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Scriptures of Unconditional Love

They are called Scriptures of Unconditional Love because GOD is Unconditional Love (1 John 4:16) and these Scriptures will help us to walk in the ways of Unconditional Love. We should live by Unconditional Love because Moses commanded it (Leviticus 19:18) and so did Jesus the Christ (Matthew 22:37-39). There are an initial thirty of these books to be published. Some are still in process but should be ready by the end of 2026. Once they are completed, more will be added.

The Twenty-One Witness books have been updated from their previous titles and translations using the South-London English that I grew up with. I also replaced the word "church" with "community of GOD's people" and "Lord" with "RULER" as these are more accurate translations. These twenty-one were chosen because they do not contradict the Old or New Testaments in any way but rather provide us with a means to interpret the Holy Bible more accurately and with additional knowledge and understanding.

Nobody had ever told me what was going to happen when I submitted my life to Christ on a South-London Street in February 1974, aged 13. I had a physical Holy Spirit experience as an "atomic bomb of joy" exploded in my being. As I walked along the street, it was like I was floating three feet off the ground. That evening, a Spirit person visited me and wrote these words in my heart with light and fire, "Do not rebuke the church". The end result of this encounter are these Scriptures of Unconditional Love.

The Four Gospels-In-Advance

The Gospel of Isaiah
The Gospel of King David
The Gospel of Moses
The Gospel of The Prophets

These are the books of Written Miracles. Ancient prophecies and predictions scattered throughout the Holy Bible's Old Testament concerning the appearance of Christ. These prophecies were made hundreds, some over a thousand, years before Christ appeared. They were all miraculously fulfilled with pin-point accuracy by Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth. There are so many of them that they could only have been put there by Holy Spirit. Certain Jewish scholars, who did not want Jesus to be their Messiah or Christ, started deleting the more obvious prophecies. You can find some of them restored in the books of the twenty-one witnesses. It is best to read the Gospels of Isaiah and King David first as they will strengthen your faith so that your heart can be prepared to receive the teachings and testimonies of the twenty-one witnesses.

The Twenty-One Witnesses

It is like we have twenty-one new witnesses presenting themselves before a court with new evidence and testimonies that GOD is real, and Christ is knowable. Some of these witnesses might have come forward from the era of 'Belonging to the Way' which was from AD 33 (Jesus's physical and spiritual resurrection from the dead) to AD 47 after which time those 'Belonging to the Way' were first called Christians. Most of the other witnesses belong to the pre-church era of the Original First Christians. This era spanned from AD 47 to AD 155 when Polycarp, the Disciple of John the Apostle, was executed for being a Christian by the Roman Empire. The Roman Church filled the vacuum with their own authority and 'brand' and were a powerful influence in starting the new 'church age'. Eventually, the twenty-one witnesses were banned from the New Testament in the fourth century by Emperor Constantine's Roman Church of Christendom, even though these scriptures were originally treasured by Christians of the first and second centuries. Fearing persecution, holders of the books managed to hide them and keep them safe. One thousand two hundred and fifty years later they began to be rediscovered again. Silence broken. Christianity unrestricted. Let them speak. Let us listen.

If they had been allowed to speak and were given their rightful place in the New Testament, they would have acted as salt and light to have a purifying effect on the religious authorities down the centuries. The world would not have experienced the abuses of zealous misguided religious powers. There would have been no crusades, no inquisitions, no witch hunts, no public burnings and no religious persecutions. There would have been no need for European colonialism either as the colonised nations would already be worshipping Christ, having destroyed their gods. The world would have been a better place as the unconditional love of Christ became the new currency that replaced cruelty. The Good Confession would have united the community of GOD's people and all the gods would have been annihilated. There would also have been no need for GOD to send the Qur'an. Having said that, the church has done a vital job in helping to get rid of many gods by either destroying or absorbing them. My hope is that these twentyone witnesses will serve to destroy the remaining gods in the world leaving Devil Satan, who has won the right to remain here, as the sole survivor from the original sin rebellion. Hindus and similar, must abandon all their gods and worship Krishna alone. You can read the books of enlightenment when they have been published, to understand more about this. It is also now time for those churches that have absorbed pagan gods and practices, to get rid of them.

The church's shortcomings can be traced all the way back to AD 154 when Anicetus, Bishop of Rome, refused to accept the Nisan 14 Passover date that Polycarp, disciple of apostle John, and the other apostles observed, regardless of the day of the week it landed on. Anicetus instead kept to what we now know as the Easter dates which should be abandoned in favour of Nisan 14.

The twenty-one witnesses reveal to mankind that all the books of the Holy Bible should be read in the context of GOD versus the gods. In this war, each one of us finds ourselves at one of five stages.

Stage One: Individuals abandon their god(s). It is better to practice

secular atheism than to worship demons.

Stage Two: Acknowledge GOD but don't agree with GOD. Presenting oneself regularly before GOD, either in a church or some other similar gathering will help your case with your Creator.

Stage Three: Agree with GOD but don't obey.

Stage Four: Try your best to obey GOD.

Stage Five: Full submission to GOD. This is perfection.

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The Twenty-Second Witness

The Witness of The Qur'an

The Witness of The Qur'an was delivered between AD 609–632. It was delivered by Angel Gabriel to Muhammad because both the Jewish and Church systems and authorities had become corrupt. It's rather like GOD opened another front in the war to destroy GOD's enemies who were the gods. Many of the gods were fallen angels, demigods and demons being worshipped by mankind.

Books of Enlightenment

Philip's Testimony
Enoch – Before Noah's Flood
The History of the Spirit World
Enlightenment

The books of enlightenment explain the war that has been, currently is and will be raging in heaven and on earth until it is won by Christ. They also provide a whole lot more information, which when combined with the knowledge of the twenty-one witnesses, helps the reader to understand life, the universe and everything a whole lot better.

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Introduction

The Witness of The Jewish Scriptures is yet another book of EHYEH's Witnesses that belongs to the collection of the twenty-two books of EHYEH's Witnesses, which in turn belong to the collection of thirty books known as the Scriptures of Unconditional Love.

The Witness of The Jewish Scriptures benefits us because it acts as another witness coming forward to testify that GOD is real and knowable and that what the Scriptures tell us about Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth is indeed true. We can walk in a relationship with EHYEH which is the true Name of GOD (Exodus 3:14).

This book should be used alongside other books of *Scriptures of Unconditional Love* and *The SoUL Song* as they all glorify the Name of GOD. You will no longer be in two minds and question in your hearts whether these things are true or not, instead you will now know, beyond any reasonable or rational doubt, that these things are indeed true and that nothing really exists outside of the truth. All these truths are certain, powerful and established on a sure footing.

The Prayer of Jesus

Come near and draw close to GOD and GOD will draw near to you – James 4:8

The Spirit of Jesus is EHYEH ASHER EHYEH which is the Name GOD told Moses when asked (Exodus 3:14).

Jesus told us to use these words when talking to GOD:

"Our Father in Heaven,
May your Name be kept Holy,
Your Kingdom come,
Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us enough bread to eat today.

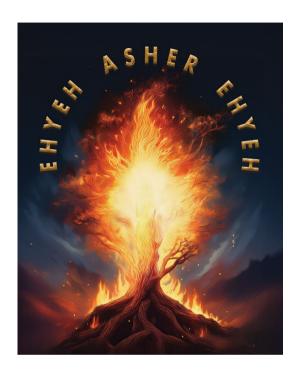
Forgive us our sin as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

Do not allow us to be tempted, but deliver us from the Evil One.

