



Will The Real Paul Please Stand Up?

The Gospel of Rav Shaul

Part 6

# Paul In His Own Words



## 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.

ἀπόστολος – apostolos

Set apart and sent out  
on behalf of another; an  
ambassador

δούλος – doulos

Bound together with  
another by voluntary or  
involuntary subjection

# Paul & Heuristics



## Romans 1

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.

πίστις – pistis

emunah – אמונה

Semitic Greek: faithful; a truth prompting behavior consistent with that truth

ὑπακοή – hupakoē

sh'ma – שמע

Semitic Greek: to hear with the explicit intent of obeying

# Paul & Heuristics



## “FAITH”

Gr. Pistis – πίστις translates the Hebrew word...

Emunah – אמונה

“Will you stay steady and firm, reliably committed toward God and His Torah – and will you do it over time, especially if it costs you something?”

# Torah



- Hebrew תּוֹרָה = Torah: instruction, doctrine, teaching, guidance, principles, law
- Greek νόμος = Nomos: law, custom, rule, or principle

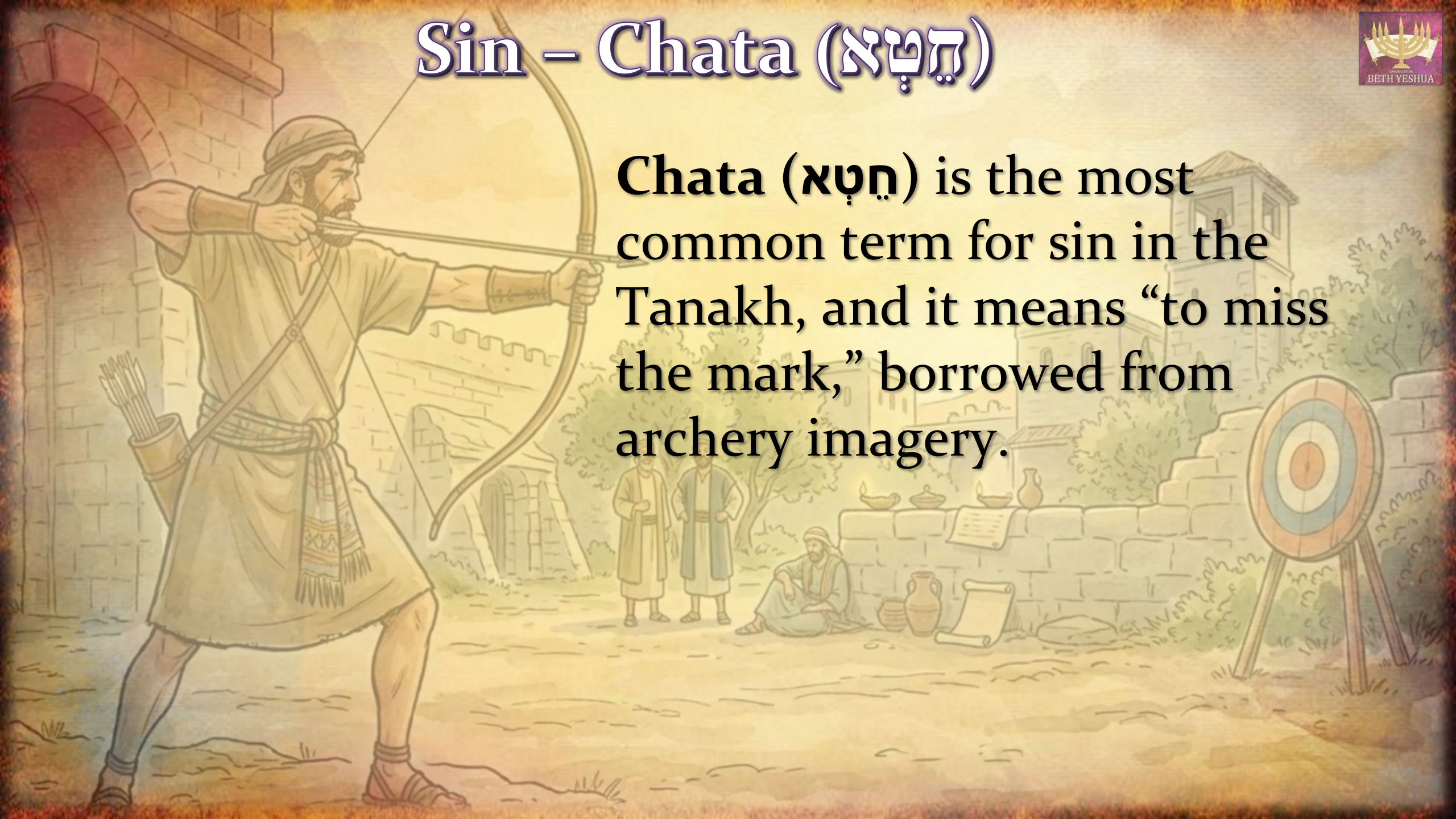
# YARA

- Root word of Torah: יָרָה = Yarah
  - Literally: “to shoot an arrow” (straight, to a target), implying targeted direction/hitting the mark
  - Figuratively: to show, to direct, to instruct

# Sin – Chata (חַטָּא)



**Chata (חַטָּא)** is the most common term for sin in the Tanakh, and it means “to miss the mark,” borrowed from archery imagery.



