

Greetings everyone, today our devotionals are Gen. 43; Job 9; Mark 13; Romans 13

February 10 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Genesis 43

The drought had been severe and extended; and now Joseph's brothers journey back to Egypt. Jacob sadly agrees to let Benjamin go with them. They pack the silver that was returned in their bags and bring more silver for grain. They also bring gifts. They arrive and now face that moment.

Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt

Gen 43:1 But the scarcity of food was severe in the land.

Gen 43:2 And it came to be, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Mitsrayim, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

Gen 43:3 But Yehudah spoke to him, saying, "The man vehemently warned us, saying, 'You do not see my face unless your brother is with you.' "

Gen 43:4 "If you let our brother go with us, we go down and buy you food.

Gen 43:5 "But if you do not let him go, we do not go down, because the man said to us, 'You do not see my face unless your brother is with you.' "

Gen 43:6 And Yisra'el said, "Why did you do evil to me to inform the man that you still had *another* brother?"

Gen 43:7 And they said, "The man kept asking about us and our relatives, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you *another* brother?' And we informed him according to these words. How could we know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

Gen 43:8 And Yehudah said to Yisra'el his father, "Send the boy with me, and let us arise and go, and live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.

Gen 43:9 "I myself shall stand guaranty for him – from my hand you are to require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.

Gen 43:10 "For if we had not delayed, truly by now we could have returned this second time."

Gen 43:11 And their father Yisra'el said to them, "If so, then do this: Take some of the best fruit of the land in your vessels and bring a present down for the man, a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and

almonds.

Gen 43:12 “And take double silver in your hand, and take back in your hand the silver that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. It could have been a mistake.

Gen 43:13 “And take your brother, and arise, go back to the man.

Gen 43:14 “And Ęl Shaddai give to you compassion before the man, so that he shall release your other brother and Binyamin. And I, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved!”

Gen 43:15 And the men took that present and Binyamin, and they took double the amount of silver in their hand, and arose and went down to Mitsrayim, and stood before Yosěph.

Gen 43:16 And Yosěph saw Binyamin with them, and said to the one over his house, “Bring the men home, and make a great slaughter, and prepare, for these men are to eat with me at noon.”

Gen 43:17 And the man did as Yosěph said, and the man brought the men into Yosěph’s house.

Gen 43:18 And the men were afraid because they were brought into Yosěph’s house. And they said, “It is because of the silver, which was put back into our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, to throw himself upon us and fall upon us, to take us as slaves, our donkeys too.”

Gen 43:19 So they came near to the man over the house of Yosěph, and spoke to him at the door of the house,

Gen 43:20 and said, “O my master, we indeed came down the first time to buy food,

Gen 43:21 but it came to be, when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks and saw each man’s silver in the mouth of his sack, our silver in its weight. And we have brought it back in our hand.

Gen 43:22 “And we have brought down other silver in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks.”

Gen 43:23 But he said, “Peace be with you, do not be afraid. Your Elohim and the Elohim of your father has given you treasure in your sacks – your silver had come to me!” And he brought Shim’on out to them.

Gen 43:24 And the man brought the men into Yosěph’s house and gave them water, and they washed their feet. And he gave their donkeys fodder.

Gen 43:25 And they made the present ready for Yosěph’s coming at noon, for they heard that they were to eat there.

Gen 43:26 And when Yosěph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand, into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth.

Gen 43:27 And he asked them about their welfare, and said, “Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?”

Gen 43:28 And they said, “Your servant our father is in good health, he is still alive.” And they bowed their heads down and did obeisance.

Gen 43:29 And he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Binyamin, his mother’s son, and said, “Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?” And he said, “Elohim show favour to you, my son.”

Gen 43:30 And Yosëph hurried, for his emotions were deeply moved towards his brother, and he looked for a *place* to weep, and went into his room and **wept there**.

John 11:33 יהושע, therefore, when He saw her weeping, and the Yehudim who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled, 34 and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Master, come and see.” 35 **יהושע wept**.

In John 11:33 Yahusha wasn’t weeping over the loss of Lazarus; because He knew Lazarus lived. Yahusha was weeping over the lack of faith and understanding; because even though He – the Resurrection and the Life was with them; they had lost hope.

Joseph wept thinking he would never see his baby brother again, nor any of his family. Yes, Joseph had faith in YHWH, but his hope had dwindled to a mere shadow. He wept being overwhelmed by the faithfulness and love of YHWH. He wept because he had just witnessed beauty for ashes. He wept for the miracle that stood before him. He wept because of the faithfulness and loving commitment of YHWH. His heart was full and overflowing. Joseph was alive again in body, soul, and spirit.

Gen 43:31 Then he washed his face and came out, and controlled himself, and said, “Serve the food.”

Gen 43:32 And they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Mitsrites who ate with him by themselves, for the Mitsrites could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Mitsrites.

Gen 43:33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at each other in astonishment.

Gen 43:34 And he took portions to them from before him, but Binyamin’s portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they feasted and they drank with him.

