *law*? The Greek word *nomos* lumped all of Yahweh's laws into one word. Yeshua's death paid the price for unintentional and intentional sins once and for all time thereby fulfilling the *law of sin and death*, but does this mean His people no longer have to obey or walk in His teachings that He taught through Moses?

- ✠ **Matthew 5:17** "Do not think that I [*Yeshua*] came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."
- ✠ **Matthew 19:17** "So He [*Yeshua*] said to him, 'Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, *that is*, God/*Elohim*. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.' " (Revelation 22:14)
- ✠ **John 15:10** "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I [*Yeshua*] have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."
- ✠ **Romans 3:31** Paul said, "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law."

Which 'Law'?

- ✠ **Ezekiel 43:10-12** "Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write *it* down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. This *is* the *law of the temple*: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop *is* most holy. Behold, this *is* the *law of the temple*."

Who is The Law of The Temple?

🌿 **John 2:19-21** “Jesus/*Yeshua* answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ Then the Jews said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’ But He was speaking of the temple of His body.”

🌿 **Hebrews 8:1-2** “Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”

Ezekiel 43:10-12 reminds us of the law. The prophet Ezekiel recorded a prophetic word at the time that has yet to unfold in our day. Thus, this law is still applicable, as the law is all about *Yeshua* and His Kingdom. If the law of the temple still stands, which it does, then believers need to understand *who the law of the temple is*. Through Moses, we are given the law of the heavenly Tabernacle to mirror in our hearts. For an active heavenly *witness* on earth, the same temple rules apply. This response is known as a double-edged sword. In Deuteronomy, Moses reiterates the instructions for the building of the Tabernacle to the Israelites along with all of its laws, as these laws are *eternal* thus still relevant today. If not, then this prophecy in Ezekiel is not true and the prophet Ezekiel would be deemed a false prophet (1 Corinthians 3:16; Hebrews 4:12)

🌿 **Hebrews 4:12** “For the word of God/*Elohim* is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Ephesians 6:17; Revelation 1:16).

What Was Nailed To The Cross?

🌿 **Revelation 1:17-18** “And when I [*John*] saw Him [*Yeshua*], I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.’ ”

As seen earlier, Scripture clearly states the purpose of *Yeshua*’s work on earth was to destroy *the works of the devil, not the works of life/Torah*.

🌿 **1 John 3:4-5, 8** “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you [*believer*] know that He [*Yeshua – the word*] was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning [*Beresheet/Genesis*]. For this purpose [*the beginning*] the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

The manifestation of the Word of the Father – *Yeshua* - is explained in the *law of the Temple*. Moses presented *the living temple* to the people through the Tabernacle in the wilderness complete with all the instructions. Without this truth being evident within believers, their faith would be futile (Exodus 13).

- ✠ **Hebrews 2:14** “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil”
- ✠ **Revelation 20:10** “The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”
- ✠ **Hebrews 7:26-27; 9:11-28** “For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself” (Hebrews 9:11-28).
- ✠ **Colossians 2:13-15** “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He [*Yeshua*] has made alive together with Him [*in His resurrection through His Law of Life*], having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us [*the law of sin and death*], which was contrary to us [*in the Law of Life*]. And He has taken it [*sin and death*] out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed [*Satan’s*] principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it [*the cross/stake*].”

David Stern says,

“There are hundreds of commands in the New Testament meant as much for Gentiles as for Jews. Nor should it be thought that the New Covenant does away with moral, civil, ceremonial or any other category of law. There are New Testament commands for Jews and Gentiles in all of these categories. To give but a few examples, Romans 13:1-7 and Acts 5:29 touch on civil obedience and disobedience, Matthew 28:19 and 1 Corinthians 5:1-6:7, 14:26-40, 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 and Matthew 18:15-17 deal with order in the Messianic Community, and there are so many moral, ethical and spiritual commands that there is no need to cite them. We conclude that under the New Covenant the Torah remains in force and is as much for Gentiles as for Jews...”

