

FOREWORD

I have been studying and learning more about the true Biblical names. Learn along with us as you read:



RELIGION VS RELATIONSHIP

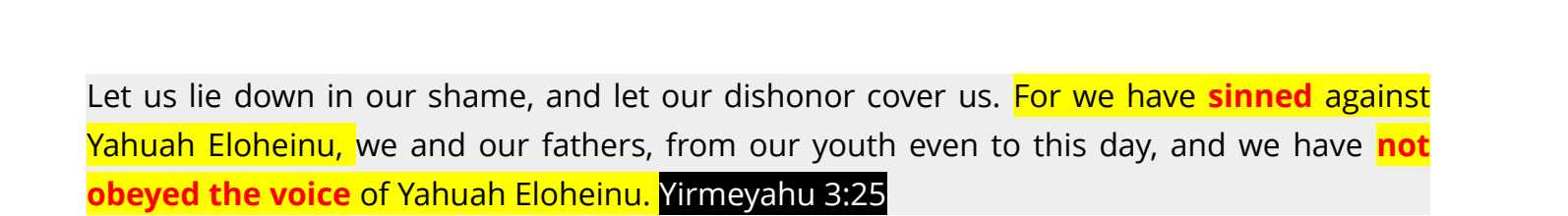
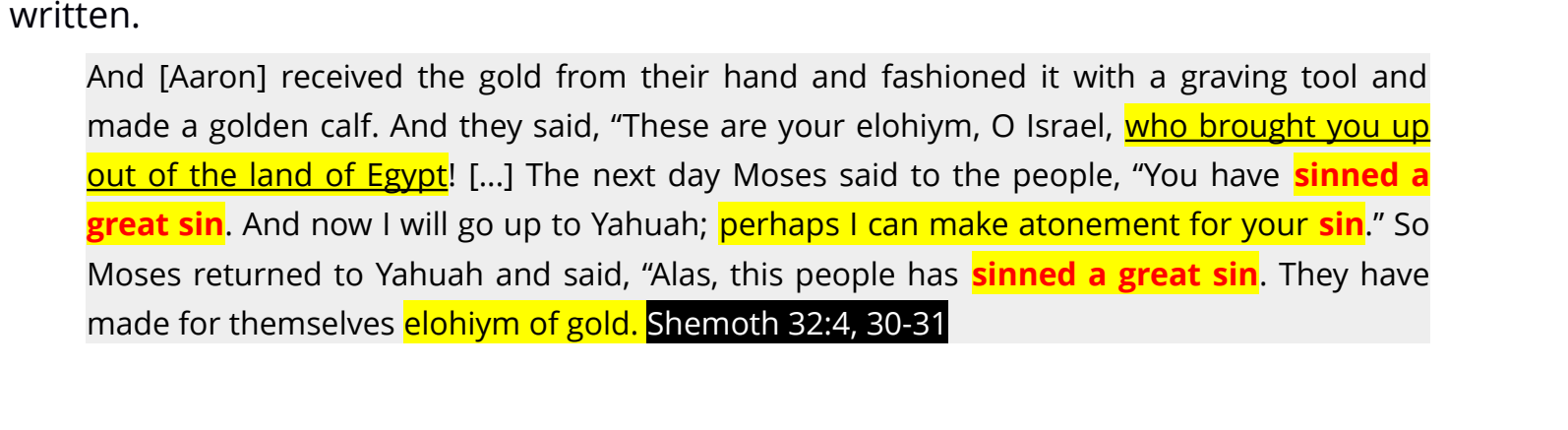
Within the past couple years I have fallen in love with the word of Yahuah. Similarly to many of you who may be reading this- I was raised as a Christian; learning that 'sin' meant breaking one of the Ten Commandments. I didn't have the desire to read the Bible for myself-I had great teachers who could explain these Biblical facts for me *and* I was covered by grace *after all*. Doesn't that mean I can sin as many times as I want and just ask for forgiveness before I die to gain access to my eternal mansion? Looking back, I will admit I was *lost*. Considering that I believed I was:

- a dirty rotten sinner; deserving of death and condemnation for the things I had done.
- a co-heir with the perfect Son of Yahuah, expecting to inherit at least part of a *literal* Kingdom.
- given free reign to continue doing those things which I believed deserved death and condemnation.