Joseph like Iyob [Job] had lost everything. It is during those times that it seems more than we can bear, and it is during those times that YHWH carries us. It is those times, that **our very breath is knocked out of us**; it is like a blow in a boxing round **that slams us to the ground** into disorientation and unconsciousness. It is during those times of extreme weakness that His strength **is greatest in our lives**. He picks us up, and we walk in His strength, not our own; He carries us. No one can see Him carrying a person, but that individual knows that without Him; there is little if any strength left in him.

Job 9

Job's conversations between his friends and YHWH continue. Keep in mind, Iyob [Job] lived during the time of the 'preachers of righteousness'. This was the period in which the Melchizedek Order predated the Aaronic Levitical Order. If we recall, Job carried out his priestly family duties in **the Book of Job, chapter 1:5**.

Job 1:5 And it came to be, when the days of feasting had gone round, that **Iyob would send and set them apart, and he would rise early in the morning and offer ascending offerings – the number of them all – for Iyob said, "It might be that my sons have sinned and cursed Elohim in their hearts." This Iyob always did.**

 Job 2:3 **And יהוה said to Satan,** "Have you considered My servant Iyob, that there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and straight man, one who fears Elohim and turns aside from evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."

Through all of this, Job utters the awesome power and traits of YHWH. He is **under a major spiritual attack** by the **most powerful principality, sa_tan, himself**. We read this account and give Job grace as he grapples for understanding through his pain and weakness. In **Job 2:3**, YHWH makes His opinion very clear concerning Job. Job knows YHWH is the One who possesses the perfection of **right-ruling**.

Job Replies: There Is No Arbiter

Job 9:1 And Iyob answered and said,

Job 9:2 "Truly I know it is so. But how is man right with Elohim?"

Job 9:3 If one wished to dispute with Him, he would not answer Him one time out of a thousand.

Job 9:4 Wise in heart and potent of power – who has hardened himself against Him and is at peace?

Job 9:5 He who removes mountains, and they do not know it, when He overturns them in His displeasure;

Job 9:6 who shakes the earth out of its place, and its columns tremble;

- Job 9:7** who commands the sun, and it does not rise; and He seals up the stars,
Job 9:8 stretching out the heavens by Himself, and treading upon the waves of the sea;
Job 9:9 who made Ash, Kesil, and Kimah, and the rooms of the south;
Job 9:10 who performs great and unsearchable deeds, and innumerable wonders.
Job 9:11 Look, He goes by me, and I do not see; and He moves past, but I do not discern Him.
Job 9:12 Look, He snatches away, who brings it back? Who says to Him, ‘What are You doing?’
Job 9:13 Eloah does not turn back His displeasure, the helpers of pride stoop under Him.
Job 9:14 How much less would I answer Him, choose my words with Him?
Job 9:15 For though I were righteous, I would not answer Him. I pray to Him for my right-ruling.
Job 9:16 Though I had called and He answered me, I would not believe that He was listening to my voice.
Job 9:17 For He crushes me with a storm, and has multiplied my wounds for no cause.
Job 9:18 He does not allow me to recover my breath, but fills me with bitterness.
Job 9:19 If *I speak* of power? Look, He is potent. And if of right-ruling? Who sets me a time?
Job 9:20 If I am righteous? My mouth would declare me wrong. Am I perfect? It would declare me perverse.
Job 9:21 Am I perfect? Do I not know my own being? I despise my life!
Job 9:22 It is all the same, therefore I say, ‘He destroys the perfect and the wrong.’
Job 9:23 If the scourge slays suddenly, He laughs at the trial of the innocent.
Job 9:24 Earth has been given into the hand of the wrong. He covers the faces of its judges. If it is not He, then who is it?
Job 9:25 My days have become swifter than a runner – they have fled, they have not seen good.
Job 9:26 They have passed by like swift ships, like an eagle swooping on its prey.
Job 9:27 If I say, ‘Let me forget my complaint, let me put off my sad face, and let me smile,’
Job 9:28 I shall be afraid of all my sufferings. I know that You do not hold me innocent.
Job 9:29 If I am wrong, why should I labour in vain?
Job 9:30 If I washed myself with snow water, and cleansed my hands with soap,
Job 9:31 then You would plunge me into a ditch, and my garments shall abhor me.
Job 9:32 For *He is* not a man as I am that I answer Him, and we come together into right-ruling.
Job 9:33 There is no mediator between us, to lay his hand upon us both.
Job 9:34 Let Him take His rod away from me, and let not His dread frighten me.

Job 9:35 *Then I would speak and not fear Him, for I am not so within myself.*

Job knows YHWH sits on His throne and holds the Sceptre. He knows YHWH rules the universe and earth. He knows YHWH is omnipotent; omnipresent; omniscient. **Rod defined is:** *shay'-bet* From an unused root probably meaning to *branch* off; a *scion*, that is, (literally) a *stick* (for punishing, writing, fighting, ruling, walking, etc.) or (figuratively) a *clan*: - X correction, dart, rod, sceptre, staff, tribe.

