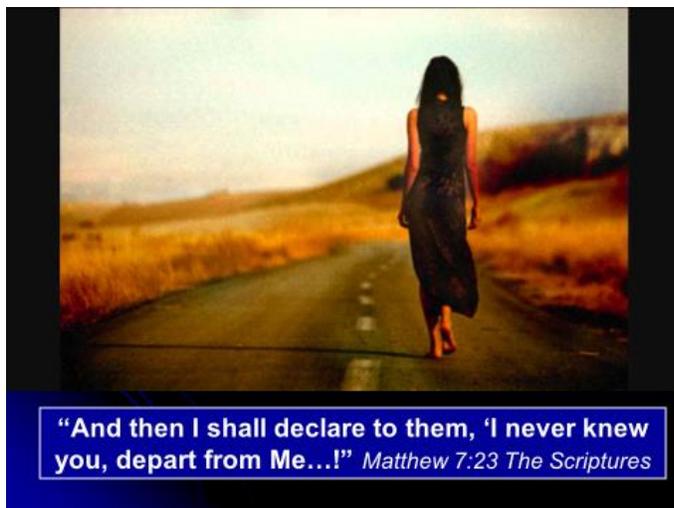


Just for clarification: In my presentations I am using YHVH (Yahuwah) instead of LORD, which is a title and not a name and I am using Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration and really has no meaning, neither in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH (Yahuwah) and Yahusha are the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

None of my presentations are intended to condemn or to judge anyone, but to encourage individuals to study for themselves and find out if these things are so according to Scripture. This is what the Bereans did and we should follow their example. It is a personal, individual responsibility, which each one of us will have to pursue. **The bottom line is “who” do we obey and “who” do we worship?**

In 1. Thessalonians 5, 21 Paul admonishes us to prove „**ALL**“ things with **Scripture and that meant with the Thora, the Prophets and the Psalms.**

Our presentation today is taken from Matthew 7:23 saying: **“I never knew you!”**



“And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me...!’” *Matthew 7:23 The Scriptures*

These are probably the most saddest, terrible and shocking words spoken by Yahusha, recorded in the Bible!

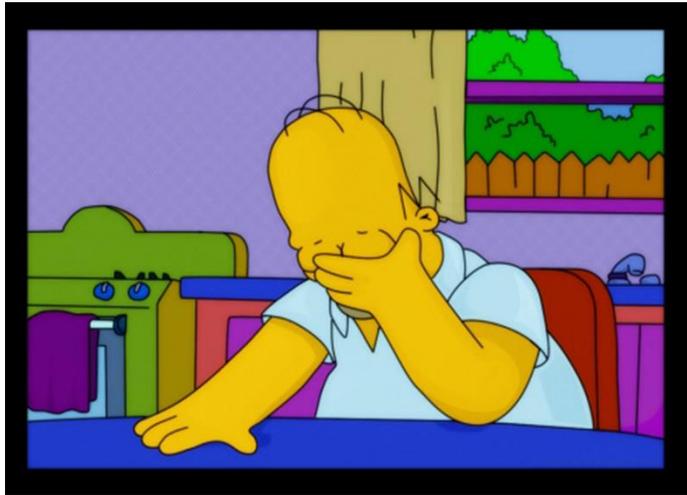
Those people obviously expected something much different like what he said to another group in Matthew 25, 34:

“.....‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the reign prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” *Matthew 25, 34 (The Scriptures)*

*The words „I never knew you” were part of the message of the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew 7:22, when he talked about the coming Day of Judgment. He said to the assembled people: “**Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and***

cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?” *The Scriptures*

These seem to be nice, friendly, polite, likable and good Christians or believing people that will be saying to Him: Lord, Lord or Master, Master, claiming to have done many wonderful and good works!



And yet they will hear that terrible, shocking, disappointing statement: “I never knew you, depart from me!”

That means that **many** Preachers, Church workers, many who have successfully cast out devils, many who call Jesus "Lord," will hear these words!

How terrible is this warning to those who have prophesied, to those who have really preached and taught and worked in His name! We are talking about preachers who literally cast out devils, not modernists, not unbelievers, but those who actually called Him Lord, Lord! They were obviously religious, yet lost!

One must ask the question: “WHY?” **What is the reason that Yahusha rejected these people with the words “I never knew you”?**

Here is the reason: *In the KJV it states: “....depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*

How is it possible that these people are labeled as “ye that work iniquity?” We were just reading that they called Yahusha “Lord, Lord or Master, Master” and claimed that they even prophesied, casted out demons and had done many wonderful works in His name!

