

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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Introductory Notes I

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,¹ who has loved us in shalom.

2 I rejoice greatly beyond measure at your blessed and wonderful spirit, since the Torah² of Elohim³ is great and rich toward all you who have received the engrafted favor of the spirit.⁴

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, YHWH⁵ 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 living⁶ 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.

⁴ cf. James 1:21.

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 υιοὶ καὶ θυγατέρες, ἐν ὀνόματι κυρίου τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντος ἡμᾶς, ἐν εἰρήνῃ.

2 Μεγάλων μὲν ὄντων καὶ πλουσίων τῶν τοῦ θεοῦ δικαιωμάτων εἰς ὑμᾶς, ὑπὲρ τι καὶ καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ὑπερευφραίνομαι ἐπὶ τοῖς μακαρίοις καὶ ἐνδόξοις ὑμῶν πνεύμασιν· οὕτως ἔμφυτον τῆς δωρεᾶς πνευματικῆς χάριν εἰλήφατε.

3 διὸ καὶ μᾶλλον συγχαίρω ἑμαυτῷ ἐλπίζων σωθῆναι, ὅτι ἀληθῶς βλέπω ἐν ὑμῖν ἐκκεχυμένον ἀπὸ τοῦ πλουσίου τῆς πηγῆς κυρίου πνεῦμα ἐφ' ὑμᾶς. οὕτω με ἐξέπληξεν ἐπὶ ὑμῶν ἡ ἐμοὶ ἐπιποθήτη ὄψις ὑμῶν.

4 πεπεισμένος οὖν τοῦτο καὶ συνειδὼς ἑμαυτῷ, ὅτι ἐν ὑμῖν λαλήσας πολλὰ ἐπίσταμαι, ὅτι ἐμοὶ συνώδευσεν ἐν ὁδῷ δικαιοσύνης κύριος, καὶ πάντως ἀναγκάζομαι κἀγὼ εἰς τοῦτο, ἀγαπᾶν ὑμᾶς ὑπὲρ τὴν ψυχὴν μου, ὅτι μεγάλη πίστις καὶ ἀγάπη ἐγκατοικεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν ἐπ' ἐλπίδι ζωῆς αὐτοῦ.

5 λογισάμενος οὖν τοῦτο, ὅτι ἐὰν μελήσῃ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν τοῦ μέρος τι μεταδοῦναι ἀφ' οὗ ἔλαβον, ὅτι ἔσται μοι τοιούτοις πνεύμασιν ὑπηρετήσαντι εἰς μισθόν, ἐσπούδασα κατὰ μικρὸν ὑμῖν πέμπειν, ἵνα μετὰ τῆς πίστεως ὑμῶν τελείαν ἔχητε τὴν γνῶσιν.

1 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*.

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 ἐστὶν κυρίου·

α' ζωῆς ἐλπίς, κρίσεως, ἀρχὴ καὶ τέλος πίστεως ἡμῶν·

β' καὶ δικαιοσύνη,

γ' καὶ ἀγαλλιάσεως ἔργων δικαιοσύνης μαρτυρία.

7 ἐγνώρισεν γὰρ ἡμῖν ὁ δεσπότης διὰ τῶν προφητῶν τὰ παρεληλυθότα καὶ τὰ ἐνεστώτα, καὶ τῶν μελλόντων δοῦς ἀπαρχὰς ἡμῖν γεύσεως, ὧν τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα βλέποντες ἐνεργούμενα, καθὼ ἐλάλησεν, ὀφείλομεν πλουσιώτερον καὶ ὑψηλότερον προσάγειν τῷ φόβῳ αὐτοῦ.

8 ἐγὼ δὲ οὐχ ὡς διδάσκαλος, ἀλλ' ὡς εἷς ἐξ ὑμῶν ὑποδείξω ὀλίγα, δι' ὧν ἐν τοῖς παροῦσιν εὐφρανθήσεσθε.

2 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

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, ὀφείλομεν ἑαυτοῖς προσέχοντες ἐκζητεῖν τὰ δικαιώματα κυρίου. 2 τῆς οὖν πίστεως ἡμῶν εἰσιν βοηθοὶ φόβος καὶ ὑπομονή, τὰ δὲ συμμαχοῦντα ἡμῖν μακροθυμία καὶ ἐγκράτεια· 3 τούτων οὖν μενόντων τὰ πρὸς κύριον ἀγνῶς συνευφραίνονται αὐτοῖς σοφία, σύνεσις, ἐπιστήμη, γνῶσις.

4 πεφανέρωκεν γὰρ ἡμῖν διὰ πάντων τῶν προφητῶν, ὅτι οὔτε θυσιῶν οὔτε ὀλοκαυτωμάτων οὔτε προσφορῶν ψρήζει, λέγων ὅτε μέν·

5 Τί μοι πλῆθος τῶν θυσιῶν ὑμῶν; λέγει κύριος. πλήρης εἰμι ὀλοκαυτωμάτων, καὶ στέαρ ἀρνῶν καὶ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων οὐ βούλομαι, οὐδ' ἂν ἔρχησθε ὀφθῆναί μοι. τίς γὰρ ἐξεζήτησεν ταῦτα ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν ὑμῶν; πατεῖν μου τὴν αὐλὴν οὐ προσθήσεσθε. ἐὰν φέρητε σεμίδαλιν, μάταιον·

6 θυμίαμα βδέλυγμά μοι ἐστίν· τὰς νεομηνίας ὑμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἄνευ ζυγοῦ ἀνάγκης, ὧν, μὴ ἀνθρωποποίητον ἔχη τὴν προσφοράν.

2 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.

¹³ Mizraim = Egypt.

¹⁴ Jeremiah 7:22,23; 6:17.

¹⁵ Abba = familiar title for 'father' – like 'papa.'

¹⁶ Psalms 51:17; Genesis 8:21.

Β 7 λέγει δὲ πάλιν πρὸς αὐτούς·

Μὴ ἐγὼ ἐντειλάμην τοῖς πατράσιν ὑμῶν ἐκπορευομένοις ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύπτου, προσενέγκαι μοι ὀλοκαυτώματα καὶ θυσίας; 8 ἀλλ' ἢ τοῦτο ἐντειλάμην αὐτοῖς· ἕκαστος ὑμῶν κατὰ τοῦ πλησίον ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ἑαυτοῦ κακίαν μὴ μνησικακέτω, καὶ ὄρκον ψευδῆ μὴ ἀγαπᾷτε.

9 αἰσθάνεσθαι οὖν ὀφείλομεν, μὴ ὄντες ἀσύνετοι, τὴν γνώμην τῆς ἀγαθωσύνης τοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν, ὅτ' ἡμῖν λέγει, θέλων ἡμᾶς μὴ ὁμοίως πλανωμένους ἐκείνοις ζητεῖν, πῶς προσάγωμεν αὐτῷ. 10 ἡμῖν οὖν οὕτως λέγει·

Θυσία τῷ κυρίῳ καρδία συντετριμμένη, ὁσμὴ εὐωδίας τῷ κυρίῳ κυρίῳ καρδία δοξάζουσα τὸν πεπλακότα αὐτήν.

ἀκριβεύεσθαι οὖν ὀφείλομεν, 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 Kavod¹⁷ 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

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:

Γ 1 Λέγει οὖν πάλιν περὶ τούτων πρὸς αὐτούς·

Ἰνατί μοι νηστεύετε, λέγει κύριος, ὡς σήμερον ἀκουσθῆναι ἐν κραυγῇ τὴν φωνὴν ὑμῶν; οὐ ταύτην τὴν νηστείαν ἐγὼ ἐξελεξάμην, λέγει κύριος, οὐκ ἄνθρωπον ταπεινοῦντα τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ, 2 οὐδ' ἂν κάμψητε ὡς κρίκον τὸν τράχηλον ὑμῶν καὶ σάκκον ἐνδύσησθε καὶ σποδὸν ὑποστρώσητε, οὐδ' οὕτως καλέσετε νηστείαν δεκτὴν.

3 πρὸς ἡμᾶς δὲ λέγει·

Ἴδου αὕτη ἡ νηστεία, ἣν ἐγὼ ἐξελεξάμην, λέγει κύριος· λύε πάντα σύνδεσμον ἀδικίας, διάλυε στραγγαλιὰς βιαιῶν συναλλαγμάτων, ἀπόσπελλε τεθραυσμένους ἐν ἀφέσει καὶ πᾶσαν ἄδικον συγγραφὴν διάσπα. διάθρυπτε πεινῶσιν τὸν ἄρτον σου, καὶ γυμνὸν ἐὰν ἴδῃς περιβάλε· ἀστέγους εἰσαγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου, καὶ ἐὰν ἴδῃς ταπεινόν, οὐχ ὑπερόψη αὐτόν, οὐδὲ ἀπὸ τῶν οικείων τοῦ σπέρματός σου.

4 τότε ῥαγήσεται πρῶϊμον τὸ φῶς σου, καὶ τὰ ἱμάτιά σου ταχέως ἀνατελεῖ, καὶ προπορεύσεται ἔμπροσθέν σου ἡ δικαιοσύνη, καὶ προπορεύσεται ἔμπροσθέν σου ἡ δικαιοσύνη, καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ θεοῦ περιστελεῖ σε.

5 τότε βοήσεις, καὶ ὁ θεὸς ἐπακούσεται σου, ἔτι λαλοῦντός σου ἐρεῖ· Ἴδου πάρειμι· ἐὰν ἀφέλῃς ἀπὸ σοῦ σύνδεσμον καὶ χειροτονίαν καὶ ῥῆμα γογγυσμοῦ, καὶ δῶς πεινῶντι τὸν ἄρτον σου ἐκ ψυχῆς σου καὶ ψυχὴν τεταπεινωμένην ἐλεήσης.

6 εἰς τοῦτο οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ὁ μακρόθυμος προβλέψας, ὡς ἐν ἀκεραιοσύνῃ πιστεύσει ὁ λαός, ὃν ἡτοίμασεν ἐν τῷ ἡγαπημένῳ αὐτοῦ, προεφανέρωσεν ἡμῖν περὶ πάντων, ἵνα μὴ προσρησώμεθα ὡς ἐπήλυτοι τῷ ἐκείνων νόμῳ.

“their law” is but a “handwriting of ordinances,” not those written by the finger of YHWH. James takes a measured approach to assimilation in Acts 15:21-29.

4 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:

²⁰ Ascribed to Enoch, reiterated in Matthew 24:22.

²¹ Daniel 7:24.

²² Daniel 7:7,8.

Δ 1 Δεῖ οὖν ἡμᾶς περὶ τῶν ἐνεστώτων ἐπιπολὺ ἐραυνῶντας ἐκζητεῖν τὰ δυνάμενα ἡμᾶς σῶζειν. φύγωμεν οὖν τελείως ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν ἔργων 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 οὗ γέγραπται, ὡς Ἐνὼχ λέγει.

Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ ὁ δεσπότης συντέμνηκεν τοὺς καιροὺς καὶ τὰς ἡέρας, ἵνα ταχύνῃ ὁ ἡγαπημένος αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν ἦξῃ,

4 λέγει δὲ οὕτως καὶ ὁ προφήτης·

Βασιλεῖαι δέκα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς βασιλεύσουσιν, καὶ ἐξαναστήσεται ὅπισθεν μικρὸς βασιλεύς, ὃς ταπεινώσει τρεῖς ὑφ' ἐν τῶν βασιλέων.

5 ὁμοίως περὶ τοῦ αὐτοῦ λέγει Δανιήλ·

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

6 σιιέναι οὖν ὀφείλετε. ἔτι δὲ καὶ τοῦτο ἐρωτῶ ὑμᾶς ὡς εἷς ἐξ ὑμῶν ὢν, ἰδίως δὲ καὶ πάντας ἀγαπῶν ὑπὲρ τὴν ψυχὴν μου, προσέχειν νῦν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ μὴ ὁμοιοῦσθαί τισιν ἐπισωρεύοντας ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ὑμῶν λέγοντας, ὅτι ἡ διαθήκη ἐκείνων καὶ ἡμῶν. ἡμῶν μὲν· ἀλλ' ἐκεῖνοι οὕτως εἰς τέλος ἀπώλεσαν αὐτὴν λαβόντος ἤδη τοῦ Μωϋσέως.

4 7 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

8 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.

9 (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.

10 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.

Δ 7 λέγει γὰρ ἡ γραφή·

Καὶ ἦν Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ ὄρει νηστεύων ἡ ἑρας τεσσαράκοντα καὶ νύκτας τεσσαράκοντα, καὶ ἔλαβεν τὴν διαθήκην ἀπὸ τοῦ κυρίου, πλάκας λιθίνας γεγραμμένας τῷ κακτύλῳ τῆς χειρὸς τοῦ κυρίου.

