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Deuteronomy 3:23 to 7:11

Isaiah 40:1-26

Matthew 4:1-11

Mark 12:1-44

1 Timothy 2:4-6

We continue from the previous study *Devarim* (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22 found at www.sheepfoldgleanings.com) with Scripture's account of the last days in the life of Moses and his final words of encouragement to the twelve tribes of Israel. Here Moses teaches the Children of Israel to follow God's/*Elohim* words that it might go well with them in the land they are about to inherit.

HEAR – TO DO

📖 **Deuteronomy 4:1** “Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* of your fathers is giving you.”

The words *statutes* and *judgments*, which we studied in the last study, are witnessed in God's/*Elohim* signs and wonders. *Hear* Strong's H8085 שמע *shama* means *to carefully hear someone or something as well as respond appropriately in obedience or action*. To believe incorporates comprehending and understanding what is heard. The Spirit, who dwells within the words, activates within those who respond to what they hear – *thus the dead will rise to life* (Acts 3:11-22).

📖 **Ezekiel 37:7-10** “So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them. Also He said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD/*Adonai Elohim*: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”’ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.”

We are learning that when one *hears*, it means *to do*. Hearing speaks of faith. *Faith* is Strong's H530 אֱמוּנָה *'emunah* which means to *trust*, as in *firm, kind, and sure*. In Paleo Hebrew, we are given the picture of a *seed continuing*. Each species (kind) continues by passing its blood from the parent to the following generations. *Emunah* also gives the picture of strength through the blood. Truth is trusting in the Covenant of God/*Elohim* and His faithfulness to carry out His word.

Trust is not *belief without action*. Trust is evident when one *acts confidently upon what one has heard*. Scripture is the voice of God/*Elohim*. The Holy Spirit is His prophetic voice. What do we hear? When we read Scripture today, we *listen to the voice of God/Elohim*, the same voice/word that was spoken audibly to the Israelites at Mount Sinai. The purpose of hearing is *to do* – to take action upon *the words heard*. Otherwise, if we do not take action upon the word heard our faith is in vain.

✿ **Romans 2:13** “for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God/*Elohim*, but the doers of the law will be justified.”

✿ **James 1:22** “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

The Two Witnesses

✿ **Deuteronomy 4:12-13** “And the LORD/*Yahweh* spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone” (Deuteronomy 4:15).

The Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* chose Moses to reveal the pattern for the Bride to walk in. For *heaven* to have authority and power *on earth*, there needs to be two truthful witnesses. Scripture shows that the *Ruach* testifies to this truth and *is the truth* that reveals Yeshua in both heaven and on earth. In 1John 5:6-8 we are taught about the two witnesses. The first witness is *heaven*, which has three witnesses: *the Father, the Word, and the Spirit*. The second witness is on the *earth*, which also has three witnesses: *the Holy Spirit, the water, and the blood*. Thus the Spirit bears witness *in heaven* and *on earth* that the spoken Word of the Father in heaven is manifested in the flesh on earth among His people. The Father's revealed word on earth is called the Son of God, *Yeshua HaMashiach* (Luke 1:35; John 1:1;14).

✿ **1John 5:6-8** “⁶ This is He who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷ **For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.** ⁸ **And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.**” (KJV/NKJV)

For those using different Bible versions other than the King James Version, the New King James or a Hebrew rendering, you will not find the 1John 5:7 scripture in your Bible. It seems 1John 5:7 has been the source of great religious debate dating back to the early church fathers. The difficulty arose between those who believed that the Father's word in heaven became flesh, manifesting in bodily form (Yeshua) on earth through the Spirit and that all three are one/echad in the same versus those who held a belief in the trinity concept introduced by the Roman Catholic doctrine that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are all separate people. The Father is not the Son. The Son is not the Father, and the Spirit is neither. Therefore, the early church fathers (not necessarily believers), who were more interested in the institution of a religious organization than establishing the truth, just removed the offending 1John 5:7 Scripture altogether. Of the more than 5000 Greek translations available, only the earliest versions have 1John 5:7 in their Bible. The later Greek texts have it removed.

Scripture declares there must be *two* or more agreeing parties to establish truth. When one witness is missing or removed from Scripture, truth is not founded, therefore will not stand before God's/*Elohim* kingdom. If the witness of heaven is removed, as in the case of 1John 5:7, then there is no witness for truth to be revealed on the earth. Therefore, those who say they are of the Kingdom of heaven, a disciple of Yeshua, but have removed the testimony/witness of heaven from their doctrine (Moses), then according to Scripture, they are deemed false prophets with a false doctrine.