That is lost; deaf, dumb, and blind lost.

When Yahuah began revealing Himself to me through His Word, I kept coming back to this word... 'repentance'. I became obsessed. I spent more time in the Bible seeking out the truth and meaning of 'repentance' than any other thing I had ever studied—at least willingly. It became clear to me that there was a huge flaw in my foundational understanding of this belief system I held. A broken compass. A faulty vestibular system. A hairline fracture in the scaffolding which supported the leaning structure of my wavering faith. As I looked at repentance, I couldn't help but also look at sin; realizing there was a somewhat tragic connection between the two—like bondage and freedom.

So let's get to the reason you're here.



to sin; wander from the way
to miss the mark



This word *ḥāṭā* is translated 188 times in the Old Testament as 'sin'.

Here are some examples:

And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and **sin against Elohai?**" **Bere'shiyth 39:7-9**

Joseph knew it was a sin **against His El** to lay with his master's wife—*before* Torah was written.

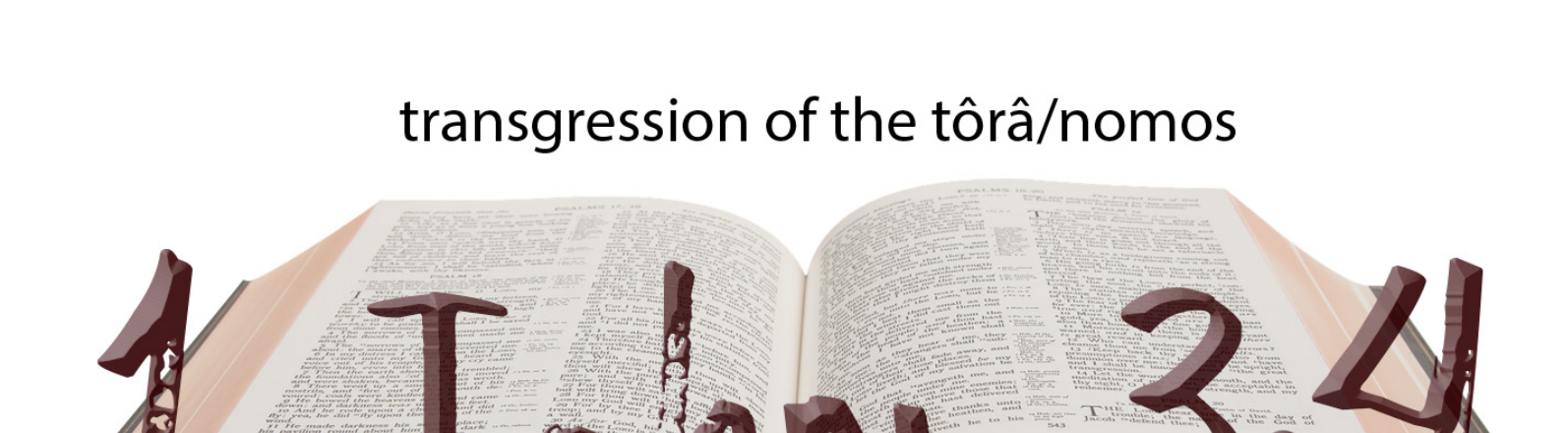
And [Aaron] received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your elohiym, O Israel, **who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!** [...] The next day Moses said to the people, "You have **sinned a great sin**. And now I will go up to Yahuah; **perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.**" So Moses returned to Yahuah and said, "Alas, this people has **sinned a great sin**. They have made for themselves **elohiym of gold**." **Shemoth 32:4, 30-31**

Moses interceded for Israel for their great sin against Yahuah; creating a golden cow and worshipping it as though it was Yahuah—the very El which delivered them from Egypt.

