
Seeking the Truth

DISCERNING AND STUDYING THE WORD OF YAHWEH

Jer 29:13 And you shall seek Me, and shall find Me,
when you search for Me with all your heart.

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Deu 4:27..29-30

(27)And Yahweh shall scatter you among the peoples...(29)but from there you shall **seek** Yahweh your Elohim, **and shall find**, when you search for Him **with all your heart and with all your being**. In your distress, when all these words shall come upon you in the latter days, then you shall return to Yahweh your Elohim and shall obey His voice.

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How do I do this?
The 4 Questions to ask





WHY?

Why am I doing this?

What's the reason I am looking into this?

Where you *begin*—your starting posture, your authority, your willingness to submit—**sets the trajectory** for where you will *end up*. Yahweh Himself says He **declares the end from the beginning** (Isaiah 46:10). Why? Because **the beginning determines where you are going**

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Am I truly seeking
Yahweh's Will?

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I expect Yahweh to
bless my side

JOS 5:13-15 Are you for us, or for our enemies? No, I have now come as Chief of the Armies of Yahweh

PRO 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death

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Do I fully commit to
His Will before I even
know all the details?

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I need to
understand it
first...

DEU 5:27 ...speak to us all YHWH our Elohim says to you, and we shall hear and do it!

PRO 3:5 Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding

JER 17:5-7 Cursed is the man who trusts in man... Blessed is the man who trusts in Yahweh

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Am I Ready to
Change?

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I already know... I just
need to prove my point

PRO 18:2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but in uncovering his own heart
(expressing his own opinion)

PRO 26:12 Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him

ISA 66:2 But to this one I look: to him who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at My word

HOW

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Am I adding/removing or contradicting the “simple/direct” (pashat) meaning?

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In ancient Israel, the Torah was read in full — to men, women, children, and sojourners — so that all might hear and obey “all the words” (Deut. 31:11–13) – even children could hear and obey. Means plain meaning should never be undermined. Joshua did the same in Josh. 8:34–35.

Deu 4:2 “Do not add to the Word which I command you, and do not take away from it, so as to guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim which I am commanding you.

Hebrew Text: (Marvel Bible)

- “not cause to add/increase” - hifil

Pro 30:6 Do not add to His Words, Lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar.

Boiling a kid in its mother's milk – now meat & milk [Ex 23:19/34:26]

Keeping Shabbat - 39 commands?

- “not restrain/diminish” – make commands not important

Mat 5:18 “For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one yod or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done. Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.

Do we teach people to “keep the Ten Commandments” but Shabat, ignore food laws, ignore festivals?

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True Verse, False Conclusion - Even Scripture can be **misused** to deceive—when it's taken out of context or isolated from the rest of the Word.

Mat 4:5 Then the devil took Him up into the set-apart city, set Him on the edge of the Set-apart Place, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of Elohim, throw Yourself down. For it has been written, ‘He shall command His messengers concerning you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, so that you do not dash your foot against a stone.’

Yehoshua said to him, It has also been written, ‘You shall not try Yahweh your Elohim.’

What's the Lesson?

1. The enemy quoted Scripture correctly (Ps91) — but the meaning he derived was misapplied!
2. The verse was true, but the conclusion was false.
3. Yeshua corrected the misuse by quoting another verse (Dt 6) — showing the full context matters and the bible is a complete work and multiple witnesses/angles needed.

Some verses may appear general/open/different ways – but no interpretation of Scripture can ever be valid if it results in doing what Yahweh has clearly forbidden elsewhere in His Word

Never do “One Verse Wonders” or follow any conclusion that violates a command of Yahweh

Truth is revealed through the complete picture of Scripture

Yeshua teaches us how to use Scripture: compare Scripture with Scripture.

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Accuracy

When studying the Word of Yahweh, **accuracy is essential**. A single word, if mistranslated or interpreted with bias, can shift the entire meaning of a passage. Translators are not neutral, they have assumptions and their own doctrines. Deliberate or accidental, translators often choose interpretations for us – key for us to be equipped to assess the source text ourselves.