8 ἀλλὰ ἐπιστραφέντες ἐπὶ τὰ εἰδωλα ἀπώλεσαν αὐτήν. λέγει γὰρ οὕτως κύριος.

Μωϋσῆ Μωϋσῆ, κατάβηθι τὸ τάχος, ὅτι ἠνόμησεν ὁ λαός σου, οὓς ἐξήγαγες ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύπτου,

καὶ συνῆκεν Μωϋσῆς καὶ ἔριψεν τὰς δύο πλάκας ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ· καὶ συνετρίβη αὐτῶν ἡ διαθήκη, ἵνα ἡ τοῦ ἡγαπημένου Ἰησοῦ ἐγκατασφραγισθῇ εἰς τὴν καρδίαν ἡμῶν ἐν ἐπίδι τῆς πίστεως αὐτοῦ.

9 πολλὰ δὲ θέλων γράφειν, οὐχ ὥς διδάσκαλος, ἀλλ' ὥς πρέπει ἀγαπῶντι ἀφ' ὧν ἔχομεν μὴ ἐλλείπειν, γράφειν ἐσπούδασα, περίφημα ὑμῶν. διὸ προσέχωμεν ἐν ταῖς ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις· οὐδὲν γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἡμᾶς ὁ πᾶς χρόνος τῆς πίστεως ἡμῶν, ἐὰν μὴ νῦν ἐν τῷ ἀνόμῳ καιρῷ καὶ τοῖς μέλλουσιν σκανδάλοις, ὥς πρέπει υἱοῖς θεοῦ, ἀντιστῶμεν, ἵνα μὴ σχῇ παρείσδυσιν ὁ μέλας.

10 φύγωμεν ἀπὸ πάσης ματαιότητος, μισήσωμεν τελείως τὰ ἔργα τῆς πονηρᾶς ὁδοῦ. μὴ καθ' ἑαυτοὺς ἐνδύνοντες μονάζετε ὥς ἥδη δεδικαιωμένοι, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ συνερχόμενοι συνζητεῖτε περὶ τοῦ κοινῇ συμφέροντος.

4 11 The Scripture says,

*Woe to those who are wise in their own conceit and educated in their own eyes.*²⁵

Let us be as spirit! Let us be a finished temple²⁶ 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.²⁷ 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*,²⁸ 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,*²⁹

as it is written.

²⁵ Isaiah 5:21.

²⁶ temple - ναός – 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 ἑαυτοῖς καὶ ἐνώπιον ἑαυτῶν ἐπιστήμονες.

γενώμεθα πνευματικοί, γενώμεθα ναὸς τέλειος τῷ θεῷ. ἐφ' ὅσον ἐστὶν ἐν ἡμῖν, μελετῶμεν τὸν φόβον τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ φυλάσσειν ἀγωνιζώμεθα τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ, ἵνα ἐν τοῖς δικαιώμασιν αὐτοῦ εὐφρανθῶμεν. 12 ὁ κύριος ἀποσωπολήμπτως κρινεῖ τὸν κόσμον. ἕκαστος καθὼς ἐποίησεν κομιεῖται. ἐὰν ᾖ ἀγαθός, ἡ πονηρός, ὁ μισθὸς τῆς πονηρίας ἔπρอสθεν αὐτοῦ·

13 ἵνα μήποτε ἐπαναπαύομενοι ὡς κλητοὶ ἐπικαθυπνώσωμεν ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις ἡμῶν, καὶ ὁ πονηρὸς ἄρχων λαβὼν τὴν καθ' ἡμῶν ἐξουσίαν ἀπώσεται ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ κυρίου.

14 ἔτι δὲ κάκεῖνο, ἀδελφοί μου, νοεῖτε· ὅταν βλέπετε ματὰ τηλικαῦτα σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα γεγονότα ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ, καὶ οὕτως ἐγκαταλελειῖθαι αὐτούς· προσέχωμεν, μήποτε,

πολλοὶ κλητοί, ολίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοὶ εὐρεθῶμεν,

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.*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.*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*: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,*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 τοῦτο γὰρ ὑπέμεινεν ὁ κύριος παραδοῦναι τὴν σάρκα εἰς καταφθοράν, ἵνα τῇ ἀφέσει τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἀγνισθῶμεν, ὃ ἐστὶν ἐν τῷ αἵματι τοῦ ῥαντίσματος αὐτοῦ. 2 γέγραπται γὰρ περὶ αὐτοῦ ἃ μὲν πρὸς τὸν Ἰσραήλ, ἃ δὲ πρὸς ἡμᾶς, λέγει δὲ οὕτως·

Ἐτραυματίσθη διὰ τὰς ἀνομίας ἡ ὧν καὶ μεμαλάκισται διὰ τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡ ὧν· τῷ ὥλωπι αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς ἰάθημεν· ὥς πρόβατον ἐπὶ σφαγὴν ἤχθη, καὶ ὥς ἀμνὸς ἄφωνος ἐναντίον τοῦ κείραντος αὐτόν.

3 οὐκοῦν ὑπερευχαρστεῖν οφείλομεν τῷ κυρίῳ, ὅτι καὶ τὰ παρεληλυθότα ἡμῖν ἐγνώρισεν καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἐνεστώσιν ἡμᾶς ἐσόφισεν, καὶ εἰς τὰ μέλλοντα οὐκ ἐσμὲν ἀσύνητοι. 4 λέγει δὲ ἡ γραφή·

Οὐκ ἀδίκως ἐκτείνεται δίκτυα περρωτοῖς.

τοῦτο λέγει, ὅτι δικαίως ἀπολεῖται ἄνθρωπος, ὃς ἔχων ὁδοῦ δικαιοσύνης γινῶσιν ἑαυτὸν εἰς ὁδὸν σκότους ἀποσυνέχει.

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

Ποιήσωμεν ἄνθρωπον κατ' εἰκόνα καὶ καθ' ὁμοίωσιν ἡμετέραν·

πῶς οὖν ὑπέμεινεν ὑπὸ χειρὸς ἀνθρώπων 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.

³⁶ Zechariah 13:7.

Ε 6 οἱ προφηῆται, ἀπ' αὐτοῦ ἔχοντες τὴν χάριν, εἰς αὐτὸν ἐπροφήτευσαν· αὐτὸς δέ, ἵνα καταργήσῃ τὸν θάνατον καὶ τὴν ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀνάστασιν δείξῃ, ὅτι ἐν σαρκὶ ἔδει αὐτὸν φανερωθῆναι, ὑπέμεινεν, 7 ἵνα τοῖς πατράσιν τὴν ἐπανγγελίαν ἀποδῷ, καὶ αὐτὸς ἑαυτῷ τὸν λαὸν τὸν καινὸν ἐτοιμάζων ἐπιδείξῃ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ὧν, ὅτι τὴν ἀνάστασιν αὐτὸς ποιήσας κρινεῖ.

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

ὅτι οὐκ ἦλθεν καλέσαι δικαίους, ἀλλὰ ἁμαρτωλούς,

10 τότε ἐφανέρωσεν ἐν σαρκί, οὐδ' ἂν πως οἱ ἄνθρωποι ἐσώθησαν βλέποντες αὐτόν, ὅτε τὸν μέλλοντα μὴ εἶναι ἥλιον, ἔργον τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ ὑπάρχοντα, ἐμβλέποντες οὐκ ἰσχύουσιν εἰς τὰς ἀκτῖνας αὐτοῦ ἀντοφθαλμῆσαι;

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

Ὅταν πατάξωσιν τὸν ποιμένα ἑαυτῶν, τότε ἀολεῖται τὰ πρόβατα τῆς ποιμένης.

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,*³⁷

and again,

*Drive nails into my flesh, for the gangs of evil ones have risen up against me.*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.*³⁹

³⁷ Psalm 22:20.

³⁸ Psalm 22:16,86:14.

³⁹ Isaiah 50:8,9; Psalms 129:3; Ezekiel 3:8.

Ε 13 αὐτὸς δὲ ἠθέλησεν οὕτω παθεῖν· ἔδει γάρ, ἵνα ἐπὶ ξύλου
πάθῃ. λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφητεύων ἐπ' αὐτῷ.

Φεῖσαί μου τῆς ψυχῆς ἀπὸ ρομφαίας,

καί·

*Καθήλωσόν μου τὰς σάρκας, ὅτι πονηρευομένων συναγωγὰι
ἐπανεστησάν μοι.*

14 καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

*Ἰδοὺ, τέθεικά μου τὸν νῶτον εἰς μάστιγας, τὰς δὲ σιαγόνας
εἰς ραπίσματα. τὸ δὲ πρόσωπόν μου ἔθηκα ὡς στερεὰν
πετραν.*

6 1When 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

3 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

4 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.

Ζ 1 Ὅτε οὖν ἐποίησεν τὴν ἐντολήν, τί λέγει;
*Τίς ὁ κρινόμενός μοι; ἀντιστήτω μοι· ἢ τίς ὁ δικαιούμενός μοι;
ἐγγισάτω τῷ παιδί κυρίου. 2 οὐαὶ ὑ ἦν, ὅτι ὑμεῖς πάντες ὡς
ὁ ἄπιον παλαιωθήσεθε, καὶ σὴς καταφάγεται ὑ ἄς.*

καὶ παλιν λέγει ὁ προφήτης, ἐπεὶ ὡς λίθος ἰσχυρὸς ἐτέθη εἰς
συντριβήν·

*Ἰδοὺ, ἐμβαλῶ εἰς τὰ θεμέλια Σιών λίθον πολυτελεῖ, ἐκλεκτόν,
ἀκρογωνναῖον, ἔντιμον.*

3 εἶτα τί λέγει;

Καὶ ὅς ἐλπίζει ἐπ' αὐτὸν ζήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

ἐπὶ λίθον οὖν ἡμῶν ἡ ἐλπίς; μὴ γένοιτο· ἀλλ' ἐπεὶ ἐν ἰσχύϊ
τέθεικεν τὴν σάρκα αὐτοῦ κύριος. λέγει γάρ·

Καὶ ἔθηκέ με ὡς στερεὰν πέτραν.

4 λέγει δὲ πάλιν ὁ προφήτης·

*Λίθον ὃν ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομοῦντες, οὗτος ἐγενήθη εἰς
κεφαλὴν γωνίας.*

καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

*Αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ ἡ ἔρα ἡ μεγάλη καὶ θαυματή, ἣν ἐποίησεν ὁ
κύριος.*

6 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 just⁴⁸ 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

⁴⁶ Psalm 22:12; 118:12.

⁴⁷ Psalms 22:18.

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.

Ζ 5 ἀπολούστερον ὑμῖν γράφω, ἵνα σуйῆτε· ἐγὼ περίψημα τῆς ἀγάπης ὑμῶν. 6 τί οὖν λέγει πάλιν ὁ προφήτης;

Περιέσχεν με συναγωγὴ πονηρευομένων, ἐκύκλωσάν με ὥσεί· ἐλίσσαι κηρίον,

καί·

Ἐπὶ τὸν ἱματισμόν μου ἔβαλον κλήρον.

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

Οὐαὶ τῇ ψυχῇ αὐτῶν, ὅτι βεβούλευνται βουλήν πονηράν καθ' ἑαυτῶν, εἰπόντες· Δήσωμεν τὸν δίκαιον, ὅτι δύσχρηστος ἡ ἡμετέρα ἐστίν.

8 τί λέγει ὁ ἄλλος προφήτης Μωϋσῆς αὐτοῖς;

Ἰδοὺ, τάδε λέγει κύριος ὁ θεός· Ἐισέλθατε εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, ἣν ὤμοσεν κύριος τῷ Ἀβραάμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ, καὶ κατακληρονομήσατε αὐτήν, γῆν ῥέουσαν γάλα καὶ ἐλί.

9 τί δὲ λέγει ἡ γινώσις; μάθετε. ἐλπίσατε, φησὶν, ἐπὶ τὸν ἐν σαρκὶ μέλλοντα φανεροῦσθαι ὑμῖν Ἰησοῦν.

ἄνθρωπος γὰρ γῆς ἐστὶν πάσχοῦσα· ἀπὸ προσώπου γὰρ τῆς γῆς ἡ πλάσις τοῦ Ἀδὰ ἐγένετο.

6 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,

*Hinne! 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.

⁵⁷ Q13:30, Mark 10:31, Revelation 21:5.

⁵⁸ Exodus 33:3.

