



All Scripture is inspired by Yahweh/God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of Yahweh/God may be adequate, equipped for every good work (II Timothy 3:16-17). At the writing of this epistle, the ONLY written Scripture was the Tanak/Old Testament.

Yeshua/Jesus studied and declared the truths, of what we call the Gospel, from the Tanak. The Torah (the five books of Moses), Nebiim (the writings of the prophets), and Kethubim (the writings) make up the TaNaK, which is commonly known as the “Old Testament” (Luke 24:44-45).

Yahweh/God does not change... Malachi 3:6, James 1:17

Since my Heavenly Father does not change and His word is established forever (Psalm 119:89), the following passage still holds true: “All the words I am commanding you, guard to do it – do not add to it nor take away from it” (Deuteronomy 12:32). Therefore, I do not hold the Talmud or oral traditions as being the equivalent of the written Word. On the same basis I reject teaching that some or all of the instruction provided in the Tanak has been done away with or is no longer valid. It is my intention to study the written Word and to obey the instructions for my good (Deuteronomy 10:13).

*Deuteronomy 12:32*

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Another fundamental I have learned from Scripture is that there is one standard for the stranger and the native (Leviticus 24:22, Numbers 9:14, Numbers 15:15-16, 29, Exodus 12:49). This instruction is referred to as a perpetual statute throughout your generations! Since Yahweh has only one law for all of mankind, how would you interpret the discourse of Yeshua/Jesus found in John chapter five? On what basis would Moses bring accusation? How would you respond to Yeshua’s/Jesus’ question, “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

You may be interested to know that when Yeshua/Jesus makes His statement regarding the law in Matthew 5:17, he is alluding to the writings of Moses found in Deuteronomy 30:19.

On the basis of the above statements, I contend that the choices referred to in Deuteronomy 11:27-29 are still applicable to the believers and their walk of faith. We are to choose His ways, and in doing so, we are “sanctified” by His Word. This is not to be confused with “salvation,” which is the result of Yahweh’s/God’s unmerited grace demonstrated by the atoning work of Yeshua/Jesus. Yeshua/Jesus is the promised Lamb mentioned in Genesis 22:8. He is also the spotless Passover Lamb portrayed in Exodus 12:1-13 and John 1:29.

When a Feast is mentioned in the Scriptures, it is generally referred to as an everlasting law, an everlasting ordinance, a permanent ordinance, or an ordinance forever. These Feasts reveal the plan of Yahweh. Upon examination of the Scripture, you will clearly see that all the nations of the world will come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Booths when Messiah

establishes His kingdom on earth (Zechariah 14:16-19). As my family and I have embraced the Feasts of Yahweh, we have found that we are also embracing the Messiah being depicted in each celebration. The highlight of each week is the celebration of the Sabbath. Each week we read the Torah portion and apply the principles to our lives, but best of all we REST from our labor. Every seventh day we feel like we are on vacation from Friday night to Saturday night and are renewed for the coming week. This is particularly satisfying, because we are meeting on the Father's chosen day; not out of fear, but out of love as an obedient son or daughter. This is what Yeshua/Jesus was referring to in Matthew 11:29-30. The yoke is a common metaphor used to represent the Torah in Hebrew literature. He makes the burden easy; He makes it light.

By now you have certainly noticed my use of the Hebrew name of Yahweh for God and Yeshua for Jesus. The Name of Yahweh is found nearly 7,000 times in the Scriptures. Don't believe me? All you have to do is open a Strong's Concordance and look up number H3068. Most Bibles insert the word "LORD," but that is not what the Hebrew text declares. The Father used the plagues of Egypt to declare His Name to the nations (Exodus 9:16). Exodus 3:15 states the following: "The Lord 3068 (Yahweh) God 430 (Elohim or Mighty One) of

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your fathers, the God (Elohim) of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations." Ezekiel 39:7 states the following: "My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore and the nations will know that I am the LORD 3068 (Yahweh), the Holy One of Israel". Psalm 22:22 tell us that the Messiah will reveal the Father's Name to His brothers, and

Yeshua did just that as we read in John 17:6. Now what about Yeshua? I would encourage you to read the following passages: John 5:43 and John 17:11-12. You will see that the Son came in the Name of His Father. Yeshua also predicted that His Father's Name would be restored at His second coming when He quoted Psalm 118:26 in Matthew 23:39. Your Bible may say LORD, but the original Hebrew according to Strong's will show you the correct wording would be Yahweh.

I once attended a Tampa Bay baseball game. To my surprise the starting lineups were introduced in "Greek" as part of a special recognition of Greek culture in the Tampa area. The numbers and positions sounded differently, but the names were the same. Lou Pinella was still pronounced Lou Pinella. My Hebrew Messiah has a Hebrew name. I feel comfortable using it, and I challenge you to study the Scriptures yourself and draw your own conclusion.

As I conclude this letter, I am challenged by the Scripture found in Romans 12:2 which tells us, "And do not to be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of Yahweh/God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Most believers use the world as the standard when it comes to conforming. I would challenge you to use the written Word of Yahweh!

*Shalom!*