The Epistle of Barnabas: To the Children of Love & Peace

A New, True Names Translation with the Revised Greek Manuscript

Compared with the Translations of Hoole & Lightfoot, and Taking Account of the Epistle’s Syrian Origin

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Many objective scholars understand the Letter of Bar Naba to be authentic, authored by Yosef bar Naba (Barnabas), the emissary of James the Just in *The Acts of the Apostles*. After 70 CE, this Epistle became an important part of the canon of New Testament Scriptures in the East (Armenia, Adiabene), evidenced by its inclusion in the Codex Sinaiticus, the most ancient complete New Testament in our possession.

My colleague and I choose to honor the work, the author, and the Master of All Things, by rendering this TRUE NAMES TRANSLATION, restoring the Hebraic names and tenor to the document, drained away by the classic English translations. Our hope is that our honest rendering of the Greek will excise the anti-Semitism written into the text by biased scholars of the past.

These same scholars and commentators have deviously used Bar Naba as a proof of how “the church” was divorcing itself from commandment-keeping, sabbath-keeping, and Judaizing. Divorcing the text from such fallacious annotations and implantations, we learn that Bar Naba and his Nazorean community were Torah-bound, annulling none of the ordinances of YHWH, but affirming a great many, and further demonstrating the position of Yahshua the Messiah as the obedient Son of an Almighty Father, just as Bar Naba himself was the father of his readers.

According to the best scholars, Bar Naba at no time quotes or cites the other books of the New Testament, nor does the writer use the word “Christian,” nor does he refer to Christianity at all. Bar Naba came into Greek from Aramaic; thus the title “Christ” is never once employed. Rather than condemning Torah-keeping, Bar Naba strikes out at sin and injustice using quotations from and allusions to the Torah and Prophets, and many quite creatively.

Likewise, Bar Naba never promotes division or exclusion, but love and care for the brother or sister, demanding that every member of the Messianic covenant community be in full agreement regarding the community ordinances.
Observing the ordinances of YHWH and practicing the spirit of the ordinances do not bind up community members, but free them to walk the guarded roadway of life in unity and harmony. Through care and obedience, no single member need ever be afraid of his neighbor or the collaboration of adversaries. In fact, only one adversary exists – the Black One – and, according to Bar Naba, the Son, at his second advent, will make an end of evil altogether through his righteous ones.

Now I hope and pray that dear readers may get the most of the words, prophecies, and mysteries of this internationally traveled, well-known messenger of Messiah through our lively translation, a text surely set-apart yet relevant to our modern world.

Introductory Notes II

*The Letter of Bar Naba*, officially known as *The Epistle of Barnabas*, is a treatise preserved complete in the 3rd century *Codex Sinaiticus* between the apocalyptic books of *Revelation* and *Shepherd of Hermas*. The Sinaitic Manuscript is the earliest complete New Testament in existence. It originated (according to best guess) in the area about Edessa / Armenia, where the Nazorean Faith was embraced by kings and priests alike.

From there, the treatise was translated into Greek and ascribed to Barnabas, a chief player in *The Acts of the Apostles*, in which he is known as Joseph Barnabas (Yosef bar Nabi or Navi), a landowner of Cyprus (and therefore probably a speaker of both Greek and Aramaic). Bar Naba was the emissary of James the Just in Jerusalem, a missionary with Paul, and a traveling evangelist in his own right (in Rome, according to the *Recognitions of Clement*.)

(The Letter of Bar Naba is not to be confused with the medieval forgery known as *The Gospel of Barnabas*.)

Internal evidence suggests Bar Naba composed the treatise in the aftermath of the fall of Jerusalem (70 A.D.), since the author alludes to the same Roman “beasts” characterized in the *Apocalypse of John* (i.e. Nero, Vespasian, Titus) and to what is perhaps a new persecution.
Bar Naba does not quote *The New Testament* and does not seem familiar with what would later become the canonical or apostolic writings (such as the Gospels), although there is at least one unique quote from the Dead Sea Scrolls. Furthermore, the “Church Fathers” Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and Eusebius cite the letter as Scripture (Origen appeals to it), though Eusebius, the theologian of Emperor Constantine, objected to it.

Perhaps Bar Naba disappeared in the west after the Nicene Council. However, the text continued to be influential in the East through the 9th century, and is getting some notice in these latter days through the convincing preaching of the Nazorean Israelite movement.

Although many anti-Semitic commentators through time have used the Letter to refute points in the Torah, Bar Naba upholds the traditional beliefs of the Nazoreans, including the abolition of animal sacrifices, the deeper meaning of the dietary Torah, and the Enochic-style, seventh/eight millennium restoration of creation.

Anti-Semitism / Anti-Judaism is especially evident when reading the 19th and 20th century annotators and their commentaries on the text, especially the Roberts-Donaldson translation and commentaries. Pre-1950 notes on this text do not take into consideration the distinction between Nazoreans, Essenes, Messianics, and Christians, nor do they ever seem to realize that Christianity as they knew it in 1950 did not exist in 70 AD.

Most highly regarded information about *The Epistle of Barnabas* even today uses out-of-date scholarship, ignoring the great bounty of texts and “Middle-Judaisms” that have turned up since the findings of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Nag Hammadi Library. Case-in-point: the editor(s) of the Epistle of Barnabas in the Wikipedia Free Encyclopedia seem to be completely unaware of modern scholarship as they advertise old commentaries and annotations, obsolete for decades or centuries. Did they read the same Epistle as we read?

Bar Naba treats the concepts of body as temple and Gentile conversion (as lost brethren) as though the primitive reader should already know of these matters!
He says again, Look! Those who have destroyed this shrine (temple) will rebuild it! So it is done; for through their war, the enemy destroyed it; now both they themselves and the enemies’ slaves will rebuild it. Bar Naba 16:3

As mentioned before, Christians are never addressed as such in this text, while no other writing of that early time is the separation of Nazoreans from Pharisees so clear. The covenant-promises belong to covenant-keepers in accordance to the Scriptures rather than Pharisaical requirements.

Bar Naba teaches that continuing to trust physical circumcision, the sacrificial systems, and ritualistic ceremonies is due to a misunderstanding of Scripture and a failure to heed the Prophets. However, Bar Naba is a strong proponent of Scriptural holiness.

At some points, Bar Naba sounds quite like his one-time companion Paul, especially in his understanding of the ransom / atonement. But his plain-spoken rehearsal of YHWH’s commandments toward the end of the manuscript, and his insistence upon a judgment of works, sets him apart from Paul, and certainly from all antinomianism.

We are indebted to Theodore Dornan for giving us an honest and accurate adaptation of Hoole’s 1885 translation, and of his tireless work to help restore this and other important ancient texts pertaining to Nazorean Messianism. Along with Hoole, we give credit to Lightfoot for the Greek of the manuscript, and for his literal translation.

May YHWH bless the revival of this very important Scripture!
The Epistle of Barnabas

1 1 Greetings, my sons and daughters, in the name of our Master Yahshua HaMoshiach, who has loved us in shalom.

2 I rejoice greatly beyond measure at your blessed and wonderful spirit, since the Torah of Elohim is great and rich toward all you who have received the engrafted favor of the spirit.

3 I congratulate myself even more in my hope of salvation, for I truly see the Ruach poured out upon you from the rich Master of Love. Your longed-for appearance struck me with awe!

4 Thus persuaded and knowing inwardly that since I preached among you, YHWH helped me greatly on the road of righteousness, I am compelled to completely love you – beyond even my own spirit – because such grand faith and love dwell in you in the hope of living His life.

5 I thought that if I will take care to explain to you a part of what I received, it would turn out as my reward, having assisted such spirits as you. So I paid diligent attention to write to you in but a few words so that you might have your knowledge perfected along with your faith.

1 Yahshua haMoshiach = commonly but incorrectly known as Jesus Christ.
2 Torah = the ordinances of the first five books of Scripture.
3 El, Eloha, Elohim = the primary title of the Heavenly Father meaning “Strong One” or Almighty.” Scholars mistranslated Elohim as “God,” “god” or “gods,” etc. as in Genesis 1:1 and throughout.
5 YHWH (YHWH, Yahuweh) = the unique name of the Heavenly Father usually glossed over with the title “the LORD” of “GOD” in all capitals. See Genesis 2:4 and following. The name of our sky-ward father is usually pronounced Yahweh.
6 Italicized words are added by the editor to clarify the passage.
Βαρναβα Επιστολη

Α 1 Χαίρετε υιοί καὶ θυγατέρες, ἐν ὀνόματι κυρίου τοῦ ἀγαπησαντος ἡμῶς, ἐν εἰρήνῃ.

2 Μεγάλων μὲν οντων καὶ πλουσίων τῶν τοῦ θεοῦ δικαιωμάτων εἰς ύμᾶς, ύπέρ τι καὶ καθ’ ύπερβολήν ύπερευφραίνομαι ἐπί τοῖς μακροίοις καὶ ἐνδόξοις ύμῶν πνεύμασιν· οὕτως ἔμφυτον τῆς δωρεᾶς πνευματικῆς χάριν εἰλήφατε.

3 διὸ καὶ μᾶλλον συγχαίρω ἐμαυτῷ ἐλπίζων σωθῆναι, ὅτι ἀληθῶς βλέπω ἐν ύμῖν ἐκκεχυμένον ἀπὸ τοῦ πλουσίου τῆς πτηγῆς κυρίου πνεύμα ἐφʼ ύμᾶς. οὕτω με ἐξέπληξεν ἐπί ύμῶν ἢ ἐμοὶ ἐπιποθήτη ὄψις ύμῶν.

4 πεπεισμένος οὖν τούτῳ καὶ συνειδῶς ἐμαυτῷ, ὅτι ἐν ύμῖν λαλήσας πολλὰ ἐπίσταμαι, ὅτι ἐμοὶ συνώδεισθεν ἐν ὀδῷ δικαιοσύνης κύριος, καὶ πάντως ἀναγκάζομαι κάγω εἰς τούτῳ, ἀγαπᾶν ύμᾶς ὑπέρ τὴν ψυχήν μου, ὅτι μεγάλη πίστις καὶ ἀγάπη ἐγκατοικεῖ ἐν ύμῖν ἐπ’ ἐλπίδι ζωῆς αὐτοῦ.

5 λογισάμενος οὖν τούτῳ, ὅτι ἐὰν μελήσῃ μοι περὶ ύμῶν τοῦ μέρος τι μεταδοῦναι ἀφ’ οὗ ἔλαβον, ὅτι ἔσται μοι τοιούτως πνεύμασιν ὑπηρετήσαντι εἰς μισθόν, ἐσπούδασα κατὰ μικρὸν ύμῶν πέμπτειν, ἵνα μετὰ τῆς πίστεως ύμῶν τελείαν ἔχητε τὴν γνώσιν.
6 For YHWH offers three ordinances:

(1) the hope of living, the start and finish of our faith;
(2) righteousness, *the start and finish of justice*;
(3) and joy *and happiness*, testified by righteous acts.⁷

7 For the Master has made known to us by the prophets everything that *has* passed, as well as those things at hand. Now he has given us the first fruits of the knowledge of events *yet* to come! Since we already see all these diverse mechanisms running *just* as he said, we should approach his altar more proudly and eagerly.

8 But I (*speaking* not as a teacher, but as one of you), I will show you a few things that may make you rejoice, even in this present *trouble*.

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⁷ Obviously, this Greek version does not support the longer, traditional translations, as demonstrated in the italicized words above. Another witness adds: *Righteousness is the beginning and end of judgment; love is manifest in happiness and rejoicing. Such are the testimonial to works of righteousness.* Throughout the Letter, righteousness is defined as keeping the commandments of the Torah and doing good works in love. The “Three Ways” is also a major theme in the Didache, or Teaching of the Twelve – which may indicate these books were used by the same community.
Α 6 Τρία οὖν δόγματα ἐστιν κυρίου:
   α’ ζωῆς ἐλπίς, κρίσεως, ἀρχή καὶ τέλος πίστεως ἡμῶν.
   β’ καὶ δικαιοσύνη,
   γ’ καὶ ἀγαλλιάσεως ἔργων δικαιοσύνης μαρτυρία.

7 ἔγνωρίσεν γὰρ ἡμῖν ὁ δεσπότης διὰ τῶν προφητῶν τὰ παρεληλυθότα καὶ τὰ ἐνεστῶτα, καὶ τῶν μελλόντων δοῦσ ἀπαρχὰς ἡμῖν γεύσεως, ὃν τὰ καθ’ ἐκαστὰ βλέποντες ἐνεργοῦμενα, καθὼ ἐλάλησεν, ὁφείλομεν πλουσιώτερον καὶ ὡσιλότερον προσάγειν τῷ φόβῳ αὐτοῦ.

8 ἐγὼ δὲ οὐχ ώς διδάσκαλος, ἀλλ’ ώς ἐὰν ἐξ ὑμῶν ὑποδείξω ὅλιγα, δι’ ὃν ἐν τοῖς παροῦσιν εὐφρανθήσεσθε.
1 Since the days are evil and the Workers of it have the authority, we should take heed to ourselves and seek out YHWH’s Righteousness. 2 For the helpers of our faith are Fear and Patience, and those who fight on our side are Patience and Abstinence. 3 While these⁸ remain pure in matters relating to YHWH, Wisdom and Understanding, Insight and Knowledge, celebrate together with them.

4 For Elohim has shown to us through all the prophets that he desires neither sacrifices, holocausts, nor oblations; for he says in a certain place:

5 What to me is the plethora of your sacrifices? I am full of the whole burnt offerings of rams; I do not desire the fat of lambs or the blood of bulls and goats, nor need you come to be seen by me. Who has required these things by your hands? You will not persist in treading my court. If you bring fine flour, it is useless. Incense is an affront to me. I cannot stand your new moons and Shabbatot.⁹ My Spirit hates your fasts and holidays and feasts.¹⁰

6 So such things YHWH¹¹ has nullified so that the renewed ordinance of our Master Yahshua HaMoshiach, being free from the yoke of obligation, might present an offering not made with hands.¹²

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⁸ these = our helpers and allies.
⁹ Shabbat, Shabbatot = sabbath, sabbaths, including the seventh-day sabbath, upon which the Levites continued to profane by their hypocrisy.
¹⁰ Isaiah 1:11-13; Jeremiah 7:21-22; Zechariah 8:16.
¹¹ YHWH = he.
¹² Historical note: the Nazoreans continued to keep the set-apart days of YHWH with ‘spiritual sacrifices,’ believing that scribes had tampered with Torah so to include provision for rulers to glut themselves with flesh eating.
Β 1 Ἡμερῶν οὖν οὐσῶν πονηρῶν καὶ αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἐνεργοῦντος ἔχοντος τὴν ἐξουσίαν, ὁφείλομεν οὖσοι προσέχοντες ἐκζητεῖν τὰ δικαιώματα κυρίου. 2 τῆς οὖν πίστεως ἦμῶν ἔστιν βοηθοῖ φόβος καὶ ύπομονή, τὰ δὲ συμμαχοῦντα ἦμῖν μακροθυμία καὶ ἐγκράτεια: 3 τούτων οὖν μενόντων τὰ πρὸς κύριον ἀγνῶς συνευφράνονται αὐτοῖς σοφία, σύνεσις, ἐπιστήμη, γνώσις.

4 πεφανέρωκεν γὰρ ἦμῖν διὰ πάντων τῶν προφητῶν, ὅτι οὔτε θυσίων οὔτε ὀλοκαυτωμάτων οὔτε προσφορῶν ψηφίζει, λέγων ὡς τέλως·

5 Τί μοι πλήθος τῶν θυσίων ὑμῶν; λέγει κύριος. πλήρης εἰμὶ ὀλοκαυτωμάτων, καὶ στέαρ ἄρνων καὶ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων οὐ βούλομαι, οὔτε ἀν ἔρχησθε ὀφθήναι μοι. τῆς γὰρ ἐξεζήτησεν ταῦτα ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν ὑμῶν; πατεῖν μου τὴν αὐλήν οὐ προσθήσεσθε. ἔὰν φέρητε σεμίδαλιν, μάταιον·

6 θυμίαμα βδέλυγμά μοι ἐστίν· τὰς νεομηνίας ὑμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἄνευ ζυγοῦ ἀνάγκης, ὡς, μῆ ἀνθρωποποιήτον ἔχη τὴν προσφοράν.
7 Again, he says to them,

*Did I command your fathers, when you came out of the land of Mizraim,¹³ to offer me whole holocausts and sacrifices? 8 Did I not rather command them this? Let each of you bear no malice in his heart against his neighbor, and do not love a false oath!*¹⁴

9 We ought to perceive how we should approach him, since we are not without understanding of the meaning of Ava¹⁵ YHWH’s goodness. Wishing to seek after us who are wandering as sheep, he tells us, 10 speaking to us this way:

*A broken heart is the sacrifice to Elohim; a heart that esteems him who fashioned it is a sweet odor to Him.*¹⁶

Achim, we ought to inspect our way of salvation accurately for fear that the evil one, making an entrance among us, should cast us out of our life.

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¹³ Mizraim = Egypt.
¹⁵ Abba = familiar title for ‘father’ – like ‘papa.’
¹⁶ Psalms 51:17; Genesis 8:21.
Β 7 λέγει δὲ πάλιν πρὸς αὐτούς·

Μὴ ἐγὼ ἐνετειλάμην τοῖς πατράσιν ὑμῶν ἐκπορευομένοις ἐκ γῆς Ἀιγύπτου, προσενέγκαι μοι ὀλοκαυτώματα καὶ θυσίας; 8 ἀλλ' ἦ τούτο ἐνετειλάμην αὐτοῖς· ἔκαστος ὑμῶν κατὰ τοῦ πλησίον ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ έαυτοῦ κακίαν μὴ μνησικακέτω, καὶ ὄρκον ψευδή μὴ ἀγαπάτε.

9 αἰσθάνεσθαι σὺν ὑπείλομεν, μὴ δὸντες ἀσύνετοι, τὴν γνώμην τῆς ἀγαθωσύνης τοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν, ὅτ' ἡμῖν λέγει, θέλων ἡμᾶς μὴ ὁμοίως πλανωμένους ἐκείνοις ζητεῖν, πτῶς προσάγωμεν αὐτῷ. 10 ἡμῖν οὖν οὐτός λέγει·

Θυσία τῷ κυρίῳ καρδίᾳ συντετριμμένη, ὅσμη εὐωδίας τῷ κυρίῳ καρδίᾳ δοξάζουσα τὸν πεπλακότα αὐτήν.

ἀκριβεύεσθαι σὺν ὑπείλομεν, ἀδελφοί, περὶ τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν, ἵνα μὴ ὁ πονηρὸς παρείσδυσιν πλάνης ποιήσας ἐν ἡμῖν ἐκσφενδονήσῃ ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.
3 1 About these things, he says to them once again,

*Why do you fast for me so your crying voice is heard today? This is not the fast that I have chosen; that is, for a man to humiliate himself, says YHWH; 2 Nor even if you bend your neck around and put sackcloth and ashes under you – not even then will you call an acceptable fast.*

3 But he says to us,

*See the fast I have chosen? says YHWH; Not that a man should humiliate himself, but that he should loose every deal with unrighteousness and untie the knots of bondage to violence. He should set the bruised free and cancel every pact with unrighteousness! Break your bread with the hungry; and if you see the naked, clothe him. Bring those who are homeless into your house. If you see a deprived man, do not scorn him. Neither will you turn away those of your own family.*

4 *Then your light will break forth early and your healing will quickly spring up. Justice will go before you and YHWH’s Kavod*\(^{17}\) *will surround you.*

5 *Then you will cry out and YHWH will pay attention to you; while you are still speaking he will say, Look! I am here! if you put the yoke away, the finger pointing, even the word of complaint. Give your bread to the hungry with all your heart! Have compassion on the humble soul.*\(^{18}\)

6 So brothers, seeing beforehand that the people he had prepared for his Beloved would believe simply, the long-suffering Elohim showed us in advance about all these things so, being novices, we might not wreck our ships on their law.\(^{19}\)

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\(^{17}\) Kavod = magnificent honor, radiance, awesome presence, Shekinah. This Hebrew word is difficult to translate (literally, the word refers to the liver, an internal organ) and is traditionally rendered ‘glory.’ The editors choose to leave kavod alone.

\(^{18}\) Isaiah 58:4-10.

\(^{19}\) Note that the author speaks no ill of YHWH’s Torah, only of the ways in which their religious establishment added to it for the purpose of personal gain and gratification:
1 Then he said, "O Lord, I have spoken as you commanded me, but through fear of this people they have turned back from me, for they are too strong for me.

2 So the Lord said to me, "Be wise in your own eyes, yet be的认识 but a "handwriting of ordinances," not those written by the finger of YHWH. James takes a measured approach to assimilation in Acts 15:21.
1 So it profits us that we search deeply into the events at hand and seek out the things that are able to save us. Let us flee completely from all the work of unrighteousness, and let us hate the error of the time that now is, so we may be loved in that which is to come.

2 Let us not give leave of our spirit that it should run with sinners and evil people; neither let us become like them. 3 The end of the tribulation is at hand. This is written about it: Enoch says,

For this purpose, YHWH cut short the times and the days so His beloved might hurry and come into his inheritance.\(^{20}\)

4 The prophet also speaks in this way:

Ten kingdoms will rule on earth and after them will rise a little king who will subjugate three kings beneath one.\(^{21}\)

5 Similarly, Daniel speaks concerning him:

I saw the fourth beast, evil and strong and harder than all the beasts in the world; and I saw how ten horns grew out of him, with a little horn growing up beside, and how the little humbled three of the great horns under one.\(^{22}\)

6 So you ought to understand already. Moreover, I ask this of you – being one of you, loving you specially and altogether even above my own soul: Pay attention to yourselves! Do not be like certain ones by adding to your sins and saying that their covenant is the same as ours. Ours, indeed, it is; but they have lost it for good after Moshe had already received it in this way:

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\(^{20}\) Ascribed to Enoch, reiterated in Matthew 24:22.
\(^{21}\) Daniel 7:24.
\(^{22}\) Daniel 7:7,8.
Δ 1 Δεὶ οὖν ἡμᾶς περὶ τῶν ἐνεστώτων ἐπιτολῆ ἐραυνῶντας ἐκζητεῖν τὰ δυνάμενα ἡμᾶς σῶζειν. φύγωμεν οὖν τελείως ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν ἐργῶν τῆς ἀνομίας, μήποτε καταλάβῃ ἡμᾶς τὰ ἔργα τῆς ἀνομίας· καὶ μισήσωμεν τὴν πλάνην τοῦ νῦν καιροῦ, ἵνα εἰς τὸν μέλλοντα ἀγαπηθῶμεν.

2 μὴ δῶμεν τῇ ἑαυτῶν ψυχῇ ἄνεσιν, ὥστε ἔχειν αὐτὴν ἐξουσίαν μετὰ ἁμαρτωλῶν καὶ πονηρῶν συντρέχειν, μήποτε ὁμοιωθῶμεν αὐτοῖς. 3 τὸ τέλειον σκάνδαλον ἤγγικεν, περὶ οὖ γέγραπται, ὡς Ἔνωχ λέγει.

Εἰς τούτο γὰρ ὁ δεσπότης συντέμηκεν τοὺς καιροὺς καὶ τὰς ἡ ἕρας, ἵνα ταχύνῃ ὁ ἡγαπημένος αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν ἥξῃ.

4 λέγει δὲ οὕτως καὶ ὁ προφήτης·

Βασιλεῖα δέκα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς βασιλεύσουσιν, καὶ ἐξαναστήσεται ὁ πιστὸς βασιλεύς, ὁς ταπεινώσει τρεῖς ὑφ’ ἐν τῶν βασιλέων.

5 ὁμοίως περὶ τοῦ αὐτοῦ λέγει Δανιῆλ·

Καὶ εἶδον τὸ τέταρτον θηρίον τὸ πονηρὸν καὶ ἰσχυρὸν καὶ χαλεπώτερον παρὰ πάντα τὰ θηρία τῆς θαλάσσης, καὶ ὡς ἔς αὐτοῦ ἀνέτειλεν δέκα κέρατα, καὶ ὡς ἔταπεύσεν ὑφ’ ἐν τρία τῶν μεγάλων κεράτων.

6 συνέναι οὖν ὁφείλετε. ἐτι δὲ καὶ τούτῳ ἔρωτίᾳ ὑμᾶς ὡς εἰς ἔς ὑμῶν ἔν, ἱδίως δὲ καὶ πάντας ἀγαπῶν ὑπὲρ τὴν ψυχὴν μου, προσέχειν νῦν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ μὴ ὁμοιοῦσθαι τισιν ἐπισωφρόνοντας ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ὑμῶν λέγοντας, ὅτι ἡ διαθήκη ἐκείνων καὶ ἡμῶν· ἡμῶν μὲν· ἀλλ’ ἐκεῖνοι οὕτως εἰς τέλος ἀπώλεσαν αὐτὴν λαβόντος ἡδὴ τοῦ Μωϋσέως.
The Scripture says,

Moshe was on the mount forty days and nights fasting and he received the covenant from YHWH: stone tablets written by the finger of YHWH’s hand.\(^{23}\)

But when they turned to idols, they lost it. For YHWH tells Moshe,

Moshe, get down quickly, for your people, whom you brought out of the land of Mizraim, have disobeyed Torah.\(^{24}\)

Moshe understood and cast the two tablets from his hands. The covenant on them was broken so that the covenant of the beloved Yahshua might be sealed in our hearts in the hope of faith in him.

(Now, though I wished to write many things to you, not as a master, but as suits one that loves you, so as not to fall short of what we already have, I have been zealous to write you as though I were your offscouring.) Let us then be obedient in these last days; for the whole episode of our faith will profit us nothing unless now, in the season of lawlessness and among the stumbling-stones that are coming, we resist (in a way becoming the children of Elohim), that the Black One may not make entrance unaware.

Let us flee all vanity and perfectly hate the works of the evil road. When going into your houses, do not stand aside as though you were already justified, but gathering, inquire about one another on the subject of your mutual advantage.

\(^{23}\) Exodus 31:18, 34:28.  
\(^{24}\) Exodus 32:7; Deuteronomy 9:12.
7 λέγει γὰρ ἡ γραφὴ:
Καὶ ἢν Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ ὄρει νηστεύσων ἡ ἑρας τεσσαράκοντα καὶ νύκτας τεσσαράκοντα, καὶ ἐλαβεν τὴν διαθήκην ἀπὸ τοῦ κυρίου, πλάκας λιθίνας γεγραμμένας τῷ κακτύλῳ τῆς χειρὸς τοῦ κυρίου.

8 ἀλλὰ ἐπιστραφέντες ἐπὶ τὰ εἴδωλα ἀπώλεσαν αὐτὴν. λέγει γὰρ οὐτώς κύριος.

Μωϋσῆς Μωϋσῆς, κατάβηθι τὸ τάχος, ὅτι ἤνόμησεν ὁ λαὸς σου, οὗς ἔξηγαγες ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύπτου, καὶ συνήκεν Μωϋσῆς καὶ ἐρίζεν τάς δύο πλάκας ἕκ τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ καὶ συνετρίβη αὐτῶν ἡ διαθήκη, ἵνα ἡ τοῦ ἡγαπημένου Ἰησοῦ ἐγκατασφραγίσῃ εἰς τὴν καρδίαν ἠμῶν ἐν ἐπίδιτ τῆς πίστεως αὐτοῦ.

9 πολλὰ δὲ θέλων γράφειν, οὐχ ὡς διδάσκαλος, ἀλλ’ ὡς πρέπει ἀγαπῶντι ἄφ’ ὣν ἔχομεν μὴ ἐλλεῖπειν, γράφειν ἐσπούδασα, περίψημα ὑμῶν. διὸ προσέχωμεν ἐν ταῖς ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις ὃνδἐν γὰρ ὑφελήσει ἡμᾶς ὁ πᾶς χρόνος τῆς πίστεως ἠμῶν, ἐὰν μὴ νῦν ἐν τῷ ἀνόμῳ καιρῷ καὶ τοῖς μέλλουσι σκανδάλοις, ὡς πρέπει ύσιὸς θεοῦ, ἀντιστῶμεν, ἵνα μὴ σχῆ παρείσδυσιν ὁ μέλας.

10 φύγωμεν ἀπὸ τῆς ματαιότητος, μισήσωμεν τελείως τὰ ἔργα τῆς πονηρᾶς ὀδοῦ. μὴ καθ’ ἑαυτούς ἐνδύνοντες μονάζετε ὡς ἢδη δεδικαιωμένοι, ἀλλ’ ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ συνερχόμενοι συνζητεῖτε περὶ τοῦ κοινῆς συμφέροντος.
11 The Scripture says,

Woe to those who are wise in their own conceit and educated in their own eyes.  

Let us be as spirit! Let us be a finished temple for Elohim. So far as it lies within you, practice the fear of Elohim and strive to keep his commandments, so that we may be glad in his Torah.  

For 12 YHWH will judge the world without respect to persons. Each will receive in accordance with what he has done. If he is good, righteousness will go before him. But if he is evil, the reward of wickedness will rise up before him.

13 Let us make sure that we do not (as though we were already chosen) take rest and sleep in our sins so that the ruler of wickedness, getting the best of us, casts us out of the YHWH’s kingdom.  

14 Moreover, my achim, consider this: When you see that after so many signs and wonders were done in Yisrael, yet they have still been abandoned, let us attend in case

many of us are called but few chosen out, as it is written.

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26 temple - νοὸς – This word refers specifically to the set-apart place in the Temple.
27 Now we are observing Bar Naba’s regard for the Torah. He is never antinomian (as so many ancient commentators have stressed), but teaches obedience to it – but not to the additions and subtractions of other groups.
28 achim, brothers.
29 1 Samuel 16:8; Isaiah 41:9.
Δ 11 λέγει γὰρ ἡ γραφή·

Οὐαὶ οἱ συνετοὶ ἑαυτῶς καὶ ἐνώπιον ἑαυτῶν ἐπιστήμων.

γενώμεθα πνευματικοί, γενώμεθα ναὸς τέλειος τῷ θεῷ. ἐφ’ όσον ἐστὶν ἐν ἡμῖν, μελετῶμεν τὸν φόβον τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ φυλάσσειν ἀγωνιζόμεθα τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ, ἵνα ἐν τοῖς δικαιώμασιν αὐτοῦ εὐφρανθῶμεν. 12 ὁ κύριος ἀποσωπολήμπτως κρινεῖ τὸν κόσμον. Ἕκαστος καθὼς ἐποίησεν κομιεῖται. ἐὰν ἡ ἀγαθὸς, ἡ πονηρὸς, ὁ μισθὸς τῆς πονηρίας ἐπροσθεν αὐτοῦ.

13 ἵνα μήποτε ἐπαναπαύομενοι ὡς κλητοὶ ἐπικαθυπνώσωμεν ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν, καὶ ὁ πονηρός ἄρχων λαβῶν τὴν καθ’ ἡμῶν ἕξουσίαν ἀπώσηται ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ κυρίου. 14 ἔτι δὲ κάκεῖνο, ἀδελφοί μου, νοεῖτε· ὅταν βλέπετε ματὰ τηλικάυτα σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα γεγονότα ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ, καὶ οὕτως ἐγκαταλείφθαι αὐτοὺς· προσέχωμεν, μήποτε,

πολλοὶ κλητοί, ολίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοὶ εὑρεθῶμεν,

ὡς γέγραπται.
5 1 On account of the Master enduring so as to give his body over to corruption, we may be cleansed through the remission of sins by the sprinkling of his blood. 2 For certain things are written about him that also pertain to Yisrael, and still certain others that pertain to us. It is worded this way:

   He was wounded for our lawlessness and tortured for our sins; by his stripes we are healed. He was led as a sheep to slaughter – like a lamb, dumb before the one who shears.\(^\text{30}\)

3 So we ought to give special thanks to YHWH since he has made known to us events that are past and wise to those at hand. We are not without understanding of the future. 4 For the Scripture says,

   It is not without justice that the net is stretched for the birds.\(^\text{31}\)

This means that a person will perish for just cause; a person who, knowing the road of righteousness, shuts himself up in the road of darkness.

5 Consider too, my children:\(^\text{32}\) if the Master endured suffering for our souls, even though he was Sovereign of the whole world, the one to whom Elohim spoke from the foundation of the world,

   Let us make humankind according to our image and according to our likeness,\(^\text{33}\)

then how could he endure suffering at the hands of men? You had better learn!

\(^{30}\) Isaiah 5:21.  
\(^{31}\) Proverbs 1:17.  
\(^{32}\) Gr. brothers.  
\(^{33}\) Genesis 1:26.
Ε 1 Εἰς τούτο γὰρ υπέμεινεν ὁ κύριος παραδοῦναι τὴν σάρκα εἰς καταφθορὰν, ἵνα τῇ ἀφέσει τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν ἀγνισθῶμεν, ὁ ἔστιν ἐν τῷ αἴματι τοῦ ῥαντίσματος αὐτοῦ. 2 γέγραπται γὰρ περὶ αὐτοῦ ἀ μὲν πρὸς τὸν Ἰσραήλ, ἀ δὲ πρὸς ἡμᾶς, λέγει δὲ οὕτως·

Ἐτραματίσθη διὰ τὰς ἀνομίας ἢ ᾧν καὶ μεμαλάκισται διὰ τὰς ἀμαρίας ἢ ᾧν· τῷ ἐλευθεροφυτεύοντος ἡμῶν ἡμεῖς ἤθελομεν· ὡς πρόβατον ἐπὶ σφαγήν ἤφετο, καὶ ὡς ἁμνὸς ἀφωνος ἀνανίον τοῦ κείραντος αὐτόν.

3 οὔκοιν ὑπερευχαραστεῖν οφείλομεν τῷ κυρίῳ, ὃτι καὶ τὰ παρεληλυθότα ἡμῖν ἐγνώρισεν καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἐνεστώσιν ἡμᾶς ἐσώφισεν, καὶ εἰς τὰ μέλλοντα οὐκ ἐσμέν ἀσύνετοι. 4 λέγει δὲ ἡ γραφή·

Οὐκ ἀδίκως ἐκτείνεται δίκτυα πτέρωτος.

τοῦτο λέγει, ὃτι δικαιως ἀπολεῖται ἄνθρωπος, ὃς ἔχων ὁδὸν δικαιοσύνης γνώσιν ἐαυτὸν εἰς ὁδὸν σκότους ἀποσυνέχει.

5 ἔτι δὲ καὶ τοῦτο, ἀδελφοί μου· εἰ ὁ κύριος ὑπέμεινεν παθεῖν περὶ τῆς ψυχῆς ἡμῶν, ὃς παντὸς τοῦ κόσμου κύριος ὃς εἶπεν ὁ θεὸς ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου·

Ποιήσωμεν ἄνθρωπον κατ' εἰκόνα καὶ καθ' ὁμοίωσιν ἡμετέραν·

πῶς οὖν ὑπέμεινεν ὑπὸ χειρὸς ἄνθρωπων παθεῖν; μάθετε.
5 6 The prophets, having received his favor, predicted him. In order for him to disarm death and bring the resurrection of the dead to light (since it pleased him to be revealed in the body), 7 he endured it all to give our fathers the promise. Then, by preparing a new people for himself, he could demonstrate, while yet on earth, that he will raise the dead and execute the judgment himself.

8 Yes, and further: though he taught Yisrael and did so many signs and wonders among the people there, they still did not love him. 9 When he chose his own shlichim,34 those about to proclaim his Good News, their unrighteousness was far beyond mere sin! He chose such so he might prove that

he came not to call the righteous but sinners;35

10 For had he not come in the body, how could people have looked on him and be saved, since they cannot bear to look directly at the rays of the sun (that must perish some day), which is his own handiwork?

11 Yes, the Son of Elohim came bodily for this purpose: that he might gather up and draw to a close the sin of those who persecuted his prophets to death; 12 so he endured even to this extent! For Elohim says that the beating of his body was from them.

When they beat their shepherd, the sheep of the flock will be scattered.36

34 Shlichim = apostles, emissaries, those sent forth on a mission.
35 Cf. Matthew 9:13; this coming perhaps from the Ur Matthew.
Ε 6 οἱ προφήται, ἀπ’ αὐτοῦ ἔχοντες τὴν χάριν, εἰς αὐτὸν ἐπροφήτευσαν· αὐτὸς δὲ, ἵνα καταργήσῃ τὸν θάνατον καὶ τὴν ἑκ νεκρῶν ἀνάστασιν δείξῃ, ὅτι ἐν σαρκὶ ἐδει αὐτὸν φανερωθῆναι, ὑπέμεινεν, 7 ἵνα τοῖς πατράσιν τὴν ἐπανγελιάν ἀποδῶ, καὶ αὐτὸς ἑαυτῷ τὸν λαὸν τὸν καινὸν ἐτοιμάζων ἐπιδείξῃ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ὑν, ὅτι τὴν ἀνάστασιν αὐτῶς ποιῆσας κρινεῖ.

8 πέρας γε τοι διδάσκων τὸν Ἰσραήλ καὶ τηλικαύτα τέρατα καὶ σημεῖα ποιῶν ἐκήρυσσεν, καὶ ὑπερηγάπησεν αὐτόν. 9 ὅτε δὲ τοὺς ἴδιους ἀποστόλους τοὺς μέλλοντας κηρύσσειν τὸ εὐαγγέλιον αὐτοῦ ἐξελέξατο, ὄντας ὑπὲρ πᾶσαν ἁμαρτίαν ἀνομωτέρους, ἵνα δείξῃ,

ὅτι οὐκ ἠλθεν καλέσαι δικαίους, ἀλλὰ ἁμαρτωλοὺς,

10 τότε ἐφανέρωσεν ἐν σαρκὶ, οὐδ’ ἃν πως οἱ ἀνθρωποί ἐσώθησαν βλέποντες αὐτόν, ὅτε τὸν μέλλοντα μὴ εἶναι ἡλιόν, ἔργον τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ ὑπάρχοντα, ἐμβλέποντες οὐκ ἴσχύουσιν εἰς τὰς ἀκτίνας αὐτοῦ ἀντοφθαλμῆσαι;

11 οὐκοῦν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ εἰς τοῦτο ἐν σαρκὶ ἠλθεν, ἵνα τὸ τέλειον τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἀνακεφαλαιώσῃ τοῖς διώξασιν ἐν θανάτῳ τοὺς προφήτας αὐτοῦ. 12 οὐκοῦν εἰς τοῦτο ὑπέμεινεν, λέγει γὰρ ὁ θεὸς τὴν πληγήν τῆς σαρκὸς αὐτοῦ ὅτι ἐξ αὐτῶν·

"Ὅταν πατάξωσιν τὸν ποιμένα ἑαυτῶν, τότε ἀσελέως τὰ πρᾶβατα τῆς ποίμνης."
5 13 So he hoped to suffer! It was essential that He suffer on the torture stake: for the one who prophesies about him says,

    Spare me from the sword,\textsuperscript{37}

and again,

    Drive nails into my flesh, for the gangs of evil ones have risen up against me.\textsuperscript{38}

14 Again he says,

    Look! I have given my back to scourging and my cheeks to pounding; for I have set my face as firm as rock.\textsuperscript{39}

\textsuperscript{37} Psalm 22:20.
\textsuperscript{38} Psalm 22:16,86:14.
\textsuperscript{39} Isaiah 50:8,9; Psalms 129:3; Ezekiel 3:8.
Ε 13 αὐτὸς δὲ ἡθέλησεν οὕτω παθεῖν ἔδει γάρ, ἵνα ἐπὶ ξύλου πάθη. λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφητεύων ἐπ’ αὐτῷ.

