



TORAH...TORAH...

WHAT IS TORAH?

Part 16

Torah, The Good News,

&

Jewish Apocalypticism

Torah



Barchu et Adonai ham'vorach!

Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va'ed!

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech

ha'olam, asher bachar banu mikol

ha'amim, v'natan lanu et Torato.

Baruch atah, Adonai, notein haTorah.

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יי הַמְּבָרָךְ!
בְּרוּךְ יי הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל
הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Bless Adonai who is blessed!

Blessed is Adonai who is blessed forever and ever!

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has
chosen us from all the peoples and given us Your Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



Matthew 5

17 **“DON’T THINK that I have come TO
ABOLISH [DESTROY] THE TORAH OR
THE PROPHETS. I have come not to
abolish BUT TO COMPLETE [FULFILL].**

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Matthew 5

18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, NOT SO MUCH AS A YUD OR A STROKE WILL PASS FROM THE TORAH — not until everything that must happen has happened.

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Matthew 5

19 So whoever **DISOBEYS THE LEAST OF THESE
MITZVOT AND TEACHES OTHERS TO DO SO**

will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven.

But **WHOEVER OBEYS THEM AND SO TEACHES**

will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

ABOLISHING THE TORAH

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**DISOBEYING IT AND TEACHING
OTHERS TO DISOBEY**

FULFILLING THE TORAH

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**OBEYING IT AND
TEACHING OTHERS TO OBEY**

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God chose Abraham and His descendants with whom to make His covenant and to be His standard bearer as He carried out His plan of redemption for the world.

They would be the people He would give His Torah to – His truth, His laws – His outline for living righteously.

Israel would be the people through which He would bring the Messiah and further fulfill the Good News – Israel's salvation, the coming Kingdom and His complete and eternal redemption.

Israel would be tasked with living out His principles and His calling as a light to the nations – as an example of how to reject the evil inclination and choose the Good News. Both Israel as well as the Nations would be blessed – rewarded with the nearness of God's Kingdom now and the fullness of God's Kingdom to come.

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Exodus 19

3 Moshe went up to God, and Adonai called to him from the mountain: “Here is what you are to say to the household of Ya‘akov, to tell the people of Isra’el: 4 ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you will be a kingdom of Cohanim for me, a nation set apart.’ These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra’el.”

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Exodus 19

4 'You have seen **WHAT I DID** to the Egyptians, and how **I CARRIED YOU** on eagles' wings and **BROUGHT YOU TO MYSELF**.

God's Grace
- Redemption Comes First -

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Exodus 19

5 Now **IF YOU WILL PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO WHAT I SAY AND KEEP MY COVENANT**, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine;

Then Comes Our Obedience

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Exodus 19

5 Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep My covenant, **THEN YOU WILL BE MY OWN**

TREASURE FROM AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES, for all the earth is mine;

Then Comes The Blessing

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Exodus 19

6 **AND YOU WILL BE A KINGDOM OF COHANIM FOR ME, A NATION SET APART.** These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el.”

וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ-לִי מִמְּלֶכֶת כֹּהֲנִים וְגוֹי קָדוֹשׁ

You will be my priestly kingdom, a holy nation

Then Comes God's Anointing

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Genesis 26:4

I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, I will give all these lands to your descendants, and by your descendants **ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WILL BLESS THEMSELVES.**

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God's grace – His redemption – always comes first.

God's instructions – His commands – come after His grace.

Only then is our submission to God's commands required.

Once obedience is manifest, God's blessings come.

When obedience becomes consistent out of a heart of surrender, then the anointing comes.

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The priest is a servant...

The Priestly Nation is God's servant

The commands equip us to serve God

The anointing equips us to serve

others

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1 Peter 1

23 You have been born again not from some seed that will decay, but from one that cannot decay, through the living Word of God that lasts forever. 24 For all humanity is like grass, all its glory is like a wildflower — the grass withers, and the flower falls off; 25 but the Word of Adonai lasts forever. Moreover, **this Word is the Good News which has been proclaimed to you.**

God's Grace
– Redemption Comes First

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1 Peter 2

1 Therefore, **RID YOURSELVES** of all malice, of all deceit, hypocrisy and envy, and of all the ways there are of speaking against people; 2 and be like newborn babies, thirsty for the pure milk of the Word; so that by it, you may grow up into deliverance.

