

Why We Study Torah

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Consider these thoughts about why we study the Torah and pray for YHWH (God, Our Heavenly Father) to “*write it upon our hearts and put it in our minds,*” according to His Word. (Jer 31:33; Heb 8:10) This very issue was YHVH’s promise to the “Israelites” (Commonwealth of Israel; all who believe in the true/real Biblical Yeshua (Jesus) who “*keep/guard*” the Torah (Law of Moses, first 5 books of the Bible)... They are the people, in Romans 8:1-14, who Paul called the “*sons of God (YHVH), who walk not after the flesh, but walk after/in the Spirit (walk according to Torah/as Yeshua did).*” The spiritual life of the Torah “in us,” is the distribution center that the Holy Spirit works from and out of, to empower us for “Kingdom living,” here on earth and to prepare us to “take on” the “spotless” identity of the Bride. This IS THAT which Yeshua commands every believer “taking his Name;” and IS THAT which He expects of them if they intend to join Him at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. It is what Paul told Timothy:

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” 2 Tim 2:19
KJV

Make no mistake about it: “*the foundation of God that standeth sure,*” **is the Torah.**

The “*seal*” is the blood washed believer’s cloak of righteousness **provided by faith in Yeshua** (note Rom 4:11, “*seal of the righteousness of the faith*” concerning Abraham) to save them and keep them unto/until the day of redemption (Eph 4:30)... these are both connected with the sealing of the “Holy Spirit of Promise,” as Paul explains in Eph 4, most of which Chapter 4 is his explaining how to live a Torah lifestyle. The guidelines he gives them are the principals of the Torah... it is NOT a “new” concept or some “church” doctrine.

Those who “*nameth*” the name of Christ (Yeshua) are to depart from “*iniquity.*” Iniquity is translated as “lawlessness,” in some Bibles; and in the context of 2 Tim 2:19, it is a lifestyle or condition that refers to “a believer,” being “outside Torah.” Listen VERY CAREFULLY... for a confessing believer to practice or indulge in *iniquity (Torahlessness)*, is to disqualify one as a “*son of God/YHVH.*” **End of argument as whether all believers need to keep Torah...** unless you want to dispute the Scriptures... which was the devil’s original attack on the Torah Word in the Garden of Eden when he challenged Eve... He questioned the validity of YHVH’s instructions/commandment by his asking, “*did God/YHVH say?*” He then disputed the Torah Word and said, “*surely you will not die.*” Yes, if you dispute the Torah Word, YOU WILL DIE.

The opposite of the “*sons of God/YHVH,*” are those which Paul brings into contrast in Eph 2:2, Eph 5:6, and Col 3:6, they are, “*children, or sons of disobedience,*” who walk after the “*imaginings of their own hearts,*” (Jer 13:10); and, “*walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness,*” (2Pet 2:10/Jude 18); and, as noted above in Rom 8:1-14. Please note that the Biblical distinction (between the two “types” of Sons or children) is: #1, the person who identifies with the real Torah Observant Messiah Yeshua (not a fabricated “*another Jesus*” that so many churches are bringing to their flocks in these days, who does not keep the Torah); and #2, the person who is “*foundationally*” established upon Torah principles... they are “today’s remnant,”

and are the same ones the devil makes war with in the end of days... we are close to the end of days, in my view.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev 12:17 KJV
[Author's Note: the "woman," is the faithful Israel of YHVH; and faithful Israel is the ONLY people YHVH has EVER made a covenant with.]

Judy, my loving wife of 50 years, this coming September 1, 2011, shared this insightful comment with me today, January 20 (Holy Spirit inspired... I believe)

"When at the end of days, Yahweh says that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the end of days..."

I always thought that ONLY meant, we would be evil, as the world was then...only interested in eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, etc...

But, could it be: "as Noah was building an "ark" ...of safety...that anyone who believed what Noah was saying, could come into the ark and be safe...

That... we, too, in these last days, are building an ark of safety (Israel... the "called out" of God)...obedient to Torah principles and the whole Word of Yahweh... and all who believe and come into the Ark will be saved?

That time in Noah's day... the world was destroyed by a flood... at the end... the world will be destroyed by fire...

We must get "into the ark of His Word" for safety... while all the world religions will refuse and be burned up."

Here is the answer I gave her, and which I shared with our Shabbat fellowship January 22, 2011.