🌿 **John 8:16-18** “And yet if I [*Yeshua*] do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me” (Deuteronomy 19:15; 1John 5:7 KJV/NKJV).

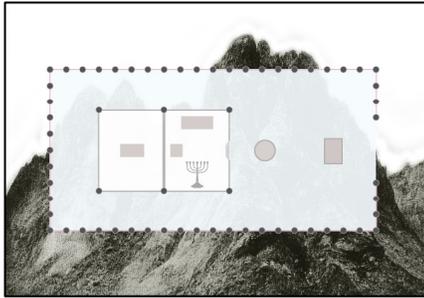
The truth of God's/*Elohim* word was revealed in the beginning (Genesis) and has not changed through the course of history.

🌿 **John 1:1-2, 14** “In the beginning [*Genesis*] was the Word, and the Word was with God/*Elohim*, and the Word was God/*Elohim*. He was in the beginning with God/*Elohim*. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory [*Yeshua*]” (1John 1).

🌿 **1John 1:1-3** “That which was from the beginning [*Genesis 1:1*], which we have *heard*, which we have *seen* with our eyes, which we have *looked upon*, and our *hands* have handled, concerning *the Word of life - the life was manifested*, and we have *seen*, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - that which we have *seen* and *heard* we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* [*Yeshua, the Word manifest in the flesh*].”

The Witness of Heaven And Earth

Who is the witness of heaven and earth? When the Children of Israel came out of Egypt, Moses was called up the Mountain of God. There, God/*Elohim* gave him the pattern of heaven to replicate on the earth. With this model, he built the Tabernacle in the wilderness - *the witness of heaven on earth*.



The Witness of Heaven on Earth

- ✚ **Psalm 77:13** “Your way, O God/*Elohim*, is in the sanctuary [*holiness*]; Who is so great a God/*Elohim* as our God/*Elohim*?”
- ✚ **Jeremiah 17:12** “A glorious high throne from the beginning [*Genesis/Beresheet*] is the place of our sanctuary [*tabernacle*].”

Yeshua, the Father’s Word manifested physically on the earth, is the witness of heaven and earth – the living heavenly temple/tabernacle (John 1:1,14).

- ✚ **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.”
- ✚ **Revelation 15:5** “After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.”
- ✚ **Revelation 21:2-3** “Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God/*Elohim*, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God/*Elohim* is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them

and be their God/Elohim.’ ”

✠ **Revelation 19:13** “And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God/Elohim.”

✠ **John 10:30** “I and the Father are one” (1 John 5:7).

Yeshua taught of the two witnesses of *heaven* and *earth* when He instructed His disciples how to pray.

✠ **Matthew 6:9-13** “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread [*your Word*]. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Moses opens Deuteronomy with calling the Children of Israel to heed the warning of the two witnesses by saying,

✠ **Deuteronomy 4:23-26** “Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* has forbidden you. For the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is a consuming fire, a jealous God/*Elohim*. When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* to provoke Him to anger, I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong *your* days in it, but will be utterly destroyed.”

Later, Moses will close Deuteronomy by using *heaven* and *earth* as a witness again.

✠ **Deuteronomy 31:28** “Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them.”

Deuteronomy continues with Moses sharing his concern for the three witnesses in heaven and three on earth.

✠ **Deuteronomy 4:35-39** “To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD/*Yahweh* Himself is God [*the Father*]; *there is none other besides Him.* Out of *heaven* He let you hear *His voice*, that He might instruct you; on *earth* He showed you His great fire, and you heard *His words* out of the midst of the fire. And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of

Egypt with *His Presence*, with His mighty power [*Spirit*], driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land *as an inheritance*, as *it is* this day. Therefore, know this day, and consider *it* in your heart, that the LORD/Yahweh Himself is God/Elohim in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.”

