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## Replacement Theology

The most famous of **Socrates's** pupils was an aristocratic young man named **Plato** who was born in *428BC*, lived in *Athens, Greece*. After the death of Socrates, Plato carried on much of his former teacher's work and eventually founded his own school, the *Academy*, in *385BC*. The *Academy* would become in its time the most famous school in the classical world, and its most famous pupil was **Aristotle**.

### **Alexander the Great** *356 BC-323 BC*

Gentile believers with a *Greek* mindset had a hard time believing that Jesus was human as well as divine, because in **Platonic thought** the spirit was all-important. The body was only a prison from which one desired to escape. Heresies developed from a uniting of this kind of Platonic thought and Christianity.

A particularly widespread false teaching, later called **Docetism** (from a *Greek* word meaning "to seem"), held that Jesus was actually a spirit who only appeared to have a body. In reality they say, "he cast no shadow and left no footprints; he was *God* but not man."

Another heretical teaching, related to **Gnosticism** (from a *Greek* word meaning "knowledge"), held that all physical matter was evil, the spirit was good, and only the intellectually enlightened could enjoy the benefits of religion. Both groups found it hard to believe in a Savior who was fully human.

1Co 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Ac 17:15-18 But those who went with Paul took him as far as *Athens*, and then went away, with orders from him to *Silas* and *Timothy* to come to him quickly. Now while Paul waited for them at **Athens**, (*Greece - Greek mindset*) his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the *Jews* and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. Then certain **Epicurean and Stoic philosophers** encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them *Jesus* and the resurrection.

Seed picker: *Crow/Gull* Free loader who hangs around the open markets to live off scraps.

**Epicureanism:** 300BC The Epicureans said that the best way to be happy and not sad was to not want anything. It's wanting things that leads to pain. Epicureans had an important influence on Christianity. The Christian idea that holy people should

separate themselves from the world, not think about their bodies or about the things they own or on their friends and family and focus just on Heaven owes something to Epicureanism. (Monastaries)

**Stoics:** 300BC School of philosophy was founded in Athens 300 BC by **Zeno** of Citium (in Cyprus), What is truth?

Ac 17:22-28 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

**Aratus from Cilicia** 300BC

His best known work, is a didactic **poem**, the *Phaenomena* ('astronomy')

Let us begin with Zeus, whom we mortals never leave unspoken.

For every street, every market-place is full of Zeus.

Even the sea and the harbour are full of this deity.

Everywhere everyone is indebted to Zeus.

**For we are indeed his offspring...**

(*Phaenomena* 1-5).

Tit 1:12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, **The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.**

**Epimenides** of Knossos (Crete) was a semi-legendary **6th century BC** Greek seer and philosopher-poet, who is said to have fallen asleep for fifty-seven years in a Cretian cave sacred to Zeus, after which he reportedly awoke with the gift of prophecy. Epimenides considered Zeus immortal.

In the poem, Minos addresses Zeus thus:

*They fashioned a tomb for thee, O holy and high one*

**The Cretans, always liars, evil beasts, idle bellies!**

*But thou art not dead: thou livest and abidest forever,*

**For in thee we live and move and have our being.**

The "lie" of the Cretians is that Zeus was mortal;

1Co 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

**Menander** (ca. 342-291 BC) Greek Greek dramatist , Menander was the author of more than a hundred comedies

"Evil communications corrupt good manners" (from the *Thais*)

1Co 2:1,2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, I came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Ac 18:1-5 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Ac 18:7-11 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

1Co 1:17-23 My mission from Christ was not to baptize, but to tell the Good News; not, however, in the language of philosophy, lest the cross of the Christ should be robbed of its meaning. The Message of the Cross is indeed mere folly to those who are in the path to Ruin, but to us who are in the path of Salvation it is the very power of God. For Scripture says-'I will bring the philosophy of the philosophers to nought, and the shrewdness of the shrewd I will make of no account.' Where is the Philosopher? Where is the Teacher of the Law? Where is the Disputant of to-day? Has not God shown the world's philosophy to be folly? For since the world, in God's wisdom, did not by its philosophy learn to know God, God saw fit, by the 'folly' of our proclamation, to save those who believe in Christ! While Jews ask for

miraculous signs, and Greeks study philosophy, We are proclaiming Christ crucified!- to the Jews an obstacle, to the Gentiles mere folly,  
We find no church of Athens.

