

By 'Exploring the Gosples' in order to exegete, correctly interpret the scriptures, so one can acquire the life found within them, it is necessary to know and apply the following principle.

You must use and interpret scripture according to its purpose. In the teaching 'Declarations, treaties & scripture', we discovered that the very words that began life were first written by Moses and YeHoVaH himself. When the words of life are misused, added to, diminished from and not interpreted according to it's purpose, then the resulting consequence is death. Therefore, the following is also a principle truth: You mustn't use and interpret scripture according to your bias.



Mark 1:1 1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus, Christ, the Son of God; 2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.



As previously discovered, the Gospels are laid upon the foundation of the words that were spoken, written and then compiled in the beginning, the TaNaKh, the Hebrew scriptures. So it should come as no surprise that the Gospel account, according to Mark, has its beginning in the prophets (Nevi'im) within the TaNaKh.



Isaiah 40:1

1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.



Malachi 3:1

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the <u>earth with a curse</u>.

Malachi 4:4



When you disconnect the Gospel from the TaNaKh, you manufacture a counterfeit message, one without life nor light within it.

It is widely accepted that the writer of the synoptic 'Gospel according to Saint Mark' is John Mark, a disciple well versed in the ministry of Yeshua, because he was a beloved fellow labourer of Barnabas, Paul and Peter.



Acts 12:11

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother <u>of John (Iāannēs ē-ō-wä'n-nāce G2491, John = "Jehovah is a gracious giver" from</u> Yowchanan H3110, Johanan = "Jehovah has graced"), whose surname was Mark (Markos G3138, Of Latin origin); where many were gathered together praying.

1 Peter 5:13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus (Markos G3138, Of Latin origin) my son.

Acts 12:25 25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John (Ioannes e-o-wa'n-nace G2491), whose surname was Mark (Markos G3138, Of Latin origin).



Because of John Mark's discipleship relationship with Peter, and his gospel being arguably the first to be published (55AD - 68AD), it should come as no surprise that what was revealed to Peter in secret, is made manifest in his Gospel. This secret ultimately provides the base for both Matthew & Luke who were both not present to record the transfiguration.



Mark 9:1

1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. 2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. 4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.



7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. 8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. 10 And they kept that saying with themselves, <u>questioning one with another</u> what the rising from the dead should mean. 11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? 12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. 13 But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.



Matthew 17:9 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. 10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? 11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, <u>and restore all things</u>. 12 But I say unto you, <u>That Elias is come already</u>, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. 13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.



The beginning of the gospel of Yeshua Messiah, the Son of God, as written in the prophets, speaks about the one who would come to prepare the way of YeHoVaH. Each of the four gospels includes the ministry of John the Baptist, who was sent in the spirit of Elijah, to restore all things by returning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just.



5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the <u>commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.</u> 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. 8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

Luke 1:5



11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: <u>for thy prayer is</u> <u>heard</u>; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16 <u>And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.</u> <u>17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.</u>



If John the baptist came in the spirit of Elijah, then why are there those still waiting on him to return?

This Elijah who came in the spirit, who's name was John was sent to restore all things in order that the earth was not smitten with a curse. Malachi 4:6

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a <u>curse</u> (cherem khā'·rem H2764, a thing devoted, thing dedicated, ban, devotion, a net, thing perforated, have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) utter destruction).

The sign of the messenger of the covenant arriving, YeHoVaH suddenly returning to his temple and his glory being revealed to all flesh was the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Yet, because the heart of the disobedient didn't turn to the wisdom of the just, the earth, the land was smitten with utter destruction.



Luke 19:41

- 41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,
- 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
 - 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,
- 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.



To help the people recognise the Messiah, the anointed King, the seed of David, the spirit of Elijah was sent to prepare the people, to turn their disobedient hearts to the wisdom of the just.

Yet, because the people didn't know and acknowledge the day of their visitation the land was utterly destroyed. The scriptures were preserved for our admonition, so we should therefore take heed that we like them are to remember the law of Moses, to acknowledge Yeshua as the way to YeHoVaH, to search and know the words of life so we are preserved from destruction and prepared for when the Kingdom comes.



