

Basics of Yeshua

What is one of the purposes of the Torah?

So that we can understand what sin is.

"Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:20-23).

Worship Again, by Michael W. Smith

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_meAEEVSj5LO3SXxUOE7uN9OOz_gYS6Fjs

Death is the penalty for all sin.

"What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our Master" (Romans 6:21-23).

To Cut Off

כָּרַת Hebrew, *karat* (Strong's 3772): to cut (off, down or asunder); by implication, to destroy or consume; specifically, to covenant (i.e. make an alliance or bargain, originally by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces).¹ According to Jeff Benner's *Ancient Hebrew Lexicon*, "A cutting off or down of anything. Often used as a cutting of the covenant in the sense that the sacrificial animal is cut in half (see Jeremiah 34:18)."²

- Genesis 17:14 (first use) – cut off any male child who is not circumcised
- Exodus 12:15, 19 – cut off anyone who eats leavened bread during the feast of unleavened bread (from the congregation of Israel or a foreigner)
- Exodus 30:33, 38 – cut off anyone who makes the anointing oil that was reserved only for Aaron and his sons
- Exodus 31:14 – cut off anyone doing any work on Sabbath

¹ <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h3772/kjv/wlc/0-1/>

² <https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/quph.html#3772>

- Leviticus 7:20-21 – cut off anyone who eats the meat of peace offerings while unclean (also Lev. 22:3)
- Leviticus 7:25 – cut off anyone who eats the fat of animals that are given as offerings
- Leviticus 7:27 – cut off anyone who eats any blood (Lev. 17:10, 14)
- Leviticus 17:3-4, 8 – cut off anyone who makes a sacrifice anywhere but at the entrance to the Tabernacle or Temple (which is called a lasting ordinance, Lev. 17:7)
- Leviticus 18:29 – cut off anyone who commits the following “abominations”:
 - cut off anyone who uncovers the nakedness of (or, has sexual relations with) near kin, as in incest (Lev. 18:6-16; Lev. 20:17), which includes a father, mother, father’s wife, sister, granddaughter, step-sister, aunt, uncle, daughter-in-law, or brother’s wife
 - cut off anyone who uncovers nakedness of a woman and her daughter or granddaughter (Lev. 18:17)
 - cut off anyone who takes a wife as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive (Lev. 18:18)
 - cut off anyone who uncovers the nakedness of a woman who is put apart for her uncleanness, which is bleeding like during her monthly period or after childbirth or during sickness (Lev. 18:19; Lev. 20:18 – the woman is also cut off)
 - cut off anyone who lies with his neighbor’s wife, as in adultery (Lev. 18:20)
 - cut off anyone who lets any of his seed pass through the fire to the god Molech, as in abortion in modern times (Lev. 18:21; Lev. 20:3-5)
 - cut off anyone who lies with mankind as with womankind, as in homosexuality (Lev. 18:22)
 - cut off anyone who lies with any beast (Lev. 18:23)
- Leviticus 19:5-8 – cut off one who eats of an offering on the third day or after
- Leviticus 20:6 – cut off all who turn after familiar spirits or wizards
- Lev. 23:29 – cut off any soul that is not “anah” (Hebrew word meaning afflicted, humbled) on the Day of Atonement
- Numbers 9:13 – cut off anyone who does not celebrate Passover in first month if clean and not on a journey
- Numbers 15:30-31 – cut off anyone who sins defiantly (as opposed to unintentional sin in previous verses)
- Numbers 19:13, 20 – cut off anyone who touches the dead body of a man but does not purify himself and thus defiles the tabernacle of YHVH
- Psalm 12:3 – cut off all flattering lips and the tongue that speaks proud things (cut off by YHVH, not people; also Proverbs 10:31)
- Psalm 34:16 – cut off those who do evil (cut off by YHVH, not people; also Psalm 37:9, Ps. 37:22, Ps. 37:28, Ps. 37:34, Ps. 37:38, Ps. 101:8, Ps. 109:13, Ps. 109:15; Proverbs 2:22; Nahum 1:15 “utterly cut off”)
- Micah 5:12-13 – cut off witches and soothsayers, or those who make graven images or standing images (obelisks, etc.)

- Malachi 2:11-12 – cut off the man who marries the daughter of a foreign god, even if he brings sacrifices to YHVH
- Acts 3:22-23; Deuteronomy 18:19; 2 John 1:10-11 – cut off anyone who does not listen to Yeshua and accept Him as Messiah³

No One is Righteous. We Need Help.

Yeshua is the answer.

Yeshua answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Yeshua said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

"For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people'" (Acts 5:22-23).

Why is Yeshua so important?

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. **For Christ is the end [*telos*, end point, goal] of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "THE MAN WHO DOES THOSE THINGS SHALL LIVE BY THEM." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

Quote from the Torah:

"For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. "See, I have

³ <https://anneelliott.com/2018/12/cut-off-a-history-lesson-for-today/>

set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess" (Deuteronomy 30:11-18).

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED" (Romans 10:1-13).

Resources to Help You Understand How Yeshua Is Pictured in the Torah:

- The Law of Love <https://nothingnewpress.com/store/the-law-of-love/>
- Finding Messiah in Torah <https://nothingnewpress.com/store/finding-messiah-in-torah/>

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry ground.
He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him,
There is no beauty that we should desire Him.
³ He is despised and rejected by men,
A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him;
He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare His generation?
**For He was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.**

⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked—
But with the rich at His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;
He has put *Him* to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin,
He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,
And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied.
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,
And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
Because He poured out His soul unto death,
And He was numbered with the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.

What Should Be Our Response?

Live for Him alone.

“...and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for

Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:15-21).

Do not live for myself.

- Turn to Him for all answers (not psychology or any other human answer). Do not blame anything or anyone else for our sin.
 - <https://www.generations.org/programs/763>

We love others as He loved us.

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).

We seek protection and accountability.

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct... Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you (Hebrews 13:7, 17).

"And to the angel [messenger] of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. **If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.** To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father

on His throne. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" ' ' (Revelation 3:14-22).

- See also 1 Corinthians 5:9-11.

**“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”
(1 John 1:9).**