Ac 18:19-21 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

What is Replacement Theology?

Replacement theology teaches that when it comes to the promises of God in scripture, the Church has "replaced" Israel. In this doctrine, the church views Israel as the "branch" that was broken off, (Romans 11:20), and the gentile church, now being grafted into the olive tree, has "replaced" the branch of Israel. In replacement theology, the Jewish people have no future in God's plan. Replacement theology falsely teaches that the Church has taken the place of the Israel.

Historical Roots of Replacement theology

Justin Martyr (c. AD 160) in speaking to a Jew said: "The Scriptures are not yours, but ours."

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon (c. AD 177) declared: "Jews are disinherited from the grace of God."

Tertullian (AD 160-230), in his treatise, "Against the Jews," announced that God had rejected the Jews in favor of the Christians.

In the early 4th century, Eusebius wrote that the promises of the Hebrew Scriptures were for Christians and not the Jews, and the curses were for the Jews. He argued that the Church was the continuation of the Old Testament and thus superseded Judaism. The young Church declared itself to be the true Israel, or "Israel according to the Spirit," heir to the divine promises. They found it essential to discredit the "Israel according to the flesh" to prove that God had cast away His people and transferred His love to the Christians.

In AD 306, Constantine became the first Christian Roman Emperor. In AD 321, he made Christianity the official religion of the Empire to the exclusion of all other religions. This signaled the end of the persecution of Christians, but the beginning of discrimination and persecution of the Jewish people.

Nu 9:6-12 And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the Passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: And those men said unto him, We are defiled

by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD. The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.

2Chr 30:1-3 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover unto the LORD God of Israel. For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

Council of Nicea 325 AD/CE: From the letter of the Emperor (Constantine) to all those not present at the council. (Found in Eusebius, Vita Const., Lib III 18-20)

"When the question relative to the sacred festival of *Easter* arose, it was *universally* thought that it would be convenient that all should keep the feast on one day; It was declared to be particularly unworthy for this, the holiest of festivals, to follow the customs (the calculation) of the Jews who had soiled their hands with the most fearful of crimes, and whose minds were blinded. In rejecting their custom we may transmit to our descendants the legitimate mode of celebrating Easter. We ought not therefore to have anything in common with the Jew, for the Saviour has shown us another way; our worship following a more legitimate and more convenient course (the order of the days of the week: And consequently in unanimously adopting this mode, we desire, dearest brethren to separate ourselves from the detestable company of the Jew. For it is *truly shameful for us to hear them boast* that without their direction we could not keep this feast. How can they be in the right, they who, after the death of the Saviour, have no longer been led by reason but by wild violence, as their delusion may urge them? They do not possess the truth in this Easter question, for in their blindness and repugnance to all improvements they frequently celebrate two Passovers in the same year. We could not imitate those who are openly in error.

How, then, could we follow *these Jews* who are most certainly blinded by error? For to celebrate a Passover twice in one year, is totally inadmissible. But even if this were not so it would still be your duty not to tarnish your soul by communication with such wicked people (the Jews).

You should consider not only that the number of churches in these provinces make a majority, but also that it is right to demand what our reason approves, and that we should have nothing in common with the Jews."

St. Jerome (AD 347-407) describes the Jews as "... serpents, wearing the image of Judas, their psalms and prayers are the braying of donkeys."

At the end of the 4th century, the Bishop of Antioch, John Chrysostom (Golden Tongued), the great orator, wrote a series of eight sermons against the Jews. To quote him: "the synagogue is not only a brothel and a theater; it is also a den of robbers and a lodging for wild beasts. No Jew adores God... Jews are inveterate murderers, possessed by the devil, their debauchery and drunkenness gives them the manners of the pig.

In the 5th century, the burning question was: If the Jews and Judaism were cursed by God, then how can you explain their continued existence? Augustine confronted this problem in his "Sermon Against the Jews." He maintained that even though the Jews deserved the most severe punishment for having "killed our Jesus" but that they have been kept alive by Divine Providence to serve, together with their Scriptures, as witnesses to the truth of Christianity.

1492 synagogues burned.

