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“Word Definitions”

The goal here with definitions is to define words biblically, and to understand what these words meant to the Disciples of Yahusha and the first century congregation! With a clear understanding of the definition of these words we will be more diligent in correctly interpreting the Bible. Hermeneutics is the process of allowing scripture to interpret scripture, therefore; we will allow scripture to define these words!

Torah = Teaching Acquired knowledge or skills that mark the direction one is to take in life. The root yarah meaning the pointing of the finger to show direction. Another word derived from this root is the word moreh which can mean one who throws the arrow or a teacher, as one who points the way. The word torah is literally the teachings of the teacher or parent. When a parent is teaching a child a new task and he demonstrates a willingness to learn, but fails to grasp the teaching completely, the parent does not punish the child, but rather encourages him. In contrast to this, a law is a set of rules that if not observed correctly, will result in punishment, and there is no room for teaching. The torah of Yahweh are His teachings to His children which are give in love to encourage and strengthen- **quoted from Jeff Benners Ancient Hebrew Dictionary.** We translate the word torah into law and this doesn't do torah justice. Torah is the instructions of the Father on how to please Him. We should take the time to read His instructions and keep them!

Sin= Lawlessness In the greek sin is described as harmatia which means to miss the mark. What they fail to tell you is that the mark is Torah! **I John 3:4 “Sin is breaking Yahwehs Law”.** So anytime you don't keep the Fathers instructions it is sin! If you fail to keep the Sabbath or any other Feasts of Yahweh (**Leviticus 23**) at their appointed times then it is sin. If you eat pork or any other unclean animal (**Leviticus11**) then it is sin. Man likes to label things that are not sin as sin, and they also like to label things that are sin as not sin thus fulfilling **Isaiah 5:20 “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness...”** James described sin in James 4:17 as knowing the right thing to do and not do it!

Scriptures= the Old Testament or the T.A.N.A.K. T=Torah or Law(the first 5 books of Moses). N= Nevium (the prophets). K= Ketuvim (writings like Psalms). **2 Timothy 3:16,17 “All Scripture is inspired by Yahweh and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of Yahuah may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”** **Scripture isn't a reference to the**

New Testament, which didn't exist at the time this epistle was written, but rather Scripture is a reference to the Old Testament which Paul is saying it's good for teaching and training in righteousness- Now that would include the Laws of Yahweh! Luke 24:44 "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled" Yahusha is referring to the scriptures! Galatians 3:8 "And the Scripture, foreseeing that Yahweh would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the Nations shall be Blessed in you." Here we see the scripture referring to the old testament and also that the gospel existed even before Yahusha was manifested in the flesh!

Gospel = Torah! Colossians 1:5 "Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, that is the gospel." The gospel is the 'Word of Truth'-Psalm 119:142 tells us 'Thy Law is truth'- the truth is Torah- the gospel is truth which is torah. I prefer the Hebrew word which is **Besorah- Strongs H1309. Besorah means glad tidings, or the reward for good news.** Besorah comes from the root word Basar- strongs H1319. Basar means to announce glad news, to be fresh or full, cheerful tidings- and is translated to show forth, publish, messenger, preached. So anyway, the gospel is Torah!

Truth= Yahuahs Law! Psalm 119:142 "...Thy Law is Truth". Psalm 119:151 "...All Thy Commandments are Truth". Psalm 119:160 "The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting". So very clearly here the scriptures tells us that Truth is Torah, and His Torah is everlasting! John 17:17 "Sanctify them in truth (Torah), for Thy word (Torah) is truth.

Wisdom= Keeping and Doing Torah! Deuteronomy 4:6 "So keep and do them (Torah), for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'" So obviously the scriptures tell us that wisdom is keeping and doing Torah! Jeremiah 8:9 "...Behold, they have rejected the word (Torah) of the Yahweh, and what kind of wisdom do they have?" So if you reject Torah you do not have wisdom.