# Genesis 4



3 In the course of time Kayin brought an offering to Adonai from the produce of the soil; 4 and Hevel too brought from the firstborn of his sheep, including their fat. Adonai accepted Hevel and his offering 5 but did not accept Kayin and his offering. Kayin was very angry, and his face fell. 6 Adonai said to Kayin, “Why are you angry? Why so downcast?

7 If you are doing what is good, shouldn't you hold your head high? And if you don't do what is good, **SIN (Chata**

**=>> MISSING THE MARK) IS CROUCHING AT THE DOOR — IT WANTS YOU, BUT YOU CAN RULE OVER IT.**”

# Sin – Avon (עֲוֹן)



Avon (עֲוֹן) carries the sense of “iniquity,” “perversity,” or “evil,” and its root idea is crookedness or twisting, something bent out of shape at its core. It emphasizes the distortion of character or the bent condition that sin produces.

# Genesis 4



9 Adonai said to Kayin, “Where is Hevel your brother?”  
And he replied, “I don’t know; am I my brother’s  
guardian?” 10 He said, “What have you done? The voice of  
your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground!  
11 Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened  
its mouth to receive your brother’s blood at your hands. 12  
When you farm the ground it will no longer yield its  
strength to you. You will be a fugitive, wandering the  
earth.” 13 Kayin said to Adonai, “**MY PUNISHMENT (Avon**  
**=>> EVIL, PERVERSITY) IS GREATER THAN I CAN**  
**BEAR.**”

# Sin – Pesha (פֶּשַׁע)



Pesha (פֶּשַׁע) means “transgression” or “rebellion,” and its core sense is a willful breach of relationship, a deliberate revolt against authority, like a vassal rebelling against a king. This is the strongest of the three terms, implying conscious defiance rather than a mere mistake, and it appears prominently in prophetic texts describing Israel's rebellion against God.



# Sin – Hamartia [ἁμαρτία]



“Although hamartia is distinctively Greek, the New Covenant writers inherit the [Hebraic] vision of sin as [whatever exhibits a] violation of God’s holy character and covenant. Hamartia gathers up this entire moral-theological tradition, appearing 173 times from Matthew to Revelation to describe both individual acts and the inward principle that alienates humanity from God.”

The word Hamartia is the only common word in Greek for sin – and it encompasses all three Hebraic concepts of sin used in the Tanakh.

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\*Paul is presenting and reinforcing to the Gentile world the **Good News of repentance from sin leading to redemption and faithful obedience...**

redemption that saves us from the ultimate destruction coming upon evil and upon those rebellious and unrepentant who have given themselves to it.

\*He is also calling out:

The group of Jews who have aligned with Hellenists against Torah and against Messianic believers, and...  
The group of Jews who are entrenched in hypocrisy and Jewish elitism.

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According To the Real Paul – the Paul we are now reading with a deeper understanding of what Torah, grace, sin, rebellion, repentance, and the New Covenant truly represent...

## **THE GOSPEL**

- Was revealed throughout the “Holy Scriptures” [The Hebrew Bible – the Tanakh]
- Is the message of God extending to us His plan of redemption through the life, sacrificial death and resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah
- Invites us to a life of repentance, a turning from self and sin, to God and Torah as a response to the eternal faithfulness of God

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## **THE GOSPEL**

- Points us toward rejecting our evil inclination and aligning with the Spirit of God within us, which writes the very words of Torah on our hearts
- Promotes faithful obedience as the evidence of that life of repentance
- Allows us to fulfill our ultimate calling as ambassadors for God

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## **THE GOSPEL**

- Places us as central figures of a war against the darkness that permeates the world and that we must resist within us
- Motivates us to fight until we reach the finish line of our journey
- Promises that the ultimate prize is that we will put on immortality at the final Resurrection – the coming of Messiah

# Isaiah 5



18 Woe to those who begin by pulling at transgression [avon = עוֹן] with a thread, but end by dragging sin [chata = חַטָּא] along as if with a cart rope. 19 They say, “We want God to speed up his work, to hurry it along, so we can see it! We want the Holy One of Isra’el’s plan to come true right now, so we can be sure of it!”

# Isaiah 5



20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,  
who change darkness into light and light into  
darkness, who change bitter into sweet and sweet  
into bitter! 21 Woe to those seeing themselves as  
wise, esteeming themselves as clever.

# Isaiah 5



24 Therefore, as fire licks up the stubble, and the chaff is consumed in the flame; so their root will rot, and their flowers scatter like dust; **BECAUSE THEY HAVE REJECTED THE TORAH OF ADONAI-TZVA'OT, THEY HAVE DESPISED THE WORD OF THE HOLY ONE OF ISRA'EL.**

# Isaiah 53



Although he had done no violence and had said nothing deceptive, 10 yet it pleased Adonai to crush him with illness, to see if he would present himself as a guilt offering. If he does, he will see his offspring; and he will prolong his days; and at his hand Adonai's desire will be accomplished. 11 After this ordeal, he will see satisfaction.