Mark 13

Yahusha Foretells Destruction of the Temple

Mar 13:1 And as He went out of the Set-apart Place, one of His taught ones said to Him, “Teacher, see what stones! And what buildings!”

Mar 13:2 And יהושע answering, said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another at all, which shall not be thrown down.”^a Footnote: ^a [Mat 24:1-51](#).

Signs of the Close of the Age

Mar 13:3 And as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the Set-apart Place, Kěpha, and Ya'aqob, and Yoħanan, and Andri asked Him separately,

Mar 13:4 “Say to us, when shall these events be? And what shall be the sign when all this is going to be accomplished?”

Mar 13:5 And יהושע began to say to them, “**Take heed that no one leads you astray,**

- **Mar 13:6** for many shall come in My Name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and they shall lead many astray.
- **Mar 13:7** “And when you hear of fightings and reports of fightings, do not be troubled – it has to take place, but the end is not yet.
- **Mar 13:8** “For nation shall rise against nation, and reign against reign.
- And there shall be earthquakes in various places, and
- there shall be scarcities of food,
- and disturbances.

These are the beginnings of birth-pains.

The following was a message for then and for now.

Mar 13:9 “But take heed to yourselves,

- for they shall deliver you up to councils and to congregations.
- You shall be beaten,
- and you shall be brought before rulers and sovereigns for My sake, for a witness to them.

- **Mar 13:10** “And the Good News has to be proclaimed first to all the nations.
- **Mar 13:11** “And when they lead you away and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand what you are to say.
- But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that, for it is not you who are speaking, but the Set-apart Spirit.
- **Mar 13:12** “And brother shall deliver up brother to death,
- and a father his child.
- And children shall rise up against parents and shall put them to death.
- **Mar 13:13** “And you shall be hated by all **because of My Name**.
- **But he who shall have endured to the end, he shall be saved.**^b Footnote: ^b [Mat 10:22](#), [Mat 24:13](#).

The Abomination of Desolation – A key as to when to flee...

Mar 13:14 “And when you see the ‘**abomination that lays waste**,’^c spoken of by Dani’el the prophet, **set up where it should not be**” – he who reads, let him understand – “**then** let those who are in Yehudāh flee to the mountains. Footnote: ^cSee *Abomination that lays waste* in Explanatory Notes.

Dan 12:11 “And from the time that which is continual is taken away, and the **abomination that lays waste is set up**, is **one thousand two hundred and ninety days**.”

In the Maccabean time period, the statue of Zeus had been set-up in the temple; so, it is possible that some type of Baal Statue or Artificial Intelligence Entity is set up in the ‘Anti-messiah false temple in Jerusalem.’

Whatever abomination is set up; it appears it will be blatantly obvious. At that time, we are instructed to flee and pray! Those fleeing should **not** try to go back and get gear; they should flee, and trust YHWH will provide.

- **Mar 13:15** “And he who is on the house-top, let him not go down into the house, nor come in to take whatever out of his house.
- **Mar 13:16** “And he who is in the field, let him not go back to get his cloak.
- **Mar 13:17** “And woe to those who are pregnant and to those nursing children in those days!
- **Mar 13:18** “And **pray** that your flight does not take place in winter.
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Mar 13:19 “**For in those days**

- there shall be distress, such as has not been from the beginning of creation which Elohim created until this time, nor ever shall be.

Mar 13:20 “And if the Master had not shortened those days, no flesh would have been saved; but because of the chosen ones, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

Mar 13:21 “And if anyone then says to you,

- ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or,
- ‘Look, there!’ do not believe it.
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Mar 13:22 “For false messiahs and false prophets shall rise and show signs and wonders to lead astray, **if possible, even the chosen ones.**

Mar 13:23 “And you, take heed. See, I have forewarned you of it all.

YHWH always forewarns His people. We are to take heed and comprehend the prophecies yet to come.

The Son of Man comes AFTER this distress...

Mar 13:24 “But in those days, after that distress,

- **the sun shall be darkened,**
- **and the moon shall not give its light,**
- Mar 13:25 **and the stars of heaven shall fall,** [Isa 13:10](#)
- and **the powers in the heavens shall be shaken.**^d [Isa 34:4](#). Footnote: ^dAlso see [Eze 32:7](#), [Joe 2:10](#), [Joe 2:31](#), [Joe 3:15](#), [Hag 2:6](#), [Hag 2:21](#)

Mar 13:26 “And then they shall see the **Son of Adam coming in the clouds** [Dan 7:13](#) with much power and esteem.

Mar 13:27 “And then He shall send His messengers, and **assemble His chosen ones** from the **four winds**, from the **farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.** [Deu 30:4](#), [Zec 2:6](#).

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Mar 13:28 “And **learn this parable from the fig tree:** When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that the summer is near.

Mar 13:29 “So you also, when you see these taking place, know that it is near, at the door.

Make no mistake, all things spoken by Yahusha will come to pass.