Φεῖσαί μου τῆς ψυχῆς ἀπὸ ρομφαίας,
καὶ·

Καθήλωσόν μου τὰς σάρκας, ὅτι πονηρευομένων συναγωγαί ἐπανεστησάν μοι.

14 καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

Ἰδοὺ, τέθεικά μου τὸν νῶτον εἰς μάστιγας, τὰς δὲ σιαγόνας εἰς ῥαπίσματα. τὸ δὲ πρόσωπόν μου έθηκα ὡς στερεάν πετράν.
When he completed the commandment, what does he say?

Who disputes me? Let him try to resist me. Who contends with me? Let him approach the Slave of YHWH. 2 Woe to you; you will all age as a wool suit; moths will eat you up.40

And again the prophet says (since he was set on hard stone to be crushed),

Look! I will place on the foundation of Zion a precious stone, elect, a prime cornerstone of great worth.41

And then what says he?

The one who hopes in him will live l’olam va-ed.42

Is our hope stone? El forbid! Yet it is told this road because YHWH made his flesh very strong. He says,

He made me like a hard rock.43

And again says the prophet,

The stone the builders rejected has become the leading cornerstone.44

And again he says,

This is the day, great and wonderful, that YHWH made.45

40 Isaiah 50:9.
41 Isaiah 28:16.
42 Psalms 9:18; l’olam = for a long time.
43 Isaiah 50:7.
44 Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 28:16.
45 Psalms 118:24.
Ὅτε οὖν ἐποίησεν τὴν ἐντολήν, τί λέγει;
Τίς ὁ κρινόμενος μοι; ἀντιστήτω μοι· ἢ τίς ὁ δικαιούμενός μοι;
ἐγγισάτω τῷ παιδὶ κυρίου. 2 οὔαί ὑ ἴν, ὅτι ὑμεῖς πάντες ὡς ἰ ἰ ὁ παλαιωθήσεθε, καὶ σής καταφάγεται ὑ ἴς.
καὶ παλιν λέγει ὁ προφήτης, ἐπεὶ ὡς λίθος ἱσχυρὸς ἐτέθη εἰς συντριβήν·
Ἰδοὺ, ἐμβαλῶ εἰς τὰ θεμέλια Σιὼν λίθον πολυτελῆ, ἐκλεκτόν, ἀκρογωναῖον, ἐντιμον.
3 εἶτα τί λέγει;
Καὶ ὃς ἐλπίσει ἐπ’ αὐτόν ζήσετα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.
ἐπὶ λίθον οὖν ἡμῶν ἡ ἐλπίς; μὴ γένοιτο· ἄλλʼ ἐπεὶ ἐν ἱσχὺ
tέθεικεν τὴν σάρκα αὐτοῦ κύριος. λέγει γάρ·
Καὶ ἔθηκε με ὡς στερεὰν πέτραν.
4 λέγει δὲ πάλιν ὁ προφήτης·
 Lig̣ ον ὁ ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομοῦντες, οὕτος ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλὴν γωνίας.
καὶ παλιν λέγει·
Αὕτη ἐστίν ἡ ἡ ἡ ἡ ὑμήλα καὶ θαυματῇ, ἐποίησεν ὁ κύριος.
5 Allow me to write you more simply so you may better understand. (*Remember, I am the offscouring of your love.*) 6 What says the prophet this time?

The depraved gang surrounded me; they surrounded me as bees surround a honeycomb; 46

and,

For my clothes, they cast lots.47

7 Since he was about to be manifested and suffer bodily, his anguish was confirmed in advance. For the prophet says to Yisrael,

Woe to them! They have recommended evil advice to each other, saying, Let us bind the just one because he is a hindrance to us.49

8 And what does the other prophet, Moshe, say to them?

Behold! Thus says YHWH Elohim: Enter into the good land that YHWH swore to Avraham and Yitzchak and Yaakov,50 and inherit it, a land flowing with milk and honey.51

9 And what says Knowledge? Learn! “Hope in Yahshua, who is about to be made known to you in the flesh!” It says,

For a man is but dirt and has suffered since the formation of Adam from the face of the ground.52

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46 Psalm 22:12; 118:12.
48 Just = righteous – the pious and obedient one.
49 Isaiah 3:9,10 (LXX).
50 Avraham, Yitzchak, Yaakov = Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.
51 Exodus 33:1-3.
52 Gen 3:19.
5 ἀπολούστερον ὑμῖν γράφω, ήνα συιήτε: ἐγὼ περίψημα τῆς ἀγάπης ὑμῶν. 6 τί οὖν λέγει πάλιν ὁ προφητής;

Περιέσχεν με συναγωγὴ πονηρευομένων, ἐκύκλωσάν με ὡσεὶ ἐλίσσαι κηρίον,

καί:

Ἑπὶ τὸν ἱματισμὸν μου ἔβαλον κλῆρον.

7 ἐν σαρκὶ οὖν αὐτοῦ μέλλοντος φανεροῦσθαι καὶ πάσχειν, προεφανερώθη τὸ πάθος. λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφήτης ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραήλ:

Οὐαὶ τῇ ψυχῇ αὐτῶν, ὅτι βεβούλευνται βουλήν πονηρὰν καθ᾽ έαυτῶν, εἰπόντες· Δῆσωμεν τὸν δίκαιον, ὅτι δύσχρηστος ἡ ἥν ἐστῖν.

8 τί λέγει ὁ ἄλλος προφήτης Μωϋσῆς αὐτοῖς;

Ἱδοὺ, τάδε λέγει κύριος ὁ θεός· Έισέλθατε εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθήν, ἢν ὠμοσεν κύριος τῷ Ἀβραὰμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ, καὶ κατακληρονομῆσατε αὐτήν, γην ῥέουσαν γάλα καὶ έλι.

9 τί δὲ λέγει ή γνώσις; μάθετε. ἐλπίσατε, φησίν, ἐπὶ τὸν ἐν σαρκὶ μέλλοντα φανεροῦσθαι ὑμῖν Ἰησοῦν.

ἀνθρωπος γὰρ γῆς ἐστιν πάσχοψα· ἀπὸ προσώπου γὰρ τῆς γῆς ἡ πλάσις τοῦ Άδὰ ἐγένετο.
10 What does he mean when he says,

*Into the good land that flows with milk and honey?*[^53]

Baraki YHWH, l’bnei[^54] *He is* the one who has vested you with the wisdom and knowledge of his secrets! For when the prophet speaks a parable from YHWH, who will be able to understand? None but the one who is wise, skilled, and loves his Master!

11 Having renewed us through the remission of our sins, he has made us of new character. He wills that we should have the spirits of children since, in fact, he is the one who formed us anew. 12 For the Scripture speaks about us, as He says to the Son,

> *Let us make humankind after our own image and according to our likeness; and let them rule over the beasts of the earth, and the fowls of heaven, and the fishes of the sea.*[^55]

When he saw the excellence of our appearance, YHWH said,

*Increase and multiply, and replenish the earth.*[^56]

All these things he says to the Son.

13 Again I will show you how YHWH speaks to us since he has made a second forming of *us* in these last days. YHWH says,

*Hinneh! I make the last as the first.*[^57]

For this purpose proclaimed the prophet,

> *Enter into the land flowing with milk and honey. Take dominion over it.*[^58]

[^53]: Exodus 33:3.
[^54]: Baraki YHWH, l’bnei = Blessed be YHWH, brothers, children.
[^55]: Genesis 1:26,28.
[^56]: Genesis 1:26,28.
[^58]: Exodus 33:3.
10 τί οὖν λέγει

Εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθήν, γῆν ῥέουσαν γάλα καὶ ἐλι;

εὐλογητός ὁ κύριος ἡμῶν, ἀδελφοί, ὁ σοφίαν καὶ νοῦν θέμενος ἐν ἡμῖν τῶν κρυφίων αὐτοῦ· λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφήτης παραβολήν κυρίου· τίς νοήσει, εἰ μὴ σοφὸς καὶ ἐπιστήμων καὶ ἀγαπῶν τὸν κύριον αὐτοῦ;

11 ἔπει οὖν ἀνακαινίσας ἡμᾶς ἄλλον τύπον, ὡς παιδίων ἔχειν τὴν ψυχήν, ὡς ἂν δῆ ἀναπλάσσοντος αὐτοῦ ἡμᾶς. 12 λέγει γὰρ ἡ γραφὴ περὶ ἡμῶν, ὡς λέγει τῷ υἱῷ:

Ποιήσωμεν κατ’ εἰκόνα καὶ καθ’ ὀμοίωσιν ἢ ὃν τὸν ἄνθρωπον, καὶ ἀρχέτωσαν τῶν θηρίων τῆς γῆς καὶ τῶν πετεινῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῶν ἱχθύων τῆς θαλάσσης.

καὶ ἔπειν κύριος, ᾿Ιδὼν τὸ καλὸν πλάσμα ἡμῶν·

Αὐξάνεσθε καὶ πληθυνέσθε καὶ πληρώσατε τὴν γῆν.

ταῦτα πρὸς τὸν υἱόν.

13 πάλιν σοι ἐπιδείξω, πῶς πρὸς ἡμᾶς λέγει. δεύτεραν πλάσιν ἐπὶ ἐσχάτων ἐποίησεν. λέγει δὲ κύριος·

᾿Ιδοὺ, ποιῶ τὰ ἐσχατα ως τὰ πρῶτα.

eἰς τοῦτο οὖν ἐκήρυξεν ὁ προφήτης·

Εἰσέλθατε εἰς γῆν ῥέουσαν γάλα καὶ ἐλι καὶ κατακυριεύσατε αὐτῆς.
See? We have recently been formed anew, even as he says again in another prophet:

_Hinneh! says YHWH, I will take out of these people (that is, those whom the Ruach of YHWH foresaw) I will take the hearts of stone, and will put into them hearts of flesh,_

since he himself was about to be manifested in the body to live among us. 15 For our hearts are qadosh, set-apart, a habitation for YHWH.

16 For the Master again says,

_How will I appear honorable before YHWH my Eloha?_

He says too,

_I will give thanks to you in the assembly among my achimi; I will sing to you in the middle of the assembly of the qadoshim._

We are the ones he brought into the good land!

17 What, then, means the milk and honey? A child is kept alive first by honey and then by milk. So we, too, being enlivened by faith in his promise, even by his word, will live and rule over the earth.

18 We previously said,

_Let them increase and multiply and rule over the fish. Who else can rule over beasts, fish, and fowls of the sky?_

We ought to understand that ruling comes out of authority so that the one giving commands may exercise mastery. 19 If this does not take place now, he told us when it will – when we have been made complete so as to become heirs of the covenant of YHWH!

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59 Ezekiel 11:19.
60 qadoshim = people set-apart unto YHWH. Psalms 42:2 and 22:22.
61 Genesis 1:26,28.
14 ἐδε οὖν, ἡμεῖς ἀναπτεπλάσμεθα, καθὼς πάλιν ἐν ἑτέρῳ προφήτῃ λέγει·

Τίδου, λέγει κύριος, ἐξελῶ τούτων, τούτεστιν ἂν προέβλεπεν τὸ πνεῦμα κυρίου, τὰς λιθίνας καρδίας καὶ ἐμβαλὼ σαρκίνας· ὅτι αὐτὸς ἐν σαρκὶ ἐμελλεν φανεροῦσθαι καὶ ἐν ἡμῖν κατοικεῖν.

15 ναὸς γὰρ ἄγιος, ἀδελφοί μου, τῷ κυρίῳ τῷ κατοικητήριον ἡμῶν τῆς καρδίας.

16 λέγει γὰρ κύριος πάλιν·

Καὶ ἐν τίνι ὀφθήσομαι τῷ κυρίῳ τῷ θεῷ μου καὶ δοξασθήσομαι;

λέγει·

Ἐξομολογήσομαι σοι ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ ἀδελφῶν μου, καὶ ψαλῶ σοι ἀνάμεσον ἐκκλησίας ἁγίων.

οὐκοῦν ἡμεῖς ἐσμέν, οὗς εἰσήγαγεν εἰς τὴν γῆν ἁγαθὴν.

17 τί οὖν τὸ γάλα καὶ τὸ μέλι; ὅτι πρῶτον τὸ παιδίον μέλιτι, εἶτα γάλακτι ἐκσκοιτεῖται· οὔτως οὖν καὶ ἡμεῖς τῇ πίστει τῆς ἐπαγγελίας καὶ τῷ λόγῳ ἐκσκοιτοῦμεν ζήσομεν κατακυριεύοντες τὴν γῆς.

18 προειρήκαμεν δὲ ἐπάνω.

Καὶ αὕξανεσθωσαν καὶ πληθυνέσθωσαν καὶ ἀρχέτωσαν τῶν ἱχθύων ἦ πετεινῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ;

αἰσθάνεσθαι γὰρ ὅφειλομεν, ὅτι τὸ ἄρχειν ἐξουσίας ἐστίν, ἵνα τις ἐπιτάξας κυριεύῃ· 19 εἰ οὖν οὐ γίνεται τούτῳ νῦν, ἃρα ἡμῖν εἰρηκέν, πότε· ὅταν καὶ αὐτοὶ τελειωθῶμεν κληρονόμοι τῆς διαθήκης κυρίου γενέσθαι.
1 So perceive, beloved children, that our good Master has shown us everything beforehand so we might know whom we ought to praise, returning thanks for all things. 2 If the Son of Elohim suffered so that his stripes might make us live (being Master and future Judge of the living and the dead), be certain that the Son of Elohim could not suffer except on our account.

3 Impaled, he was given vinegar and gall to drink. Listen to what the kohenim\(^\text{62}\) of the set-apart place suggest about it. The commandment reads like this:

\[\text{Whoever will not fast the fast will die the death. YHWH has commanded it!}\] \(^\text{63}\)

Since he was about to offer the vessel that contained his Spirit as a sacrifice so the type might be fulfilled (i.e. Yitzchak given as an offering at the altar), then 4 what does he say in the book of the prophet?

\[\text{Let them eat the goat offered on the fast for the sins of all.}\] \(^\text{64}\)

Attend diligently to this!

\[\text{Let the kohenim alone eat the unwashed entrails with vinegar.}\] \(^\text{65}\)

5 What is the significance? “You will one day give me vinegar and gall to drink when I am about to offer up my body for my new people.” You must eat it alone while the people fast and lament in sackcloth and ashes.” He commanded this to show that He had to suffer at their hands.

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\(^{62}\) kohenim = priests.  
\(^{63}\) Leviticus 23:29.  
\(^{64}\) Leviticus 6:28; 10:17?  
\(^{65}\) Leviticus 1:13.  
\(^{66}\) Psalms 69:21.
1 Ούκοΰν νοείτε τέκνα εὐφροσύνης, ὅτι πάντα ὁ καλὸς κύριος προεφανέρωσεν ἡμῶν, ἵνα γνώμεν, ὡς κατὰ πάντα εὐχαριστοῦντες ὁφείλομεν αἴνεῖν. 2 εἰ οὖν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, ἃν κύριος καὶ μέλλων κρίνειν ζώντας καὶ νεκροὺς, ἔπαθεν, ἵνα ἡ πληγὴ αὐτοῦ ζωοποιήσῃ ἡμᾶς· πιστεύσωμεν, ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ οὖν ἡδύνατο παθεῖν εἰ μὴ δί ἡμᾶς.

3 ἀλλὰ καὶ σταρωθεὶς ἐποτιζετο δέξει καὶ χολή. ἀκούσατε, πῶς περί τούτου πεφανέρωκαν οἱ ἱερεῖς τοῦ ναοῦ. γεγραμμένης ἐντολής·

'Ὡς ἄν μὴ νηστεύσῃ τὴν νηστείαν, θανάτῳ ἐξολεθρευθύσεται, ἐνετείλατο κύριος,

ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς ὑπὲρ τῶν ἡμετέρων ἁμαρτιῶν ἐμελλεν τὸ σκέυος τοῦ πνευματος προσφέρειν θυσίαν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ τύπος ὁ γενόμενος ἐπὶ Ἰσαάκ τοῦ προσενεχθέντος ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον τελεσθῇ. 4 τί οὖν λέγει ἐν τῷ προφήτῃ;

Καὶ φαγέτωσαν ἐκ τοῦ τράγου τοῦ προσφερομένου τῇ νηστείᾳ ὑπὲρ πασῶν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν.

προσέχετε ἀκριβῶς·

Καὶ φαγέτωσαν οἱ ἱερεῖς μόνοι πάντες τὸ ἐντερον ἀπλυτον μετὰ ὀξους.

5 πρὸς τί; ἐπειδή ἐμὲ ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν μέλλοντα τοῦ λαοῦ μου τοῦ καινοῦ προσφέρειν τὴν σάρκα μου μέλλετε ποτίζειν χολήν μετὰ ὀξους, φάγετε ύμεῖς μόνοι, τοῦ λαοῦ νηστεύοντος καὶ κοτομένου ἐπὶ σάκκου καὶ σπεδοῦ. ἵνα δείξῃ, ὅτι δεῖ αὐτὸν παθεῖν ὑπ᾿ αὐτῶν.
6 How, then, did he give His commands? Listen!

Take two goats, beautiful and identical, and offer them up. Let the kohen take one of them as a whole burnt offering for sin. 67

7 But what will they do with the other? He says, Let the other be cursed. 68

Now attend! See how Yahshua’s type is apparent?

8 All of you spit on it and stab at it and put scarlet wool around its head; cast it out into the wilderness. 69

When done, the one who takes the goat leads it to the wilderness and removes the wool, placing that on a bush called Rachia, her shoots we are accustomed to eat when we find them in the fields. Because of this, only the fruit of the Rachia is sweet. 70

9 Again, what is meant? Listen!

One goat is brought to the altar; the other is cursed.

Furthermore, the cursed is crowned. Why? Because all will see him wearing the scarlet robe around the body in that day! 71 They will say,

Is this the one we found worthless and impaled, then spat on and stabbed? This is surely he who called himself the Son of Elohim then! 72

67 Leviticus 16:7-9.
68 Cf. Leviticus 16:18.
69 Cf. Leviticus 16:10.
70 Rachia = sheep. It is also related to Racha, Raca or Raqa, meaning “spit,” connecting it with verse 9.
71 Matthew 27:28.
72 Matthew 27:27ff.
Ἡ 6 ᾧ ἐνετείλατο, προσέχετε:
Λάβετε δύο τράγους καλοὺς καὶ ὀμοίους καὶ προσενέγκατε,
καὶ λαβέτω ὦ ιερεῦς τὸν ἐνα εἰς ὅλοκαύτωμα ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν.

7 τὸν δὲ ἐνα τί ποιήσωσιν;
Ἐπικατάρατος, φησιν, ὦ εἰς.
προσέχετε, πῶς ὁ τύπος τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανεροῦνται:
8 Καὶ ἐμπτύσατε πάντες καὶ κατακεντήσατε καὶ περίθετε τὸ ἔριον τὸ κόκκινον περὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὕτως εἰς ἔρημον
βληθήτω. καὶ ὅταν γένηται οὕτως, ἄγει ὁ βαστάζων τὸν τράγον
εἰς τὴν ἔρημον καὶ ἀφαίρεῖ τὸ ἔριον καὶ ἔπιτίθησιν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ
φρύγανον τὸ λεγόμενον ραχήλ, οὗ καὶ τοὺς βλαστοὺς εἰώθαμεν
τρώγειν ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ εὐρίσκοντες· οὕτω μόνης τῆς ραχοῦς οἱ
καρποὶ γλυκεῖς εἰσίν.

