

The Blessing of Promise and the Law

Court is in Session.

I present before this Court my proposition that the Scriptures describe a Promise made to Abram long before the Law was given to Moses; yet I shall endeavor to show that there was also Law given long before Sinai. While the Promise came before the Law the Law is good and the Law is not nullified. Yet the Promise stands long before the Law.

This topic has been the contempt of generations for those who struggle with Scripture. I have heard the so called “preachers” stand in the pulpit and tell the congregation the Law is no more; these lead the flock into perdition. My claim is that the Promise stands and so does the Law. So I have made my claims and let us now proceed with the Study.

I shall draw from the King James Version for ease of reference; yet, when necessary we will go to the manuscripts so that we can see. Understand Reader that the King James Version is just that – a Version. The KJV is a translation of the Masoretic and Suptuagint Texts; therefore, when it becomes necessary I shall return to the Texts to shed light on what is possible and let us decide if the translation is appropriate or not.

Furthermore, Reader if I make a Statement I will back it up in Scripture. I shall not leave you wanting for evidence. Also for your edification the word LORD is not in the manuscripts – it is Yehovah. I shall refer to Jesus as Yehoshuah. As the “J” is only five hundred +/- years old so Jesus cannot be the name of the Messiah.

In regard to the Promise made to Abram we must first start with Abram in the Great Book of Genesis. But before we begin let us start with Confusion and see how it is that Abram came out of confusion.

Gen 11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

Commentary: Shinar is ancient Babylon – modern day Iraq.

Gen 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called **Babel**; because the LORD did there **confound** the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Commentary: Babel or Babylon = Confusion. We, today are commanded to come out of Confusion – Babel. Learn the Knowledge of Yehovah.

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From [H1101](#); **confusion**; *Babel* (that is, Babylon), including Babylonia and the Babylonian empire: - Babel, Babylon.

Here we find that man has decided that they would construct their own salvation. I mean if the flood occurs again they now have this tower. Mankind has begun to trust in other men – Nimrod, for instance, instead of trusting in Yehovah.

Gen 10:8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

Gen 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Commentary: Come out of Babel or Babylon = Confusion. Notice at this point personal and governmental matters are going against Yehovah. See that man is now learning to lean on other men for their strength. This is not good.

The Promise has been made concerning the Light of the World – a blessing that shall come thru Abram. Again, I say “come out of confusion”.

Gen 12:2 And **I will** make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Commentary: Look around today friend. What nation is blessed above all nations? I am not saying country. I speak to peoples. This is NOT racist doctrine. It is just high time you wake up to who you are. Stop letting the so called preachers tell you that you are a gentile. Come out of confusion!

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Commentary: What is in man? – His Seed. Out of Abram’s loins shall come one who will bless ALL – Yehoshuah or Yehovah Saves.

Before we continue I would like the Reader to take notice that this Promise was made to Abram 430 years prior to the Law being given to Moses at Sinai. Why is this important? The Promise came first!

Did you catch that ALL peoples would be blessed? Before the first advent of Yehoshuah, the WAY was only for Jacob; yet after Yehoshuah redeemed us by his flesh sacrifice, ALL peoples could be grafted into the Tree of Life. Whomsoever will could become a member of the Commonwealth of Yisra’el. With Yehoshuah at the Head of the Body.

Remember Eve or Chavvah was called the Mother of All Living? She was also given a Promise. And they knew their Duty. And they knew NOT to commit Adultery with other peoples. Abram came thru Eve. And the Promise is restored in Abram/Sarai.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same**; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Heb 2:16 For verily he took not on *him the nature of angels*; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham.

Commentary: Yehovah took on the Seed of Abraham. Immanuel – Yehovah with Us.

Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Deu 32:39 See now that I, *even I, am* he, **and there is no god with me**: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand.

Deu 32:40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

Commentary: Yehovah came into this Age, just as he made each of us to do. And Yehovah lived UNDER Torah and Kept Torah.

The Master speaks:

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, **and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven**: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Commentary: If the word “fulfil” means as the good preachers say it means that the law is no more, then the so called good preachers nullify the Scripture at verse 19. But Yehovah Saves or Yehoshuah saying “*whosoever shall DO and TEACH [the Torah – Law] the same shall be called great*”...