Ζ 10 τί οὖν λέγει

Εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, γῆν ῥέουσαν γάλα καὶ ἑλι;

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

11 ἐπεὶ οὖν ἀνακαινίσας ἡμᾶς ἄλλον τύπον, ὡς παιδίων ἔχειν τὴν ψυχὴν, ὡς ἂν δὴ ἀναπλάσσοντος αὐτοῦ ἡμᾶς. 12 λέγει γὰρ ἡ γραφὴ περὶ ἡμῶν, ὡς λέγει τῷ υἱῷ·

Ποιήσωμεν κατ' εἰκόνα καὶ καθ' ὁμοίειν ἢ ὧν τὸν ἄνθρωπον, καὶ ἀρχέτωσαν τῶν θηρίων τῆς γῆς καὶ τῶν πετεινῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῶν ἰχθύων τῆς θαλάσσης.

καὶ εἶπεν κύριος, ἰδὼν τὸ καλὸν πλάσμα ἡμῶν·

Αὐξάνεσθε καὶ πληθυνέσθε καὶ πληρώσατε τὴν γῆν.

ταῦτα πρὸς τὸν υἱόν.

13 πάλιν σοι ἐπιδειξω, πῶς πρὸς ἡμᾶς λέγει. δευτέραν πλάσιν ἐπ' ἐσχάτων ἐποίησεν. λέγει δὲ κύριος·

Ἴδού, ποιῶ τὰ ἔσχατα ὡς τὰ πρῶτα.

εἰς τοῦτο οὖν ἐκήρυξεν ὁ προφήτης·

Εἰσέλθατε εἰς γῆν ῥέουσιν γάλα καὶ ἑλι καὶ κατακυριεύσατε αὐτῆς.

6 14 See? We have recently been formed anew, even as he says again in another prophet:

*Hinne! 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,*⁵⁹

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.*⁶⁰

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?*⁶¹

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!

⁵⁹ Ezekiel 11:19.

⁶⁰ qadoshim = people set-apart unto YHWH. Psalms 42:2 and 22:22.

⁶¹ Genesis 1:26,28.

Ζ 14 Ἴδε οὖν, ἡμεῖς ἀναπεπλάσμεθα, καθὼς πάλιν ἐν ἑτέρῳ προφήτῃ λέγει·

Ἰδοὺ, λέγει κύριος, ἐξελῶ τοῦτων, τουτέστιν ὧν προέβλεπεν τὸ πνεῦμα κυρίου, τὰς λιθίνας καρδίας καὶ ἐμβαλῶ σαρκίνας·

ὅτι αὐτὸς ἐν σαρκὶ ἔμελλεν φανεροῦσθαι καὶ ἐν ἡμῖν κατοικεῖν. 15 ναὸς γὰρ ἅγιος, ἀδελφοί μου, τῷ κυρίῳ τὸ κατοικητήριον ἡμῶν τῆς καρδίας.

16 λέγει γὰρ κύριος πάλιν·

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

λέγει·

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

οὐκοῦν ἡμεῖς ἐσμέν, οὓς εἰσήγαγεν εἰς τὴν γῆν ἀγαθὴν.

17 τί οὖν τὸ γάλα καὶ τὸ μέλι; ὅτι πρῶτον τὸ παιδίον μέλιτι, εἴτα γάλακτι ζωοιοεῖται· οὕτως οὖν καὶ ἡμεῖς τῇ πίστει τῆς ἐπαγγελίας καὶ τῷ λόγῳ ζωοποιούμενοι ζήσομεν κατακυριεύοντες τῆς γῆς.

18 προειρήκαμεν δὲ ἐπάνω.

Καὶ αὐξανέσθωσαν καὶ πληθυνέσθωσαν καὶ ἀρχέτωσαν τῶν ἰχθύων ἢ πετεινῶν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ;

αἰσθάνεσθαι γὰρ ὀφείλομεν, ὅτι τὸ ἄρχειν ἐξουσίας ἐστίν, ἵνα τις ἐπιτάξας κυριεύσῃ. 19 εἰ οὖν οὐ γίνεται τοῦτο νῦν, ἄρα ἡμῖν εἶρηκεν, πότε· ὅταν καὶ αὐτοὶ τελειωθῶμεν κληρονόμοι τῆς διαθήκης κυρίου γενέσθαι.

7 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 kohenim⁶² of the set-apart place suggest about it. The commandment reads like this:

*Whoever will not fast the fast will die the death. YHWH has commanded it!*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?

*Let them eat the goat offered on the fast for the sins of all.*⁶⁴

Attend diligently to this!

*Let the kohenim alone eat the unwashed entrails with vinegar.*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.”⁶⁶ 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.

⁶² kohenim = priests.

⁶³ Leviticus 23:29.

⁶⁴ Leviticus 6:28; 10:17?

⁶⁵ Leviticus 1:13.

⁶⁶ Psalms 69:21.

Η 1 Οὐκοῦν νοεῖτε τέκνα εὐφροσύνης, ὅτι πάντα ὁ καλὸς κύριος προεφανερώσεν ἡμῶν, ἵνα γνῶμεν, ὃ κατὰ πάντα εὐχαριστοῦντες ὀφείλομεν αἰνεῖν. 2 εἰ οὖν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, ὦν κύριος καὶ μέλλων κρίνειν ζῶντας καὶ νεκρούς, ἔπαθεν, ἵνα ἡ πληγὴ αὐτοῦ ζωοποιήσῃ ἡμᾶς· πιστεύσωμεν, ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ οὐκ ἠδύνατο παθεῖν εἰ μὴ δι' ἡμᾶς.

3 ἀλλὰ καὶ σταρωθεὶς ἐποτιζετο ὄξει καὶ χολῇ. ἀκούσατε, πῶς περὶ τούτου πεφανέρωκαν οἱ ἱερεῖς τοῦ ναοῦ. γεγραμμένης ἐντολῆς·

Ὅς ἂν μὴ νηστεύσῃ τὴν νηστείαν, θανάτῳ ἐξολεθρευθήσεται, ἐνετείλατο κύριος,

ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς ὑπὲρ τῶν ἡμετέρων ἁμαρτιῶν ἔμελλεν τὸ σκεῦος τοῦ πνεύματος προσφέρειν θυσίαν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ τύπος ὁ γενόμενος ἐπὶ Ἰσαὰκ 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 ἔντερον ἄπλυτον μετὰ ὄξους.

5 πρὸς τί; ἐπειδὴ ἐμὲ ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν μέλλοντα τοῦ λαοῦ μου τοῦ καινοῦ προσφέρειν τὴν σάρκα μου μέλλετε ποτίζειν χολὴν μετὰ ὄξους, φάγετε ὑμεῖς μόνοι, τοῦ λαοῦ νηστεύοντος καὶ κοτομένου ἐπὶ σάκκου καὶ σποδοῦ. ἵνα δείξῃ, ὅτι δεῖ αὐτὸν παθεῖν ὑπ' αὐτῶν.

7 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.

Η 6 ἃ ἐνετείλατο, προσέχετε·

Λάβετε δύο τράγους καλοὺς καὶ ὁμοίους καὶ προσενέγκατε,
καὶ λαβέτω ὁ ἱερεὺς τὸν ἕνα εἰς ὀλοκαύτωμα ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν.

7 τὸν δὲ ἕνα τί ποιήσωσιν;

Ἐπικατάρατος, φησιν, ὁ εἷς.

προσέχετε, πῶς ὁ τύπος τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανεροῦνται·

8 Καὶ ἐμπτύσατε πάντες καὶ κατακεντήσατε καὶ περιῖθετε 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 ἀφαιρεῖ τὸ ἔριον καὶ ἐπιτίθησιν αὐτὸ ἐπὶ
φρύγανον τὸ λεγόμενον ῥαχήλ, οὗ καὶ τοὺς βλαστοὺς εἰώθαμεν
τρώγειν ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ εὐρίσκοντες· οὕτω μόνῃς τῆς ῥαχοῦς οἱ
καρποὶ γλυκεῖς εἰσιν.

9 τί οὖν τοῦτο ἐστίν; προσέχετε·

Τὸν μὲν ἕνα ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον, τὸν δὲ ἕνα ἐπικατάρατον,
καὶ ὅτι τὸν ἐπικατάρατον ἐστεφανωμένον; ἐπειδὴ ὄψονται αὐτὸν
τότε τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τὸν ποδῆρην ἔχοντα τὸν κόκκινον περὶ τὴν σάρκα
καὶ ἐροῦσιν· Οὐχ οὗτός ἐστιν,

ὃν ποτε ἡμεῖς ἐσταυρώσαμεν ἐξουθενήσαντες καὶ
κατακεντήσαντες καὶ ἐμπτύσαντες; ἀληθῶς οὗτος ἦν, ὁ τότε
λέγων ἑαυτὸν υἱὸν θεοῦ εἶναι.

7 10 How then was the one like the other? The goats were alike in this respect:

they were sound and equal,

so much that when they saw him approaching, they were astonished at how much he looked like the goat!⁷³ 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,

*Those who want to see me and take possession of my kingdom must receive me through trouble and suffering.*⁷⁴

⁷³ I.e., he was bloodied in like manner.

⁷⁴ Source unknown. Acts 14:22.

Η 10 πῶς γὰρ ὁμοῖος ἐκείνῳ; εἰς τοῦτο ὁμοίους τοὺς τράγους,
καλοὺς, ἴσους,

ἵνα, ὅταν ἴδωσιν αὐτὸν τότε τράγου. οὐκοῦν ἴδε τὸν τύπον τοῦ
μέλλοντος πάσχειν Ἰησοῦ.

11 τί δέ, ὅτι τὸ ἔριον μέσον τῶν ἀκανθῶν πιθέασιν; τύπος ἐστὶν
τοῦ Ἰησοῦ τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ θέμενος, ὅτι ὃς ἐὰν θέλῃ τὸ ἔριον ἄραι τὸ
κόκκινον, δεῖ αὐτὸν πολλὰ παθεῖν διὰ τὸ εἶναι φοβεράν τὴν
ἀκανθαν, καὶ θλιβέντα κυριεῦσαι αὐτοῦ. οὕτω, φησὶν,

*οἱ θέλοντές με ἰδεῖν καὶ ἄψασθαί μου τῆς βασιλείας
ὀφείλουσιν 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.⁷⁵ 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.⁷⁶

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.*

⁷⁶ Beating: Luke 12:47,48.

Θ 1 Τίνα δὲ δοκεῖτε τύπον εἶναι, ὅτι ἐντέταλται τῷ Ἰσραὴλ προσφέρειν δάμαλιν τοὺς ἄνδρας, ἐν οἷς εἰσὶν ἀμαρῖαι τέλειαι, καὶ σφάξαντας κατακαίεν, καὶ αἶρειν τότε τὴν σποδὸν παιδία καὶ βάλλειν εἰς ἄγγη καὶ περιπιθέναι τὸ ἔριον τὸ κόκκινον ἐπὶ ξύλον (ἴδε πάλιν ὁ τύπος ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ καὶ τὸ ἔριον τὸ κόκκινον) καὶ τὸ ὕσσωπον, καὶ οὕτως ῥαντίζειν τὰ παιδία καθ' ἓνα τὸν λαόν, ἵνα ἀγνίζωνται ἀπὸ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν; 2 νοεῖτε, πῶς ἐν ἀπλότητι λέγει ὑμῖν.

ὁ μόσχος ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστίν, οἱ προσφέροντες ἄνδρες ἀμαρτωλοὶ οἱ προσενέγκαντες αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὴν σφαγὴν. εἶτα οὐκέτι ἄνδρες, οὐκέτι ἀμαρτωλῶν ἡ δόξα. 3 οἱ ῥαντίζοντες παῖδες οἱ εὐαγγελιστάμενοι ἡμῖν τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν καὶ τὸν ἀνισμὸν τῆς καρδίας, οἷς ἔδωκεν τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τὴν ἐξουσίαν (οὔσιν δεκάδυο εἰς μαρτύριον τῶν φυλῶν ὅτι δεκάδυο φυλαὶ τοῦ Ἰσραεὴλ), εἰς τὸ κηρύσσειν.