Yours is the power and the glory forever and ever."

The Witness of The Twelve Apostles.

The SoUL Song (short version)



EHYEH ASHER EHYEH IHU KARAITI EGO SUM QUI SUM I AM WHO AM

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH
I AM THE WAY
I AM THE TRUTH
I AM THE LIFE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH
I AM THE LIGHT
I AM THE DOOR
I AM THE GOOD

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH
I AM THE SHEPHERD
I AM THE BREAD
I AM THE VINE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH
I AM THE RESURRECTION
I AM THE START
I AM THE END

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH
I AM THE ALPHA
I AM THE OMEGA
I AM WHO AM

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH IHU KARAITI EGO SUM QUI SUM I AM WHO AM

Introduction To: The Witness of The Jewish Scriptures

The Witness of the Jewish Scriptures

I am going to spend a lot of time on this introduction, as there is an amazing prophecy made by Jesus that was fulfilled precisely and completely within that generation.

When was it written?

AD 80? Most experts date it any time between AD 70 and AD 132. This book is taken from the composite document known to scholars as the *Epistle of Barnabas* which in turn belongs to a collection of early Christian writings called *The Apostolic Fathers*. The earlier of the original two writings, *The Witness of Two Paths of Light and Darkness*, has already been rightfully honoured in its own publication.

The book was clearly written after the Jerusalem Temple was torn down in AD 70 but before the Bar Kokhba revolt of AD 132: "Look, those who tore down this temple will build it themselves. This is happening now. Because of the war it was destroyed by their enemies and now the servants of their enemies will rebuild it." I have taken this literally and reasoned that the servants could not get too old otherwise they would have died off or been too old to build it. Therefore, it was most likely to be within ten years of AD 70.

The Bar Kokhba revolt lasted three years after which time Jews were banned from Jerusalem and the entire city was rebuilt and Romanised at the order of Emperor Hadrian.

Where was it written?

Jerusalem is as good a place as any. Some experts believe it's from Alexandria, in Egypt.

Who wrote it?

Some experts believe it was the Apostle Barnabas. Some of them might be the same experts who believe the Apostle Barnabas wrote the book of *Hebrews* in the *Holy Bible*. Clement of Alexandria thought that he did. Who knows? He might have done.

Why was it written?

It teaches us how to interpret the Jewish Scripture of the *Old Testament*. This is why I am dedicating so much time and attention to it here. It demonstrates how Jesus the Christ was clearly revealed and written about in the *Old Testament*. Devil-Satan regrets not paying closer attention to these and the other prophesies about Jesus the Christ. If Devil-Satan had taken the time to understand them, he would never have crucified Jesus because in doing so he signed his and his angel supporters' death warrants and sealed their doom.

What authority does it have?

Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and Jerome considered it as equal to the books of the *New Testament*. The *Epistle of Barnabas* follows *Revelation* in the *New Testament* in the early fourth century *Codex Sinaiticus* — the earliest *New Testament* that is known to exist today.

How was it rediscovered?

Between 1844 and 1859 it was rediscovered in the Sinai by world-leading biblical scholar, Constantin von Tischendorf.

Interesting points:

- It provides the community of GOD's people with an explanation as to why they switched worshipping together from Saturday to Sunday. The 'Eighth Day' is the day that Jesus the Messiah rose up from the dead.
- We also discover that the execution wood was in the shape of a T. It was <u>not</u> in the mistaken shapes of a † cross. X cross or I stake.
- After 6,000 years since Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden into death on planet earth, the RULER will put an end to the rule and age of the Lawless One (Devil-Satan's rule over the earth and mankind) and will come and establish his own rule on earth for one thousand years with Jesus as RULER instead.

- This later writing has been named *The Witness of the Jewish Scriptures* because the fulfilment of *Old Testament* prophecy was a tool used by the Apostles Paul, Barnabas, Philip and others to prove that Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth was the true Christ as prophesied about and predicted in advance.
- It powerfully recognises Jesus as the Christ (Messiah).
 We read that Philip uses the Old Testament prophesies to explain that Jesus is the Messiah in Acts 8:26-35:

However, GOD's angel said to Philip, "Rise and go south to the road that runs down from Jerusalem to Gaza (the desert road)." With that he started out, and it just so happened he met an Ethiopian eunuch who was an important official under Candace, the Queen of Ethiopia. He was in charge of all her treasury. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship but was now on his way home, sitting in a chariot and reading from the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit told Philip, "Approach that chariot and remain close to it."

Then Philip ran alongside the chariot and heard him reading aloud from the prophet Isaiah. "Do you really understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

He replied, "How can I unless someone explains it to me?" So, he encouraged Philip to come up and sit beside him.

This was the passage of Scripture he was reading:

He was brought like a sheep to the slaughter, and just as a lamb before its shearer makes no sound, so he did not open his mouth. Whilst being humiliated he was deprived of justice. Who will be able to talk about his offspring? His life was taken away from the earth.

The eunuch asked Philip, "Please tell me who this prophet is talking about, himself or somebody else?" Then starting with that very same passage of Scripture, Philip then told him the Good News about Jesus.

In John 1:45 we read how Philip mentioned the prophesies of Moses when he brought Nathanael to Christ:

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the person whom Moses talked about in the Law he wrote, and also the one whom the Prophets wrote about - Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph."

 Jesus the Christ often told people that the Old Testament prophesies referred to him:

John 3:14: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

John 5:39-40: "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think you will gain eternal life because of them. These are the very same Scriptures that bear

witness to Me, yet you refuse to come to Me and receive life."

John 5:46: "If you really believed Moses you would believe Me. However, because you do not believe what he wrote, how can you possibly believe what I say?"

• It mentions the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem which happened in AD 70. This is significant because it concerns the accurate fulfilment of the words of Jesus the Christ when he prophesied that it would be destroyed within that generation (Luke 21:32). Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will certainly not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

There has never been a moment in the past, and there never will be a time in the future, that the words of Jesus Christ (or Holy Spirit) will not happen. This is what Jesus Christ said about the temple in around AD 33, thirty-seven years before the actual event:

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killer of prophets and stoner of those sent to you, how often I have wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings! But you people did not want it. Look! Your house has been abandoned. For I am now telling you, you will not see Me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the RULER'."

Jesus departed from the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to show him its buildings. "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone will be left on another and every single one will be thrown down" (Matthew 23:37-39; 24:1-2).

"When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by army camps, you will then know that it's near to becoming desolated. Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, let those inside get out, and let those in the country not go inside. For this will be the day of vengeance. Everything written about it will come true" (Luke 21:20-22).

This happened twice in the late AD 60s, but the armies withdrew. This provided a window for those who believed the words of Jesus the Christ to escape. The Christians did escape for according to Eusebius there wasn't a Christian left in the city. In AD 70, Titus' armies surrounded the city, starved it, and finally destroyed it.

"Then those in Judea should immediately run away to the mountains. If a man is on the rooftop, he should not even go down into his house to grab his possessions. The one working outside should not even go inside his house to clothe himself. It will be a dreadful time for those who are nursing a baby at their breast. Pray that you can run away at any time rather than in winter or on a Sabbath day. At that designated time there will be such great tribulation, the like of which has never been seen in the world before or ever will be again" (Matthew 24:16-21).

Those verses accurately described what would happen during the events leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

Eusebius, the church historian wrote: "The entire church community of Jerusalem, having been commanded by divine revelation (given to worthy men before the war) to get out of the city, fled to the town called Pella, beyond the Jordan. The believers in Christ abandoned Jerusalem just like holy men abandoning the royal city and the whole land of Judea. Then divine justice, for the crimes against Christ and his apostles, fell and finally overtook them. The entire generation of evildoers were destroyed from the earth."