Before we go to far into New Covenant territory, let us return to the Old Covenant back to where the Promise was made concerning Abram.

Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Commentary: Notice that Abram was 75 when he received instruction from Yehovah that his Seed would be blessed. Let us consider that 75 years of age is typically long past the age of bearing children. Yet, we see that Abram accepts the promise and leaves

Babel. He left confusion and began to be led of Yehovah. Yehovah said Go and Abram went.

Question: Do you allow Yehovah to lead your life?

Gen 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

Commentary: Notice that Abram is absent any children at this time; yet he takes his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot and their bondservants. And, notice that Abram did not dispute Yehovah's instruction even though there was famine in the land, Abram went. And now Yehovah blesses Abram's obedience.

Gen 13:5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

Gen 13:6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

Gen 13:7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

Commentary: Notice that Abram and Lot are blessed.

Gen 13:8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren.

Gen 13:9 *Is* not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

Gen 13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

Gen 13:11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

Commentary: Their blessings were so great that the land could not contain both of their estates. Yehovah had blessed both Abram and Lot extensively and made them both VERY rich. See it is not bad to be rich with Yehovah's blessing, it is ill gotten gains that Yehovah detests.

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Commentary: Notice Abram was given the Promise at 75 and here we find he is now 99. 24 years later and notice Abram awaits PATIENTLY the fulfillment of the Promise. 24 years is a long time. What you think Yehovah will not test you?

Consider your own life. Would you trust someone who you have yet to test? Said another way do you place your trust in one you have yet to establish a relationship? As for me, you can forget it. I will try you first and if you are not found wanting, then I MAY begin to put trust in you.

Consider the Military boot camps. Notice that they put the recruits thru gunfire and all sorts of stressful situations so that the Commander may know that in the day of battle the soldier will stay in the fight. Here we find Abram 24 years later and he is still waiting on Yehovah.

For the deeper student – or at least one who can read the Acrostic at Psalm 37. I point out verses 7, 20 & 34. Check them out.

Notice the trying time has been completed and now it is time for the Covenant.

Gen 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Commentary: Notice the relationship. This Covenant is made between a Sovereign and the Sovereigns Creation. Now that is AMAZING.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Commentary: There are no vowels in Hebrew. Notice an “H” has been added to Abram’s name. The “H” carries the numeric value of Five. The five carries the significance of “grace”. Notice the lower case “h” even looks like a throne. There are reasons for the language.

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Contracted from H1 and an unused root (probably meaning to *be populous*); *father of a multitude*; *Abraham*, the later name of Abram: - Abraham.

Gen 17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant **between me and thee and thy seed after thee** in their generations **for an everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Commentary: Now this is no light thing Reader. Do not just brush over verse 7. Yehovah has just created an EVERLASTING Covenant with the seed of Abraham.

Kings indeed – Scotland, England, Czars of Russia, and many other kings and queens.

Now, let us consider. Question: Who settled this Covenant? Answer: Yehovah!

Question: Did Abram have standing with Yehovah to discuss the terms and conditions of this Covenant? Answer: No. Question: Who is the Creator? Answer: Yehovah.

Question: Who is the created? Answer: Mankind.

Therefore the Creator/Settlor/Grantor/Settlor can create the terms of an agreement and the beneficiary of said agreement in no way has the ability to revise or even question the terms of the agreement.

Question: Has the Law been given yet? Not yet friend.

Gen 16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

Gen 16:2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

Commentary: Here we see a bit of doubt in Sarai regarding this promise of a son. She looks to her own body and she has yet to bring forth a son and she is getting old. But we see that Abram, while not doubting his wife, takes a new wife, in Hagar.

Gen 16:3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

Gen 16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

Commentary: Look here at Sarai's doubt. She got exactly what she really did not want. Her handmaid immediately produced a child – an Heir – but NOT of her loins.

Gen 16:6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

Commentary: Sarai told Hagar get out. Notice that Sarai is the woman of the Promise; but Hagar is the bondservant. Sarai represents therefore the Promise, yet to be fulfilled, and Hagar represents the Law.