Martin Luther: The Jews and Their Lies (excerpts) 1483-1546

What shall we Christians do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews? Since they live among us, we dare not tolerate their conduct, now that we are aware of their lying and reviling and blaspheming. If we do, we become sharers in their lies, cursing and blasphemy. Thus we cannot extinguish the unquenchable fire of divine wrath, of which the prophets speak, nor can we convert the Jews. With prayer and the fear of God we must practice a sharp mercy to see whether we might save at least a few from the glowing flames. We dare not avenge ourselves. Vengeance a thousand times worse than we could wish them already has them by the throat. I shall give you my sincere advice:

**First** to set fire to their synagogues or schools and to bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn, so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom, so that God might see that we are Christians, and do not condone or knowingly tolerate such public lying, cursing, and blaspheming of his Son and of his Christians. For whatever we tolerated in the past unknowingly - and I myself was unaware of it - will be pardoned by God.

**Second**, I advise that their houses also be razed and destroyed. For they pursue in them the same aims as in their synagogues. Instead they might be lodged under a roof or in a barn, like the gypsies. This will bring home to them that they are not masters in our country, as they boast, but that they are living in exile and in captivity, as they incessantly wail and lament about us before God.

**Third**, I advise that all their prayer books and Talmudic writings, in which such idolatry, lies, cursing and blasphemy are taught, be taken from them.

**Fourth**, I advise that their rabbis be forbidden to teach henceforth on pain of loss of life and limb. For they have justly forfeited the right to such an office by holding the poor Jews captive with the saying of Moses. They wantonly employ the poor people's obedience contrary to the law of the Lord and infuse them with this poison, cursing, and blasphemy.

**Fifth**, I advise that safe-conduct on the highways be abolished completely for the Jews. For they have no business in the countryside, since they are not lords, officials, tradesmen, or the like. Let them stay at home.

**Sixth**, I advise that usury be prohibited to them, and that all cash and treasure of silver and gold be taken from them and put aside for safekeeping.

**Seventh**, I commend putting a flail, an ax, a hoe, a spade, a distaff, or a spindle into the hands of young, strong Jews and Jewesses and letting them earn their bread in the sweat of their brow, as was imposed on the children of Adam. For it is not fitting that they should let us accursed Goyim toil in the sweat of our faces while they, the holy people, idle away their time behind the stove, feasting and farting, and on top of all, boasting blasphemously of their lordship over the Christians by means of our sweat. Burn down their synagogues, forbid all that I enumerated earlier, force them to work, and deal harshly with them, as Moses did in the wilderness, slaying three thousand lest the whole people perish. They surely do not know what they are doing; moreover, as people possessed, they do not wish to know it, hear it, or learn it. There it would be wrong to be merciful and confirm them in their conduct. If this does not help we must drive them out like mad dogs, so that we do not become partakers of their abominable blasphemy and all their other vices and thus merit God's wrath and be damned with them. I have done my duty. Now let everyone see to his. I am exonerated."

The Bible declares that there is nothing new under the sun. It was happening back then and it is happening today. We are only building upon the sins of the fathers.

There is a saying that "The Church" started it all with forced conversions declaring: **"Jews cannot live among us as Jews!"**

Then the nations of the world followed up on what the Church said and declared,  
"Jews cannot live among us  
Hitler simply built on the foundation the Church had laid and simply stated  
"Jews cannot live

Nu 14:10-12 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and **disinherit them**, and **will make of you a greater** nation and mightier than they. (Moses you will be **great!**)

Nu 14:13-16 And Moses said to the LORD: "Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them, "and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. "Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, '**Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.**'

Nu 14:17-21 "And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.' "Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word; "but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with **the glory of the LORD-**

Eze 34:6,11,12 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Mt 26:31 for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

Ac 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Mr 10:42-44 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

3Jn 1:9,10: "I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church."

The Hebrew word Kahal became "ecclesia" in the Septuagint  
The Hebrew word Edah became "sunagoge"

Ac 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: (sunagogue)

Jas 2:1,2 For if there come unto your assembly (sunagogue) a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

Re 2:9 but are the synagogue (sunagogue) of Satan.

Ac 7:37,38 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church (ecclesia) in the wilderness

Ac 19:35-41 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly. For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess. Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another. But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly. For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly. (ecclesia)

Ge 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Ex 34:6,7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,

Heb 11:31-38 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

Was English the first language the bible was written in? If it wasn't English there is no "Church" in the New Testament! Only an Ecclesia which includes all the Jews of who had faith. They are who Gentiles are grafted in to!

