

# “We Need To Mature”

There is no substitute for maturity

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

Your notes:

As we are drawing near to Yom Kippur, an important aspect of our readying ourselves is our personal spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth ONLY comes from Yeshua’s Word. It **must be practiced**. We cannot grow by buying extra books, nor by adding to His Word nor subtracting from it. We cannot grow just by praying for others, seeing miracles, casting out demons, nor going around quoting Scriptures, nor even by praying for long hours and talking spiritual talk. We must remember that once we are born-again, we must grow in maturity ... and this is by practicing His Word.

**The desire of my heart, personally, is to have the same type of relationship with YHVH that Moses had.**

<sup>17</sup> The LORD [YHVH] said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked; for you have found favor (lovingkindness, mercy) in My sight and I have known you [personally] by name.” Ex 33:17 Amp

## 5 Absolutes

### 1. Yeshua has only One Torah (Law)

<sup>28</sup> There is [now no distinction in regard to salvation] neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you [who believe] are all one in Christ Jesus [Yeshua HaMashiach] [no one can claim a spiritual superiority]. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ [the Messiah] if you are in Him], then you are Abraham’s descendants, and [spiritual] heirs according to [God’s] promise. Galatians 3:28,29 Amp

## **2. Yeshua is King of Israel, don't divide His Land**

<sup>1</sup>“For behold, in those [climactic] days and at that time,  
When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

<sup>2</sup> I will gather together all the [Gentile] nations [that were  
hostile to My people]

And bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat (the  
LORD [YHVH] has judged).

And there I will deal with them *and* enter into judgment with  
them there

For [their treatment of] My people, My inheritance, Israel,  
Whom they have scattered among the nations,

And [because] they have encroached on My land *and* divided  
it up. Joel 3:1-2 Amp

## **3. Yeshua's Festivals (Sacred Assemblies)**

Each of His festivals must be proclaimed by His  
followers, because the festivals express His  
redemption. As we celebrate His festivals, others can  
learn about redemption through them.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD [YHVH] spoke again to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak  
to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The appointed times  
(established feasts) of the LORD [YHVH] which you shall  
proclaim as holy convocations--My appointed times are  
these: Leviticus 23:1-2 Amp

## **4. Yeshua's Sacred Assembly ... the Sabbath**

There is only one Sabbath! We cannot change it.

“Remember the Sabbath (seventh) day to keep it holy (set  
apart, dedicated to God). Exodus 20:8 Amp

## **5. Yeshua's Commandments and Ordinances**

<sup>3</sup>And this is how we know [daily, by experience] that we have  
come to know Him [to understand Him and be more deeply

acquainted with Him]: if we *habitually* keep [focused on His precepts and obey] His commandments (teachings).

<sup>4</sup> Whoever says, “I have come to know Him,” but does not *habitually* keep [focused on His precepts and obey] His commandments (teachings), is a liar, and the truth [of the divine word] is not in him. 1 John 2:3,4 Amp

<sup>23</sup> Jesus [Yeshua] answered, “If anyone [really] loves Me, he will keep My word (teaching); and My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him.

<sup>24</sup> One who does not [really] love Me does not keep My words. And the word (teaching) which you hear is not Mine but is the Father’s who sent Me. John 14:23,24 Amp

## These are His Eternal Standards

Don’t spend your time judging. ‘Let other’s actions and/or beliefs go;’ ‘give them to Yeshua,’ He is the true judge and is the only one who brings Eternal Life!

Let us focus on our own personal actions and attitudes. Let us commit to following His standards and His Word more closely.

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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.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus [Yeshua] came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>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.

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

<sup>22</sup>You [Samaritans] do not know what you worship; we [Jews] do know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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>