Mar 13:30 “Truly, I say to you, this generation shall by no means pass away till all this takes place.

Mar 13:31 “The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My words shall by no means pass away.”

No One Knows That Day or Hour

Mar 13:32 “But concerning that day and the hour no one knows, not even the messengers in heaven, nor the Son, but **only the Father**.”

Mar 13:33 “**Take heed, watch and pray**, for you do not know when the time is –

Mar 13:34 as a man going abroad, having left his house and given authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

Mar 13:35 “**Watch therefore**, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming – in the evening or at midnight, or at the crowing of the cock, or in the morning,

Mar 13:36 **lest, coming suddenly, he should find you sleeping.**

Mar 13:37 “And what I say to you, I say to all: **Watch!**”

Emphasis is placed on the word ‘watch.’ Mark 13:35 associates the ‘watch’ with **the time** within a day, such as evening, midnight, crowing of the cock, or in the morning. It is almost as if the moedim season in this verse is begging to be recognized. If this is the case, the possible season associated with staying alert and watching year to year, would be Passover, the moedim identified as the ‘night of watches’ and the ‘feast of fleeing.’

Exo 12:42 **It is a night of watches** unto יהוה for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This is that night of watches unto יהוה, for all the children of Yisra’el throughout their generations.

Romans 13

Teaching Commentary on Romans 13 by Matthew Nolan

Link to Romans Part 1 - <https://www.torahtothetribes.com/teaching/romans-from-a-torah-covenant-perspective-chapter-13-part-1/>

Romans 13 – Part 1

Does Shaul/Paul advocate for blind submission to government authority? The first seven verses of Romans 13 have been used and abused by the Institutional Church to establish religio-political authoritarian positions. Scripture advocates for behavior that is lawful to Yahuwah, refuting tyranny that is a terror to good works.

The first seven verses of Romans Chapter 13 have been some of the most misused and abused verses by clergymen and governments alike – the false teaching of total submission to all government authority.

So, first off lets tackle the false idea of total submission to government authority; this has led to the loss of more Christian/believers dominion/territory in the religio-political landscape than any other false doctrine of man...(explained in podcast see link below).

Matthew 15:7 Hypocrites! Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying, ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.:9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

The ethics of First Century Roman taxation are likely the context (vs 6-7), and a prior incident that had erupted in ancient Rome is probably guiding Paul’s instruction here.

The Roman believers had been swayed by their fellow citizens to a resistance to paying taxes to an increasingly predatory Roman government – more legislation, less freedom – all done in the name of ‘*peace and freedom.*’

In Nero’s early years, he considered abolishing indirect taxes as opposed to direct tax paid as tribute by a conquered nation.

Some scholars believe that it’s not actually the Roman government that’s in view here, but instead submission of the non-Jewish, Greek and Roman believers to Jewish religious authority.

Judeo-Christianity is a rotting limb from the Talmudic tree that infiltrated Christianity during the 20th century; and has produced the fruit of today’s religio-politics; which has in turn; resulted in the blind wonderment to everything Israel, and the resulting unquestioning adherence to a growing tide of governmental rule funded from this Talmudic tree.

Over the next few weeks we’re going to look in depth into Romans 13 and investigate the Scriptural validity to “*total submission to government*”, we’re going to investigate the Scriptural validity into the “*Patriot Movement*” – or “*Constitutionalist’s Movement*”, we’re going to find out how יהוה has called us to interact and react with our host nations governing powers.

Submission to the Authorities

Rom 13:1 Let every being be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from Elohim, and the authorities that exist are appointed by Elohim.

Rom 13:2 So he who opposes the authority withstands the institution of Elohim, and those who withstand shall bring judgment on themselves.

Rom 13:3 For those ruling are an object of fear, not to good works, but to evil. Do you wish to be not afraid of the authority? Do the good, and you shall have praise from it,

Rom 13:4 for it is a servant of Elohim to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid, for it does not bear the sword in vain. For it is a servant of Elohim, a revenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

Rom 13:5 Therefore, it is necessary to be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of the conscience.

Rom 13:6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are servants of Elohim attending continually to these duties.

Rom 13:7 Render therefore to all what is due to them: tax to whom tax *is due*, toll to whom toll, fear to whom fear, respect to whom respect.

Vs. 1-7 the Judeo-Christian interpretation: יהוה has established the governing authorities therefore it's our duty and honor to submit to them in decree and judgement at any given time.

Now we know from the backdrop of the Tanakh that on the whole the governments of the world have been established by יהוה at least in some function:

Isaiah 45:1 *Thus says יהוה to Cyrus, His anointed, whom I have taken by the right hand, to subdue nations before him and to loose the loins of kings, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut.*

Proverbs 8:15 *By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice, By me princes rule, and nobles, all who judge rightly.*

John 19:11 *Yeshua said, "You would have no authority over me, unless it had been given you from above."*

But none of these verses support blind obedience, in-fact the bible warns us that...