Now pay attention Reader. Abram did NOT give Hagar a writ of divorcement. Ishmael is the son of Abraham! And today, Ishmael is the Saudi Nations.

I say again, there was no writ of divorcement given to Hagar.

Gen 16:7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

Gen 16:8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

Gen 16:9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, **Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.**

Gen 16:10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

Gen 16:11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name **Ishmael**; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

Commentary: The Law is subservient to the Promise. Hagar was Sarai's Maid. The Law is good. The Law is in submission UNDER the Promise.

Gen 16:15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, **Ishmael**.

Gen 16:16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

Commentary: Ishmael means – God will hear. Notice that Abram is now 86 and still no Heir from the woman of the Promise. Yet, he patiently waits.

Gen 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

Commentary: Here we see the “h” being added to Sarai's name to make it Sarah. And we see grace being given to the woman of the Promise.

Gen 17:16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, **I will bless her**, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Commentary: We are now beginning to see Abraham now beginning to doubt a little bit. I mean he is 100 years old.

Gen 17:18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

Commentary: See that Abraham is really saying perhaps the Promise is for Ishmael? But no the Light of the World shall not be the Law – it is the Promise and the Fulfillment of the Promise in Yehoshuah or Immanuel – Yehovah himself coming into this Flesh Age to dwell with man.

Gen 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

Commentary: This is validation of the actual lineage. The seed is called in Issac.

Gen 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

Commentary: Saudi Nations. Indeed Ishmael is Rich indeed. With plenty of black gold.

Gen 17:21 **But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.**

Gen 17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

Commentary: Notice that Ishmael was born to Abraham when he was 86. Abraham is now 99. This is 13 years later. Or said another way the boy is 13 years old. Now if you are unaware let me clue you in: Typical Muslim circumcision occurs at the age of 13. And verse 17:23 is why.

Now let us consider Abraham.

Gen 17:10 *This is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Commentary: This word at verse 10 was given to Abraham when he was 99 years old. Notice he immediately circumcises Ishmael. And we shall see in the next verse he also circumcises himself at 99. Now, let the Reader consider. Abraham was given the Law of circumcision and he not only hears it and knows it he DOES it.

Gen 17:24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Gen 17:25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Gen 17:26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

Gen 17:27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

Commentary: Remember Torah? If the stranger will dwell within your gates; he too will keep Torah. Abraham is a true Leader. You can follow a man like Abraham. He is not going to tell you to do something he himself will not do. All you so called leaders might take this lesson to heart. Abraham did this to himself even to his own hurt. And you know it hurt at 99.

Exo 12:47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

Exo 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

Exo 12:49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

Commentary: Strangers not of Yisra'el sojourned with Abraham. These were bondservants he had acquired. If they lived in Abraham's house – or said another way – under his dominion.

Now before we start Gen 18 – Remember reader that the Law has not yet been given. Remember that fact.

Gen 18:9 And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

Gen 18:10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

Commentary: Here we have Yehovah securing the Promise.

Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age; *and* **it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.**

Commentary: Sarah had stopped ovulating. She cannot have a child in the ordinary sense.

Gen 18:12 Therefore **Sarah laughed within herself**, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

Commentary: Sarah is absolutely doubting her ability to bear a child. She not only looks within her body but also without to Abraham – he is old as all get out – how can we two bring forth a child?

Gen 18:13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

Gen 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Commentary: Nothing is too hard for Yehovah. Yehovah is the Potter and we the Pot and he can shape the clay into whatever vessel desired. Notice at Gen 17:17 that Abraham laughed too – offering up Ishmael as the potential Heir. That is not in Yehovah's Plan.

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From [H6711](#); *laughter* (that is, *mockery*); *Jitschak* (or Isaac), son of Abraham: - Isaac. Compare [H3446](#).

Salvation is according to the Promise and NOT the Law. And notice the child is now WITHOUT the ability of these two to bring forth. They are both well advanced in Age. But Yehovah Saves and brings forth the child according to his will. But we see that Abraham and Sarah join in union, not to get to wordy, but you get the idea – therefore they put their Faith in the Promise into action by their WORKS.