In April AD 70, (just under forty years, or one generation, after the prophecy of Jesus that these events would take place) Titus, the son of Roman Emperor Vespasian, arrived with his legions and made three camps overlooking the city at the northern end of Jerusalem, to finally put an end to the Jewish revolt and crush the rebellion. He had marched south through Galilee and set up camps overlooking the city. Those who tried to escape were either killed by the Jewish

rebels inside or captured, tortured, and crucified by the Romans and displayed near or on the city wall so that everyone inside could see. It was now too late to escape.

All those inside the walls of the city were now trapped by Titus and his army. The Jewish historian, Josephus, provides a detailed description of how the Romans encircled the city then built an embankment or rampart to break through the city walls. This was exactly as Jesus said it would happen down to the very detail: When he arrived near to Jerusalem, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only discerned that this day would have brought you peace, but now it has been hidden from your eyes. The days will come when your enemies will build a rampart against you and then encircle you from every side, hemming you in with their fortifications. They will smash both you and your children onto the ground within the walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognise the day that GOD chose to inspect you" (Luke 19:41-44).

Josephus tells us that at least five hundred were caught escaping every day. The soldiers, being angry, hateful and vengeful (because of their comrades who had been killed by the Jews) amused themselves by nailing their victims in different positions. There were so many that there was not enough room for the execution wood.

There was even a shortage of execution wood for the victims.

Some of the Jews deserted to the Romans when the opportunity arose. The Romans released them into the country to begin a new life. A few of them swallowed gold to retrieve later. When the Zealots found anyone they thought was a deserter, they slit their throats. Sometimes wealthy people were killed using swallowed gold as an excuse. Then they stole all their wealth.

The Zealots refused to accept the terms of peace offered by the Romans and therefore the siege continued, and their misery grew. Families sold everything and fought each other for food. Violent thieves broke into people's houses and stole food. If they didn't find any food, they then tortured the occupants to tell them where they had hidden it. Some would creep over the walls at night to get herbs and plants to eat, but these were stolen from them when they returned to the city.

Josephus wrote: "The violent thieves would block up the private parts of the miserable wretches and then shove sharp spikes up their insides." He also said, "No other city has ever suffered such great misery as this one. No other era has produced such an evil generation more fruitful in wickedness than this one, from the beginning of time until now...those Zealots were absolute scum,

dubious, and an offspring of our nation that we wish could have been aborted."

Some of the Jews who went over the wall to get food were caught by the Romans. Because they were not deserters, Titus ordered them to be scourged, tortured, and crucified, hoping that the sight of them would cause the Jews to surrender. The Romans caught about five hundred of them every day, and because Titus could not spare guards from the front line, he allowed his soldiers rage to be vented on them in the cruellest manner. Meanwhile, on the inside of the city the Zealots lied to the people that the Jews being crucified were the ones who had been persuaded to willingly desert to the Romans and not the ones captured.

Titus met with the army leaders, and they decided to build a wall all the way around Jerusalem to prevent food supplies getting in and people getting out. This caused the famine to get much worse. Entire families died together. Upstairs rooms were full of women and children who were dying from the famine. The city streets were full of the dead bodies of old people. There was death everywhere in the city. As the suffering intensified, the violent thieves became worse. They would break into the homes of dead people and steal their clothes off their dead bodies.

The dead bodies were thrown over the walls. Titus saw this and felt great pity. He wanted to stop the suffering, so he renewed the attack and built new embankments which were more greatly fortified than the previous ones. He had wood carried in from seventeen kilometres away.

Things got worse. Deserters who fled from Jerusalem were caught by Syrian and Arabian soldiers and had their stomachs cut open to see if they contained gold. In one single night, two thousand people were killed this way. Titus tried to prevent this from happening but was unsuccessful. Thousands of dead bodies were thrown out of Jerusalem and people had started to scour sewerage and cattle dung to eat any faeces they could find.

When the Romans had finally captured the tower of Antonia in the northwest corner of the temple and destroyed it, Josephus gave another speech to persuade the Jews to desert and a number did.

The Romans highly respected holy places and did not want to destroy the temple. They suggested fighting elsewhere, away from the temple. Titus was upset over the way in which the Jews treated their holy place. The Jews took Titus' offer as a sign of weakness and fear, so they became even more aggressive and arrogant. The war carried on.

Hunger in Jerusalem became intolerable. Men ate anything they could find, even the leather off their shoes or shields. One mother cooked her own son and ate half of him herself. When a ramp had been established Titus ordered an assault on the temple. His desire was to keep it intact, however because of the life-threatening risks to his men, he allowed his men to attack without any restraint. The gates were first set on fire and eventually the entire temple was set on fire. Much bloodshed followed. The soldiers lost control. All the pent-up anger that had built up within their hearts suddenly exploded and they killed every person in sight including children, the aged and the priests. They stole the gold and silver. They stole so much gold that the price of gold dropped in Syria to half its previous value. Not one stone was left on top of another in their hunt for gold and silver.

(Note: 1: This section is in detail as it was a major historical event and provides us with another good example of fulfilled prophecy with pinpoint precision and accuracy.)

(Note: 2: Eusebius was born in Caesarea, Israel in AD 265 and died in AD 340. He became bishop of Caesarea in AD 315 and wrote a number of books including his most famous work, 'Ecclesiastical History' which dealt with the first three centuries.)

(Note 3: History tells us that the Romans crucified their victims in a number of different ways. When there were large numbers of victims to be executed, they tended to use the simplest means available and nail them to the nearest tree. If there were no trees, then a simple wooden post or strong stake was dug into the ground. When they had the time or when the occasion warranted it, the Romans also used crossbeams which were

either fixed to the tree or the stake. The most popular methods employed by the Romans therefore were either crucifixion on a tree without a crossbeam, where the arms of the victim were tied or nailed stretched out straight up above their head, or with the use of a crossbeam, where the victim's arms were stretched out to the side. During the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70, some victims were crucified upside down and others in all manner of shapes and positions.)

The *New Testament* Greek word used for Jesus' execution post was 'Stauros'. Stauros only refers to a wooden stake and does not refer to a 'cross'. However, it was common practice to fix a crossbeam to the Stauros.

Because Jesus was crucified on wood made into the shape of a T, it would not be accurate to call it a cross (some believe they lowered the crossbeam of the T so that certain pagans could continue using their cross symbol). Neither would it be accurate to call it a stake or torture stake. The description being used here is therefore 'execution wood'.

THE WITNESS OF THE JEWISH SCRIPTURES

Greeting's sons and daughters in the Name of our RULER Jesus the Christ, who loved us in peace.

In view of the fact that the righteousness of GOD is displayed in great measure among you, my joy is unlimited because of your happy and glorious spirits. A graceful spiritual gift has been planted deeply in you.

Therefore, I rejoice even more in the certain hope of salvation because it is clear that the Spirit has been poured out upon you from the RULER who is rich in love. I find this sight, which indeed I have longed for, amazing.

Being convinced of this and aware of the matters I spoke of among you, I have increased my understanding because GOD has accompanied me in the way of righteousness. Above all, I have a compulsion to love you more than my own spirit, because great faith and unconditional love live in you whilst you hope in certainty for the life that he has promised you.