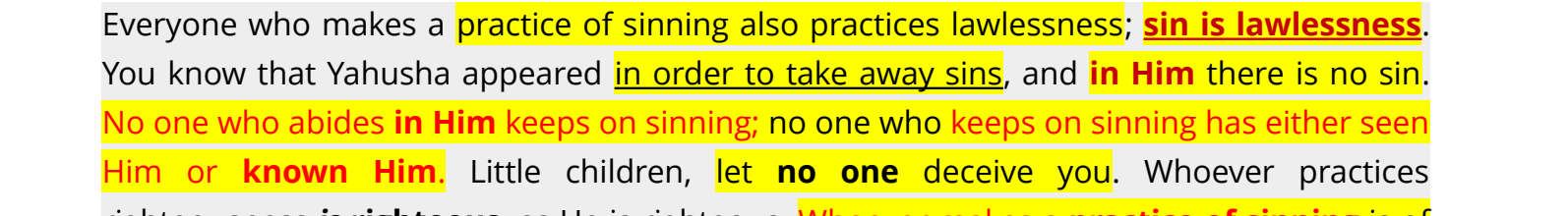
Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us. **For we have sinned against Yahuah Eloheinu**, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and we have **not obeyed the voice of Yahuah Eloheinu**. **Yirmeyahu 3:25**

Noticing a pattern? I left a hint in bold at the end of the passage from Jeremiah.

We can further analyze this term of sin *and* the New Testament writers' understanding of sin by using the Septuagint; the Hebrew Old Testament translated into Greek.



to miss or wander from the path of uprightness
to do or go wrong



This *hamartanō* is the same word for 'sin' which is used in the following New Testament scriptures:

Afterward Yahusha found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! **Sin no more**, that nothing worse may happen to you." **Yochanon 5:14**

She said, "No one, Adonai." And Yahusha said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on **sin no more**." **Yochanon 8:11**

My little children, I am writing these things to you **so that you may not sin**. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Yahusha Ha'Mashiach the righteous. **1 Yochanon 2:1**

Reading what this meant to the writers of Scripture while under the inspiration of Yahuah Himself, we see that 'to sin' was *actually* to 'wander from the ancient path (or **way**) of righteousness'.

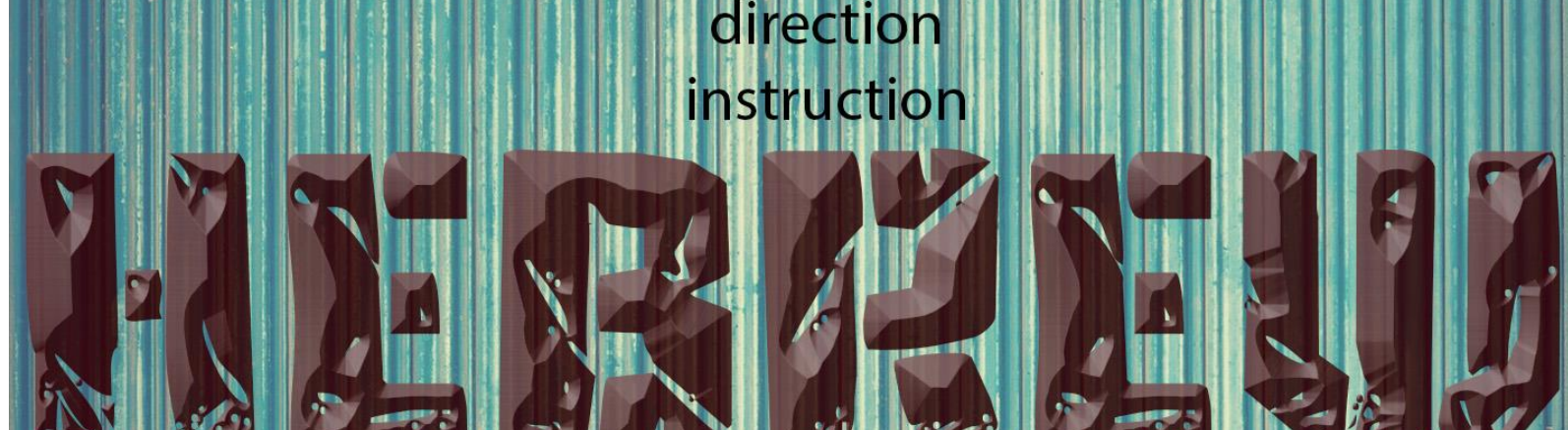
So what is this elusive **'way'**?