**Then Comes God's Command
- His Instructions -**

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1 Peter 2

3 For you have tasted that Adonai is good. 4 As you come to him, the living stone, rejected by people but chosen by God and precious to him, 5 you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be Cohanim set apart for God **TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO HIM** through Yeshua the Messiah.

**Then Comes Our Obedience
– Our Opportunity To Serve God –**

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1 Peter 2

6 This is why the Tanakh says, “Look! I am laying in Tziyon a stone, a chosen and precious cornerstone; and whoever rests his trust on it will certainly not be humiliated.” 7 **NOW TO YOU WHO KEEP TRUSTING, HE IS PRECIOUS**. But to those who are not trusting, “The very stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”; 8 also he is a stone that will make people stumble, a rock over which they will trip. They are stumbling at the Word, **disobeying it** — as had been planned.

Then Comes The Blessing Upon Obedience

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1 Peter 2

9 But you are a chosen people, the King's Cohanim, a holy nation, a people for God to possess! Why?

IN ORDER FOR YOU TO DECLARE THE PRAISES OF THE ONE WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.

**Then Comes God's Anointing
– Equipping Us To Serve Others –**

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10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; before, you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you as aliens and temporary residents not to give in to the desires of your old nature, which keep warring against you; 12 but to live such good lives among the pagans that even though they now speak against you as evildoers, they will, **as a result of seeing your good actions, give glory to God ON THE DAY OF HIS COMING.**

**And It All Points
To The Coming Kingdom**

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Luke 3

3 He went all through the Yarden region proclaiming an immersion involving **turning to God from sin in order to be forgiven...**

7 Therefore, Yochanan said to the crowds who came out to be immersed by him, “You snakes! Who warned you **to escape the coming punishment?**...”

9 Already the axe is at the root of the trees, ready to strike; every tree that doesn't produce good fruit **will be chopped down and thrown in the fire!**” ...

17 He has with him his winnowing fork to clear out his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the straw with unquenchable fire!” 18 And with many other warnings besides these **he announced THE GOOD NEWS to the people.**

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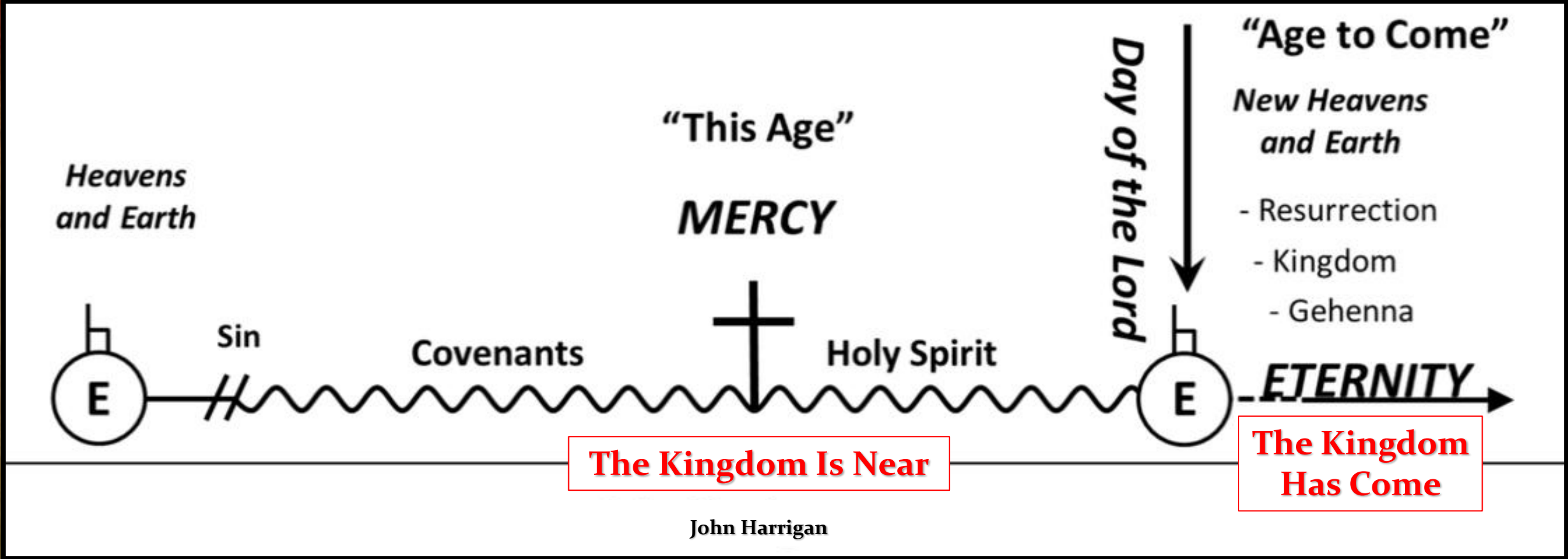