9 τί οὖν τοῦτό ἐστιν; προσέχετε:
Τὸν μὲν ἂν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον, τὸν δὲ ἐνα ἐπικατάρατον,
καὶ ὅτι τὸν ἐπικατάρατον ἐστεφανωμένον; ἔπειδὴ ὦμονται αὐτὸν
τότε τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τὸν ποδήρη ἔχοντα τὸν κόκκινον περὶ τὴν σάρκα
καὶ ἔρούσιν· Οὖχ οὕτως ἐστίν,
ὅν ποτε ἡμεῖς ἐσταυρώσαμεν ἐξουθενήσαντες καὶ
κατακεντήσαντες καὶ ἐμπτύσαντες; ἀλήθως οὕτος ἢν, ὁ τότε
λέγων ἐαυτὸν ὑίον θεοῦ εἶναι.
10 How then was the one like the other? The goats were alike in this respect:

\( \text{they were sound and equal,} \)

so much that when they saw him approaching, they were astonished at how much he looked like the goat! Look again! Here is the type of Yahshua, who was just about to suffer.

11 What does the wool placed in the midst of thorns mean? It is a type of Yahshua set forth for the yahad. Whoever wishes to take on the scarlet wool must suffer many things. The thorn is terrible, but one must take it on in order to master it. So he says,

\( \text{Those who want to see me and take possession of my kingdom must receive me through trouble and suffering.} \)

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73 I.e., he was bloodied in like manner.
10 τίπως γὰρ ὅμοιος ἐκείνως; εἰς τοῦτο ὅμοιος τοὺς τράγους,
καλούς, ἱδίους,
ἵνα, ὅταν ἴδωσιν αὐτὸν τὸτε τράγου. οὐκοῦν ὅδε τὸν τύπον τοῦ
μέλλοντος πάσχειν Ἰησοῦ.

11 τί δέ, ὅτι τὸ ἔριον μέσον τῶν ἄκανθῶν τιθέασιν; τύπος ἔστιν
to Ἰησοῦ tῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ θέμενος, ὅτι ὃς ἔαν θέλῃ τὸ ἔριον ἅραι τὸ
κόκκινον, δεῖ αὐτὸν πολλὰ παθεῖν διὰ τὸ εἶναι φοβερὰν τὴν
ἀκανθαν, καὶ θλιβέντα κυριεύσαι αὐτοῦ. οὕτω, φησίν,
οἱ θέλοντές με ἱδεῖν καὶ ἁμαισθαί μου τῆς βασιλείας
ἐφέλθουσιν θλιβέντες καὶ παθόντες λαβεῖν με.
8 1 What type (do you think) was in the commandment to Yisrael that those who sinned should offer a heifer? After they slaughtered it, they should burn it so children could take the ashes, cast them into buckets, and place scarlet wool and hyssop around a stick. Look once more at the type of gibbet and the scarlet wool – and that children sprinkle the people one by one so they may be purged of their sins. 2 See the way he speaks to you with simplicity?

The heifer signifies Yahshua; the sinful ones who offer it are those who brought him to the slaughter. 3 The children who sprinkled are those who brought us the Good News of forgiveness of sins and purification of heart. He gave the authority to do so as the reason for preaching. (Twelve is a witness of the tribes, for the tribes of Yisrael were twelve.)

4 Why, then, were there only three children who sprinkled? They were a testimony to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov, for these men are great before El! 5 And what does the wool on the tree signify? The kingdom of Yahshua is on the stake; those who hope in him will live l’olam. 6 Why is there wool and hyssop at the same time? So we will be saved through the days of evil and stench in his kingdom. The one who suffers in body heals through the stench of the hyssop.

7 These types, fulfilled as described in this account, are plain to us but obscure to them because they did not listen to the voice of YHWH.

75 Lightfoot adds: After this it is no more men (who offer); the glory is no more for sinners.
Θ 1 Τίνα δὲ δοκεῖτε τύπον εἶναι, ὅτι ἐντεταλταὶ τῷ Ἰσραήλ προσφέρειν δάμαλιν τοὺς ἄνδρας, ἐν οἷς εἰσὶν ἀμαρίαι τέλειαι, καὶ σφάξαντας κατακαίεν, καὶ ἄφειν τότε τὴν σποδὸν παιδία καὶ βάλλειν εἰς ἄγγη καὶ περιπιθέναι τὸ ἔριον τὸ κόκκινον ἐπὶ ξύλον (ἰδεί τάλιν ὁ τύπος ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ καὶ τὸ ἔριον τὸ κόκκινον) καὶ τὸ ὑσσωπον, καὶ οὕτως ῥαντίζειν τὰ παιδία καθ’ ἑνα τὸν λαὸν, ἵνα ἀγνίζωνται ἀπὸ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν; 2 νοεῖτε, πώς ἐν ἀπλότητι λέγει ὑμῖν.

ὁ μόσχος ὁ Ἰσσοῦς ἔστιν, οἱ προσφέροντες ἄνδρες ἀμαρτωλοὶ οἱ προσενέγκαντες αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὴν σφαγήν. εἴτα οὐκέτι ἄνδρες, οὐκέτι ἀμαρτωλῶν ἡ δόξα. 3 οἱ ῥαντίζοντες παίδες οἱ εὐαγγελισάμενοι ἠμῖν τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν καὶ τὸν ἁνισμὸν τῆς καρδίας, οὓς ἐδωκεν τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τὴν ἐξουσίαν (οὐσίαν δεκάδου εἰς μαρτύριον τῶν φυλῶν ὅσι δεκάδου φυλαί τοῦ Ἰσραηλ), εἰς τὸ κηρύσσειν.

4 διὰ τὶ δὲ τρεῖς παίδες οἱ ῥαντίζοντες: εἰς μαρτυρίον Ἀβραὰμ, Ἰσσάκ, Ἰακώβ, ὅτι οὕτωι μεγάλοι τῷ θεῷ. 5 οὐδὲ τὸ ἔριον ἐπὶ τὸ ξύλον; ὅτι ἡ βασιλεία Ἰσσοῦ ἐπὶ ξύλου, καὶ ὅτι οἱ ἐλπίζοντες ἐπὶ αὐτὸν ζήσονται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. 6 διὰ τὶ δὲ ἅμα τὸ ἔριον καὶ τὸ ὑσσωπον; ὅτι ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ αὐτοῦ ἡμέραι ἔσονται πονηραὶ καὶ ρυπαραὶ, ἐν αἷς ἡμεῖς σωθησόμεθα· ὅτι καὶ ὁ ἀλγὼν σάρκα διὰ τοῦ ῥύπου τοῦ ὑσσώπου ἱάται

7 καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὕτως γενόμενα ἠμῖν μέν ἔστιν φανερά, ἐκεῖνοις δὲ σκοτεινά, ὅτι οὐκ ἠκουσαν φωνῆς κυρίου.
9 1 He speaks also about our ears and about how he circumcised our heart. YHWH says in the prophet,

> They have paid attention to me with the hearing of their ears,\textsuperscript{77}

Again, he says,

> Those who are far off will hear with their ears; they will know what I have done;\textsuperscript{78} so be circumcised in your heart, says YHWH!\textsuperscript{79}

2 And again,

> Hear, O Yisrael, for thus speaks YHWH your Elohim;\textsuperscript{80}

And yet again the Ruach of YHWH prophesied,

> Who wishes to live forever? Let him attend to the voice of My Child.\textsuperscript{81}

3 Again, he says,

> Hear, O sky, and give your ear, O earth, for YHWH has spoken these things as a witness.\textsuperscript{82}

Again, he says,

> Pay attention to the voice of YHWH, you rulers of this people.\textsuperscript{83}

Again, he says,

> Pay attention, you children, to the voice of one crying in the wilderness.\textsuperscript{84}

He circumcised our ears so that hearing the word, we might believe.

\textsuperscript{77} Psalms 18:44.
\textsuperscript{78} Isaiah 33:13.
\textsuperscript{79} Jeremiah 4:4.
\textsuperscript{80} Deuteronomy 6:6; Isaiah 44:1, Jeremiah 10:2; Ezekiel 6:6.
\textsuperscript{81} Psalms 34:12; Isaiah 50:10.
\textsuperscript{82} Isaiah 1:2.
\textsuperscript{83} Isaiah 1:10.
\textsuperscript{84} Isaiah 40:3.
1 Λέγει γὰρ πάλιν περὶ τῶν ωτίων, πώς περιέτεμεν ἡμῶν τὴν καρδιὰν. λέγει κύριος ἐν τῷ προφήτῃ:

Εἰς ἀκοὴν ωτίου ἡπήκουσάν μου.

καὶ πάλιν λέγει:

Ἀκοῇ ἀκούσονται οἱ πόρρωθεν, ἀ ἐποίησα γνώσονται. καὶ
Περιτμήθητε, λέγει κύριος, τὰς καρδιὰς ὑ ἐκ.

2 καὶ πάλιν λέγει:

Ἀκοῦε Ἰσραήλ, ὦτι τάδε λέγει κύριος ὁ θεός σου.
καὶ πάλιν τὸ πνεῦμα κυρίου προφητεύει:

Τίς ἐστιν ὁ θέλων ᾤσαι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα; ἁκοῇ ἀκουσάτω τῆς φωνῆς τοῦ παιδός μου.

3 καὶ πάλιν λέγει:

Ἀκοῦε οὐρανέ, καὶ ἐνωτίζου γῆ, ὦτι κύριος ἐλάλησεν ταῦτα εἰς μαρτύριον.
καὶ πάλιν λέγει:

Ἀκούσατε λόγον κυρίου, ἀρχοντες τοῦ λαοῦ τοῦτου.
καὶ πάλιν λέγει:

Ἀκούσατε, τέκνα, φωνῆς βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἔρη ὡ.

οὐκοῦν περιέτεμεν ἡμῶν τὰς ἀκοὰς, ἵνα ἀκούσαντες λόγον πιστεύσωμεν ἡμεῖς.
For this purpose, he has circumcised our hearing, so that when we hear his word we may believe; for they trust in a circumcision that is done for. He said that circumcision is not effective in the flesh; for the people thereafter sinned – an evil spirit deluded them! 5 He says to them,

These words are spoken by YHWH your Elohim

(and here I find a new commandment :) )

Do not plant among thorns, but be circumcised for your Master's sake.\(^{85}\)

And what then does he say?

Circumcise the hardness of your hearts, and do not stiffen your neck.\(^{86}\)

And again,

Look! YHWH says. All pagans are uncircumcised in their foreskin, but these people are uncircumcised in their hearts.\(^{87}\)

6 But you say, “Surely the people have been circumcised as a seal!” So has every Syrian and Arabian, and all the priests of idols! Do they also belong to the covenant? If so, even those of Mizraim\(^{88}\) are in the circumcision!

7 So learn fully about all this, you children of love: that Avraham, who first gave circumcision, he circumcised. He did so looking ahead in the spirit to Yahshua, having already received “The Teachings of the Three Letters.”\(^{89}\)

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\(^{85}\) Jeremiah 4:3,4.
\(^{86}\) Deuteronomy 10:16.
\(^{87}\) Jeremiah 9:26.
\(^{88}\) Mitzrayim = Egypt.
\(^{89}\) For the complete “Teachings of the Three Letters,” see Appendix.
 Tau lege kuryios o theós ú òn
(òde euríkow éntolíh):

Mè steírhte étp' ákánthais, peritímíthte tō kuriō ú òn.

kai tí légei;

Peritímíthte karðíán ú òn, kai tōn trákhelōn ú òn ou sklēruneípe.

lábè palin:

'Idou, légei kuryios, pánata tā Æthnì áperímīta ákrobustían,
o de laós outos áperímītoς karðías.

6 ìll' éreíς: Káì mèn peritétimíthta o laós eis sfraγídα. ìllà kai
pàs Súroς kai 'Arαw kai pántes oí iereíς tòν eídólwn. ára ouν
cákeínoi ek tēs díathēkhs autōn eisín; ìllà kai oí Aigúpttioi év
peritomē eisín.

7 máthete ouν, tēkna ágaptηs, peri pántwn plousíws, ᵇti
'Abraāμ, prwòtос peritomēn doúς, én pneúmati problēmas eis
tōn Íhsoúν perietēmev, labwōn triwōn grammaτwn dōgmata.
8 For he says,

Avraham circumcised eighteen and three hundred out of his household.  

What knowledge do we gain from this? Note that he mentions the eighteen first, and then, after an interval, he mentions the three hundred.

So in the eighteen ( Ιη you have Ἰησοῦς, then he says that in the three hundred ( τ you find the stake, which was soon to express the favor of redemption. So Avraham shows Ἰησοῦς in two letters ( Ιη ) and the stake in the one letter left over ( τ. )

9 The One who placed the engrafted gift of teaching within us knows all this already. Nobody has been granted a truer account from me than this, but I am positive that you are worthy of it.

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91 Ἰησοῦς (Iésous) pronounced Yĕ-shous (yah-shous) = aka Jesus.
92 us = Bar Naba is speaking of himself in the scholarly use of ‘we.’
Ι 8 λέγει γάρ:
Καὶ περιέτεμεν Ἀβραὰμ ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου αὐτοῦ ἄνδρας δεκαοκτὼ καὶ τριακοσίους.

τίς οὖν ἡ δοθεῖσα αὐτῷ γνώσις; μάθετε, ὅτι τοὺς δεκαοκτὼ πρώτους, καὶ διάστημα ποιήσας λέγει τριακοσίους τὸ δεκαοκτὼ (300).

ι’ δέκα, η’ ὀκτώ (18) ἔχεις Ἰησοῦν. ὅτι δὲ ὁ σταυρὸς ἐν τῷ ταῦτα ἤμελλεν ἔχειν τὴν χάριν, λέγει καὶ τοὺς τριακοσίους. δηλοῖ οὖν τὸν μὲν Ἰησοῦν ἐν τοῖς δυσὶν γράμμασιν, καὶ ἐν τῷ ἑνὶ τὸν σταυρόν.

9 οἴδεν ὁ τὴν ἐμφυτον δωρεάν τῆς διδαχῆς αὐτοῦ θέμενος ἐν ἡμῖν. οὐδεὶς γνησιώτερον ἔμαθεν ἀπ’ ἐμοῦ λόγον· ἀλλὰ οἶδα, ὅτι ἄξιοὶ ἐστε ύμεῖς.
10 1 When Moshe said, “You will not eat the swine, the
eagle, the hawk, the crow, or any fish that has no scales,” he
had three principles in mind. 2 For at the end he enumerates
them in Devarim, 93

I will place before this people my Torah94

So this is not Elohim’s commandment about crunchy;95 rather,
Moshe spoke in the spirit 3 about swine: You will not cleave96 to
piggish people of this sort. When they get full they forget the
master, and when they are in need, they think of the master.
Like the swine who does not know its master when it eats, when
hungry it cries out, and once it has received, is quiet again.

4 Nor will you eat the buzzard, the hawk, the kite, or the
crow.97

He means that you will not cleave to nor be like people of this
sort, who do not know not how to provide for themselves by
labor and sweat, but in their iniquity, they seize the property of
others. They observe, watching whom they will plunder in their
covetousness while they carry on as though innocent. The same
way these birds provide no food for themselves by work, but,
sitting idly by, seek out how they can eat the meat of others.
Some people are likewise destructive on account of their evil
works.

93 Leviticus 11:7ff.; Deuteronomy (Debarim) 14:8ff.
94 Deuteronomy 4:10,13.
95 Crunching = lit. “not to crunch”; ἐχείν = to crunch or gnaw, as the sound of an
animal eating carrion. This is a rare word appearing only a few times in the
New Testament. ἔχειν stands in opposition ἐχείν (phagein), which means to eat.
The former is rooted in the sound animals make when gnawing or breaking bones
(John 13:18).
96 Cleave, definition 1: to stick or cling, or adhere to. There is a play on words here.
Cleave, definition 2: to split or divide. Any animal with a cloven (cleaved) hoof is
unclean. Cf. Leviticus 11:3.
97 Leviticus 11:14.
Κ 1 Ὅτι δὲ Μωϋσῆς εἶπεν· Οὐ φάγεσθε χοίρον οὔτε ἄετὸν οὔτε ὀξύπτερον οὔτε κόρακα οὔτε πάντα ἱχθύν, δός οὐκ ἔχει λεπίδα ἐν ἑαυτῇ, τρία ἔλαβεν ἐν τῇ συνέσει δόγματα. 2 πέρας γέ τοι λέγει αὐτοῖς ἐν τῷ Δευτερονομίῳ·

Καὶ διαθήσομαι πρὸς τὸν λαὸν τοῦτον τὰ δικαιώματά μου.

ἀρα οὖν οὐκ ἔστιν ἐντολὴ θεοῦ τὸ μὴ τρώγειν, Μωϋσῆς δὲ ἐν πνεύματι ἐλάλησεν. 3 τὸ οὖν χοιρίον πρὸς τοῦτο εἶπεν· οὐ κολληθῆση, φησίν, ἀθρώποις τοιούτοις, οἵτινες εἰσιν ὁμοίοι χοίρων· τουτέστιν ὅταν σπαταλῶσιν, ἐπιλανθάνονται τοῦ κυρίου, ὅταν δὲ ὑπεροῦνται, ἐπιγίνουσιν τὸν κύριον, ὡς καὶ ὁ χοίρος ὅταν τρώγει τὸν κύριον οὐκ ὦδεν, ὅταν δὲ πεινᾷ κραυγᾶζει, καὶ λαβὼν πάλιν σιωπᾶ.

4 Οὐδὲ φάγῃ τὸν ἄετὸν οὐδὲ τὸν ὀξύπτερον οὐδὲ τὸν ἱκτῖνα οὐδὲ τὸν κόρακα·

οὕς, φησίν, κολληθῆσῃ οὐδὲ ὀμοιωθῆσῃ ἄνθρώποις τοιούτοις, οἵτινες οὐκ ὦδεσιν διὰ κόπου καὶ ἱδρύτος προίζειν ἑαυτοῖς τὴν τροφὴν, ἀλλὰ ἄρπάζουσιν ὡς καὶ τὰ ἅλλοτρία ἐν ἀνομίᾳ αὐτῶν καὶ ἑπιτηροῦσιν ὡς ἐν ἀκεραιοσύνῃ περιπατοῦντες καὶ περιβλέπονται, τίνα ἐκδύσωσιν διὰ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ὡς καὶ τὰ ὄρνεα τοῦτα μόνα ἑαυτοῖς οὐ προίζει τὴν τροφήν, ἀλλὰ ἄργα καθήμενα ἐκζητεῖ, πῶς ἅλλοτρίας σάρκας καταφάγη, ὅντα λοιμὰ τῇ πονηρίᾳ αὐτῶν.
5 And, 

You will not eat the lamprey, the octopus, or the squid, 98 and he means you will not cleave to or become like people of this sort, who are immoral to the end, having already been condemned to death, even as these accursed fish swim alone in the abyss, not suspended as the others, but dwelling in the muck in the depth of the sea.

6 He says, 

You will not eat the rabbit, 99 

and he means you will not be a pedophile 100 or like such; for the rabbit grows an orifice in the body each year, so it has as many anuses as years. 101

7 Nor will you eat the hyena, 102 meaning you will not be an effeminate-seducer-of-children 103 or a wanton-abortive-fornicator 104 or any such person, because the hyena’s traits change each year, becoming like a male one year and a like female the next.