Hosea 5:11 *Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandments of man.*

Acts 17:5 *And the unbelieving Jews (there's you're Talmudic root) ,having been moved with envy, and having taken to them, certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and having made a crowd, were setting the city in an uproar; having assailed also the house of Jason, they were seeking them to bring them to the populace,*

Act 17:6 *and not having found them, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the city rulers, calling aloud—'These, having put the world in commotion, are also here present, 7 whom Jason hath received; and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying another to be king— Yahusha' 8 And they troubled the multitude and the city rulers, hearing these things, 9 and having taking security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.*

The Talmudic Jews – V.5; filled with hate and envy for the followers of Yahusha sought to bring them in front of the cities governing authorities and set them up as adversaries

to the state based upon presumptions and assumptions, drawing them into the system and leading them into the noose, from which they could easily hang themselves.

Meekness; is strength under control: *Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth...The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.....But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.....יהוה lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.....But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth.....unto the meek; he hath sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;.....Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

Yahusha's disciples obviously preached and lived an unconditional submission to King Yahusha in contrast to a limited submission to worldly governing authorities, always ready to resist and disobey a Nero – or; anti-Christ authority!

“Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.” Thomas Jefferson.

Acts 5:29, 41-42 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey יהוה rather than men.....And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Yahusha Ha Moshiach.

Be careful where you stand: Proverbs 17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to יהוה.

Romans 13:1 Let every person submit himself to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from יהוה, and those that exist are put in place by יהוה.

Judeo-Christian interpretation: God has established every ruler so believers should submit to those God has placed over them.”

A ruler's authority has limits – יהוה has given no absolute and unlimited power to man above the law.

British jurist Sir William Blackstone encapsulated v. 1 well in 1765 when he said; “no human laws are of any validity if contrary to this; the law of God.”

Paul is informing the Romans community that they're to obey the laws of the magistrates so far as they govern according to the law of יהוה.

But look; Paul is also commanding the governing authorities themselves to be in subjection to יהוה's laws; they're not above the laws themselves but bound by them....

and any magistrate that takes upon himself to act contrary to what Paul makes the duty of those in authority; then neither is that power nor that magistrate ordained by יהוה – they just disqualified themselves by their actions (Caiaphas), so consequently, to such a magistrate no subjection is commanded or due.

Such a magistrate or power the Roman believers aren't forbidden to resist, because by doing so they're not resisting a magistrate or power; but a pirate, a tyrant and an enemy.

In the 1770's Pastor Samuel West said before the signing of the Declaration of Independence; *“the same principles which oblige us to submit to government do equally oblige us to resist tyranny; or that tyranny and magistracy are so opposed to each other that where the one begins the other ends.”*

Believers have always had to reject civil authority when it becomes a conflict of interest; a civil authority that isn't set up and sanctioned by יהוה and is no longer enforcing His laws is not a legitimate authority according to Paul in V.1.....*“let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power **if not** of Elohim.”*

Romans 13:2 *So whoever opposes the authority has resisted YHWH's direction, and those who have resisted will bring judgment on themselves.*

Judeo-Christian interpretation: *“If you resist the governing authorities you're rebelling against God and you'll be punished by God”.*

The fact is we live in **“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”**

V.2 Paul is saying believers being in resistance or rebellion against authority is wrong.....*but* only against lawful or Yah-commissioned government authority is his point!

Ephesians 5:11 *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

Paul's saying, that resisting a just authority, which is in line with יהוה is wrong. You'd be resisting יהוה and therefore you'd be punished by Him.

But this verse *isn't* saying that those who resist *unreasonable powers* which are contrary to the law of יהוה are resisting יהוה –*heaven forbid no!* Resisting those who resist YHWH's will is not the same thing as resisting יהוה.

Daniel committed a crime against the ruling authorities, but he committed no crime against יהוה or against the king when he prayed from his room in violation of the ruling edict.

Daniel 6:21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever. 22 My Elohim hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I committed no crime.

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Now if you do not want to fear the authority, do what is good and you will get his approval 4 for he is YHWH's servant to you for your good.

Judeo-Christian interpretation: *be quite, get in line, be a good citizen and you'll be left alone.*

V. 3 now begins to unravel the “total submission to government” camps theology.

Paul is speaking of civil rulers, to which believers are to be obedient to because they're godly rulers who're exercising their office and power as benefactors to society.

The civil rulers are serving both the believing community and society at large.

(Rome had many pro Jewish laws on the books regarding worship and public assembly), because of this service they're not going to be a ‘terror to good works’, ‘but to the evil (in society).’

In this case they're YHWH's ministers for good because they protect the believers and society from the evil and execute wrath upon those that do the evil.

V.3 If rulers aren't ‘a terror for evil’ and if rulers don't ‘praise the good works’ of the believing community as it serves society then we're not to acquiesce to their rule.

Were the governing authorities being ‘a terror to evil’ or ‘a terror to good works’ in Acts 4:1 when Peter and John were rounded up before the civil rulers for preaching Yahusha, and doing the ‘good works’ in the healing of the cripple?