I know that if I go to the trouble of communicating to you something of what I have received, I will be rewarded for ministering to such spirits as you are. To that end, I have decided to write this short letter to you quickly, so that you may gain perfect knowledge to go alongside your faith.

There are three fundamental teachings of GOD:

- 1. The certain hope of life. The beginning and end of our faith.
- 2. Righteousness. The beginning and end of judgment.
- 3. Unconditional love. Shown in our joy and happiness which is the fruit of our good and righteous works.

Through his prophets, the RULER has shown to us things past and present, along with a preview of what is going to happen in the future. When we see these events taking place one after the other exactly as he predicted they would, we should draw closer to him with an uplifted spirit and with a much deeper faith in awe and wonder of him.

Instead of being your teacher, my role is to get alongside you and point out some things that will cause you to rejoice in the current circumstances.

Because these days are evil with the Worker-of-Evil himself in power, we must watch ourselves and pay close attention to the commandments of GOD.

As helpers in our faith, we have high respect and patience, with endurance and self-control as our supporting friends. When we apply them in purity for GOD, we then find that wisdom, understanding, accurate insight and knowledge happily join in with them.

GOD has made it quite clear to us through all the Prophets that he does not need sacrifices, burnt offerings or general offerings. He even stated in one place:

"What benefit to Me are the masses of your sacrifices? I am filled up with burnt offerings and I do not want lamb's fat or bull's and goat's blood even if you come and appear before Me. Who demanded these things from you? Do not trample over My court anymore. If you bring Me flour you would have brought it for nothing, incense disgusts Me and I hate your new moons and Sabbaths. I cannot stand your fasts and holidays. My Spirit hates your feasts."

He has abolished these things in order that the new law of our RULER Jesus the Christ, free from the chains of compulsory laws, will provide a sacrifice not made by man.

He also said to them: "When your fathers came out of the land of Egypt, I did not command them to offer Me burnt offerings and sacrifices, did I? On the contrary, I commanded that they must not harbour any evil in their heart against a neighbour and not to love swearing false oaths."

We should therefore understand (because we are not lacking insight) the loving intention of our Father GOD who is speaking directly to us, wanting us to seek and discover how we can best draw near to him rather than go the wrong way as they did.

This is what he says to us: "A sacrifice to GOD is a deeply remorseful heart, a fragrance most pleasing to GOD is a heart that glorifies the one who made it."

Brothers, we must pay careful attention to our salvation so that the Evil One is not able to sow error in our midst and hurl us away from our life.

Again, GOD says with respect to these matters, "Why are you fasting for Me? Perhaps it is so that your voice will be heard crying out loudly today? That is not the type of fast which I want. I do not want a man to humble himself. Even if you were to bend your neck in a full circle, put on sackcloth and lie down in a bed of ashes, even then it will not be counted as an acceptable fast to Me."

Instead, He says, "Look here, this is the fast I want from you:

- Break every unjust bond
- Untie the binding of violent or forced agreements
- Set free the oppressed and those who are hurting
- Tear up all unjust contracts
- Share your food with the hungry
- Clothe the naked wherever you see them
- Take the homeless into your house
- Neither you nor any member of your family, are to look down on anyone who is in a lowly position.

Do the above and the following will happen:

- Your light will break out like the dawn
- You will be healed quickly
- Your righteousness will go ahead of you
- The glory of GOD will surround you
- When you then cry out loudly, GOD will hear you.

In fact, while you are still saying the words he will answer, "Here I am" – that is, if you stop:

- Oppressing other people
- Treating others with contempt
- Moaning and complaining

and start:

- Happily sharing your food with the hungry
- Showing compassion to those spirits who have been downtrodden."

The Patient One looked into the future and saw that the people who he had prepared in his Dearly Loved One would behave like this in all simplicity and purity. He therefore revealed everything clearly to us in advance, brothers, so that we would not shipwreck ourselves by conforming to their law.

We should give careful consideration to the current circumstances that we find ourselves in and search hard for the things that can save us. We should therefore turn our backs on and shun all the works of lawlessness in case the works of lawlessness overpower us. We must hate the deception of this present era in order to be loved in the coming era.

We must always be vigilant and not allow our souls to walk in the company of evil men or sinners so that we do not become like them.

We are at the final hurdle which Enoch wrote about in the Scriptures saying, "GOD has shortened the times and days for this reason; that his Dearly Loved One should receive his inheritance more quickly."

The Prophet also stated that: "Ten kingdoms will rule over the earth and after them a little king will rise up who will conquer three of the kings in one fell swoop."

Daniel spoke along the same lines: "And I saw the fourth beast, wicked, powerful and fiercer than all the beasts of the world. Ten horns sprang from it and from these sprang a little horn which conquered three of the big horns in one fell swoop." You should understand this.

More importantly, not only because I am one of you, but especially because I love you more than I love my own spirit, be vigilant always. Do not become like some people, heaping up your sins and saying that the covenant is irreversibly yours.

In fact, those people totally lost possession of it when Moses had only just received it. The Scripture says: 'And Moses was on the mountain fasting for forty days and forty nights when he received the covenant from GOD, written on stone tablets by the finger of the hand of GOD.'.

They lost possession of it because they turned to idols instead. GOD said, "Moses, Moses, go down quickly because your people, whom you brought out of Egypt, have broken the Torah Law." Moses understood and threw the two tables down and their covenant was smashed into bits. This was done in order that the covenant of Jesus, the Dearly Loved One, could be written in our hearts because of our certain hope which comes from faith in Him.

I would love to write much more about this, not as your teacher, but as someone who does not want to leave anything out that we own. Regardless, as your dedicated servant I quickly move on.

Consequently, let us pay careful attention in these last days. The whole time we have exercised faith will be of no use to us in this era of lawlessness unless, as sons of GOD rightly should, we do not allow ourselves to be tripped up. If we do, the Dark One will find an opportunity to gain entry into our lives.

We must run far away from all ego. We must totally hate the way of evil. Do not isolate yourself and live alone as if you were already righteous but meet together and as a community look to do the common good. The Scripture says, 'Sad will be those who think themselves clever and wise in their own eyes.' We should aim to become spiritual, and a temple dedicated to the service of GOD. As best we can, we should nurture our high respect for GOD and endeavour to keep his commandments, so that we will rejoice in every one of his rules.

GOD will judge the world in a fair and unprejudiced manner. Each person will get his just deserts. If he has done good then his righteousness will lead the way, if he has done evil then the pay-back for his sin will go before him.

We must never take it easy when it comes to our sin by treating our calling as an opportunity to sleep. If we do, the Evil Ruler might overpower us and throw us out from GOD's kingdom.

Brothers pay careful attention to this fact also, that even after such awesome signs and wonders were displayed in Israel, they were even then abandoned in the end. We must therefore remain wide awake in case the following words will come true in our lives, "Many are called but few are chosen."

It was for the following reason that GOD endured the surrendering of his flesh to decay; That we should be made holy by the forgiveness of sin through the sprinkling of his blood.

The Scripture concerning him relates partly to Israel and partly to us, and states: He was wounded because of our sins, bruised because of our iniquities and by his torn flesh we were healed. He was led like a sheep to the slaughter and remained silent like a lamb before the shearer.

We should thank GOD very much that he has revealed to us the past, given us wisdom for the present and provided us with insight for events that will take place in the future.

The Scripture says: You will not catch anything if you spread the nets out in full sight of the birds. This means that a man deserves to die if he has knowledge of the way of righteousness yet purposely gets himself caught in the trap of darkness.