What is this witness of *heaven* and *earth*? The witness Moses saw on Mount Sinai is the true Heavenly Tabernacle – *the reflection of the manifested word/Yeshua*. The Tabernacle design was made so that the Children of Israel could clearly grasp that The Father and His Word in the Flesh are one in the same, and to reveal how His Kingdom functions so His people could walk according to His ways *on earth* (1John 5:6-8 KJV/NKJV). The Israelites lived outside the land among an unclean people for four hundred years. Now God/*Elohim* was reestablishing and confirming them as His people before entering to possess the land. With this understanding of *who* the Kingdom is, the gates of hell could not prevail against the Israelites *if they obeyed the pattern*. With it, they would go in and possess the land as a strong, unified people. However, if they did not heed the words or walk in the understanding of the kingdom of heaven on earth, there would be no second witness, and they would soon become a weak, poor, blind, and scattered people.

Why was this so important to know? The Covenant at Mount Sinai was the formal honoring of *The Word* that had been among the people since the beginning of time.

📖 **Revelation 13:8** “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain *from the foundation of the world.*”

All through the Torah, Yeshua, *the Word*, manifested among His people. It was not until Mount Sinai that the Word was formally written down, and its mandate made clear. That is the witness of *heaven* and *earth*. The people now had a hard copy of *the witness*. They all heard and saw, and now, through the replication of the Tabernacle, became acquainted with how to walk in Him in righteousness and holiness. This edification was not for the purpose of salvation, but for sanctification, and to show the people how to keep their salvation by strengthening their trust through the power of the Spirit of Truth. So important was this pattern of the heavenly tabernacle on earth that Paul used it to teach the people.

📖 **1Corinthians 3:10-17** “According to the grace of God/*Elohim* which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*. Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, [*or*] wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work, which he has built on, *it* endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God/*Elohim* and *that* the Spirit of God/*Elohim* dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of

God/*Elohim*, God/*Elohim* will destroy him. For the temple of God/*Elohim* is holy, which *temple* you are.

Yeshua is the living Tabernacle. It is where He serves today as High Priest. Thus, it was not necessary that the 'old' earthly Tabernacle/Temple remained standing.

📖 **Hebrews 10:19-31** “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus/*Yeshua*, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and *having* a High Priest over the house of God/*Elohim*, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation, which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony* of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God/*Elohim* underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. And again, ‘The LORD/*Yahweh* will judge His people.’ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God/*Elohim*.”

With the Temple, Yeshua serves in still eternally standing in heaven, and we, the representatives of the Living Temple/*Yeshua* here on earth, how much more attentive should His people be to the words Moses shared from Mount Sinai? Today we are given this same witness of *heaven on earth* in our daily walk - the witness of heaven (*the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit*) and the witness on earth (*the Spirit, the water, and the blood*) – *all one* (Hebrews 8:1).

📖 **2 Corinthians 6:16 - 7:1** “For you are the temple of the living God/*Elohim*. As God/*Elohim* has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among *them*. I will be their God/*Elohim*, and they shall be My people.’ Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD/*Yahweh* Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God/*Elohim*.”

The Word: The Witness of Heaven on Earth

Why does Moses call *heaven* and *earth* as witness against the children of Israel? Are these just allegories or are they faithful witnesses today? What is held in heaven that is on earth that can be a witness against us today?

🌿 **Hebrews 9:19-28** “For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which God/*Elohim* has commanded you.’ Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ/*Messiah* has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God/*Elohim* for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another - He then would have had to suffer often *since the foundation of the world*; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ/*Messiah* was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