For **this holy order** came not by man nor the will of Elohim, neither by father nor mother, **in the beginning** of the earth **by the Ancients of days**, **wherefore it is called the Order of the Ancients**, and it was delivered unto men from the beginning **by the calling of Elohiym's own voice according to His own will** through the voice of His Priesthood, unto as many as **believed on His name and were faithful** until they had obtained. **The Writings of Abraham 98:3-4**

This isn't the only passage from Abraham's Writings informing us that Yahuah's Way existed before Yahusha was born *and* before Torah took written format. Fascinatingly, this only confirms what Yochanon wrote about exhaustively:

sin

transgression of the tōrâ/nomos



Everyone who makes a **practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness**. You know that Yahusha appeared **in order to take away sins**, and **in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him**. Little children, **let no one deceive you**. Whoever practices righteousness **is righteous**, as He is righteous. **Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning**. The reason the Son of Yahuah appeared was **to destroy the works of the devil**. No one born of Yahuah makes a practice of sinning, for Yahuah's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of Yahuah. By this it is evident who are the children of Yahuah, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of Yahuah, nor is the one who does not love his brother. **1 Yochanon 3:4-10**

Whoever says "I know Yahusha" but does not guard His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever guards His word, in him truly the love of Yahuah is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Yahusha: **whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked**. Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had **from the beginning**. The **old commandment is the word** that you have heard. At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you, **because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining**. **1 Yochanon 2:4-8**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with El, and the Word was El. [...] And the **Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son. **Yochanon 1:1 & 14**

Yahusha said to him, **"I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **Yochanon 14:6**

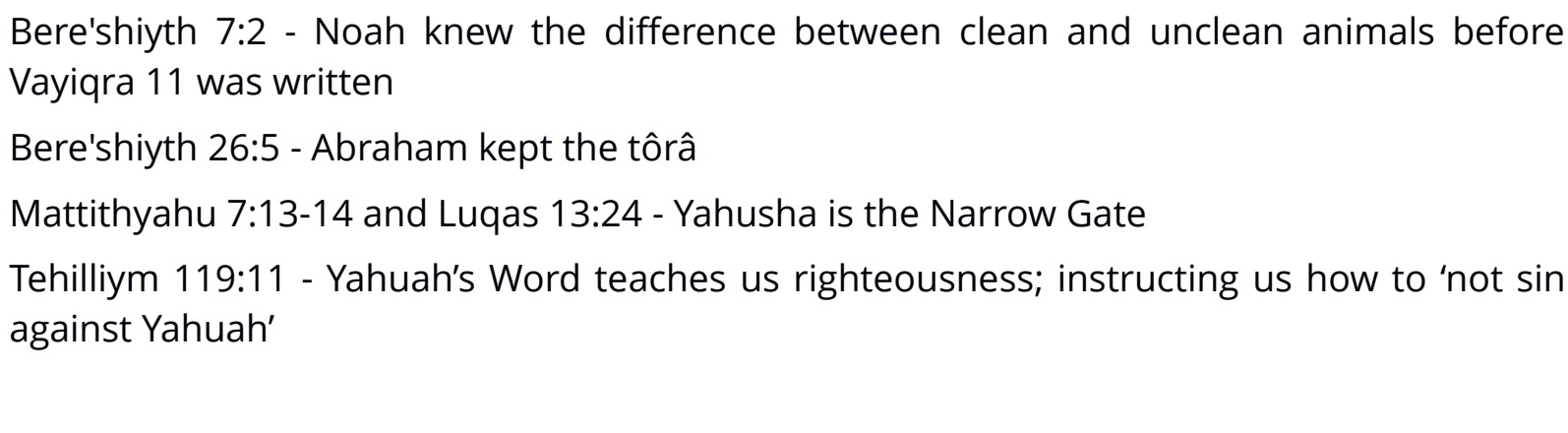
For this is the message that you have heard **from the beginning**, that we should **love one another**. We should not be like **Cain, who was of the evil one** and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? **Because his own deeds were evil** and his brother's righteous. **1 Yochanon 3:11-12**