Were the civil authorities being ‘a terror to evil’ or ‘a terror to good works’ when they threatened them and commanded them not to speak the name of Yahusha and teach his doctrine as they understood it? **“We ought to obey Yah rather than man!”**

Romans 13:4 For he is the minister of Elohim to thee for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of Elohim, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Judeo-Christian interpretation: *more submission.*

Context: the civil government spoken of in verse 4 is *'the minister'* of the Most High – not *'the minister'* of *'Mystery Babylon'*.

Legitimate law; to which *'the ministers of Elohim'* all govern from has one origin; *and it's not Babylon!*

James 4:12 *There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?*

Isaiah 33:22: *For יהוה is our judge, יהוה is our lawgiver, יהוה is our king; he will save us.*

Today our courts judgements are based upon secular humanism, the ever-changing morality of man. Their judgements aren't Elohim's judgments.

V.4 – *'A Revenger'* – *'ekdikos'* – one who carries *justice out!*

Isaiah 45:24 *Only in יהוה are righteousness and strength.*

1 John 2:29 *If you know that יהוה is righteous, you know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

1 John 3:10 *In this the children of Elohim are manifest, and the children of S.A.Tan, whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of Elohim.*

If the court and chambers are full of judges and magistrates that don't judge according to righteousness then.....*'if you have a matter against another, don't go to law before the unjust....go instead and stand before the saints....let brother go to law with brother and not before the heathen...'*(1Corinthians 6:1).

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Romans 13 – Part 2

Can we follow the instruction of Yahuwah and obey the government? All established government is based upon a theocracy, but the elohim being served is not always Yahuwah. As believers in a world that does not value righteousness, we must remain true to Yah, but we must walk a path of maturity, temperance, and self-control, empowered by the Ruach ha'Kodesh/Holy Spirit.

Additional Insights on Romans 13:5-8

Rom 13:5 Therefore, it is necessary to be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of the conscience.

Rom 13:6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are servants of Elohim attending continually to these duties.

Rom 13:7 Render therefore to all what is due to them: tax to whom tax *is due*, toll to whom toll, fear to whom fear, respect to whom respect.

Romans 13:5 Therefore it is necessary to be in submission—not only because of punishment but also because of conscience.

Judeo-Christian interpretation: *It's the conscientious obligation of every believer to submit to government authority. period.*

In reality V.5 is telling us to submit to the Holy Spirit led conscience within the believer which will always lead one to the righteous judgments of יהוה. If a magistrate is established by Elohim, in harmony with the judgments of Elohim, as His minister, then we should likewise seek to be in harmony with the magistrate and powers, to do otherwise would be rebellion toward Elohim.

We're to avoid factitious and seditious persons who oppose good government. These types of person are to be marked and avoided in our assemblies, as they become monsters and enemies, a danger within the camp.

The context is, your conscience (Spirit led – not carnal man). A time to submit...a time to rebel against authority.

Romans 13:6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are Elohim's servants, attending diligently to this very thing.

Judeo-Christian interpretation: *Believers are obliged to pay taxes to all civil authorities.*

Context: “for this reason.” What reason? Because the identified authorities are “*Elohim's ministers.*”

Those who perform the duty of Elohim's rulers are supposed to be continually attending to public welfare and good.

Thomas Jefferson wrote; *'to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions or actions which he disbelieves or abhors, is sinful and tyrannical....'*

There is such a thing as biblically authorized taxes, and as such we're explicitly charged to pay them...so again; be aware of the factitious and seditious man for factions sake just as you should be aware of the docile plumb who's god is government!

Romans 13:7 Pay to everyone what is due them—tribute to whom tribute is due; tax to whom tax is due; respect to whom respect is due; honor to whom honor is due. Fulfilling the Law Through Love.

Judeo-Christian interpretation: *believers are obligated to pay all taxes placed upon them, without question, even if it's oppressive and used to finance wickedness.*

What when a nation uses all its wealth and power to hurt and injure the public?

In context of V. 4 don't they then move away from being Elohim's minister's to S.a.tan's ministers?

2 Chronicles 19:2 Should you help the wicked and love those who hate יהוה? Because of this, wrath from before יהוה is against you.

We have to follow our conscience as believers (V.5) because to willingly finance and submit to ministers of evil is akin to endorsing the evil deeds.

Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow subverting our nation, forbidding payment of taxes to Caesar and saying that He Himself is Messiah—a king."

A misquote of Matthew 22:18, **But Yeshua, knowing their wickedness, said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" 21 "Caesar's," they said to Him. Then He said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to Elohim the things that are Elohim's."**

The Talmudic Jew's were feeding Yahusha rope hoping he'd hang himself, just as today. Think about it *if* Yahusha was promoting Caesar's tyrannical tax, then why would the Talmudic Jew's try to entrap him? It makes no sense. Obviously Yahusha wasn't paying taxes and the Jew's knew it!

Yahusha avoids their noose and challenges them to choose their god!

If you're serving Caesar, you'd better pay him, but If you're serving יהוה you'd be better pay tithe unto Him.

Matthew 17:24 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter and said, "Your teacher pays the Temple tax, doesn't He?" 25 "Yes," Peter said. Now when Peter came into the house, Yeshua spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? The kings of the earth, from whom do they collect tolls or tax? From their sons or from strangers?" 26 After Peter said, "From strangers," Yeshua said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 But so that we do not offend them, go to the

sea and throw out a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. And when you open its mouth, you'll find a coin. Take that, and give it to them, for Me and you."

Yahusha, the King of Kings, corrects Peter and informs him that those under His authority – sons of Elohim were exempt from the taxation of other kings. Yahusha then goes onto to tell Peter to pay the tax 'so as not to offend them' and be proven a liar.

Yahusha didn't allow Peter to pay out of their own ministry funds (*they were automatically tax exempt*), instead he was to get the money out of a fish's mouth.

We have to walk according to conscience V. 5, in reality as servants of King Yahusha and 'bnai elohim', we're not subject to the tax of other Kings.

We certainly shouldn't pay taxes out of the ministry funds.

But even though I'm free from taxes as a son of the King if evading tax would cause me to lie and offend the tax collectors.

We're commanded to resist tyrants: 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith.

John 18:3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Leviticus 19:19 The laws of Kilyaim: You shall keep my statutes; you shall not cause your livestock to breed with different kinds; you shall not sow two kinds in your field; and you shall not allow a garment mixed of linen and wool to come upon you.

Judas wanted Yahusha to come into line with his religious-political worldview, so much so that he was willing to endanger Him and the disciples to do so. Judas violated the laws of Kilyaim and it brought death into the camp.

Tear down the Constitution with the Word of יהוה and you choose which god you serve!

Exodus 20:1 I am יהוה your Elohim, who has brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 2 You shall not have any other gods before Me.

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Elohim יהוה or the elohim “*We the people?*” Yahwistic Monotheism or the elohim of Secular Humanism – Polytheism?

In 1776 יהוה was abandoned and “*We the people*” became the new god, the new national idol.

We’re still under a theocracy; every nation is under a theocracy (Gen. 11). A government’s laws reflect its morality and the source of that morality is always its national god. Someone’s morality is always being enforced.

We need to go back a century before the 1700’s/18th century to the 1600’s or 17th century.

In New Haven Connecticut 1639 the saints adopted the bible, the law of Moses as the Constitution.

Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and he shall wear out the saints of the Most High. And he intends to change times and law. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one half time.

A change of times and law happened when the US Constitution was adopted. We went from Puritan Colonies who banned Christmas, followers יהוה and biblical law into Citizens of a Secular Humanism serving the god “*We the people*” and the holidays of foreign gods. Gen. 11.

A change of law always brings about a change in deity.

Habakkuk 1:4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

Habakkuk 1:7 They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves...v.11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.

Whatever happened to the governments of the New England Colonies that served יהוה and upheld biblical law?

2 Corinthians 3:17 where the Spirit of יהוה is, there is liberty.

Ask yourselves is the Spirit of יהוה in the Constitution?

Just like Achan we’ve got an accursed thing buried under our tent in WA. DC.

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Torah.

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Romans 13 – Part 3

Who is the True Lawgiver, man or Yahuwah? Yahuwah's government looks nothing like the corrupt government of men. We have responsibilities and requirements for stewarding the life that Yahuwah has blessed us with, and we will be required to answer for our decisions. The only true liberty we can ever find is in walking in Royal Covenant Torah.

Fulfilling the Law Through Love

Rom 13:8 Owe no one any *matter* except to love one another, for he who loves another has filled the Torah.

Verse 8 tells us not to be indebted slaves, walk in love and fulfill biblical law!

V.8 Verses The Articles!

Article 1: *All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives...*
(remember Achan's house?)

Isaiah 33.22 For יהוה is our judge, יהוה s our lawgiver, יהוה is our king;

James 4:12 There is one lawgiver.

Either יהוה is the source of legislation which is rooted in Torah or the god "We the People" is the source of legislation which is rooted in secular humanism – a moral baby will be born!

Article 2: *The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the term, be elected.....*

A President: one who 'presides' over the throne! Who's your King? Who has executive authority?

As believers we're to appoint not elect!

Article 3: *The judicial power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme court, and in such inferior courts, as the Congress may, from time to time, ordain and*

establish. The judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior...

In the bible, judicial appointees have to be men of truth who fear יהוה and hate covetousness. Not so in the Constitution, no such stipulation.

2 Chronicles 19:5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for יהוה , who is with you in the judgment.

“No one is good but ...יהוה alone!” Good behavior has to be determined by YHWH's Torah not secular humanism.

Luke 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Whoever has the power to interpret the law is the supreme legislator.

All a jury does is act under cover of law and color of justice. That's the definition of tyranny!

In the Colony of New Haven in 1639 they adopted Hebrew law – Torah; and rejected English law – 150 crimes punishable by death were dropped to the biblical 11.

