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QH 4.1 TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Yehoshua Hamashiach defines himself as “*The Way, The Truth, and The Life.*” Many people think they know exactly what these words of his mean, and depend upon their own knowledge or dictionaries and other reference works to interpret them. For instance:

Webster’s dictionary defines the word ‘Truth’ as: being true; sincerity; honesty; conforming with fact; reality; actual existence; correctness; accuracy; that which is established.

Strong’s Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon translates this word, ‘Truth’, as *emeth*, and defines it as: stability; certainty; truth; trustworthiness; right; and sure.

Strong’s Greek Lexicon translates the word ‘Truth’, as *aletheia*, and defines it as simply: truth; true; truly; verity.

While we would agree that the foregoing definitions are accurate, Scripture paints a much more specific and detailed picture of these words and their meanings. Taken in their contexts, a very clear image emerges of what, or whom, *Emeth* and *Aletheia* are meant to depict within its pages.

The following is a wide-ranging sample of the use of these words in Scripture. It is not complete, as there are far too many instances of them to cite in just this brief article. We leave it to you to do any further research on your own, and we will save our own opinions and ideas of what the words mean until you have had a chance to read, learn, and make up your own mind about them.

B'REISHYTH 24:48

“And I bowed my head and worshipped YHWH and blessed YHWH, Elohim 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.”

B'REISHYTH 32:10

“I do not deserve the least of all the mercy and all the Truth which You have shown Your servant, for I passed over this Yarden with my staff, and now I have become two groups.”

SH'MOTH 18:21

“But you yourself, seek out from all the people able men, who fear Elohim, men of Truth, hating unfair gain. And place these over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.”

SH'MOTH 34:6

“And YHWH passed before him and proclaimed, ‘YHWH, YHWH, El, compassionate and showing grace, patient, and great in mercy and Truth...’”

YEHOSHUA 24:14

“And now, fear YHWH, serve Him in perfection and in Truth, and put away the mighty ones which your fathers served beyond the River and in Mitzrayim, and serve YHWH!”

SH'MUEL ALEPH 12:24

“Only fear YHWH, and you shall serve Him in Truth with all your heart, for consider what marvels He has done for you.”

SH'MUEL BEYTH 7:28

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

MELEKYM ALEPH 2:4

“...so that YHWH does establish His Word which He spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons guard their way, to walk before Me in Truth with all their heart and with all their being,’ saying, ‘there is not to cease a man of yours on the throne of Yisrael.’”

MELEKYM ALEPH 17:24

“And the woman said to Eliyahu, ‘Now by this I know that you are a man of Elohim, and that the Word of YHWH in your mouth is Truth.’”

MELEKYM BEYTH 20:3

“‘I pray to You, YHWH, remember how I have walked before You in Truth and with a perfect heart, and have done what was excellent in Your eyes.’ And Chizqiyahu wept bitterly.”

YESHAYAHU 10:20

“And in that day it shall be that the remnant of Yisrael, and those who have escaped of the house of Ya 'aqov, never again lean upon him who struck them, but shall lean upon YHWH, the Set-apart One of Yisrael, in Truth.”

YESHAYAHU 16:5

“And in mercy the throne shall be established. And one shall sit on it in Truth, in the tent of Dawid, judging and seeking judgment, and speeding righteousness.”

YESHAYAHU 38:18

“For She 'ol does not thank You, nor death praise You; those who go down to the pit do not watch for Your Truth.”

YESHAYAHU 38:19

“The living, the living - he is praising You, as I do this day. A father makes known Your Truth to his children.”

YESHAYAHU 42:3

“A crushed reed he does not break, and smoking flax he does not quench. He brings forth judgment in accordance with Truth.”

YESHAYAHU 59:14

“And judgment is driven back, and righteousness stands far off. For Truth has fallen in the street, and right is unable to enter.”

YIRMEYAHU 9:4

“And everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the Truth. They have taught their tongue to speak falsehood, and have wearied themselves to crook.”

YIRMEYAHU 23:28

“The prophet who has a dream, let him relate the dream, and he who has My Word, let him speak My Word in Truth.”

YIRMEYAHU 33:6

“See, I am bringing to it relief and healing. And I shall heal them and reveal to them the riches of shalom and Truth.”

YECHEZOEL 18:8

“...if he does not lend on interest or take increase, turns back his hand from unrighteousness, executes judgment in Truth between man and man...”

YECHEZOEL 18:9

“‘If he walks in My laws, and he has guarded my judgments in Truth - he is righteous, he shall certainly live!’ declares the master YHWH.”

HOSHEA 4:1

“Hear the Word of YHWH, you children of Yisrael, for YHWH has a case against the inhabitants of the land: ‘For there is no Truth or mercy or knowledge of Elohim in the land.’”

MIKAH 7:20

“You give Truth to Ya 'aqov, mercy to Avraham, which You swore to our fathers from the days of old!”

ZECHARYAH 8:3

“Thus said YHWH of hosts, ‘I shall return to Tzyon, and I shall dwell in the midst of Yerushalayim. And Yerushalayim shall be called: City of the Truth, and the Mountain of YHWH of hosts, the Set-apart Mountain.’”

ZECHARYAH 8:8

“‘And I shall bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Yerushalayim. And they shall be My people, and I shall be their Elohim, in Truth and in righteousness.’”

ZECHARYAH 8:16

“These are the words you should do: speak the Truth to one another, judge with Truth and judgment for shalom in your gates.”

ZECHARYAH 8:19

“Thus said YHWH of hosts, ‘The fast of the fourth, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth months, are to be joy and gladness, and pleasant appointed times for the house of Yehudah - and they shall love the Truth and the shalom...’”

MALAKI 2:6

“The Torah of Truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in shalom and straightness, and turned many away from crookedness.”

TEHILLAH 15:2

“He who walks blamelessly, and does righteousness, and speaks the Truth in his heart.”

TEHILLAH 19:9

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

TEHILLAH 25:5

“Lead me in Your Truth and teach me, for You are the Elohyim of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.”

TEHILLAH 25:10

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

TEHILLAH 26:3

“For Your mercy is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your Truth.”

TEHILLAH 31:5

“Into Your hand I commit my ruach; You have redeemed me, YHWH El of Truth.”

TEHILLAH 40:11

“Do not withhold Your compassion from me, YHWH; let Your mercy and Your Truth always watch over me.”

TEHILLAH 43:3

“Send forth Your light and Your Truth! Let them lead me, let them bring me to Your set-apart mountain and to Your dwelling places.”

TEHILLAH 51:8

“See, You have desired Truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You make me know wisdom.”

TEHILLAH 69:13

“But as for me, my prayer is to You, YHWH, at an acceptable time, Elohyim. In the greatness of Your mercy, answer me in the Truth of Your salvation.”

TEHILLAH 86:11

“Teach me Your Way, YHWH; let me walk in Your Truth; unite my heart to fear Your Name.”

TEHILLAH 91:4

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

TEHILLAH 111:7

“The works of His hands are Truth and judgment, all His orders are trustworthy...”

TEHILLAH 117:2

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

TEHILLAH 119:43

“And do not take away from my mouth the Word of Truth entirely, for I have waited for Your judgments...”

TEHILLAH 119:142

“Your righteousness is righteousness forever, and Your Torah is Truth.”

TEHILLAH 119:151

“You are near, YHWH, and all Your commands are Truth.”

TEHILLAH 119:160

“The sum of Your Word is Truth, and all Your righteous judgments are forever.”

TEHILLAH 145:18

“YHWH is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in Truth.”

TEHILLAH 146:6

“Maker of the heavens and earth, the sea and all that is in them, who is guarding Truth forever...”

MISHLE 8:7

“For my mouth speaks Truth; and wrongness is an abomination to my lips.”

MISHLE 16:6

“By mercy and Truth crookedness is pardoned. And in the fear of YHWH one turns away from evil.”

MISHLE 23:23

“Buy the Truth and do not sell it - wisdom and discipline and understanding.”

MISHLE 29:14

“The king who rightly rules the poor with Truth, his throne is established forever.”

QOHELETH 12:10

“Qoheleth sought to find out words of delight, and words of Truth, rightly written.”