In addition to this my brothers, if GOD submitted himself to suffering for our lives (even though he is GOD of the entire earth to whom GOD said before the establishment of the world, "Let us make man in our image and likeness.") how come that he allowed himself to suffer at the hands of men?

Learn this; the Prophets prophesied about him after receiving grace from him. He then submitted himself to suffering for the following reasons:

- To destroy death and show clearly the reality of the resurrection of the dead. It was absolutely essential that he proved this by revealing himself in his physical flesh.
- 2. To fulfil the promise made to the fathers and prepare for himself a new race of people. This was to prove, whilst he was still on the earth, that after he has raised all the dead, he will then carry out their judgement.

Whilst he went around preaching and teaching the people of Israel, he performed awesome signs and wonders in their presence, but they did not like him doing it.

When he chose his own apostles, who were destined to preach his Good News, he chose people who were sinful to the extreme in order to clearly show that, *He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance*. Then he revealed himself to be GOD's Son.

For if he had not come in a physical body nobody would have been able to be saved by looking at him. When someone looks at the sun in the sky, they are not able to look at its brightness for long, even though it was created by him and one day will cease to exist.

The Son of GOD came in a physical body of flesh for this reason; that by his suffering and death he would conclude and complete the total number of sins of those who persecuted his prophets to death.

It was for this cause that he submitted. GOD says that his flesh wounds came from them "When they shall strike down their own shepherd, then the flock of sheep shall be scattered."

He himself was willing to suffer in this way, for it was necessary that he should suffer on a tree. For the prophet says this about him: "Spare My Spirit from the sword," and "Drive nails into My flesh for synagogues of evil men have risen up against Me." Again, he says: "Listen to Me! I have given My back for flogging and My cheeks for punching, yet I have set My face like a solid rock."

When he gave the commandment what did he say? "Who is it that wants to put Me on trial? Let him oppose Me. Who is the person that wants to justify himself against Me? Let him contend with the Son of GOD's servant. Despair will overcome you because you will grow old and moth-ridden just like old clothing." On the subject of him being like a powerful crushing stone, the prophet says, "Listen to Me! I will make the foundations of Zion out of a precious stone, especially chosen, a chief corner stone of the highest value."

Then what does he say? "Whoever sets their hope on him will live for all eternity." Does our hope then rest on a stone? Not at all. What he means is that GOD has used his physical body in that position as strength. "And he placed Me as a solid rock," he says.

In addition: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." And again: "This is the great and wonderful day that GOD has made."

I write this in an uncomplicated way, in order for you to know that I am a servant devoted to unconditionally loving you.

What also does the prophet say? "A synagogue of evil men has surrounded Me, they swarm around Me like bees around a honeycomb," and "They cast lots for My clothing."

Since he was destined to be revealed and suffer in the flesh, his suffering was predicted beforehand. For the prophet says concerning Israel, "Great misery is in store for their spirits, for they have plotted an evil plan against themselves by saying: 'Let us tie up the Just One for he is a major problem for us'."

What does the other prophet, Moses, say to them? "Pay attention! GOD says this, 'Enter and take possession of the good land which GOD swore he would give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Go and inherit this land flowing with milk and honey'."

Learn from what knowledge has to say about this. "Hope," it says, "on Jesus who will soon be clearly revealed to you in a physical body." Adam was created from the dust of the earth and man is from earth that has suffered loss.

What then is the meaning of, 'into the good land flowing with milk and honey'? GOD is so worthy of worship brothers, because he has gifted us wisdom and understanding of his secrets. The prophet is speaking a parable about GOD that nobody will understand except him who is wise, knows the truth and loves the RULER.

He renewed us by forgiving our sin. He made us into a new type of man that would have the soul of a child. It was just like He was creating us all over again.

The Scripture mentions us when he says to the Son, "Let Us create man in our own image and likeness and let them rule the beasts of the earth, the birds of the air and the fish in the sea." When GOD saw that His creation was good, He said, "Increase and multiply and fill the earth." He said these things to the Son.

This is also how GOD speaks to us. In the last days he made a second creation. GOD says, "Take note! I make the last things like the first." With reference to this the prophet proclaimed, "Go into a land flowing with milk and honey and rule over it."

We have been created all over again just as he says again by another prophet, "Note this!" says GOD, "I will take out (that is from those whom the Spirit of GOD saw in advance) their hearts of stone and replace them with hearts of flesh." He himself was going to be revealed in a physical body and live among us.

The living room of our hearts, my brothers, is a holy place of worship dedicated to GOD.

Again, the RULER says, "How shall it be that I will appear before GOD my GOD and be glorified?" He says, "I will confess your Name in the midst of My brothers and will sing to you in the midst of the community of GOD's people." Therefore, it is us whom he has brought into the good land.

For what reason does he mention the milk and honey? Because a young child is first nourished with honey and afterwards milk. Likewise, we who are nourished by the Word and by faith in the promise, will live to rule over the earth.

We previously mentioned, "And let them increase and multiply and rule over the fish." But who is currently able to rule over beasts, fish or the birds of the air? We should understand that to rule infers authority, that they issue commands and have control.

Whilst this is not happening at present, he has told us the time when it will; when we ourselves have been made perfect and inherit GOD's covenant.

Children of happiness know this, that the good RULER told us everything in advance so we would know who it is to thank and praise for everything. If, therefore, the Son of GOD who, though he is GOD and destined to judge the living and the dead, suffered in order that his wounds may make us alive, we must accept the fact that the Son of GOD could never have suffered except for our sakes.

When he was impaled, he was given vinegar and gall to drink. Listen how the temple priests previously mentioned this. When the commandment, 'Whoever fails to keep the fast will certainly die' was written, GOD commanded this because he himself was going to offer the container of his Spirit as a sacrifice for our sins, so that the symbolic representation established in Isaac when he was offered upon the altar, might be fulfilled.

What then does the prophet say? "And let them eat some of the goat which is offered at the fast for all their sins." Now take careful note of this, "And let all the priests (and only them) eat the entrails unwashed with vinegar."

Why? "Because you are going to give Me gall and vinegar to drink when I am on the point of offering My physical body for My new people. you alone will eat while the people fast and mourn in sackcloth and ashes." He commanded this to reveal that he must suffer at their hands for them.

Note what he commanded, "Take two goats of good stock and similar to each other, then offer them and let the priest take one to use as a burnt offering for sin." But what must they do with the other one? "The other one," he says, "is cursed." Observe how the representation of Jesus is revealed here, "You shall all spit on it, stab it with a sharp instrument and tie scarlet wool around its head before driving it away into the wilderness." When this has been carried out, he who takes the goat into the wilderness shears it and places the wool upon the Rachel bush (we usually eat its buds when we find it around the countryside because only the fruit of the Rachel bush is sweet).

What does this mean? Listen, "The first goat is for the altar but the other one is cursed." Note that the cursed one is crowned. They will see him on that day wearing a long scarlet robe and they will say, "Is this not he whom we once impaled, rejected, pierced and spat upon? This is really him, the man who said that he was the Son of GOD."

Now, how is he like that goat? For this reason, "The goats are of good stock and similar to each other", so that when they see him coming, they will be astonished at his likeness to that goat. See then the like representation of Jesus destined to suffer.

Why hang the wool on the thorns? It is a representation of Jesus placed amongst GOD's people, because whoever wishes to take the scarlet wool away must suffer a lot because the thorns are unpleasant, and it causes pain for you to grab hold of them. Similarly, he says, "Those who

want to see Me and enter into My kingdom must reach Me through pain and suffering."

