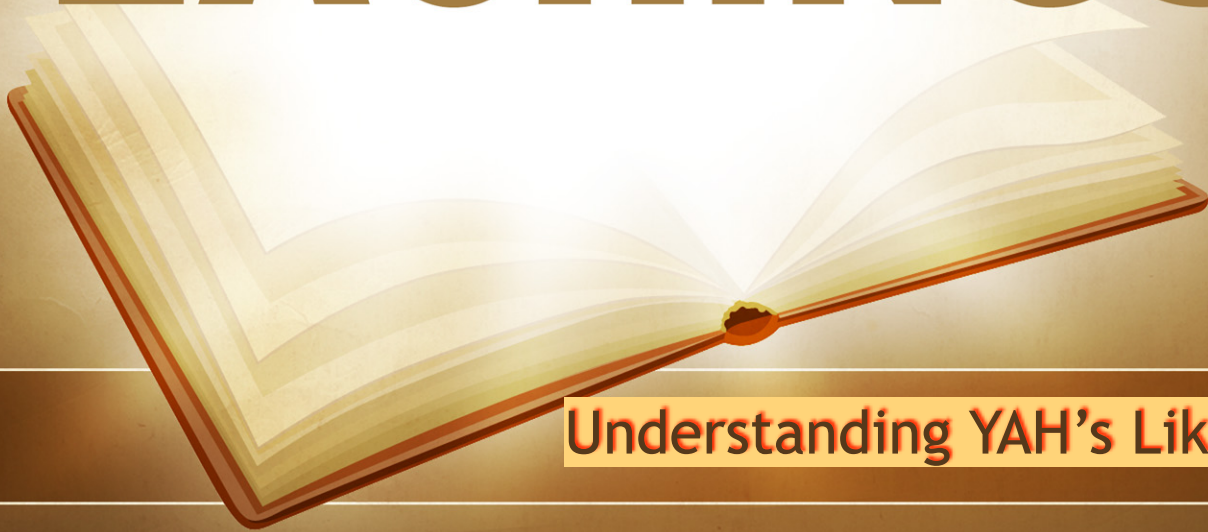


TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

#16 Beshalach (בְּשַׁלַּח) — Hebrew for “when sent forth or let go,”

Torah: Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT

Soon after allowing the children of Israel to depart from Egypt, Pharaoh chases after them to force their return, and the Israelites find themselves trapped between Pharaoh's armies and the sea. Elohim tells Moses to raise his staff over the water; the sea splits to allow the Israelites to pass through, and then closes over the pursuing Egyptians. Moses and the children of Israel sing a song of praise and gratitude to Elohim.

TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

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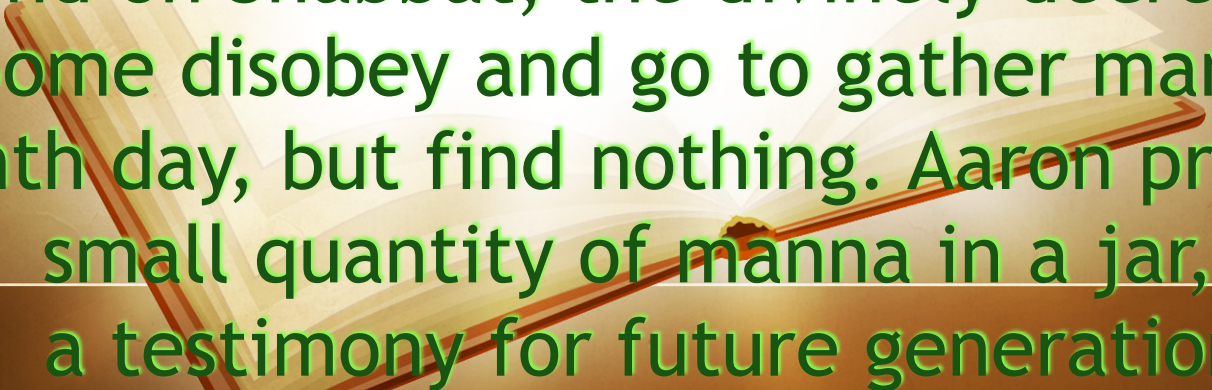
In the desert the people suffer thirst and hunger, and repeatedly complain to Moses and Aaron.

Elohim miraculously sweetens the bitter waters of Marah, and later has Moses bring forth water from a rock by striking it with his staff. He causes manna to rain down from the heavens before dawn each morning, and quails to appear in the Israelite camp each evening.

TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

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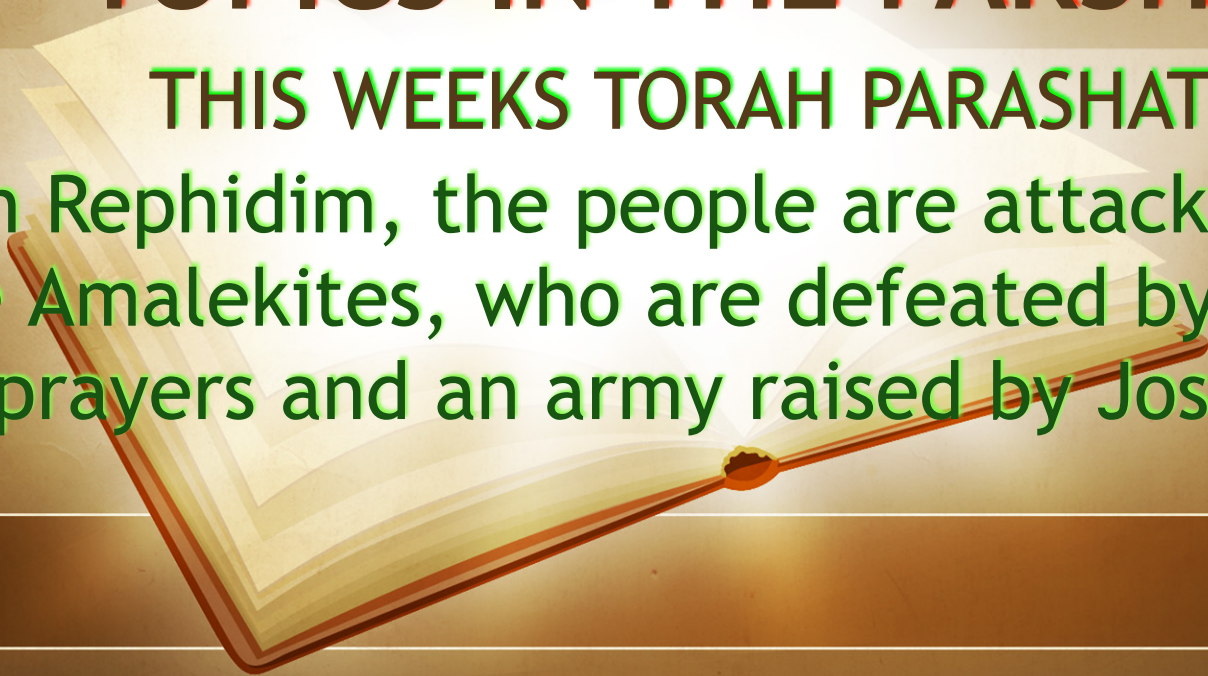
The children of Israel are instructed to gather a double portion of manna on Friday, as none will descend on Shabbat, the divinely decreed day of rest. Some disobey and go to gather manna on the seventh day, but find nothing. Aaron preserves a small quantity of manna in a jar, as a testimony for future generations.



TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT

In Rephidim, the people are attacked by the Amalekites, who are defeated by Moses' prayers and an army raised by Joshua.



Exo 13:17 And it came to be, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that Elohim did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, though that was nearer, for Elohim said, “Lest the people regret when they see fighting, and return to Mitsrayim.”

Exo 13:18 So Elohim led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Sea of Reeds. And the children of Yisra'ël went up in fives from the land of Mitsrayim.

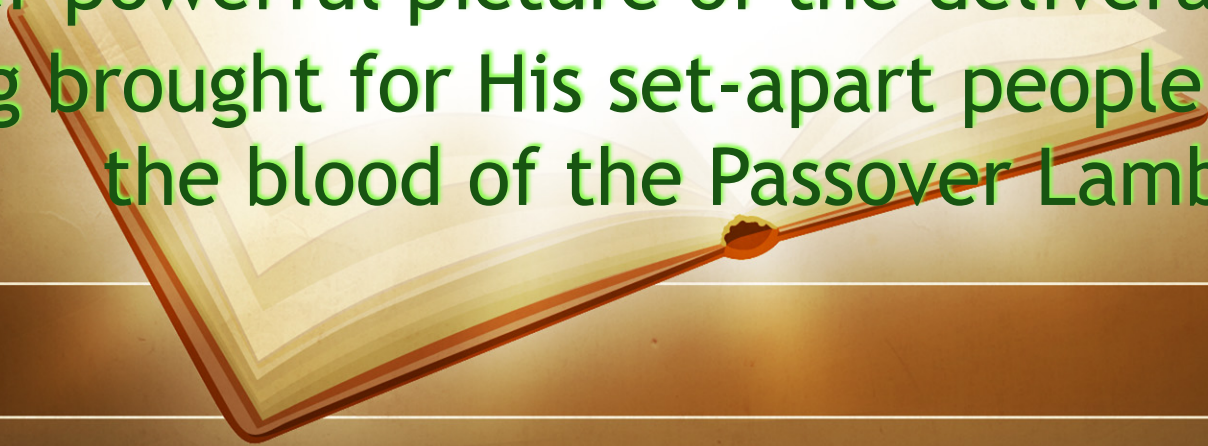
Exo 13:19 And Mosheh took the bones of Yosēph with him, for he certainly made the children of Yisra'ēl swear, saying, "Elohim shall certainly visit you, and you shall bring my bones from here with you."

