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Complete Jewish Bible

Leviticus 25

1 ADONAI spoke to Moshe on Mount Sinai; he said, **2** "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'When you enter the land I am giving you, the land itself is to observe a Shabbat rest for ADONAI. **3** Six years you will sow your field; six years you will prune your grapevines and gather their produce. **4** But in the seventh year is to be a Shabbat of complete rest for the land, a Shabbat for ADONAI; you will neither sow your field nor prune your grapevines. **5** You are not to harvest what grows by itself from the seeds left by your previous harvest, and you are not to gather the grapes of your untended vine; it is to be a year of complete rest for the land. **6** But what the land produces during the year of Shabbat will be food for all of you - you, your servant, your maid, your employee, anyone living near you, **7** your livestock and the wild animals on your land; everything the land produces may be used for food.

8 "You are to count seven Shabbats of years, seven times seven years, that is, forty-nine years. **9** Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month, on Yom-Kippur, you are to sound a blast on the shofar; you are to sound the shofar all through your land; **10** and you are to consecrate the fiftieth year, proclaiming freedom throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a yovel for you; you will return everyone to the land he owns, and everyone is to return to his family. **11** That fiftieth year will be a yovel for you; in that year you are not to sow, harvest what grows by itself or gather the grapes of untended vines; **12** because it is a yovel. It will be holy for you; whatever the fields produce will be food for all of you. **13** In this year of yovel, every one of you is to return to the land he owns. **14** "If you sell anything to your neighbor or buy anything from him, neither of you is to exploit the other. **15** Rather, you are to take into account the number of years after the yovel when you buy land from your neighbor, and he is to sell to you according to the number of years crops will be raised. **16** If the number of years remaining is large, you will raise the price; if few years remain, you will lower it; because what he is really selling you is the number of crops to be produced. **17** Thus you are not to take advantage of each other, but you are to fear your God; for I am ADONAI your God. **18** "Rather, you are to keep my regulations and rulings and act accordingly. If you do, you will live securely in the land. **19** The land will yield its produce, you will eat until you have enough, and you will live there securely. **20** "If you ask, "If we aren't allowed to sow seed or harvest what our land produces, what are we going to eat the seventh year?" **21** then I will order my blessing on you during the sixth year, so that the land brings forth enough produce for all three years. **22** The eighth year you will sow seed but eat the the old, stored produce until the ninth year; that is, until the produce of the eighth year comes in, you will eat the old, stored food.

23 "The land is not to be sold in perpetuity, because the land belongs to me -you are only foreigners and temporary residents with me. **24** Therefore, when you sell your property, you must include the right of redemption. **25** That is, if one of you becomes poor and sells some of his property, his next-of-kin can come and buy back what his relative sold. **26** If the seller has no one to redeem it but becomes rich enough to redeem it himself, **27** he will calculate the number of years the land was sold for, refund the excess to its buyer, and return to his property. **28** If he hasn't sufficient means to get it back himself, then what he sold will remain in the hands of the

buyer until the year of yovel; in the yovel the buyer will vacate it and the seller return to his property. **29** "If someone sells a dwelling in a walled city, he has one year after the date of sale in which to redeem it. For a full year he will have the right of redemption; **30** but if he has not redeemed the dwelling in the walled city within the year, then title in perpetuity passes to the buyer through all his generations; it will not revert in the yovel. **31** However, houses in villages not surrounded by walls are to be dealt with like the fields in the countryside - they may be redeemed [before the yovel], and they revert in the yovel. **32** "Concerning the cities of the L'vi'im and the houses in the cities they possess, the L'vi'im are to have a permanent right of redemption. **33** If someone purchases a house from one of the L'vi'im, then the house he sold in the city where he owns property will still revert to him in the yovel; because the houses in the cities of the L'vi'im are their tribe's possession among the people of Isra'el. **34** The fields in the open land around their cities may not be sold, because that is their permanent possession. **35** "If a member of your people has become poor, so that he can't support himself among you, you are to assist him as you would a foreigner or a temporary resident, so that he can continue living with you. **36** Do not charge him interest or otherwise profit from him, but fear your God, so that your brother can continue living with you. **37** Do not take interest when you loan him money or take a profit when you sell him food. **38** I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt in order to give you the land of Kena'an and be your God.

39 "If a member of your people has become poor among you and sells himself to you, do not make him do the work of a slave. **40** Rather, you are to treat him like an employee or a tenant; he will work for you until the year of yovel. **41** Then he will leave you, he and his children with him, and return to his own family and regain possession of his ancestral land. **42** For they are my slaves, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; therefore they are not to be sold as slaves. **43** Do not treat him harshly, but fear your God. **44** "Concerning the men and women you may have as slaves: you are to buy men- and women-slaves from the nations surrounding you. **45** You may also buy the children of foreigners living with you and members of their families born in your land; you may own these. **46** You may also bequeath them to your children to own; from these groups you may take your slaves forever. But as far as your brothers the people of Isra'el are concerned, you are not to treat each other harshly. **47** "If a foreigner living with you has grown rich, and a member of your people has become poor and sells himself to this foreigner living with you or to a member of the foreigner's family, **48** he may be redeemed after he has been sold. One of his brothers may redeem him; **49** or his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him; or any near relative of his may redeem him; or, if he becomes rich, he may redeem himself. **50** He will calculate with the person who bought him the time from the year he sold himself to him to the year of yovel; and the amount to be paid will be according to the number of years and his time at an employee's wage. **51** If many years remain, according to them will he refund the amount for his redemption from the amount he was bought for. **52** If there remain only a few years until the year of yovel, then he will calculate with him; according to his years will he refund the amount for his redemption. **53** He will be like a worker hired year by year. You will see to it that he is not treated harshly. **54** "If he has not been redeemed by any of these procedures, nevertheless he will go free in the year of yovel -he and his children with him. **55** For to me the people of Isra'el are slaves; they are my slaves whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; I am ADONAI your God.

Leviticus 26

1 "You are not to make yourselves any idols, erect a carved statue or a standing-stone, or place any carved stone anywhere in your land in order to bow down to it. I am ADONAI your God. **2** "Keep my Shabbats, and revere my sanctuary; I am ADONAI. **3** "If you live by my regulations, observe my mitzvot and obey them; **4** then I will provide the rain you need in its season, the land will yield its produce, and the trees in the field will yield their fruit. **5** Your threshing time will extend until the grape harvest, and your grape harvesting will extend until the time for sowing seed. You will eat as much food as you want and live securely in your land. **6** "I will give shalom in the land -you will lie down to sleep unafraid of anyone. I will rid the land of wild animals. The

sword will not go through your land. **7** You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall before your sword. **8** Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand -your enemies will fall before your sword. **9** "I will turn toward you, make you productive, increase your numbers and uphold my covenant with you. **10** You will eat all you want from last year's harvest and throw out what remains of the old to make room for the new. **11** I will put my tabernacle among you, and I will not reject you, **12** but I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. **13** I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, so that you would not be their slaves. I have broken the bars of your yoke, so that you can walk upright.