Therefore we can claim upon the Promise OVER the Law because the Promise came first. And we know the Promise of the Blessing or we do now.

Gen 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Gen 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Commentary: Abraham has been tested and not found wanting by his WORKS. He was given the Law and Abraham performed it. Yehovah saying I can Trust this one. Abraham has been tried and not found wanting.

All nations shall be blessed “in him” thru Yehoshuah.

Reader what do you think “the way of Yehovah” is? Did not Yehoshuah say “I am THE WAY”? Abraham knows the Promise and claims the Promise but he DOES the Law.

Yehoshuah said if you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Now onto the Law.

Gen 18:16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

Commentary: Now these men were angels.

Gen 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

Gen 18:2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

Commentary: Yehovah comes down to see Abraham with Angels. Notice they are called men. For the student “Gabriel” means “man of God”. Yehovah and Two Angels.

Abraham knows not to worship men but these are no flesh man. But to the gainsayer who says Angels are just spirit and messengers.....lets see about that.

Gen 18:4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

Gen 18:5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

Gen 18:6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

Gen 18:7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

Gen 18:8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, **and they did eat.**

Commentary: These Two Angels have come with Yehovah for a specific purpose. You doubt they are Angels. Well we will shortly get there too.

Gen 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and **because their sin is very grievous;**

Gen 18:21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Commentary: Now we got a problem, don't we Reader? How can sin be imputed to those who are absent any Law? Now before we continue let us go to the Declaration of

Independence and let us recognize that the framers were well aware of Scripture: as they reference “the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God”.

What was Sodom and Gomorrah engaging in? Why do you think the name is Sodom? Well, let it not be my words. Lets go to Scripture. But before we go there, notice at the end of Genesis 18, for those who will pick up their Scripture and read it: Abraham discussed with Yehovah a plan of intervention; yet, at the end of the day the decree had been made and the unrighteousness had brought down Yehovah and even though the Law is yet to be given, the SIN is against Nature and what is natural!

Gen 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

Gen 19:2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

Gen 19:3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

Commentary: Lot knew not to let these stay outside with the wickedness of the men of Sodom. Lot pressed upon them greatly meaning he URGED them vehemently PLEASE don't stay outside. Come in to my house so that you can be safe.

Gen 19:4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

Gen 19:5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

Commentary: I think all who Read know what the idiom “to know” means. It is REPUGNANT. I shall say one thing. I have yet to see a man deliver a baby. It is not natural.

Gen 19:6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

Commentary: Notice Lot is not about to let these men into his house. He has taken these two men into his home and now they have become Lot's responsibility.

Gen 19:7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

Commentary: Examine verse 7 CAREFULLY. Do not so wickedly. How can this be? How on Earth Reader would Lot know that Sodomy is wicked? Now this is written in jest. Did you need to know “thou shall not steal” in order to obey or know to not steal. We “instinctively” know what is natural and right. And Lot knew Sodomy is NOT natural and is an abomination. It leads to disease, sickness, yields no fruit, nothing

good comes from that act. It is an action or expression of man's free will to chose whatever man wants to do and nature be damned.

Gen 19:8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

Commentary: I myself might have introduced them to my two brothers "Smith and Wesson" before tendering my virgin daughters; yet we see the point. Lot is offering up the Natural but these Crave the un-natural. Again, Lot has taken these two Angels into his home and he feel responsible.

Gen 19:9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

Gen 19:10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

Commentary: Lot has tried his best and the situation is now getting out of hand. The Angels take over and begin to do what they have been charged to do. Yehovah came down to set right what men were doing UNNATURALLY. And the unnatural acts were accounted to those men of Sodom as SIN. I remind the Reader that the Law at Sinai is still a long ways off.

And now Lot finds himself neck deep in SIN – and the Angels compel him and his family to GET OUT. Have you not now seen the full circle? Come out of Babel [confusion].

Lets now go to the Great Book of Romans:

Rom 2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

Commentary: verse 12 goes to those in this Age who have never heard Torah and yet they know what is right from wrong – just by what is natural. And these who do unnatural acts shall die as sin according to their sin against nature. And yet, Yehovah gave the Law as a "good guide" to Yisra'el so that Yisra'el would be a Standard Bearer to the Nations. Such that it is that same Law that Yisra'el is aware of that shall judge Yisra'el. Therefore there is Natural Law that which is in compliance with Nature. And it was the breaking of Natural Law that brought Yehovah down to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah.

