



**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> and upon finding a single pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.  
Mathew 13:45**

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## Bechukotai - In My Statutes

Leviticus 26:3–27:34

Jeremiah 16:19–17:14

John 14:15–21, 15:10–12

With this parashah, we will finish the third book of the Torah, that of Leviticus. Parsha Bechukotai which means “in my statutes” opens with YHVH stating “If you walk in My statutes and keep My commands, and perform them, then I will” which the passage goes on to list the blessings YHVH will bestow upon His people for their obedience to Him. What we miss within a “churchy” mentality is that we do not observe the commandments to receive a blessing, but rather to show YHVH that we love Him, as we humble ourselves to His word. We also must note that observance to the Torah does not bring salvation, but rather it brings a blessing. Salvation is free, which we obtain by Grace through faith. It cannot be purchased or earned, it is FREE. However, that does not negate the reality that we are commanded as children of YHVH to observe and keep His Torah.

John writes regarding the Torah. ***But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you--Moses, in whom you trust. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?*** John 5:42-47

Here we see Messiah stating to the religious leaders, that if you do not believe Moses, then you cannot believe what He says. This is not just a statement or concept for then, but is still true today, for us. That if we negate the Torah or do not believe in it then how can we believe in the words in the reNewed Covenant?

You see for most they do not understand what the Torah is, they see it as a set of laws, which is what rabbinical Judaism has equated it to, but that is not what it is!

The Torah of YHVH is not the “law” but rather the loving instructions of our Heavenly Father which He seeks us to obey out of love, respect towards Him and to set us apart as Holy unto YHVH, as we humble ourselves to His word. The idea of the Torah as the “law” was developed by the Rabbi's before Yeshua but predominantly after the destruction of the Temple in an attempt to reinvent itself

in a post-temple period. However, what we find in scripture is that they translate the word Torah as “Law” which now has a different meaning ascribed to it than the one it originally had, or the one God seeks to relay to us.

We read further in John when it states ***“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*** (John 14:15)

Or in 1 John 5:2-4 (NIV) ***2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.***

What we need to understand is that it is in our actions we show someone we love them. If I said to my wife I love her yet then repeatedly did things which upset her, how can I say that I love her. For my very actions show that I have no respect or love for her. However, because I love my wife, my love for her is evident in what I do and say. This is also true in our relationship with YHVH, that because we love YHVH we should seek to observe His commands, His instructions, as our actions express what is in our hearts.

Leviticus 26:3-13

***3 ‘If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,***

***4 then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.***

***5 Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.***

***6 I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid;***

***I will rid the land of evil beasts,***

***and the sword will not go through your land.***

***7 You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.***

***8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.***

***9 ‘For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.***

***10 You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.***

***11 I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.***

***12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.***

***13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves;***

***I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright.***

We see in the above text a brief list of the many blessings Israel receives for their obedience in observing the Torah.

In the Targum of Johnathan on Leviticus 26 we read

*And I will set the Shekinah of My Glory among you, and my Word shall not abhor you, but the Glory of My Shekinah shall dwell among you, and My Word shall be to you for a redeeming God, and you shall be unto My Name for a holy people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out redeemed from the land of Mizraim, that you should not be bondmen to them, and brake the yoke of their bondage from off you, and brought you out from among them, the children of liberty, and led you forth with an erect stature.*

We see in the above quote from the Targum on Lev. 26 that if Israel observes the Torah, then the Glory of YHVH will dwell amongst them, and the Word will not detest them, but will be to them a redeeming God and Israel will be a holy people unto the name of YHVH. However, if they do not observe the Torah of YHVH, then God will remove His hand of protection which will allow the many curses to come upon them.

Leviticus 26:14-39

***<sup>14</sup> 'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments,***

***<sup>15</sup> and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant,***

***<sup>16</sup> I also will do this to you:***

***I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart.***

***And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.***

We see here that when Israel goes against God, then He brings upon them "terror," is this not what has consumed the Western nations and Judah today? What the body of Messiah should be doing is seeing these things and getting on its knees, as they seek God for our nation. That we should be speaking to our politicians wherever we live and say to them that the state of this nation is due to that we have turned away from God. That if we continue then further curses will come upon our nation.