14 "But if you will not listen to me and obey all these mitzvot, **15** if you loathe my regulations and reject my rulings, in order not to obey all my mitzvot but cancel my covenant; **16** then I, for my part, will do this to you: I will bring terror upon you -wasting disease and chronic fever to dim your sight and sap your strength. You will sow your seed for nothing, because your enemies will eat the crops. **17** I will set my face against you - your enemies will defeat you, those who hate you will hound you, and you will flee when no one is pursuing you. **18** If these things don't make you listen to me, then I will discipline you seven times over for your sins. **19** I will break the pride you have in your own power. I will make your sky like iron, your soil like bronze - **20** you will spend your strength in vain, because the land will not yield its produce or the trees in the field their fruit. **21** "Yes, if you go against me and don't listen to me, I will increase your calamities sevenfold, according to your sins. **22** I will send wild animals among you; they will rob you of your children, destroy your livestock and reduce your numbers, until your roads are deserted. **23** "If, in spite of all this, you refuse my correction and still go against me; **24** then I too will go against you; and I, yes I, will strike you seven times over for your sins. **25** I will bring a sword against you which will execute the vengeance of the covenant. You will be huddled inside your cities, I will send sickness among you, and you will be handed over to the power of the enemy. **26** I will cut off your supply of bread, so that ten women will bake your bread in one oven and dole out your bread by weight, and you will eat but not be satisfied. **27** "And if, for all this, you still will not listen to me, but go against me; **28** then I will go against you furiously, and I also will chastise you yet seven times more for your sins. **29** You will eat the flesh of your own sons, you will eat the flesh of your own daughters. **30** I will destroy your high places, cut down your pillars for sun-worship, and throw your carcasses on the carcasses of your idols; and I will detest you. **31** I will lay waste to your cities and make your sanctuaries desolate, so as not to smell your fragrant aromas. **32** I will desolate the land, so that your enemies living in it will be astounded by it. **33** You I will disperse among the nations, and I will draw out the sword in pursuit after you; your land will be a desolation and your cities a wasteland. **34** Then, at last, the land will be paid its Shabbats. As long as it lies desolate and you are in the lands of your enemies, the land will rest and be repaid its Shabbats. **35** Yes, as long as it lies desolate it will have rest, the rest it did not have during your Shabbats, when you lived there. **36** As for those of you who are left, I will fill their hearts with anxiety in the lands of their enemies. The sound of a driven leaf will frighten them, so that they will flee as one flees from the sword and fall when no one is pursuing. **37** Yes, with no one pursuing they will stumble over each other as if fleeing the sword - you will have no power to stand before your enemies. **38** And among the nations you will perish; the land of your enemies will devour you. **39** Those of you who remain will pine away in the lands of your enemies from guilt over your misdeeds and those of your ancestors.

40 Then they will confess their misdeeds and those of their ancestors which they committed against me in their rebellion; they will admit that they went against me. **41** At that time I will be going against them, bringing them into the lands of their enemies. But if their uncircumcised hearts will grow humble, and they are paid the punishment for their misdeeds; **42** then I will remember my covenant with Ya'akov, also my covenant with Yitz'chak and my covenant with Avraham; and I will remember the land. **43** For the land will lie abandoned without them, and it will be paid its Shabbats while it lies desolate without them; and they will be paid the punishment for their misdeeds, because they rejected my rulings and loathed my regulations. **44** Yet, in spite of all that, I will not reject them when they are in the lands of their enemies, nor will I loathe them to the point of utterly destroying them and thus break my covenant with them, because I am

ADONAI their God. **45** Rather, for their sakes, I will remember the covenant of their ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Egypt -with the nations watching -so that I might be their God; I am ADONAI." **46** These are the laws, rulings and teachings that ADONAI himself gave to the people of Isra'el on Mount Sinai through Moshe.

Leviticus 27:1-34

1 ADONAI said to Moshe, **2** "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'If someone makes a clearly defined vow to ADONAI to give him an amount equal to the value of a human being, **3** the value you are to assign to a man between the ages of twenty and sixty years is to be fifty shekels of silver [one-and-a-quarter pounds], with the sanctuary shekel being the standard, **4** if a woman, thirty shekels. **5** If it is a child five to twenty years old, assign a value of twenty shekels for a boy and ten for a girl; **6** if a baby one month to five years of age, five shekels for a boy and three for a girl; **7** if a person past sixty, fifteen shekels for a man and ten for a woman. **8** If the person is too poor to be evaluated, set him before the cohen, who will assign him a value in keeping with the means of the person who made the vow. **9** "If the vow is for the value of an animal of the kind used when people bring an offering to ADONAI, all that a person gives of such animals to ADONAI will be holy. **10** He is not to exchange or replace it by substituting a good animal for a bad one or vice versa; if he does make such a substitution, both the original animal and the one replacing it will be holy. **11** If the animal is an unclean one, such as may not be used in an offering to ADONAI, he must set it before the cohen; **12** and the cohen is to set a value on it in relation to its good and bad points; the value set by you the cohen will stand. **13** But if the person making the vow wishes to redeem the animal, he must add one-fifth to your valuation.