Article 6:This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be **the supreme law** of the land, and judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding.

*The senators and the representatives before-mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to support this constitution, but **no religious test** shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.*

This is the most damning anti יהוה law ever contrived by men. “The Constitution, the laws and all treaties of the United States are the SUPREME law; that all judges and all states are bound by, anything contrary to these laws does not stand and NO RELIGIOUS TEST OATH'S WILL EVER BE REQUIRED – i.e. the laws of יהוה are subservient to the laws of “*We the people.*”

A supreme law can only come from...*a supreme being!* Who's your god?

There is a prohibition in the Constitution against Christian test oaths which would have required judges to fear יהוה.

Matthew 15:6 Thus have ye made the commandment of Elohim of none effect by your tradition.7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Supreme Court decisions: “all laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void. **Marbury v. Madison 1803.**

Why do you think we’ve had a Muslim president and massive Islamic immigration without any legal ramifications? Because the treaties we made with the Muslims in Tripoli during the Barbary Wars became part of the supreme law of the land (Article 6).

We don’t live in a Christian nation and haven’t since Martial Rule in 1776.

Article 6 also makes the Charter of the UN the supreme law of the land which all states and judges shall be bound thereby – since 1952. It’s totally Constitutional; totally lawful for UN troops to round you all up and put you under irons!

Religious test oaths were the norm: you couldn’t hold office without one in 17th Cent America. NJ, GA, SC, NH, MD, MA, NC – you had to be a protestant, and believe in the divine authority of the NT and OT before taking office.

In Pennsylvania legislators had to recite, “*I do believe in one God, the creator and governor of the universe, the rewarder of good and punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testament to be given by Divine inspiration.*”

This wasn’t good enough for Delaware, there you had to add, “*I believe in the Trinity and the divine inspiration of the bible.*” .

Authority of Scripture Vs The Amendments

Amendment 1. (1st 10 amendments = Bill of Rights).

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

יהוה doesn’t give us the right to life! יהוה doesn’t give us the right to liberty.

Gen. 5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

We have responsibilities and requirements to steward in this thing called life! Responsibilities that we will be required to answer for; for life!

Where do we find true liberty?

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Royal Torah!

New Testament only Christianity that's abrogated the law of Moses is nothing more than baptized humanism. It leads to slavery; slavery to sinful man's doctrines!

Freedom cannot exist unless freedom is under law. If freedom is made absolute, it will absolutely result in tyranny.

"The perfect law of liberty."

1. I am יהוה your Elohim, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

2. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Following יהוה means following his laws that bring forth true liberty.

By not following His laws and following another's laws; you've essentially chosen to serve another god.

Even those who choose to not follow יהוה's laws through Moses have chosen to follow another's law's – another god's!

Rom 13:9 For this, **"You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet,"**

Exo 20:13-17, Deu 5:17-21 and if there is any other command, it is summed up in this word, **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** **Lev 19:18.**

Rom 13:10 Love does no evil to a neighbor. Therefore, love is completion of the Torah.

Freedom of Religion

The rejection of a Yahwistic State in favor of a polytheistic state.

It's called religious pluralism.

The First Amendment equally authorizes non-Christian or even anti-Christian religions (remember Article 6 ban on Christian test oaths?).

The First Amendment in line with Article 6; prohibits the exercise of Monotheistic Christianity and establishes polytheism in its place – *'the free exercise clause'* gives free exercise to all the nations gods – lawfully sanctioned polytheism.

Rom 13:11 And do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for us to wake up from sleep, for now our deliverance is nearer than when we did believe.

Rom 13:12 The night is far advanced, the day has come near. So let us put off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Amendment 2

A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bare arms shall not be infringed.

Ex. 22:2 *If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.*

Ps. 149: *Let the high praises of יהוה be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise יהוה.*

Luke 11:21 *When a strong man armed keepeth his home, his goods are secure.*

Luke 22:36 *he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. And they said, Master, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.*

1 Samuel 13:19 *Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears: 20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock. 21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. 22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.*

Rom 13:13 Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in wild parties and drunkenness, not in living together and indecencies, not in fighting and envy,

We need to be able to protect our families from home invasions and those who carouse at night; those walking in iniquity that prey on the weak and defenseless.

Amendment 8

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

The death penalty: life is so precious that anyone or any animal that maliciously takes another life must be put to death.

In contrast, life that is protected at all costs loses its value – the anti-capital punishment proponents actually cheapen life due to their upside down and backward value system.

Why do people get double life or triple life sentences? Double or triple monetization!

Rom 13:14 but put on the Master יהושע Messiah, and make no provision for the lusts of the flesh.

We're not to make provision for flesh, especially the flesh of a murderer because the value of the murdered or kidnapped is so much the death of the murderer or kidnapper is required!

Cruel and usual punishment: *Proverbs 12:10 the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.*

Psalms 19:9 The fear of יהוה is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of יהוה are true and righteous altogether.

If you dis-annul Psalm 19 with you're guilty of the sin of *Job! 40:8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?*

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