

“The Torah”

The Torah, Spoken by Yeshua, the Messiah
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Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”

Your notes:

The Torah’s basic Fundamentals:

The five books of the Torah encompass the Father’s fundamentals by which man is to live.

The Torah:

The Torah was spoken by the Messiah Himself. John 1:14 confirms this when John states “the **Word made flesh.**”

It is imperative that we use God’s terminology and not man’s.
(For example, terms like Old Testament should not replace Torah nor should “the law” replace the Torah)

The Abrahamic Covenant:

The Abrahamic Covenant is the Covenant which YHVH made with Abraham. This Covenant will not change nor can it.

Mitzvot and Regulations:

YHVH’s mitzvot and regulations are instructions as to how His followers are to live. (These include forgiving your brother; keeping Shabbat and not Sunday.)

Israel, the Land:

There is only one Israel and only one land. (It is not Palestine, nor an Arab land, and not another term. Also, Israel is not to be replaced by the non-Scriptural word “church” nor by any name that is not named in Scripture.)

Feasts of YHVH:

YHVH’s feasts are listed in the Torah. (We, as followers of YHVH, are not to add nor subtract from His Holy Days; we are not to observe pagan days such as Halloween, Christmas, or Easter, or any other man-made day.)

The Messiah:

There is only one “Messiah” Who was chosen and sent by the God the Father. His Name is Yeshua. Yeshua was given the name of YHVH by God the Father.

Yeshua will be KING of ISRAEL and KING OF THE WORLD.

Ancient Days is eternal and not changeable:

The words of YHVH stated:

that “For I am the LORD [YHVH], I do not change [but remain faithful to My covenant with you]; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, have not come to an end.” (Malachi 3:6 Amp)

“Jesus Christ [Yeshua HaMashiach] is [eternally changeless, always] the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8 Amp)

Do not Add or Subtract from His Word:

“You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD [YHVH] your God which I am commanding you.” (Deuteronomy 4:2 Amp)

¹⁸ “I testify *and* warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book [its predictions, consolations, and admonitions]: if anyone adds [anything] to them, God will add to him the plagues (afflictions, calamities) which are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from or distorts the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away [from that one] his share from the tree of life and from the holy city (new Jerusalem), which are written in this book”. (Revelation 22:18,19 Amp)

He cannot lie:

¹⁹ “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good *and* fulfill it?”

²⁰ “Behold, I have received *His command* to bless [Israel]. He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.” (Numbers 23:19,20 Amp)

¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge would have strong encouragement *and* indwelling strength to hold tightly to the hope set before us. (Hebrews 6:18)

Let be known, that if we change YHVH’s Words, we are perverting His Word and changing the character of YHVH Himself! We are dishonoring the blood of our Messiah.

We have a choice to either believe & follow YHVH’s Word, or to not believe and follow.

“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.

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:

³⁶Whoever 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

²⁵But 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

¹²Speak 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?”:

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

¹⁹You 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]! ²⁰But are you willing to recognize, you foolish [spiritually shallow] person, that faith without [good] works is useless? ²¹Was 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]? ²²You 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]. ²³And 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. ²⁴You 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 only</u> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost	○ 10 years after Pentecost ○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles only</u>	○ 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