For that reason we want to get to the bottom of this to find out, why Yahusha these people rejected! First, we want to see how others translated this verse in Matthew 7: 23!

The Bible in Basic English translates it: "...go from me, you workers of evil!"

The Contemporary English Version says: "... get out of my sight, you evil people!"

The Good News Bible says: "... get away from me, you wicked people!"

The International Standard Version says: "... get away from me, you evil doers!"

The Literal Translation of the Bible says: "... depart from me those working lawlessness!"

The easy to read version says: "Go away from me, you people that do wrong."

The Weymouth New Testament says: "be gone from me, you doers of wickedness."

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Those translations don't help me, because they basically all say the same thing. For this reason we need to go to the original Greek Text, to find the answer!

Let's look at what word is being used in Greek that is being translated as wickedness, evil, and or lawlessness etc.

It is the word #G458 "anomia" from # G459 "Anomos"

"Anomia" literally means "no Torah" "Depart from me, ye that work contempt and are in violation of Torah!"

"Anomos" # 459

"a" = meaning "without"

And "Nomos"
= meaning
"Torah"



A better translation would therefore be:
**"Depart from me, ye that are without
Torah (law, teaching, instruction) !"**

When we speak about the Torah, we immediately think about the five books of Moses, the first five books of the Bible. **In a broader sense are all books of the Bible inspired by Yahuwah.** For this reason should all the books be included in the word "Torah". **The Psalms, the Prophets as well as the Books of Esther and Ruth are part of the Torah Israel's.**

TaNaKh

Ta=Torah
Na=Nebium
Kh=Kethubim

The Jews call these books the **TaNaKh** (TNK), which is an acronym of **Torah** (Law), **Nebi'im** (Prophets) and **Ketuvim** (Writings)! That is for Christianity the so-called Old Testament!

Even J'schua, our Savior pointed to the Tanakh in Luke 24:44, when talking to the two disciples of Emmaus about the prophecies that pointed to His life and mission. 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."** KJV

What does that tell us? **That anyone can find salvation in Yahusha, the Messiah, just by studying the TaNaKh, the so-called Old Testament!**

Now, let's go back to the word "Torah"

The Hebrew word "**Torah**" in our Bibles is mostly translated as "Law", which is not a good translation. First and foremost, **the Torah is Yahuwah's teaching.** The word does not mean "law", it means "**teaching.**" The root word for "Torah" can be traced to the Hebrew word meaning "**to shoot an arrow,**" or "**to hit the mark.**" Sin, on the other hand means "missing the mark"!

Again, Torah literally means teaching, whether it is the wise man instructing his son, or YHVH instructing Israel. It is Yahuwah's teaching, hitting the mark of man's needs, including his need **to know who He is and what His righteousness looks like!**

So, when we look into the Torah, we look into the righteousness of Yahusha, we look at His very character! It also shows us, what we are to look like, what our character must be!

In Deuteronomy 30:19 Yahuwah told the Israelites: "I have called the heavens and the earth as witnesses today against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore you shall choose life, so that you live, both you and your seed." (The Scriptures)

The Torah tells us the truth, the difference between holy and unholy, clean and unclean, life and death. The Torah is therefore the grace of Yahuwah, a blessing.



Satan knows that and for that reason he leads people to reject Yahuwah's Torah, so that they could **not receive the promised blessings.** Unfortunately, after centuries of anti-Jewish, anti-Torah and even anti-Semitic teaching from the most influential leaders of the church, no one would dare attempt to follow one of its precepts or teach others to do so. At the core of this hatred towards the Jews and Torah, are the accusations that the Jews are **Christ killers** whose law should have no part in the life of the Christians.

What the various Protestant reformers have failed to recognize about the 1st Century Church is **that she was Jewish.** Yahusha (*aka Jesus*) was actually a Jewish teacher of Torah. His Hebrew name – that is, His real name – was Yahusha. He kept, taught and lived the Torah. **He did not institute a new**

religion, nor did He cancel the Torah. He sought to bring restoration to the ancient faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **The apostles and first believers kept the biblical festivals, the Sabbath, the dietary laws** and the whole Torah as best they were able.

