

Meet the Real Yeshua Series

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BHC Guidelines & Models

#1 Explorer's Pledge

My belief system will be large enough to include all facts, open enough to be questioned and examined, and flexible enough to change if errors or new facts are discovered.

#2 Words

A word consists of symbols or sounds with an attached bundle of associations. Those associations are a product of the source's culture, time period, locations and personal experiences.

#3 Communicating

A communications experience consists of a Source (writer or speaker) and Receptor (reader or hearer). Our goal is to identify the Source's meanings of words.

#4 The Bible

"The Bible" is a name many books share, but they are not all the same. Some have different books, while others have different words in the books they share.

#5 Biblical Heritages

Biblical Heritages are the histories of institutions that created biblical canons or make claims of divine authority linked to Bibles.

#6 The Brain

The brain continually rewrites its circuitry as it processes information to reflect the world around it and optimize its efficacy within it. It generates the individual realities humans experience as life. Beliefs are meme-models created by the brain.

The Real Yeshua is the term I use for the Jewish Jesus. His Hebrew name was "Yeshua." The primary sources of information about the *Real Yeshua* are the *New Testament* books *Matthew, Mark and Luke*. Yeshua lived in Nazareth from about 6 BCE until 24 CE when he founded a movement that he called the "Kingdom of Heaven Movement." Somewhere between 25 and 27 CE, Pontius Pilate, the fifth governor of the Roman province of Judaea, ordered Roman soldiers to execute Yeshua by crucifixion. *The Real Yeshua Series focuses on the period between 6 BCE to 27 CE.*

An accurate translation of Matthew 5:17 is essential for understanding Yeshua's *movement* and his *teachings*, so that is where we will begin.

Do not think that I intend to remove words from or add words to the Torah or the Prophets. I also do not intend to misinterpret the words of the Torah or the Prophets! I intend to quote them accurately and correctly interpret them. Amen!

Yeshua was an educated skilled teacher and interpreter of the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings, which are today, three sections of the Tanakh (*Jewish Bible*). As we explore the words of Yeshua, you will see, almost all of his words are teachings and interpretations of texts from the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings. Therefore, the first thing we must do is identify the location of texts linked to his words. Now let's see what Yeshua taught in Matthew 25:34-46.

"Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him . . . and the righteous will go away into eternal life."

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The first thing we need to be aware of is that Yeshua used a parable here to make important points. *He was not giving a divine law or commandment.* The second thing is that the parable contains three clues that will identify the texts from *the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings* that he was interpreting. Those clues are:

1. *you blessed of my Father*
2. *kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*
3. *the righteous will go away into eternal life*

The first clue takes us to Genesis 1 and “*God’s blessing of humans.*” Immediately before the blessing, the text revealed the following:

1. *God measured everything He created or made to see if it was TOV – protects lives, preserves lives, makes lives more functional, and increases the quality of life.*
2. *God made humans with an earth-soul which gave them appetites, desires, and longings linked to earth.*
3. *God created humans “in His image, which means that the “Spirit God” is with every individual human. They are His representatives and that gives them the power to do things that are TOV.*

The Hebrew word translated “*bless*” means -- “*to enrich, to endow, visibly show evidence of.*” When God blessed humans, *He empowered humans to visibly show evidence of the words of the blessing.* Our translation of the blessing in Genesis 1 will be different from traditional translations, because it is the product of applying *BHC Guidelines and Linguistic Models* to the ancient Hebrew text. Humans have the power to do the following as “*visible evidence of their being blessed.*”

1. *Reproducing creatures after their own kind.*
2. *Providing for the physical and emotional needs of their children, by teaching them, and mentoring them until they can function as adults and be contributing members of the society.*
3. *Exercising impulse control and self-discipline over their earthly appetites, desires, and longings; and helping others do the same.*
4. *Exercising power over all life on earth like a shepherd exercises dominion over the animals in the flock – including in their relationships with other humans.”*
5. *Eating fruit from trees.*

Exercising power like a shepherd is one of the most important revelations about humans from *the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings* – and the teachings of Yeshua.