14 "When a person consecrates his house to be holy for ADONAI, the cohen is to set a value on it in relation to its good and bad points; the value set by the cohen will stand. **15** If the consecrator wishes to redeem his house, he must add one-fifth to the value you have set on it; and it will revert to him. **16** "If a person consecrates to ADONAI part of a field belonging to his tribe's possession, you are to value it according to its production, with five bushels of barley being valued at fifty shekels of silver [one-and-a-quarter pounds]. **17** If he consecrates his field during the year of yovel, this valuation will stand. **18** But if he consecrates his field after the yovel, then the cohen is to calculate the price according to the years remaining till the next yovel, with a corresponding reduction from your valuation. **19** If the one consecrating the field wishes to redeem it, he must add one-fifth to your valuation, and the field will be set aside to revert to him. **20** If the seller does not wish to redeem the field, or if [the treasurer for the cohanim] has already sold the field to someone else, it can no longer be redeemed. **21** But when the purchaser has to vacate the field in the yovel, it will become holy to ADONAI, like a field unconditionally consecrated; it will belong to the cohanim. **22** "If he consecrates to ADONAI a field which he has bought, a field which is not part of his tribe's possession, **23** then the cohen is to calculate its value according to the years remaining until the year of yovel; and the man will on that same day pay this amount; since it is holy to ADONAI. **24** In the year of yovel the field will revert to the person from whom it was bought, that is, to the person to whose tribal possession it belongs. **25** "All your valuations are to be according to the sanctuary shekel [two-fifths of an ounce], twenty gerahs to the shekel.

26 "However, the firstborn among animals, since it is already born as a firstborn for ADONAI, no one can consecrate -neither ox nor sheep -since it belongs to ADONAI already. **27** But if it is an unclean animal, he may redeem it at the price at which you value it and add one-fifth; or if he does not redeem it, it is to be sold at the price at which you value it. **28** However, nothing consecrated unconditionally which a person may consecrate to ADONAI out of all he owns - person, animal or field he possesses -is to be sold or redeemed; because everything consecrated unconditionally is especially holy to ADONAI. **29** No person who has been sentenced to die, and thus unconditionally consecrated, can be redeemed; he must be put to death. **30** "All the tenth given from the land, whether from planted seed or fruit from trees, belongs to ADONAI; it is holy

to ADONAI. **31** If someone wants to redeem any of his tenth, he must add to it one-fifth. **32** "All the tenth from the herd or the flock, whatever passes under the shepherd's crook, the tenth one will be holy to ADONAI. **33** The owner is not to inquire whether the animal is good or bad, and he cannot exchange it; if he does exchange it, both it and the one he substituted for it will be holy; it cannot be redeemed." **34** These are the mitzvot which ADONAI gave to Moshe for the people of Isra'el on Mount Sinai.

Jeremiah 16:19-21

19 ADONAI, my strength, my fortress, my refuge in time of trouble, the nations will come to you from the ends of the earth, saying, "Our ancestors inherited nothing but lies, futile idols, completely useless." **20** Can a person make himself gods? (In fact they aren't gods at all.) **21** "Therefore, I will make them know, once and for all, I will make them know my power and my might. Then they will know that my name is ADONAI.

