



A PORTRAIT OF “THE TRUTH” IN SCRIPTURE

The Hebrew word *Emeth* – Truth – often receives treatment as a thing that no one can really quantify or pinpoint. People who do not know Truth usually claim that, relative to what we can know, Truth only exists as something insubstantial or ethereal, which can be shaped to one’s own personal viewpoint. Pontius Pilate demonstrated such a viewpoint when he asked Yehoshua his rhetorical question, “What is Truth?” Scripture calls such relative truth many things, including “abomination”, “deception”, “for a moment”, and “going astray”. In contrast, Scripture calls **ABSOLUTE** Truth, “established forever”, “the works of His hands”, “delight”, and “the Way”. It paints a definitive portrait of Truth and shows us how to recognize it.

In the following list of verses, we will highlight a few things concerning *Emeth*. It is our desire to illuminate for you the answer to Pilate’s philosophical question. We also hope that our attempts here will encourage you to dig deeper into Scripture for the treasures of *Emeth*, which will guide you faithfully along the Way.

THE TRUTH IS THE WAY.

Breishyth 24:48

And I bowed my head and worshipped YHWH, and blessed YHWH Elohyim of my master Avraham, who had led me in the Way of Truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son.

THE WORDS OF YHWH ARE TRUTH.

Sh’muel Beith 7:28

And now, Master YHWH, You are Elohyim, and Your Words are Truth, and You have spoken this excellence to Your servant.

THE JUDGMENTS OF YHWH ARE TRUTH.

Tehillah 19:9

The fear of YHWH is clean, standing forever; the judgments of YHWH are Truth, They are righteous altogether.

ALL THE PATHS OF YHWH’ ARE TRUTH.

Tehillah 25:10

All the paths of YHWH are mercy and Truth, To those who guard His covenant and His witnesses.

HIS TRUTH IS A SHIELD AND ARMOR.

Tehillah 91:4

He covers you with His feathers, And under His wings you take refuge; His Truth is a shield and armor.

THE WORKS OF HIS HANDS ARE TRUTH.

Tehillah 111:7

The works of His hands are Truth and judgment, All His orders are trustworthy,

THE TRUTH OF YHWH IS EVERLASTING.

Tehillah 117:2

For His mercy is mighty over us, And the Truth of YHWH is everlasting. Halleluyah!

THE TORAH OF YHWH IS TRUTH.

Tehillah 119:142

Your righteousness is righteousness forever, And Your Torah is Truth.

ALL THE COMMANDS OF YHWH ARE TRUTH.

Tehillah 119:151

You are near, YHWH, And all Your commands are Truth.

THE SUM OF THE WORD OF YHWH IS TRUTH.

Tehillah 119:160

The sum of Your word is Truth, And all Your righteous judgments are forever.

TRUTH IS ESTABLISHED FOREVER.

Mishle 12:19

The lip of Truth is established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment.

YEHOSHUA IS THE TRUTH.

Yochanan 14:6

Yehoshua said to him, I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

THE WORD OF YHWH IS TRUTH.

Yochanan 17:17

Set them apart in Your Truth – Your Word is Truth.

THE JUDGMENT OF ELOHYM IS ACCORDING TO TRUTH.

Romym 2:2

And we know that the judgment of Elohyim is according to Truth against those who practice such wrongs.

TRUTH IS IN YEHOSHUA.

Ephesos 4:21

if indeed you have heard him and were taught by him, as Truth is in Yehoshua:

NO FALSEHOOD IS OF THE TRUTH.

Yochanan Aleph 2:21

I did not write to you because you do not know the Truth, but because you know it, and because no falsehood is of the Truth.

THE RUACH IS TRUTH.

YochananAleph 5:6

This is the one that came by water and blood: Yehoshua Messiah, not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Ruach who bears witness, because the Ruach is the Truth.

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH ARE THE WAYS OF YHWH.

Chazon 15:3

And they sing the song of Moshe the servant of Elohyim, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Your works YHWH El Shaddai! Righteousness and Truth are Your Ways, King of the Q'doshym!

THE WORDS OF YHWH ARE TRUTH AND TRUSTWORTHY.

Chazon 21:5

And He who was sitting on the throne said, See, I make all matters new. And He said to me, Write, for these words are Truth and trustworthy.

Brothers and sisters, Scripture directs us to seek the narrow Way, which leads to life and is hard to find, because many and wide are the false roads that lead to death. It is the same with Truth. There are many relative truths, which are just the shifting sands of man's whims and ideas, but only one absolute Truth, which comes from YHWH. Our master Yehoshua Hamashiach said, "And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free." Little did Pontius Pilate know on that day when he asked his lofty philosophical question, that its answer was standing before his face.

In painting this portrait of *Emeth*, we hope that we have shown the absolute nature of the Truth. It is not something relative, insubstantial or ethereal at all. We trust that, as you search diligently for it, the Word of YHWH will show you all of that Truth, will prove its merit time and again, and will give you confidence to live your life according to His Way.

L'chayim! To Life!

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