In the days of the Apostles, Christianity was not yet a separate religion from Judaism. An honest reading of the New Testament from a biblical-Jewish perspective makes it clear that the first-century Church **never thought of herself as separate and excluded from Judaism.** Rather, she considered herself as part of the whole of Israel. She never imagined herself as replacing Judaism. She conceived herself as a reform movement, **but not as a separate entity.** Their faith was the faith of Israel, placed in the Messiah of Israel and they practiced their religion.

However, eventually a separation did take place!

But things were changing. By the time the 2nd Century began, anti-Jewish sentiment was so high in the church that most non-Jews no longer wanted to be identified with Jews at all. New generations were raised to view Jews and even Jewishness as the antithesis of Christianity. By the time Constantine in the 3rd Century converted to Christianity and declared it the official state religion, most of the Jewish elements were gone, except for hold-out sects of Jewish believers like the Nazarenes **and the Ebonite's and the observance of Torah had been largely eliminated.**

Constantine made the divorce from Judaism final with the Council of Nicea (325 CE). His official policy regarding Torah observance is expressed in his words: **“Let us have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish rabble.”** The decisions made at Nicea defined the course the church would take henceforth. Later church Councils followed suit, and new legislation was introduced to forbid Christians from observing Torah. The Council of Antioch (341 CE) prohibited Christians from celebrating Passover with the Jews, while the Council of Laodicea (363 CE) forbade Christians from observing the biblical Sabbath.

In the late fourth century, John Chrysostom, the Archbishop of Constantinople, an early important church Father, even honored as a saint by the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic said in one of his hateful,

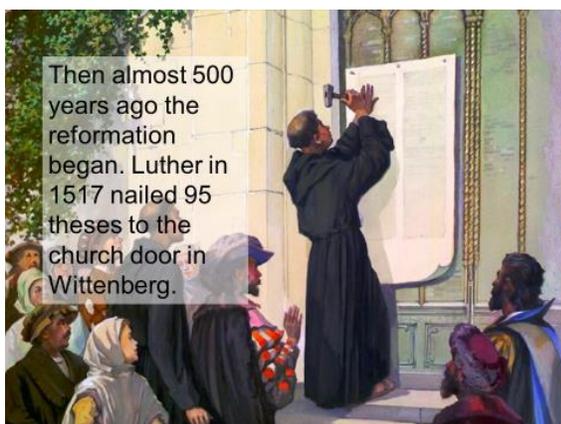
anti-Jewish sermons that “the observance of Torah is as a disease in Christianity!”

What kind of a disease was he talking about?

It states in Chrysostom, John, *Against the Jews*, Homily 2.5 “**The festivals** of the pitiful and miserable Jews are soon to march upon us one after the other and in quick succession: **the Feast of Trumpets, the Feast of Tabernacles, the fasts** (*like the Day of Atonement*). There are many in our ranks who say they think as we do. Yet some of these are going to watch the festivals and **others will join the Jews in keeping their feasts and observing their fasts.** I wish to drive this perverse custom from the church right now ... But now that the Jewish festivals are close by and at the very door, if I should fail to cure those who are sick with **the Judaizing disease** ... (they) may partake in the Jews’ transgressions.”

Chrysostom went on **to denounce** Christians who participated in **the festivals, the Sabbath and the dietary laws.** He rebuked them for attending the synagogue. As the time went on, and the Dark Ages began, the professed Christian church turned violent toward the Jewish people **and everything that was considered Jewish.** Synagogues and holy books were burned, whole communities were slaughtered all in the name of Christ. The State Church tightened her grip on her own people by forbidding laity from possessing a copy of the Scriptures. The Holy Book was forbidden. A person caught with a copy of the Scriptures could be sentenced to death.

The Torah and the gospel were in exile, lost among the nations.



But Luther didn't go far enough. Each reform is an attempt to reach further back to the original first-century church of Yahusha and His disciples.

Even Dr. Martin Luther **condemned Sabbath observance as sinful.** In 1543 he published on the Jews and their lies, in which he advocated burning down synagogues in every town and **forcing Jews to convert or to die.**



Because the Spirit of Yahuwah is causing more and more of His people to “rediscover” His ancient words, a document describing the lifestyle for the holy community, and as the sacred marriage agreement between Him and His people.