8 Nor will you eat the weasel, 

and with good reason: you will not be like those we hear about who do forbidden and immoral acts in their mouths; 105 for these creatures gush 106 forth into their mouths.

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98 Cf. Leviticus 11:10-12 Otherwise, the source of the saying is unknown.
100 Paidophthoros, παιδοφθορός- corrupter of children.
101 Cf. Aelianus, De Natura Animalium 1:25; also Clement, Paedagogus 2:10:83,84
102 Cf. Leviticus 11:27.
103 Moichos, μοίχος- a vulgar title origination from the word urinate and referring to effeminate males engaged in sexual relations with anyone. Patterson, The Family in Greek History, p. 125. The best way to get the point across is to hyphenate words.
104 Phthoreus, φθορευς- a vulgar title referring to a promiscuous person seeking casual relations with the intention of aborting if necessary.
105 Some texts add, “nor associate with those immoral women who do things with their mouths that are forbidden.”
106 Gush, kueĩ, kuei = bring forth, gush forth, “gush (in)to their mouths.”
Κ 5 Καὶ

οὐ φάγη, φησίν, σμύραιναν οὐδὲ πολύποδα οὐδὲ σηπίαν·
où µή, φησίν, ὀμοιωθήσῃ κολλώμενος ἀντρώποις τοιούτοις,
oítineis eis télos eísain ἀσεβεῖς καὶ κεκριμένοι ἥδη τῷ θανάτῳ, ὡς
cαὶ ταῦτα τὰ ἱχθύδια μόνα ἐπικατάρατα ἐν τῷ βυθῷ νήχεται, µή
kολθμβῶντα ὡς τὰ λοιπά, ἀλλ’ ἐν τῇ γῇ κάτω τοῦ βυτοῦ κατοικεῖ.
6 ἀλλὰ καὶ
tón δασύποδα οὐ φάγη.

πρὸς τί; οὐ µή γένη, φησίν, παϊδοφθόρος οὐδὲ ὀμοιωθήση τοῖς
tοιούτοις, ὦτι ὁ λαγῶς κατ’ ἐνιαυτὸν πλεονεκτεῖ τὴν ἀφόδευσιν·
άσα γάρ ἐτη ζῆ, τοσαύτας ἔχει τρύπας.
7 ἀλλὰ οὐδὲ τὴν ὑιαίναν φάγη·
où µή, φησίν, γένη µοιχός οὐδὲ φθορεύς οὐδὲ ὀμοιωθήση τοῖς
tοιούτοις. πρὸς τί; ὦτι τὸ ζῷον τοῦτο παρ’ ἐνιαυτὸν ἀλλάσσει τὴν
φύσιν καὶ ποτὲ µὲν ἄρρεν, ποτὲ δὲ θῆλυ γίνεται.

8 ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν γαλήν
eμίσησεν καλῶς. οὐ µή, φησίν, γεννηθῆς τοιούτος, οἴους
ἀκούομεν ἄνομιαν ποιούσας ἐν τῷ στόματι. τὸ γάρ ζῷον τοῦτο
tῷ στόματι κύει.
9 So Moshe spoke of these three teachings about food in a spiritual sense. But the people, in accordance with the lusts of their flesh, received them as being only about eating!  

10 Even Dawid receives knowledge of these same three teachings. He says in like manner,

\[\text{Blessed is the one who has not gone into the council-chamber of the irreverent (even as fish make their way in darkness into the depths),}^{108}\]

\[\text{and has not stood in the way of sinners, (even as those who pretend to fear YHWH sin like swine)},^{109}\]

\[\text{and has not sat in the seat of the destructive,}^{109}\]

But in the end, you do indeed have a complete commandment covering food. 11 For Moshe said,

\[\text{Eat everything that is cloven-footed and chews the cud.}^{110}\]

What does he mean? The cruncher takes food from the muncher, and, becoming dependent upon him for food, acts as though he were glad.  

See how well Moshe discerns the commandment?

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107 The people = they. Just as YHWH abhors the eating of certain unclean creatures, he also abhors the licentious acts that they symbolize. The Three teachings seem to be polemics against (1) ungratefulness, (2) slothfulness, and (3) perversion.

108 Note the use of the “fish symbol,” especially in light of the his metaphor.

109 Psalms 1:1.

110 Leviticus 11:3; Deuteronomy 14:6.

111 Lightfoot’s alternate: The one who receives food knows the one who gives him the food and, being refreshed, appears to rejoice in him. In other words, the one who has eaten carrion like an animal becomes dependent on the cud-chewer for sustainance, turning back from carrion, and preferring the food of the clean.
Κ 9 περὶ μὲν τῶν βρωμάτων λαβῶν Μωϋσῆς τρία δόγματα 
οὕτως ἐν πνεύματι ἐλάλησεν· οἱ δὲ κατ’ ἐπιθυμίαν τῆς σαρκὸς 
ὡς περὶ βρώσεως προσεδέξαντο.

10 λαμβάνει δὲ τῶν αὐτῶν τριῶν δογμάτων γνώσιν Δαυείδ καὶ 
λέγει·

Μακάριος ἄνὴρ, ὃς οὐκ ἐπορεύθη ἐν βουλῇ ἁσεβῶν, 
καθὼς καὶ οἱ ἱχθύες πορεύονται ἐν σκότει εἰς τὰ βάθη·

καθὼς οἱ δοκοῦντες φοβεῖσθαι τὸν κύριον ἀμαρτάνουσιν ὡς 
ὁ χοῖρος,

καὶ ἐπὶ καθέδραν λοιμῶν οὐκ ἐκάθισεν, καθὼς τὰ πετεῖνα 
καθήμενα εἰς ἀρπαγήν.

ἔχετε τελείως καὶ περὶ τῆς βρώσεως. 11 πάλιν λέγει Μωϋσῆς·

Φάγεσθε πᾶν διχηλοῦν καὶ μαρυκόμενον.

τί λέγει; ὅτι τὴν τροφὴν λαμβάνων οἶδεν τὸν τρέφοντα αὐτὸν καὶ 
ἐπὶ αὐτῷ ἀναπαθήμενος εὑφραίνεσθαι δοκεῖ. καλῶς εἴπεν 
βλέπων τὴν ἐντολήν.
10 11b He means, Cleave to those who fear YHWH, who walk in his commandments, who have received them into their hearts. Cleave to those who discuss YHWH’s Commandments and observe them. Cleave to those who know that practicing them is a work of gladness. Cleave to them who meditate on the word of YHWH.

And again, what is the meaning of ‘with cloven hoof’? It means that the one who cleaves to righteousness walks in this world yet cleaves to the expectation of the set-apart age to follow. Consider how well Moshe has made this Torah!

12 How is it possible for anyone to recognize or understand these things? No matter! We speak them just as YHWH willed because we have correctly understood his commandments. For this cause, he circumcised our ears and hearts so we might appreciate them all.

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112 cleave = meaning (1) = to divide, (2) = to hold on.
Κ 11b τὰ ὀὖν λέγει; κολλάσθε μετὰ τῶν φοβουμένων τὸν κύριον, μετὰ τῶν μελετώντων ὁ ἔλαβον διάσταλμα ρήματος ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ, μετὰ τῶν λαλούντων τὰ διδαίματα κυρίου καὶ τηροῦντων, μετὰ τῶν εἰδότων, ὅτι ἡ μελέτη ἐστὶν ἔργον εὐφροσύνης, καὶ ἀναμαρυκμένων τὸν λόγον κυρίου.

τί δὲ τὸ διχηλοῦν; ὃτι ὁ δίκαιος καὶ ἐν τούτῳ τῷ κόσμῳ περιπατεῖ καὶ τὸν ἁγιόν αἰώνα ἐκδέχεται. βλέπετε, πῶς ἐνομοθέτησεν Ἡλεύσης καλὸς.

12 ἄλλα πόθεν ἐκείνοις ταύτα νοθάσαι ἢ συνίεναι; ἡμεῖς δὲ δικαίως νοθάσαντες τὰς ἔντολας λαλοῦμεν, ὡς ἠθέλησεν ὁ κύριος. διὰ τούτων περιέτεμεν τὰς ἁκοαὶ ἡμῶν καὶ τὰς καρδίας, ἵνα συνιῶμεν ταύτα.
1 Let us now ask if YHWH cared to show us about the water and the stake beforehand. In respect to Yisrael: why will they not receive the mikvah\(^{113}\) that brings remission of sins? Because they will establish their own mikvah! Something about this water is thus recorded.

2 The prophet speaks this way:

Be amazed, O skies! and let the earth be even more fearful. These people have done two great and evil things: they have abandoned me, the fountain of life, and they have dug for themselves broken mikvaot.\(^{114}\)

3 Is my set-apart mountain of Zion a deserted rock? You will be as a bird’s chicks that flap when the nest is taken away.\(^{115}\)

4 Again the prophet says,

I will go before you and level down the mountains. I will break the brass doors and burst the iron bars; I will give you secret treasures, hidden and unseen, so they all may know that I am YHWH Elohim;\(^{116}\)

and,

He will inhabit the high cave of strong rock;

5 and,

His water is dependable. You will see the king in his kavod. You will practice the fear of YHWH.\(^{117}\)

6 Furthermore, it is said in another prophet:

He that does these things will be as a tree that grows beside the water channels, one that gives his fruit in season. His leaves will not fall down and whatever he does will prosper.

\(^{113}\) Mikvah = immersion or immersion tank or pool.

\(^{114}\) They have dug out a death pit; Cf. Jeremiah 2:12,13.

\(^{115}\) Cf. Isaiah 16:1,2.

\(^{116}\) Cf. Isaiah 45:2,3.

\(^{117}\) Cf. Isaiah 33:16-18.
Δ 1 Ζητήσωμεν δέ, εἰ ἐμέλησεν τῷ κυρίῳ προφανερώσαι περὶ τοῦ ὕδατος καὶ περὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ. περὶ μὲν τοῦ ὕδατος γέγραται ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραήλ. τῶς τὸ βάπτισμα τὸ φέρον ἄφεσιν ἄμαρτίων οὐ μὴ προσδέχονται, ἀλλ’ ἐαυτοῖς οἰκοδομήσουσιν.

2 λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφήτης·

'Εστηθι οὐρανέ, καὶ ἐπὶ τούτῳ πλεῖον φριξάτω ἡ γῆ, ὅτι δύο καὶ πονηρὰ ἅπατον ὁ λαὸς οὗτος· ἐ ε ἐγκατέλιπον, πηγὴν ζωῆς, καὶ ἐαυτοῖς ὄμφασιν βόθρον θανάτου. 3 Μὴ πέτρα ἐφημὸς ἐστὶν τὸ ὄρος τὸ ἁγίον μου Σινᾶ; ἔσεσθε γὰρ ὃς πετεινοῖ νοσσιάς ἀφηρημένοι.

4 καὶ πάλιν λέγει ὁ προφήτης·

'Εγὼ πορεύσομαι ἐξιτρεθέν σου καὶ ὁρῇ ὅμαλῶ καὶ πύλας χαλκᾶς συντρίψω καὶ μοχλῶς σιδηρῶς συγκλάσω, καὶ δὼσω σοι θησαυροῦς σκοτεινοὺς, ἀποκρύους, ἀδιέξοδους, ἵνα γνῶσιν ὅτι ἔγὼ κύριος ὁ θεός.

καὶ·

Κατοικήσεις ἐν ψυχλῆς σπηλαίῳ πέτρας ἱσχυρᾶς.

5 καὶ·

tὸ ὕδωρ ἀὐτοῦ πιστῶν· βασιλέα μετὰ δόξας ὄψεσθε, καὶ ἡ ψυχὴ ὑ ὄν μελετήσει φόβον κυρίου.

6 καὶ πάλιν ἐν ἀλλῷ προφήτῃ λέγει·

Καὶ ἔσται ὁ ταῦτα ποιῶν ὡς τὸ ἔξιλον τὸ πεφυτευμένον παρὰ τὰς διεξόδους τῶν ὕδατος, ὁ τὸν καρπὸν ἀὐτοῦ οὐκ απορυθήσεται, καὶ πάντα, ὡσα ἂν ποιῇ, κατευθοδωθήσεται.
7 The unrighteous are not so. They are like the dust the wind carries away from the surface of the ground. This is why the unrighteous will not arise in judgment or sinners in the yahad\textsuperscript{118} of the righteous: for YHWH knows the road of the righteous, but the road of the sinner come to nothing.\textsuperscript{119} 8 You see how he has put together the water and the stake. What he means is this:

\textit{Blessed are those who, having hoped in the stake, have descended into the water.}

He tells us about a reward given in due season. He says,  

\textit{I will deliver to you what is due.}

Now, in that he says,  

\textit{Their leaves will not fall out},

he means that every word falling out of your mouth in faith and love will be a refuge and hope to many.

9 For again another prophet says,  

\textit{The land of Yaakov: praised beyond the whole world!}\textsuperscript{120}

By saying so, he means this: He promotes the shell holding his spirit. 10 What does he say afterward?  

\textit{There was a river flowing on the right, and on its banks fair trees grew upward, and whoever eats them will live into the age}.\textsuperscript{121}

11 He says this because we descend into the water full of sin and pollution, and come up bearing heart-fruit, resting in the spirit. So when he says,  

\textit{Whoever eats them will live into the great age.}

He means this: Whoever will hear these words and believe, he will live into the great age.

\textsuperscript{118} yahad = hadat, Hebrew – the assembly in one accord.  
\textsuperscript{119} Psalms 1 , following the Septuagint.  
\textsuperscript{120} Cf. Zephaniah 3:19.  
\textsuperscript{121} Unknown; Cf. Ezekiel 47:12.
Δ 7 οὕς οὕς οὕς οἵ ἀσεβεῖς, οὕς οὕς, αλλ’ ἢ ὡς ὁ χνούς, ὃν ἐκρίπτει ὁ ἄνεμος ἀπὸ προσώπου τῆς γῆς. διὰ τοῦτο οὐκ ἀναστήσονται ἀσεβεῖς ἐν κρίσει οὐδὲ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἐν βουλῇ δικαίων, ὅτι γινόσκει κύριος ὁδὸν δικαίων, καὶ ὁδὸς ἀσεβῶν ἀπολεῖται. 8 αἰσθάνεσθε, πῶς τὸ ὑδωρ καὶ τὸν σταυρὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ὄρισεν. τοῦτο γάρ λέγει: μακάριοι, οἳ ἐπὶ τὸν σταυρὸν ἐλπίσαντες κατέβησαν εἰς τὸ ὑδωρ,

ὅτι τὸν μὲν μισθὸν λέγει ἐν καὶ ἀυτοῦ· τότε,

φησίν ἀποδῶσω.

νῦν δὲ ὁ λέγει:

τὰ φύλλα οὕς ἀπορυήσεται,

τοῦτο λέγει· ὅτι πᾶν ῥῆμα, ὁ ἐὰν ἐξελεύσεται ἐξ ὑμῶν διὰ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀγάπῃ, ἔσται εἰς ἑπιστροφὴν καὶ ἐλπίδα πολλοῖς.

9 καὶ πάλιν ἐτερος προφήτης λέγει.

Καὶ ἢν ἢ γῆ τοῦ Ιακώβ ἐπαίνουμένη παρὰ πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν. τοῦτο λέγει· τὸ σκέῦος τοῦ πνεύματος αὐτοῦ δοξάζει. 10 εἴτα τί λέγει;

Καὶ ἢν ποταμὸς ἔλκων ἐκ δεξιῶν, καὶ ἀνέβαινεν ἐξ αὐτοῦ δένδρα ὑπαίτια καὶ ὃς ἃν φάγῃ ἐξ αὐτῶν, ἥσσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

11 τοῦτο λέγει ὁτι ἡμεῖς μὲν καταβαίνομεν εἰς τὸ ὑδωρ γέμοντες ἁμαρτών καὶ ρύπου, καὶ ἀνα βαίνομεν καρποφοροῦντες ἐν τῇ πνεύματι ἐχοντες. Καὶ ὃς ἃν φάγῃ ἀπὸ τοῦτων, ἥσσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα,

τοῦτο λέγει· ὃς ἃν, φησίν, ἀκοῦση τοῦτων λαλουμένων καὶ πιστεύσῃ, ἥσσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.
12 1 In the same way, he shows the sign of the stake in another prophet, saying,  

*When will these things happen? YHWH says, When a tree is bent over and stands back up, and when blood drops from a stake.*\(^{122}\)

You have another teaching about the stake, and about him who was to be impaled shortly.

2 He says again in Moshe that when aliens were warring against Yisrael, YHWH reminds them even while they were being attacked that they would be delivered to death on account of their sins. The Spirit says to the heart of Moshe that he should make the form of a stake for those who are about to suffer. He says, if they will not hope in it, they will be attacked forever! So Moshe strategically places weapon against weapon in the middle of the battlefield, then standing higher than all, he stretches out his hands. *When he did so,* Yisrael would win; but when he let *down his hands,* they were again slaughtered again.\(^{123}\)

3 Why? So they might know they are not to be saved unless they hope in him. 4 In yet another prophet, he says,  

*All day long I have stretched out my hands to a disobedient people, who speak against my righteous road.*\(^{124}\)

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\(^{122}\) I can’t make these words from the Greek, but the consensus says it is similar to 4 Ezra 5:5; the angel Uriel describes the days of third trumpet: *But if the most High grant thee to live, thou shalt see after the third trumpet that the sun shall suddenly shine again in the night, and the moon thrice in the day: And blood shall drop out of wood, and the stone shall give his voice, and the people shall be troubled.*

\(^{123}\) Exodus 17:8ff.

\(^{124}\) Isaiah 65:2.
Μ 1 Ὁμοίως πάλιν περὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ ὁρίζει ἐν ἄλλῳ προφήτῃ λέγοντι·

Καὶ πότε ταῦτα συντελεσθήται; λέγει κύριος· ὅταν ξύλου . . . αἵμα . . . στάξῃ.

ἔχεις πάλιν περὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ καὶ τοῦ σταυροῦσθαι μέλλοντος.

2 λέγει δὲ πάλιν τῷ Μωϋσῆ, πολεμομένου τοῦ Ἰσραήλ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀλλοφύλων, καὶ ἵνα ὑπομνήσῃ αὐτοὺς πολεμομένους, ὦτι διὰ τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν παρεδόθησαν εἰς θάνατον· λέγει εἰς τὴν καρδίαν Μωϋσέως τὸ πνεῦμα, ἵνα ποιήσῃ τύπον σταυροῦ καὶ τοῦ μέλλοντος πάσχειν, ὦτι, ἐὰν μὴ, φησίν, ἐλπίσωσιν ἔπὶ αὐτῶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα πολεμηθήσονται. τίθησιν ὦν Μωϋσῆς ἐν ἐφ΄ ὁπλὸν ἐν μέσῳ τῆς πυγμῆς, καὶ ὑψηλότερος σταθείς πάντων ἐξέτεινεν τὰς χεῖρας, καὶ οὕτως πάλιν ἐνίκα ὦ Ἰσραήλ. εἶτα, ὁπόταν καθεῖλεν, ἐθανατοῦντο.