Word= Torah! Numbers 15:30,31 "The person who does anything defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the Yahuah; and that person shall be cut off from among his people. Because he has despised the word (Torah) of Yahweh and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be on him." The Word is the Law, for it is talking about breaking Yahwehs commandments! Deuteronomy 5:5 "while I was standing between the Yahuah and you at that time, to declare to you the word (Torah) of the Yahuah; for you were afraid because of the fire and didn't go up the mountain."

Isaiah 5:24 “...For they have rejected the law (Torah) of the Yahuah of hosts, and despised the word (Torah) of the Holy One of Israel.” I Peter 1:25 “But the Word (Torah) of the Yahuah abides forever...” The Greek word used here for word is rhema, which can mean an utterance, command, instruction, speech. Clearly the Bible tells us that the Word is Torah!

Many people think that there is one law for the Jews and one law for the gentiles. Scripture doesn't share that thought. **Numbers 15:16 “There is to be one law and one ordinance for you and for the alien who sojourns with you.” Numbers 9:14 “...you shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.”** Some will question whether or not we are aliens or sojourners. We are grafted into Israel according to Romans 11. And the apostle Paul makes it clear that we are no longer aliens or sojourners, since we are grafted in and no longer aliens and strangers or sojourners; how much more so would the Torah of Yahweh apply to us! **Ephesians 2:19 “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens (sojourners-strongs #3941), but you are fellow citizens (native strongs # 4847) with the saints, and are of Yahwehs house-hold.”**

Freedom = strongs # 7342= rachab = roomy, in any or every direction; broad; large; at liberty; wide Psalm 119:42-45 Clearly implying that the precepts of Yahweh are freedom! The commandments of Yahweh are freedom, they are a wide, broad place. **Keeping the commandments of Yahweh sets you free!** The commandments of Yahweh give a person Freedom! They can give you freedom from the traditions of men that are bound up in lies and paganism!**John 8:31,32 The Torah that you know and do shall make you Free! If Abide in my Torah, then you are my disciple. You shall know Torah, and the Torah shall make you free!**

James 1:23-25 clearly here the law of Yahuah is the law of Freedom or Liberty

James 2:12 if you want freedom then you should be following the Laws of Yahweh

Galatians 5:1 So how do we make sense of Galatians 5:1? When compared to what Yahusha and James said about freedom- freedom is Torah! So how could Paul possibly be referring to Torah as a yoke of slavery? He is not! He is referring to Torah as being freedom and being without Torah is bondage or slavery!

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Compared to what James said, “The perfect law, the law of liberty”

The Laws of Yahweh when understood and obeyed set you free from sin; it sets you free from the curse of sin; and it sets you free from the bondage of slavery to the traditions of men that are bound up in lies and paganism.

Faith = Obedience to Torah and confidence in Yahusha as Messiah!

Strong's G4102 from G3982 = pistis; faith; persuasion; belief. **Vines**= It speaks of fidelity, faithfulness. It describes the character of one who can be relied on.

Strong's G3982 = pitho = believe; faith; assurance; convince; persuade; trust, **obey;** yield. **Vines**= The **obedience** suggested is not by submission to authority, but resulting from persuasion. **Obedience** is of the conduct and may be observed. **When a man obeys Yahuah he gives the only possible evidence that in his heart he believes Yah.** The actual outward result of the inward persuasion and consequent faith.

Strong's H530 = emunah or faith. Vines = this word has to do with your character; being trustworthy or loyal to Yah's commandments. The first biblical appearance it means to remain in one place or to be in a fixed position. When you are grafted into the Kingdom of Yah- you are in a fixed position; that position being one of obedience to Yah at all costs.

Light= Torah! Proverbs 6:23 literally the word teaching here in the Hebrew is Torah. **Torah is light!**

Psalm 119:105- Thy word (Torah) is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. **Torah is light!**

John 8:12 Here we see that Yahusha is light and also that Yahusha is Torah, for Torah is light. We also can see that Torah is life. But something else we begin to see is that darkness is lawlessness!