For the next curse is that we will be overcome by our enemies. Let me ask, who is our enemy? Remember we do not fight against flesh and blood but spiritual powers. It is HaSatan and His cohorts, in which we see the manifestations of their actions, in the antichrist spirit which is prevalent in the world today. As the antichrist system is in full operation awaiting its appearance onto the world stage, instead of hiding in the shadows of various institutions and organisations around the globe. If we are going to see our enemy come against us, then we will first see this in the spiritual and then the physical. We will see an increase in demonic activity and attacks, followed by physical attacks by our enemies.

Is this not what is taking place today? Are we not seeing more demonic activity? Are we not hearing rumours of wars, that our enemies may attack?

We further need to understand that during the time of Jacob's Trouble we will witness the very gates of hell being opened as the hordes of hell are let loose as a judgment against humanity. We will see things come upon the earth during this time that will make grown men die with fear. What we need and MUST understand is that the only defence we have is YHVH! We MUST ensure that He is our refuge and our fortress. For only then will we be able to stand and be victorious, as we are clothed with the armour of YHVH.

The Sages have derived a list of specific failures to obey YHVH's instructions which are derived from the above verses.

1. Not studying YHVH's Torah
2. Not observing YHVH's requested instructions;
3. Rejecting those who observe YHVH's instructions;
4. Hating teachers who teach YHVH's instructions;
5. Preventing others from observing YHVH's instructions;
6. Denying that YHVH gave His instructions; and
7. Denying the existence of YHVH

They are listed in this order as each transgression leads in progression to the subsequent failure.

Thus, because one fails to study the Torah one does not observe the requests of YHVH, and therefore they reject those who do observe the Torah of YHVH. This leads to hating those who do as being self-righteous or seeking to make themselves holy, as they seek to prevent others from observing the Torah. Yet in reality, they are doing what Messiah also instructed.

Matthew 5:17-20

***"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.***

We can further see in this list where our nation is, as it has to a large extent gone through all seven phases and is now at the point of even denying the existence of YHVH. Therefore, the only remedy for this is for God to judge the nation, so that it can in turn repent and cry out to Him. Then God will come and heal the land. For the only cure for this world is for Messiah to come and bring His Kingship and rule, so that He can install the Torah once again in Zion, which will go throughout the world, as His light and truth goes forth.

***17 I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies.***

***Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.***

***18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.***

***19 I will break the pride of your power;***

***I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.***

***20 And your strength shall be spent in vain;***

***For your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.***

***21 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.***

***22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number;***

***and your highways shall be desolate.***

***23 'And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me,***

***24 then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.***

***25 And I will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant;***

***when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you;***

***and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.***

***26 When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.***

***27 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me,***

***28 then I also will walk contrary to you in fury;***

***and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.***

***29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.***

This was witnessed when Judah was under siege prior to them going into exile, when women ate their children and would not share its flesh with others. The prophet Jeremiah prophesied this act of cannibalism. ***"I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life will distress them."*** Jeremiah 19:9

What a state of despair to be in, when a woman whose very nature is to preserve the life of her womb, eat the very thing she gave life, to sustain her own existence. In this act, the people have stooped to that of the unclean animals and thus reveal their unholy state before God and the nations. The reality is this will be again.

***<sup>30</sup> I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you.***

The above text in Hebrew states something specific, as it speaks of idols, yet this is the Hebrew word *chamman* – Strong's H2553 which is a reference to a sun-pillar, incense altar, it is Sun worship.

Therefore, the correct translation from Hebrew would read, ***I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars and sun-pillars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you.***

As I have already stated, this phallic symbol of the sun-pillar is littered throughout the church. In fact, the very day that the “church” calls the Sabbath is Sun-Day, a day set aside in the ancient world for worshipping the Sun God. Furthermore, Constantine was a Sun worshipper, which one of the symbols of this is a cross.

Sun worship has also crept into Judaism, as they have named the fourth month in their Calendar after the Sun God Tammuz, which the correct names for the months in scripture would be 4. As the days of the week are 1,2,3,4 etc. and not Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or January, February, as all of the days of the week and months are named after pagan gods. The question therefore arises, should we refer to them as such? Should we be using them? I will leave that one with you.

