



Yeshua (Jesus) and the Torah

Law=Torah (YHWH (God's) teaching and instruction)
Old Testament=Tanakh/Former Covenant
Jesus=Yeshua
God=YHWH
New Testament=Brit Chadasha/ Renewed Covenant



What does the scriptures say about the Law (Torah) in regards to Yeshua/Jesus (the Messiah and Savior)? What does the Tanakh (Old Testament/Former Covenant) teach about Yeshua? Did Yeshua, Paul, Peter and many other disciples teach the Torah, even after the resurrection of Yeshua? Did Yeshua do away with the Torah?

As you study this lesson, keep in mind that in the days of Yeshua and His disciples, the New Testament (Renewed Covenant) had not been canonized. They did not have any New Testament.

As you read and study these scriptures, I pray that you come to see what David, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Joshua, Isaiah, Elisha, Hosea, Daniel, Joel, and many others saw in the Law (Torah) which caused them to love it. I pray that you come to see that the Torah is all about Yeshua, the Messiah Himself.





Words of Yeshua

Psalms 40:7-8 Then I said, Lo, I come, in the volumn of the Book (scroll, Torah scroll) it is written of Me



Words of Yeshua John 1:45 Philip finds Nathanael and said to him, We have found the One of whom Moses wrote in the Law and the Prophets, Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth.

John 5:35-39 emphasis on **vs 39** You search the Scriptures (Old Testament), for you think in them you have everlasting life. And they are the ones witnessing concerning Me.

John 5:46-47 For if you were believing Moses, you would then believe Me; for that one wrote concerning Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My Words? (Moses wrote the Torah)

Yeshua and the Apostles taught from Tanakh (Former Covenant/Old Testament) and Torah

Luke 24:13-27 emphasis **vs 27** And beginning from Moses, and from all the prophets, He explained to them the things about Himself in all the Scriptures.

Luke 24:36-45 emphasis **vs 44,45** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, **concerning me.** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. ***(This is my prayer for the church, that their understanding might be open to the scriptures).***

Luke 2:21-40 emphasis **vs 22-25, 27,39** And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the LORD, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. **27**And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in

the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, **39** And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. (Note: Here you see that even after Yeshua was born, His parents presented Him according to the Law of the Lord)

Matthew 7:7-12, emphasis **vs 12** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (This is powerful if you understand it)

Matthew 11:7-15, emphasis **vs10** For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. (cross reference **Malachi 3:1**)

Matthew 22:34-40, emphasis **vs 37** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (Remember, Yeshua also said "If you love me you would keep my commandments")

Luke 10:25-37, emphasis **vs 26-27** He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

Luke 16: 14-18, emphasis **vs16,17** The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man press into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

John7:14-24, emphasis **vs16,22** Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. **vs22** Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.

John12:32-34, And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abide for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?



Bearing False Witness Against Christ



Acts 6:8-15, emphasis vs 13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man cease not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law: (Note: The church fails to realize that when they teach that Yeshua did away with the Law or that the Law was nailed to the cross, they are bearing false witness against Yeshua)

Acts 24:10-14, emphasis **vs14** But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: (Note: The accusers, those who hated Yeshua and Paul, called teaching the Law (Torah) heresy).



Understanding the New Testament



Romans 2:11-29 (This is powerful) For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. Behold, thou art called a Jew, and rest in the law, and make thy boast of God, And know his will, and approve the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the “form” of knowledge and of the truth

in the law. Thou therefore which teach another, teach thou not thyself? thou that preach a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that make thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonor thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. For circumcision verily profit, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfill the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (Note: This is powerful if you can understand it).

Romans 3:19-31 (Note: This is powerful if you can understand it)- Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believe in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law!!! (Note: Torah lives, even amongst the Gentiles)

Romans 7:1-25, 8:1-2 (Note: This is powerful if you can understand it)- Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law

of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. **Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.** Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. **For we know that the law is SPIRITUAL:** but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwell in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwell no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwell in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:** But I see ANOTHER law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God;** but with the flesh the law of sin.