Does that mean Torah is not good? No way. Torah is good for man.

Rom 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Commentary: See that Abraham heard that he should circumcise all males within his dominions. And he DID it. To know a thing is of no benefit. The benefit is only in the hand of he DOER.

Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Commentary: Reread verse 14 over and over and over again. These have not Torah, yet they do naturally the law because the Law is in conformance with Nature.

Rom 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Commentary: verse 15 does not excuse the Law [Torah] in any way or shape. It is an expression that means you can know Torah and perform Torah by doing what you naturally know what is right? **Love God and do unto others as you would have them do to you?** That is the whole of the Law.

Now, Torah is an expression of the Law – think of Torah as the Bylaws of the Trust structure. There is even given Judgments to exact when the Law [Torah] has been breached. Yehovah settled Torah! Get that in your head for those who think they can rewrite Torah to their OWN desires. Yehovah settled Torah. And Yehovah is the Trustor and Creator!

Consider now Reader. How many Laws do you think are necessary to control a People? Stop to consider Prohibition. Did men stop drinking alcohol? What about the War on Drugs. Have men stopped partaking in Drugs? What about traffic laws? How many do you need? Laws will never be able to control a People. Why? Because people want what they want and they will do what they want to do to get what they want. And if that means breaking a law – well then some men will just do that. So what then of Law? Law is subordinate to the Promise. The Promise came first and Salvation lies in the Promise; yet the Law is good for man and in no way has the Law been revoked.

For one to claim the Law as a means to Salvation is fruitless as who can keep all the Law. To claim one is to claim all of them. Who can do it? Yet those who love Yehovah WANT to keep Yehovah's Law. It is written in their minds to do right. Not only for themselves before their God but to do righteously to their brother.

See now, Yehovah says Abraham is righteous, he does what is right. Should I hide from him what I intend to do to Sodom and Gomorrah? Yehovah will not abide unrighteousness. Yet, how was Abraham accounted righteous? Was it by his Faith? Answer: No! He was accounted righteous by manifesting his Faith into Works! So any half witted preacher who would tell you that your Works mean nothing – is bring damnation upon his own head.

For our Works show our Faith. James writing Faith absent deeds is Dead. Why? Who can see what is in another man's mind? He knows but consider reader – The Satan KNOWS Yehovah is God. To know means nothing.

Will you now depend on the Law? How many Laws need to be passed for us to learn to depend on the Law? It is not the Law Reader – it is the Promise. The Promise therefore does NOT nullify the Law – the Promise is the expression of Nature and Nature's God. Yehovah Saves!

Now let us go back a bit:

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Commentary: Abraham is disciplined. He has Order in his house. He WILL command his children and his house to keep “the way of Yehovah”. You got it? Yehovah DEMANDS discipline.

Therefore Salvation or Justification in ONLY by Yehovah. But those who love Yehovah will strive NATURALLY to keep Yehovah's commands? Why? Because they are righteous and just. And if you would take the time to read them you would see that Torah is righteous and just such that you do to your neighbor as you would have your neighbor do to you. And you pay homage to the Creator as you should.

Yehovah Saves in Yehoshuah – Immanuel or God with Us.

Should you desire to break Natural Law you will bring damnation and destruction upon your own head. Will you stand in the hedge and guard your gates in righteousness? Will you cry out to Yehovah for righteousness? Will you Trust in Yehovah or do you trust in Man?

Now what shall we say about those absent the Promise? These are under the Law. And the Law stands just as the Promise, but the Law cannot Save unless you can keep it all.

Regarding the Promise:

Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Commentary: Paul writes, how is it that you have received the Promise in Faith and yet ye have yoked yourselves to the strict observance of the Law? Meaning, it is good to perform the law, yet to perform it as if the law somehow justifies one is of no consequence for the law cannot save. **Therefore Claim the Promise and do the Law out of LOVE to Yehovah.** LOVE does not work out of strict requirement. Love works out of free will offering.