Law Versus Torah

Are *law* and *Torah* one in the same word? No, they are separate. As the Bible is one complete book, it also contains sixty-six *books*. It is the same with the Torah. Contained within the Torah are laws for wisdom and jurisdiction, which lead to blessings or result in death. However, in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, the differences between the two are not distinguishable under

the word *nomos*. That is why there is great confusion to the body of believers (see parsha teaching *Mishpatim* - Exodus 21:1-24:17). Unfortunately, by the time the Scriptures were made available in affordable print (King James Version), anti-Semitism was rampant in the Church thus the word *nomos* (devoid of its Hebrew understanding) became a part of our heritage.

How Did Scripture Lose Its Hebrew Understanding?

The Hebrew language cannot translate linguistically word for word into English. From the 3rd to 2nd century CE, three significant changes took place in the Hebrew culture.

Firstly, Judah (or the Jews) began to strictly follow the oral tradition (Talmud) alongside the Torah, especially regarding the suppression of the sacred name of Yahweh.

Secondly, a massive campaign of Greek Hellenization began (started originally by Alexander the Great) with the purpose of uniting the Greek Empire, including Israel, under one common religious heritage. It was and still is today the foundation of the modern-day ecumenical movement.

And thirdly, the LXX (an acronym that stands for the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Torah) was commissioned and eventually adopted as Scripture for non-Hebrew speaking Jews. However, when subsequent translations of the Old Testament were commissioned, they worked with the readily available Greek/LXX translation instead of translating from the original the Hebrew, the language of the Torah. When scholars translated the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* they again used the Greek/LXX (not the original language of the written word). Thus, the Greek rendering took precedence over God's/*Elohim* original biblical language.

In translating, the Greek language is a more abstract, sterile, and legalistic in thought, while Hebrew is a picture language. We are not saying that the Greek language is wrong nor is the authority of the Scriptures in question. The point is, Greek can be misleading to those not familiar with Hebrew terms or idioms in this picture language. Also, since the original writers were Hebrew, they wrote in Hebrew.

With the help of Jeff Benner from the *Ancient Hebrew Research Center*, here are some Hebrew/Greek examples. The Hebrew word *statutes* H2708 חֻקִּים *chuqqah* in Hebrew understanding describes *the appointment of a particular time, function or duty that brings a people separated together*. The Hebrew word for *judgments* H4941 מִשְׁפָּטִים *mishpat* in Hebrew understanding describes *rulings over cases as well as the action of deciding a case*. In Hebrew, the picture of a ruler is *the door of life*. Thus the ruler or judge is one who restores life. The goal of one that rules or judges is to bring a pleasant and righteous life to the people. *Mishpat* can also mean a deliverer as one who restores life to his people. Therefore, His word or commandments H4687 מִצְוֹת *mitsvah* are loving instructions/laws to guide and bless His people.

Translating the original Hebrew into Greek left both people groups (Jews/Christians) veiled from the truth *for a season*. Those from a Christian/*Hellenistic* taught background found it hard to see Torah in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, thus avoided it. Correspondingly, those from a Jewish/*Talmud* education also found it hard to see Messiah in the Old Testament/*Tanakh*.

Keeping to the original Hebrew opens Scripture in a whole new light— especially passages containing terms like *statutes, commandments, and judgments*. Comparing the Greek/LXX with the original Hebrew helps us see the difference.

The LXX or Greek Septuagint:

Deuteronomy 11:1 “Therefore you shall love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, and keep His charge, His *statutes*, His *judgments*, and His *commandments* always.”

The Hebrew transformed understanding:

Deuteronomy 11:1 “Therefore you shall love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, and keep His charge, His חֻקֵי *chuqqah* the appointments of specific time, function, and duty that brings a separated people together [*ie: His principles, Shabbat, and Feast Days*], His מִשְׁפָּטִים *mishpat* the principles to the door of life, and His מִצְוֹת *mitsvah* that enable, guide, direct, and bless those who walk in Him always.”

We do not mean to condemn the translations we have available today, but instead shed light *Hebraically* on some Greek legalistic terms (Deuteronomy 8:11; Deuteronomy 26:17; Deuteronomy 30:16; 1 Kings 2:3; 1 Kings 6:12; 1 Kings 8:58; Psalm 119:48).

Quote: *Hellenistic Judaism* by L. Feldman,

“The Septuagint is the oldest Greek translation of the Bible. Legend contained in the apocryphal letter of Aristeas, according to 72 elders of Israel, six from each tribe, translated the LAW (Torah) into Greek, in Alexandria, during the reign of Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-244 BCE). The Greek translation was for the growing Hellenistic non-Jewish population at the time. The Septuagint was laced with subtle changes. The Hebrew meanings were changed into Greek/Hellenistic meanings. For instance, Yahweh’s Name was changed over 7,010 times to Lord, God, and Adonai (Greek names for their gods). The fact that the word Torah was translated as nomos/law opened the way for anti-Torah in early Christianity and an adoption of many Greek pagan ways. A very subtle introduction of pagan idolatry had slipped into the Holy Scriptures. Finally, the designation Septuagint was extended to the rest of the Bible and non-canonical books that were translated into Greek during the following two centuries.”

God/Elohim sets in place His Kingdom principles to live by *for a blessing*. If we violate His instructions, then they become *a law against us*. That is the reason why John the Baptist came preaching *the baptism of repentance* and why we see Yeshua start His earthly ministry with “*The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God/Elohim is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel [My instructions Moses wrote as a blessing for you at Mount Sinai]*” (Mark 1:4,15).

🌿 **James 2:8-12** “If you really fulfill *the royal law [Torah, the Gospel]* according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin [*against the royal law/Torah, the Gospel*], and are convicted by the [*Torah, which now becomes a*] law [*against you*] as transgressors [*of the Torah*]. For whoever shall keep the whole law [*Torah*], and yet stumble in one point [*not having guarded over the principle of the Torah – the law of life*], he is guilty of all [*and will be convicted by the law of sin and death*]. For He who said, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ also said, ‘Do not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the [*Torah which now is a witness against you called the*] law [*of sin and death*]. So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty [*Torah*].”

The *grace* in Torah is God’s/Elohim provision of forgiveness and redemption back to Him. His truth was preached in the beginning (Genesis/Beresheet) long before Mount Sinai. His word is called the *Song of Moses* in what Yeshua refers to as *the Gospel*. The Gospel explains all about the Kingdom of God/Elohim. Yeshua is the Gospel manifest in the flesh. He was crucified before Creation and walked as the Living Word/Torah bringing redemption and grace to all. That was His gift of grace and mercy for all mankind. Yeshua is the *Song of Moses* (Deuteronomy 31:22, 30; 32:44; 1 John 1:1; Revelation 13:8).

🌿 **Revelation 15:3** “They sing *the song of Moses*, the servant of God, **and** *the song of the Lamb*, saying: ‘Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!’ ”

The two songs are one in the same song

🌿 **Deuteronomy 30:10-16** “If you obey the voice of the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law [*the Song of Moses – the Gospel*], and if you turn to the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. For this commandment which I command you today *is not too* mysterious for you, nor *is* it far off. It *is* not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Nor *is* it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD/Yahweh your God/Elohim will

bless you in the land which you go to possess.”

📖 **John 5:46-47** Yeshua said, “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he [Moses] wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings [*the Gospel, the Song of Moses*], how will you believe My words/Torah?”

📖 **Mark 1:14-15** “Jesus/*Yeshua* came to Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, ‘*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel [the Song of Moses].*’”

Grace – Yeshua, The Rock of Our Salvation

📖 **Deuteronomy 32:15** “But Jeshurun [*Israel*] grew fat and kicked; you grew fat, you grew thick, you are obese! Then he forsook God/*Elohim* who made him, and scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation [*Yeshua*].”

📖 **1 Corinthians 10:1-4** “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ/*Messiah*.”

📖 **1 Peter 2:7-9** “Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.’ They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (2 Samuel 22:47; Psalm 18:2-3,46, 62:7; 89:26; 95:1; Romans 9:33; Isaiah 28:16).

📖 **Matthew 16:18-19** “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock [*Yeshua*] I will build My church/*ekklesia*, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Unfortunately, through the ages man took ‘Jesus’ out of His *Hebrew* context. They tried to sterilize Yeshua by separating Him from His contextual Hebrew background. Christian history even removed Him from the Old Testament/*Tanakh*. By doing this Yeshua’s personal love letter to us was labeled *law* and His Marriage Covenant given us by Moses was no longer part of His Grace. The *Tanakh* is His Grace, and the New Testament is a commentary or testimony about that Grace. When we put Yeshua back into His Hebrew biblical context, more Jewish people will see Him as their Messiah and man will start to walk *with* God/*Elohim* instead of separating himself from His Son. God/*Elohim* and His Son are one. ‘The Word’ or ‘Scripture’ became *living flesh* (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12: 29; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 17:21-22; 1 John 5:6-8).

🌿 **John 1:1-4, 14** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God/*Elohim*, and the Word was God/*Elohim*. He was in the beginning with God/*Elohim*. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Yeshua fulfilled the purpose of the Word, which is to draw believers to Him. He is the goal/*telos* of Torah. Grace is not a synonym for *the law passing away*. The *law* is Yeshua. The law/Torah is a lifestyle. Only in Yeshua, the author of the Torah, can His people live. Yeshua’s words (at Mount Sinai, His teaching and instruction) will never disappear any more than He can disappear. His word is filled with the Spirit and will always be our guide.

🌿 **Matthew 24:35** “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words [*ALL Scripture from Genesis to Revelation*] will never pass away.”

We are instructed to teach our children (and those returning to God/*Elohim*) *the message/the Gospel/the teachings* of God/*Elohim* to bring Life. When the Children of Israel 3,500 years ago stumbled over the message given by Moses, they missed the fullness of the Messiah contained within His Word/*Torah*. It is the same for us today. That is why Moses was very careful to share the Word with the Children of Israel on the eve of their entering the land. He talked with them in *present tense*, meaning the message of *the Gospel* is an eternal living word (Hebrews Chapters 3 & 4).

🌿 **Hebrews 13:8** “Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach* is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

🌿 **Revelation 1:8** “I [*God*] am the Alpha [*Aleph/the beginning/Genesis*] and the Omega [*Tov/the end/Revelation*],” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

🌿 **Revelation 22:13** “I [*Yeshua*] am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning* [*Beresheet/Genesis*] and *the End* [*Revelation*], the First [*Aleph*] and the Last [*Tov*].” (Revelation 22:16, 20).

🌿 **1 Peter 1:10-12** “Concerning *this salvation*, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which ***the Spirit of Yeshua in them*** was pointing when he [*the Spirit of Yeshua*] predicted the sufferings of Messiah and the glories that would follow. **It** [*the Gospel given by Moses at Mount Sinai*] **was revealed to them** [*the prophets filled with the Spirit of Yeshua*] **that they** [*the Spirit filled prophets*] **were not serving themselves but you**, when they [*the Spirit filled prophets*] spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached ***the Gospel*** [*The words given Moses - the Bride’s marriage covenant/ ketubah given at Mount Sinai*] to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”

📖 **Hebrews 3:7 to 4:11** “So, as the *Spirit of Yahweh* says: ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest’ (Psalm 95:7-11).

“Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did Yahweh swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed (or disbelieved)? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief [*in the Gospel*].

“Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the **Gospel** [*The words given Moses at Mount Sinai*] preached to us, just as they [*the Children of Israel*] did [*at Mount Sinai*]; but the **message** [*the Gospel*] they heard was of no value to them, because those [*at Mount Sinai*] who heard did not combine it with faith [*obey the word they heard*]. Now we who have believed [*who put into practice what we heard*] enter that rest, just as Yahweh has said, so I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest’ (Psalm 95:11).