If you are walking in Torah then you are walking in light.
If you are walking in Lawlessness then you are walking in darkness.

2 Cor.6:14 righteousness= keeping the commandments of Yahuah
lawlessness= breaking Yahuahs law
Paul compares righteousness, keeping Torah, to being in the light;
And lawlessness, not keeping Torah, to being in darkness!

Iniquity, Unrighteousness, Wickedness = All 3 of these words are linked to lawlessness! So when you are reading the New Testament and you come across these words, you need to understand that they mean lawlessness! They are Strong's # G93 which is a synonym with strong's # G458. **#G93**= a condition of not being right with Yahweh according to the standard (Torah) of His holiness and righteousness. **#G458** = Transgression of Torah or Lawlessness. **2 Thessalonians 2:12 "in order that they all may be judged who did not believe (obey) the truth (torah), but took pleasure in wickedness (lawlessness).** **I John 5:17 "all unrighteousness (lawlessness) is sin".**

Matthew 7:23 “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice iniquity (lawlessness).”

Unprincipled= lawlessness. Strongs # 113 = lawless. 2 Peter 3:17 “You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled (lawless) men, you fall from your own steadfastness.” This verse in context is talking about lawless men who would misinterpret Pauls writings for lawlessness. **That is exactly what is going on in the Christian churches today! And Peter warned us not to do that!**

Repentance= The common use of repentance is a change of mind. But there is more to repentance than changing your mind. **True repentance as best I can describe it is when you stop doing things your way, and begin doing things the way Yahweh has told us to do them in His Torah. That’s true change!** When you begin to keep the commandments of Yahweh such as the Sabbath, the annual Appointed Times of Yahweh, wearing Tassels, not eating unclean animals; you will be a peculiar people! **Strongs # G3341 the greek word metanoia implies reversal and that’s exactly what we need to do!** Reverse from our ways and start doing things Yah’s way! **Turn from lawlessness and begin to keep the Law of Yahweh.**

Righteousness= There are two types of righteousnesses. The main one we need comes from Yahusha. This happens when you repent and put your trust in Yahusha to save you- he simply imputes His righteousness to you. But there is another type of righteousness that simply comes from keeping the commandments of Yahweh. **We need to have both!** The second is learned behavior, through the process of sanctification, where you begin to turn from your lawlessness and learn Yah’s instructions and keep them- it’s not an overnight process. It takes time to learn His ways and keep them, and unlearn all the lies we’ve been handed and paganism most of us grow up in with the traditions of men. **Luke 1:6 “ And they were both righteous in the sight of Yahuah, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Yahuah.”** **Romans 6:16 “Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin (lawlessness) resulting in death, or of obedience (keeping Torah) resulting in righteousness.”** **For more in depth study of this word look at my teaching on 2 righteousnesses!**

Darkness= lawlessness If light is Torah, then the obvious conclusion would be that darkness is lawlessness. **2 Corinthians 6:14 “Do not be bound together with**

unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?" Ephesians 4:17,18 "...no longer walk as the gentiles walk in the futility (idolatrous practices) of their mind (understanding), being darkened (lawless) in their understanding, alienated (excluded) from the life of Yahuah, because of the ignorance (willful blindness or perception) that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart." [Check out my teaching on Alienated From the Life of Yahweh Without Knowing It.](#) The devil (hasatan) is so deceitful, it's awful! He can deceive you into thinking you are following Yahweh and on your way to heaven; when you are really sinking in lawlessness!

Bible- This word was originally Phoenician, then passed into Greek, and then into Latin. It means books in the Greek. It was the name of a Phoenician port city that exported papyrus. The city was named Byblos because the Phoenicians worshipped a fertility deity named Byblia. Byblia was another name for the Asherah, also known as Artemis in Ephesus. Calling the Words of Yahuah by the name of Byblos or Bible is yet another trick foiled upon us by men, long dead.

Holy-
God-
Lord-
Master-
Jesus-

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