Exo 13:20 And they departed from Sukkoth and camped in Ĕtham at the edge of the wilderness.

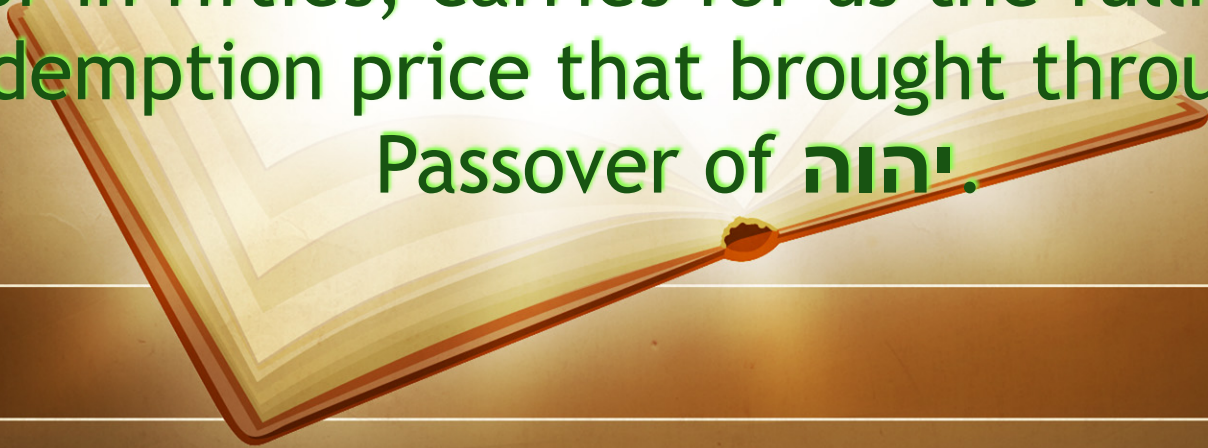
Exo 13:21 And **יהוה** went before them by day in a column of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a column of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

Exo 13:22 The column of cloud did not cease by day, nor the column of fire by night, before the people.

Being very similar in letters to the word that means 'armed, in battle array', and only different in their vowel pointings, we are also able to see another powerful picture of the deliverance of יהוה being brought for His set-apart people, through the blood of the Passover Lamb!



50 in Hebrew is symbolic in representing the Yobel and the release of debts, metaphorically picturing for us the fullness of redemption, and so here with the Yisra'ēlites leaving Mitsrayim in battle array, in fives or in fifties, carries for us the fullness of the redemption price that brought through the Passover of יהוה.



It is by the Blood of יהושע Messiah that we have been redeemed from slavery and death, and are fully equipped to be led forth in truth and in complete battle array, as we, the redeemed, put on the 'armour of Elohim', which is to walk in obedience to His commands and be dressed in the pure garments of righteousness - that is to be dressed as a set-apart priesthood in His Torah - His Torah that leads us in a victorious procession in Messiah!!!

Let us briefly take a look at the armour of Elohim, as described in:

Eph'siyim/Ephesians 6:10-18 "For the rest, my brothers, be strong in the Master and in the mightiness of His strength. 11 Put on the complete armour of Elohim, for you to have power to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 Because we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual matters of wickedness in the heavenlies. 13 Because of this, take up the complete armour of Elohim, so that you have power to withstand in the wicked day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand, then, having girded your waist with truth,
and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
15 and having fitted your feet with the preparation of
the Good News of peace; 16 above all, having taken
up the shield of belief with which you shall have
power to quench all the burning arrows of the wicked
one. 17 Take also the helmet of deliverance, and the
sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Elohim, 18
praying at all times, with all prayer and supplication
in the Spirit, watching in all perseverance and
supplication for all the set-apart ones”

Sha'ul is NOT describing how we should dress like a Roman soldier, but rather, he is clearly describing for us that we, as a set-apart royal and chosen priesthood, are to be dressed in the complete Torah of Elohim.

When we continue in our knowledge and understanding of all Scripture from a true Hebraic perspective, regardless of the language it is written in, we are better equipped to handle the Truth with great joy and stand firm, no matter the circumstances we face.

ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

The Helmet of Salvation

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said, peacemakers were blessed.

The Shield of Faith

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

The Belt of Truth

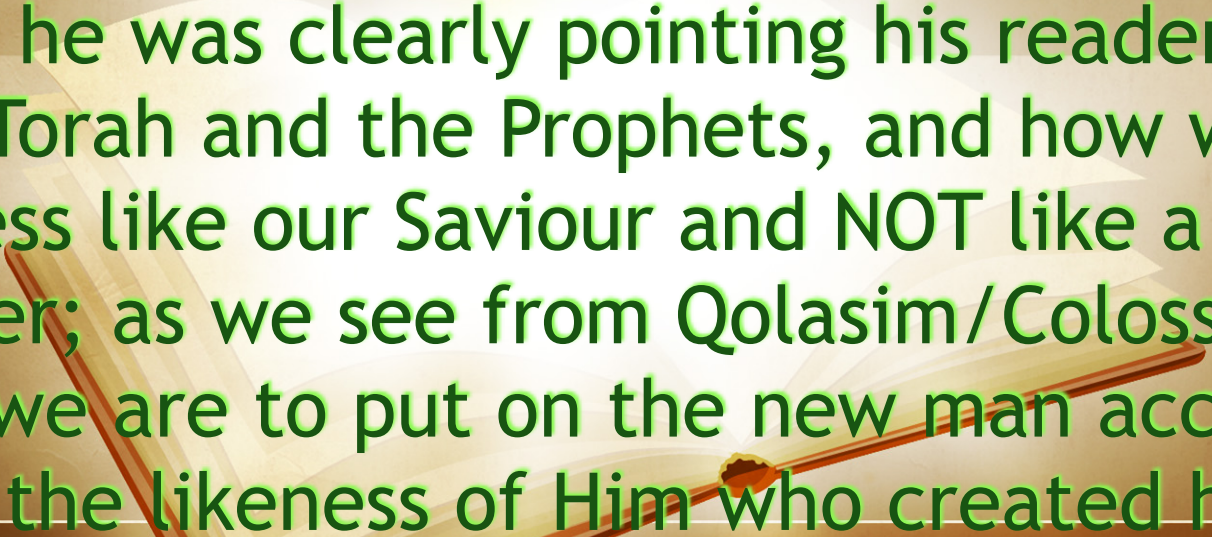
Truth keeps us from giving in to world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and action to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit

which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others about the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.



We need to firstly recognise that when Sha'ul was writing these clear instructions to the set-apart ones, he was clearly pointing his readers back to The Torah and the Prophets, and how we are to dress like our Saviour and NOT like a Roman Soldier; as we see from Qolasim/Colossians 3:10 that we are to put on the new man according to the likeness of Him who created him!

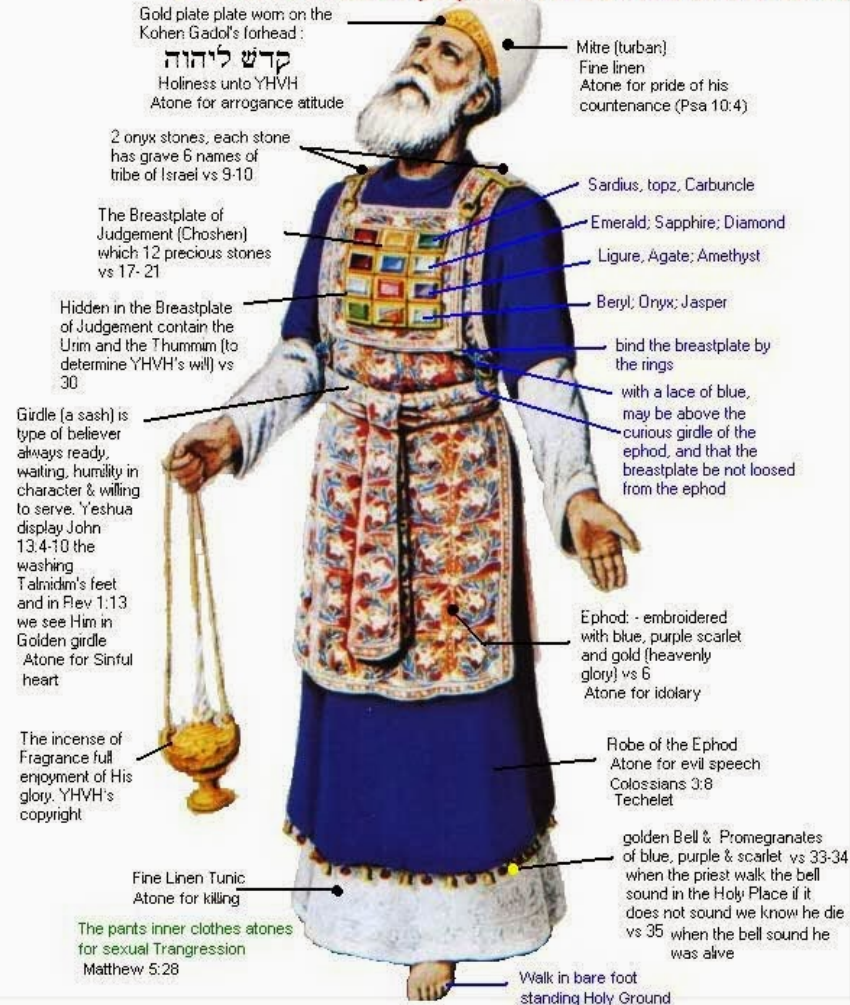


We are to put on Messiah, and as we go through this armour let us start by looking at:


Yeshayahu/Isaiah 59:16-17 “And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no intercessor. So His own arm saved for Him, and His righteousness upheld him. 17 And He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of deliverance on His head. And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped Himself with ardour as a mantle.”