Let’s again go back to Matthew 7:23: Even though this group of people according to their own words addressed Yahusha with Lord, Lord or Master, Master, prophesied, cast out demons und did many wonderful works in His name, **they were rejected by Him, because they had rejected “His” instructions, “His” Torah with the statutes and judgments!** **They were following someone else’s instructions or their even own ways!**

Could it also be that all these good things they mentioned were defiled by selfishness, maybe to earn applause, maybe were done from a wrong motive? Yahusha talked about this at one time in Matthew 6:1-4:

“Take heed that ye do not your alms **before men, to be seen of them** ... do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.” *Matthew 6:1-4 Luther*

Could that be the reason that Yahusha called this group of people in Matthew 7:23 „lawless, evil, bad or without Torah?” because they were selfish and loveless?

What does Torah teach us? *First Deuteronomy 6:5* says: **“Thou shalt love YHVH thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might”**

And secondly it says in Leviticus 19:18 **“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” KJV**

Torah teaches first Love towards our Creator and Redeemer and secondly compassion towards other people, especially the suffering ones and the least of them.

Torah teaches LOVE, Agape Love!

If those people in Matthew 7:23 would have studied and **lived** Torah, their good deeds would have been pure, *unselfish* and acceptable!

Galatians 5:14 puts it this way: “For the whole Law (Torah) is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

KJV

The Ten commandments do not say in actual words to love our Creator and our neighbor! The 10 Commandments are just 10 “thou shalt and thou shalt not!” It is the statutes and judgments, the fine print of the 10 Commandments that tell us to love our Creator and our neighbor!

A famous Rabbi Akiva is quoted as saying the commandment to love one’s neighbor as oneself is **“the greatest principle in the Torah.”**

Love is not the replacement of the Torah; it is the summary of the Torah!

When Yahuwah made human beings, he gave them **an instruction manual** to accompany them, one can call that „Torah“. We do not function to our full potential **without instructions**. The Torah was not given as the means for salvation. When YHVH gave the Israelites the Thora at Sinai, they were already a saved people! **Redemption must precede commandments.**

The idea that one can merit or earn salvation through works of obedience is called „legalism“. Legalism says: **„I must obey Elohim, in order to be saved.“**

Grace on the other hand says: „I want and must obey, because I am saved.”

In His great love and mercy, Yahuwah Elohim gave man the Torah, the law, the target, the aim, the instruction, His standard, an objective standard of right and wrong. **It is not based on what feels right for me or doesn’t feel right for me.** It is black and white, it is right and wrong, it is thou shalt not; what is clean and unclean; what is holy and what is profane. It is a universal standard of righteousness. **What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the teaching of the Torah!**

Yahuwah Elohim gave us detailed instructions, so we know who we are, what is expected from us, how to behave, what to eat, how to stay healthy, what

days and festivals to keep. He gave us laws and instructions of how to Worship him as His people, His bride!

The Torah is a description of what His people look like (*Deuteronomy 4:6*)

The Torah reflects Yahuwah's Holiness, Goodness and Righteousness!

The Torah shows what sin is (*Rom 7:7; 1. John 3:4*)!

The Torah reveals the wrath of YHVH (*Rom 4: 15*)

The Torah leads us to Yahusha (*Galatians 3:19-26*)

The Torah reminds us of the Creator through the weekly Sabbath!

The Torah reminds us of the plan of salvation through the yearly appointed feast days!

The Torah is a history book of creation, a manual for life, a covenant document and the constitution of the nation!

Because the Torah tells us the truth, the difference between holy and unholy, clean and unclean, life and death, it is both a protection for us and a written revelation of the grace of YHVH. Every man, woman or child who chooses not to live within the teachings of YHVH, which produce life, is consigned to a place outside of the blessing and protection established by these teachings. (*Remember Deuteronomy 30: 19-20*)

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The Torah can be likened to the foundation of a house, because it is the initial revelation of Yahuwah Elohim. When He spoke the Torah through Moses, **it was His introduction of Himself to Israel and the entire world.** Through the stories and laws of the Torah, we are introduced to who Yahuwah is, what He is like, how He

