



**Message for 8-5-17**  
**Ve Etchanan-And I Pleaded**  
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**Introduction**

With the opening of chapter 4, Moses moves into the second section of his farewell message to Israel, exhorting the people to obey God's Torah so that they might dwell securely in the Promised Land.

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2**

**1** "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. **2** You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. (ESV)

In this passage of Scripture, we see the Lord's instructions to Israel regarding what it will take to take possession of the Promised Land. It will take following the statutes and rules that Moses has been teaching to the Children of Israel for forty years. It will take this to not only take possession of the land but to live. The Torah gives life. Why? Because it is the Son of God, Yeshua, who is the source of life for everyone who believes in Him and comes into His covenant, the covenant His Father gave – Torah. Moses then goes on to instruct Israel they are not to add to or take away from the Torah. They are to keep the commandments of the Lord that Moses has taught to them. Everything they do once they enter the Promised Land revolves around keeping the covenant of Torah. This covenant is between Israel and the Lord, no one else. The conditions attached to this covenant have never been changed, no matter what you may think. God is eternal and has always existed. His word is His bond, and it has never changed because if it did then how could we trust God to keep His word if He tells us it is eternal?

**Proverbs 30:6** Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar. (ESV)

We are told in Deuteronomy 4:2 that we are not to add to or take away from the Torah that God gave to Moses to give it to Israel. Confirmation is given in Proverbs 30:6 that we are not to add to His words. If we do, then we will be liars unfit to be part of the covenant. Since this covenant was given to Israel, and His word never changes, then there is no new covenant or a new people to take the place of Israel. Those who come to faith in Messiah Yeshua enter the covenant that has always existed. There are those who claim

the Torah has changed, and the “new” covenant is now about love, but this “new” covenant has no foundation under it and is doomed to fail because love comes in many forms based on the various definitions of it. Love has always been the foundation for His covenant, and its natural progression has always been to not change it but to adjust based on man, not God. Only God can adjust His covenant. We are not God, and we cannot change His covenant. If we do, we are doing exactly what we are told in Deuteronomy 4:2. We have taken away from His covenant of Torah. God is eternal, as is His Word, in His Son Yeshua. Take this any way you want. Try to change it to fit your belief system, but what you will find in the end is it will not work the way you want it. It must work the way God intended it to which is to have the Torah as the foundation for the rest of the Bible. All of Scripture is built on this foundation, and not any other way.

**Matthew 7:24** "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, **but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.** <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.** <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." <sup>28</sup> And when Yeshua finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. (ESV)

Yeshua’s authority came due to the fact He is the living Word of the Father – the Torah made flesh. Argue it out any way you choose, but the result will always be the same. If you go against Yeshua, by trying to do away with Torah, you will fall like the house that had been built on a foundation of sand. Had it been built on a foundation of rock, meaning Messiah Yeshua, it would have stood the test, but instead it fell and was washed away. The passage from Matthew tells us the people were astonished at His teaching because He taught with authority, unlike the scribes who taught based on their own authority which was based on their adding to and taking away from the true Torah – Messiah. You can never go wrong teaching and living the Word found through Messiah. Always hold fast to the promise. You can never go wrong if you place your faith in Messiah and follow His teachings – the Torah.

#### **Isaiah 40:12-14**

**12** Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? <sup>13</sup> Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? <sup>14</sup> Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? (ESV)

The words in these verses from Isaiah tell us the story of the Creator. Who taught Him? Has man taught God anything that He already knew? Who taught Him justice and knowledge and the way of understanding? He is the Creator, and through His Son Yeshua, He brought everything there is into existence. In the beginning, all three parts of

the Godhead were present when God began to create. Like an artist, He began to create everything that is. He gave us everything we would need. It was us who decided we had to have more. He gives us what we need, not what we want. Man was to live in simplicity, but we had to go and complicate it. We had to have more-more than we needed. First there was Adam, and it was Adam who felt he was incomplete based on the fact it was left to him to name all the animals. He saw they were brought before him in pairs, but he was only one – incomplete. He knew he needed a companion, and the Lord created him one – Chavah. They were complete, but as we know, out of this union would come children the same as the animal kingdom would bring forth new life as well. The Master was at work, and in mankind we see Him as He wants us to in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is God at His core the same as man, woman, and children. He capped His creation with man, and it would be through man that He would accomplish His purpose which we find in His word through His Son Yeshua.

**Job 36:22** Behold, God is exalted in his power; who is a teacher like him? <sup>23</sup> Who has prescribed for him his way, or who can say, 'You have done wrong'? (ESV)

**Proverbs 30:4** Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know! (ESV)

The magnificence of His power is not in what He can do but in what He has taught us through His Torah. It is not in the teachings of others who go against the Torah but those who teach the Torah which can unlock everything God wants us to know. Who ascended to heaven and came down? Who controls nature? Who sets the bounds of the earth? What is the Creator's name and that of His Son? In this passage, we see confirmation of Messiah and the Godhead. Try to interpret any other way, and you will lose yourself and wander down the road that will take you away from Messiah. We have all see this happen. Turn from Messiah and from His teachings in Torah, and you will lose your way. Adam and Chavah lost their way. Cain lost his way. Noah stayed the course and came through the flood, but Ham lost his way. Abraham walked the path of Torah. How do we know this?

**Genesis 26:5** inasmuch as Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge: My commandments, My laws, and My Torahs." (TNK)

The Hebrew in this verse is Torah not laws. Abraham had the Torah and lived it out in his life as Isaac would and then Jacob. God built the foundation of His people on the ones who stayed faithful to Torah and understood the promise of the one who would come to set everything in its rightful place.

### **Romans 10:3-5**

**3** for, since they are unaware of God's way of making people righteous and instead seek to set up their own, they have not submitted themselves to God's way of making people righteous. <sup>4</sup> For the goal at which the *Torah* aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness

to everyone who trusts. <sup>5</sup> For Moshe writes about the righteousness grounded in the *Torah* that the person who does these things will attain life through them. (CJB)

What does it mean to be righteous? Simply put it means to walk in Torah built on a foundation based on faith in Messiah Yeshua. The Torah, in and of itself, has no power to save you. Only Yeshua can do this. Even Moses knew this when he taught Israel to follow Torah. He first taught them to follow God and live in covenant with Him through the Torah. This is what He wants from us. It's not about what we make of ourselves. It is what He makes of us as He patterns us after His Son. That is the foundation. Messiah first, Torah second. It is not as complicated as some try to make it. Just remember not to add to or take away from it. If you do you will have a problem.

**Jeremiah 23:6** In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' (ESV)

Judah will be saved, and Israel will finally dwell in peace. All this will come by the hand of the Lord who is our righteousness.

**Deuteronomy 10:15** Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. (ESV)

We are all Israel, whether we were born into it or not. It is by faith in Messiah and living a life based on Torah of love by His statutes, judgments, precepts, and commandments. This is not a legalistic relationship He wants to have with us but one built on a foundation of trust and faith. He believes in us, and we believe in Him. What more do we need as we live Torah through the power of the Almighty in His Son Yeshua.

***Torah Man says: "Faith believes the Word of God for what it cannot see, and is rewarded by seeing what it believes."***

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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