What do you think was represented when he commanded Israel that the men in whom sin is complete offer a heifer, kill it, burn it, and have children take the ashes and put them into containers and tie scarlet wool around a tree (notice again the representation of the execution wood and the scarlet wool), then have the boys use the hyssop to sprinkle the people one by one in order for them all to be purified from their sins?

Observe how simply he speaks to you. The calf is Jesus. The sinful men sacrificing it are those who brought him to be slaughtered. Then the men disappear as does the glory of sinners. The children who sprinkle are those who preached to us the wonderful news about forgiveness of sin and obtaining a pure heart. They are the ones that received authority to proclaim the power of the Good News. There were twelve of them as a witness to the tribes because there are twelve tribes of Israel.

But why are there three children who sprinkle? As a witness to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for these men were great before GOD.

Why was the wool put on the stick? Because the kingdom of Jesus is on the tree, and because those who hope in him will live forever.

Why the wool and the hyssop together? Because in his kingdom there will be evil and dark days during which we will be saved. The one who suffers pain in his body is cured by the dark juice of the hyssop.

The reason these things happened are clear to us but unclear to them, because they did not listen to GOD.

Regarding the ears, he mentions how he circumcised our hearts. GOD says in the prophet, "The moment they heard they started obeying Me." He also says, "Those who are a long way away will hear clearly and understand the things that I have done." Also, "Circumcise your hearts," says GOD.

Again, he says, "Listen Israel, for this is what GOD your GOD says." And again, the Spirit of GOD prophesies, "Who is he, that wants to live forever? Let him listen to the voice of My Son."

Again, he says, "Hear heaven and listen you earth, for GOD has spoken these things as a testimony." And again, he says, "Hear the word of GOD you rulers of this people." Again, he says, "Hear children, the voice of one crying in the wilderness." So then, He circumcised our hearing in order that we would listen to the word and believe.

But the circumcision in which they trusted has been abolished. He declared that circumcision was not in regard to the flesh, but they went the wrong way because an evil angel deluded them.

He says to them, "This is what GOD your GOD says," (here I find a commandment), "Do not sow among thorns but be circumcised to your RULER." And what does he say? "Circumcise your hard heart and stop stiffening your neck." Again, he says, "Take note," says GOD, "The Godless nations do not circumcise their foreskins and these people do not circumcise their hearts."

No doubt you will say, "Surely the people were circumcised as a seal?" Yes, but Syrians, Arabs and the priests of the idols have been circumcised. Are they also inheritors of the covenant? Even the Egyptians are circumcised!

Learn well then, children of unconditional love, concerning everything. Abraham, who was the first person to circumcise, did so looking forward in the spirit to Jesus knowing the teaching of the three letters. It says, 'Abraham circumcised ten and eight and three hundred men from his household.' What then was the knowledge that was given to him? Notice that he first mentions the ten and eight, and then after a pause the three hundred. The I = 10 and the H = 8 which adds up to Jesus. And because the execution wood being shaped like a T was destined to communicate grace, it mentions the three hundred. In this way he reveals Jesus in the two letters and the execution wood in the other.

The very one who put the gift of his teaching into our hearts knew all this. Knowing that you are worthy, I have taught

you these most important and valuable truths which nobody else has heard.

When Moses said, "You shall not eat pigs, eagles, hawks, crows or any fish that does not have scales", in his mind he had three teachings. To that end, in Deuteronomy he tells them, "I will lay My commandments before My people." GOD's commandment was not that they should not eat because Moses was speaking spiritually.

He spoke of pigs for the following reasons: "You shall not go near them." He means with men of this sort. Men who are like pigs because when they start desiring things, they forget GOD. But when they become needy, they start thinking about GOD. The same happens with pigs when they eat: they are not interested in their keeper but when they are hungry, they start squealing and only become quiet again when given something else to eat.

"You shall not eat eagles, hawks, kites or crows." He means not to go near men of this sort, who are not interested in supporting themselves by hard work but wrongfully loot other people's property. Though they walk around acting innocently, they watch out for, and carefully observe, anyone else that they can rob in order to satisfy their greed. Like these birds who do not provide food for themselves by working, being lazy they find ways to become wicked nuisances by eating other people's food.

He also says, "You shall not eat lampreys, octopuses or cuttlefish." He means not to go near men of this sort who are always doing evil and are already condemned to death. Even as these fish are cursed and swim alone in the depths. They do not swim around as other fish do but live in the sediment on the ocean floor.

Moses taught these three teachings in the spirit, however according to the cravings of their bodies they received them as if they were about eating real food.

David received knowledge of the same three teachings. He says, "Blessed is the man who does not walk according to the way of ungodly men." Such a man is not like these fish that swim around in the darkness of the depths of the sea. Instead, he avoids the way of sinners who are like those who pretend to deeply respect GOD but act like the pigs do. Neither does he sit amongst men that destroy, just as the birds of prey do. You have now learned about these commandments concerning food.

Moses also said to eat everything that has a divided hoof and chews the cud. What does he mean by this? He who receives food knows him who provides food and, by resting in him, he is happy. Moses also said he spoke good things in accordance with the commandment. What does he mean? Keep close to those who deeply respect GOD and walk in the ways of his commandments that have been received into their hearts. Also keep close to those who recite and

declare GOD's commandments and live by them. Again, keep close to those who know that by doing these things, and meditating on GOD's words, they experience blissful pleasure. What does 'divided hoof' mean? It means that he does not only have a life in this world but looks forward to the holy era that is coming. How perfect has Moses made the Torah Law!

But how was it possible for the people to grasp and understand these things? We however, having correctly understood the commandments, recite and declare them exactly as GOD wanted. He has circumcised our ears and hearts for the very purpose that we will understand these things.

We must now investigate if GOD purposely told us in advance about the water of baptism and the execution wood. Concerning the water, it has been written in reference to Israel that they would not accept the baptism for forgiveness of sins but would do it their own way.

For the prophet says, "Be amazed heaven, and let the earth tremble greatly at this, because this people have committed two evils. They have deserted Me, the spring of life, and they have dug for themselves a pit of death. Is My holy mountain of Zion a desert rock? For you will be like young birds, fluttering about when they are pushed from the nest."

Again, the prophet says, "I will go before you and level mountains, break brass gates and shatter iron bars. I will

give you secret, invisible treasures from the darkness so that they may know that I am GOD." And, "You will live in a fabulous cave of solid rock." Then of his Son he says, "His water will never run out, you will see the King of Glory and your spirit will highly respect GOD."

In another prophet he says, "He who does these things will be like a tree standing by the waterside that yields its fruit in season and whose leaf will never fall. Whatever he does he will prosper in everything. It's not like this with the wicked for they are like dust before the wind, driven away from the face of the earth. The wicked will not be able to stand their ground when facing judgement nor will sinners in the company of the righteous, for GOD knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will be destroyed."

Notice how he has placed the water and the execution wood together. He means to say, "Happy are those who, having hoped on the execution wood, descended into the water," because he speaks of their reward, "in its season". At that time, he says, "I will repay." But right now, he says, "Their leaves will never fall." He means that every word which comes out of your mouth in faith and unconditional love will convert and bring hope to many.

Another prophet says, "And the land of Jacob was praised above every land." He means to say that he is glorifying the vessel that contains his Spirit.

What does he say next? "And there was a river flowing on the right hand, and beautiful trees grew out of it, and whoever eats from them will live forever."

He is saying that we go down into the water polluted and full of sins, but we rise up carrying the fruit of humble deep respect in our hearts and hope in Jesus in our spirit. "And whoever eats from these will live forever." He means that whoever hears and exercises trust in these things spoken will live forever.