Hos 6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Commentary: Mercy here should have been LOVE.

Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Commentary: In this Age [Flesh – 2nd] Mankind receives the Promise by Faith. And the Spirit is granted freely to those who believe. I can see now your Faith manifest in your works; yet will you now tell me that those works justify you or is it the Promise? It is the Promise and the Works naturally are a by-product – in Love. Works are not a by-product in Slavery. Paul writes to the Galatians – ye are not slaves – why do you put yourself under the yoke?

Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Commentary: Here we go. These flesh cannot justify a man. The Promise is of Yehovah Saves and we in Love for our Creator return the love that was given to us freely. We cannot obtain by our works. Let me say it again. Our Works show our Love.

Else, how then is love expressed? By doing nothing? Hardly!

Gal 3:4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.

Commentary: Why have you allowed these Legalists [lawyers] to direct you to think you can overcome by your own will in the Law? And then again, why have you allowed the Legalists to sway you into thinking the Law is no more?

Reader – The Promise is in full effect and so is the Law. Claim the Promise and keep the Law out of Love to Yehovah.

Gal 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Commentary: Is your Preacher justified by the Law? There is only one perfect in the Law and it ain't preacher.

Gal 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Commentary: Abraham was righteous because he believed and acted on said belief.

Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, **the same are the children of Abraham.**

Commentary: Can you now see the Commonwealth of Yisra'el.

Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Commentary: I mean Abraham was 99 years old – and Sarah was no longer able to bring forth children; yet, is there anything too hard for Yehovah. Absolutely Not. Yehovah Yireh.

Gal 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Commentary: And if you are of the Promise you inherently or naturally want to do what is right and what is right is codified in the law.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Commentary: Hagar was the bondservant – remember? She was not free. But the Children of the King are Free! And the Law is UNDER the Promise but the Law is still there. Therefore if you be a legalist under Law – then keep it all – because you had best do just that!

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Commentary: The Just life in the Promise of Yehovah Saves trusting in Yehoshuah, the Redeemer, the Savior. And Yehoshuah is the end goal of the law or the personification of the Law in perfection – All in All.

Otherwise which one of our works is better than the other? Yet are works for nought? No way. Our works show our faith in action. The woman who had the issue of blood for twelve years [house of Jacob – one year for each tribe] had to REACH out and GRAB the hem of Yehoshuah's garment – with the Faith that she would be healed.

Gal 3:12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Commentary: Therefore the Law is good for man. And it is good that man should keep Yehovah's Law for Yehovah gave it to man to HELP man; yet man cannot justify himself in the Law.

Therefore the Law is likened to a Curse in the sense that man cannot gain salvation to the Law and the Law was all there was prior to Yehoshuah.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

Commentary: Yehoshuah became our Passover. See now in the Passover in Yehoshuah the fulfillment of the Promise?

1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. **For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:**

1Co 5:8 **Therefore let us keep the feast**, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

Commentary: Is Paul telling you NOT to keep the Passover? Or to not perform the Works of the Law? Absolutely NOT, saying “**Therefore let us keep the feast**” ...

Let us walk before Yehovah in Truth and Perform in the way of Yehovah in Love.

If you were to keep all of the traffic laws since the age of 16 to 50 and then at the age of 51 you run a stop sign. Are you now blameless under the law? You broke the law! You ran a stop sign. How many laws that you have kept can make you now blameless for running this stop sign? None!

However, the stop sign is there for a purpose to keep you SAFE. And free from bodily harm. Is it therefore, bad that a stop sign exists? Absurd. Why do you keep that law – stopping at the sign? Is it for your good and the good of other men and women? See now Torah? Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

This Law keeping is done out of LOVE to Yehovah and to Yehovah’s creation your brothers and sisters and out of love to yourself.

If you are caught running the stop sign is there not a consequence? Absolutely. If you break a Natural Law and you get disease is that not a consequence?

Who now shall take the seat of a Judge against his brother? How shall ye judge your brother? According to Torah – Settled by Yehovah – or according to man’s control – settled by Man?

Which Law Trumps? Torah/Natural Law? Have you been paying attention? If this is still a mystery then perhaps you need to read this again.