"You make a really good analogy... I think it could be a real part of the thinking on this matter. It was a flood that destroyed the people in the days of Noah as the Scriptures say... "And the flood came and took them all away." The wicked were "taken," and the righteous remnant was left in the safety of YHVH's ark which He instructed Noah to build. The "flood" that destroys in our last days, could be a "type of water," as the true Word of God (Torah) is called the "water of His Word." It may also typify the "water" of false religious doctrines and doctrines of devils that bring destructive "floods" upon people in the last days (see dragon's use of water below). You need to know that the faithful righteous, who are in the "ark of The Torah," will be preserved... I think it follows the line of thinking YHVH has about the scattered exiles being preserved in the "second Exodus" being, brought under the rod and into the bond of the covenant, in the "wilderness of the people."(Ezk 20:34-38)

I will share this with the group this Shabbat... thanks for the thought... It, to me, has "type and shadow" connectivity to the "pattern" of how YHVH reveals things to his people. YHVH gave us "the natural," as Paul said that was first, and then the "spiritual," which was next. That meaning that the "natural" order and type of things helps us see and understand the spiritual events... much like the events in Revelation that have symbols and events that foretell the coming "end of days."

Two things about the “water” as typologically applied above:

First; let’s look at how it is used by Paul in Eph 5:26-27, for an example of how Messiah Yeshua views his “bride.” The Bride is “faithful Israel,” those grafted onto the “olive tree,” referred to by Paul in Romans Chapter 11. There is NO separate “church” and “Israel.” If you plan to be “grafted on/into” YHVH’s Kingdom tree... you will have to do it His way. His way is, and always has been... one people, known as the Commonwealth of Israel... One Torah for all, one Saviour Yeshua, one people: Israel.

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” Eph 5:26-27 KJV

Note here, **the cleansing and washing “water” is the Torah** (no “New Testament” then existed). And this concept is continuous throughout the Bible. Also, the word “*church*” confuses non-informed (and misinformed) people: the original Torah meaning for YHVH’s Israelite congregation began with the “people” as a congregation in the wilderness (at Mt Sinai)... those Stephen referred to in Acts 7:38.

Second, note the use of “flood and water,” in Revelation Chapter 12, which I noted above that I would explain later:

“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

“And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Rev 12:15-13:1 KJV

It has always been the devil’s intent to flood the thinking of men with false teachings and poisoned half-truths... the world is now being flooded with a great misinformation and false teaching “deluge,” that is of torrential proportions... it is the devil’s intent to overflow (overwhelm) the faithful from every direction know to man... and with this being the condition, how would you know which teaching or truth “half” was true? The answer, of course, is you would not, unless you know the Torah and the ways of the real Messiah Yeshua.

YHVH has given us the “Revelation,” for our learning and understanding... to know the times and to know the events that the end times will bring to our circumstances... so we can know and prepare for the battles we will need to engage. All spiritual war, according to Dr. Gavin Finley, is an “information war.” I concur that he has the right view of that and that we must “get informed...” The only information that is not “tainted,” with men’s tinkering is the original manuscripts of the Bible... you should consider this with great concern... you should carefully examine any translations of the Scriptures you use and diligently apply the time honored concordances and reference books that define the words used so that you do not get confused about the truth. I like to compare between the King James Version and the New American Standard Version. Frankly, to me, some of the modern versions are badly presented. And, some

are full of severely distorted author/publisher comments about Paul's writings. So, keep the Torah in your heart... as the good seed that YHVH plants there, and "keep and guard" the garden of your heart... Then the Holy Spirit can work from the "distribution center" of the true "Water" of the springs of salvation within you that empower a faithful response to the Master "sower" of the Torah and you will do well. Starting from this foundation, you can proceed ahead with study of prophetic books and more accurately learn the writings of the Apostolic books... i.e., "New Testament." The tragic truth is that most folks rely on men's sermons and homilies to "feed" their thinking; and further, many extract scripture that fit their agenda or personal interest and plunge into the darkness.

Consider this scripture:

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."
Prov 22:3 KJV

We study the Torah for YHVH's divine wisdom to be imparted to us, and for defensive strategy... fools, who are deceived by the false teachings and anti-Torah doctrines will be "punished," and some even destroyed. Because the "flood waters of false religious teachings" are rampant in our days; and thereby our mainstream churches are being brought under the spell of the "mystery of iniquity," (mystery of lawlessness... lawlessness is Torahlessness), they are like the fools who, *"had pleasure in unrighteousness, who loved not the truth,"* that Paul warns the Thessalonians about in 2 Thes Chapter 2:

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way."

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

"That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."
2 Thess 2:7-12 KJV

Again, with the help of my wife's observations during our discussion on this issue, we note the following:

"What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

"His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

"The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. (Bold Emphasis by the author)

“Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Ps 25:12-15 KJV

If you want the Heavenly Father to, “Pluck your feet out of the net,” you will need to “fear the LORD (YHVH)... otherwise you will not know **His Covenant** (Torah written on our inward parts and upon the hearts of believers and the faithful “keepers,” and “doers” of the Word/Torah, just as Yeshua taught all His followers).