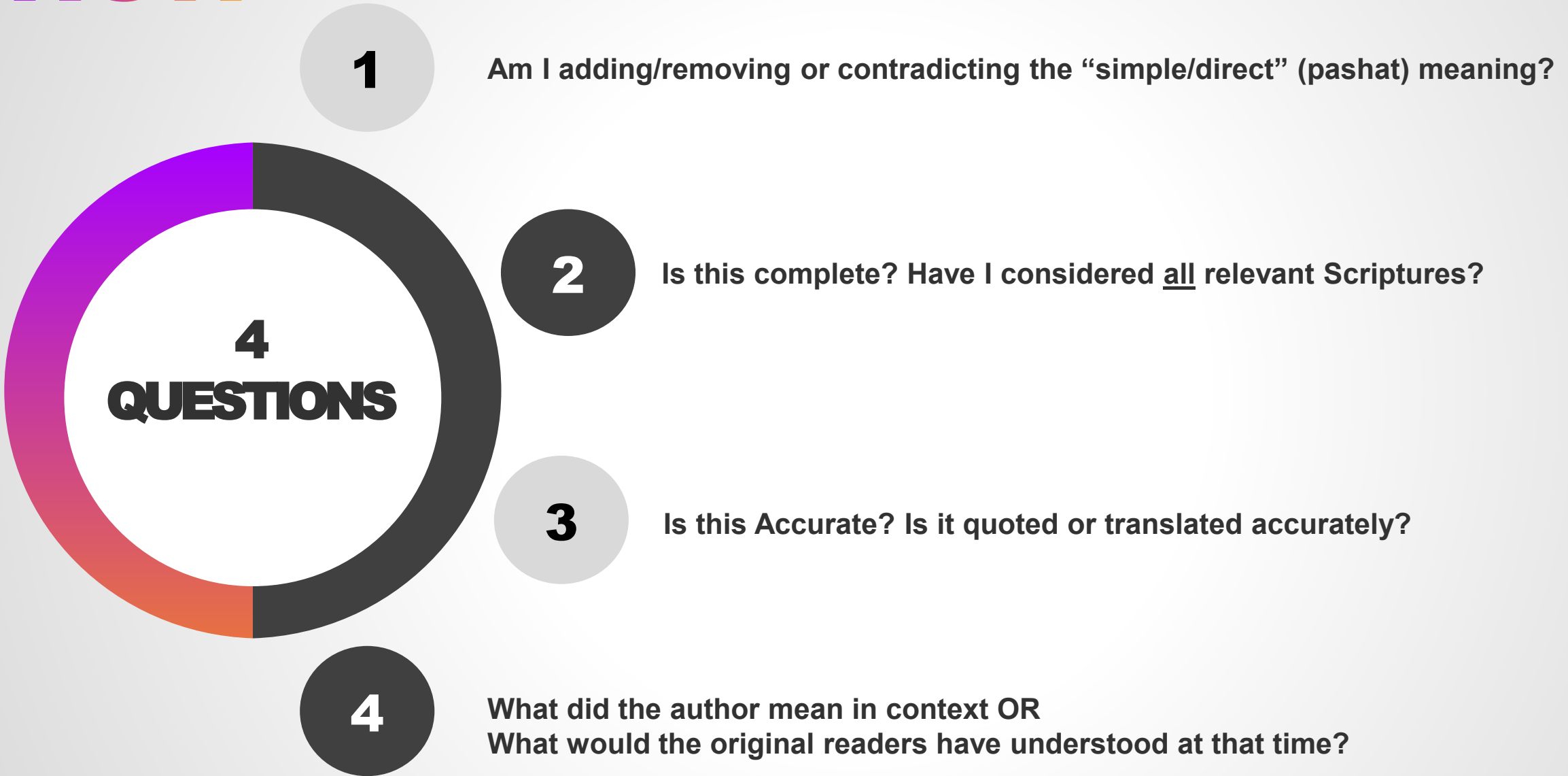
Rom 10:4 For Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness, to everyone who believes.
Per the translation – it appears the law is ended – to those who believe, right?

Greek ***telos*** (τέλος), which does **not have to mean "end" as in "abolish"**.
It can also mean **goal, purpose, or aim/target**—like a **target in a telescope**.
Thus: For Messiah is the goal of the Torah for righteousness to everyone who believes
ISV: Culmination; various scholars – “end goal”

Hand in translation cookie jar: 1Ti 1:5 Now the goal of this command is love from a clean heart, from a good conscience and a sincere belief --- WHY IS IT NEVER END?

“Messiah is what we are aiming to be like – how He lived is how everyone who believes should live too”

HOW



Context

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by Elohim and profitable for teaching (doctrine), for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness
~65AD 2 Timothy

Some exact timings are debated, but not debated that at that time:

- The **New Testament** as we know it **did not exist**. There was no known canon of the NT
- Some letters were personal copies – like Titus, Philemon – others to a specific community where they kept it safe.
- Every copy would likely be hand-copied by a scribe on expensive parchment or lambskin -> only 1 copy at a time that would then be carried on foot or horse/ship and this means the spread took time
- Most folks would have access to what their community had which could be 1 letter and the Tanakh
- Many books not yet written like: Gospel John; 1,2,3 John, Revelation.

So what would be “all Scripture”?

...at that time – the Tanakh (OT) should be applied for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness

(Yahweh continued to inspire more writings as the Spirit led which would be included today)



WHO Is speaking?

WHAT Is their authority?

WHO and WHAT	
Lawless teachers	Mat 5:18-19 For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one yod or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done. Whoever, then, <u>breaks</u> one of the least of these commands, <u>and teaches men so</u>, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens. [ANYONE] Mat 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ shall enter the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens. Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?’ And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!’
Worldly OR Messiah rejectors	Col 2:16-17 Let no one judge you in food or in drink, or in respect of a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come—but the Body of Messiah. (Col 2:16–17, based on the literal Greek order) <i>[but the body of Messiah functions as a contrast]</i> Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition...
Starting Position	So at the start, ask: <i>Why am I doing this? What assumptions am I bringing? Who is speaking, What is their authority?</i> Because where you begin — whether biased or humble, focused on Yahweh or following man — this will guide how you interpret, apply, and arrive at conclusions. Where you <i>begin</i>—your starting posture, your authority, your willingness to submit—sets the trajectory for where you will <i>end up</i>. Yahweh Himself says He declares the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10).

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What did the author mean in context OR

What would the original readers have understood at that time?



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