Sha'ul was most certainly pointing back to this text in Yeshayahu and we must recognise that Yeshayahu was clearly speaking about יהושע Messiah, and His garments and dress as our High Priest, not as a Roman soldier - bearing in mind that Yeshayahu would never have known what a Roman soldier looked like, as he lived a few hundred years before Rome even came into the picture!

The Golden Garments (8th) of the Kohen Gadol Shemot 28:42



And so, what we can see straight up here in Sha'ul's letter to the believers in Ephesos is that they were to dress like Messiah, our High Priest. And in the context of understanding the Armour of Elohim, we can see how, in a manner of speaking, that Yeshayahu is actually describing **יהושע** Messiah, as being the armour of **יהוה** - that which **יהוה** has given us of Himself - to put on and be clothed in Him!



I say it again - and I know we all agree to this - and that is: that we are to put on Messiah and His fullness, yet the mythical picture of a Roman soldier, in regards to this armour, has in actual fact disarmed so many who, through a twisted picture taught by blind guides, have caused many to not truly understand what is being written here and how this 'Armour of Elohim' is actually pointing to our need to be dressed in Him and His Torah in order to faithfully serve in His Tabernacle as a royal priesthood.

While he uses the imagery of Roman soldier garments, which would be relevant to his hearers, we must take note that using the Roman soldier imagery of the armour of Elohim alone, without taking this imagery to line up with the priestly service in the Tabernacle, simply points to a lawless regime, which is in for a huge wake-up call!

We need to have this imagery restored to its true meaning so that we are well-equipped to stand, and when the Day of **יהוה** comes we who are dressed in His Torah by walking according to His commands, will be manifested with Messiah in esteem!


As we considering the armour of **יהוה**, which I have often said I will speak on, I must tell you that it was the text in Shemoth/Exodus 28 that got me looking a little deeper into His armour, which says:

Shemoth/Exodus 28:4 “And these are the garments which they make: a breastplate, a shoulder garment, a robe, an embroidered long shirt, a turban, and a girdle. And they shall make set-apart garments for Aharon your brother and his sons, for him to serve as priest to Me.”

This was the instruction given to Mosheh in regards to the garments that the wise of heart, which were filled with a spirit of wisdom, were to make for Aharon the high priest!

What struck me, was that there are 6 items here, just as there are 6 items in the list of armour in Eph'siyim/ Ephesians, and when recognising the garments required for the High Priest, as that which points to our High Priest and King **יהושע** Messiah, and seeing the words of Yeshayahu, then it is so clear and obvious, as to what Sha'ul was referring to, in his instructions for set-apart believers!

I would like to briefly run through the armour of Elohim and show how each part points us back to the Torah and the Prophets and instructs us clearly how the Torah is the true set-apart gear for the one who will hear what the Spirit is saying! Sha'ul tells us to 'put on' the 'armour' of Elohim so that we have power to stand against the 'schemes' of the devil!



The word for 'put on', in the Greek, is ἐνδύω enduō (en-doo'-o)- Strong's G1746 which means, 'to clothe or be clothed with (in the sense of sinking into a garment)' and is made up of two words:

- 1 - ἐν en (en)- Strong's G1722 which is a primary preposition denoting position and by implying the state of being instrumental meaning, '*in or on, with, by*'; and
- 2 - δύνω dunō a form of δύω duō (doo'-no)- Strong's G1416 which means, '*to enter, sink into, setting*'. With the idea of 'setting' we can see how the 12 stones of the breastplate of the High priest were set into the ephod.

The Greek word for 'armour' is πανοπλία panoplia (pan-op-lee'-ah)- Strong's G3833 meaning, '*full armour*', which is also made up of two words:

1 - πᾶς pas (pas)- Strong's G3956 which means, 'all, everything, continually, every kind, everyone' and

2 - ὄπλον hoplon (hop'-lon)- Strong's G3696 which means, '*a tool, implement, weapon, instruments, armour*'.



The Greek word that is used for 'schemes' is μεθοδεία methodeia (meth-od-i'-ah)- Strong's G3180 which means, 'to employ craft, deceit, scheming, trickery, cunning arts, lie in wait'.



We are to fully put on Messiah or else we will lack the necessary power to stand against the schemes and trickery of the devil.

So many people think that they are wearing the armour of Elohim while their disregard for the Torah immediately renders them powerless to the trickery and lies of the devil who has well-crafted various religions and dogmas of man that so easily lure away those who have no armour or are only half dressed due to compromise!

It is the Torah (Mosheh) that washes us and clothes us for true set-apart service:

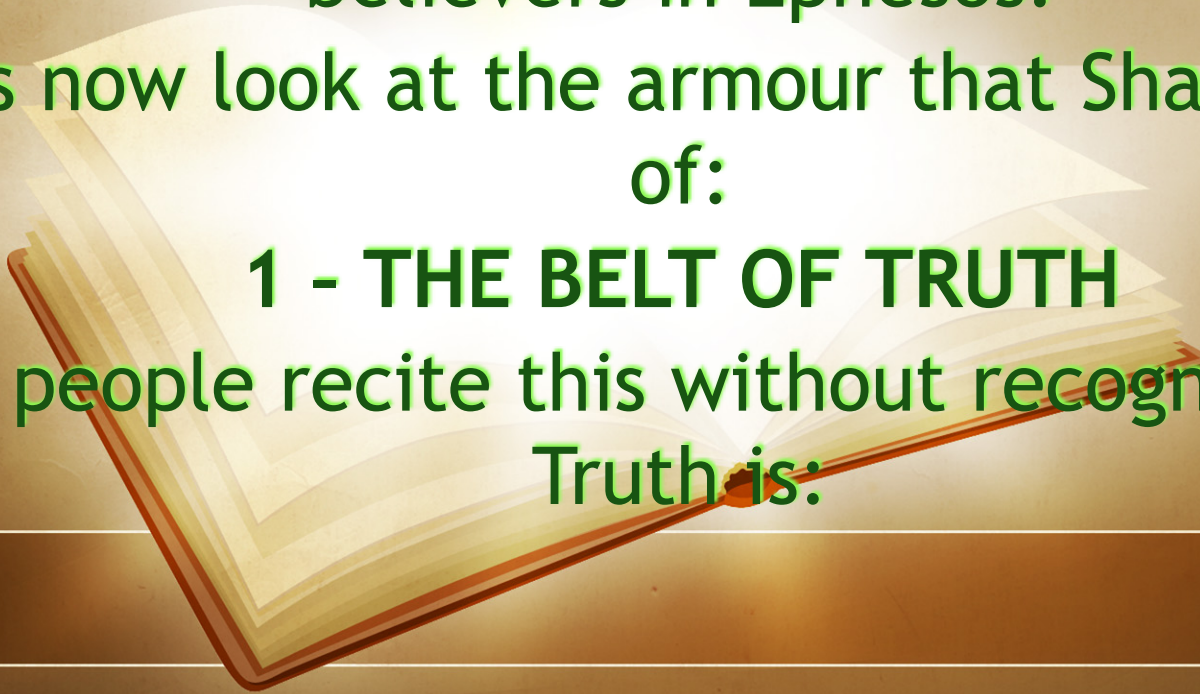
Wayyiqra/Leviticus 8:6-9 “So Mosheh brought Aharon and his sons and washed them with water, 7 and put the long shirt on him, and girded him with the girdle, and dressed him in the robe, and put the shoulder garment on him, and girded him with the embroidered band of the shoulder garment, and with it tied the shoulder garment on him, 8 and put the breastplate on him, and put the Urim and the Tummim in the breastplate, 9 and put the turban on his head. And on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the set-apart sign of dedication, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.”

I also believe that Sha'ul was reflecting back to this passage when he was writing his letter to the believers in Ephesos.

Let us now look at the armour that Sha'ul speaks of:

1 - THE BELT OF TRUTH

Often people recite this without recognising what Truth is:



Yohanan/John 17:17 “Set them apart in Your truth
- Your Word is truth.”

Yohanan/John 14:6 “**יהושע** said to him, “I am the
Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to
the Father except through Me.”



Sadly, many today do not know the Truth, even when it is staring them right in the face - just like Pilate, who stood before Messiah - The Truth and asked the question, "What is Truth?" and he walked out!

Yohanan Aleph/1 John 2:4 "The one who says, "I know Him," and does not guard His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

To get a clearer answer to what Truth is we can see what Dawid says in:

Tehillah/Psalm 119:142 “Your righteousness is righteousness forever, and Your Torah is truth.”