Sin – missing the mark set by the Torah

Righteousness – hitting the mark set by the
Torah

Obedience to Torah – accessing the Kingdom
of God more and more fully

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Matthew 3:2 “Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is **NEAR!**”

Matthew 4:17 From that time on, Yeshua began proclaiming, “Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is **NEAR!**”

Mark 1:15 “The time has come, God’s Kingdom is **NEAR!**
Turn to God from your sins and believe the Good News!”

“Near”

ἐγγίζω – eggizō
approaching

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Romans 1

1 From: Sha'ul, a slave of the Messiah Yeshua, an emissary because I was called and **set apart for the Good News of God**. 2 God promised **this Good News** in advance through his prophets in the Tanakh. 3 It concerns his Son — he is descended from David physically; 4 he was powerfully demonstrated to be Son of God spiritually, set apart by his having been **resurrected from the dead**; he is Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord. 5 Through him we received grace and were **given the work of being an emissary on his behalf promoting trust-grounded obedience among all the Gentiles**, 6 including you, who have been called by Yeshua the Messiah.

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Romans 1

16 For I am not ashamed of **the Good News**, since **IT IS GOD'S POWERFUL MEANS** of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the **Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile**. 17 For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust — as the Tanakh puts it, “But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust.”

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Romans 1

18 What is revealed is **GOD'S ANGER FROM HEAVEN** against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who in their wickedness **keep suppressing the truth**; 19 because what is known about God is plain to them, since God has made it plain to them. 20 For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities — both his eternal power and his divine nature — have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made. **THEREFORE, THEY HAVE NO EXCUSE**; 21 because, although they know who God is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him.

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Romans 1

On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they have become fools! 23 In fact, they have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, animals or reptiles! 24 This is why God has given them up to the vileness of their hearts' lusts, to the shameful misuse of each other's bodies. 25 They have exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, by worshipping and serving created things, rather than the Creator — praised be he for ever. Amen.

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Romans 1

26 This is why God has given them up to degrading passions; so that their women exchange natural sexual relations for unnatural; 27 and likewise the men, giving up natural relations with the opposite sex, burn with passion for one another, men committing shameful acts with other men and receiving in their own persons the penalty appropriate to their perversion. 28 In other words, since they have not considered God worth knowing, God has given them up to worthless ways of thinking; so that they do improper things.

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Romans 1

29 They are filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and vice; stuffed with jealousy, murder, quarrelling, dishonesty and ill-will; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God; they are insolent, arrogant and boastful; they plan evil schemes; they disobey their parents; 31 they are brainless, faithless, heartless and ruthless. 32 They know well enough God's righteous decree that people who do such things deserve to die; yet not only do they keep doing them, but they applaud others who do the same.

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Romans 2

1 Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, passing judgment; for when you judge someone else, you are passing judgment against yourself; since you who are judging do the same things he does. 2 We know that God's judgment lands impartially on those who do such things; 3 do you think that you, a mere man passing judgment on others who do such things, yet doing them yourself, will escape the judgment of God?

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Romans 2

4 Or perhaps you despise the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience; because you don't realize that God's kindness is intended to lead you to turn from your sins. 5 But by your stubbornness, by your unrepentant heart, you are storing up anger for yourself on the Day of Anger, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed; 6 for he will pay back each one according to his deeds.

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Romans 2

7 To those who seek **glory, honor and IMMORTALITY** by perseverance in doing good, he will pay back **eternal life**.

8 But to those who are self-seeking, who disobey the truth and obey evil, he will pay back **wrath and anger**. 9 Yes, he will pay back misery and anguish to every human being **who does evil, TO THE JEW FIRST, THEN TO THE GENTILE**; 10 but glory and honor and shalom to everyone who keeps doing what is good, to the Jew first, then to the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism.