

TORAH...TORAH...

WHAT IS TORAH?

Part 2

b'Tselem Elohim – In His Image



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בצלם אלהים
B'tselem Elohim

The Word of God

John 1

1 In the beginning was the **WORD**, and the **WORD** was with God, and **THE WORD WAS GOD**.

λόγος
Logos

Something spoken, including its meaning, reasoning and purpose

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אָמַר
'âmar
To speak

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Exodus 24



1 To Moshe [Adonai] said, “Come up to Adonai — you, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu, and seventy of the leaders of Isra’el. Prostrate yourselves at a distance, 2 while Moshe alone approaches Adonai — the others are not to approach, and the people are not to go up with him.” 3 Moshe came and told the people **EVERYTHING**

Adonai had said, **INCLUDING ALL THE RULINGS.** The people answered with one voice: “We will obey every word Adonai has spoken.” 4 Moshe wrote down **ALL** the words of Adonai.

מִשְׁפָּטִים – mishpâṭ[im]

Rulings, ordinances, legal judgments

The Word of God

Exodus 34



27 Adonai **SAID** to Moshe, "Write these **WORDS** down, because they are the terms of the covenant I have made with you and with Isra'el." 28 Moshe was there with Adonai forty days and forty nights, during which time he neither ate food nor drank water. [Adonai] wrote on the tablets the **WORDS** of the covenant, the Ten **WORDS**.

דָּבָר – davar

To speak, declare, organize a matter using words

The Word of God



Definition

- Hebrew **תּוֹרָה** = **Torah**: instruction, doctrine, teaching, guidance, principles, law
- Greek **νόμος** = **Nomos**: law, custom, rule, or principle

Root word of Torah: יָרָה = Yarah

- Literally: “to shoot an arrow” (straight, to a target), implying targeted direction/hitting the mark
- Figuratively: to show, to direct, to instruct

YARA





Sin

Greek: Hartia

Hebrew: Chata

*Meaning: To miss
the mark, flawed*

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Leviticus 11

45 For I am Adonai, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. Therefore, **YOU ARE TO BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY.**

Leviticus 19

1 Adonai said to Moshe, 2 “Speak to the entire community of Isra’el; tell them, ‘You people **ARE TO BE HOLY BECAUSE I, ADONAI YOUR GOD, AM HOLY.**’

Leviticus 20

7 Therefore consecrate yourselves — you people **MUST BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM ADONAI YOUR GOD.**

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Luke 6

45 The good person **produces** good things from the store of **GOOD IN HIS HEART**, while the evil person produces evil things from the store of **EVIL IN HIS HEART**.

FOR HIS MOUTH SPEAKS WHAT OVERFLOWS FROM HIS HEART.

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Tractate Sotah 14a

Just as [God] clothes the naked [Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden] . . . so too you should clothe the naked. Just as [God] visits the sick [Abraham after his circumcision] . . . so too should you visit the sick. Just as God consoles mourners [Isaac after the death of his father, Abraham] . . . so too you should console mourners. Just as God buried the dead [Moses, toward the very end of the Torah] . . . so too should you bury the dead

The Word of God

Deuteronomy 31



9 Then Moshe **WROTE DOWN THIS TORAH** and gave it to the Cohanim, the descendants of Levi who carried the ark with the covenant of Adonai, and to all the leaders of Isra'el. 10 Moshe gave them these orders: "At the end of every seven years, during the festival of Sukkot in the year of sh'mittah, 11 when all Isra'el have come to appear in the presence of Adonai at the place he will choose, you are to **READ THIS TORAH** before all Isra'el, **SO THAT THEY CAN HEAR IT.**

The Word of God

Deuteronomy 31



12 Assemble the people — the men, the women, the little ones and the foreigners you have in your towns — so that they can **HEAR, LEARN, FEAR ADONAI YOUR GOD** and take care to **OBEY ALL THE WORDS OF THIS TORAH**; 13 and so that their children, who have not known, **CAN HEAR AND LEARN TO FEAR ADONAI YOUR GOD**, for as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Yarden to possess.”



The Word of God

Isaiah 40

6 A voice says, “Proclaim!”

And I answer, “What should I proclaim?”

“All humanity is merely grass,
all its kindness like wildflowers:

7 the grass dries up, the flower fades,
when a wind from Adonai blows on it.

Surely the people are grass!

8 The grass dries up, the flower fades;

**BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND
FOREVER.**”

The Word of God, Torah & Chata



James 1

12 How blessed is the man who perseveres through temptation! For after he has passed the test, he will receive as his crown the Life which God has promised **TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.**

John 14

15 **“IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDS...”**

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James 1

12 How blessed is the man who perseveres through temptation! For after he has passed the test, he will receive as his crown the Life which God has promised **TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM**. 13 No one being tempted should say, "I am being tempted by God." For God cannot be tempted by evil, and God himself tempts no one. 14 Rather, each person is being tempted whenever he is being dragged off and enticed by the bait of his own desire. 15 Then, having conceived, the desire gives birth to sin; and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death. 16 Don't delude yourselves, my dear brothers.

The Word of God

James 1

21 So rid yourselves of all vulgarity and obvious evil **and**
receive meekly THE WORD IMPLANTED in you that can
save your lives.



The Word of God

James 1



22 Don't deceive yourselves by **ONLY HEARING WHAT THE WORD SAYS BUT DO IT!**

23 For whoever **HEARS THE WORD BUT DOESN'T DO WHAT IT SAYS** is like someone who looks **AT HIS FACE IN A MIRROR**, 24 who **LOOKS AT HIMSELF**, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

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James 1



25 But if a person **LOOKS CLOSELY INTO THE PERFECT TORAH, WHICH GIVES FREEDOM, AND CONTINUES, BECOMING NOT A FORGETFUL HEARER BUT A DOER OF THE WORK IT REQUIRES**, then he will be blessed in what he does. 26 Anyone who thinks he is religiously observant **BUT DOES NOT CONTROL HIS TONGUE** is deceiving himself, and his observance counts for nothing.

Torah – The Foundation of Who We Are



Matthew 5

13 “**You are salt** for the Land. But if salt **becomes tasteless**, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except being thrown out for people to trample on.

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Matthew 5

14 “**You are light for the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Likewise, when people light a lamp, they don’t cover it with a bowl but put it on a lampstand, so that it shines for everyone in the house.

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Matthew 5

16 In the same way, **let your light shine before people, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO** and praise your Father in heaven.

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Matthew 5

17 **“DON’T THINK that I have come TO ABOLISH
THE TORAH OR THE PROPHETS. I have come
not to abolish BUT TO COMPLETE.”**

Πληρώω – plēroō
to make replete, to cram (a net), to furnish, satisfy, execute (an office), verify, accomplish, complete, fulfil, fully preach, perfect, supply

Καταλύω – kataluō
to bring down, disintegrate, to abolish, specifically to halt for the night, destroy, dissolve, come to nought, overthrow

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Matthew 5

18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, NOT SO MUCH AS A YUD OR A STROKE WILL PASS FROM THE TORAH — not until everything that must happen has happened.

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19 So whoever **DISOBEYS THE LEAST OF THESE MITZVOT AND TEACHES OTHERS TO DO SO** will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But **WHOEVER OBEYS THEM AND SO TEACHES** will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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The Torah & The Ruach

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Psalm 33

6 By the **WORD** of Adonai the heavens were made,
and their whole host by a **BREATH FROM HIS MOUTH.**

דָּבָר

– davar –

To speak, declare,
organize a matter
using words

וּבְרוּחַ פִּי

– b'ruach pei'o –
from the Spirit of
His mouth

The Torah & The Ruach



2 Timothy 3

14 But you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, recalling the people from whom you learned it; 15 and recalling too how from childhood **you have known THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, which can give you THE WISDOM THAT LEADS TO DELIVERANCE** through trusting in Yeshua the Messiah. (CJB)

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood **you have known THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, which are able to MAKE YOU WISE FOR SALVATION** through faith in Christ Jesus. (NKJV)

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16 **ALL SCRIPTURE is GOD-BREATHED and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living;**

Θεόπνευστος – theopneustos
divinely breathed
“God Spirit”

The Torah & The Ruach



2 Timothy 3

16 **ALL SCRIPTURE is GOD-BREATHED and is valuable for TEACHING THE TRUTH, CONVICTING OF SIN, CORRECTING FAULTS and TRAINING IN RIGHT LIVING;**
17 thus anyone who belongs to God may be **FULLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.**

Term	Greek	Meaning
Valuable	ωφέλιμος – ōphelimos	Advantageous
Teaching the Truth	Διδασκαλία – didaskalia	instruction
Convicting	ἐλεγχος – elegchos	Evidence, reproof
Correcting	ἐπανόρθωσις – epanorthōsis	To straighten up again
Training	Παιδεία – paideia	Disciplinary correction
Equipped	ἄρτιος ἐξαρτίζω – exartizō artios	Perfectly complete
Every good work	πᾶς ἀγαθός ἔργον – pas agathos ergon	All good labor (occupation)

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Jeremiah 31

30 (31) “Here, the days are coming,” says Adonai, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra’el and with the house of Y’hudah. 31 (32) It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them,” says Adonai.

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Jeremiah 31

32 (33) “For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra’el after those days,” says Adonai: “**I WILL PUT MY TORAH WITHIN THEM AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS**; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

33 (34) No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, ‘Know Adonai’; for **all will know me**, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more.”

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Ezekiel 36

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put

**MY SPIRIT INSIDE
YOU AND CAUSE YOU TO LIVE BY MY LAWS,
RESPECT MY RULINGS AND OBEY THEM.**