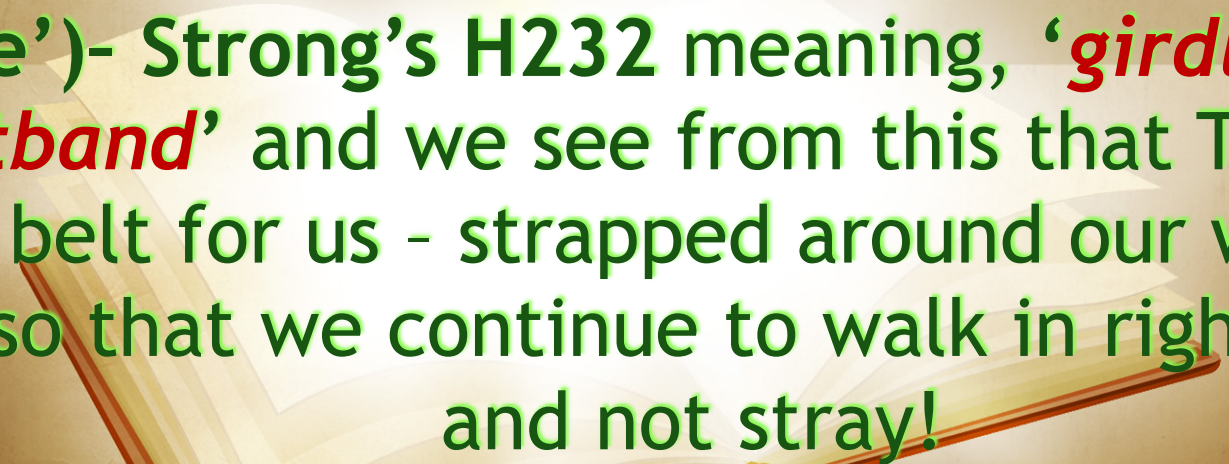
You do not get it any clearer than that, yet we can further see in this Psalm:

Tehillah/Psalm 119:151 “You are near, O יהוה, and all Your commands are truth.”

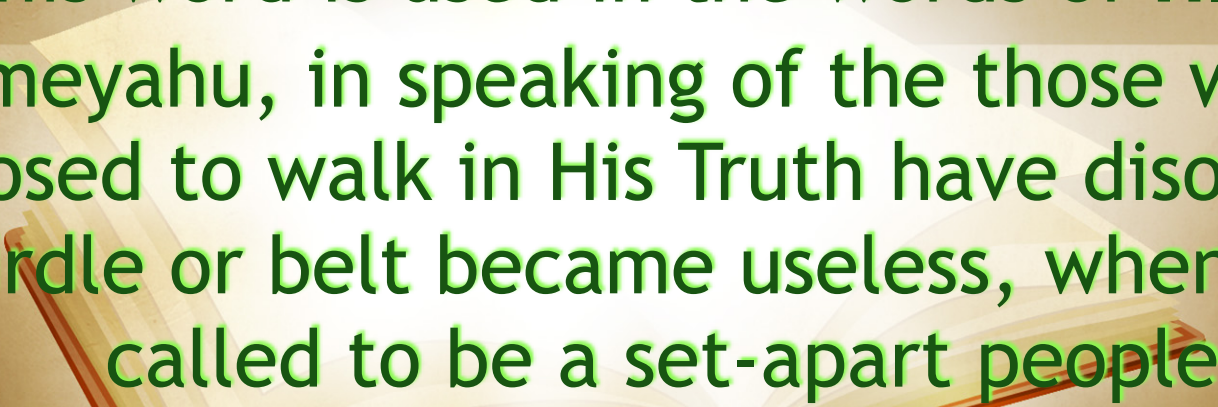
His commands, which are His Torah (His instructions) are Truth and this must be our belt as we guard to do his commands for that will be our righteousness - for His righteousness that we clothe ourselves with through obedience is forever!

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11:5 “And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and trustworthiness the girdle of His waist.”

The word used here for 'girdle' is אָזֹרֶה ezor (ay-zore')- Strong's H232 meaning, '***girdle, belt, waistband***' and we see from this that Truth must be a belt for us - strapped around our waist and loins so that we continue to walk in righteousness and not stray!



This word is used in the words of יהוה to Yirmeyahu, in speaking of the those who are supposed to walk in His Truth have disobeyed as the girdle or belt became useless, when they are called to be a set-apart people:

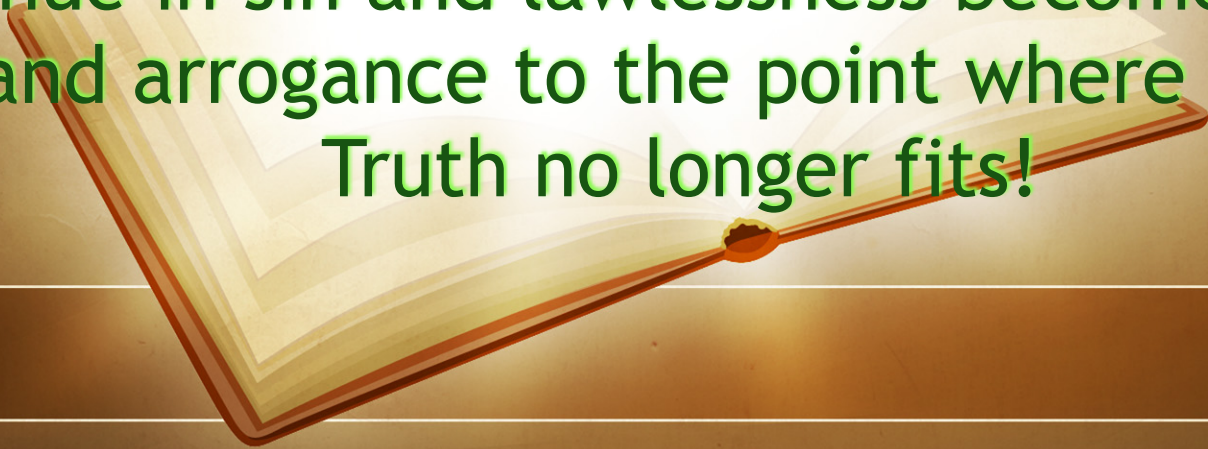


Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 13:10-11 “This evil people, who refuse to hear My Words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and walk after other mighty ones to serve them and to bow themselves to them, is like this girdle which is completely useless. 11 ‘For as the girdle clings to the loins of a man, so I have caused all the house of Yisra’ēl and all the house of Yehudāh to cling to Me,’ declares יהוה, ‘to become Mine - for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for an adorning. But they did not listen.’”

Those who refuse to listen to and obey the Torah
are evil and dysfunctional, as they follow hard
after the traditions and dogmas of man that has
become a useless belt for them, instead of putting
on the belt of Truth!

Let me ask you - are you girded about with Truth -
does the Truth cling to your loins as you cling to
His word and walk in it - or has your belt become
loosened through compromise and sin!

Through sin and compromise people become 'fat' in their own selfishness and pride and like a person that get fatter and fatter until their belt becomes too small and useless to wear, so do those who continue in sin and lawlessness become fat with pride and arrogance to the point where the belt of Truth no longer fits!



The Greek word for 'the Truth' is ἀλήθεια alētheia (al-ay'-thi-a)- Strong's G225 which means, '*truth, truly, according to truth*' and in Hebrew, the word for 'truth' is אֱמֶת emeth (eh'-meth)- Strong's H571 which means, '*truth, firmness, faithfulness*', and this word carries an underlying sense of certainty and dependability - and we know that The Word of יהוה is truth:

Tehillim/Psalm 119:160 “The sum of Your word is truth, and all Your righteous right-rulings are forever.”


Anyone who claims to serve יהוה without walking in and giving heed to follow His Torah, commands and instructions are not serving in Truth, and those who claim that the Torah/Law of Elohim has been done away with are sadly riddled with the leaven of the hypocrisy of man's theologies and dogmas that seeks only to serve self rather than the Giver of Life, while claiming the opposite!

In the ancient pictographic symbols of this word,
we are given a greater insight in understanding
how יהושע Messiah is THE TRUTH!

This word - אֱמֶת **emeth** - Strong's H571, in the
ancient script, look like this:




Aleph - א

The ancient script has this letter as  and is pictured as '**the head of an ox**', and represents '**strength**', meaning '**muscle**' as the ox is the strongest of the livestock animals.


This also carries the meaning of '**yoke**', as an ox is placed in a yoke in order to plough or pull a heavy load in the right direction. This can also picture for us the '**red heifer**' sacrifice that **יהושע** Messiah fulfilled!

Mem - ך

The ancient script has this letter as  and is pictured as '**water**', and also carries the meaning of '**chaos**' (from the storms of the sea) and can also picture that which is **mighty** or massive as well as the unknown. We are also able to understand this letter as representing **the nations**, for the nations are often likened to the seas in Scripture.

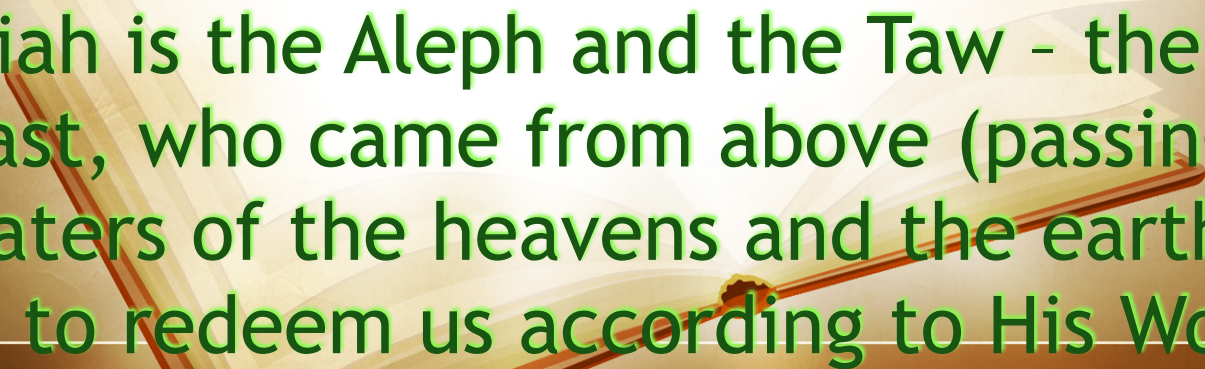
Taw - ת



The ancient script has this letter as  which is pictured as **two crossed sticks**, and can represent for us '**seal, covenant, mark or sign**'; as this once again points to the complete work of Messiah in the renewal of the Covenant in His Blood that brings the two Houses of Yisra'el and Yehudah together in Him, as One, for He is not only the '**aleph**', but is also the '**taw**' - the beginning and the end of all creation!

As we consider these letters in describing Messiah as being the TRUTH, we are able to clearly see that it is by His strength and might that He has passed through the waters in order to secure for us His Covenants of Promise!

Messiah is the Aleph and the Taw - the first and the last, who came from above (passing through the waters of the heavens and the earth) in order to redeem us according to His Word!

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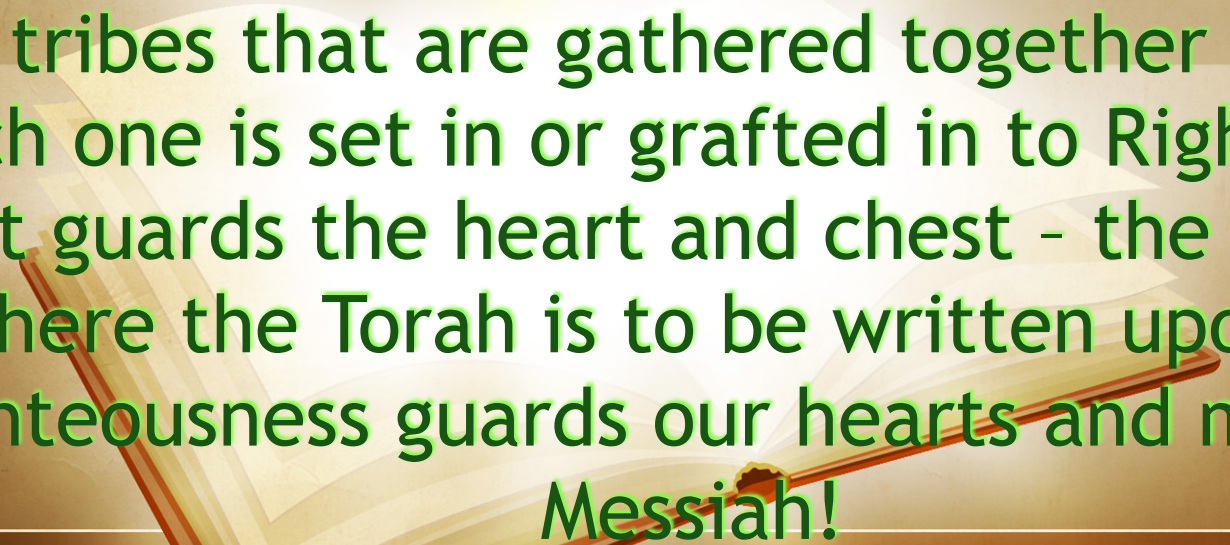
2 - THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Debarim/Deuteronomy 6:25 “And it is righteousness for us when we guard to do all this command before יהוה our Elohim, as He has commanded us.”

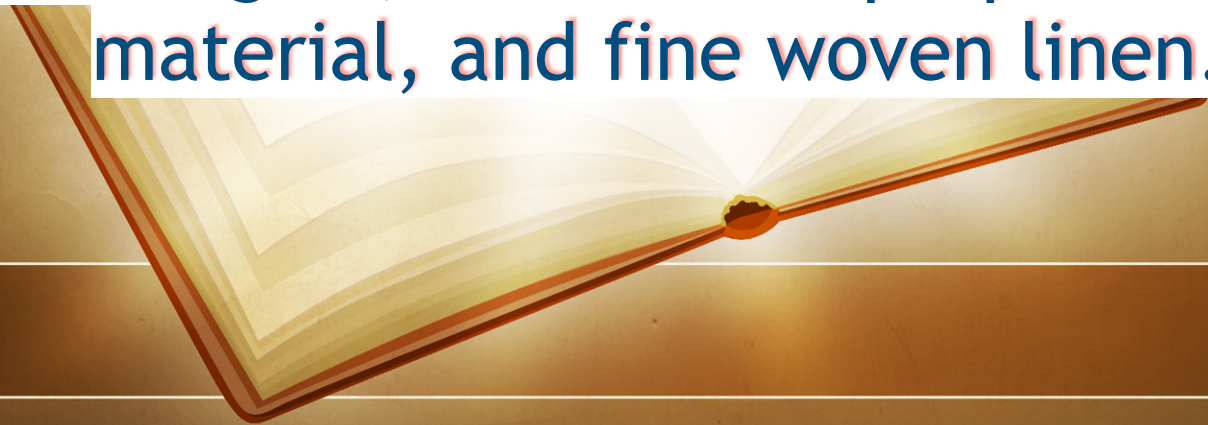
The breastplate of the High Priest has what?



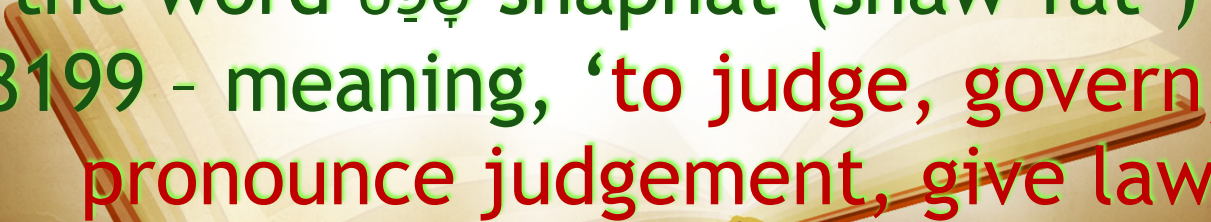
12 stones that represent the 12 tribes of Yisra'ël,
and the full breastplate represents the fullness of
all 12 tribes that are gathered together in Messiah
as each one is set in or grafted in to Righteousness
that guards the heart and chest - the heart is
where the Torah is to be written upon and
righteousness guards our hearts and minds in
Messiah!



Shemoth/Exodus 28:15 “And you shall make a breastplate of right-ruling, a work of a skilled workman, like the work of the shoulder garment. Make it of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine woven linen.”

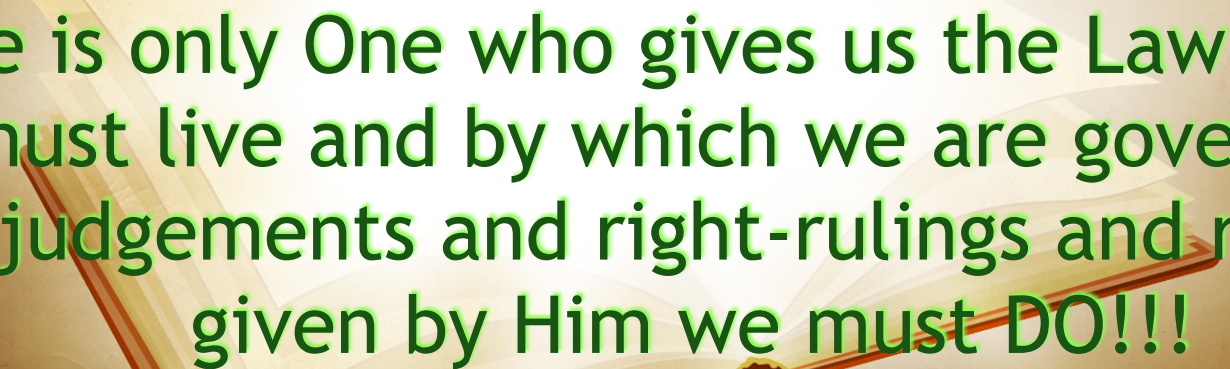


A breastplate of 'right-ruling' - 'RIGHT-RULINGS' -
מִשְׁפָּט mishpat (mish-pawt')- Strong's H4941 -
'judgement, ordinance, regulations' and comes
from the word שָׁפַט shaphat (shaw-fat')- Strong's
H8199 - meaning, 'to judge, govern, rule,
pronounce judgement, give law'.



Yeshayahu/Isaiah 33:22 “for יהוה is our Judge,
יהוה is our Lawgiver, יהוה is our Sovereign, He
saves us”


There is only One who gives us the Law by which
we must live and by which we are governed and
these judgements and right-rulings and regulations
given by Him we must DO!!!



3 - FEET FITTED WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

Here Sha'ul was once again referring back to the High Priest in the service of the Tabernacle:


Shemoth/Exodus 28:35 “And it shall be upon Aharon to attend in, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the set-apart place before יהוה and when he comes out, so that he does not die.”



Remember that there was no 'shoes' in the garments of the High Priest and so we see that His service is in the set-apart presence of the Master, where shoes were taken off!


Shoes fitted with the good News is a picture of being completely fitted with pure set-apart garments of Truth and Righteousness, ready to do service and just as Aharon would be heard as he went in and came out, so too do we need to make sure that we do not remain silent in our proclaiming of the Besorah (Good News), lest we die!

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 52:7-8 “How pleasant upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims deliverance, who says to Tsiyon, “Your Elohim reigns!” 8 The voice of your watchmen! They shall lift up their voices, together they shout for joy, because eye to eye they see the return of יהוה to Tsiyon.”

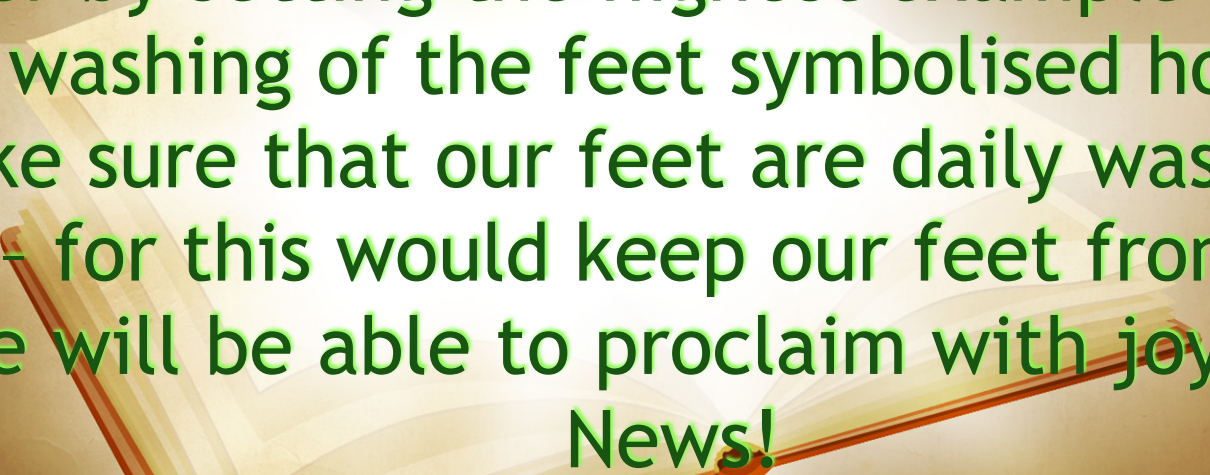


Feet, in the Hebraic mind-set, refers to one's walk and feet fitted with the Good News of Peace speaks of walking in the perfect commands of Elohim as we guard to keep all His Appointed Times and in the picture of the High Priest with no shoes, we can see the picture of not having our feet soiled with man-made customs and designs for fleshly comfort, but rather having feet washed and fitted with that which from Elohim - certainly a different picture than a roman soldier's sandal or boot!!!

Romiyim/Romans 10:14-15 “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without one proclaiming? 15 And how shall they proclaim if they are not sent? As it has been written, “How pleasant are the feet of those who bring the Good News of peace, who bring the Good News of the good!”



When Messiah washed His disciple's feet He commissioned them for service toward one another by setting the highest example for us and so his washing of the feet symbolised how we are to make sure that our feet are daily washed in His Word – for this would keep our feet from slipping and we will be able to proclaim with joy the Good News!

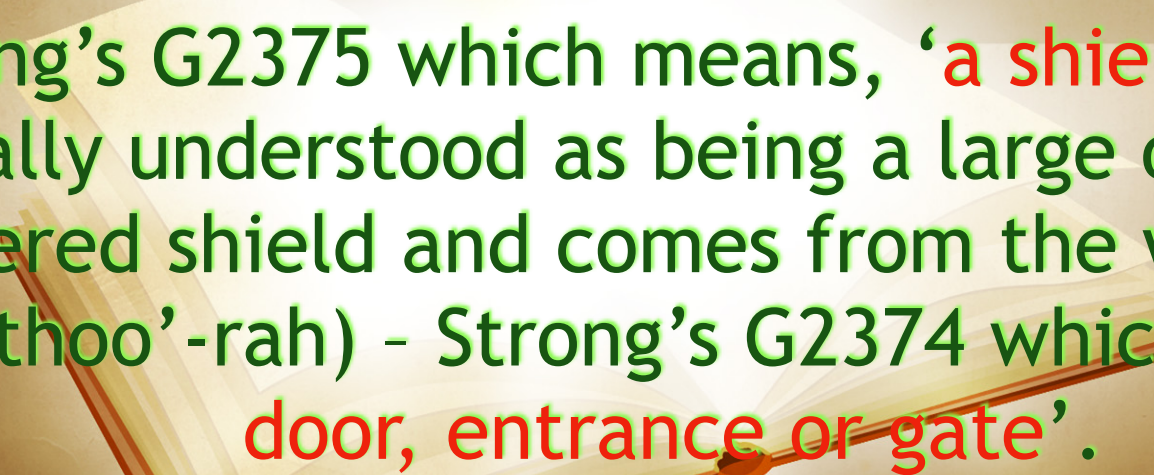


4 - THE SHIELD OF FAITH

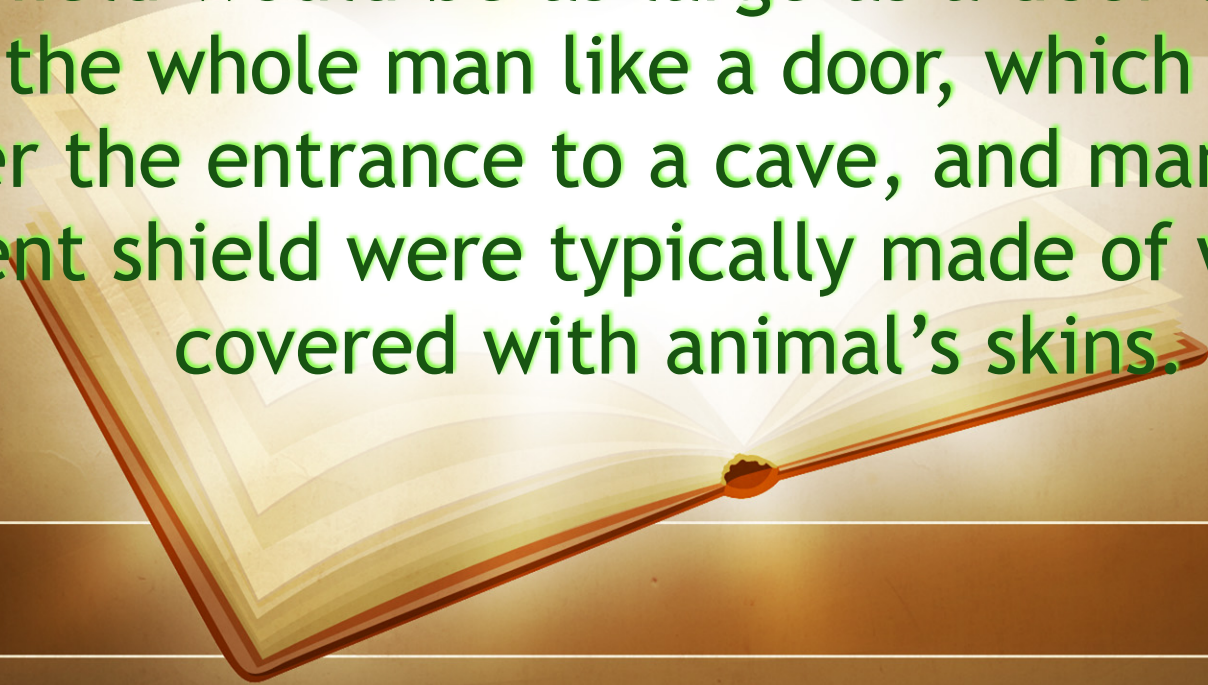
Berěshith/Genesis 15:1 “After these events the word of יהוה came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your reward is exceedingly great.”

Tehillah/Psalm 28:7 “יהוה is my strength, and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him, and I have been helped; therefore my heart exults, and with my song I thank Him.”

The Greek word that is used for 'shield', in Sha'ul's letter, is θυρεός thureos(thoo-reh-os')
- Strong's G2375 which means, 'a shield' and was typically understood as being a large oblong four cornered shield and comes from the word θύρα thura(thoo'-rah) - Strong's G2374 which means, 'a door, entrance or gate'.



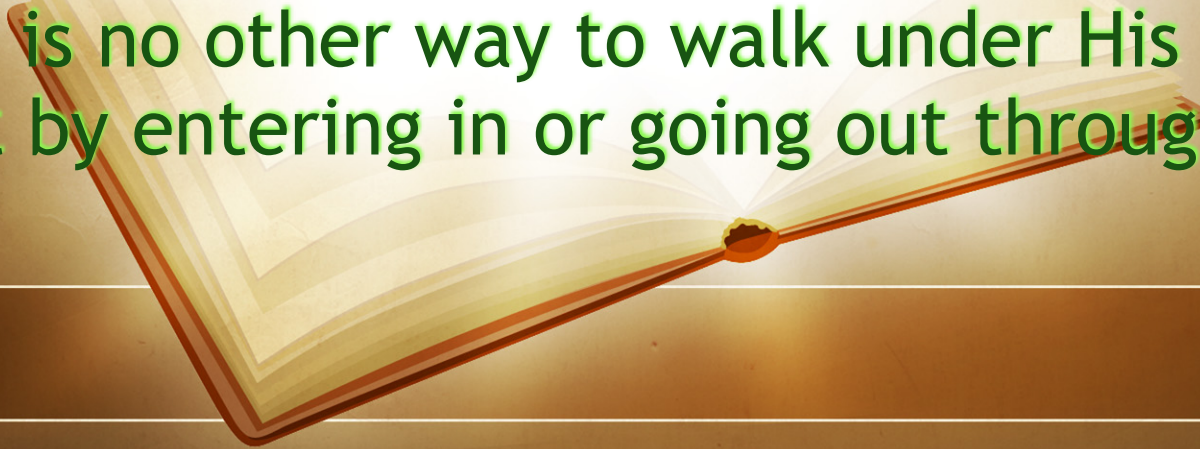
This shield would be as large as a door that would cover the whole man like a door, which could also cover the entrance to a cave, and many of the ancient shield were typically made of wood and covered with animal's skins.



When we think of the picture of this kind of shield,
we can immediately see the pointing to יהושע
Messiah, who is The Door and in reference to the
Tabernacle the Set-Apart Place had coverings of
animal skins, and so when we understand that יהוה
is our shield then we can see how we find great
refuge in Him and His Name, as we serve Him
faithfully, by shining His Light, as the Lampstand in
the set-apart place that gives light to the House.

This makes perfect sense, in its relationship to a door, for the only means of access to that protection is through the door, as we recognise these words that יהושע Messiah is speaking to us.

There is no other way to walk under His protection except by entering in or going out through the Door!



Going in and out through the Door clearly implies a continued action of obedience, and to walk as Messiah walked involves action, and that action is to be done completely in line with His walk - and that is a walk of total obedience!

Therefore, as we come to The Door and follow our Shepherd's voice, by obeying His Torah, we are able to find great refuge in our Mighty Elohim, who is our strength and shield!

Tehillah/Psalm 5:12 “For You bless the
righteous, O יהוה; You surround him with favour
as with a shield.”

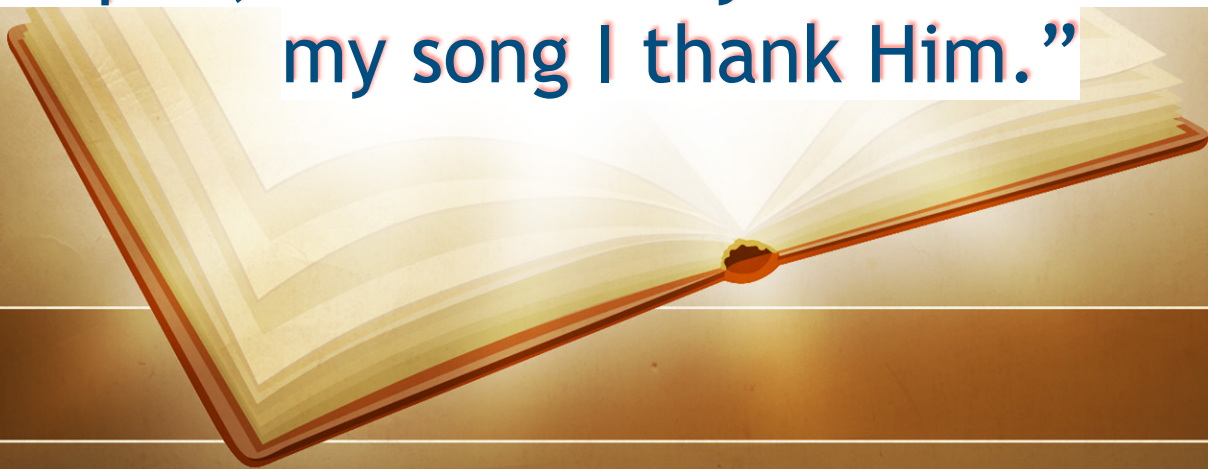
Tehillah/Psalm 33:20 “Our being has longed for
יהוה; our help and our shield is He.”



The Hebrew root word that used here for 'shield' is מגן magen(maw-gane') - Strong's H4043 which means, 'shield, buckler, defence', and is also understood as representing 'a wall of protection'.



Tehillah/Psalm 28:7 “יהוה is my strength, and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him, and I have been helped; therefore my heart exults, and with my song I thank Him.”



What we recognize too, is that we cannot see the shield of faith; and our shield is YeHoVah, and we place our trust in Him, who we do not see, and our belief and expectation are in Him.




5 - THE HELMET OF DELIVERANCE

Shemoth/Exodus 28:36-38 “And you shall make a plate of clean gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: SET-APARTNESS TO יהוה. “And you shall put it on a blue cord, and it shall be on the turban - it is to be on the front of the turban. “And it shall be on the forehead of Aharon, and Aharon shall bear the guilt of the set-apart gifts which the children of Yisra’ēl set apart in all their set-apart gifts. And it shall always be on his forehead, for acceptance for them before יהוה.”

Yehezqěl/Ezekiel 9:3-6 “And the esteem of the Elohim of Yisra’ěl went up from the kerub, where it had been, to the threshold of the House. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer’s ink-horn at his side, 4.and יהוה said to him, “Pass on into the midst of the city, into the midst of Yerushalayim, and you shall put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.”

5. And to the others He said in my hearing, "Pass on into the city after him and smite, do not let your eye pardon nor spare. 6. "Kill to destruction old, young men, maidens and children and women, but do not come near anyone upon whom is the mark, and begin at My set-apart place." So they began with the elders who were in front of the House."

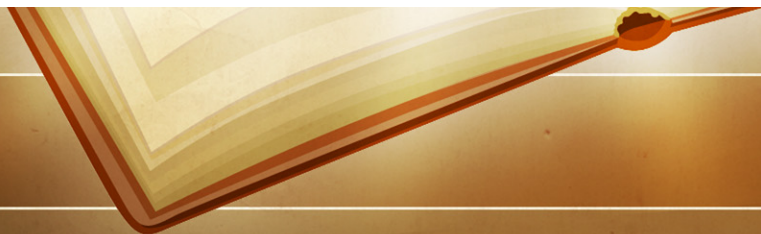


What marks us for deliverance, as we sojourn here?
Shemoth/Exodus 13:9 & 16 tells us that the keeping
of Pěsaḥ and Matzot (Passover and Unleavened
Bread) is a sign on our foreheads and hands and
Yeḥezqēl 20:12 & 20 tells us that the Sabbath is a sign
between us and יהוה forever.



Exo 13:9 “And it shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a reminder between your eyes, that the Torah of יהוה is to be in your mouth, for with a strong hand יהוה has brought you out of Mitsrayim.

Exo 13:16 “And it shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim.”



Eze 20:12 “And I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, to know that I am יהוה who sets them apart.

Eze 20:19 I am יהוה your Elohim. Walk in My laws, and guard My right-rulings, and do them.

Eze 20:20 And set apart My Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, to know that I am יהוה your Elohim.’

Our obedience to His commands and the keeping of His Appointed Times is what marks our deliverance to come and each one must work their own deliverance with fear and trembling as we are transformed daily by the renewing of our minds, as we meditate on the Torah day and night!



6 - SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

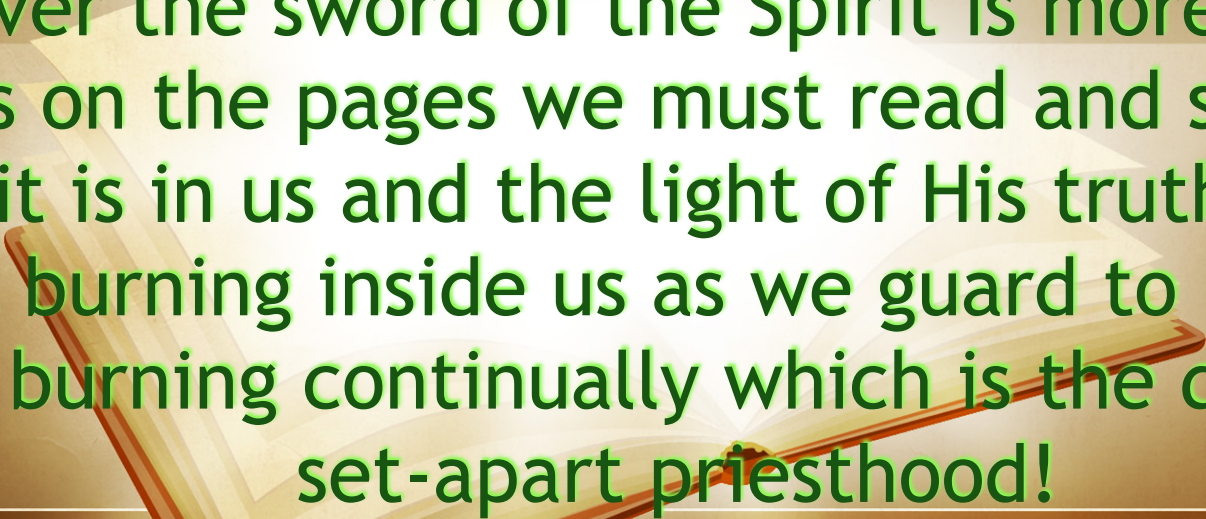
Just as we cannot see the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit we also cannot see - the sword of the Spirit is the Word of יהוה that is written on our hearts and minds as part of the Renewed Covenant in Messiah!



Debarim/Deuteronomy 33:29 “Blessed are you, O Yisra’ēl! Who is like you, a people saved by יהוה, the shield of your help, and He who is the sword of your excellency! And your enemies are subdued for you, and you tread down their high places.”

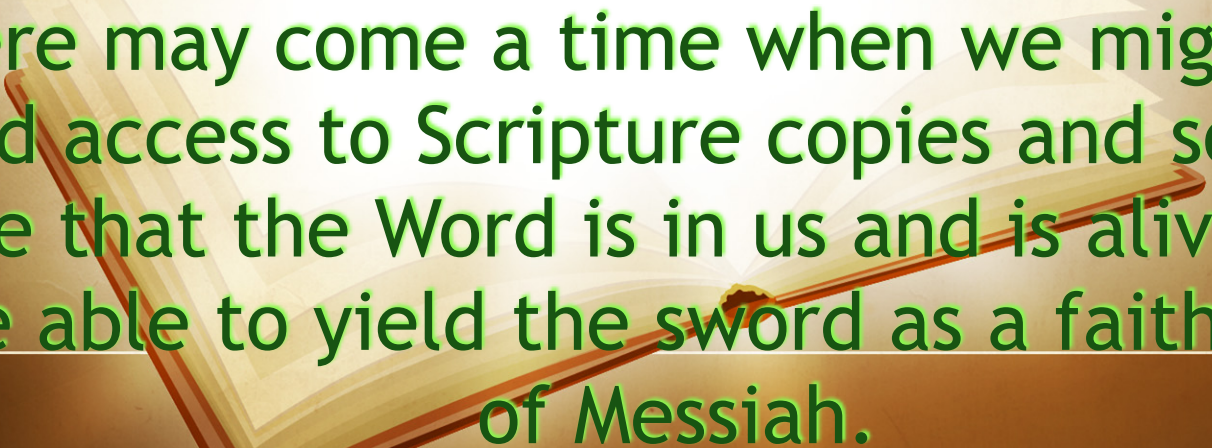
Ib’rim/Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of Elohim is living, and working, and sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through even to the dividing of being and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

We certainly do have hard copies of the Word of Elohim and we must meditate day and night on it, however the sword of the Spirit is more than the letters on the pages we must read and study daily - for it is in us and the light of His truth must be kept burning inside us as we guard to keep our lamps burning continually which is the duty of the set-apart priesthood!



The Sword of the Spirit is our only offensive weapon against the attacks of the devil and if we do not know how to use the Sword then we endanger not only our own lives but also the lives of others!

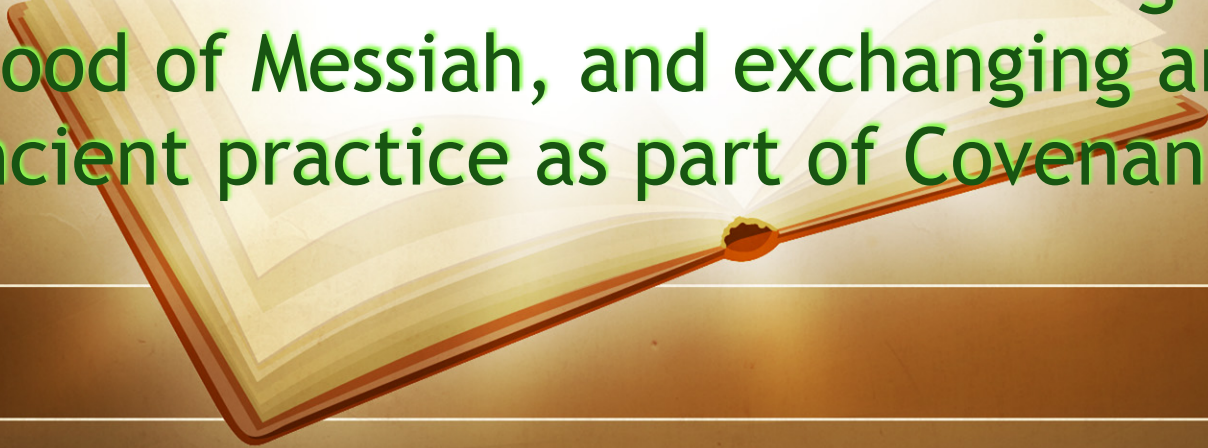
There may come a time when we might have limited access to Scripture copies and so we must ensure that the Word is in us and is alive, so that we are able to yield the sword as a faithful soldier of Messiah.



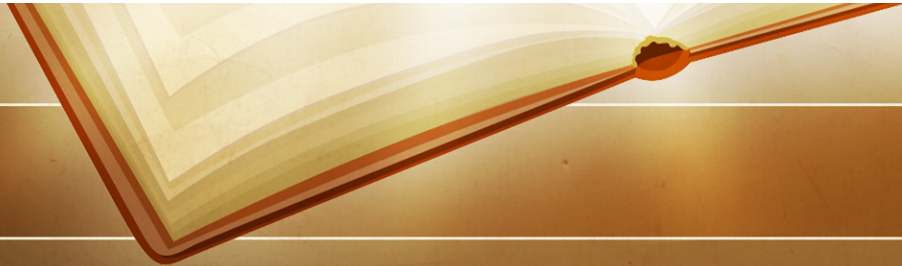
As discussed previously on the 'lamp and light' we know that the Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path and so Sha'ul tells us in:

Romiyim/Romans 13:12 "The night is far advanced, the day has come near. So let us put off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

How are you dressed? Do you 'put on' the armour of Elohim or do you forget what to wear? We wear the armour of Elohim, based on His Covenants of Promise to which we have been brought near by the blood of Messiah, and exchanging armour was an ancient practice as part of Covenant making:



Shemu'el Aleph/1 Samuel 18:3-4 “And Yehonathan and Dawid made a covenant, because he loved him as his own being. 4 And Yehonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to Dawid, and his garments, even to his sword and his bow and his girdle.”

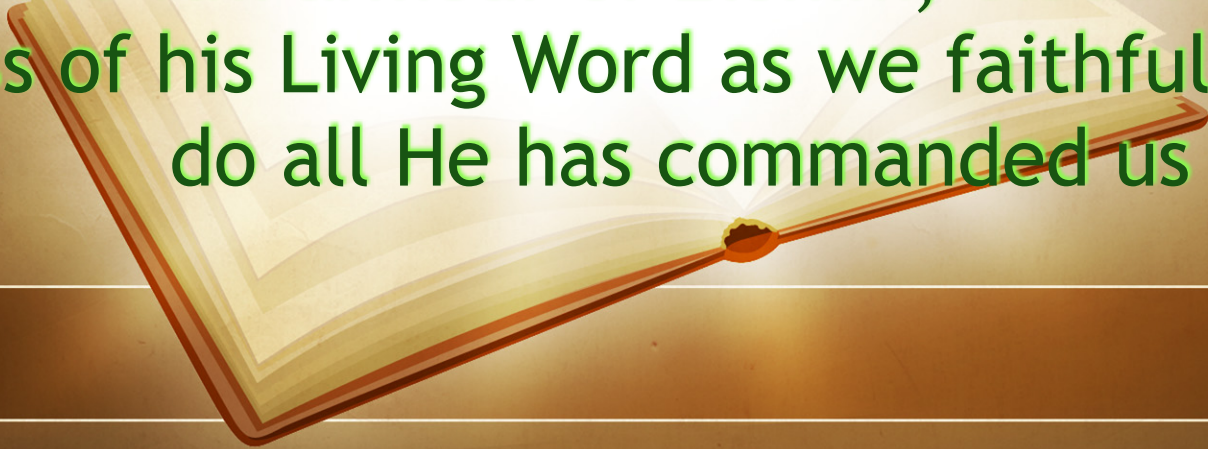


Messiah, in His Own Blood, renewed the marriage Covenant and exchanged garments with us as He took our sin in order that we can be clothed in Him and His whole armour:

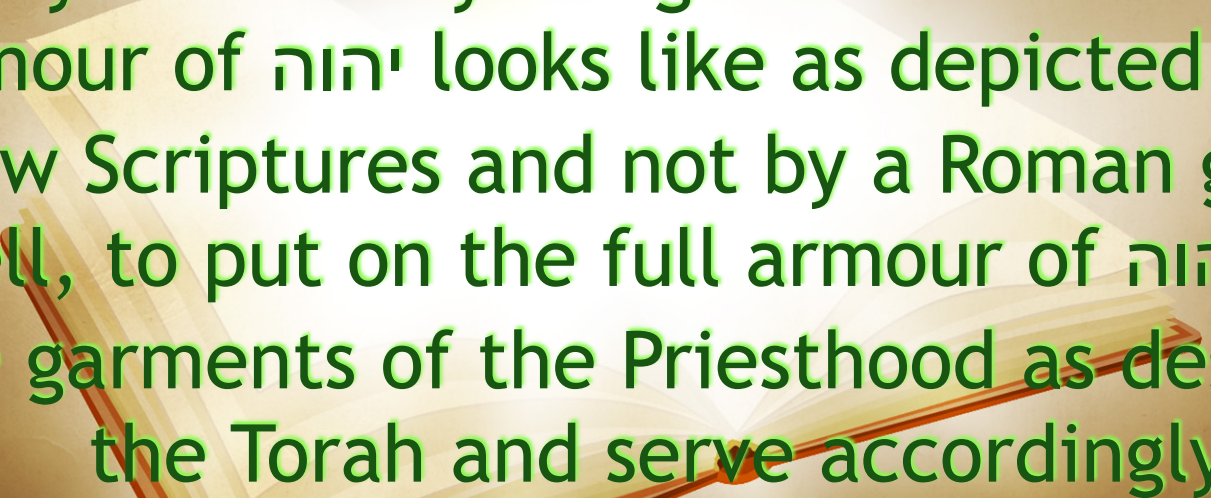
Qorintiyim Bět/2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of Elohim.”




Now, because of the Renewed Covenant, we are able to put on His perfect armour! So, we who are sons of light and sons of the day, let us daily put on the full armour of Elohim, clothed in the fullness of his Living Word as we faithfully guard to do all He has commanded us



There is much more I could share on the topic, yet I ask you - Have you figured out what the full armour of יהוה looks like as depicted by the Hebrew Scriptures and not by a Roman guard? In a nutshell, to put on the full armour of יהוה is to put on the garments of the Priesthood as described by the Torah and serve accordingly!



Qolasim/Colossians 3:8-11 “But now, also put off all these: displeasure, wrath, evil, blasphemy, filthy talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have put off the old man with his practices, 10 and have put on the new one who is renewed in knowledge according to the likeness of Him who created him, 11 where there is not Greek and Yehudite, circumcised and uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave, free, but Messiah is all, and in all.”



**He who has an ear - PUT ON THE
RIGHT GEAR!!!**