3 πρὸς τί; ἵνα γνῶσιν ὦτι οὐ δύναται σωθῆναι, ἐὰν μὴ ἐπ’ αὐτῶ ἐλπίσωσιν. 4 καὶ πάλιν ἐν ἑτέρῳ προφήτῃ λέγει·

Ὅλην τὴν ἡ ἐραν ἐξεπέτασε τὰς χεῖρας μου πρὸς λαὸν ἀπειθῆ καὶ ἀντιλέγοντα ὅδῷ δικαία μου.
12 5 Moshe again builds another type of Yahshua, and how he must suffer in order to make others live. He whom they thought they had destroyed when Yisrael was falling will be living still in a type. For YHWH engaged every kind of viper to bite them so they died. Since Chavah\textsuperscript{125} transgressed by means of the viper, he reckoned he might convince them that through their transgression\textsuperscript{126} they too could be delivered from the spasms of death.

6 In the end, Moshe himself, after he had given the commandment,

\textit{There will not be a molten image or a graven image as a god among you},\textsuperscript{127}

So that a type of Yahshua he might display!

Therefore Moshe makes a bronze viper, sets it high upon a tree, and calls the people together by proclamation. 7 When they assemble, they ask Moshe to offer supplication for their healing. Moshe says to them,

\textit{When any of you is bitten, let him come to the dead viper on the stake, and let him believe and hope that, though dead, he can make you live. Immediately then, he will be delivered!}

And they all did.\textsuperscript{128} So again you have \textit{this} high regard of Yahshua \textit{to the extent} that all are within him.

8 So why does Moshe again speak to Yehoshua ben Nun, having bestowed this \textit{new} name personally?\textsuperscript{129} Truly, so the entire crowd would hear that the Father reveals everything about the Son, Yahshua, to the prophet beforehand!

\textsuperscript{125} Chavah = life, as personified in the woman Eve.
\textsuperscript{126} Lightfoot has “fall.”
\textsuperscript{127} Leviticus 26:1; Deuteronomy 27:15.
\textsuperscript{128} Numbers 21:4-8.
\textsuperscript{129} Yehoshua = Joshua. His original name was Hoshea. See Numbers 13:16.
Μ 5 πάλιν Μωϋσής ποιεῖ τύον τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ὡτε δεῖ αὐτὸν παθεῖν, καὶ αὐτὸς σωποιήσει, ὧν δόξουσιν ἀπολωλεκέναι, ἐν σημείῳ πίπτοντος τοῦ Ἰσραήλ, ἔποιήσεν γὰρ κύριος πάντα ὁφιν δάκνειν αὐτούς, καὶ ἀπεθνησκὸν ἐπειδή ἡ παράβασις διὰ τὴν παράβασιν αὐτῶν εἰς θλίψιν θανάτου παραδοθήσονται.

6 πέρας γέ τοι αὐτὸς Μωϋσῆς ἐντειλάμενος·

Οὐκ ἔσται ὑ ᾿υ ὀpaces χωνευτόν ὀpaces γλυπτόν εἰς θεόν ὑ ᾿υ, αὐτὸς ποιεῖ, ἵνα τύπον τοῦ Ἰησοῦ δείξῃ.

ποιεῖ οὖν Μωϋσῆς χαλκοῦν ὡφιν καὶ τίθησιν ἐνδόξως καὶ κηρύγματι καλεῖ τὸν λαόν. Ἑλθόντες οὖν ἔπι τὸ αὐτὸ ἔδειοντο Μωϋσέως, ἵνα περὶ αὐτῶν ἀνενέγκη δέσσιν περὶ τῆς ἰάσεως αὐτῶν. εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτοὺς Μωϋσῆς· Ὅταν, φησίν δηχθῇ τις ὑ ᾿ων, ἐλθέτω ἔπι τὸν ὁριν τὸν ἔπι τοῦ ἔξλου ἐπικείμενον καὶ ἐλπισάτω πιστεύσας, ὡτε αὐτὸς ὁν νεκρὸς δύναται σωποιῆσαι, καὶ παραχρῆμα σωθῆσεται ἐν ὕπως ἐποίουν.

ἐχεῖς πάλιν καὶ ἐν τούτος τῆς δόξαν τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ὡτε ἐν αὐτῷ πάντα καὶ εἰς αὐτόν.

8 τί λέγει πάλιν Μωϋσῆς Ἰησοῦ, ὡν Ναυή, ἐπιθείς αὐτῷ τοῦ ὄνομα, ὧν προφῆτη, ὣνα μόνον ἀκούσῃ πᾶς ὁ λαός; ὡτε πάντα ὁ πατήρ φανεροὶ περὶ τοῦ ὑιοῦ Ἰησοῦ.
9 Having given him this name, Moshe says to Yehoshua the son of Nun, when he sent him to spy out the land,

"Take a scroll in your hands and write what YHWH says: the Son of Elohim will cut off the whole house of Amalek from the roots in the last days."  

10 Look again! Yahshua is not the son of a man but the Son of the Elohim, revealed in the flesh-body by a type. Since they would one day say that the Anointed One is Dawid’s son, Dawid himself prophesies, fearing (yet understanding) the deceitfulness of sinners:

"YHWH said to my master, Sit on my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

11 Yeshayahu speaks this way,

"YHWH, to my anointed master whose right hand I have held, said that the tribes should pay attention to him, ‘for I will loosen the rulers’ bowels!’"

See how Dawid calls him ‘master,’ not ‘son.’

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130 Amalek was one of the ancient tribes that YHWH commanded Yisrael to destroy. 
Haman, the antagonist in Esther, descended from the Amelekites. 
131 Type, (that is) symbolically. 
132 Psalms 110:1; Matthew 22:44-46. 
133 Yeshayahu = Isaiah. 
134 Lightfoot has, The Lord said unto my Christ theLord . . . 
135 Tribes = those dispersed among pagan nations. 
136 Isaiah 45:1. ie break their strength.
Μ 9 λέγει οὖν Μωϋσῆς Ἰησοῦ, υἱῷ Ναυή, ἐπιθείς τούτο τὸ ὄνομα, ὅποτε ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν κατάσκοπον τῆς γῆς:

"Λαβε βιβλίον εἰς τὰς χεῖρὰς σου καὶ γράψον, ἂ λέγει κύριος, ὅτι ἐκκόψει ἐκ ρίζῶν τὸν οἶκον πάντα τοῦ Ἀμαλήκ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ ἐσχάτων τῶν ἡμερῶν."

10 ἰδε πάλιν Ἰησοῦς, οὐχὶ υἱὸς ἀνθρωποῦ, ἀλλὰ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, τύπῳ δὲ ἐν σαρκὶ φανερωθεὶς. ἐπεὶ οὖν μέλλουσιν λέγειν, ὅτι Χριστὸς υἱὸς Δαυείδ ἔστιν, αὐτὸς προφητεύει Δαυείδ, φοβούμενος καὶ συνίων τὴν πλάνην τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν:

"Εἶπεν κύριος τῷ κυρίῳ μου· Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου, ἐὼς ἃν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθροὺς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου."

11 καὶ πάλιν λέγει οὗτος Ἡσαίας:

"Εἶπεν κύριος τῷ χριστῷ μου κυρίῳ, οὐ εκράτησα τῆς δεξιᾶς αὐτοῦ, ἐπικούσαι ἐμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ ἔθνη, καὶ ἰσχύν βασιλέων διαρρήξησαν."

идε, πῶς Δαυείδ λέγει αὐτὸν κύριον, καὶ υἱὸν οὔ λέγει.
13 1 Now let us inquire if this people inherit or the first, and whether the covenant is for us or them. 2 Now hear what the Scripture says concerning this people.

Yitzchak prayed for Rivkah his wife because she was barren and she conceived! Then Rivkah went forth to inquire of YHWH and YHWH said to her, Two tribes are in your womb, and two peoples are in your bowels, and the elder will slave for the younger. 137

3 We should know identities, those of Yitzchak and Rivkah, and about this declaration – that the one people was to be greater than the other. 4 So in another prophecy, Yaakov speaks more clearly to Yosef his son, saying,

See, YHWH has not deprived me of your face. Bring your sons to me so I may bless them. 138

5 Yosef brought Ephrayim and Manasheh, wishing to bless Manasheh because he was the overseer. Yosef brought him to the right hand of his father Yaakov. But Yaakov saw in the spirit a figure of the people that would exist out of him later. Then what does it say of Yaakov, the father?

Yaakov crossed his hands and placed his right hand on the head of Ephrayim, the second and newest, and blessed him while Yosef said to Yaakov, Change your right hand over to the head of Manasheh! He is my firstborn son! Yaakov said to Yosef, I know, child, I know; but the elder will serve the younger; yet this one will also be blessed. 139

139 Genesis 48:14ff.
1 Ἡδωμεν δὲ εἰ οὖτος ὁ λαὸς κληρονομεῖ ἢ ὁ πρῶτος, καὶ εἰ ἡ διαθήκη εἰς ἡμᾶς ἢ εἰς ἑκεῖνους. 2 ἀκούσατε οὖν περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ τί λέγει ἡ γρατή: Ἐδείπτο δὲ Ἰσαὰκ περὶ Ἱράκκας τῆς γυναικὸς αὐτοῦ, ὅτι στείρα ἦν· καὶ συνέλαβεν. ἔτα ἔξηλθεν Ἱράκκα πυθέσθαι παρὰ κυρίου, καὶ ἐπίπεν κύριος πρὸς αὐτήν. Δύο ἔθην ἐν τῇ γαστρί σου καὶ δύο λαοὶ ἔν τῇ κοιλίᾳ σου, καὶ ὑπερέξει λαὸς λαοῦ καὶ ὁ μεῖζων δουλεύεται τῷ ἐλάσσονι. 3 αἰσθάνεσθαι όφειλετε, τίς ὁ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ τίς ἡ Ἱράκκα, καὶ ἐπὶ τίνων δέδειχεν, ὅτι μεῖζων ὁ λαὸς οὕτως ἢ ἐκεῖνος. 4 καὶ ἐν ἄλλῃ προφητείᾳ λέγει φανερώτερον ὁ Ἰακὼβ πρὸς Ἰωσήφ τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, λέγων: Ἰδοὺ, οὐκ ἐστήρησην με κύριος τοῦ προσώπου σου· προσάγαγε μοι τοὺς υἱοὺς σου, ἵνα εὐλογήσω αὐτοὺς. 5 καὶ προσήγαγεν Ἐφραῖμ καὶ Μανασσῆ, τὸν Μανασσῆ θέλων ἵνα εὐλογηθῇ, ὅτι πρεσβύτερος ἦν· ὁ γὰρ Ἰωσήφ προσήγαγεν εἰς τὴν δεξιὰν χεῖρα τοῦ πατρὸς Ἰακώβ.
6 Consider the way he ordained that this people should be first, therefore heir of the covenant!

7 If it was also mentioned by Avraham, then we have our facts complete. What did YHWH say to Avraham when he alone believed and accrued righteousness?

See! I have made you, Avraham, a father of tribes; those believing in YHWH though uncircumcized.\textsuperscript{140}

\textsuperscript{140} Genesis 15:6 – Hebrew has YHWH; Genesis 17:5; Romans 4:11ff.
Ν 6 βλέπετε, ἐπί τίνων τέθεικεν, τὸν λαὸν τούτον εἶναι πρῶτον καὶ τῆς διαθήκης κληρονόμον.

7 εἰ οὖν ἐτι καὶ διὰ τοῦ Ἁβραάμ ἐμνήσθη, ἀπέχομεν τὸ τέλειον τῆς γνώσεως ἡμῶν. τί οὖν λέγει τῷ Ἁβραάμ, ὅτε μόνος πιστεύσας ἔτηθε εἰς δικαιοσύνην;

Ἰδοὺ, τέθεικά σε, Ἁβραάμ, πατέρα ἔθνων τῶν πιστεύόντων δι’ ἀκροβυστίας τῷ θεῷ.
1 Yes! Well! Let us now see as to whether he has given that covenant to the people as he swore to the fathers he would give. Amein! He has given it! But those *people* were not worthy to receive it on account of their sins. 2 For the prophet says,

Moshe was fasting on Mount Sinai forty days and forty nights to receive the covenant YHWH made with his people. Moshe received the two tablets from YHWH written in the spirit with the finger of YHWH’s hand. Moshe, after he received them, was carrying them down to the people to give them over.¹⁴¹

3 But YHWH said to Moshe: Moshe! Moshe! Get down immediately, for your people, whom you brought out of the land of Mizraim, have disobeyed Torah. Moshe perceived that they had made molten images again, and he cast the tablets from his hands – and the tablets of the covenant of YHWH were thus broken.¹⁴²

4 Moshe did indeed receive them, but the people were not worthy. So pay attention you! See how we received them? Moshe received them as a slave, but YHWH himself gave them to us as the people of his inheritance, having patiently suffered for our sake. 5 And he became public so that

(1) they might be complete in their sins, and

(2) we, through the heir, might receive the covenant of the Sovereign Yahshua, who was prepared for this function.

By personally appearing and redeeming us from the darkness of our hearts, *Yahshua* could then establish among us the covenant of his people – we who had already paid out for our death, and we who were already given over to the deception of iniquity.

1 Ναί. ἀλλὰ ἰδομεν, εἰ ἡ διαθήκη, ἦν ἡμοσεν τοῖς πατράσιν δοῦναι τῷ λαῷ, εἰ δέδωκεν. δέδωκεν· αὐτοὶ δὲ οὐκ ἐγένοντο ἄξιοι λαβεῖν διὰ τὰς ἀμαρτίας αὐτῶν. 2 λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφήτης·

Καὶ ἦν Μωϋσῆς νηστεύων ἐν ὀρεί Σινᾶ, τοῦ λαβεῖν τὴν διαθήκην κυρίου πρὸς τὸν λαὸν, ἤ ἔρας τεσσεράκοντα καὶ νύκτας τεσσεράκοντα. καὶ ἠλαβεν Μωϋσῆς παρὰ κυρίου τὰς δύο πλάκας τὰς γεγραμμένας τῷ δακτύλῳ τῆς χειρός κυρίου ἐν πνεύματι· καὶ λαβὼν Μωϋσῆς κατέφερεν πρὸς τὸν λαὸν δοῦναι.

3 καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν εἰρηνικὸς τῆς Μωϋσῆς. Μωϋσῆς Μωϋσῆς, κατὰβηθι τὸ τάχος, ὡς ὁ λαὸς σου, ὡς ἐξήγαγες ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύπτου, ἦνόμησεν. καὶ συνήκεν Μωϋσῆς, ὡς ἐποίησαν ἑαυτοῖς πάλιν χωνέματα, καὶ ἔφρισαν ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν, καὶ συνετρίβησαν αἱ πλάκες τῆς διαθήκης κυρίου.

4 4Πῶς δὲ ἡμεῖς ἐλάβομεν, μάθετε. Μωϋσῆς θερὰ πτων ὃν ἠλαβεν, αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ κύριος ἦμῖν ἐδωκεν εἰς λαὸν κληρο νομίας, δι᾽ ἡμᾶς ὑπομείνας.

5 ἔφανερώθη δὲ, ἦνα

(1) κάκεῖνοι τελειωθῶσιν τοῖς ἀμαρτήμασιν, καὶ

(2) ἡμεῖς διὰ τοῦ κληρονομοῦντος διαθήκην κυρίου Ἰησοῦ λάβωμεν, ὃς εἰς τοῦτο ἠτοιμάσθη,

Ἣνα ἀυτὸς φανεῖς, τὰς ἡδὴ δεδαπανημένας ἦμῖν καρδίας τῷ θανάτῳ καὶ παραδεδομένας τῇ τῆς πλάνης ἀνομίᾳ λυτρωσάμενος ἐκ τοῦ σκότους, διάθηται ἐν ἡμῖν διαθήκην λόγῳ.
6 For it is written: the Father gives a command to Yahshua, since already having redeemed us from darkness, he should then prepare us as a devoted people for himself!

7 So the prophet says,

I, YHWH your Elohim, have called you in righteousness; and I will hold your hand and strengthen you. I have given you as a covenant to the families, a light to the tribes, to open blind eyes, to bring the bound out of chains, and those who sit in darkness out of prison.\(^{143}\)

Yes, we know where our redemption originates!

8 Again, the prophet says,

See! I have placed you where you are as a light to the tribes, so that you might stand for salvation\(^{144}\) – even to the end of the earth. YHWH Elohim, the one redeeming you, tells you so.\(^{145}\)

9 Yet again, the prophet also says,

The Spirit of YHWH is on me, for he has anointed me to preach Good News to the poor in spirit.\(^{146}\) He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, preach deliverance to prisoners, recovery of sight to the blind, to comfort the grieving, to announce the year of YHWH’s favor and the day of his judgment.\(^{147}\)

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\(^{143}\) Isaiah 42:6,7.
\(^{144}\) Salvation in Hebrew is equivalent to the name Yahshua.
\(^{145}\) Cf. Isaiah 49:6,7.
\(^{146}\) Several possibility for poor in ruach: all men, humble, etc. Our choice is a combination of both, which we believe is the author’s intention.
\(^{147}\) Isaiah 61:1,2; Matthew 5:3.
6 γέτραπται γάρ, πτῶς αὐτῷ ὁ πατήρ ἐντέλλεται, λυτρωσάμενον ἡμᾶς ἐκ τοῦ σκότους ἐτοιμάσαι ἐαυτῷ λαὸν ἀγιον.

7 λέγει οὖν ὁ προφήτης·

Ἐγὼ κύριος, ὁ θεός σου, ἐκάλεσά σε ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ κρατήσω τῆς χειρός σου καὶ ἐνισχύσω σε, καὶ ἐδωκά σε εἰς διαθήκην γένους, εἰς φῶς ἔθνων ἀνοίξαι ὀφθαλμοὺς τυφλῶν καὶ ἐξαγαγεῖν ἐκ δεσμῶν πεπεδημένους καὶ εἰς οἶκον φυλακῆς καθημένους ἐν σκότει. γινώσκομεν οὖν, πόθεν ἐλυτρώθημεν.

8 πάλιν ὁ προφήτης λέγει·

Ἰδοὺ, τέθεικά σε εἰς φῶς ἔθνων, τοῦ εἶναι σε εἰς σωτηρίαν ἐως ἑσχάτου τῆς γῆς, οὕτως λέγει κύριος ὁ λυτρωσάμενος σε θεός.

9 καὶ πάλιν ὁ προφήτης λέγει·

Πνεῦμα κυρίου ἐπὶ ἐ· ἐ, οὗ ἐξεκεν ἐχρισέν με εὐαγγελίσασθαι ταπεινοῖς χάριν, ἀπέσταλκέν με ἱάσασθαι τοῦς συντετριμμένους τὴν καρδίαν, κηρύξα τῆς προσώπους ἅφεσιν καὶ τυφλοὶς ἀνάβλεψιν, καλέσαι ἐνιαυτὸν κυρίου δεκτὸν καὶ ἐραν ἄνταποσόσεως, παρακαλέσαι πάντας τοῦς πενθοῦντας.
Moreover, it is written in the Ten Words about the Shabbat, that YHWH spoke to Moshe face to face on Mount Sinai:

_set aside the Shabbat of YHWH with clean hands and heart_!\(^{148}\)

2 And in another place he says,

斩If my sons will keep Shabbatot, I will place my mercy on them._\(^{149}\)

3 He also speaks of the Shabbat in the beginning of the creation:

斩And Elohim made the works of his hands in six days and finished them altogether by the seventh day, in which he paused – and he set it apart._\(^{150}\)

4 Consider, children, what he says:

斩He finished in six days.

Yes, he tells us that in six thousand years YHWH will make an end of all together,\(^{151}\) for a day is as a thousand years to him. He witnesses personally to me, saying:

斩Consider the day of Yahweh when a day will be as a thousand years._\(^{152}\)

So, my children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, will all such be brought to an end.\(^{153}\)

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\(^{148}\) Exodus 20:8; Deuteronomy 5:12; Psalms 24:4.