4 διὰ τί δὲ τρεῖς παῖδες οἱ ῥαντίζοντες; εἰς μαρτυριον Ἀβραάμ, Ἰσαάκ, Ἰακώβ, ὅτι οὗτοι μεγάλοι τῷ θεῷ. 5 ὅτι δὲ τὸ ἔριον ἐπὶ τὸ ξύλον; ὅτι ἡ βασιλεία Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ξύλου, καὶ ὅτι οἱ ἐλπίζοντες ἐπ' αὐτὸν ζήσονται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. 6 διὰ τί δὲ ἅμα τὸ ἔριον καὶ τὸ ὕσσωπον; ὅτι ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ αὐτοῦ ἡμέραι ἔσονται πονηραὶ καὶ ρυπαραί, ἐν αἷς ἡμεῖς σωθησόμεθα· ὅτι καὶ ὁ ἀλγὼν σάρκα διὰ τοῦ ρύπου τοῦ ὑσσύπου ἴᾳται

7 καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὕτως γενόμενα ἡμῖν μὲν ἐστὶν φανερά, ἐκείνοις δὲ σκοτεινά, ὅτι οὐκ ἤκουσαν 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,⁷⁷

Again, he says,

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

2 And again,

Hear, O Yisrael, for thus speaks YHWH your Elohim;⁸⁰

And yet again the Ruach of YHWH prophesied,

Who wishes to live forever? Let him attend to the voice of My Child.⁸¹

3 Again, he says,

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

Again, he says,

Pay attention to the voice of YHWH, you rulers of this people.⁸³

Again, he says,

Pay attention, you children, to the voice of one crying in the wilderness.⁸⁴

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

⁷⁷ Psalms 18:44.

⁷⁸ Isaiah 33:13.

⁷⁹ Jeremiah 4:4.

⁸⁰ Deuteronomy 6:6; Isaiah 44:1, Jeremiah 10:2; Ezekiel 6:6.

⁸¹ Psalms 34:12; Isaiah 50:10.

⁸² Isaiah 1:2.

⁸³ Isaiah 1:10.

⁸⁴ Isaiah 40:3.

Ι 1 Λέγει γὰρ πάλιν περὶ τῶν ὠτίων, πῶς περιέτεμεν ἡμῶν τὴν καρδίαν. λέγει κύριος ἐν τῷ προφήτῃ·

Εἰς ἀκοὴν ὠτίου ἠπήκουσάν μου.

καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

Ἀκοῇ ἀκούσονται οἱ πόρρωθεν, ἃ ἐποίησα γνώσονται. καὶ Περιτμήθητε, λέγει κύριος, τὰς καρδίας ὑ ὧν.

2 καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

Ἄκουε Ἰσραήλ, ὅτι τάδε λέγε κύριος ὁ θεός σου.

καὶ πάλιν τὸ πνεῦμα κυρίου προφητεύει·

Τίς ἐστὶν ὁ θέλων ζῆσαι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα; ἀκοῇ ἀκουσάτω τῆς φωνῆς τοῦ παιδός μου.

3 καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

Ἄκουε οὐρανέ, καὶ ἐνωτίζου γῆ, ὅτι κύριος ἐλάλησεν ταῦτα εἰς μαρτύριον.

καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

Ἀκούσατε λόγον κυρίου, ἄρχοντες τοῦ λαοῦ τούτου.

καὶ πάλιν λέγει·

Ἀκούσατε, τέκνα, φωνῆς βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήῳ.

οὐκοῦν περιέτεμεν ἡμῶν τὰς ἀκοάς, ἵνα ἀκούσαντες λόγον πιστεύσωμεν ἡμεῖς.

9 4 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 Mizraim⁸⁸ 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

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.

Ι 4 ἀλλὰ καὶ ἡ περιτομή, ἐφ' ἧ πεποίθασιν, κατήργηται.
περιτομὴν γὰρ εἶρηκεν οὐ σαρκὸς γεννηθῆναι· ἀλλὰ παρέβησαν,
ὅτι ἄγγελος πονηρὸς ἐσόφизεν αὐτούς. 5 λέγει πρὸς αὐτούς·

Τάδε λέγει κύριος ὁ θεὸς ὑ ὦν
(ὥδε εὐρίκω ἐντολήν)·

Μὴ σπείρητε ἐπ' ἀκάνθαις, περιτμήθητε τῷ κυρίῳ ὑ ὦν.

καὶ τί λέγει;

*Περιτμήθητε καρδίαν ὑ ὦν, καὶ τον τράχηλον ὑ ὦν οὐ
σκληρυνεῖτε.*

λάβε πάλιν·

*Ἰδοὺ, λέγει κύριος, πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἀπερίμητα ἀκροβυστίαν,
ὁ δὲ λαὸς οὗτος ἀπερίμητος καρδίας.*

6 ἀλλ' ἐρεῖς· Καὶ μὴν περιτέμνεται ὁ λαὸς εἰς σφραγιδα. ἀλλὰ καὶ
πᾶς Σύρος καὶ Ἄραβ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἱερεῖς τῶν εἰδώλων. ἄρα οὖν
κάκεῖνοι ἐκ τῆς διαθήκης αὐτῶν εἰσίν; ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι ἐν
περιτομῇ εἰσίν.

7 μάθετε οὖν, τέκνα ἀγάπης, περὶ πάντων πλουσίως, ὅτι
Ἀβραάμ, πρῶτος περιτομὴν δοὺς, ἐν πνεύματι προβλέψας εἰς
τὸν Ἰησοῦν περιέτεμεν, λαβὼν τριῶν γραμμάτων δόγματα.

9 8 For he says,

*Avraham circumcised eighteen and three hundred out of his household.*⁹⁰

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** (Iη you have Iησους;⁹¹ 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 Iησους in two letters (Iη) and the stake in the one *letter* left over (τ.)

9 The One who placed the engrafted gift of teaching within us⁹² 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*.

⁹⁰ Gen. 14:14.

⁹¹ Iησους (Iésous) pronounced Yθ-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 Ἀβραὰ ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου αὐτοῦ ἄνδρας δεκαοκτὼ καὶ τριακοσίους.

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

Ι' δέκα, η' ὀκτώ (18)· ἔχεις **Ἰησοῦν**. ὅτι δὲ ὁ σταυρὸς ἐν τῷ ταῦ ἡμελλεν ἔχειν τὴν χάριν, λέγει καὶ τοὺς **τριακοσίους**. δηλοῖ οὖν τὸν μὲν Ἰησοῦν ἐν τοῖς δυσὶν γράμμασιν, καὶ ἐν τῷ ἐνὶ τὸν σταυρόν.

9 οἶδεν ὁ τὴν ἔμφυτον δωρεὰν τῆς διδαχῆς αὐτοῦ θέμενος ἐν ἡμῖν. οὐδεὶς γνησιώτερον ἔμαθεν ἀπ' ἐμοῦ λόγον· ἀλλὰ οἶδα, ὅτι ἄξιοί ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

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 Torah*⁹⁴

So this is not Elohim’s commandment about *crunching*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”; *Τρωγειν* = to crunch or gnaw, as the sound of an animal eating eating carrion. This is a rare word appearing only a few times in the New Testament. *Trōgein* stands in opposition *φαγειν* (*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 χοῖρον οὔτε ἀετὸν οὔτε ὀξύπτερον οὔτε κόρακα οὔτε πάντα ἰχθύν, ὃς οὐκ ἔχει λεπίδα ἐν ἑαυτῷ, τρία ἔλαβεν ἐν τῇ συνέσει δόγματα. 2 Πέρας γέ τοι λέγει αὐτοῖς ἐν τῷ Δευτερονομίῳ·

Καὶ διαθήσομαι πρὸς τὸν λαὸν τοῦτον τὰ δικαιώματά μου.

ἄρα οὖν οὐκ ἔστιν ἐντολὴ θεοῦ τὸ μὴ τρώγειν, Μωϋσῆς δὲ ἐν πνεύματι ἐλάλησεν. 3 τὸ οὖν χοιρίον πρὸς τοῦτο εἶπεν· οὐ κολληθήσῃ, φησίν, ἄνθρωποις τοιοῦτοις, οἵτινές εἰσιν ὅμοιοι χοίρων· τουτέστιν ὅταν σπαταλῶσιν, ἐπιλανθάνονται τοῦ κυρίου, ὅταν δὲ ὑστεροῦνται, ἐπιγινώσκουσιν τὸν κύριον, ὡς καὶ ὁ χοῖρος ὅταν τρώγῃ τὸν κύριον οὐκ οἶδεν, ὅταν δὲ πεινᾷ κραυγάζει, καὶ λαβὼν πάλιν σιωπᾷ.

4 Οὐδὲ φάγη τὸν ἀετὸν οὐδὲ τὸν ὀξύπτερον οὐδὲ τὸν ἰκτῖνα οὐδὲ τὸν κόρακα·

οὐ μὴ, φησίν, κολληθήσῃ οὐδὲ ὁμοιωθήσῃ ἀνθρώποις τοιοῦτοις, οἵτινες οὐκ οἶδασιν διὰ κόπου καὶ ἰδρώτος προϊζειν ἑαυτοῖς τὴν τροφήν, ἀλλὰ ἀρπάζουσιν ὡς καὶ τὰ ἀλλότρια ἐν ἀνομίᾳ αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπιτηροῦσιν ὡς ἐν ἀκεραιοσύνῃ περιπατοῦντες καὶ περιβλέπονται, τίνα ἐκδύσωσιν διὰ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ὡς καὶ τὰ ὄρνεα ταῦτα μόνον ἑαυτοῖς οὐ προϊζει τὴν τροφήν, ἀλλὰ ἀργὰ καθήμενα ἐκζητεῖ, πῶς ἀλλοτρίας σάρκας καταφάγη, ὄντα λοιμὰ τῇ πονηρίᾳ αὐτῶν.

10⁵ 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 pedophile¹⁰⁰ 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-children¹⁰³ or a wanton-abortive-fornicator¹⁰⁴ 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 gush¹⁰⁶ forth into *their* mouths.

⁹⁸ Cf. Leviticus 11:10-12 Otherwise, the source of the saying is unknown.

⁹⁹ Cf. Leviticus 11:6.

¹⁰⁰ *Paidophthoros*, παιδοφθορος- 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*, μοιχος- 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*, φθορῶν- 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, *kuei*, κνεί = bring forth, gush forth, "gush (in)to their mouths."

Κ 5 Καὶ

οὐ φάγη, φησίν, σμύραιναν οὐδὲ πολύποδα οὐδὲ σηπίαν·

οὐ μή, φησίν, ὁμοιωθήσῃ κολλώμενος ἀνθρώποις τοιούτοις, οἵτινες εἰς τέλος εἰσὶν ἀσεβεῖς καὶ κεκριμένοι ἤδη τῷ θανάτῳ, ὥς καὶ ταῦτα τὰ ἰχθύδια μόνα ἐπικατάρατα ἐν τῷ βυθῷ νήχεται, μὴ κολθμβῶντα ὥς τὰ λοιπά, ἀλλ' ἐν τῇ γῇ κάτω τοῦ βυτοῦ κατοικεῖ.

6 ἀλλὰ καὶ

τὸν δασύποδα οὐ φάγη.

πρὸς τί; οὐ μή γένη, φησίν, παιδοφθόρος οὐδὲ ὁμοιωθήσῃ τοῖς τοιούτοις, ὅτι ὁ λαγῶς κατ' ἐνιαυτὸν πλεονεκτεῖ τὴν ἀφόδευσιν· ὅσα γὰρ ἔτη ζῇ, τοσαύτας ἔχει τρύπας.

7 ἀλλὰ οὐδὲ τὴν ὕαιναν φάγη·

οὐ μή, φησίν, γένη μοιχὸς οὐδὲ φθορεὺς οὐδὲ ὁμοιωθήσῃ τοῖς τοιούτοις. πρὸς τί; ὅτι τὸ ζῶον τοῦτο παρ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἀλλάσσει τὴν φύσιν καὶ ποτὲ μὲν ἄρρεν, ποτὲ δὲ θῆλυ γίνεται.

8 ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν γαλῆν

ἐμίσησεν καλῶς. οὐ μή, φησίν, γενηθῇς τοιοῦτος, οἶους ἀκούομεν ἀνομίαν ποιούσαις ἐν τῷ στόματι. τὸ γὰρ ζῶον τοῦτο τῷ στόματι κύει.

10⁹ 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!¹⁰⁷

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



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

and has not stood in the way of sinners, (even as those who pretend to fear YHWH sin like swine),

and has not sat in the seat of the destructive,¹⁰⁹ (even as do the perching birds, looking out for booty).

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

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.¹¹¹ See how well *Moshe* discerns the commandment?

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 sustenance, turning back from carrion, and preferring the food of the clean.

Κ 9 περὶ μὲν τῶν βρωμάτων λαβὼν Μωϋσῆς τρία δόγματα οὕτως ἐν πνεύματι ἐλάλησεν· οἱ δὲ κατ' ἐπιθυμίαν τῆς σαρκὸς ὥς περὶ βρώσεως προσεδέξαντο.