Act 26:22 Then obtaining help from God, I stand until this day, witnessing both to small and to great, saying nothing else than what the prophets and Moses also said was going to happen:

Act 28:23 And having appointed him a day, more came to him in the lodging, to whom he expounded, earnestly testifying the kingdom of God and persuading them the things

concerning Jesus, both from the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning until evening.*

(Note: At this point the New Testament Scriptures had not been compiled, Shaul (Paul) was teaching the Messiah from the Former Testament (Old Testament).

1Co 15:3 For I delivered to you in the first place what I also received, that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, (Old Testament)

1Co 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised the third day, according to the Scriptures, (Old Testament).

(Note: At the point of this Epistle, the New Testament Scriptures were not considered 'Scripture' by believers in Messiah. Shaul was speaking of the Tanakh (Old Testament).

“All the prophets prophesied only of the days of the Messiah.”

“The world was created but only for the Messiah.”

2Ti 3:15-16 and that from a babe you know the Holy Scriptures, those being able to make you wise to salvation through belief in Christ Jesus.



The Book of Acts is a repeat of the Tanakh



Act 13:14-32 But going through from Perga, they came to Antioch-Pisidia, and going into the synagogue on the day of the sabbaths, they sat down. And after the reading of the Law, and of the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent to them, saying, Men, brothers, if there is a word of exhortation to the people, speak. And rising up, and signaling with his hand, Paul said, Men, Israelites, and the ones fearing God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose out our fathers, and exalted the people in their stay in the land of Egypt. And with a high arm, He led them out of it. And as forty years time passed, He tenderly bore them in the wilderness. (Deut. 1:31) And He pulled down seven nations in Canaan land, and gave their land to them as an inheritance. (Deut. 7:1) And after these

things, as four hundred and fifty years passed, He gave judges until Samuel the prophet. And from there they asked for a king. And God gave Saul the son of Kish to them, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And removing him, He raised up to them David for a king, to whom He also said, witnessing, "I found David" the son of Jesse "to be a man according to My own heart, who will do all My will." (1 Samuel 13:14; Psalms. 89:20; Isa. 44:28)Of the seed of this one, according to promise, God raised up to Israel a Savior, Jesus; John going before to proclaim before the face of His entrance a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John fulfilled the course, he said, Whom do you suppose me to be? I am not He, but, behold, "He comes after me, of whom I am not worthy to loosen the sandal of His feet." Men, brothers, sons of the race of Abraham, and the ones among you fearing God, to you the Word of this salvation was sent. For those dwelling in Jerusalem, and their rulers, not having known this One, and the voices of the prophets being read throughout every sabbath, condemning Him, they fulfilled the Scriptures. And finding not one cause of death, they asked Pilate to do away with Him. And when they finished all the things having been written concerning Him, taking Him down from the tree, they laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; who appeared for many days to those coming up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are witnesses of Him to the people. And we preach the gospel to you, the promise made to the fathers,

Act 13:33 that this God has fulfilled to us, their children, raising up Jesus; as also it has been written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." (cross reference Psalms. 2:7)

Act 13:34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more being about to return to corruption, so He has said, "I will give You" "the holy things of faithful David." Isa. 55:3

Act 13:35 So He also said in another, "You will not give Your Holy One to see corruption." Psalms. 15:10; Psalms. 16:10

Act 13:36 For having served his own generation by the counsel of God, David truly fell asleep and was added to his fathers and saw corruption. 1 Kg. 2:10

Act 13:37 But He whom God raised up, this One did not see corruption.

Act 13:38 Then let it be known to you, men, brothers, that through this One remission of sin is announced to you.

Act 13:39 And everyone believing in this One is justified from all things which you could not be justified by the Law of Moses.

Act 13:40 Then watch that the thing spoken in the Prophets may not come on you:

Act 13:41 "Behold, you despisers," "and marvel," "and perish, because I work a work in your days," a work which you would "in no way believe if anyone declares it to you." Habakkuk. 1:5

Act 13:42 But the Jews having gone out of the synagogue, the nations begged that these words be spoken to them on the next sabbath.

The Book of Acts is a repeat of the Tanakh (Former Covenant), it is all about Yeshua, the Holy One!

The Gospel being spoken of here was written in the Tanakh (Old Testament).