So the same inspired author has now conveyed the following:

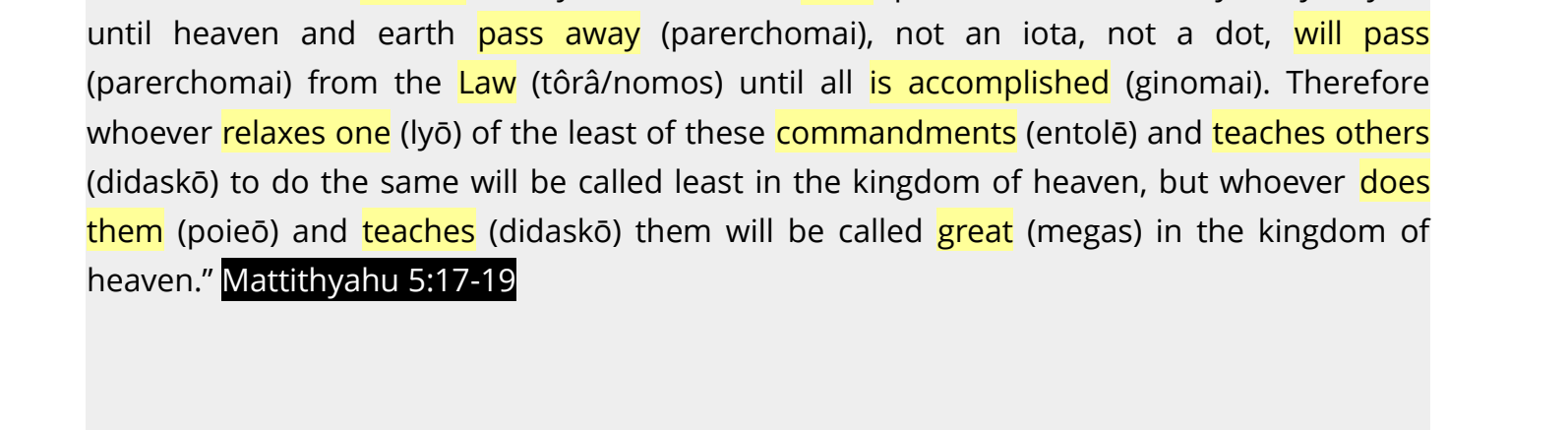
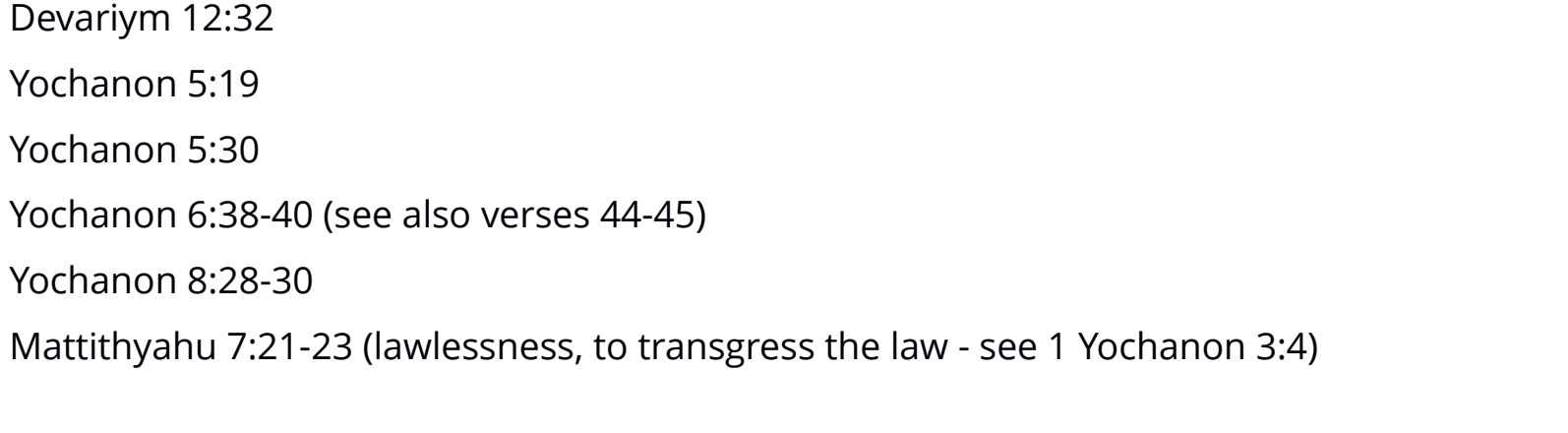
1. Yahusha *is* The Word which Yahuah spoke from the beginning.
2. The Word of Yahuah *is* Torah.
3. **Knowing** Yahusha and guarding His commandments go hand-in-hand.
4. The works of the devil are identified as **sin**; disobedience and rebellion from Yahuah's Way.
5. Cain 'wandered from the right path' by offering a displeasing sacrifice to Yahuah *then* killing Abel.
6. Abiding in Yahusha means walking *as* He walked.
7. Yahusha *is* the old commandment, *and* the new.

Following along? Yahusha **is** The Way of righteousness which existed **from the beginning** as The Word of Yahuah. **Following** His Word means following The Way which Yahuah established **through** His Word for His children whom He loves enough **to die for**. When you disobey His Word—you are sinning, which *is* wandering from The Way of righteousness.

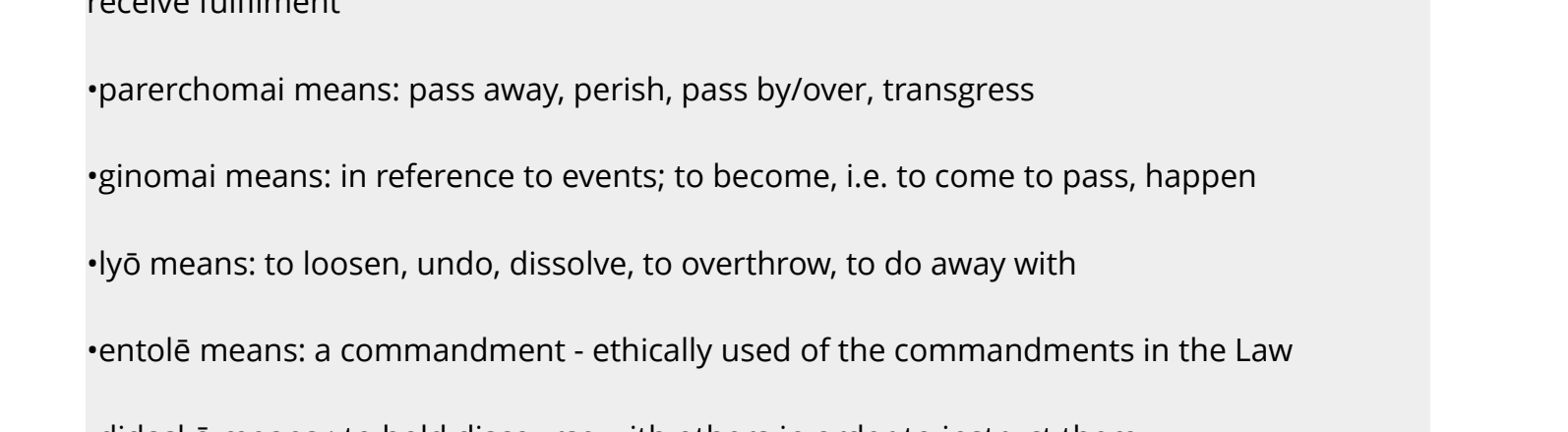
Abel was righteous *because* he offered a pleasing sacrifice to Yahuah; a sacrifice which was compliant with Vayiqra 4 *long* before it was even written! Cain's deeds were evil *because* he disobeyed the Word which Abel obeyed—obedience **is** the difference.



teaching
direction
instruction



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IN CLOSING

The teaching, instruction, and direction (tōrâ/nomos) was **given** by Yahusha as The Word of Yahuah; **first** to Adam and Eve. **And then He exemplified** how to follow His Way through Torah) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfillment

Yahusha did not come to establish anything new. He would not abolish Himself and He would not throw out The Word of His Father whom He obeyed completely seeing as He **is** The Word of His Father. He never contradicted Himself or His Father, but merely upheld what was established **from the beginning**. *Don't worry*, this is proven in the 'Extra Reading Material' section below.