***<sup>31</sup> I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.***

***<sup>32</sup> I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.***

***<sup>33</sup> I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you;  
your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.***

***<sup>34</sup> Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land;***

***then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths.***

***<sup>35</sup> As long as it lies desolate it shall rest—***

***for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.***

***<sup>36</sup> 'And as for those of you who are left, I will send faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies;***

***the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee;***

***they shall flee as though fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall when no one pursues.***

***<sup>37</sup> They shall stumble over one another, as it were before a sword, when no one pursues;  
and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.***

***<sup>38</sup> You shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.***

***<sup>39</sup> And those of you who are left shall waste away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands;***

***also in their fathers' iniquities, which are with them, they shall waste away.***

What we see in the list of curses is everything which will come upon the world during the time of Jacob's Trouble outlined in Revelation and other prophetic apocalyptic accounts. Maybe you could examine this further as this will assist you in understanding what will take place and why it does.

The Targum of Johnathan on this passage states;

*But if you will be unwilling to hear the instructions of the doctrine of My law, and to perform all these precepts with your free choice; and if you despise My statutes, and hate in your soul the orders of My judgments, to do not all My precepts, but your purpose be to abolish My covenant; this also will I do to you: I will draw out against you the smiting pestilence, the flame and the fever, to consume your eyes, and to exhaust life; and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for it shall not spring up, and that which groweth of itself shall your enemies devour. And I will appoint a reverse to your affairs, and you shall be broken before your foes, and they who hate you shall rule over you; and you will flee when no one pursueth you. And if after these chastisements ye be not willing to obey the doctrines of My law, I will add to punish you with seven plagues, for the seven transgressions with which ye have sinned before Me. And I will break down the glory of the strength of your sanctuary, and will make the heavens above you obdurate as iron, to yield no moisture, nor send you dew or rain, and the ground beneath you to be like brass to put forth (only) to destroy its fruit. And your strength shall be consumed in vain, for your land shall not yield what you bestow upon it, and the tree upon the face of the field shall drop its fruit. And if you still walk perversely with Me, and will not hearken to the doctrine of My law, I will add to bring upon you (yet) seven plagues, for the seven transgressions with which ye have sinned before Me; and I will send against you the strength of the wild beast, to make you childless, and to destroy your cattle without, and to diminish you within, and your highways shall be desolate.*

As we come to the end of the consequences for disregarding the Torah of YHVH God says the following. <sup>40</sup> ***'But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me,***

<sup>41</sup> ***and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies;***

***if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt—***

<sup>42</sup> ***then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember;***

***I will remember the land.***

<sup>43</sup> ***The land also shall be left empty by them, and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them;***

***they will accept their guilt, because they despised My judgments and because their soul abhorred My statutes.***

<sup>44</sup> ***Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them;***

***for I am the LORD their God.***

***45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God:***

***I am the LORD.***” Leviticus 26:41-45

We see in the above passage God’s grace and mercy in action, the pattern has not changed God seeks that we confess our sins to Him so that He can forgive them and restore us back to Himself. It is this which Daniel had in mind when he was in Babylon when He cried out to God for forgiveness.

The reality is that God has always required His people to observe his Torah and that when they sin they are to confess their sins as they repent, turn from their wicked ways and seek to observe the Torah of Yah. For it is in this we show our faith Just as James writes

James 2:12-26 (NIV)

***12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.***

***14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.***

***18 But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”***

***Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.***

***20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. 24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.***

***25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? 26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead***

The Torah parsha concludes with the following words ***These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.*** Leviticus 27:34

What we need to understand is that if YHVH is a loving, graces and merciful God, which He is, then He has always been so. Therefore, these characteristics have always been evident throughout His interaction with His people Israel. Thus, we cannot accept that God would give His people whom He loves commandments, in His Torah only for them to fail, so that He can punish them as He has promised. That would not be a loving and caring God who gave His only begotten son to redeem humanity. The reality is the Torah is not the “law” has portrayed but are loving instructions from our Heavenly Father that enable us if we seek to follow them to live a righteous and holy life. One which God will bless and prosper because we will be revealing His character.

You see the reality is we were created in YHVH's image but humanity today because of sin is in the image of HaSatan and therefore to transform us and set us apart we need to act and take on the characteristics of YHVH. When we become a believer in YHVH and accept Yeshua as our Messiah we are saved from the consequences of Sin, but we are to seek to live a life set apart unto YHVH, as outlined in His scripture. For it is in doing this that we can overcome the enemy, as the truth of God is evident in our lives. We are not saved by keeping the Torah, but we are sanctified through observing and keeping the word of God.

We are living in exciting times, as we are witnessing the scriptures being fulfilled before our very eyes, therefore, let us seek YHVH like never before. Let us ensure we are walking in accordance with His word.

May YHVH bless and keep You

Shabbat Shalom

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