10 λαμβάνει δὲ τῶν αὐτῶν τριῶν δογμάτων γνῶσιν Δαυεὶδ καὶ λέγει·



Μακάριος ἀνὴρ, ὃς οὐκ ἐπορεύθη ἐν βουλῇ ἀσεβῶν,
καθὼς καὶ οἱ ἰχθύες πορεύονται ἐν σκότει εἰς τὰ βάθη·

*καθὼς οἱ δοκοῦντες φοβεῖσθαι τὸν κύριον ἀμαρτάνουσιν ὡς
ὁ χοῖρος,*

καὶ ἐπὶ καθέδραν λοιμῶν οὐκ ἐκάθισεν, καθὼς τὰ πετεινα
καθήμενα εἰς ἀρπαγὴν.

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

Φάγεσθε πᾶν διχηλοῦν καὶ μαρυκώμενον.

τί λέγει; ὅτι τὴν τροφὴν λαμβάνων οἶδεν τὸν τρέφοντα αὐτὸν καὶ
ἐπ' αὐτῷ ἀναπαθόμενος εὐφραίνεισθαι δοκεῖ. καλῶς εἶπεν
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'? ¹¹² 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.

¹¹² cleave = meaning (1) = to divide, (2) = to hold on.

Κ 11b τί οὖν λέγει; κολλᾶσθε μετὰ τῶν φοβουμένων τὸν κύριον, μετὰ τῶν μελετώντων ὃ ἔλαβον διάσταλμα ῥήματος ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ, μετὰ τῶν λαλούντων τὰ διδαιώματα κυρίου καὶ τηρούντων, μετὰ τῶν εἰδόντων, ὅτι ἡ μελέτη ἐστὶν ἔργον εὐφροσύνης, καὶ ἀναμαρυκωμένων τὸν λόγον κυρίου.

τί δὲ τὸ διχλοῦν; ὅτι ὁ δίκαιος καὶ ἐν τούτῳ τῷ κόσμῳ περιπατεῖ καὶ τὸν ἅγιον αἰῶνα ἐκδέχεται. βλέπετε, πῶς ἐνομοθέτησεν Μωϋσῆς καλῶς.

12 ἀλλὰ πόθεν ἐκείνοις ταῦτα νοῆσαι ἢ συνιέναι; ἡμεῖς δὲ δικαίως νοήσαντες τὰς ἐντολὰς λαλοῦμεν, ὥς ἠθέλησεν ὁ κύριος. διὰ τοῦτο περιέτεμεν τὰς ἀκοὰς ἡμῶν καὶ τὰς καρδίας, ἵνα συνιῶμεν ταῦτα.

11 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 mikvah¹¹³ 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.

Λ 1 Ζητήσωμεν δέ, εἰ ἐμέλησεν τῷ κυρίῳ προφανερῶσαι περὶ τοῦ ὕδατος καὶ περὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ. περὶ μὲν τοῦ ὕδατος γέγραπται ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραήλ. πῶς τὸ βάπτισμα τὸ φέρον ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν οὐ μὴ προσδέξονται, ἀλλ' ἐαυτοῖς οἰκοδομήσουσιν.

2 λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφήτης·

Ἔσθηθι οὐρανέ, καὶ ἐπὶ τοῦτω πλεῖον φριξάτω ἡ γῆ, ὅτι δύο καὶ πονηρὰ ἐποίησεν ὁ λαὸς οὗτος· ἐ ἐγκατέλιπον, πηγὴν ζωῆς, καὶ ἑαυτοῖς ὥρυξαν βόθρον θανάτου. 3 Μὴ πέτρα ἔρημός ἐστιν τὸ ὄρος τοῦ ἁγίου μου Σινᾶ; ἔσεσθε γὰρ ὡς πετεινοῦ νοσσιᾶς ἀφηρημένοι.

4 καὶ πάλιν λέγει ὁ προφήτης·

Ἐγὼ πορεύσομαι ἔμπροσθέν σου καὶ ὄρη ὁμαλῶ καὶ πύλας χαλκᾶς συντρίψω καὶ μοχλοὺς σιδηροῦς συγκλάσω, καὶ δώσω σοι θησαυροὺς σκοτεινοὺς, ἀποκρύους, ἀοράτους, ἵνα γινῶσιν ὅτι ἐγὼ κύριος ὁ θεός.

καί·

Κατοικήσεις ἐν ὑψηλῷ σπηλαίῳ πέτρας ἰσχυρᾶς.

5 καί·

τὸ ὕδωρ αὐτοῦ πιστόν· βασιλέα μετὰ δόξης ὄψεσθε, καὶ ἡ ψυχὴ ὑ ὧν μελετήσῃ φόβον κυρίου.

6 καὶ πάλιν ἐν ἄλλῳ προφήτῃ λέγει·

Καὶ ἔσται ὁ ταῦτα ποιῶν ὡς τὸ ξύλον τὸ πεφυτευμένον παρὰ τὰς διεξόδους τῶν ὑδάτων, ὁ τὸν καρπὸν αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἀπορρήσεται, καὶ πάντα, ὅσα ἂν ποιῇ, κατευοδωθήσεται.

11 *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 yahad¹¹⁸ of the righteous: for YHWH knows the road of the righteous, but the road of the sinner come to nothing.*¹¹⁹ *8 You see how he has put together the water and the stake. What he means is this:*

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,

I will deliver to you what is due.

Now, in that he says,

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,

*The land of Yaakov: praised beyond the whole world!*¹²⁰

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

*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.*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,*

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*.

¹¹⁸ yahad = hadat, Hebrew – the assembly in one accord.

¹¹⁹ Psalms 1, following the Septuagint.

¹²⁰ Cf. Zephaniah 3:19.

¹²¹ Unknown; Cf. Ezekiel 47:12.

Λ 7 οὐχ οὕτως οἱ ἀσεβεῖς, οὐχ οὕτως, ἀλλ' ἢ ὡς ὁ χνοῦς, ὃν ἐκρίπτει ὁ ἄνεμος ἀπὸ προσώπου τῆς γῆς. διὰ τοῦτο οὐκ ἀναστήσονται ἀσεβεῖς ἐν κρίσει οὐδὲ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἐν βουλῇ δικαίων, ὅτι γινώσκει κύριος ὁδὸν δικαίων, καὶ ὁδὸς ἀσεβῶν ἀπολεῖται. 8 αἰσθάνεσθε, πῶς τὸ ὕδωρ καὶ τὸν σταυρὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ὥρισεν. τοῦτο γὰρ λέγει·

μακάριοι, οἳ ἐπὶ τὸν σταυρὸν ἐλπίσαντες κατέβησαν εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ,

ὅτι τὸν μὲν μισθὸν λέγει ἐν καιρῷ αὐτοῦ· τότε,

φησὶν ἀποδώσω.

νῦν δὲ ὁ λέγει·

τὰ φύλλα οὐκ ἀπορυήσεται,

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

9 καὶ πάλιν ἕτερος προφῆτης λέγει.

Καὶ ἦν ἡ γῆ τοῦ Ἰακώβ ἐπαινουμένη παρὰ πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν.

τοῦτο λέγει· τὸ σκεῦος τοῦ πνεύματος αὐτοῦ δοξάζει. 10 εἴτα τί λέγει;

Καὶ ἦν ποταμὸς ἔλκων ἐκ δεξιῶν, καὶ ἀνέβαινεν ἐξ αὐτοῦ δένδρα ὠραῖα· καὶ ὅς ἂν φάγη ἐξ αὐτῶν, ζήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

11 τοῦτο λέγει ὅτι ἡμεῖς μὲν καταβαίνομεν εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ γέμοντες ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ ῥύπου, καὶ ἀνα βαίνομεν καρποφοροῦντες ἐν τῇ πνεύματι ἔχοντες. Καὶ

ὅς ἂν φάγη ἀπὸ τούτων, ζήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα,

τοῦτο λέγει· ὅς ἂν, φησὶν, ἀκούσῃ τούτων λαλουμένων καὶ πιστεύσῃ, ζήσεται 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

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.

Μ¹ Ὅμοίως πάλιν περὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ ὀρίζει ἐν ἄλλῳ προφήτῃ λέγοντι·

Καὶ πότε ταῦτα συντελεσθήται; λέγει κύριος· ὅταν ξύλου . . . αἷμα . . . στάξη.

ἔχεις πάλιν περὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ καὶ τοῦ σταυροῦσθαι μέλλοντος.

2 λέγει δὲ πάλιν τῷ Μωϋσῇ, πολεμουμένου τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀλλοφύλων, καὶ ἵνα ὑπομνήσῃ αὐτοὺς πολεμουμένους, ὅτι διὰ τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν παρεδόθησαν εἰς θάνατον· λέγει εἰς τὴν καρδίαν Μωϋσέως τὸ πνεῦμα, ἵνα ποιήσῃ τύπον σταυροῦ καὶ τοῦ μέλλοντος πάσχειν, ὅτι, ἐὰν μή, φησὶν, ἐλπίσωσιν ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα πολεμηθήσονται. τίθησιν οὖν Μωϋσῆς ἐν ἐφ' ὄπλον ἐν μέσῳ τῆς πυγμῆς, καὶ ὑψηλότερος σταθεὶς πάντων ἐξέτεινεν τὰς χεῖρας, καὶ οὕτως πάλιν ἐνίκα ὁ Ἰσραήλ. εἶτα, ὁπότεν καθεῖλεν, ἐθανατοῦντο.

3 πρὸς τί; ἵνα γνῶσιν ὅτι οὐ δύναται σωθῆναι, ἐὰν μὴ ἐπ' αὐτῷ ἐλπίσωσιν. 4 καὶ πάλιν ἐν ἑτέρῳ προφήτῃ λέγει·

Ὅλην τὴν ἡ ἔραν ἐξεπέτασα τὰς χεῖρας μου πρὸς λαὸν ἀπειθῇ καὶ ἀντιλέγοντα ὁδῶ δικαίᾳ 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 Chavah¹²⁵ transgressed by means of the viper, he reckoned he might convince them that through their transgression¹²⁶ they too could be delivered from the spasms of death.

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

*There will not be a molten image or a graven image as a god among you,*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,

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.¹²⁸ So again you have *this* high regard of Yahshua *to the extent* that all are within him.

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

¹²⁵ Chavah = life, as personified in the woman Eve.

¹²⁶ Lightfoot has "fall."

¹²⁷ Leviticus 26:1; Deuteronomy 27:15.

¹²⁸ Numbers 21:4-8.

¹²⁹ Yehoshua = Joshua. His original name was Hoshea. See Numbers 13:16.

Μ₅ πάλιν Μωϋσῆς ποιεῖ τύπον τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι δεῖ αὐτὸν παθεῖν, καὶ αὐτὸς ζωοποιήσῃ, ὃν δόξουσιν ἀπολωλεκέναι, ἐν σημείῳ πίπτοντος τοῦ Ἰσραήλ, (ἐποίησεν γὰρ κύριος πάντα ὄφιν δάκνειν αὐτούς, καὶ ἀπέθνησκον ἐπειδὴ ἡ παράβασις διὰ τὴν παράβασιν αὐτῶν εἰς θλίψιν θανάτου παραδοθήσονται.

6 πέρας γέ τοι αὐτὸς Μωϋσῆς ἐντειλάμενος·

Οὐκ ἔσται ὑ ἢ οὔτε χωνευτὸν οὔτε γλυπτὸν εἰς θεὸν ὑ ἢ, αὐτὸς ποιεῖ,

ἵνα τύπον τοῦ Ἰησοῦ δείξῃ.

ποιεῖ οὖν Μωϋσῆς χαλκοῦν ὄφιν καὶ τίθησιν ἐνδόξως καὶ κηρύγματι καλεῖ τὸν λαόν. 7 ἐλθόντες οὖν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ἐδέοντο Μωϋσέως, ἵνα περὶ αὐτῶν ἀνενέγκῃ δέξῃσιν περὶ τῆς ἰάσεως αὐτῶν. εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτοὺς Μωϋσῆς·

Ὅταν, φησὶν δηχθῇ τις ὑ ὧν, ἐλθέτω ἐπὶ τὸν ὄφιν τὸν ἐπὶ τοῦ ξύλου ἐπικείμενον καὶ ἐλπιδάτω πιστεύσας, ὅτι αὐτὸς ὧν νεκρὸς δύναται ζωοποιῆσαι, καὶ παραχρῆμα σωθήσεται ἐν οὕτως ἐποίουν.

