

“Knowing the Ways of YHVH”

The Messiah

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Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”

Your notes:

This message is about knowing YHVH from a brief explanation of Moses, especially who did not know YHVH before!

No one has seen the Father God

John 1:18

No one has seen God [His essence, His divine nature] at any time; the [One and] only begotten God [that is, the unique Son] who is in the intimate presence of the Father, He has explained Him [and interpreted and revealed the awesome wonder of the Father]. (John 1:18 Amp)

The Burning Bush

In Exodus chapter 3:1-6, do we see “Yeshua” or “the Ancient of Days”?

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro (Reuel) his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to **Horeb (Sinai), the mountain of God.** ² **The Angel of the LORD [YHVH]** appeared to him in a blazing flame of fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was on fire, yet it was not consumed. ³ So Moses said, “I must turn away [from the flock] and see this great sight--why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ **When the LORD [YHVH] saw that he turned away [from the flock] to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”** ⁵ Then God said, **“Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet [out of respect], because the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”** ⁶ **Then He said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Then** Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (Exodus 3:1-6 Amp)

Stephen's Words to the Sanhedrin

In Acts 7:30-38, do we see “Yeshua” or the “Ancient of Days” in this story?

³⁰ “After forty years had passed, AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT Sinai, IN THE FLAME OF A BURNING THORN BUSH. ³¹ When Moses saw it, he was astonished at the sight; but as he went near to look more closely, the voice of the LORD [YHVH] came [to him, saying]: ³² ‘I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND OF ISAAC AND OF JACOB.’ Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look. ³³ THEN THE LORD [YHVH] SAID TO HIM, REMOVE THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND [worthy of reverence and respect]. ³⁴ I HAVE MOST CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT AND HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANING, AND I HAVE COME DOWN TO RESCUE THEM. NOW COME, AND I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT [as My messenger].’ ³⁵ “This Moses whom they rejected, saying, ‘WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?’ is the very one whom God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer, with the [protecting and helping] hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush. ³⁶ This man led them out [of Egypt] after performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. ³⁷ This is the Moses who said to the children of Israel, ‘GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR COUNTRYMEN.’ ³⁸ This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles [divine words that still live] to be handed down to you. (Acts 7:30-38 Amp)

YHVH Appears before Israel and Elders

Exodus 24:1,2; 9-18

¹ Then God said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD [YHVH], you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu (Aaron’s older sons), and seventy of Israel’s elders, and you shall worship at a [safe] distance. ² Moses alone shall approach the LORD [YHVH], but the others shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him.”

⁹ Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up [the mountainside], ¹⁰ and they saw [a manifestation of] the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, just as clear as the sky itself. ¹¹ Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the Israelites; and they saw [the manifestation of the presence of] God, and ate and drank.

¹² Now the LORD [YHVH] said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and stay there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandments which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses arose with Joshua his attendant, and he went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Remember that Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a legal matter, let him go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory and brilliance of the LORD [YHVH] rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day God called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ In the sight of the Israelites the appearance of the glory and brilliance of the LORD [YHVH] was like consuming fire on the top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Moses entered the midst of the cloud and went up the mountain; and he was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
(Exodus 24:1-2; 9-18 Amp)

Daniels vision of The Son of Man approaching the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:13,14)

(The Apostolic Scriptures are a commentary of the TaNakh!)

¹³ “I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, on the clouds of heaven
One like a Son of Man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.
¹⁴ “And to Him (the Messiah) was given dominion (supreme
authority),
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations, and speakers of every language
Should serve *and* worship Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14 Amp)

Moses speaks face to face with YHVH

Exodus 33:11-16

¹¹ And so LORD [YHVH] used to speak to Moses face to face,
just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the
camp, his attendant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man,
would not depart from the tent. (Exodus 33:11 Amp)