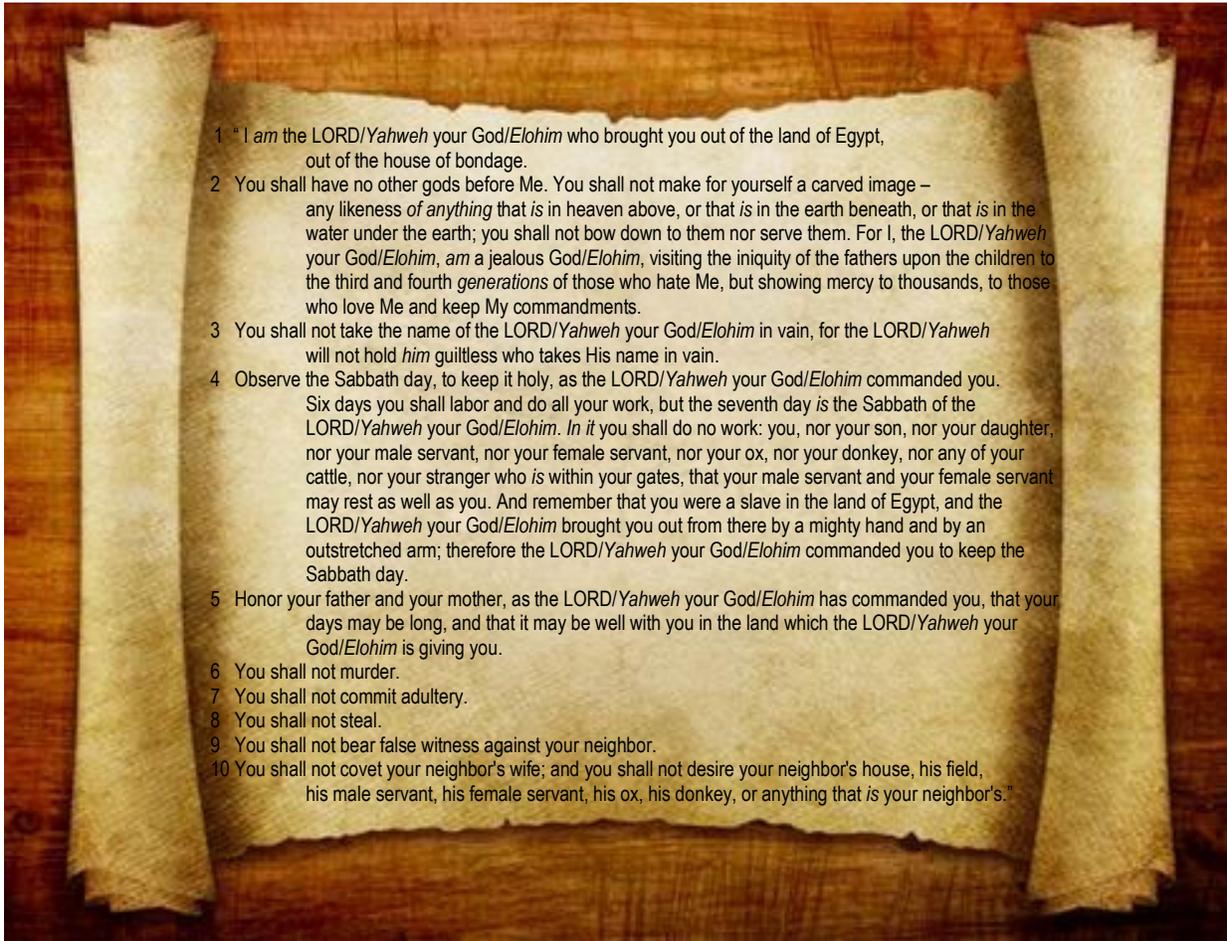
Moses imparted the Tabernacle pattern and the Father’s Covenant to the Children of Israel right after they came out of Egypt. Upon entering the land, Moses repeats these same instructions (commands, statutes, and judgments) for the next generation to *hear and obey*. Their words of affirmation form a Covenant relationship for all of God’s/*Elohim* people to build upon, establish, and observe on the earth. If they honored *the words of the Living Tabernacle Yeshua given them by Moses*, it would go well with them, but if they did not keep their pledge, then *Moses* would be the witness against them. It is the same for us today.

When Scripture talks about *the word*, it is about these Ten Statements/Commandments, which is a summary of the Covenant. As the people received the Ten Statements, they said, “*All that the LORD/Yahweh has spoken we will do.*” This vow then made *their affirmation legal and binding to God/Elohim*. With their response, the Ten Commandments then became a *legal document* on the earth – thus the witness *for or against* the people by their vow. Either we are a people of our word, or we are not. If we are not, then Moses is a witness against us (*Numbers 30 study Nitzavim www.sheepfoldgleanings.com*).

Remember from the first lesson in Deuteronomy *Devarim*, the Hebrew word for *judgments* is H4941 מִשְׁפָּט *mishpat* meaning *rulings over cases as well as the action of deciding a case*. We serve a God/*Elohim* who wants to rule *in our favor*. Therefore, He sent His Word/*Yeshua* to be our Savior. *Ruler* in Hebrew is *the door of life* - one who restores life to His people (Exodus 19:8; 24:3,7).