Jeremiah 17:1-14

1 "Y'hudah's sin is written with an iron pen; with a diamond point it is engraved on the tablet of their hearts and on the horns of your altars. **2** As they remember their children, so they remember their altars and their sacred poles by the green trees on the high hills. **3** My mountain in the field, your wealth and all your treasures will be plundered; because of the sin of your high places throughout your territory. **4** You will relinquish your hold on your heritage which I gave you. I will make you serve your enemies in a land you do not know. For you have kindled my fiery anger, and it will burn forever."

5 Here is what ADONAI says: "A curse on the person who trusts in humans, who relies on merely human strength, whose heart turns away from ADONAI. **6** He will be like a tamarisk in the 'Aravah - when relief comes, it is unaffected; for it lives in the sun-baked desert, in salty, uninhabited land. **7** Blessed is the man who trusts in ADONAI; ADONAI will be his security. **8** He will be like a tree planted near water; it spreads out its roots by the river; it does not notice when heat comes; and its foliage is luxuriant; it is not anxious in a year of drought but keeps on yielding fruit. **9** "The heart is more deceitful than anything else and mortally sick. Who can fathom it? **10** I, ADONAI, search the heart; I test inner motivations; in order to give to everyone what his actions and conduct deserve." **11** A partridge hatches eggs it did not lay; like this are those who get rich unjustly: in the prime of life their wealth will desert them; in the end they will prove to be fools.

12 Throne of Glory, exalted from the beginning! Our Holy Sanctuary, **13** Hope of Isra'el, ADONAI! All who abandon you will be ashamed, those who leave you will be inscribed in the dust, because they have abandoned ADONAI, the source of living water. **14** Heal me, ADONAI, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for you are my praise.

Jeremiah 32:6-27

6 Yirmeyahu said, "This word of ADONAI came to me: **7** 'Hanam'el, the son of your uncle Shalum, will approach you and say, "Buy my field at 'Anatot; you have next-of-kin's right to redeem it; so buy it.'" **8** AS ADONAI had said, my cousin Hanam'el came to me in the guards' quarters and said, "Please buy my field at 'Anatot, in the territory of Binyamin; because you will inherit it, and you have next-of-kin's right to redeem it, so buy it for yourself." Then I was certain that this was ADONAI's word. **9** So I bought the field at 'Anatot which belonged to my cousin Hanam'el and weighed out the money for him, seven ounces of silver shekels. **10** I signed on the purchase contract, sealed it, called witnesses and weighed out the money for him on a balance scale. **11** I took the purchase contract, both the sealed copy with the terms and conditions, and the unsealed copy, **12** and gave the purchase contract to Barukh the son of Neriayah, the son of

Machseyah, in the presence of my cousin Hanam'el, the witnesses who had signed the purchase contract and the people from Y'hudah sitting by the guards' quarters. **13** In their presence I instructed Barukh as follows: **14** "Here is what ADONAI-Tzva'ot, the God of Isra'el, says: 'Take these contracts, both the sealed and unsealed copies, and place them in a clay jar, so that they can be preserved for a long time.' **15** For ADONAI-Tzva'ot, the God of Isra'el, says that one day homes, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land."

16 After giving the purchase contract to Barukh son of Neriya, I prayed to ADONAI:
17 "ADONAI, God! You made heaven and earth by your great power and outstretched arm; nothing is too hard for you. **18** You display your grace to thousands but also repay the guilt of the fathers into the lap of their children who follow them. Great, powerful God, whose name is ADONAI-Tzva'ot, **19** great in counsel, mighty in deed! Your eyes are open to all the ways of human beings in order to repay each one according to his ways, according to the consequences of what he does. **20** You gave signs and performed miracles in the land of Egypt which continue to this day, also in Isra'el and among other people; thus you made yourself the reputation you have today. **21** You brought your people of Isra'el out of the land of Egypt with signs and miracles, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror. **22** Then you gave them this land, which you had sworn to their ancestors that you would give them, a land flowing with milk and honey. **23** They entered and took possession of it; but they did not pay attention to your voice, did not live according to your Torah, and did nothing of all you ordered them to do. Therefore you made this complete disaster befall them - **24** the siege-works are already there; they have come to the city to capture it; and the city, by means of sword, famine and plague, is being handed over to the Kasdim fighting against it. What you foretold is being fulfilled; here, you see it, yourself. **25** Yet you, ADONAI, God, have said to me, 'Buy the field for money, and call witnesses; even as the city is being turned over to the Kasdim!'"

26 Then this word of ADONAI came to Yirmeyahu: **27** "Look, I am ADONAI, the God of every living creature; is there anything too hard for me?"

Luke 4:16-21

16 Now when he went to Natzeret, where he had been brought up, on Shabbat he went to the synagogue as usual. He stood up to read, **17** and he was given the scroll of the prophet Yesha'yahu. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, **18** "The Spirit of ADONAI is upon me because he has anointed me to announce Good News to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the imprisoned and renewed sight for the blind, to release those who have been crushed, **19** to proclaim a year of the favor of ADONAI." **20** After closing the scroll and returning it to the shammash, he sat down; and the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** He started to speak to them: "Today, as you heard it read, this passage of the Tanakh was fulfilled!"

John 14:15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands; **16** and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever. **17** The world cannot receive him, because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he is staying with you and will be united with you. **18** I will not leave you orphans -- I am coming to you. **19** In just a little while, the world will no longer see me; but you will see me. Because I live, you too will live. **20** When that day comes, you will know that I am united with my Father, and you with me, and I with you. **21** Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me, and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

John 15:10-12

10 If you keep my commands, you will stay in my love -- just as I have kept my Father's commands and stay in his love. **11** I have said this to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy be complete. **12** "This is my command: that you keep on loving each other just as I have loved you.

1 Corinthians 7:21-24

21 Were you a slave when you were called? Well, don't let it bother you; although if you can gain your freedom, take advantage of the opportunity. **22** For a person who was a slave when he was called is the Lord's freedman; likewise, someone who was a free man when he was called is a slave of the Messiah. **23** You were bought at a price, so do not become slaves of other human beings. **24** Brothers, let each one remain with God in the condition in which he was called.

Galatians 6:7-10

7 Don't delude yourselves: no one makes a fool of God! A person reaps what he sows. **8** Those who keep sowing in the field of their old nature, in order to meet its demands, will eventually reap ruin; but those who keep sowing in the field of the Spirit will reap from the Spirit everlasting life. **9** So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest. **10** Therefore, as the opportunity arises, let us do what is good to everyone, and especially to the family of those who are trustingly faithful.

1 John 1

1 The Word, which gives life! He existed from the beginning. We have heard him, we have seen him with our eyes, we have contemplated him, we have touched him with our hands! **2** The life appeared, and we have seen it. We are testifying to it and announcing it to you - eternal life! He was with the Father, and he appeared to us. **3** What we have seen and heard, we are proclaiming to you; so that you too may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Yeshua the Messiah. **4** We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. **5** And this is the message which we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him - none! **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him while we are walking in the darkness, we are lying and not living out the truth. **7** But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of his Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin. **8** If we claim not to have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and purify us from all wrongdoing. **10** If we claim we have not been sinning, we are making him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

1 John 2

1 My children, I am writing you these things so that you won't sin. But if anyone does sin, we have Yeshua the Messiah, the Tzaddik, who pleads our cause with the Father. **2** Also, he is the kapparah for our sins - and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world. **3** The way we can be sure we know him is if we are obeying his commands. **4** Anyone who says, "I know him," but isn't obeying his commands is a liar - the truth is not in him. **5** But if someone keeps doing what he says, then truly love for God has been brought to its goal in him. This is how we are sure that we are united with him. **6** A person who claims to be continuing in union with him ought to conduct his life the way he did. **7** Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command. On the contrary, it is an old command, which you have had from the beginning; the old command is the message which you have heard before. **8** Yet I am writing you a new command, and its reality is seen both in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. **9** Anyone who claims to be in this light while hating his brother is still in the dark. **10** The person who keeps loving his brother remains in the light, and there is nothing in him that could make him trip. **11** But the person who hates his brother is in the dark - yes, he is walking in the

dark, and he doesn't know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. **12** You children, I am writing you because your sins have been forgiven for his sake. **13** You fathers, I am writing you because you have known him who has existed from the beginning. You young people, I am writing you because you have overcome the Evil One. **14** You children, I have written you because you have known the Father. You fathers, I have written you because you have known him who has existed from the beginning. You young people, I have written you because you are strong the Word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the Evil One. **15** Do not love the world or the things of the world. If someone loves the world, then love for the Father is not in him; **16** because all the things of the world - the desires of the old nature, the desires of the eyes, and the pretensions of life - are not from the Father but from the world. **17** And the world is passing away, along with its desires. But whoever does God's will remains forever. **18** Children, this is the Last Hour. You have heard that an Anti-Messiah is coming; and in fact, many anti-Messiahs have arisen now - which is how we know that this is the Last Hour. **19** They went out from us, but they weren't part of us; for had they been part of us, they would have remained with us. **20** But you have received the Messiah's anointing from HaKadosh, and you know all this. **21** It is not because you don't know the truth that I have written to you, but because you do know it, and because no lie has its origin in the truth. **22** Who is a liar at all, if not the person who denies that Yeshua is the Messiah? Such a person is an anti-Messiah - he is denying the Father and the Son. **23** Everyone who denies the Son is also without the Father, but the person who acknowledges the Son has the Father as well. **24** Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in union with both the Son and the Father. **25** And this is what he has promised us: eternal life. **26** I have written you these things about the people who are trying to deceive you. **27** As for you, the Messianic anointing you received from the Father remains in you, so that you have no need for anyone to teach you. On the contrary, as his Messianic anointing continues to teach you about all things, and is true, not a counterfeit, so, just as he taught you, remain united with him. **28** And now, children, remain united with him; so that when he appears, we may have confidence and not shrink back from him in shame at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you should also know that he is the Father of everyone who does what is right.

I John 3

1 See what love the Father has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! For that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it has not known him. **2** Dear friends, we are God's children now; and it has not yet been made clear what we will become. We do know that when he appears, we will be like him; because we will see him as he really is. **3** And everyone who has this hope in him continues purifying himself, since God is pure. **4** Everyone who keeps sinning is violating Torah - indeed, sin is violation of Torah. **5** You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and that there is no sin in him. **6** So no one who remains united with him continues sinning; everyone who does continue sinning has neither seen him nor known him. **7** Children, don't let anyone deceive you - it is the person that keeps on doing what is right who is righteous, just as God is righteous. **8** The person who keeps on sinning is from the Adversary, because from the very beginning the Adversary has kept on sinning. It was for this very reason that the Son of God appeared, to destroy these doings of the Adversary. **9** No one who has God as his Father keeps on sinning, because the seed planted by God remains in him. That is, he cannot continue sinning, because he has God as his Father. **10** Here is how one can distinguish clearly between God's children and those of the Adversary: everyone who does not continue doing what is right is not from God. Likewise, anyone who fails to keep loving his brother is not from God. **11** For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning: that we should love each other **12** and not be like Kayin, who was from the Evil One and murdered his own brother. Why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil, and his brother's were righteous. **13** Don't be amazed, brothers, if the world hates you. **14** We, for our part, know that we have passed from death to life because we keep loving the brothers. The person who fails to keep on loving is still under the power of death. **15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. **16** The way that we have come to know love is through his having laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the

brothers! **17** If someone has worldly possessions and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how can he be loving God? **18** Children, let us love not with words and talk, but with actions and in reality! **19** Here is how we will know that we are from the truth and will set our hearts at rest in his presence: **20** if our hearts know something against us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Dear friends, if our hearts know nothing against us, we have confidence in approaching God; **22** then, whatever we ask for, we receive from him; because we are obeying his commands and doing the things that please him. **23** This is his command: that we are to trust in the person and power of his Son Yeshua the Messiah and to keep loving one another, just as he commanded us. **24** Those who obey his commands remain united with him and he with them. Here is how we know that he remains united with us: by the Spirit whom he gave us.