\(^{149}\) Cf. Exodus 31:13-17; Jeremiah 17:24; Isaiah 56:2ff.

\(^{150}\) Genesis 2:2,3.

\(^{151}\) That is, He makes an end of all sin, evil, and decay, as the text goes on to say.

\(^{152}\) Also saying it to (2) Peter (3:8).

\(^{153}\) See Appendix B: The Teaching of the Eight Days. What will be brought to an end is related in verse 7; that is, all evil and lawlessness so that all might be restored in cleanliness.
Ὁ 1 Ἡτι οὖν καὶ περὶ τοῦ σάββατος γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς δέκα λόγοις, ἐν οἷς ἐλάλησεν ἐν τῷ ὄρει Σινᾶ πρὸς Μωϋσῆν κατὰ πρόσωπον·

Καὶ ἀγιασατε τὸ σάββατον κυρίου χερσίν καθαραῖς καὶ καρδίᾳ καθαρᾷ.

2 καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει·

Ἔὰν φυλάξωσιν οἱ υἱοὶ μου τὸ σάββατον, τότε ἐπιθῆσω τὸ ἔλεος μου ἐπὶ αὐτοὺς.

3 τὸ σάββατον λέγει ἐν ἀρχῇ τῆς κτίσεως·

Καὶ ἐποίησεν ὁ θεὸς ἐν ἑξῆς ἡ ἔρας τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ, καὶ συνετέλεσεν ἐν τῇ ἡ ἔρα τῇ ἐβδόμῃ ἡ καὶ κατέπαυσεν ἐν αὐτῇ καὶ ἤγιάσεν αὐτήν.

4 προσέχετε, τέκνα, τί λέγει

τὸ συνετέλεσεν ἐν ἑξῆς ἡ ἔρας.

τοῦτο λέγει, ὅτι ἐν ἑξακισχιλίοις ἔτεσιν συνετέλεσει κύριος τὰ σύμπαντα· ἡ γὰρ ἡμέρα παρὰ αὐτῷ σημαίνει χίλια ἐτη. αὐτὸς δὲ μοι μαρτυρεῖ λέγων·

‘Ἰδοὺ, ἡ ἔρα κυρίου ἔσται ως χίλια ἐτη.

οὐκοῦν, τέκνα, ἐν ἑξ ἡμέραις, ἐν τοῖς ἑξακισχιλίοις ἔτεσιν συνετελεσθήσεται τὰ σύμπαντα.
5 This he said,

And He rested on the seventh day;

that is, after his Son comes, the era of the lawless is to cease, and when he judges the unrighteous and changes the sun, moon, and stars, then he will rest well on the seventh day.

6 Further, he says,

You will consecrate it with clean hands and heart.

Who, then, can set apart the day that YHWH has devoted unless he is clean in his heart? In all such matters, we have been deceived! 7 Look! At such a time, we will surely be able to consecrate it and rest well; especially since we ourselves have been justified and are receiving the promise. So when iniquity no longer exists and all things have been made anew by YHWH, we will certainly be able to set it all apart – we ourselves being set apart first!

8 Further, YHWH says to them,

Your new moons and your Shabbatot I cannot stand.

See, now, what he means. The present Shabbatot observed are not acceptable to me. Only that which I have fashioned will be acceptable. On my Shabbat, after setting all to rest, I will fashion the beginning of an eighth day – the beginning of another world.

9 Even so, let us celebrate on the eighth day in which Yahshua appeared publicly out of death and ascended into the skies!
Ο 5 τούτο λέγει

Καὶ κατέπαυσεν τῇ ἡ ἀρα τῇ ἐβδόμῃ η. ·

ὁταν ἔλθων ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ καταργήσει τὸν καιρὸν τοῦ ἀνόμου καὶ
κρίνει τοὺς ἁσεβείς καὶ ἀλλάξει τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὴν σελήνην καὶ
toὺς ἀστέρας, τότε καλῶς καταπαύσεται ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ ἐβδόμῃ.

6 πέρας γέ τοι λέγει·

Ἄγιάσεις αὕτην χερσὶν καθαρὰς καὶ καρδία καθαρὰ.

εἰ οὖν ἦν ὁ θεὸς ἡμέραν ἡγίασεν νῦν τις δύναται ἀγιάσαι
καθαρὸς ὑν τῇ καρδίᾳ, ἐν πάσιν πεπλανήμεθα. 7 ἰδε ὅτι ἀρα
τότε καλῶς καταπαύσομενοι ἀγιάσομεν αὐτήν, ὅτε δυνησόμεθα
αὐτοὶ δικαίωθεν τοῖς ἀπολαβόντες τὴν ἑπαγγελίαν, μηκέτι
οὖσας τῆς ἀνομίας, καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν ὑπὸ γεγονότων πάντων
τότε δυνησόμεθα αὐτήν ἀγιάσαι, αὐτοὶ ἀγιασθέντες πρῶτον.

8 πέρας γέ τοι λέγει αὐτοῖς·

Τὰς νεομηνίας ὑ ὁ ἤν καὶ τὰ σάββατα οὐκ ἀνέχομαι.

ὁράτε, πῶς λέγει; οὐ τὰ σάββατα ἐμοὶ δεκτὰ, ἀλλὰ ὁ πεποίηκα,
ἐν ὑ καταπαύσας τὰ πάντα ἁρχὴν ἡμέρας ὁγδός τοιήσω, ὁ
ἔστιν ἀλλος κόσμου ἁρχὴν.

9 διὸ καὶ ἀγομεν τὴν ἡμέραν τὴν ὁγῆν εἰς εὐφροσύνην, ἐν ὑ καὶ
ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν καὶ φανερωθεὶς ἀνέβη εἰς οὐρανοῖς.
1 Now I will tell you about the Qadosh;\textsuperscript{159} and how these wretched men, so deceived, placed their hopes in the building (as the dwelling of Elohim) and not on the Power who made them. 2 For in a manner quite like that of the tribes, they consecrated\textsuperscript{160} things within the Qadosh. What does YHWH say, rendering it all inapplicable? Pay attention!

> Who has measured out the skies with his palm or the earth with the flat of his hand; is it not I? says YHWH. The sky is my throne, and earth the stool of my feet. What house will you build for me or what will be the place of my rest?

You have learned that their hope was for nothing. 3 Yet He says again,

> Look! Those who have destroyed this Qadosh will rebuild it!

4 It is finished. Through their war, the enemy cleansed it. Now both the enemy and their slaves will rebuild it.\textsuperscript{161}

5 Again it was shown how the Qadosh and the people of Yisrael should be given over to their enemies. For the Scripture says,

> It will come to pass in the last days that YHWH will deliver up the sheep of his pasture, and their fold and their tower he will give over to destruction. And it was all done according to what YHWH had spoken.

6 Let us then ask if there is any Qadosh that yet exists. There is a Qadosh! It is in the same location he said to construct and complete it.

\textsuperscript{159} The Qadosh – ναὸς – in the NT, naos designates both the pagan shrine and the qadosh qadoshim (holy of holies) (Matthew 26:61 etc.). The Greek for temple is ἱερός.

\textsuperscript{160} Consecrate = set apart or dedicate to the service of a deity.

\textsuperscript{161} This passage dates the epistle to shortly after 70 – 75 C.E. The temple is destroyed (70 C.E.) and not yet rebuilt, though there is the hope of its rebuilding.
Π 1 Ἐτι δὲ καὶ περὶ τοῦ ναοῦ ἐρῶ ὑμῖν, ὡς πλανῶμενος οἱ ταλαίπωροι εἰς τὴν οἰκοδομήν ἠλπίσαν, καὶ οὐκ ἐπὶ τὸν θεὸν αὐτῶν τὸν ποιήσαντα αὐτοὺς, ὡς ὁντα οἶκον θεοῦ. 2 σχεδὸν γὰρ ως τὰ ἔθνη ἀφιέρωσαν αὐτὸν ἐν τῷ ναῷ. ἄλλα πτῶς λέγει κύριος καταργῶν αὐτὸν, μάθετε. Τίς ἐμέτρησεν τὸν οὐρανὸν σπιθαμῆ ἢ τὴν γῆν δρακῆ; οὐκ ἐγώ; λέγει κύριος:

Ὁ οὐρανός μοι θρόνος, ἢ δὲ γῆ ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν μου· ποῦν οἰκοδομῆσετέ μοι, ἢ τίς τόπος τῆς καταπαύσεως μου;

ἐγνώκατε, ὅτι ματαία ἡ ἐλπὶς αὐτῶν. 3 πέρας γέ τοι πάλιν λέγει:

Ἰδοὺ, οὶ καθελόντες τὸν ναὸν τοῦτον αὐτοὶ αὐτὸν οἰκοδομήσουσιν.

4 γίνεται. διὰ γὰρ τὸ πολεμεῖν αὐτοὺς καθηρέθη ὑπὸ τῶν ἐχθρῶν· νῦν καὶ αὐτοὶ οἱ τῶν ἐχθρῶν ὑπηρέται ἀνοικοδομήσουσιν.

5 καὶ ὁ λαὸς Ἰσραήλ παραδίδοσθαι, ἐφανερώθη. λέγει γὰρ ἡ γραφή:

Καὶ κύριος τὰ πρόβατα τῆς νομῆς καὶ παραδώσει καὶ τὸν πῦργον αὐτῶν εἰς καταφθοράν. καὶ ἐγενετο καθ’ ἀ ἐλάλησεν κύριος.

6 ζητήσωμεν δὲ, εἰ ἔστιν ναὸς θεοῦ. ἔστιν, ὅπου αὐτὸς λέγει ποιεῖν καὶ καταρτίζειν.
6b For it is written:

_When the week winds up, the Qadosh Place of YHWH will be built with great honor upon the name of YHWH._\(^\text{162}\)

7 So I find there is already a Qadosh! How will it be built upon the name of YHWH? You must learn!

Before we believed in Elohim, the occupants of our hearts were corrupt and feeble, truly as a shrine\(^\text{163}\) (a qadosh) built by hands only, full of idolatry. It was the house of demons because we did works contrary to Elohim in there. 8 But it will yet be built upon the name of YHWH! Attend! YHWH’s Qadosh is built superbly! How? Learn again!

Our sins in remission, having hoped upon the Name, we have become new! We are re-created entirely! So this is why Elohim truly lives with us, making a habitation within us.

9 How so? Through the word of his faith; the calling of his promise; the wisdom of his Torah; the commandments of his teaching; he himself prophesying in us; he himself dwelling in us!

To us, who were once enslaved by Death, he opens the gate of the Qadosh (that is, his mouth). Giving us a changed mind, he leads us into the invincible Qadosh!

10 The person who wants to be rescued does not look to mankind, but upon the One who lives in him and speaks through him. This person speculates about what he has never heard before, even while speaking such unlikely words from his mouth. No, he never imagined he would hear such things coming from himself; but this is the reality of the spiritual Qadosh built by YHWH!

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\(^{162}\) Qadosh = the set-apart place, formerly a reference to the inner courts of the Jerusalem Temple. Bar Naba is writing soon after the Temple was destroyed. Cf. John 4:20-24.

\(^{163}\) Naov.
Π 6ος γέγραπται γάρ·

Καὶ ἔσται, τῆς ἐβδομάδος συντελουμένης οἰκοδομηθήσεται ναὸς θεοῦ ἐνδόξως ἐπὶ τῷ ὄνόματι κυρίου.

7 εὐρίσκω σὺν, ὅτι έτιν ναὸς. πῶς σὺν οἰκοδομηθήσεται ἐπὶ τῷ ὄνόματι κυρίου, μᾶθετε.

πρὸ τοῦ ἡμᾶς πιστεύσαι τῷ θεῷ ἢν ἡμῶν τὸ κατοικητήριον τῆς καρδίας φθαρτόν καὶ ἀσθενές, ὡς ἀληθῶς οἰκοδομητὸς ναὸς διὰ χειρός, ὅτι ἢν πλήρης μὲν εἰδωλολοτρείας καὶ ἢν οἶκος δαιμονίων διὰ τὸ ποιεῖν, ὡσ ἢν ἐνντία τῷ θεῷ. 8 Οἰκοδομηθήσεται δὲ ἐπὶ τῷ ὄνόματι κυρίου. προσέχετε δέ, ἵνα ὁ ναὸς τοῦ κυρίου ἐνδόξως οἰκοδομηθῇ. πῶς, μᾶθετε.

λαβόντες τὴν ἀρεσίν τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν καὶ ἐλπίσαντες ἐπὶ τὸ ὄνομα ἐγενόμεθα καίνο, ὅπλιν ἔξ ἀρχῆς κτιζόμενοι· διὸ ἐν τῷ κατοικητήριῳ ἡμῶν ἀληθῶς ὁ θεὸς κατοικεῖ ἐν ἡμῖν.

9 πῶς: ὁ λόγος αὐτοῦ τῆς πίστεως, ἡ κλησὶς αὐτοῦ τῆς ἐπαγγελίας, ἡ σοφία τῶν δικαιωμάτων, αἱ ἐντολαὶ τῆς διδαχῆς,

αὐτὸς ἐν ἡμῖν προφητεύων, αὐτὸς ἐν ἡμῖν κατοικῶν, τοὺς τῶν θανάτω δεδουλωμένους ἀνοιγὼν ἡμῖν τὴν θύραν τοῦ ναοῦ, ὁ ἐστὶν στόμα, μετάνοιαν διδοῦσι ημῖν, εἰσάγει εἰς τὸν ἀφθαρτον ναὸν.

10 ὁ γάρ ποιῆσιν σωθῆναι βλέπει σὺν εἰς τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἀλλ’ εἰς τὸν ἐν αὐτῷ κατοικοῦτα καὶ λαλοῦντα, ἐπ’ αὐτῷ ἐκπλησσόμενος, ἔπι τῷ μηδέποτε μῆτε τοῦ λέγοντος τὰ ῥήματα ἀκηκοέναι ἐκ τοῦ στόματος μῆτε αὐτὸς ποτε ἐπιπεθουμηκέναι ἀκούειν. τοῦτο ἐστὶν πνευματικῶς ναὸς οἰκοδομούμενος τῷ κυρίῳ.
17 1 As simply as I could I have shown you these teachings. My mind and spirit hope that I have not omitted anything pertaining to salvation! 2 If I write to you about matters at hand or about the future, you would not be able to understand them, for they hide in parables. Such parables follow:

18 1 Let us carry on toward a different type of awareness and instruction. There are two roads of instruction and authority, one of light and the other of darkness. There is a great gulf between the two roadways. Elohim’s appointed malachim are over the first. Satan appoints his malachim over the other. 2 On one side stands YHWH, yimlok l’olam; on the other side is the ruler of a world; a world presently drowning in evil.

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164 The previous chapters have described several dicotomies. The two ways are the same as those in the Didachē, chapters 1 – 5.
165 malachim = Hebrew, messengers or angels.
166 Exodus 15:18, YHWH will reign for an unspecified length of time.
Ῥ 1 Ἐφ’ ὅσον ἦν ἐν δυνατῷ καὶ ἀπλότητι δηλῶσαι ὑμῖν, ἐλπίζει
μου ἢ ψυχὴ τῇ ἐπιθυμίᾳ μου μὴ παραλελοιπέναι τι τῶν
ἀνηκόντων εἰς σωτηρίαν. 2 ἐὰν γὰρ περὶ τῶν ἐνεστῶτων ἢ
μελλόντων γράφω ὑμῖν, οὐ μὴ νοῆσητε διὰ τὸ ἐν παραβολαῖς
κεῖσθαι. ταῦτα μὲν οὕτως.

Σ 1 Μεταβῶμεν δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ ἐτέραν γνῶσιν καὶ διδαχὴν. Ὄδοι δύο
eἰσίν διδαχὴς καὶ ἐξουσίας, ἢ τε τοῦ φωτὸς καὶ ἢ τοῦ σκότους.
διαφορὰ δὲ πολλὴ τῶν δύο ὁδῶν. ἐφ’ ἢς μὲν γὰρ εἰσίν
tεταγμένοι φωταγωγοὶ ἀγγελοὶ τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐφ’ ἢς δὲ ἀγγελοὶ τοῦ
σατανᾶ. 2 καὶ ὁ μὲν ἐστὶν κύριος ἀπὸ αἰῶνων καὶ εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας, ὁ δὲ ἀρχων καιροῦ τοῦ νῦν τῆς ἁνομίας.
19 So this is the road of light: If anyone wants to travel toward the appointed place, let him be zealous in works. The following types grant us the knowledge of how to move forward:

2a You will love the one who made you.
2b You will fear the one who formed you.
2c You will magnify the one who redeemed you from death.
2d You will be simple in heart yet rich in spirit.
2e You will not hang on to those who travel the road of death.
2f You will hate whatever is not pleasing to Elohim.
2g You will hate all pretentious acting.  
2h You will not abandon the commandments of YHWH.
3a You will not applaud yourself.
3b You will be humble in all circumstances.
3c You will not credit yourself.
3d You will not plan evil against your neighbor.
3e You will not disrespect; your spirit will not accept such.
4a You will not fornicate.
4b You will not commit adultery.
4c You will not corrupt boys.
4d The word of YHWH will not go forth from you among the filthy.
4e In the case of an offense, you will not judge anyone by a double standard.
4f You will be gentle.
4g You will be quiet.
4h You will tremble at the words you have heard.
4i You will not bear a grudge against your brother.

167 Pretentious acting = hypocrisy or double-standard.
168 Applaud yourself = exaggerate your abilities or place.
Τ 1 Ἡ οὖν ὁδὸς τοῦ φωτός ἔστιν αὐτή· ἐὰν τις θέλων ὁδὸν ὀδεύειν ἐπὶ τὸν ὁρισμένον τόπον, σπεύσῃ τοῖς ἐργοῖς αὐτοῦ. ἔσιν οὖν ἡ δοθείσα ἡμῖν γνώσις τοῦ περιπατεῖν ἐν αὐτῇ τοιαύτῃ.

2a ἀγαπήσεις τὸν ποιήσαντά σε,
2b φοβηθήσετε τὸν σε πλασάντα,
2c δοξάσεις τὸν σε λυτρωσάμενον ἐκ θανάτου·
2d ἔση ἄπλοος τῇ καρδίᾳ καὶ πλούσιος τῷ πνεύματι·
2e οὐ κολληθήσῃ μετὰ τῶν πορευομένων ἐν ὁδῷ θανάτου,
2f μισήσεις πάν, ὃ οὖν ἔστιν ἄρεστόν τῷ θεῷ,
2g μισήσεις πάσαν ὑπόκρισιν· οὐ μὴ ἐγκαταλίπῃς ἐντολάς κυρίου.

3a οὐχ ψυσίς σεαυτόν,
3b ἔσῃ δὲ ταπεινόφρων κατὰ πάντα·
3c οὐκ ἀρείς ἐπὶ σεαυτόν δόξαν.
3d οὐ λήψῃ βουλήν πονηράν κατὰ τοῦ πλησίον σου,
3e οὐ δώσεις τῇ ψυχῇ σου θράσος.

4a οὐ πορνεύσεις,
4b οὐ μοιχεύσεις,
4c οὐ παιδοφθορήσεις.
4d οὐ μὴ σου ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἐξέθη ἐν ἀκαθαρσίᾳ τινῶν.

4e οὐ λήψῃ πρόσωπον ἐλέγξαι πινά ἐπὶ παραπτώματι.
4f ἔσῃ πραύς,
4g ἔσῃ ἡσύχιος,
4h ἔσῃ τρέμων τοὺς λόγους οὕς ἡκουσας,
4i οὐ μνησικακήσεις τῷ ἀδελφῷ σου.
5 You will not doubt whether something will happen or not.