1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endure forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (Note: this is a cross reference of Isaiah 40:6-9)

Psalms 68:11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Acts 10:34-36 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that fear him, and work righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) **Note: Yeshua was preached to the children of Israel.**

Romans 1:1-4 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise (Note: remember, the New Testament had not been canonized, they did not have it when they were preaching)

Colossians 1:5-6 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bring forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

The Gospel was the promise to Abraham (**Galatians 3:8, 16; Romans 4:13**), the promise = the Word (**Deuteronomy 6:3** dabar=promise) the promise = the Messiah (**Jeremiah 33:14-16**) the promise = eternal life (**1 John 2:25; Genesis 17:8**)



Salvation in the Tanakh: (Old Testament)



Exodus 15:2

The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him

2 Samuel 22:3

The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou save me from violence.

2 Samuel 22:47

The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

2 Samuel 22:51

He is the tower of salvation for his king: and show mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

Psalms 9:14

That I may show forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

Psalms 18:2

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalms 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 40: 7- 10 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book (Torah scroll) it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, **thy law is within my heart**. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou know. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation. Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

The Messiah is revealed from the Tanakh in a step by step method (**Isaiah 28:10**). The Torah portions are a part of the **Paths of Righteousness** which are used to bring forth the Truth and to separate our incorrect notions about the Word.

Psalms 23:3 He restores my soul; He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Definition:

1) entrenchment,

This word comes from the root agal- which means round or a bullock, as in a bullock circling around in play. Ma'gal literally means the trench made from the wheels of carts that are pulled by oxen to tread grain, thus making trenches or paths. This is what the meaning of being a disciple is all about. The yoke of the oxen, the yoke of learning. An older experienced ox is yoked to a younger inexperienced one in order to teach it how to pull a load. Learning through being yoked to the Master. **Matthew 11:29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The word for **Midrash**, which means discussing the Scriptures after the Torah portion was read (**Acts 13:15**), comes from the root drash which means to thresh. Grains were placed on the threshing floor where they were trampled on and beaten in order to separate the hulls from the grain.

This describes the purpose of the Torah. They are teachings, keeping us in **paths of righteousness** and helping us to continue walking in the Word and threshing the correct meaning of the text by comparing spiritual things with spiritual things (**1 Corinthians 2:13**). *It helps us to rely on the Word for meaning instead of sermons from men.*

Act 9:22 But Saul was more filled with power, and he confounded the Jews living in Damascus, proving that this One is the Christ

Thayer Definition:

1) to cause to coalesce, to join together, put together

1a) to unite or knit together: in affection

2) to put together in one's mind

2a) to compare

2b) to gather, conclude, consider

3) to cause a person to unite with one in a conclusion or come to the same opinion, to prove, demonstrate

3a) to teach, instruct, one

The meaning of the above where Shaul (Paul) proves the Messiah from the Scriptures is by joining together Scriptures step by step knitting together the meaning.

Shaul's (Paul) custom was to go into synagogues on the Sabbath days, when the Torah portions were read and show them the Messiah in the Torah by teaching line upon line, precept upon precept.

Act 17:2 And according to Paul's custom, he went in to them and reasoned with them from the Scriptures on three sabbaths,

Act 17:3 opening and setting forth that the Christ must have suffered, and to have risen from the dead, and that this is the Christ, Jesus, whom I announce to you.

Act 17:4 And some of them were persuaded and **joined** themselves to Paul and Silas, both a great multitude of the worshiping Greeks, and not a few of the leading women.

Act 28:23 And having appointed him a day, more came to him in the lodging, to whom he expounded, earnestly testifying the kingdom of God and persuading them the things concerning Jesus, both from the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning until evening.

In closing: I pray that you can stand to Midrash (discuss the scriptures). I pray that you can stand being corrected in love and patience. I pray that you began to see Torah the same way that all of the teachers of scripture saw it, as a beautiful picture of the Messiah, Yeshua, and not Law (a set of rules). Torah are the instructions of YHWH (God) given to you so that you can hit the mark in your life and that you and your decedents may LIVE!!

Be blessed,

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