1 John 4

1 Dear friends, don't trust every spirit. On the contrary, test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** Here is how you recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges that Yeshua the Messiah came as a human being is from God, **3** and every spirit which does not acknowledge Yeshua is not from God - in fact, this is the spirit of the Anti-Messiah. You have heard that he is coming. Well, he's here now, in the world already! **4** You, children, are from God and have overcome the false prophets, because he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. **5** They are from the world; therefore, they speak from the world's viewpoint; and the world listens to them. **6** We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God doesn't listen to us. This is how we distinguish the Spirit of truth from the spirit of error. **7** Beloved friends, let us love one another; because love is from God; and everyone who loves has God as his Father and knows God. **8** Those who do not love, do not know God; because God is love. **9** Here is how God showed his love among us: God sent his only Son into the world, so that through him we might have life. **10** Here is what love is: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the kapparrah for our sins. **11** Beloved friends, if this is how God loved us, we likewise ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God remains united with us, and our love for him has been brought to its goal in us. **13** Here is how we know that we remain united with him and he with us: he has given to us from his own Spirit. **14** Moreover, we have seen and we testify that the Father has sent his Son as Deliverer of the world. **15** If someone acknowledges that Yeshua is the Son of God, God remains united with him, and he with God. **16** Also we have come to know and trust the love that God has for us. God is love; and those who remain in this love remain united with God, and God remains united with them. **17** Here is how love has been brought to maturity with us: as the Messiah is, so are we in the world. This gives us confidence for the Day of Judgment. **18** There is no fear in love. On the contrary, love that has achieved its goal gets rid of fear, because fear has to do with punishment; the person who keeps fearing has not been brought to maturity in regard to love. **19** We ourselves love now because he loved us first. **20** If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if a person does not love his brother, whom he has seen, then he cannot love God, whom he has not seen. **21** Yes, this is the command we have from him: whoever loves God must love his brother too.

1 John 5

1 Everyone who believes that Yeshua is the Messiah has God as his father, and everyone who loves a father loves his offspring too. **2** Here is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God, we also do what he commands. **3** For loving God means obeying his commands. Moreover, his commands are not burdensome, **4** because everything which has God as its Father overcomes the world. And this is what victoriously overcomes the world: our trust. **5** Who does overcome the world if not the person who believes that Yeshua is the Son of God? **6** He is the one who came by means of water and blood, Yeshua the Messiah - not with water only, but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. **7** There are three witnesses - **8** the Spirit, the water and the blood - and these three are in agreement. **9** If we

accept human witness, God's witness is stronger, because it is the witness which God has given about his Son. **10** Those who keep trusting in the Son of God have this witness in them. Those who do not keep trusting God have made him out to be a liar, because they have not trusted in the witness which God has given about his Son. **11** And this is the witness: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Those who have the Son have the life; those who do not have the Son of God do not have the life. **13** I have written you these things so that you may know that you have eternal life - you who keep trusting in the person and power of the Son of God. **14** This is the confidence we have in his presence: if we ask anything that accords with his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - then we know that we have what we have asked from him. **16** If anyone sees his brother committing a sin that does not lead to death, he will ask; and God will give him life for those whose sinning does not lead to death. There is sin that does lead to death; I am not saying he should pray about that. **17** All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. **18** We know that everyone who has God as his Father does not go on sinning; on the contrary, the Son born of God protects him, and the Evil One does not touch him. **19** We know that we are from God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the Evil One. **20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us discernment, so that we may know who is genuine; moreover, we are united with the One who is genuine, united with his Son Yeshua the Messiah. He is the genuine God and eternal life. **21** Children, guard yourselves against false gods!