# Isaiah 53



“By his knowing [pain and sacrifice], my righteous servant makes many righteous; it is for their **SINS** [evil perversity: avon – עֲוֹן] that he suffers. 12

Therefore I will assign him a share with the great, he will divide the spoil with the mighty, for having exposed himself to death and being counted among the **SINNERS** [rebellious: pasha – פָּשָׁע], while actually bearing the **SIN** [disobedience: chata – חַטָּא] of many and interceding for the **OFFENDERS**. [rebellious: pasha – פָּשָׁע]”

# 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.**

# Romans 2



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;

# Romans 2



6 for he will pay back each one according to his **DEEDS**.

ἔργον – ergon

מעשה – ma'aseh

deed, work, action

# Romans 2



7

**TO THOSE WHO SEEK GLORY, HONOR AND  
IMMORTALITY**

**BY PERSEVERANCE IN DOING GOOD, HE WILL  
PAY BACK ETERNAL LIFE.**

## GLORY

δόξα – doxa

dignity, honor,  
praise;  
an honorable  
reputation

## HONOR

τιμή – timē

value, preciousness,  
pricelessness

## IMMORTALITY

ἀφθαρσία – aphtharsia

incorruptible nature;  
(figuratively)  
genuineness, sincerity

# Romans 2



8 But to those **WHO ARE SELF-SEEKING**, **WHO DISOBEY THE TRUTH AND OBEY EVIL**, he will pay back wrath and anger.

# Romans 2



9 Yes, he will pay back misery and anguish to every human being **WHO DOES EVIL**, to the **JEW FIRST**,  
**THEN TO THE GENTILE**;

# Romans 2



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.

# Romans 2



12 All who have sinned **OUTSIDE THE  
FRAMEWORK OF TORAH**  
**WILL DIE** outside the framework of Torah;

**OUTSIDE THE  
FRAMEWORK OF  
TORAH**

ἀνόμως – anomōs  
**Without Torah**

**WILL DIE**

ἀπόλλυμι – apollumi

**Be utterly destroyed**

**[John 3:16]**

# Romans 2



and all who have sinned **WITHIN THE**  
**FRAMEWORK OF TORAH WILL BE JUDGED** by  
**TORAH**.

**WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF  
TORAH**

ἐν νόμῳ – en nomōs  
Inside Torah

**JUDGED**

Κρίνω – krinō  
Assessed, as in  
evaluated or  
weighed against

# Romans 2



13 For it is not merely the hearers of Torah whom God considers righteous; rather, **IT IS THE DOERS OF WHAT TORAH SAYS WHO WILL BE MADE RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT.**

# Romans 2



14 For whenever Gentiles, who have no Torah, do naturally what the Torah requires, then these, even though they don't have Torah, **FOR THEMSELVES**  
**ARE TORAH!**

# Romans 2



15 For **THEIR LIVES SHOW** that the conduct the  
Torah dictates **IS WRITTEN IN THEIR HEARTS.**

# Romans 2



Their consciences also bear witness to this, **FOR THEIR CONFLICTING THOUGHTS SOMETIMES ACCUSE THEM AND SOMETIMES DEFEND THEM** 16 on a day when God passes judgment on people's inmost secrets. (According to the Good News as I proclaim it, **he does this through the Messiah Yeshua.**)

# Jeremiah 31



32 (33) “For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra’el after those days,” says Adonai: “**I WILL PUT MY TORAH WITHIN THEM AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS**; I will be their God, and they will be my people. 33 (34) No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, ‘Know Adonai’; **for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; BECAUSE I WILL FORGIVE THEIR WICKEDNESSES AND REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.**”

# Romans 2



17 But if you call yourself a Jew and rest on Torah and boast about God 18 and know his will and give your approval to what is right, because you have been instructed from the Torah; 19 and if you have persuaded yourself that you are a guide to the blind, a light in the darkness, 20 an instructor for the spiritually unaware and a teacher of children, since in the Torah you have the embodiment of knowledge and truth; 21 then, you who teach others, don't you teach yourself? Preaching, "Thou shalt not steal," do you steal? 22 Saying, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? Detesting idols, do you commit idolatrous acts? 23 You who take such pride in Torah, do you, by disobeying the Torah, dishonor God? — 24 as it says in the Tanakh, "For it is because of you that God's name is blasphemed by the Goyim."

# Romans 2



25 For circumcision is indeed of value if you do what Torah says. But if you are a transgressor of Torah, your circumcision has become uncircumcision! 26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the Torah, won't his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 Indeed, the man who is physically uncircumcised but obeys the Torah will stand as a judgment on you who have had a b'rit-milah and have Torah written out but violate it! 28 For the real Jew is not merely Jewish outwardly: true circumcision is not only external and physical. 29 On the contrary, the real Jew is one inwardly; and true circumcision is of the heart, spiritual not literal; so that his praise comes not from other people but from God.