🌿 **Deuteronomy 5:1-18** “And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: ‘Hear, O Israel, the statutes [*for*] and judgments [*against*] which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them. The LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim* made a covenant with us in Horeb. The LORD/*Yahweh* did not make this covenant with our

fathers, but with us, those who *are* here today, all of us who *are* alive. The LORD/*Yahweh* talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. I stood between the LORD/*Yahweh* and you at that time, to declare to you *the word* of the LORD/*Yahweh*; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. *He* said,



Deuteronomy 5:22 “These *words* the LORD/*Yahweh* spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.”

Are the Ten Commandments still operational now that we are in Yeshua? What are Yeshua’s commandments? For our answer, we look at the Hebrew fathers.

📖 **Galatians 3:7** “Understand, then, that those who believe [*in Yeshua*] are children of Abraham” (John 1:1,14).

How can believers be children of Abraham when they are in Yeshua? The Scripture/Word preached the *gospel* to Abraham *before* it was formally written down and legalized with the people at Mount Sinai.

📖 **Galatians 3:8** “And the Scripture [*the Word/Yeshua*], foreseeing that God/*Elohim* would justify the Gentiles [*Nations*] by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham” (John 1:1,14).

If the formal (legal) writing of the gospel did not take place until the Israelites reached Mount Sinai, does this mean that those *before* that time did not have *the gospel*? The gospel contains the Word/the Ten Commandments, the testimony, statutes, and judgments, as well as the Sabbath, Feast Days, and Covenants of God/*Elohim*. Because Abraham was faithful to *obey the gospel*, he and his seed after him, those who obey the gospel are also accorded as *Abraham’s seed* - our generation included, but only if they obey the same gospel.

📖 **Galatians 2:29** “If you belong to *Yeshua*, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to *the promise* [*the Covenant given Abraham*].”

📖 **Galatians 4:28** “Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of *promise* [*Abrahamic Covenant*].”

What about Moses? Did Moses believe in the Gospel and in Yeshua’s coming?

📖 **Romans 5:14** “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to *Moses*, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come” (Hebrews 11:24-27).

Why did Paul say in Romans 5:14 that death reigned from Adam to *Moses*? Why didn’t he say that death reigned from Adam to *Yeshua*? We see in John 5:46-47 that Yeshua said,

📖 **John 5:46-47** “For if you *believed Moses*, you would *believe Me*; *for he wrote about me*. But if you do not *believe* his [*Moses*] writings, how will you *believe* My words [*Yeshua’s commandments Moses imparted at Mount Sinai/Torah*]?”

Paul used *Moses* and not *Yeshua* in Romans 5:14 because Moses wrote about *Yeshua’s* commandments. The *word* became *flesh* and dwelt among the people. Moses saw His form and talked with Him face to face *as a friend* (Exodus 33:11).

📖 **Numbers 12:8** “I [*Yahweh*] speak with him [*Moses*] face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he [*Moses*] sees the form of the LORD/*Yahweh* [*the word – Yeshua*].”

The words given to Moses, written on two tablets of stone, became the formal *legal* documentation for life, called the *Gospel*. The Gospel has been heard since the beginning (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1,14). The Ten Commandments summarize the foundation of God's/*Elohim* Kingdom. Our faith is built on the Gospel. God/*Elohim* spoke His word, the word of life/Gospel on Mount Sinai. When the people heard and accepted His word, they vowed to keep it. That is how the word became legal on the earth – *by our vow*. Contained within His words is the key to life. If His people walked in obedience, His life would reign in them. If they did not keep their oath, then death was loosed. It is the same for us today. We must be careful to keep our vow of obedience. Therefore, we hold the key of how to defeat death - *through our obedience*. That is why Paul spoke in Romans 5:14 “*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*” Therefore, at Mount Sinai after God's/*Elohim* words were formalized and imparted through Moses, the people now had the keys to the kingdom and could govern whether they walked in life or death all overseen by one word “obedience.” Thus, *death reigned from Adam to Moses*.

Where the Israelites saved at Mount Sinai and are we, in Yeshua, under that same oath with the Israelites? Yes to both questions. All the Israelites with Moses, who were included in this legal document called the Ten Commandments, were all filled within with the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* and shepherded by *Yeshua* in the wilderness, just as we are today.