“And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: ‘And on the seventh day God rested from all his work.’ (Genesis 2:2). And again in the passage above he says, ‘They shall never enter my rest’ (Psalm 95:11).

“It still remains that some will enter that rest [*because they obeyed the message/Gospel*], and those who formerly had the Gospel [*the words given Moses at Mount Sinai*] preached to them did not go in, because of their *disobedience* [*to act on His Word*]. Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it *Today*, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: **Today**, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts (Psalm 95:7,8).

“For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let ‘US’, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest [*by obeying His **Chukim** - His lasting impressions, marks, signs and wonders, His **Mishpatim** - His loving kindness, and His **Mitzvot** - His loving principles, teaching and instruction to guide and direct the you through the Wilderness and enabled you to enter in and posses the land He has given you*], so that no one will fall by following their [*Israel’s*] example of disobedience.”

The message Moses imparted in his day was prophetic, eternal, and empowered by the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh*, for us today. His words have been hotly contested all through history (*His-story*), as they ultimately reveal Yeshua is truly *the Messiah*. Yeshua said,

*“For if you believed **Moses**, you would believe **Me** [Yeshua]; for he [Moses] wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his [Moses] writings, how will you believe **My** [Yeshua’s] **words** [chukim, mishpatim and mitzvot]?” (John 5:46-47).*

Studying history shows what happened to those who refused Moses and rejected God’s/Elohim words. When people reject Moses, they also reject God/Elohim and His plan (Exodus 19:5-6). When people take matters into their own hands, the outcome is idol worship, plagues, and wars. When God’s/Elohim people listen and walk in His word, they are filled with immeasurable blessings and provisions, which leads to an inheritance in the land and ultimately back to *the Garden* – eternal life (3 John 2).

The Gospel Will Not Disappear!

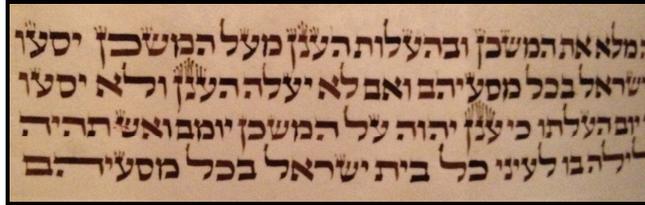
Why is there a dark cloud over what God/Elohim taught through Moses? Generations to this day have rejected His teaching and instruction. The attack on Moses has been relentless throughout the eras. Many believers today still slander Moses and mock God’s/Elohim instructions. God’s/Elohim Word spoken through Moses has not been upheld nor taught by those who call themselves “*Disciples and ministers of the Gospel.*” Why is this?

Four studies ago in *Balak Part Two*, we looked at a few of the early church fathers that tried to erase any correlation between Moses’ teachings and the message of Yeshua in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*. Looking into the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*, Scripture reveals that the only Word Yeshua and His disciples taught were the same words that God/Elohim spoke to Moses and His Prophets in the Old Testament/*Tanakh*. Therefore, **The Gospel - Torah** is the only Word of Truth. Yeshua is the spoken Word/*Gospel* in the flesh (see Parsha *Balak* – Numbers www.sheepfoldgleanings.com).

📖 **Matthew 5:17-18** “Think not that I [Yeshua] am come to destroy the law [*Torah*] or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law [*Torah*], till all be fulfilled.”

Matthew 5:17-18 must be true because heaven and earth have not passed away. Every word spoken by Moses and the Prophets is true and will be fulfilled.

What are *jots* and *tittles*? In Hebrew, they are called *yud* and *nekudah* and mean the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet and the smallest markings such as crown points on top of some Hebrew letters bringing attention to God’s/Elohim commands. In Torah scrolls, the Hebrew letters are inscribed precisely from one Torah scroll to the next, from generation to generation.



When Yeshua spoke in Matthew 5:17-18, He pointed to the accuracy of *His* Word passed on to us exactly the way Moses received and wrote it thousands of years earlier. Yeshua was saying that the HEBREW characters and particles WOULD NOT PASS AWAY FROM THE TORAH!!!