What of man’s societies? Should not the laws written within said societies reflect Torah? Absolutely! Why? Because then, the society would be in harmony with Nature and Nature’s God – Yehovah!

Now to the Promise: Did Yehoshuah heal or perform Works using the Law [Torah]; or did Yehoshuah do it by application of Faith? Notice however those two words “perform Works”.

Heb 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, **he sware by himself**,

Commentary: Yehovah is Self Existing and needs not man's okay to create an agreement. Yehoshuah is Yehovah Saves – God with Us.

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Commentary: Enoch, Elijah, Moses...all translated. Enoch being a preacher – do not mix the holy seed with these fallen ones.

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: **for he that cometh to God must believe that he is,** and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Commentary: Wow, I mean, Noah got the plan and he had the knowledge and look we see Noah's Faith – He BUILT the ark. Have you built your Ark. Have you pitched it with Atonement? Do you know the Plan of Yehovah?

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Commentary: Come out of Babel [Confusion].

Heb 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. .

Commentary: Even though they BOTH laughed wondering How? They still engaged in the coital ACT in faith.

Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

Commentary: Notice the eight day. Just as Yehoshuah was born at Feast of Tabernacles and was circumcised on the Eighth day. Tangent: Feast of Tabernacles is not in December, Friend.

Gen 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Commentary: 100 goes to Election. Remember the 99 and 1.

Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

Commentary: They believed in the One who made the promise – even though they knew not how it was going to happen.

Gen 21:10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.

Commentary: Notice that Abraham is now 100. He fathered Ishmael at 86. He is not putting the bond woman out of his house with her son – Ishmael would be 14 at this point.

Gen 21:11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

Commentary: Abraham did not do this thing out of his own will. This is part of the Plan of Yehovah and Abraham is Election being used to fulfill that Plan.

Gen 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, **hearken unto her voice**; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Commentary: This must have been tough for Abraham; and yet we see the Teacher or Instructor in the Tent is Sarah. Do you listen to your wife?

Heb 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and **him as good as dead**, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Commentary: I mean Abraham was 99 years old and look **his seed** in not possible to count.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, **when he was tried**, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,

Commentary: I mean Abraham left his servants at the base of the mountain to climb up the mountain with his Son. Abraham telling them:

Gen 22:3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Gen 22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

Gen 22:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, **and come again to you.**

Heb 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Commentary: Look at the Faith of Abraham. He tells his servants to stay at the base of the mountain and he then tell the servants – we go to worship and [we] shall come again to you. Abraham knows Yehovah shall provide.

Gen 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

Commentary: Look at the Faith of Issac – what you think the boy dumb – hardly – he wondering where is the Sacrifice – and Abraham saying Yehovah shall provide – but he still climbs the Mountain.

Heb 11:19 Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself** a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Commentary: Look at the Faith of Abraham. Abraham TRUSTS Yehovah. You get it? Do you now see Abraham as a Prophet? Yehoshuah is Yehovah Saves.

Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

Commentary: Here we see Satan interfering in an attempt to nullify Scripture. Remember the bramble or thorn bush the ram caught in a thicket. I mean just think if Abraham had killed Issac, the Seedline is no more. This is another attack on the Woman's Seed – Gen 3:15.

Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Commentary: Yehovah Yireh = Yehovah Provides.

Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Commentary: Why? Because Abraham Obeyed. Abraham knew the instruction and he DID it. He ACTED on his Faith.

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Heb 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

Commentary: So you want to be a Prophet, huh? But these did their Works based on their Faith and Trust in Yehovah. These FIRST trusted in Yehovah. These did not see Yehoshuah or the fulfillment of the Promise.

By Faith in the Promise we are to ask in the NAME of Yehoshauh which is a recognition of the Promise that Yehovah made to Abraham, claiming the Promise and absent the operation of the Law.

For the Promise is Greater than the Law; yet, the Law is good.

What then can we say concerning the Law? Do you know in your conscious to not commit premeditated murder? Why then do you require a Law telling you not to do so? Is the Law of no effect? Absolutely Not, for it is by the Law that the operation of judgment occurs – consequence. Order is kept with discipline.