Similarly, he once again describes the execution wood in another prophet who says, "And when will all these things be accomplished? GOD says, 'When the tree falls over then rises again and when blood will flow from the tree'." Here again you have a prophecy concerning the execution wood and about him who is destined to be impaled.

Again, he speaks to Moses when war was being waged against Israel and to remind those who were being attacked that they were going to die because of their sins. The Spirit speaks into the heart of Moses to make the shape of the execution wood and of him who was destined to suffer, because, he says, unless they put their trust in him, they will be fought against forever. Moses therefore arranged shield on top of shield in the middle of the battle and standing there, raised above them all, he kept his hands stretched out and Israel started winning again. But whenever he let them drop, they got slaughtered again.

Why did this happen? That they may know that they cannot be saved unless they place their hope in him.

In another prophet he says, "All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient people that oppose My righteous ways."

Moses makes another symbol of Jesus showing that He must suffer, and that he himself will give life, even though they think that they have killed him, by the sign given when Israel was falling (for GOD caused all kinds of serpents to bite them and they were dying, for the fall took place with Eve through the Serpent), in order to convince them that they were being delivered over to death because of their sin.

Even though Moses commanded them, "You must not have a cast or carved image for your GOD," he made one himself to depict a representation of Jesus. Moses therefore casts a bronze serpent, places it in a position of honour then summons the people together with a proclamation.

When they had come together, they pleaded with Moses to pray for them for healing. But Moses said to them, "Whenever one of you is bitten, let him come to the dead serpent that is placed upon the tree, and let him hope and believe in faith that even though it is dead it is able to give life, and he shall be immediately saved." And they did so. Once again you have the glory of Jesus revealed in these things, because all things are in him and for him.

What does Moses say to 'Jesus' the son of Nun, when he gave him this name, since he was a prophet, and wanted all the people to listen to him alone because the Father was revealing everything about his Son Jesus?

Moses said to 'Jesus' the son of Nun, after giving him this name when he sent him to spy out the land, "Take a book in your hands and write down what GOD says, that the Son of GOD in the last days will tear up the roots of the whole house of Amalek." Notice that it is Jesus, not as son of man but as Son of GOD, revealed in physical flesh as a representation.

However, since they are going to say that the Christ is David's son, David himself makes a prophecy because he feared and understood the deceitfulness of wrongdoers, "GOD said to my GOD, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'."

And again, Isaiah says the following, "GOD said to Christ my RULER, whose right hand I held, that the nations will obey him, and I will smash the strength of kings." See how David calls him, 'GOD' and does not say, 'Son'.

Now let us see whether these people or the former people are the heir, and whether the covenant is for us or for them.

Now hear what the Scripture says concerning the people. And Isaac prayed for Rebecca, his wife, because she was unable to have children, and she conceived. Then Rebecca went off to ask GOD some questions and GOD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb and two peoples in your belly. One people will dominate the other and the greater will serve the lesser."

You need to understand who is represented by Isaac and Rebecca, and of whom he is talking about when he refers to, "This people are greater than that people."

In another prophecy Jacob speaks more clearly to Joseph his son, saying, "Look, GOD has not deprived me of your presence, bring Me your sons so that I may bless them."

So, he brought Ephraim and Manasseh. He wanted Manasseh to be blessed as the eldest son, because Joseph brought him to his father's right hand. But Jacob saw in the spirit a representation of the people to come and what does he say? And Jacob crossed his hands and placed his right hand on the head of Ephraim, the second and younger son, and blessed him. Then Joseph said to Jacob, "Change your right hand to the head of Manasseh for he is my first-born son." Jacob said to Joseph, "I know that my child, I know that. However, the greater will serve the lesser but this one also will be blessed." Notice how he has arranged it so that this people will be first and heirs to the covenant.

If then he also remembered it in the case of Abraham, we complete our knowledge. What then did he say to Abraham, when he alone faithfully believed, and it was counted to him as righteousness? "Look Abraham, I have made you the

father of the nations who believe in GOD without being circumcised."

There you have it. So, let's see whether he actually gave the covenant to the people after promising the fathers that he would give it to them. Yes, he did give it to them even though they were not worthy to receive it because of their sins. For the prophet says, "Moses was fasting on Mount Sinai in order to receive GOD's covenant for the people, for forty days and forty nights. Moses received from GOD the two tables written by the finger of the hand of GOD in the Spirit." Moses then took them down to give to the people.

GOD said to Moses, "Moses, Moses, go down quickly for your people that you brought out of Egypt have broken the Torah Law." Moses realised they had cast idols for themselves again, so he threw them down and the tables of GOD's covenant were smashed to bits.

Therefore, Moses received it, but the people were not worthy. Understand then how we received it. Moses received it as a servant, but GOD himself gave it to us as the people of his inheritance, by suffering for us.

He showed himself in order that they would fill up to the maximum all their sins so that we would receive the covenant through the RULER Jesus who inherited it. He was prepared for that purpose so that when he appeared in person, he would redeem our hearts from darkness (which had already been given over to death and deceit), by his

word and would place the covenant in us. For it is written that the Father instructs him to redeem us from darkness and prepare a holy people for himself.

The prophet therefore says, "I, GOD your GOD have called you in righteousness, and I will hold your hand and give you strength. I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, and to release from their chains those who are bound, those who sit in darkness and those in prison." We now know from what we have been redeemed.

The prophet says, "Look and see! I have made you a light for the nations in order to show the way of salvation throughout the earth. So says GOD who has redeemed you."

The prophet says, "The Spirit of GOD is upon Me, because he has anointed Me to preach the Good News of grace to the humble poor. He sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives, to recover the sight of the blind, to announce GOD's year of favour and day of reward and to comfort all who are grieving."

Furthermore, with respects to the Sabbath it is also written in the "Ten Words" when he spoke face to face with Moses on Mount Sinai, "Sanctify GOD's Sabbath with clean hands in a pure heart." In another place he says, "If My sons keep the Sabbath, then I will place My mercy upon them."

He speaks of the Sabbath right at the start of creation, "In six days GOD made the works of his hands and on the seventh day he rested and made it holy."

Note children, what he means by, 'He finished it in six days' He means that GOD will bring everything to an end in six thousand years because a day to him is like a thousand years. He himself is my witness when he says, "Take note! The day of the RULER will be as a thousand years." So then, children, in six days, that is in six thousand years everything will be brought to an end.

'He rested on the seventh day'. This means that when his Son comes, he will destroy the time of the Lawless One, judge the ungodly, change the sun and the moon and the stars, and then he will truly rest on the seventh day.

Furthermore, he says, "You will make it holy with clean hands and a pure heart." If anyone, by being pure in heart, is currently able to keep holy the day that GOD made holy, then we have been totally deceived. But if that is not the case, we will then enjoy true rest because we will be able to make the day holy when we have been made righteous ourselves and have received the promise. When this happens, lawlessness will have become extinct, and all things would have been made new again by GOD. We will be able to keep it holy because we will have been made holy first.

He also says to them, "I cannot stand your new moons and Sabbaths." Do you see what he means by this? The present Sabbaths are not acceptable to Me but only the one that I have made. On that Sabbath on which I will give rest to everything, I will create the beginning of an eighth day that is the beginning of another world.

This is why we celebrate the eighth day with joy and gladness. This is the same day that Jesus re-appeared to us when he rose from the dead and later ascended into heaven.