Why is this important? The Messiah is clearly stating in the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* (Matthew 5:17-18) that the final *authority* regarding the Torah and the prophets was the **Hebrew writings** – *not translations*. The Greek language does not have characters called *jots or tittles!* Yeshua was not condemning translations; He was teaching us today that it is the HEBREW that constitutes the final court of appeal regarding what is right and what is wrong. Many people have incorrectly learned that our ultimate authority is the New Testament/*Brit Chadasha*. ***Eighty-five percent of the New Testament/Brit Chadasha is made up of quotations from the Hebrew Tanakh (Old Testament)!*** Therefore, the *Brit Chadasha* could be considered a commentary and testimony companion of the *Tanakh*. The *Tanakh* and the *Brit Chadasha* should be thought of and taught as ***one complete book***, not two separate independent books.

What does Yeshua ask us to obey and command us to walk?

📖 **Mark 1:14-15** “Jesus/*Yeshua* came to Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, ‘*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.*’”

For a deeper insight we go to the Book of John.

Love One Another John 15:1-11

The New Testament/*Brit Chadasha* reading this week picks up in the middle of a teaching by Yeshua, which began in John 13:34 and continues through to John 15:17. This teaching is called “*Love One Another.*” The interpretation suggests that Yeshua was teaching *a new command*, but clearly, He was quoting from Leviticus 19:18 and *renewing* this teaching to His disciples at the Passover meal. Just as Moses gave “his children” *the Gospel*, before his death, Yeshua also shared His notable last words, *His Gospel from Mount Sinai*, with His closest followers.

Yeshua shared ***Moses*** with His disciples just hours before His death and said to them,

“I am the way and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. IF you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him” (John 14:6-7).

The phrase *I am the way, the truth, and the life* is an idiom for the *Torah*, God’s/*Elohim* teaching and instruction – *the Gospel*. Yeshua revealed to His disciples that *He is the Living Torah, the Word made flesh*.

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? IF you LOVE ME, you will obey *what I command [mitzvot spoken through Moses at Mount Sinai]*. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has *my commands and obeys them [mitzvot spoken through Moses at Mount Sinai]*, he is the one who LOVES ME. He who loves me, will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me...the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”

“I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. I am the vine; you are the branches. IF a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. IF anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. IF you remain in me and *MY WORDS [spoken through Moses at Mount Sinai]* remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you [*not for your purposes, but for the Father’s purpose*]. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples [*one who obeys His Mitzvot*].”

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. IF you *obey my commands [mitzvot given at Mount Sinai]*, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command [*mitzvot spoken through Moses at Mount Sinai*]... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. This is my command/*mitzvot*: Love each other” (Leviticus 19:18; John 13:34-15:17).

When God’s/*Elohim* people diligently root out the enemy from their camp (*the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life*) they are drawn toward repentance and heart circumcision (Luke 3:7-17). Only through repentance (not remorse, regrets, guilt or sorrow), are God’s/*Elohim* people set free from Satan’s rule of self-imposed imprisonment. In repentance, God’s/*Elohim* people are gifted with the fruit of repentance called the Fruit of the Spirit for their encouragement and to strengthen their commitment in Yeshua. This fruit is His Government that

protects and guides His people from the wiles of the enemy. When His people repent, they remove the old filthy garments (the sin nature) and liberate themselves from the grave clothes that had bound them from Yeshua's Truth. Once free, they can now begin their redeemed lifestyle of sanctification that leads to a committed walk in Yeshua's priesthood.

The Vision Concerning A Rebellious Nation Isaiah 1:1-27

Isaiah was a Prophet during the reign of four kings from the House of Judah and seven kings from the House of Israel. The Two Houses (Kingdoms) of Israel had been at war with each other since Jeroboam separated with the Northern Kingdom after King Solomon's son Rehoboam came to power. The House of Israel went into idolatry first. The Two Houses were not on friendly terms until the King Jehoshaphat of Judah made an alliance with the House of Israel through King Ahab. Intermarriage between their children strengthened the alliance. However, the House of Judah took on the idols introduced by the House of Israel, and in the time of Isaiah, both houses had fallen heavily into occultism under the reign of King Ahaz.