Yahusha's desire is that we continue transgressing **no longer**; cleaving to His whole teaching and direction (tōrâ/nomos) where applicable. Imagine every time you go against His Word you are pounding nails into His trembling hands and feet, thanking Him for forgiving you for the sin you plan on committing tomorrow. *Yes*, this is graphic imagery but I'm not sorry. It's literally what Hebrews 6:6 says.

Imagine hating sin so much that you devour every word of teaching and direction that He gave you so that you can avoid sinning.

This is more than just obeying a law *because* you are **commanded** to, this is obeying *The Law* because it is **GOOD** direction and **GOOD** teaching from Yahuah Himself; which helps you **agapao** your Elohim and your neighbor when you could only **phileo** as in the past. Now through the Ruach Ha'Qodesh and His Word you are empowered to live as Yahusha lived; walking in The Way, through the Narrow Gate with grace calling you back when you 'wander from the path'. His written Word is our 'How-to Guide' for Righteousness. At least, that's what is written *in* His Word.

-JAMES

EXTRA READING MATERIAL

[The Writings of Abraham](#)

Bere'shiyth 3:3 - Adam and Eve receive the first tōrâ

Bere'shiyth 7:2 - Noah knew the difference between clean and unclean animals before Vayiqra 11 was written

Bere'shiyth 26:5 - Abraham kept the tōrâ

Mattithyahu 7:13-14 and Luqas 13:24 - Yahusha is the Narrow Gate

Tehillim 119:11 - Yahuah's Word teaches us righteousness; instructing us how to 'not sin against Yahuah'

We see in the following verses that The Son of Elohiym came to uphold what was **already** established:

Devariym 4:2

Devariym 12:32

Yochanon 5:19

Yochanon 5:30

Yochanon 6:38-40 (see also verses 44-45)

Yochanon 8:28-30

Mattithyahu 7:21-23 (lawlessness, to transgress the law - see 1 Yochanon 3:4)

“Do not think that I have come to **abolish** (katalyō) the **Law** (tōrâ/nomos) or the Prophets; I have not come to **abolish** (katalyō) them but to **fulfill** (plēroō) them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth **pass away** (parerchomai), not an iota, not a dot, will **pass** (parerchomai) from the **Law** (tōrâ/nomos) until all **is accomplished** (ginomai). Therefore whoever **relaxes one** (lyō) of the least of these **commandments** (entole) and **teaches others** (didaskō) to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever **does them** (poiō) and **teaches** (didaskō) them will be called **great** (megas) in the kingdom of heaven.” **Mattithyahu 5:17-19**

*katalyō means: to overthrow i.e. render vain, deprive of success, bring to naught, to subvert

*plēroō means: to bring to realisation - fulfil, i.e. to cause God's will (as made known in the Torah) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfillment

*parerchomai means: pass away, perish, pass by/over, transgress

*ginomai means: in reference to events; to become, i.e. to come to pass, happen

*lyō means: to loosen, undo, dissolve, to overthrow, to do away with

*entole means: a commandment - ethically used of the commandments in the Law

*didaskō means : to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them

*poiō means: to celebrate, make ready, keep; to act rightly, do well

*megas means: predicated of rank, eminent for ability, virtue, authority, power

Analyzing the context given through studying these passages using the Greek, we can determine that Yahusha is saying:

"I have not come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets, but to obey them as they should be, and bring Torah to its fullness. Listen, until Heaven and earth perish, not even the smallest syllable will perish from Torah. Because of all this, anyone who does away with the smallest commandment and instructs others to do the same will be called the smallest in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever keeps Torah, celebrates the righteousness brought by doing so rightly and instructs others to do the same; he will be called virtuous and capable in the Kingdom of Heaven and to him will be given authority."