To the “it’s all love crowd”, Yehoshuah is coming with a rod of iron – to put it across your back if necessary in order to bring Order and Discipline to the House of God. He walked in before and laid a whip to the backs of men – and you think that rod of iron is for show? Think again!

Hab 2:1 **I will stand upon my watch**, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

Commentary: Are you a watchman – Do you know the Plan of Yehovah?

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Hab 2:3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, **wait for it**; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but **the just shall live by his faith.**

Commentary: verse 4 can be rendered the just shall live by trusting in Yehovah, or by Yehovah’s Truth or Faith in Yehovah.

Gen 1:3 And God said, **Let there be light**: and there was light.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the **light of men.**

Commentary: Would you be so bold as to attempt to sin against the Settlor of Torah in an attempt to nullify Torah. What you now think you are God? You lack that Standing Friend.

What you think the kings of the Earth developed Trust Law. Oh no Friend, it was the glory of the kings of the Earth to bring forth Trust Law out of the Splendor which is Yehovah's Word.

Rev 19:13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God.**

Rev 19:14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: **for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Commentary: Are you accounted Righteous by Faith? Partly and partly by Works. For Faith absent Deeds [Works] is Dead.

Jas 2:14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Commentary: The its all love crowd is gonna love me for this. So be it. What is this the man is DEAD.

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

Jas 2:16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

Jas 2:17 **Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead,** being alone.

Commentary: The its all love crowd, an "I love you" is great. A well placed word and a timely smile is priceless, but to a starving man – some food would be nice. The pastors who are supposed to feed you instead – I love you – and hey don't forget to put some money of yours in to the building fund.

Jas 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: **shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

Commentary: Amen and Amen. Faith requires it to be Exercised. Remember the Parable of the Talents? To the one who did not Exercise his talent, it was taken from him and given to the one who would.

Jas 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Commentary: Remember the six thousand demons cast out of the man and into the swine? The demons saying “*what hast thou to do with us O’ Jesus thou son of David?*” What you gonna claim some special standing because you recognize a Creator? Good luck with that.

Jas 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Commentary: Vain is Right. Empty and Void is better said. What you gonna know the truth and never work? Those who do not work should not eat. That has a much higher meaning friend. Will you chase vanities and lusts of your own flesh or will you implement your Faith by your Works – Put it in Gear and lets get moving!

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

Commentary: Oh, this just can’t be says the “its all faith crowd”. Justified by Works? This must be an error in Scripture. Not so friend.

Jas 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

Commentary: Faith and Works go hand in hand. What now of those who would nullify Torah. I would not attempt to teach that friend. That is very unwise. For I believe it was Yehoshuah himself that said those who would teach another to violate my law will be called LEAST. But those who would teach others to keep even the least of my Law would be called Greatest.

Jas 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Commentary: Friend of God – most Excellent Theophilus. To believe is to take your faith and put said faith into action. Therefore Peter believed he could walk on water and he took his Faith in Yehoshuah and he stepped without the Boat.

Do you believe you are Redeemed? Do you claim the promise? Do you operate that faith in accordance and obedience to Torah? Do you even try? For Yehovah counts trying as good enough. Just Do Something! Don’t be lukewarm. Do Something.

Jas 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Commentary: This is a call to **GET TO WORK**. Exercise your Faith in Yehovah – IN Yehoshuah – Trusting in Yehovah – according to the Plan of Yehovah!

Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Commentary: Now to the Reader who has been paying special attention – the Critical Reader – you will naturally be asking the question – *What of all those Souls that died under the Law and did not see the Promise come to fruition?*

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

Commentary: Held in prison where? On the other side of the gulf – Ref Luke 16. These are not in Hell in the sense of damnation and torment – yet some are mentally tormented by their choices – see the Rich Man/Lazarus/Abraham.

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Commentary: Baptism by Law – as Yehoshauh did it we should too – but baptism in the renewing of the mind and the heart – a circumcision as well of the mind – washing and cutting away the filth of the flesh – and renewing the Mind toward Yehovah.

1Pe 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; **angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.**

Commentary: All States, all Peoples, all Powers are UNDER the authority of Yehoshuah. Amen and Amen. Who is this making Claims?

Yehovah be blessed forever and ever.

Shalom

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