- ✿ **Isaiah 63:11-13** “Then he remembered the days of old, *Moses* and his people, saying: ‘Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with *the shepherd of His flock*? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them, Who led *them* by the right hand of *Moses*, with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, Who led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they might not stumble?’ ” (Hebrews 11:24-27) (*Yeshua/The Good Shepherd*: John 10:11-18).
- ✿ **Matthew 17:1-5** “Now after six days *Jesus/Yeshua* took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, *Moses* and *Elijah* appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to *Jesus/Yeshua*, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for *Moses*, and one for *Elijah*.’ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear [*shema*] Him!’ ”
- ✿ **Deuteronomy 6:1-3** “Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as

the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* of your fathers has promised you - ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’”

Yeshua’s Faithfulness

Yeshua is faithful to the promises contained in His Covenant and will help His people in their walk with Him. This action (belief) in Him is *trust/emunah* and also accorded to us as righteousness. Without righteousness, no one can please God/*Elohim*. Therefore, we who love Yeshua, walk by *faith* in His Word/the Commandments. Yeshua said, if you *love Me* you will obey My commandments, the Word given to our ancestors at Mount Sinai. They are one in the same - Yeshua’s commandments and our inheritance today (John 14:15).

The stories of our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are critical for us today. Abraham passed the Covenant onto his descendant Isaac. Isaac to his son Jacob/Israel, and Jacob to his sons. Jacob’s family went on to become the twelve tribes of *Israel* - all who came out of Egypt - all partakers of the same inheritance through obedience.

In Deuteronomy, we read how Moses followed the pattern and taught the children of Israel to live and walk in God’s/*Elohim* Kingdom to be disciples of His Word. Today, we bear this same seed and are heirs according to the promise given Abraham - still valid and as powerful today!

- ✚ **Galatians 3:29** “And if you *are Christ’s/Messiah’s*, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise [*given at Mount Sinai*].”
- ✚ **Deuteronomy 6:5-9** “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”
- ✚ **Deuteronomy 7:9** “Therefore know that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, *He is God/Elohim*, the faithful God/*Elohim* who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments”
- ✚ **1 Chronicles 16:15-18** “Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, The covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel for an everlasting covenant, saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance””
- ✚ **Psalms 105:8** “He remembers His covenant forever, The Word which He commanded, for a thousand generations”

Yeshua is indeed the purpose, goal, and fulfillment of His Word (Romans 10:4). We who believe and walk in His ways are His firstfruits. Yeshua, the physical manifestation of the Word, is our identity (John 1:1;14). He is the living eternal word. Therefore, so is the Covenant He made with Abraham that resides in all believers today. Yeshua is the author and guarantor of the Word, and faithful to fulfill His Purpose in our life. That is why Yeshua is the *goal* of the Torah and the *goal* of our faith.

- ✿ **James 1:22** “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. *Do what it says*” (Ezekiel Chapter 2 & 33).
- ✿ **1 Peter 1:22-23** “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God/*Elohim* which lives and abides forever,
- ✿ **Deuteronomy 4:2** “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* which I command you.”
- ✿ **Revelation 22:18-19** “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God/*Elohim* will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God/*Elohim* shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.”

The Shema

“*Sh’ma, Yisra’el! Yahweh Eloheinu, Yahweh echad.*”

“*Hear, O Israel: the LORD/Yahweh our God/Elohim, the LORD/Yahweh is one!*”

“You shall love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these **words** [*the Ten Commandment*] which I command you today [*that became legal/law*], shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Yeshua quoted Deuteronomy 6:4 when He was questioned by those who tried to test Him (John 13:34-15:17).

- ✿ **Mark 12:28-31** “Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, ‘Which is the first commandment of all?’ Jesus/*Yeshua* answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments

is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, the LORD/*Yahweh* is one. ‘And you shall love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This *is* the first commandment. And the second, like *it*, *is* this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

You Shall Love *Yahweh* Your *Elohim* *with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind*

What does it mean to *love the LORD/Yahweh our God/Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind*? Once God’s/*Elohim* people hear His Words *and vow to keep them*, they are then bound to the promise they made *and* to their commitment to obey His Words. Their agreement activates them legally to the Word/Commandments/Covenant and allows the Word to operate legally through their obedience. When His people choose to walk responsibly in His ways, this is called being righteous. That also is what it means *to love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind*.