ἔχεις· πάλιν καὶ ἐν τούτοις τὴν δόξαν τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ πάντα καὶ εἰς αὐτόν.

8 τί λέγει πάλιν Μωϋσῆς Ἰησοῦ, υἱῷ Ναυή, ἐπιθεὶς αὐτῷ τοῦτο τὸ ὄνομα, ὄντι προφήτῃ, ἵνα μόνον ἀκούσῃ πᾶς ὁ λαός; ὅτι πάντα ὁ πατὴρ φανεροῖ περὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ Ἰησοῦ.

12 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.*¹³⁰

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.¹³¹ 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.*¹³²

11 Yeshayahu¹³³ speaks this way,

*YHWH, to my anointed master¹³⁴ whose right hand I have held, said that the tribes¹³⁵ should pay attention to him, 'for I will loosen the rulers' bowels!'*¹³⁶

See how Dawid calls him 'master,' not 'son.'

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 the Lord* . . .

¹³⁵ Tribes = those dispersed among pagan nations.

¹³⁶ Isaiah 45:1. *ie* break their strength.

Μ₉ λέγει οὖν Μωϋσῆς Ἰησοῦ, υἱῷ Ναυή, ἐπιθείς τοῦτο τὸ ὄνομα, ὅποτε ἔπεμψεν αὐτὸν κατάσκοπον τῆς γῆς·

Λαβε βιβλίον εἰς τὰς χεῖράς σου καὶ γράψον, ἃ λέγει κύριος, ὅτι ἐκκόψει ἐκ ριζῶν τὸν οἶκον πάντα τοῦ Ἀμαλήκ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπ' ἐσχάτων τῶν ἡμερῶν.

10 ἶδε πάλιν Ἰησοῦς, οὐχὶ υἱὸς ἀνθρώπου, ἀλλὰ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, τύπῳ δὲ ἐν σαρκὶ φανερωθείς. ἐπεὶ οὖν μέλλουσιν λέγειν, ὅτι Χριστὸς υἱὸς Δαυεὶδ ἐστίν, αὐτὸς προφητέει Δαυεὶδ, φοβούμενος καὶ συνίων τὴν πλάνην τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν·

Εἶπεν κύριος τῷ κυρίῳ μου· Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου, ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου.

11 καὶ πάλιν λέγει οὕτως Ἡσαΐας·

Εἶπεν κύριος τῷ χριστῷ μου κυρίῳ, οὗ ἐκράτησα τῆς δεξιᾶς αὐτοῦ, ἐπακοῦσαι ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ ἔθνη, καὶ ἰσχύϊν βασιλέων διαρρήξω.

Ἰδε, πῶς Δαυεὶδ λέγει αὐτὸν κύριον, καὶ υἱὸν οὐ 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

¹³⁷ Cf. Genesis 25:21ff.

¹³⁸ Genesis 48:11,9.

¹³⁹ Genesis 48:14ff.

Ν 1 Ἰδωμεν δὲ εἰ οὗτος ὁ λαὸς κληρονομεῖ ἢ ὁ πρῶτος, καὶ εἰ ἡ διαθήκη εἰς ἡμᾶς ἢ εἰς ἐκείνους. 2 ἀκούσατε οὖν περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ τί λέγει ἡ γραπτή·

Ἐδεῖτο δὲ Ἰσαὰκ περὶ Ῥεβέκκας τῆς γυναικὸς αὐτοῦ, ὅτι στεῖρα ἦν· καὶ συνέλαβεν. εἶτα ἐξῆλθεν Ῥεβέκκα πυθέσθαι παρὰ κυρίου, καὶ εἶπεν κύριος πρὸς αὐτήν· Δύο ἔθνη ἐν τῇ γαστρὶ σου καὶ δύο λαοὶ ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ σου, καὶ ὑπερέξει λαὸς λαοῦ καὶ ὁ μείζων δουλεύσει τῷ ἐλάσσονι.

3 αἰσθάνεσθαι ὀφείλετε, τίς ὁ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ τίς ἡ Ῥεβέκκα, καὶ ἐπὶ τίνων δέδειχεν, ὅτι μείζων ὁ λαὸς οὗτος ἢ ἐκεῖνος. 4 καὶ ἐν ἄλλῃ προφητείᾳ λέγει φανερώτερον ὁ Ἰακώβ πρὸς Ἰωσήφ τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, λέγων·

Ἰδοῦ, οὐκ ἐστέρησέν με κύριος τοῦ προσώπου σου· προσάγαγέ μοι τοὺς υἱοὺς σου, ἵνα εὐλογήσω αὐτούς.

5 καὶ προσήγαγεν Ἐφραὶμ καὶ Μανασσῆ, τὸν Μανασσῆ θέλων ἵνα εὐλογηθῇ, ὅτι πρεσβύτερος ἦν· ὁ γὰρ Ἰωσήφ προσήγαγεν εἰς τὴν δεξιὰν χεῖρα τοῦ πατρὸς Ἰακώβ.

εἶδεν δὲ Ἰακώβ τύπον τῷ πνεύματι τοῦ λαοῦ τοῦ μεταξύ· καὶ τί λέγει; Καὶ ἐποίησεν Ἰακώβ ἐναλλάξ τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπέθηκεν τὴν δεξιὰν ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἐφραὶμ, τοῦ δευτέρου καὶ νεωτέρου, καὶ εὐλόγησεν αὐτόν. καὶ εἶπεν Ἰωσήφ πρὸς Ἰακώβ· Μετάθες σου τὴν δεξιὰν ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν Μανασσῆ, ὅτι πρωτότοκός μου υἱός ἐστιν. καὶ εἶπεν Ἰακώβ πρὸς Ἰωσήφ· Οἶδα, τέκνον, οἶδα· ἀλλ' ὁ μείζων δουλεύσει τῷ ἐλάσσονι, καὶ οὗτος δὲ εὐλογηθήσεται

13 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.*¹⁴⁰

¹⁴⁰ Genesis 15:6 – Hebrew has YHWH; Genesis 17:5; Romans 4:11ff.

Ν 6 βλέπετε, ἐπὶ τίνων τέθεικεν, τὸν λαὸν τοῦτον εἶναι πρῶτον καὶ τῆς διαθήκης κληρονόμον.

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

Ἴδού, τέθεικά σε, Ἀβραάμ, πατέρα ἐθνῶν τῶν πιστευόντων δι' ἀκροβυστίας τῷ θεῷ.

14 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.

¹⁴¹ Cf. Exodus 24:18; 31:18.

¹⁴² Cf. Exodus 32:7-8,19.

Ξ 1 Ναί. ἀλλὰ ἴδωμεν, εἰ ἡ διαθήκη, ἣν ὤμοσεν τοῖς πατράσιν δοῦναι τῷ λαῷ, εἰ δέδωκεν. δέδωκεν· αὐτοὶ δὲ οὐκ ἐγένοντο ἄξιοι λαβεῖν διὰ τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. 2 λέγει γὰρ ὁ προφήτης·

Καὶ ἦν Μωϋσῆς νηστεύων ἐν ὄρει Σινᾶ, τοῦ λαβεῖν τὴν διαθήκην κυρίου πρὸς τὸν λαόν, ἡ ἑρὰς τεσσεράκοντα καὶ νύκτας τεσσεράκοντα. καὶ ἔλαβεν Μωϋσῆς παρὰ κυρίου τὰς δύο πλάκας τὰς γεγραμμένας τῷ δακτύλῳ τῆς χειρὸς κυρίου ἐν πνεύματι· καὶ λαβὼν Μωϋσῆς κατέφερεν πρὸς τὸν λαόν δοῦναι.

3 καὶ εἶπεν κύριος πρὸς Μωϋσῆν. Μωϋσῆ Μωϋσῆ, κατάβηθι τὸ τάχος, ὅτι ὁ λαός σου, ὃν ἐξήγαγες ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύτου, ἠνόμησεν. καὶ συνῆκεν Μωϋσῆς, ὅτι ἐποίησαν ἑαυτοῖς πάλιν χωνέματα, καὶ ἔρριπεν ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν, καὶ συνετρίβησαν αἱ πλάκες τῆς διαθήκης κυρίου.

4 Πῶς δὲ ἡμεῖς ἐλάβομεν, μάθετε. Μωϋσῆς θεράπων ὦν ἔλαβεν, αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ κύριος ἡμῖν ἔδωκεν εἰς λαὸν κληρονομίας, δι' ἡμᾶς ὑπομείνας.

5 ἐφανερώθη δέ, ἵνα

(1) κάκεῖνοι τελειωθῶσιν τοῖς ἁμαρτήμασιν, καὶ

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

ἵνα αὐτὸς φανεῖς, τὰς ἤδη δεδαπανημένας ἡμῶν καρδίας τῷ θανάτῳ καὶ παραδεδομένας τῇ τῆς πλάνης ἀνομίᾳ λυτρωσάμενος ἐκ τοῦ σκοτούς, διάθεται ἐν ἡμῖν διαθήκην λόγῳ.

14 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

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.

Ξ 6 γέτραπται γάρ, πῶς αὐτῷ ὁ πατὴρ ἐντέλλεται,
λυτρωσάμενον ἡμᾶς ἐκ τοῦ σκότους ἐτοιμάσαι ἑαυτῷ λαὸν
ἅγιον.

7 λέγει οὖν ὁ προφήτης·

*Ἐγὼ κύριος, ὁ θεός σου, ἐκάλεσά σε ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ
κρατήσω τῆς χειρός σου καὶ ἐνισχύσω σε, καὶ ἔδωκά σε εἰς
διαθήκην γένους, εἰς φῶς ἐθνῶν ἀνοίξαι ὀφθαλμοὺς τυφλῶν
καὶ ἐξαγαγεῖν ἐκ δεσμῶν πεπεδημένους καὶ ἐξ οἴκου
φυλακῆς καθημένους ἐν σκότει. γινώσκομεν οὖν,*

πόθεν ἐλυτρώθημεν.

8 πάλιν ὁ προφήτης λέγει·

*Ἰδοὺ, τέθεικά σε εἰς φῶς ἐθνῶν, τοῦ εἶναί σε εἰς σωτηρίαν
ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς, οὕτως λέγει κύριος ὁ λυτρωσάμενός
σε θεός.*

9 καὶ πάλιν ὁ προφήτης λέγει·

*Πνεῦμα κυρίου ἐπ' ἐ ἐ, οὗ εἵνεκεν ἔχρισέν με
εὐαγγελίσασθαι ταπεινοῖς χάριν, ἀπέσταλκέν με ἰάσασθαι
τοὺς συντετριμμένους τὴν καρδίαν, κηρῦξαι αἰχμαλώτοις
ἄφεςιν καὶ τυφλοῖς ἀνάβλεψιν, καλέσαι ἐνιαυτὸν κυρίου
δεκτὸν καὶ ἡ ἔραν ἀνταποσώσεως, παρακαλέσαι πάντας
τοὺς πενθοῦντας.*

15 ¹ 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,

*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:

*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:

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:

*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

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.

Ο 1 Ἐτι οὖν καὶ περὶ τοῦ σαββάτου γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς δέκα λόγοις, ἐν οἷς ἐλάλησεν ἐν τῷ ὄρει Σινᾶ πρὸς Μωϋσῆν κατὰ πρόσωπον·

Καὶ ἀγίασατε τὸ σάββατον κυρίου χερσὶν καθαραῖς καὶ καρδίᾳ καθαῇ.

2 καὶ ἐν ἐτέρῳ λέγει·

Ἐὰν φυλάξωσιν οἱ υἱοί μου τὸ σάββατον, τότε ἐπιθήσω τὸ ἔλεός μου ἐπ' αὐτούς.

3 τὸ σάββατον λέγει ἐν ἀρχῇ τῆς κτίσεως·

Καὶ ἐποίησεν ὁ θεὸς ἐν ἑξ ἡ ἑραῖς τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν αὐτοῦ, καὶ συνετέλεσεν ἐν τῇ ἡ ἔρα τῇ ἑβδόῃ καὶ κατέπαυσεν ἐν αὐτῇ καὶ ἡγάσεν αὐτήν.

4 προσέχετε, τέκνα, τί λέγει

τὸ συνετέλεσεν ἐν ἑξ ἡ ἑραῖς.

τοῦτο λέγει, ὅτι ἐν ἑξακισχιλίοις ἔτεσιν συντελέσει κύριος τὰ σύμπαντα· ἡ γὰρ ἡμέρα παρ' αὐτῷ σημαίνει χίλια ἔτη. αὐτὸς δέ μοι μαρτυρεῖ λέγων·

Ἰδοὺ, ἡ ἔρα κυρίου ἔσται ὡς χίλια ἔτη.