\textit{You will not take the name of YHWH for improper purpose.}\textsuperscript{169}

You will love your neighbor more than your own spirit.
You will not murder a child by abortion nor destroy it after it is born.
You will not remove your hand from your son or daughter: you will teach them the fear of YHWH from their youth.

6 \textit{You will not covet your neighbor's goods.}

You will not greedily extort.
Your spirit will not be with the proud, but you will be with the lowly and just.
You will receive the troubles that come upon you as blessings, knowing that nothing happens without Elohim knowing.

7 \textit{You will not be double-minded nor double-tongued, for to be double-tongued is the snare of death.}

You will offer yourself to your employers as to the image of Elohim, with humility and respect.
You will not order your servant or maid rudely, for they hope in the same Elohim as you; unless maybe you no longer fear Elohim, who is over both! He did not come to call those of high esteem, but to call those whom the Spirit prepared.

8 You will share everything with your neighbor and will not say that things are \textit{exclusively} your own. For if you are partners in the incorruptible, how much more in the corruptible?
You will not be quick to speak, for the mouth is a death snare. As far as possible, may your spirit be pure.\textsuperscript{170}

\textsuperscript{169} Exo 20:7 In the Greek of Bar Naba it is: 
\begin{center}
\textit{ou mē labēs epi mataiō to onoma kuriou: No not take up uselessly the name of YHWH.}
\end{center}

\textsuperscript{170} Cf. Prov. 21:6.
Τ 5 οὗ μὴ διψυχήσης, πότερον ἔσται ἢ οὗ.

οὗ ἡ λάβης ἐπὶ ματάω τὸ ὄνομα κυρίου.

ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὑπὲρ τὴν ψυχήν σου.

οὗ φονεύσεις τέκνον ἐν φθορᾷ, οὖδὲ πάλιν γεννηθέν ἄποκτενεῖς.

οὗ μὴ ἄρης τὴν χείρά σου ἀπὸ τοῦ υἱοῦ σου ἢ ἀπὸ τῆς θυγατρός σου, ἀλλὰ ἀπὸ νεότητος διδάξεις φόβον θεοῦ.

6 οὗ ἡ γένη ἐπιθυμῶν τὰ τοῦ πλησίον σου,

οὗ μὴ γένῃ πλεονέκτης.

οὐδὲ κολλήσῃ ἐκ ψυχῆς σου μετὰ ψυχῆν, ἀλλὰ μετὰ ταπεινῶν καὶ δικαιῶν ἀναστραφήσῃ,

τὰ συμβαίνοντά σοι ἑνεργήματα ως ἀγαθὰ προσδέξῃ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἀνευθείας ὁκδὲν γίνεται.

7 οὐκ ἔσῃ δινώμων οὐδὲ γλωσσώδης, ὑποταγήσῃ κυρίοις ως τύπῳ θεοῦ ἐν αἰσχύνῃ καὶ φόβῳ,

οὗ μὴ ἐπιτάξῃς δούλῳ σου ἢ παιδίσκη ἐν τικρίᾳ, τοῖς ἐπὶ τὸν αὐτόν θεὸν ἐλπίζουσιν,

μὴ ποτὲ οὗ μὴ φοβηθήσονται τὸν ἐπ’ ἀμφοτέροις θεον· ὅτι οὗ ἠλθεν κατὰ πρόσωπον καλέσαι, ἀλλ’ ἐφ’ οὗς τὸ πνεῦμα ἠτοίμασεν.

8 κοινωνήσεις ἐν πᾶσιν τῷ πλησίον σου καὶ οὐκ ἔρεις ἰδιὰ εἶναι· εἰ γὰρ ἐν τῷ ἀφθάρτῳ κοινωνοὶ ἔστε, πόσῳ μᾶλλον ἐν τοῖς φθαρτοῖς;

οὐκ ἔσῃ πρόγλωσσος· παγὶς γὰρ τὸ στόμα θανάτου. ὅσον δύνασαι, ὑπὲρ τῆς ψυχῆς σου ἀγνεύσεις.
9 Do not be a hand-stretcher in receiving and a hand-drawer in giving.\textsuperscript{171}

You will love every one that speaks the word of YHWH to you, even as the apple of your eye.

10 You will remember the Day of Judgment night and day.

Every day you will search for the qadosh.

11 You will not doubt or complain about your giving. Give to every one who asks and you will know who gives a good reward as compensation.

You will take care of what you have received, not adding or taking from it.

You will hate the evil one to the end.

You will judge equitably.

12 You will not make a rift but will make shalom by bringing opponents together.

You will confess of your sins.

You will not go to prayer with a guilty conscience.

Such is the road of light.

\textsuperscript{171} Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 4:31.
Τὸ μὴ γίνον πρὸς μὲν τὸ λαβεῖν ἐκτείνων τὰς χεῖρας, πρὸς μὲν τὸ λαβεῖν ἐκτείνων τὰς χεῖρας, πρὸς δὲ τὸ δοῦναι συστιῶν.

ἀγαπήσεις ὡς κόρην τοῦ ὀφθαλμοῦ σου πάντα τὸν λαλοῦντά σοι τὸν λόγον κυρίου.

10 μνησθήσῃ ἡμέραν κρίσεως νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας, καὶ ἐκζητήσεις καθ’ ἐκάστην ἡμέραν τὰ πρόσωπα τῶν ἁγίων,

11 ἡ διὰ λόγου κοπιῶν καὶ πορευόμενος εἰς λύτρωσιν ἁμαρτιῶν σου. οὐ διστάσεις μισθοῦ καλός ἀνταποδότης.

φυλάξεις ἃ παρέλαβες, μήτε προστίθεις μήτε ἀφαιρῶν,

εἰς τέλος μισήσεις τὸ πονηρὸν.

κρίνεις δικαίως.

12 οὐ ποιήσεις σχίσμα, εἰρηνεύσεις δὲ μαχομένους συναγαγών.

ἐξομολογήσῃ ἐπὶ ἁμαρτίαις σου.

οὐ προσήξεις ἐπὶ προσευχὴν ἐν συνειδήσει πονηρᾶ.

αὕτη ἐστὶν ὁδὸς τοῦ φωτὸς.
20 1 But the road of the Black One is crooked and replete with cursing, for it is the road of eternal death and punishment, and on it are snares that destroy the spirit; including idolatry, recklessness, pride of power, hypocrisy, double-mindedness, adultery, murder, rape, conceit, indiscretion, deceit, malice, self-will, witchcraft, sorcery, covetousness, lack of fear toward Elohim. 172

2a Here are persecutors of good, haters of truth, lovers of lies; 2b who do not know the reward of righteousness; 2c who do not hold to the good or righteous justice; 2d who pay no attention to the widow and orphan; 173 2e now aware to revering Elohim, but evil instead: 2f from whom meekness and patience are far off; 2g who love the useless; 2h who flee from repayments; 2i who have no mercy for the poor; 2j who do not help the one in trouble; 2k who are quick to gossip; 174 2l who care not to know who made them; 2m murderers of children; 175 2n corruptors of the image of Elohim who turn aside from the poor and oppress the miserable; 2o lawyers 176 for the rich; 2p judges who are unjust to the poor; 2q sinning in every way imaginable.

1 Ἡ δὲ τοῦ μέλας ὁδὸς ἔστιν σκολιά καὶ κατάρας μεστή.
ὁδὸς ἔστιν θανάτου αἰωνίου μετὰ τιμωρίας, ἐν Ἡ ἔστιν τὰ ἀπολλύντα τῇ ψυχῇ αὐτῶν· εἰδωλολατρεία, θρασύτης, ὑψὸς δυνάμεως, ὑπόκρισις, διπλοκαρδία, μοιχεία, φόνος, ἀρπαγή, ὑπερηφανία, μαγεία, πλεονεξία, ἀφοβία θεοῦ·

2a διώκται τῶν ἁγαθῶν, μισοῦντες ἀλήθειαν, ἁγαπῶντες ψεύδος,
2b οὐ γινώσκοντες μισθὸν δικαιοσύνης,
2c οὐ κολλώμενοι ἁγαθῷ, οὐ κρίσει δικαία,
2d χήρα καὶ ὁρφανῷ οὐ προσέχοντες,
2e ἁγρυπνοῦντες οὐκ εἰς φόβον θεοῦ, ἀλλ’ ἐπὶ τὸ πονηρόν,
2f ἄρν μακρὰν καὶ πόρρω πραύτης καὶ ὑπομονή,
2g ἁγαπῶντες μάταια,
2h διώκοντες ἀνταπόδομα (repay),
2i οὐκ ἐλεώντες πτωχόν,
2j οὔ πονοῦντες ἐπὶ καταπονομένων,
2k εὐχερεῖς ἐν καταλαλιᾷ,
2l οὐ γινώσκοντες τὸν ποιήσαντα αὐτούς,
2m καταφονεῖς τέκνων,
2n φθορεῖς πλάσματος θεοῦ, ἀποστρεφόμενοι τὸν ἐνδέμενον, καταπονοῦντες τὸν πενθὸς,
2o πλουσίων παράκλητοι,
2p πενήτων ἁνομοὶ κριται,
2q πανθαμάρτητοι.
It is right for the one who has learned the ordinances of YHWH to walk in them – even as many as have been written above! For the one who does will be greatly esteemed in the kingdom of Elohim. However, the one choosing the opposite will perish along with that one’s works. Through one is resurrection; through the other, reckoning.

I ask those of you who are higher-up: if you will receive friendly advice from me, keep near the ones to whom you may do good and do not fail them. For the day is at hand in which all that is his will perish along with the Evil One. But YHWH is near, even at hand; and so is his reward.

Over and over I entreat you-all to be good lawgivers over each other as you continue to be good advisers to yourselves. Cast out all hypocrisy from among you. And may Elohim, who rules the whole world, give you wisdom, understanding, discipline, knowledge of Torah, and patience. Be taught by Elohim, inquiring about what YHWH wants from you, and work so you may be established in a Day of Judgment.

If there is yet any remembrance of good, remember me as you practice so my wishing and watching may lead to the good. Yes, I beg you, asking this as a favor. So long as you contain goodness, do not fail in any of these things, but seek them out ceaselessly and keep all the commandments: such are most commendable.

I have been very excited to write to you (as well as I was able), that I might make you happy! Good-bye then, you children of ahava and shalom! May the Elohim of Kavod and of all favor be with your spirit! Amein!

Letter of Bar Naba

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177 Isaiah 40:10.
178 Perhaps memories of a past visit or of the contents of this letter.
179 Ahava & shalom = love & peace.
Φ 1 Καλὸν οὖν ἐστὶν μαθόντα τὰ δικαιώματα τοῦ κυρίου, ὡσα
gέγραπται, ἐν τούτοις περιπατεῖν. ὁ γὰρ ταῦτα ποιῶν ἐν τῇ
βασιλείᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ δοξασθήσεται· ὁ έκεῖνα έκλειγόμενος μετὰ τῶν
ἐργῶν αὐτοῦ συναπολεῖται. διὰ τούτο ἀνάστασις, διὰ τούτο
ἀνταπόδομα.

2 ἔρωτῶ τοὺς ὑπερέχοντας, εἰ τινὰ μου γνώμης ἁγαθῆς
λαμβάνετε συμβουλίαν· ἔχετε μεθ’ ἑαυτῶν εἰς οὕς ἐργάσησθε τὸ
καλὸν· μὴ ἐλλειπῆτε. 3 ἔγγυς ὁ κύριος καὶ ὁ μισθὸς αὐτοῦ.

4 ἔτι καὶ ἔρωτῶ ὑμᾶς· ἑαυτῶν γίνεσθε νομοθέται ἁγαθοὶ, ἑαυτῶν
μένετε σύμβουλοι πιστοὶ, ἀρατε ἐξ ὑμῶν πᾶσαν ὑπόκρισιν. 5 ὁ
dὲ θεός, ὁ τοῦ παντὸς κόσμου κυριεύων, δῶθ ὑμῖν σοφίαν,
σύνεσιν, ἔπιστήμην, γνῶσιν τῶν δικαιωμάτων αὐτοῦ, ὑπομονήν.
6 γίνεσθε δὲ θεοδίδακτοι, ἐκζητοῦντες τί ζητεῖ κύριος ἃφ’ ὑμῶν,
καὶ ποιεῖτε ἣνα εὐρεθῆτε ἐν ἡμέρᾳ κρίσεως.

7 εἰ δὲ τίς ἐστὶν ἁγαθοῦ μνεία, μνημονεύετε μου μελετῶντες
ταῦτα, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία καὶ ἡ ἀγρυπνία εἰς τί ἁγαθὸν χαρῆση.
ἔρωτῶ ὑμᾶς, χάριν αἰτούμενος. 8 ἔως ἐτί τὸ καλὸν σκεύος ἐστὶν
μεθ’ ὑμῶν, μὴ ἐλλείπητε μηδενί ἑαυτῶν, ἀλλὰ συνεχῶς ἐκζητεῖτε
ταῦτα καὶ ἀναπληρωτε πᾶσαν ἐντολὴν· ἐστὶν γὰρ ἢξια.

9 διὸ μᾶλλον ἐστιούδασα γράψω ἃφ’ ὃν ἡδυνήσῃ, εἰς τὸ
ἐυφράναι ὑμᾶς. σώζεσθε, ἁγάτης τέκνα καὶ εἰρήνης. ὁ κύριος
τῆς δόξης καὶ πάσης χάριτος μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν.

Ἔπιστολὴ βαρνάβα.
The Teachings of the Three Letters

The earliest manuscript of Barnabas is in Greek, and this translation uses the Greek of the Sinaiticus. So here is where we begin in deciphering the teachings of the three letters.

1) The two letters given are the first letters of Ἰησοῦς (ΙΗΣΟΥΣ, Iesus, Jesus, Yahshua). Then and now, these letters stand for the sacred name YA. We can see them plainly on the paraments at the right. These letters are

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iota \ [\iota \equiv 10] + \text{eta} \ [\eta \equiv 8] = 18
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If Avraham actually set forth this teaching, he would probably have done so in Paleo-Hebrew:

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yod \ [\upsilon \equiv 10] + \text{heth} \ [\nu \equiv 8] = 18
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yod \ [\upsilon \equiv 10] + \text{he} \ [\zeta \equiv 5] = 15, \text{ disqualifying the } \varsigma \text{ in the spelling of the Messiah’s name, at least in this scenario.}
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2) Ἰησοῦς = Iesus = Yahshus. All masculine names in Greek require the ending of sigma ς in their first (or nominative) form. The numeric value of this name = 300! In the ancient Greek tongue, Master’s name was undoubtedly pronounced as yuh-SHOOS. Neither Latin nor Greek has a special letter for the sound ‘sh’ (nor does Hebrew, for that matter). The sigma, written as ‘Σ,’ ‘σ,’ ‘ς,’ or ‘s,’ was employed in the stead of both Hebrew letters sin and shin. So it could sound either way. yuh-SHOOS is a very closed representation of ‘Yahshua.’ Additionally, the value of shin [ς] is also 300.

3 The Greek letter tau [τ] = 300. As mentioned before, in Paleo-Hebrew, the letter shin is worth 300 [ς = 300]. Yet, as we can

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180 The first letters of the Tetragrammaton, YHWH.
181 This is not a conspiracy to defame the Sacred Name as some teach.
see, this play on numbers mystically works out, just as Bar Naba said, in either language.

But let us consider the taw in Paleo-Hebrew. It is worth 400 and it looks like this: ×. Note that the taw [×] is the mark of sealing in Ezekiel 9:4:

And YHWH said to the malach, Go through the middle of the city, through the middle of Jerusalem, and set a mark [× = taw] upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations committed.

In addition, both τ and × are shapes used in the stake of impalement – the cross – and that τ + × = 700, the special number of completion (100 x 7).

The use of Greek letters to convey this mystery assures us that Bar Naba used the Septuagint (LXX, Greek) version of the Tanakh translated around 200 B.C., which also contained the deuterocanonical books such as I & II Maccabees.
The Teaching of the Eight Days

Scripture speaks of the seven days comprising Salvation History. It says little about what happened before the first day or what is to come on the eighth. Throughout the text of Scripture, the eighth day is of great importance: it is the day of circumcision, the great day of the feasts, the day of the acceptable offering, the number of days needed by the Maccabees to cleanse the temple, the believers broke bread.

It has long been believed that the creation story is a type or parallel of salvation history, with each day of creation representing a thousand years of history.

Psalms 90:3,4. You bring human beings to the dust, by saying, "Return, children of Adam." A thousand years are to you like a yesterday that has passed, like a watch of the night.

2 Peter 3:8. Friends, there is something you must never forget: that with YHWH, a day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day.

Further, the world was to be under Satan’s rule for 4 days (4000 years), since Messiah would come at the beginning of the fifth day, and return at the seventh day. The seventh day, or seventh set of a thousand years, would be the Millennium (χιλιαρχία) of peace, evangelistic activity, and severe but equitable judgment.

Barnabas tells us that his sect observed the Sabbath of YHWH, but looked forward to a Millennium of peace by setting off the eighth day to rejoice in fellowship –

So, my children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, all evil will be brought to an end.

Continuing:
...And the words, He rested on the seventh day; they mean that after his Son came the time of the lawless one ended, and all unrighteous will be sentenced, and the sun, moon, and stars, will be changed – then he will rest well on the seventh day. (Barnabas 15:4,5, paraphrase)

He then quotes another prophetic source:

(YHWH says:) “The present Shabbatot observed are not acceptable to me. Only that which I have fashioned will be acceptable. On my Shabbat, after setting all to rest, I will fashion the beginning of an eighth day – the beginning of another world.”

(Barnabas says:) Even so, let us celebrate on the eight day, in which Yahshua arose out of death, appeared publicly, and ascended into the sky! (Barnabas 15:8,9)

Some scholars see this new world of the eighth day as the invention of Barnabas; however, reference to it is made in other sacred documents, as well as Christian commentaries.

Consider 2 Enoch 33:1:

(YHWH says:) I appointed the eighth day also, that the eighth day should be the first-created after my work, and that the first seven revolve in the form of the seventh thousand, and that at the beginning of the eighth thousand there should be a time of not-counting, endless, with neither years nor months nor weeks nor days nor hours.

We are not saying that either of these books deserve canonical status, but the certainly do indicate what religious people believed in the first century of the common era.

There is also a tacit reference to the eighth day type in the New Testament:

Acts 2:46. Each day, with one heart, they regularly went to the Temple but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously.
Acts 20:7. On the first day of the week we met for the breaking of bread. Paul was due to leave the next day, and he preached a sermon that went on till the middle of the night.

The Acts 2 passage speaks of daily gathering in Temple and homes. The Acts 20 passage is one of the “we” testaments, and given greater authenticity. The first day of the week would have been sundown on the Sabbath (Saturday evening, not Sunday.)

In summary, we can say that those in covenant with Bar Naba knew which thousand-year “day” they were living in, knew when Messiah was to come (Daniel 12:10ff), and recognized him on the fifth prophetic day, which began sometime near the beginning of the common era (John 1:1-5).

After the ascension, this information became public (as in Barnabas 15), and Covenanters (for the most part) kept immaculate records of time. In our day, not a few ‘sectarians’ understand that when the seven thousand years are completed, Yahshua the Messiah will turn over a perfected world to the Heavenly Father (Revelation 22).

Some are even aware that we are now in the 7th day, since six thousand years of Salvation History has passed. The seventh day is the Millennium. For more information on this timely subject, visit www.JacksonSnyder.com/arc/2001/Millennium-Now.htm.

182 With the exception of R. Akiba in the second century, who set the calendar back 240 years. This ‘setback’ has not yet been mended, so when looking to the Jewish calendar, we should add 240 years.
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