The “*mystery of iniquity (Torahlessness)*” is a mystery to Torah defiant people, **not to faithful believers**, because Yeshua trained us to understand His teachings in the parable of the “sower” of the Word/Torah (Mark 4:2-25)... and He said that the disobedient (unproductive hearts that do not bring the Word/Torah to fruition) (unbelievers, same in Biblical context)... would not know... note this:

“And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:” Mark 4:11 KJV

If there was ever a time that we needed to “heed” the warning of our Master and King, Yeshua, the Saviour of the entire world, it is now. The battle rages for the hearts and souls of all the people... people whom Yeshua died for and whom He dearly loves. It is time to consider the words of the Prophet Isaiah in his admonition concerning false teachers:

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isa 8:20 KJV

The “*law*” is the eternal, forever settled Word of God (YHVH)... the Torah.

Torah study is about learning and pursuing the divine principles of YHVH. It is about living a “set apart” life; meaning how we should live and what we should do and not do.

Torah study is how we should relate to a holy GOD (YHVH); and how we should relate to our fellow man.

Torah study is about understanding our need for a Saviour; and about discerning His true identity and how we “students” should be like our teacher Yeshua.

Torah study is about having holy concepts in clearly defined focus and in a specific order; it is about knowing the “true” light from the “artificial light” of the evil one who comes as an angle of light, or as a “wolf in sheep’s clothing.”

The Bible says the Priests are to teach the people to know the profane from the holy; to understand the clean from the unclean; and to know evil from good and to walk in the “paths of righteousness.” Tragically, most of religious leadership and teachers of our day are clamoring for popular acceptance and the need to be “in tune” with the more modern socially and politically correct trends... yet YHVH has called us to return to the “ancient paths.” That “ancient path” is the narrow way and it only leads to the narrow gate that Yeshua said, although open to all, was found by only a few... the broader and wide path leads many ways and all of them are pathways to destruction. Only the way of the “Torah” and the fellowship of the real Messiah Yeshua (both the same) can save us from the flood... and the waters are rising.

I pray you will “enter into” the ark of the Torah that my lovely wife has so clearly observed as relevant to our times and ways... and not be swept away in the flood of “waters of doctrines of men and devils.” The original “ark of the covenant,” contained the stone tablets (Ten Words/Commandments/Torah)... the same words (Torah) are the ones YHVH wants to write upon your heart... so the very presence of His Spirit can indwell you and guide you through the storms of the coming battle of the end of days. The battle is for dominance of what and who will govern mankind... it is about your destiny. The question is not “who” will win the battle, that is a given as YHVH is the known winner... the question is “will YOU be among the victors... the faithful of Israel?”

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This is why we study the Torah... and follow Yeshua. Do we study the other Bible Books too, certainly... the entire Bible (in its original manuscripts) is the inspired Word of God... But it is only appropriate to build a “house upon a rock,” and at the time Yeshua made that point, the rock was the Torah. It still is. The rock has not moved... and it can’t be moved. The beauty of the “view” from out of the “house built upon a rock,” is that the subsequent Scriptures will be more clearly understood when they are seen in their spiritually genetic perfection.

The Apostle Paul, perhaps the greatest Torah teacher other than Yeshua Himself said:

*“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**”* Gal 2:20 KJV [Bold emphasis mine... Yeshua’s faith/faithfulness is what carries us all]

If you have read this article and have never made Yeshua your personal “Saviour;” I hope and pray you know it is NOW time to confess that He is the only way into the “Ark (safety) of the Covenant,” and your only way to life eternal and your fulfilled destiny as YHVH desires for you. The Torah Word of God is the “schoolmaster” that brings you to this understanding... and it is the Holy Spirit who draws your heart and mind to the absolute facts of YHVH’s divine plan for all mankind. You may not have “tomorrow” to reconsider these life and death issues. Come into the “Ark/safety” of the Covenant, and once “on board,” you will be in kinship with Captain Yeshua; He is your “redeemer kinsman.” He/Torah will train you in the way of truth and life. He said, *“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”* Mk 8:36 KJV

The Word of YHVH says He (the Torah Word/Yeshua) was in the beginning, and that the Word/Torah “was with” GOD/YHVH, and the Word/Torah “was” GOD/YHVH... this is found in the New Testament book of John... in Chapter 1. And, as you begin your “journey” thru the miraculous and wondrous plan YHVH has “foreordained” for you... you will be part of the Commonwealth of Israel... and along with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... joint heirs to the all the promises of YHVH... you will have been “grafted” onto/into that “Olive Tree” of YHVH... which has the “root and stem” of the Tree of Life... Torah is known as the “Tree of Life,” as is the Messiah Yeshua... they are one. He said, *“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”* John 15:5 KJV

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