οὐκοῦν, τέκνα, ἐν ἑξ ἡμέραις, ἐν τοῖς ἑξακισχιλίοις ἔτεσιν συντελεσθήσεται τὰ σύμπαντα.

15

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,¹⁵⁴ 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.*¹⁵⁵

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.*¹⁵⁶

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 day¹⁵⁷ in which Yahshua appeared publicly out of death *and* ascended into *the* skies!¹⁵⁸

¹⁵⁴ lawless, lawless one or lawlessness.

¹⁵⁵ Cf. Exodus 31:12ff.; Psalm 24:4.

¹⁵⁶ Isaiah 1:13.

¹⁵⁷ See the appendix, “The Eight Day.”

¹⁵⁸ Vs. 9: a difficult passage:

διο και αγομεν την 'εμεραν την ογδοην εισ ευφροσυνην,
so and let us go the day the eighth into rejoicing
εν η και 'ο Ιησους ανεστη εκ νεκρων και φανεπωθεις
in which even the lesous arose out (of) death and appeared
ανεβη εισ ουρανοις.
ascended into skies (heavens).

Ο 5 τοῦτο λέγει

Καὶ κατέπαυσεν τῇ ἡ ἔρα τῇ ἐβδό η.

ὅταν ἐλτῶν ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ καταργήσῃ τὸν καιρὸν τοῦ ἀνόμου καὶ κρινεῖ τοὺς ἀσεβεῖς καὶ ἀλλάξῃ τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὴν σελήνην καὶ τοὺς ἀστέρας, τότε καλῶς καταπαύσεται ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ ἐβδόμῃ.

6 πέρας γέ τοι λέγει·

Ἀγιάσεις αὐτὴν χερσὶν καθαραῖς καὶ καρδίᾳ καθαρᾷ.

εἰ οὖν ἦν ὁ θεὸς ἡμέραν ἡγίασεν νῦν τις δύναται ἀγιάσαι καθαρὸς ὢν τῇ καρδίᾳ, ἐν πᾶσιν πεπλανήμεθα. 7 ἴδε ὅτι ἄρα τότε καλῶς καταπαυόμενοι ἀγιάσομεν αὐτήν, ὅτε δυνησόμεθα αὐτοὶ δικαιωθέντες καὶ ἀπολαβόντες τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, μηκέτι οὔσης τῆς ἀνομίας, καινῶν δὲ **γεγονότων πάντων** ὑπὸ κυρίου· τότε δυνησόμεθα αὐτὴν ἀγιάσαι, αὐτοὶ ἀγιασθέντες πρῶτον.

8 πέρας γέ τοι λέγει αὐτοῖς·

Τὰς νεομηνίας ὡς καὶ τὰ σάββατα οὐκ ἀνέχομαι.

ὁρᾶτε, πῶς λέγει; οὐ τὰ σάββατα ἐμοὶ δεκτά, ἀλλὰ ὁ πεποίηκα, ἐν ᾧ καταπαύσας τὰ πάντα ἀρχὴν ἡμέρας ὀγδόης ποιήσω, ὃ ἐστὶν ἄλλου κόσμου ἀρχήν.

9 διὸ καὶ ἄγομεν τὴν ἡμέραν τὴν ὀγόνην εἰς εὐφροσύνην, ἐν ᾗ καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν καὶ φανερωθεὶς ἀνέβη εἰς οὐρανοίς.

16 1 Now I will tell you about the Qadosh;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 consecrated¹⁶⁰ 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.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.

¹⁵⁹ The Qadosh – ναός – 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.

¹⁶⁰ Consecrate = set apart or dedicate to the service of a deity.

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 Ἔτι δὲ καὶ περὶ τοῦ ναοῦ ἐρῶ ὑμῖν, ὡς πλανώμενος οἱ
ταλαίπωροι εἰς τὴν οἰκοδομὴν ἤλπισαν, καὶ οὐκ ἐπὶ τὸν θεὸν
αὐτῶν τὸν ποιήσαντα αὐτούς, ὡς ὄντα οἶκον θεοῦ. 2 σχεδὸν γὰρ
ὡς τὰ ἔθνη ἀφιέρωσαν αὐτὸν ἐν τῷ ναῷ. ἀλλὰ πῶς λέγει κύριος
καταργῶν αὐτὸν, μάθετε· Τίς ἐμέτρησεν τὸν οὐρανὸν σπιθαμῇ ἢ
τὴν γῆν δρακί; οὐκ ἐγώ; λέγει κύριος·

*Ὁ οὐρανός μοι θρόνος, ἡ δὲ γῆ ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν μου·
ποῖον οἶκον οἰκοδομήσετέ μοι, ἢ τίς τόπος τῆς καταπαύσεώς
μου;*

ἐγνώκατε, ὅτι ματαία ἡ ἐλπίς αὐτῶν. 3 πέρας γέ τοι πάλιν λέγει·

*Ἴδού, οἱ καθελόντες τὸν ναὸν τοῦτον αὐτοὶ αὐτὸν
οἰκοδομήσουσιν.*

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

5 καὶ ὁ λαὸς Ἰσραὴλ παραδίδοσθαι, ἐφανερώθη. λέγει γὰρ ἡ
γραφὴ·

*Καὶ κύριος τὰ πρόβατα τῆς νομῆς καὶ παραδώσει καὶ τὸν
πύργον αὐτῶν εἰς καταφθοράν. καὶ ἐγενετο καθ' ἃ ἐλάλησεν
κύριος.*

6 ζητήσωμεν δέ, εἰ ἔστιν ναὸς θεοῦ. ἔστιν, ὅπου αὐτὸς λέγει
ποιεῖν καὶ καταρτίζειν.

16

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.*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 shrine¹⁶³ {*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!

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 *Ναοὺς*.

Π 6b γέγραπται γάρ·

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

7 εὐρίσκω οὖν, ὅτι ἔστιν ναός. πῶς οὖν οἰκοδομηθήσεται ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματι κυρίου, μάθετε.

πρὸ τοῦ ἡμᾶς πιστεῦσαι τῷ θεῷ ἦν ἡμῶν τὸ κατοικητήριον τῆς καρδίας φθαρτὸν καὶ ἀσθενές, ὡς ἀληθῶς οἰκοδομητὸς ναὸς διὰ χειρός, ὅτι ἦν πλήρης μὲν εἰδωλολοτρείας καὶ ἦν οἶκος δαιμονίων διὰ τὸ ποιεῖν, ὅσα ἦν ἐναντία τῷ θεῷ. 8 Οἰκοδομηθήσετα δὲ ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματι κυρίου. προσέχετε δέ, ἵνα ὁ ναὸς τοῦ κυρίου ἐνδόξως οἰκοδομηθῇ. πῶς, μάθετε.

λαβόντες τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ ἐλπίσαντες ἐπὶ τὸ ὄνομα ἐγενόμεθα καινοί, ἄλλοι ἐξ ἀρχῆς κτιζόμενοι· διὸ ἐν τῷ κατοικητηρίῳ ἡμῶν ἀληθῶς ὁ θεὸς κατοικεῖ ἐν ἡμῖν.

9 πῶς; ὁ λόγος αὐτοῦ τῆς πίστεως, ἡ κλήσις αὐτοῦ τῆς ἐπαγγελίας, ἡ σοφία τῶν δικαιοματίων, αἱ ἐντολαὶ τῆς διδαχῆς,

αὐτὸς ἐν ἡμῖν προφητεύων, αὐτὸς ἐν ἡμῖν κατοικῶν, τοὺς τῷ θανάτῳ δεδουλωμένους ἀνοίγων ἡμῖν τὴν θύραν τοῦ ναοῦ, ὃ ἐστὶν στόμα, μετάνοιαν διδοὺς ἡμῖν, εἰσάγε εἰς τὸν ἄφθαρτον ναόν.

10 ὁ γὰρ ποθῶν σωθῆναι βλέπει οὐκ εἰς τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἀλλ' εἰς τὸν ἐν αὐτῷ κατοικοῦντα καὶ λαλοῦντα, ἐπ' αὐτῷ ἐκπλησώμενος, ἐπὶ τῷ μηδέποτε μήτε τοῦ λέγοντος τὰ ῥήματα ἀκηκοέναι ἐκ τοῦ στόματος μήτε αὐτὸς ποτε ἐπιτεθυμηκέναι ἀκούειν. τοῦτό ἐστιν πνευματικὸς 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 authority¹⁶⁴ – 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.¹⁶⁵ Satan *appoints his* malachim over the other. ² On one side stands YHWH, yimlok l'olam;¹⁶⁶ on the other side is the ruler of a world; *a world* presently *drowning* in evil.

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.

Ρ 1 Ἐφ' ὅσον ἦν ἐν δυνατῷ καὶ ἀπλότῃ δηλῶσαι ὑμῖν, ἐλπίζει μου ἡ ψυχὴ τῇ ἐπιθυμίᾳ μου μὴ παραλελοιπέναι τι τῶν ἀνηκόντων εἰς σωτηρίαν. 2 ἔὰν γὰρ περὶ τῶν ἐνεστώτων ἢ μελλόντων γράφω ὑμῖν, οὐ μὴ νοήσητε διὰ τὸ ἐν παραβολαῖς κεῖσθαι. ταῦτα μὲν οὕτως.

Σ 1 Μεταβῶμεν δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ ἑτέραν γνῶσιν καὶ διδαχὴν. Ὅδοι δύο εἰσὶν διδαχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας, ἢ τε τοῦ φωτὸς καὶ ἢ τοῦ σκότους. διαφορὰ δὲ πολλὴ τῶν δύο ὁδῶν. Ἐφ' ἧς μὲν γάρ εἰσιν τεταγμένοι φωταγωγοὶ ἄγγελοι τοῦ θεοῦ, Ἐφ' ἧς δὲ ἄγγελοι του σατανᾶ. 2 καὶ ὁ μὲν ἐστὶν κύριος ἀπὸ αἰώνων καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, ὁ δὲ ἄρχων καιροῦ τοῦ νῦν τῆς ἀνομίας.

19 ¹ 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.¹⁶⁷

2h You will not abandon the commandments of YHWH.

3a You will not applaud yourself.¹⁶⁸

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 ἐστὶν αὕτη· ἐάν τις θέλων ὁδὸν
ὀδεύειν ἐπὶ τὸν ὠρισμένον τόπον, σπεύσῃ τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ.
ἔσιν οὖν ἡ δοθεῖσα ἡμῖν γνῶσις τοῦ περιπατεῖν ἐν αὐτῇ τοιαύτη.

2a ἀγαπήσεις τὸν ποιήσαντά σε,

2b φοβηθήσῃ τὸν σε πλασαντα,

2c δοξάσεις τὸν σε λυτρωσάμενον ἐκ θανάτου·

2d ἔσῃ ἀπλοῦς τῇ καρδίᾳ καὶ πλούσιος τῷ πνεύματι·

2e οὐ κολληθήσῃ μετὰ τῶν πορευομένων ἐν ὁδῷ θανάτου,

2f μισήσεις πᾶν, ὃ οὐκ ἔστιν ἀρεστὸν τῷ θεῷ,

2g μισήσεις πᾶσαν ὑπόκρισιν· οὐ μὴ ἐγκαταλιπῇς ἐντολὰς
κυρίου.

3a οὐχ ὑψώσεις σεαυτὸν,

3b ἔσῃ δὲ ταπεινόφρων κατὰ πάντα·

3c οὐκ ἀρεῖς ἐπὶ σεαυτὸν δόξαν.

3d οὐ λήμψῃ βουλήν πονηρὰν κατὰ τοῦ πλησίον σου,

3e οὐ δώσεις τῇ ψυχῇ σου θράσος.

4a οὐ πορνεύσεις,

4b οὐ μοιχεύσεις,

4c οὐ παιδοφθορήσεις.

4d οὐ μή σου ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἐξέθῃ ἐν ἀκαθαρσίᾳ τινῶν.

4e οὐ λήμψῃ πρόσωπον ἐλέγξαι τινὰ ἐπὶ παραπτώματι.

4f ἔσῃ πράϋς,

4g ἔσῃ ἡσύχιος,

4h ἔσῃ τρέμων τοὺς λόγους οὓς ἤκουσας,

4i οὐ μνησικακήσεις τῷ ἀδελφῷ σου.

19 5 You will not doubt whether something will happen or not.

