

# “Sanctify Them In Truth; Your Word Is Truth” John 17:17 ESV

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

Your notes:

## **Messianic belief is directly opposite of traditional Christian belief**

One is based upon the pure Word of God, and the other is upon the traditions of man, which are loosely based on the Bible.

Let it be known that Truth exists only in YHVH the Father, His Son Yeshua, Holy Spirit, and in Their Written Scriptures.

I am a bonified Messianic Disciple of Yeshua; I believe that there is no other way to exist in this present age. I sincerely pray for those who merely follow others or only what they want to see and understand in YHVH’s Holy Word, without experiencing daily food from Yeshua Word.

## **The Scriptures are about Jews and Gentiles**

Current congregational (church) theology separates Jews and Gentiles; whereas, YHVH’s overall plan is to make Jews and Gentiles into one new creation.

Current theologies represent Christian thoughts of interpretation which have developed through the centuries.

For instance,

1. “New Israel” theology
2. “Covenant” theology
3. “Dispensational” theology
4. “Dual Covenant” theology
5. Not counting all of the denominational theologies

In summation, the implications of “Israel” and the so-called “church” is that they are two distinct bodies – this is incorrect.

Had the so-called church not been arrogant toward the Jews but rather been grateful for what God gave through the Jews, then followers of Yeshua would obtain a clearer understanding of the Scriptures. Because we, as Believers, are grafted into Israel and not into the so-called church. The purpose of the born-again experience is to enter into YHVH’s plan.

During the Second Temple Period (in the time of Yeshua and His Disciples) Yeshua and later those who became Apostles never considered anyone who preached nor said anything contrary to YHVH’s TaNaKh. If anyone did teach in ignorance and was willing to repent and obey the TaNaKh, he would be forgiven; otherwise, he would be declared a heretic.

Listen to the Words of Yeshua, in John 15:9-11 ESV:

**9 As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will**

abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:9-11 ESV

Some may say, "but the God of the Old Testament said 'we cannot keep His commandments' and besides His commandments are bondage."

Let us consider that YHVH took Israel out of Egyptian bondage (slavery) and took them to Mount Sinai and gave them the 10 Commandments only to put them back into bondage?

Yeshua explains in Matthew 11:28-30:

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest: <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls: <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 ESV

Let's not forget what Yeshua said

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. John 15:10 ESV

Following YHVH's commandments produce divine love, liberty and blessedness. Yeshua also said that His joy may in you and that your joy may be full! Again, Yeshua said to the Rich Young Man, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments." Matt 19:17b.

James, the brother of Yeshua, stated,

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law (Torah), the law (Torah) of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. James 1:22-25 ESV

Some may argue, "I don't know about the Old Testament, but I only follow the New Testament." Yeshua said, that the "Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35b) and again, He stated:

<sup>43</sup> "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive

glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?” John 5:43-47 ESV

Why follow another Bible teacher when he is not true to the Scriptures? You are receiving only glory from that congregation or movement. In verse 45 Yeshua stated He will not accuse you to the Father, rather your life will be judged according to the Standard of Moses, this is why Yeshua said <sup>46</sup> “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. <sup>47</sup>But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Yeshua was talking about Moses and His words of the Torah, which is the foundation of the Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament). In fact, the Torah is the foundation of the entire Bible. Yeshua said, “if you do not believe his (Moses) writings, how will you believe My Words.” Yeshua vigorously reiterated His point,

<sup>47</sup>If anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> The one who rejects Me and does not receive My words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. <sup>49</sup>For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent me has Himself given Me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told Me.” John 12:47-50 ESV

This passage shows that Yeshua proclaims that we must believe in Him and that we must believe His Words. He quotes Moses; Moses quotes the Father. The Word of Scripture is one book, one spirit.

We are to keep His commandments

<sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: <sup>6</sup> whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.  
1 John 2:3-6 ESV

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. John 3:36 ESV

But note in John 3:36, the ESV says, “whoever does not obey the Son;” some translations replace “obey” with “reject.” Using the incorrect word “reject” makes obedience obsolete!

“He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.” Titus 1:9 ESV

Those who endure to the end are those who are faithfully steadfast in YHVH’s Word; in the book of Revelation, we can see that His Body is hated to the very end. But Yeshua’s disciples are faithful to what?

<sup>17</sup> Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. Rev 12:17 ESV.

<sup>12</sup> Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. Rev 14:12 ESV

## **The Torah and the Apostolic Scriptures are both Sacred Scriptures**

<sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:15-17.

I believe we can see that both the TaNaKh and the Apostolic Scriptures are saying the same thing ... that is that Jew and Gentiles are one.

It is vital that we, as followers of Yeshua, understand fully that we and the Jews are not two separate bodies, but we are one.

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## ***“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.
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### ***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]
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### *Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible*

Matt 28:18-20 – [this is after His resurrection.](#)

[18](#)And Jesus [Yeshua] came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19](#)Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20](#)teaching 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.](#)

[6](#)So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord [YHVH], will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” [7](#)He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. [8](#)But 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:

<sup>36</sup>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

<sup>25</sup>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

<sup>12</sup>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?”:

<sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>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

<sup>19</sup>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]! <sup>20</sup>But are you willing to recognize, you foolish [spiritually shallow] person, that faith without [good] works is useless? <sup>21</sup>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]? <sup>22</sup>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]. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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

<sup>47</sup>If 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. <sup>48</sup>Whoever 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. <sup>49</sup>For 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. <sup>50</sup>I 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 &amp; Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oral Law</li> <li>○ Customs of Moses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews</u> <i>only</i> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Pentecost</li> <li>○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles</u> <i>only</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Acts 10</li> <li>○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation &amp; circumcision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under the auspices of Constantine</li> <li>○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend</li> </ul>