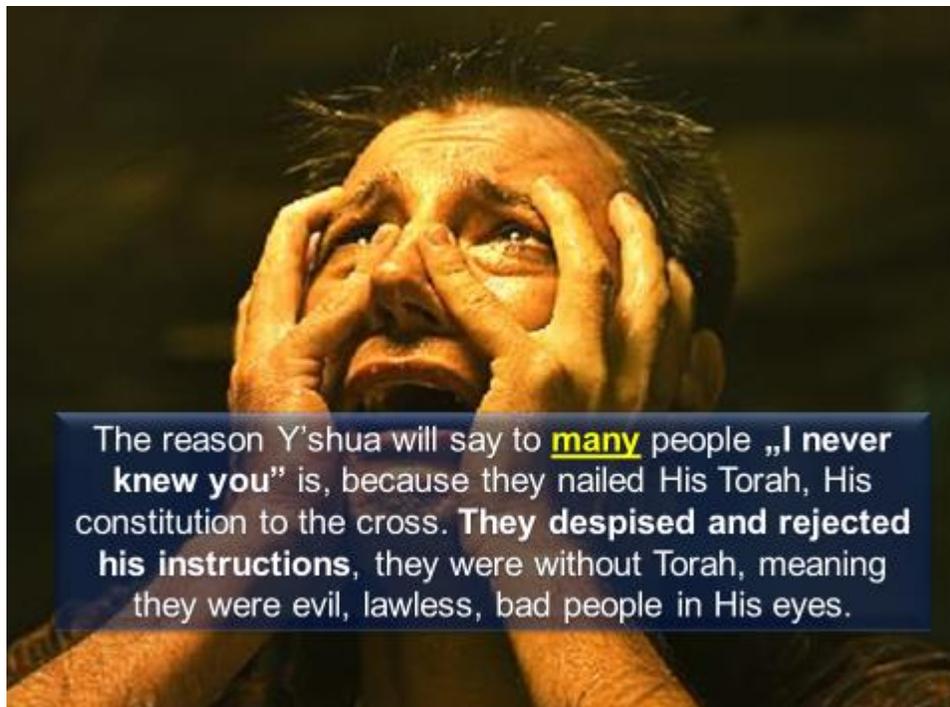
made the world, why He chose His people, how He redeemed them and what He expects from them. It is a record of Yahuwah's covenants with His people, and it contains the stipulations of those covenants. **Therefore the correct priority of Scripture starts with the Torah.**

Any subsequent revelations, prophecies or scriptures would have to be checked against the Torah for authentication. **Any prophet or prophetess, who uttered a prophecy contrary to the Torah was to be regarded as a false prophet. See Deuteronomy 13.**

How important is the Torah for believers?

*In Proverbs 28:9 it states: „He who turns away his ear from hearing the Torah, **even his prayer is an abomination.**” *The Scriptures**

That obviously means, if someone rejects Torah, his or her prayers are useless, they might as well stop praying!



For this very reason Yahusha did not recognize these people as His own and they really didn't know Him either!

Did they follow a false Messiah? Did they have a false hope? Where they following traditions and teachings of man instead of a “Thus saith YHVH”?

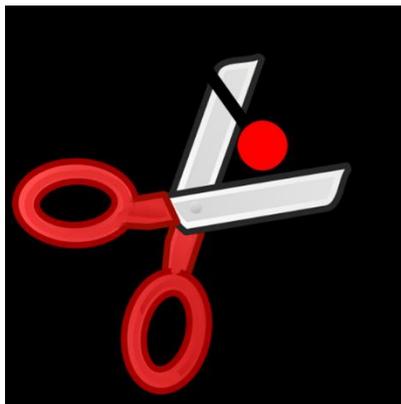
Remember, Yahusha is the word according to John 1:1, which became flesh, the living word, the living Torah! The Torah is Yahusha embodied and Yahusha is the Torah unfolded.

Only those that love, teach and live the Torah, will Yahusha acknowledge as His own, because Yahusha the Torah embodied!

Whoever rejects the written Torah, rejects the living Torah, Yahusha!

<p>Let's just think about it!</p> <p>The great sin of the Jews was their rejection of the Messiah; the great sin of the Christian world today, is their rejection of the Torah, with the statutes and judgments, the foundation of his government!</p>		<p>The Jews nailed Yahusha to the cross, Christianity claims that the Torah ended at the cross!</p> <p>The Jews as well as Christianity try to separate Yahusha from the Torah. That is impossible!</p>
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Yahusha and the Torah are inseparable!