Finally, I will tell you about the temple and how those appalling men were deceived by putting their hope in the building as if it was GOD's house and not on GOD himself who made them.

They consecrated him in the temple almost as the heathen do. But learn what GOD says about doing away with it, "Who measured heaven with the palm of his hand or the earth with the flat of his hand? Was it not Me?" says GOD. "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house will you build for Me or what place for Me to rest?" You know that their hope was in vain.

In addition, he says again, "Look, those who tore down this temple will build it themselves." This is happening now. Because of the war it was destroyed by their enemies and now both they and the servants of their enemies will rebuild it.

Again, it was made plain that the fate of the temple and the people of Israel were to be handed over. For the Scripture says, "And it will happen, that in the last days GOD will deliver the sheep of his pasture, the sheep-fold and their watchtower to destruction." This happened just as GOD said it would.

But let us look into the reality of a temple of GOD. Yes, it exists. He himself says that he is constructing it and perfecting it. For it is written, "It will definitely happen when the week comes to an end that a glorious temple of GOD will be built in the Name of GOD."

I find, therefore, that a temple really exists. Learn, then, how it will be built in the Name of GOD. Before we believed in GOD the living room of our heart was corrupt and weak, like a temple really built with man's hands because it was full of idolatry and was a place where demons lived because we did things which were opposite to what GOD wanted.

As for, 'It Will be built in the Name of GOD', pay careful attention because the temple of GOD will be built gloriously by the following means:

- a) By receiving forgiveness for our sins, and
- b) By putting our hope in the Name of GOD.

This results in the GOD of Truth coming to live in the living room of our hearts and we then become new and recreated all over again.

So, how exactly does this happen?

By:

- 1. His Word of faith
- 2. The calling of his promise
- 3. The wisdom of his righteous laws
- 4. The commandments in his teaching
- 5. He himself prophesying in us
- 6. He himself living in us
- 7. By opening the door of the temple (that is the mouth) to us
- Giving repentance to us,

he leads us away from the enslavement of death into the incorruptible temple.

For the person who wants to be saved does not receive salvation from the person delivering the word to him, but from the one who lives in, and speaks through that person. He is truly amazed that he has never before heard such words being spoken to him nor has he ever previously desired to hear them. This is the spiritual temple that is being built by GOD.

As far as it is possible to clearly explain this to you, I hope with all my heart that I have not left anything important out concerning salvation.

For if I write to you regarding the present or the future, my concern is that you would not understand it because the meaning is hidden in parables. This explanation will do then.

I urge those persons who are in a position of strength, if you will accept my good advice, to show kindness to those among you who need it. Do not let them down!

The day will soon be here when all things will be destroyed along with the Evil One for GOD and his reward is near.

I urge you again and again to instruct one another well and remain faithful counsellors to each other. Get rid of all hypocrisy.

Now may GOD, who rules over the entire world, give you wisdom, understanding, insight, knowledge of his commandments and patience.

Allow yourself to be taught by GOD, searching out what GOD wants from you, and then act on it so that you will be saved on the Day of Judgment.

I ask you now for a favour. If you can remember these good things, then meditate on them and also think of me so that my desire and vigilance will result in something good. For as long as you have your bodies with you, do not fail in any of these things, but search for them carefully and fulfil every command for they deserve it.

For this reason, I made every effort to write to you as best I could in order to make you happy.

Goodbye, children of unconditional love and peace. The GOD of glory and of grace is with your spirit.

The Accuracy of the Old Testament

Being a scribe was an important profession in Old Testament times. Their work included copying manuscripts, keeping records and writing out laws. These they did for the administration of kings, the courts, city authorities, religious authorities, libraries, businesses and officers of the aforementioned.

Jewish scribes, as long as three thousand years ago, were considered professionals who nowadays would be called lawyers, journalists, writers, government ministers, financiers, media communicators and judiciary. Copying actual documents was not necessarily what they did.

The scribes who did actually copy documents were absolutely meticulous about it. They followed stringent rules and procedures when copying the Torah and subsequently other books of the Old Testament.

It was Ezra, having returned to Jerusalem after exile in Babylon, who recovered a copy of the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) and read it aloud to the Israelites. Afterwards, Jewish scribes followed these rules when copying the books of Moses and the Prophets:

1. Clean animal skins had to be used to both write on, and bind, the manuscripts.

- 2. Every column had to have a minimum of forty-eight lines and a maximum of sixty.
- 3. Ink was to be black and especially made.
- 4. As each word was written it is to be spoken out loud.
- 5. Every time YHVH was copied they were to clean the pen and wash their entire bodies beforehand.
- 6. Writing had to be checked every thirty days. If three pages or more had errors, then the entire manuscript was discarded.
- 7. Every letter, word, and paragraph were counted. Should any letters touch each other, the document becomes invalid. The middle paragraph, word and letter has to be exactly the same as the original document.
- 8. All documents were to be kept in a sacred place such as a synagogue or the Temple.
- No document containing GOD's Word was to be destroyed. They were either stored or buried in a genizah – a special hiding place such as synagogue or Jewish burial place.

In 1947, a shepherd boy found some scrolls inside a cave to the west of the Dead Sea. These manuscripts became known as the Qumran Caves Scrolls or the Dead Sea Scrolls.

They range from small fragments to a complete scroll of the prophet Isaiah, and every book of the Hebrew Bible except Esther and Nehemiah. They show that the books of the

Jewish Bible were known and treated as sacred writings before the time of Jesus, with essentially the same content.

After years of careful study, it has been concluded that the Dead Sea Scrolls give substantial confirmation that our Old Testament has been accurately preserved. The scrolls were found to be almost identical with the Masoretic Text. Scholars were astounded that after one thousand years the text had undergone so little alteration.

A significant comparison study was conducted of the Isaiah Scroll, found among the Dead Sea Documents and written around 100 BC, and the book of Isaiah found in the Masoretic Text (AD 980). After much research scholars found that the two texts were practically identical despite the thousand-year gap and proved to be word for word identical with the standard Hebrew Bible in more than ninety-five per cent of the text. The five per cent of variation consisted chiefly of obvious slips of the pen and variations in spelling, none of which affected the meaning of the text. The Old Testament had been accurately and carefully preserved – we have the Jewish scribes to thank for that!

The Good Confession

We agree with the Apostles and believe that there is only one Healer who is made of both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, GOD in the flesh, true life surrounded by death, son of Mary and Son of GOD, initially experiencing suffering then afterwards beyond suffering — Jesus the Christ our RULER.

For our GOD, Jesus the Christ:

- Was conceived in Mary's womb according to the preplanning of GOD and by the Holy Spirit
- Is physically descended from the line of David according to ancestry
- Is the Son of GOD according to the will and power of GOD
- Was born the son of Mary when she was still a virgin
- Ate and drank among us, both before being killed and after being raised up to life again
- Was baptised by John in order that all righteousness might be fulfilled by him
- Was nailed and crucified for us in his physical body under Pontius Pilate and Herod the Tetrarch
- Died in full sight of persons in heaven, on earth, and under the earth

- Was physically and spiritually raised from the dead when his Father raised him up
- Was touched and handled by his disciples after his resurrection. His disciples then saw that he was composed of flesh whilst being spiritually united with the Father at the same time. For this reason, his disciples also treated death with the same contempt.

He suffered all these things for our sakes, so that we might be saved and likewise be raised up from the dead by the Father if we exercise trust in Jesus the Christ.

He has raised up a standard for all ages through his resurrection, to rally together his holy and faithful people whether among Jews or non-Jews, in the one body of the Community of GOD's people.