Ahaz King of Judah walked in the ways of the House of Israel and followed the detestable ways of the nations. He offered sacrifices to pagan gods, to the point where he even sacrificed his firstborn son in the fire. He burned incense on the high places and under every spreading tree. He made a copy of King Tilgath-Pileser of Assyria's pagan altar to replace God's/*Elohim* altar in the Temple and had the priest offer daily sacrifices and offerings on it. Ahaz also removed the side panels and the basins from the movable stands along with the sea from the bronze bulls and set it on a stone base. He then removed the Sabbath canopy in deference to the Assyrian gods (2 Kings 16).

Removing the Sabbath canopy represented not only the replacing of God's/*Elohim* Sabbath but also His Feast Days. In its place, Ahaz ordained Babylonian celebrations in honor of their pagan gods, which he introduced to God's/*Elohim* house. These celebrations were for the spring and winter solstice (called Easter and Christmas today), as well as worship of the Babylonian crescent moon (opposite direction to the Hebrew Biblical crescent). In doing so, Ahaz King of Judah turned his back on the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and showed his allegiance to Tilgath-Pileser King of Babylon by worshipping their gods in a forbidden way.

As we enter the *haftarah* reading this week, we hear the prophecy to the Children of Israel who rebelled against God's/*Elohim*. The same as was in King Ahaz's time can be true in our day. Many believers have mixed God's/*Elohim* ways with pagan worship and are offering this up as strange fire. They have turned their backs on God/*Elohim* and forsaken His ways by upholding pagan festivals. Therefore, God/*Elohim* used the prophet Isaiah to speak to His people. God/*Elohim* is still using Isaiah to speak to His people today. May we hear (*shema*: hear and obey) the words of Isaiah in our hearts and return to the proper worship of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

📖 **Isaiah 1:10-20** "Listen to the LAW/*Mitzvot* of Yahweh [*The Gospel: the teaching and instruction given at Mount Sinai*] ... I have had enough of your [*Babylonian*] sacrifices!

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What are they to me? *Your* [Babylonian] New Moon Festivals and *your* [Babylonian] appointed feasts my soul hates... Wash and make yourselves clean... *Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!*... Come now, let us reason together,' says the LORD/Yahweh. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.' For the mouth of the LORD/Yahweh has spoken."

We are Abraham's seed. We are the children Moses spoke to, and we are God's/Elohim disciples/*talmudim*. What *Gospel* message are we to uphold? How are we to *worship* Him today? What is the *good news* we are to share with His people today? Are we sharing the same Gospel message and good news that Abraham, Moses, all the Prophets, Yeshua and all His disciples shared? Is it a message of repentance PLUS the Gospel of Yeshua and how to walk in a *sanctified, redeemed, and holy* lifestyle for a redeemed people? Are we teaching His *Royal Priesthood* how to walk as a *Holy Nation*? Is it the same message given at Mount Sinai or is it a *mixed* message? What are we declaring among the Nations? Are we proclaiming God's/Elohim Glory by celebrating *His* New Moon Festivals, *His* appointed moedim/Feast Days and keeping *His* true Sabbaths? Are we teaching our children how to discern what is clean and what is unclean, what is holy and what is unholy? What fruit are we producing? Does it resemble Yeshua's teaching at Mount Sinai on Shavuot and bear witness as we witnessed at the Feast of Shavuot/Pentecost in Acts 2? Whose disciples are we? Does our heart follow after Yeshua's heart and do we love with passion God's/Elohim Torah as David did - *called His Royal Law – the Gospel, His Law of Love?* (Leviticus 23; Numbers Chapters 28-29; Ezekiel 44:23-24; Galatians 3:7, 29; James 2:8).

🏰 **Joshua 24:14-15** "Now therefore, fear the LORD/Yahweh, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD/Yahweh! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD / Yahweh, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD/Yahweh."

To be continued...

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