When we remove the Torah from Yahusha, our redeemer, **we create a false Messiah.** This is called the Anti-Christ (*the Anti-Messiah*) of which we are warned in Matthew 24, because this false Messiah hates the Torah! **A Messiah that does away with the Torah is the false Messiah, Paul is talking about!**

Some people profess to believe and to teach the Torah of the Old Testament, while they reject the Messiah (Yahusha) of the New Testament. But in refusing to receive the Messiah, they show that they do not believe that, which patriarchs and prophets have spoken! **"Had ye believed Moses,"** Messiah said, **"ye would have believed Me; for he wrote of Me."** *John 5:46. KJV*

Hence there is no real power in their teaching the Torah of the Old Testament.

Then on the other hand there are many, who claim to believe and to teach **only** the New Testament, they **set aside** the Old Testament Scriptures, of which Messiah declared, **“They are they which testify of Me.”** *John 5:39 KJV* In rejecting the old, they virtually reject the New, for both are parts of an inseparable whole. No one can rightly present the Torah of the O.T. without Yahusha of the N.T.

And no one can rightly present the Yahusha of the N.T. without the Torah of the O.T.

Again, the Torah of the O.T. is the root, the foundation and the Messiah (Yahusha) of the N.T. is the fulfillment. Therefore, the Jews must accept the Messiah of the N.T. and the professed believers of today must accept the Torah of the Old Testament and if they do not want to accept the Torah with the statutes and judgments, then they may hear the very disappointing words from Yahusha: „I have never known you, depart from me, ye that are without Torah!”

Without Torah, means without His instructions or in the eyes of Heaven evil, bad, satanic, etc. Is that correctly interpreted?

Psalm 1 (*The Scriptures*) **“Blessed is the man who shall not walk in the counsel of the wrong, and shall not stand in the path of sinners, and shall not sit in the seat of scoffers 2. But his delight is in the Torah of יהוה and he meditates in His Torah day and night. For he shall be as a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that yields its fruit in its season, And whose leaf does not wither, And whatever he does prospers...”** Psalm 1:1-3 The Scriptures

In Jeremiah 6:16 (The Scriptures) it states: Thus said “ יהוה Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and find rest for yourselves.”

The old and the good paths mentioned here are the teachings and instructions of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Paul talks about the mystery of **“lawlessness”** or better expressed as **“Torahlessness”**, which will take place at the end of time and we can see it with our own eyes taken place today!

The consistent message of Israel's Prophets was **a call to repent** and to turn back to the covenant norms expressed in the Torah (See *Ezekiel 14:6 and 18:30*).

This call to repent is even more applicable to the last generation!

“Repent, because you have broken the Torah”, the Prophets said (See *Ezekiel 14:6 and 18:30*). The Prophets also looked forward to the Kingdom of Heaven, when Yahuwah's Word, the Torah would be universally obeyed (See *Isaiah 2:3, Jeremiah 31:33-34*)

Christianity puts the Epistles first and the Torah last. This is backward, because we have been led to believe that Paul, the writer of the Epistles, taught against Torah, and Yahusha (Jesus), in the Gospels did away with Torah. For this reason we regard the Torah and the O.T. as less relevant and authoritative than our N.T. books. But this is backwards and upside down. It is like building the 2nd floor of the house before laying a foundation or building the first floor. It is the wrong priority of Scripture.

We should start at the beginning. Paul tells us that a later covenant cannot contradict an earlier covenant (See *Galatians 3:15-17*) Neither can a later Scripture contradict an earlier one. The correct priority of Scripture starts with the Torah. Torah must be regarded first, because it was given first. **To fully understand Yahuwah's Word, we must read the Gospels and Epistles through the lens of Torah.**

The Torah is His message to us human beings, His self-revelation! When YHVH revealed himself to man, He did not give us a systematic theology, creeds, recipes or diagrams. He gave us a legal code, He gave us laws. Each law, each commandment, statute or judgment, no matter how small or seemingly irrelevant, is actually a piece of revelation from HIM, and overflowing of His heart.



Torah is more than just legal formulations; it is the revealed person of YHVH dressed in laws, commandments, statutes and judgments!

When we become believers, Yahusha, the living Torah takes up residence inside us. He is being formed in us, then we reflect His very character! We become a living Torah!

So, when people look at His followers, they are to see the reflection of His character, they are to see His Torah in action! Deuteronomy 4:5-8 says that when Israel lives out the Torah, the world will see Yahuwah ELOHIM!

Here are the words in Deuteronomy 4, 5-6 (Restoration Study Bible):
“Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as Yahuwah my Elohim commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. 6. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”

Unfortunately, our Heavenly Father has had comparatively very few people in the past that have ever lived out His Torah in its fullness!

However, the book of Revelation talks of many people, who at the end of the world, will reflect Yahuwah's character in that they will follow His teachings in the Torah with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

It is high time, das Bible believing people discover the forgotten book, the Torah with the weekly Sabbath, the yearly festivals, the diet laws with the riches of their eternal heritage, that they will not hear the most terrible and disappointing words from the Savior recorded in Matthew 7:23:

**“I never knew you,
depart from me, ye
that are without
Torah!”**



Should we be concerned?

Of what we have learned so far, is it safe to say that the Torah is the most important document in this life, because man's eternal destiny will be decided by its acceptance or rejection?

Listen what YHVH has to say in Hosea 4:6 in reference to the Torah „My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me:

seeing thou hast forgotten the Torah (law #8453) of thy Elohim, I will also forget thy children.” (*Restoration Study Bible*)

What kind of knowledge is it talking about in this verse?

His people had forgotten Yahuwah's instructions, called the Torah!

And whose fault is it?

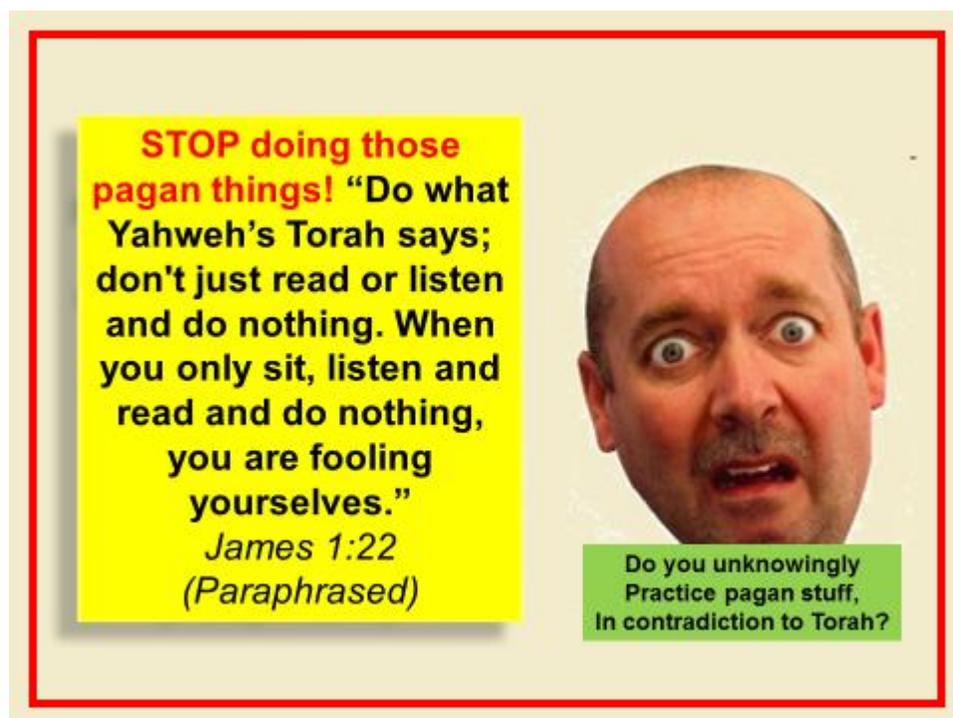
Every individual is personally responsible to acquire this knowledge and follow it!

Turning away from Torah with the statutes and judgments brings curses, but returning to the wisdom of Torah brings blessings and healing.

Yahusha said in John 10:27 (RSB) “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

And the Torah is Yahusha's voice, that means according to Matthew 7:23 that **his sheep are only those, who hear the voice of the Torah, both the living and the written one with the statutes and Judgements**, observe the instructions and are sealed with them (*Isaiah 8:16*)!

If the Word of YHVH is true, it must be consistent. If Messiah is true, He must be consistent with the Torah of Moses. The Hebrew Messiah Yahusha Ha Mashiach is consistent with the written Torah, but the Christ of traditional theology is not. Can we agree with that?



STOP doing those pagan things! “Do what Yahweh’s Torah says; don’t just read or listen and do nothing. When you only sit, listen and read and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves.”
James 1:22 (Paraphrased)

Do you unknowingly Practice pagan stuff, In contradiction to Torah?

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THE END

There is power in the blood of the Lamb, the shed blood of Yahusha
the Messiah!