What Happens When a Church Replaces Israel?

- 1) The Church becomes arrogant and self-centered.
- 2) It boasts against the Jews and Israel.
- 3) It devalues the role of Israel or has no role for Israel at all.
- 4) These attitudes result in anti-Semitism in word and deed.
- 5) Without a place for Israel and the Jewish people today, you cannot explain the Bible prophecies, especially the very specific ones being fulfilled in Israel today.
- 6) Many New Testament passages do not make sense when the Jewish people are replaced by the Church.
- 7) You can lose the significance of the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, for today. Many Christians boast of being a New Testament Christian or a NT Church as in the Book of Acts. However, the Bible of the early Church was not the New Testament, which did not get codified until the 4th century, but rather the Hebrew Scriptures.
- 8) You can lose the Hebraic/Judaic contextualization of the Brit Chadashah
- 9) The Church loses out on the opportunity to participate in God's plan and prophecy for the Church, Israel and the world today.

What Happens When we Relate to Israel?

- 1) We take our proper role in God's redemptive plan for the world, appreciating God's ongoing covenant relationship and love for Israel and the Jewish people.
- 2) We can see the consistency of God's redemptive plan from Genesis to Revelation as an ongoing complementary process, not as disconnected snapshots.
- 3) We show love and honour for God's covenant people, not contempt.
- 4) Bible prophecy makes sense for today and offers opportunities for involvement in God's plan for Israel.
- 6) We are able to appreciate the Hebraic/Judaic roots that fill in the definitions, concepts, words and events in the New Testament that are otherwise obscured. Why? Many were not explained by the Jewish writers of the New Testament, because they did not feel the need to fill in all the details that were already explained in the Tanakh.

**The Greatest commandment" comes from the Torah!**

De 6:4-8 Hear, O, Israel. The LORD our God is one LORD. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart. And you shall carefully teach them to your sons, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

What is that way?

Ps 119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law(Torah) of the LORD.

And what is Truth?

Ps 119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law(Torah): is the truth.

And what is Life?

Pr 13:14 The law(Torah): of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

The Helmet of Salvation(Yeshua) covers our head; Protecting our eyes, ears, and mouth.

Isa 59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation (Yeshua) upon his head; (In Hebrew Salvation=Yeshua)

Pr 7:1-3 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and **my law (Torah) as the apple of thine eye**. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

De 32:10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. His people are the apple of His eye and He wants His Torah to be the apple of our eyes!

Pr 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law (Torah), even his prayer shall be abomination!

Mal 2:6-9 The law (Torah) of truth was in his mouth, And injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, And turned many away from iniquity. "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law (Torah) from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law (Torah). You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base Before all the people, Because you have not kept My ways but have shown partiality in the law (Torah)."

Ps 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law (Torah) he meditates day and night.

Ps 119:97 O how love I thy law (Torah)! it is my meditation all the day.

Ps 119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law (Torah) of the LORD.

Ps 119:44,45 So shall I keep thy law (Torah) continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts. (What! Liberty in Torah?!!!)

Isa 51:7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law (Torah): (Who knows righteousness? Those who have Torah in their heart!)

We are to meditate on Torah, look at Torah, listen to Torah, speak Torah, walk in Torah, seek Torah, delight in Torah, the Torah is in our heart. There is liberty in Torah! For Torah is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. For Yeshua is the Living Torah and we have the mind of Messiah! Isn't it great to know He is the same yesterday, today and forever!! He didn't decide His past teaching was wrong and all messed up so He'd have to come and correct/change it!! His initial Word could stand forever! Torah does not mean "law" it means "teaching" and it is still good for reproof, correction & instruction in righteousness!!

Ho 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law(Torah) of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

La 2:9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

Where there is no Torah there is no vision.

Pr 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law(Torah), happy is he.

Pr 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law (Torah) is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

2Ti 3:16,17 ~~All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.~~

Mt 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Pr 13:9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

Mt 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Lu 13:25-27 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Ps 119:34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Ac 13:14,15 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them,

saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

Ac 13:45,51,52 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Ac 14:5,6 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them, They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

Ac 14:8-11 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

Ac 14:12,13 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

Ac 14:14,15 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

Ga 4:8-11 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:13,14 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Col 2:17,18 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Eze 36:24-28 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