*You will not take the name of YHWH for improper purpose.*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 *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 *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 *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.¹⁷⁰

¹⁶⁹ Exo 20:7 In the Greek of Bar Naba it is:

ou mē labēs epi mataiō to onoma kuriou:

No not take up uselessly the name of YHWH.

¹⁷⁰ Cf. Prov. 21:6.

Τ 5 οὐ μὴ διψυχήσης, πότερον ἔσται ἢ οὐ.

οὐ ἡ λάβης ἐπὶ ματάῳ τὸ ὄνομα κυρίου.

ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὑπὲρ τὴν ψυχὴν σου.

οὐ φονεύσεις τέκνον ἐν φθορᾷ, οὐδὲ πάλιν γεννηθὲν ἀποκτενεῖς.

οὐ μὴ ἄρῃς τὴν χεῖρά σου ἀπὸ τοῦ υἱοῦ σου ἢ ἀπὸ τῆς θυγατρὸς σου, ἀλλὰ ἀπὸ νεότητος διδάξεις φόβον θεοῦ.

6 οὐ ἡ γένη ἐπιθυμῶν τὰ τοῦ πλησίον σου,

οὐ μὴ γένη πλεονέκτης.

οὐδὲ κολληθήσῃ ἐκ ψυχῆς σου μετὰ ὑψηλῶν, ἀλλὰ μετὰ ταπεινῶν καὶ δικαίων ἀναστραφήσῃ,

τὰ συμβαίνοντά σοι ἐνεργήματα ὡς ἀγαθὰ προσδέξῃ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἄνευ θεοῦ οὐδὲν γίνεται.

7 οὐκ ἔσῃ διγνώμων οὐδὲ γλωσσώδης, ὑποταγήσῃ κυρίως ὡς τύπῳ θεοῦ ἐν αἰσχύνῃ καὶ φόβῳ

οὐ μὴ ἐπιτάξης δούλῳ σου ἢ παιδίσκῃ ἐν πικρίᾳ, τοῖς ἐπὶ τὸν αὐτὸν θεὸν ἐλπίζουσιν,

μή ποτε οὐ μὴ φοβηθήσονται τὸν ἐπ' ἀμφοτέροις θεόν· ὅτι οὐκ ἦλθεν κατὰ πρόσωπον καλέσαι, ἀλλ' ἐφ' οὗς τὸ πνεῦμα ἠτοίμασεν.

8 κοινωνήσεις ἐν πᾶσιν τῷ πλησίον σου καὶ οὐκ ἐρεῖς ἴδια εἶναι· εἰ γὰρ ἐν τῷ ἀφθάρτῳ κοινωνοὶ ἐστε, πόσῳ μᾶλλον ἐν τοῖς φθαρτοῖς;

οὐκ ἔσῃ πρόγλωσσος· παγὶς γὰρ τὸ στόμα θανάτου. ὅσον δύνασαι, ὑπὲρ τῆς ψυχῆς σου ἀγνεύσεις.

19 9 *Do not be a hand-stretcher in receiving and a hand-drawer in giving.*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.

¹⁷¹ Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 4:31.

Τ 9 μὴ γίνου πρὸς μὲν τὸ λαβεῖν ἐκτείνων τὰς χεῖρας, πρὸς μὲν τὸ λαβεῖν ἐκτείνων τὰς χεῖρας, πρὸς δὲ τὸ δοῦναι συσπῶν.

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 ἢ διὰ λόγου κοπιῶν καὶ πορευόμενος εἰς λύτρωσιν ἁμαρτιῶν σου. οὐ διστάσεις μισθοῦ καλὸς ἀνταποδότης.

φυλάξεις ἃ παρέλαβες, μήτε προστιθεῖς μήτε ἀφαιρῶν,

εἰς τέλος μισήσεις τὸ πονηρόν.

κρινεῖς δικαίως.

12 οὐ ποιήσεις σχίσμα, εἰρηνεύσεις δὲ μαχομένους συαγαγών.

ἐξομολογήσῃ ἐπὶ ἁμαρτίαις σου.

οὐ προσήξεις ἐπὶ προσευχὴν ἐν συνειδήσει πονηρᾷ.

αὕτη ἐστὶν ὁδὸς τοῦ φωτός.

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 oppresses the miserable;

2o lawyers¹⁷⁶ for the rich;

2p judges who are unjust to the poor;

2q sinning in every way *imaginable*.

¹⁷² Galatians 5:19-21.

¹⁷³ James 1:27.

¹⁷⁴ Romans 1:29.

¹⁷⁵ Didachē 2:2; Exodus 21:22.

¹⁷⁶ Lawyers = παρακλητοι = 'paracletes.'

Υ 1 Ἡ δὲ τοῦ μέλαος ὁδὸς ἐστὶν **σκολιὰ** καὶ κατάρας μεστή.
ὁδὸς ἐστὶν θανάτου αἰωνίου μετὰ τιμωρίας, ἐν ᾗ ἐστὶν τὰ
ἀπολλύντα τῇ ψυχὴν αὐτῶν· εἰδωλολατρεία, θρασύτης, ὕψος
δυνάμεως, ὑπόκρισις, διπλοκαρδία, μοιχεία, φόνος, ἀρπαγή,
ὑπερηφανία, μαγεία, πλεονεξία, ἀφοβία θεοῦ·

2a διῶκται τῶν ἀγαθῶν, μισοῦντες ἀλήθειαν, ἀγαπῶντες
ψεῦδος,

2b οὐ γινώσκοντες μισθὸν δικαιοσύνης,

2c οὐ κολλῶμενοι ἀγαθῷ, οὐ κρίσει δικαία,

2d χήρα καὶ ὀρφανῷ οὐ προσέχοντες,

2e ἀγρυπνοῦντες οὐκ εἰς φόβον θεοῦ, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὸ πονηρόν,

2f ὧν μακρὰν καὶ πόρρω πραύτης καὶ ὑπομονῆς,

2g ἀγαπῶντες μάταια,

2h διώκοντες ἀνταπόδομα (repay),

2i οὐκ ἐλεῶντες πτωχόν,

2j οὐ πονοῦντες ἐπὶ καταπονουμένῳ,

2k εὐχερεῖς ἐν καταλαλιᾷ,

2l οὐ γινώσκοντες τὸν ποιήσαντα αὐτούς,

2m καταφονεῖς τέκνων,

2n φθορεῖς πλάσματος θεοῦ, ἀποστρεφόμενοι τὸν ἐνδέμενον,
καταπονοῦντες τὸν θλιβόμενον,

2o πλουσίων παράκλητοι,

2p πενήτων ἄνομοι κριταί,

2q πανθαμάρτητοι.

21 1 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.

2 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*. 3 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.¹⁷⁷

4 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. 5 And may Elohim, who rules the whole world, give you wisdom, understanding, discipline, knowledge of Torah, and patience. 6 Be taught by Elohim, inquiring about what YHWH wants from you, and work so you may be established in a Day of Judgment.

7 If there is yet any remembrance of good,¹⁷⁸ remember me as you practice so my wishing and watching may lead to the good. 8 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.

9 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!¹⁷⁹ May the Elohim of Kavod and of all favor be with your spirit! Amein!

Letter of Bar Naba

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, ὅσα γέγραπται, ἐν τούτοις περιπατεῖν. ὁ γὰρ ταῦτα ποιῶν ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ δοξασθήσεται· ὁ ἐκεῖνα ἐκλεγόμενος μετὰ τῶν ἔργων αὐτοῦ συναπολεῖται. διὰ τοῦτο ἀνάστασις, διὰ τοῦτο ἀνταπόδομα.

2 ἐρωτῶ τοὺς ὑπερέχοντας, εἴ τινά μου γνώμης ἀγαθῆς λαμβάνετε συμβουλίαν· ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν εἰς οὓς ἐργάσησθε τὸ καλόν· μὴ ἐλλειπητε. 3 ἐγγὺς ὁ κύριος καὶ ὁ μισθὸς αὐτοῦ.

4 ἔτι καὶ ἐρωτῶ ὑμᾶς· ἑαυτῶν γίνεσθε νομοθέται ἀγαθοί, ἑαυτῶν μένετε σύμβουλοι πιστοί, ἄρατε ἐξ ὑμῶν πᾶσαν ὑπόκρισιν. 5 ὁ δὲ θεός, ὁ τοῦ παντὸς κόσμου κυριεύων, δώη ὑμῖν σοφίαν, σύνεσιν, ἐπιστήμην, γνῶσιν τῶν δικαιωμάτων αὐτοῦ, ὑπομονήν. 6 γίνεσθε δὲ θεοδιδάκτοι, ἐκζητοῦντες τί ζητεῖ κύριος ἀφ' ὑμῶν, καὶ ποιεῖτε ἵνα εὐρεθῇτε ἐν ἡμέρᾳ κρίσεως.

7 εἰ δὲ τίς ἐστὶν ἀγαθοῦ μνεία, μνημονεύετε μου μελετῶντες ταῦτα, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ἐπιθυμία καὶ ἡ ἀγρυπνία εἰς τι ἀγαθὸν χωρήσῃ. ἐρωτῶ ὑμᾶς, χάριν αἰτούμενος. 8 ἕως ἔτι τὸ καλὸν σκευδός ἐστὶν μεθ' ὑμῶν, μὴ ἐλλείπητε μηδενὶ ἑαυτῶν, ἀλλὰ συνεχῶς ἐκζητεῖτε ταῦτα καὶ ἀναπληροῦτε πᾶσαν ἐντολήν· ἐστὶν γὰρ ἄξια.

9 διὸ μᾶλλον ἐσπούδασα γράψαι ἀφ' ὧν ἡδυνήθην, εἰς τὸ εὐφραῖναι ὑμᾶς. σῶζεσθε, ἀγάπης τέκνα καὶ εἰρήνης. ὁ κύριος τῆς δόξης καὶ πάσης χάριτος μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν.

Ἐπιστολὴ 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 **Ιησους** (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



iota [I or ι = 10] + **eta** [H or η = 8] = **18**

If Avraham actually set forth this teaching, he would probably have done so in Paleo-Hebrew:

yod [י = 10] + **heth** [ח = 8] = **18**

yod [י = 10] + **he** [ה = 5] = **15**,¹⁸⁰ disqualifying the ה in the spelling of the Messiah's name, at least in this scenario.

2) **Ιησους** = Iesus = Yahshus. All masculine names in Greek **require the ending of sigma ζ in their first (or nominative) form**.¹⁸¹ 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** [ש] is also 300.

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

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 $\tau + \text{✕} = 700$, the special number of completion (100 x 7).

4 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 (χίλιοι) 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 they 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.)

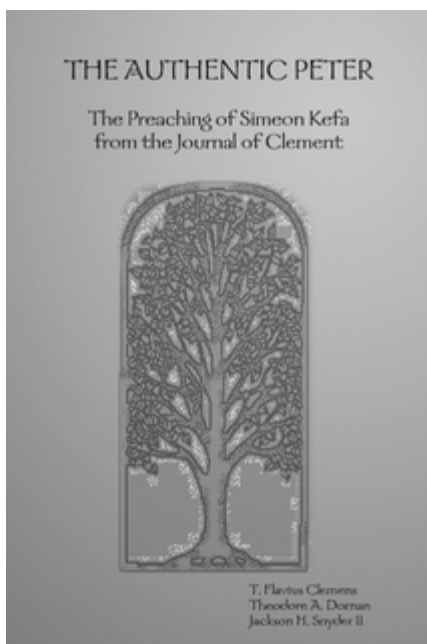
In summary, we can say that those in covenant with Bar Naba knew which thousand-year “day” they were living in, knew when Messiah was to come (Daniel 12:10ff), and recognized him on the fifth prophetic day, which began sometime near the beginning of the common era (John 1:1-5).

After the ascension, this information became public (as in Barnabas 15), and Covenanters (for the most part) kept immaculate records of time.¹⁸² 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

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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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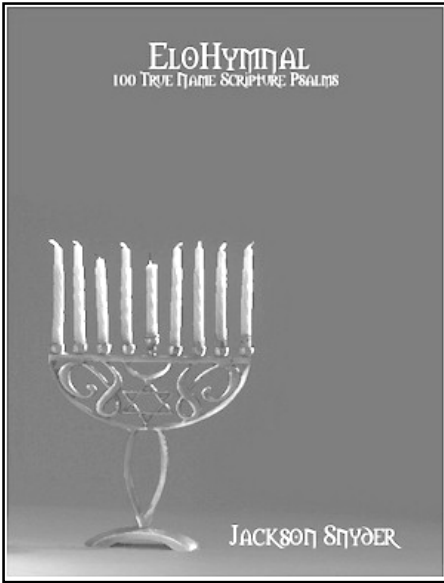
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