Moses Intercedes

¹² Moses said to the LORD [YHVH], “See, You say to me,
‘Bring up this people,’ but You have not let me know whom
You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by
name, and you have also found favor in My sight.’ ¹³ Now
therefore, I pray you, if I have found favor in Your sight, let
me know Your ways so that I may know You [becoming more
deeply and intimately acquainted with You, recognizing and
understanding Your ways more clearly] and that I may find
grace *and* favor in Your sight. And consider also, that this
nation is Your people.” ¹⁴ And the LORD [YHVH] said, “My
presence shall go *with you*, and I will give you rest [by
bringing you and the people into the promised land].” ¹⁵ And

Moses said to Him, “If Your presence does not go [with me], do not lead us up from here. ¹⁶For how then can it be known that Your people and I have found favor in Your sight? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we are distinguished, Your people and I, from all the [other] people on the face of the earth?” (Exodus 33:12-16 Amp)

If we do not perform these 4 foundation points, we will have missed the ways of YHVH:

1. We must read His Word!
2. We must study His Word!
3. We must meditate on His Word!
4. Daily, we must apply His Word by walking in His Ways!

“How to Interpret Scripture”

Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:

1. *Contextually* – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.
2. *Literally* – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.
3. *Historically* – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.

The character of Yeshua according to His Word:

1. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” [Heb 13:8; Malachi 3:6]
2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” [Num 23:19; Heb 6:18]
3. Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, [Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19]

Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible

Matt 28:18-20 – this is after His resurrection.

¹⁸And Jesus [Yeshua] came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:6-8 – after Yeshua’s resurrection, He spoke to His disciples about the restoration of Israel.

⁶So when they ^{had} come together, they asked him, “Lord [YHVH], will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 4:22-24 Amplified Bible

²² You [Samaritans] do not know what you worship; we [Jews] do know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 3:36 – the book of John stated that obedience is key to eternal life:

³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

James 1:25

²⁵ But he who looks carefully into the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and faithfully abides by it, not having become a [careless] listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he will be blessed *and* favored by God in what he does [in his life of obedience].

James 2:12

¹² Speak and act [consistently] as people who are going to be judged by the law of liberty [that moral law that frees obedient Christians from the bondage of sin].

1John 2:3-6 - the Apostle John asked, “Do you really know God?”:

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. [Note: Yeshua perfectly kept the Torah; likewise, we also need to &, thereby, stop sinning.]

James 2:19-24

¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well [to believe that]. The demons also believe [that], and shudder *and* bristle [in awe-filled terror--they have seen His wrath]! ²⁰ But are you willing to recognize, you foolish [spiritually shallow] person, that faith without [good] works is useless? ²¹ Was our father Abraham not [shown to be] justified by works [of obedience which expressed his faith] when he offered Isaac his son on the altar [as a sacrifice to God]? ²² You see that [his] faith was working together with his works, and as a result of the works, his faith was completed [reaching its maturity when he expressed his faith through obedience]. ²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND THIS [faith] WAS CREDITED TO HIM [by God] AS RIGHTEOUSNESS *and* AS CONFORMITY TO HIS WILL,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a man (believer) is justified by works and not by faith alone [that is, by acts of obedience a born-again believer reveals his faith].

John 12:47-50

⁴⁷If anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge *and* condemn the world [that is, to initiate the final judgment of the world], but to save the world. ⁴⁸Whoever rejects Me and refuses to accept My teachings, has one who judges him; the *very* word that I spoke will judge *and* condemn him on the last day. ⁴⁹For I have never spoken on My own initiative *or* authority, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *regarding* what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰I know that His commandment is eternal life. So the things I speak, I speak [in accordance with His exact instruction,] just as the Father has told Me.”

Timeline

Pre-30AD - <i>Rabbinic tradition</i>	30AD – <i>Resurrection / Pentecost</i>	40AD – <i>Peter’s vision & Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
○ Oral Law ○ Customs of Moses	○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews</u> <i>only</i> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost	○ 10 years after Pentecost ○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles</u> <i>only</i>	○ 10 years after Acts 10 ○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation & circumcision	○ Under the auspices of Constantine ○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend