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2019 LECTURE TOPICS:

- Biblical Ideas Defined From Ancient Hebraic Culture using the biblical languages of Hebrew and Aramaic.
- Hebraic Salvation as Understood through the Actions of Yeshua's Death and Resurrection.
- Heaven's Unseen Realms and the Space-Time Continuum of Science and Physics.
- Selling Ourselves Short: Law of the Bond Slave and Bond Servant.

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SELLING OURSELVES SHORT: UNDERSTANDING THE LAW OF THE BOND SLAVE AND THE BOND SERVANT

In **Philippians 2:7**, Paul made an observation concerning Yeshua saying that he *"made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-slave, and coming in the likeness of men.*

Prior to this, Yeshua shockingly said to some religious leaders in **John 8:44**, *"You are of your father the devil and the desires of your father you want to do."*

These declarations appear to be linked to **Genesis 3:22**: *"Then יהוה said, "Behold, the man has become as (or like) one from us, to know good and evil."*

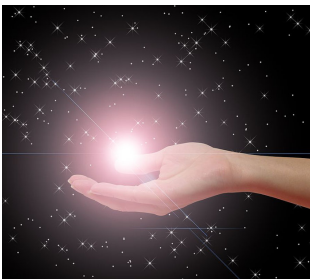
Centuries later, this principle came up again when יהוה said through the declaration of **Isaiah 50:1**, *"...Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? For your iniquities you have sold yourselves...."*

What does all this mean for us and what does it have to do with an ancient legal bond in biblical Law referred to later in Jewish Law as the *Shetar Hov*? Together, let us see how Paul understood this Jewish Law of his day when he wrote his letter to the Colossians. Let us look at the Hebraic biblical concept of the bond slave versus the bond servant or what Paul calls the "New Man" in Messiah.



SALVATION through the Death and Resurrection of Yeshua

This is powerful and life-changing when we understand what Yeshua accomplished through the biblical Torah law of "Agency." Yes, we know what we are saved TO. But perhaps the better question is to ask, What are we saved FROM? We will study the Genesis creation story (Chapters 2 and 3) and learn about the two trees in the Garden of Eden: The *Etz haChaim* (the Tree of Life) and the *Etz haDa'at Tov v'Ra* (the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil); how this doctrine is woven into the teachings of Yeshua in speaking to the Jewish religious leaders of his day - the Pharisees; and also with the words of Paul in writing his letter to the Galatians. We will learn about the Hebraic concept of redemption and the biblical law of discharge and satisfaction of debt.

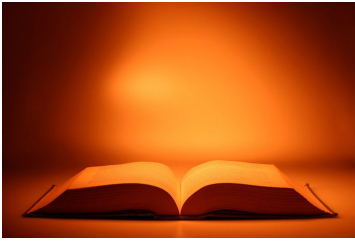


Heaven's Unseen Realms and the Space-Time Continuum of Science and Physics

Eventually, it seems that the science brainiacs of quantum theory, "M" and String Theory eventually end up proving what the ancient writers of the biblical narratives have been saying all along. In an article on the sciences published in the well-respected magazine *Scientific American* (February 1, 2006), it was stated, *"...we have to remain open to the unnerving possibility that our known universe is but one of many - a part of a multiverse."*

In this lecture, you will learn about Heaven's Unseen Realms as they deeply connect us to the concepts of "born from above" (John 3:3), Jerusalem above (Galatians 4:26), and the Tabernacle/Temple in the Garden of Eden (Exodus 25:40 and Hebrews 8:5). This is a wonderful and beautiful study of the Genesis creation story and man's redemption.

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THE NEW COVENANT. What is this all about?

What is the New Covenant? Yes, like many others, I too often quoted Jeremiah 31:31-34 thinking that I totally understood the message; that is, until I carefully looked at the words and the concepts in Hebrew. What I saw shocked me. I'll share my journey with you in coming to understand the idea of the New Covenant or New Testament and together we will get to know the heart and mind of יהוה אלהים ("God").



FAITH. What exactly is it?

Generally, what might be the first thing that comes to mind when you read about faith in the Bible? Perhaps faith is about believing in someone or in something? Yes, this is certainly a natural and reasonable definition; however, it's not how Yeshua, Paul, and many others understood it according to their biblical Hebraic mindset.

In this lecture, I would like us to have a look at the concept of faith as considering that Yeshua, Paul, and many others were Hebrews and Israelites living in the midst of a religious Jewish culture during Judaism's Second Temple period. Once we understand the biblical definition of faith as the ancients understood it then we will understand the heart and mind of יהוה אלהים ("God") and what he desires for us. After this, we can begin to practically apply it in our everyday lives.



RIGHTEOUSNESS. What does it refer to?

The Oxford Dictionary, certainly a well-respected scholastic work of our time, essentially tells us how society generally understands righteousness; that it is about one's behavior. But is it? In the Hebrew language, righteousness has another deeper meaning. When we understand the biblical Hebraic definition, then we will understand why righteousness was credited to Abraham in Genesis 15:5-6.



THE SON OF MAN. What did Yeshua mean by saying this?

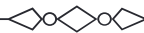
Reading through the recorded words of Yeshua, we will come across the phrase, "The Son of Man," an idea that occurs some 88 times in the New Testament and over a 100 times in Hebrew scripture. What exactly does this mean considering that it is a common expression often used in Israeli "street-language" Hebrew. Once we understand the biblical Hebraic meaning of the term, "*The Son of Man*," it will help us in all of our everyday relationships involving marriage, friends, and family life.



SIN. What exactly does this refer to?

One might think that sin should be an easy to understand idea when we consider that it is mentioned many hundreds of times in the Bible. Generally, I think for most people, the word "sin" is traditionally defined as any action that violates God's laws, including the Ten Commandments; and to be fair, it is reasonable to think so. However, from the Law, the Prophets, the Writings, and the teachings of Yeshua, Paul, and others, sin does not mean what we generally think it means because we often tend to define important theological terms through our many religious and cultural filters. In this lecture, we will go into the ancient Hebraic meaning of sin, a definition that uses multiple Hebrew words for just one English word. Let's look at these ideas together.

These and other Hebraic biblical definitions such as "*Works of the Law*" will be learned as available time permits. Come for the joy of biblical study and learn how these truths practically apply to our everyday lives.



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