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

What does it mean to *love your neighbor as yourself*? The Word/Ten Commandments are about hospitality. If God’s/*Elohim* people resist walking in the words they vowed to keep; they will not be able to love *Yahweh*, their neighbor or themselves. Thus they will not be able to derive life from His word but only see it as numerous laws and judgmental legality. Then their attitude will begin to reflect a carnal nature, the same judgmental, critical attitude toward God/*Elohim*, self, as observed in the neighboring nations. Consequently, they will begin to view the Father as a harsh law giving God/*Elohim* and picture *Yeshua* as a separate good, kind, and loving God/*Elohim*, not realizing the two are one in the same God/*Elohim*. When God’s/*Elohim* people keep His words in their heart, they will recognize the love of the Father and walk in His Word for the *life* they receive not only for themselves but others for also.

Our Righteousness

- ✿ **Deuteronomy 6:25** “Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD/*Yahweh* our God/*Elohim*, as He has commanded us.”
- ✿ **James 2:8** “If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well.”

If you really fulfill/keep the royal law [Hebrew way of saying the Ten Commandments] found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself,’ then you are walking His/*Yeshua*’s righteousness.

The Royal Law

🦁 **Ezekiel 16:8-13** “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*. “Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing *was of* fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate *pastry of* fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty.”

What is the *Royal Law*? The Father’s Word spoken from the beginning of time (that became flesh and dwelt among His people) was formalized at Mount Sinai through Moses in the exchanging of vows between God/*Elohim* and His people. That is the Royal Law. It is also known as *Song of Moses*, *the Song of the Lamb* (the Gospel), and *Israel’s Betrothal Covenant* (Covenant of Moses). They are all one in the same. When we walk in agreement with the royal law, we are transformed, cleansed, and presented to God’s/*Elohim* royal court (Genesis 41:14).

🦁 **Deuteronomy 11:13-21** “And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give *you* the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled. Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, lest the LORD’s/*Yahweh* anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD/*Yahweh* is giving you. Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD/*Yahweh* swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.”

In obeying God/*Elohim* instructions, His people then come into agreement with His original Kingdom order before time began and before the universe was set in place (Luke 1:1-3). Religious Jews and many Messianic believers recite the *Shema* in their daily prayers as a declaration of faith. In doing this, they agree to come under the headship of Messiah and to walk in obedience to His ways/the royal law *every day*.

📖 **2 Chronicles 7:14** “If My people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal *their land*.”

As believers, we need to understand that we are part of a *royal priesthood*, therefore, uphold and walk in the *royal law* (Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9).

📖 **James 2:8-13** “If you really fulfill the royal law [given us by Moses at Mount Sinai] according to the Scripture [*Ten Commandments*], ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law [Moses] as transgressors. For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. 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 law [Moses]. So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty [Moses]. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy [Moses and Yeshua – *the law of life*] triumphs over judgment [*the law of sin and death*].

As mentioned earlier, the Words given to *Moses* that were formally written down at Mount Sinai, hold the key and are the teachings and lifestyle of the Gospel that was originally preached to Abraham. The *Mosaic* Covenant appropriately enables the Priesthood/Bride to re-establish her in holiness. This Covenant is the gate into the *Davidic* Covenant – the order of Melchizedek - where the priesthood is activated. No uncircumcised or unholy/unclean order enters the *Davidic* Covenant (Amos 9:11; Galatians 3:8; Acts 15:15-17).

It is very hard for God’s/*Elohim* people to obey His commandments if they are not separating themselves from the *law of sin and death*. Believers are called to overcome and separate from the enemy before they can keep and obey His Word.

📖 **Deuteronomy 7:22-24** (In obedience to His Word) “And the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. But the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed. And He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.”

We are told Paul also struggled with these challenges.

📖 **Romans 7:20-25** “But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God/*Elohim* in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body [*flesh*], waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my

members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God [*life*], but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin [*and death*]” (NAS).

The law that wars within the flesh is *the law of sin and death*, as it carries a discord that wars against the *law of life* within us. We are told in 1John 2:15-17 not to covet the things of *the world* or they will become snares within us.

🔱 **1John 2:15-17** “Do not love [*covet*] the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world - *the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life* - is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God/*Elohim* abides forever.”

When the sin nature is circumcised, as revealed to us by *the Word*, repentance will bring sanctification, and sin will no longer have rule or reign over the flesh.

🔱 **Acts 1:8** Yeshua said, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses [*of heaven and earth*] both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of *the earth*.”

🔱 **Zechariah 14:9** “And the LORD/*Yahweh* shall be King over all *the earth*. In that day it shall be – “The LORD/*Yahweh* is one,” and *His name one*.”

Deuteronomy 32:1-2 “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass.”

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