ESTHER 9:30

“And Mordekai sent letters to all the Yehudym, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Achashwerosh, words of shalom and Truth.”

DANI’EL 9:13

“As it is written in the Torah of Moshe, all this evil has come upon us, and we have not entreated the face of YHWH our Elohyim, to turn back from our crookedness, and to study Your Truth.”

DANI’EL 10:21

“But let me declare to you what is written in the Scripture of Truth, and there is not one strengthening himself with me concerning these, except Mikael your head.”

NEHEMIAH 9:13

“And You came down on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from the heavens, and gave them straight judgments and Torah of Truth, excellent laws and commands.”

MATTITHYAHU 22:16

“And they sent to him their taught ones with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the Way of Elohyim in Truth, and it does not concern you about anyone, for you are not partial to any man.’”

MAROOS 12:32

“And the scribe said to him, ‘Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the Truth, for there is one Elohyim, and there is no other beside Him.’”

YOCHANAN 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us, and we saw his esteem, esteem as of an only brought-forth of a father, complete in grace and Truth.”

YOCHANAN 1:17

“...for the Torah was given through Moshe - the grace and the Truth through Yehoshua Messiah.”

YOCHANAN 3:21

“But the one doing the Truth comes to the light, so that his works are clearly seen, that they have been wrought in Elohyim.”

YOCHANAN 4:23

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in ruach and Truth, for the Father also does seek such to worship Him.”

YOCHANAN 5:33

“You have sent to Yochanan, and he bore witness to the Truth.”

YOCHANAN 8:32

“...and you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.”

YOCHANAN 8:44

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you wish to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

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.’”

YOCHANAN 14:17

“...the Ruach of the Truth, whom the world is unable to receive, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, for he stays with you and shall be in you.”

YOCHANAN 16:13

“But when he comes, the Ruach of the Truth, he shall guide you into all the Truth. For he shall not speak from himself, but whatever he hears he shall speak, and he shall announce to you what is to come.”

YOCHANAN 17:17

“Set them apart in Your Truth - Your Word is Truth.”

YOCHANAN 17:19

“And for them I set myself apart, so that they too might be set apart in Truth.”

YOCHANAN 18:37

“Then Pilate said to him, ‘You are a king, then?’ Yehoshua answered, ‘You say it, because I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth hears my voice.’”

YOCHANAN 18:38

“Pilate said to him, ‘What is Truth?’ And when he had said this, he went out again to the Yehudym, and said to them, ‘I find no guilt in him.’”

MA'ASEI 26:25

“But Sha'ul said, ‘I am not mad, most excellent Festus, but I speak words of Truth and sense.’”

ROMIYIM 1:18

“For the wrath of Elohim is revealed from heaven against all wickedness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the Truth in unrighteousness...”

ROMIYIM 2:2

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

ROMIYIM 2:8

“...but wrath and displeasure to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the Truth, but obey unrighteousness...”

ROMIYIM 2:20

“...an instructor of foolish ones, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and of the Truth in the Torah.”

ROMIYIM 15:8

“And I say that Yehoshua Messiah has become a servant of the circumcised for the Truth of Elohim, to confirm the promises made to the fathers.”

QORINTIYIM ALEPH 5:8

“So then let us celebrate the festival, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and Truth.”

QORINTIYIM ALEPH 13:6

“...does not rejoice over the unrighteousness, but rejoices in the Truth...”

QORINTIYIM BEYTH 4:2

“...but have renounced the secret ways of shame, not walking in craftiness nor falsifying the Word of Elohim, but by the manifestation of the Truth recommending ourselves to every human conscience, in the sight of Elohim.”

QORINTIYIM BEYTH 6:7

“...in the Word of Truth, in the power of Elohim, through the weapons of righteousness, on the right and on the left...”

QORINTIYIM BEYTH 13:8

“For we have no power at all against the Truth, but for the Truth.”

GALATIYIM 2:14

“But when I saw that they are not walking straight according to the Truth of the excellent news, I said to Kepha before them all, ‘If you, being a Yehudi, live as the nations and not as the Yehudym, why do you compel nations to live as Yehudym?’”

GALATIYIM 3:1

“O senseless Galatians! Who has put you under a spell, not to obey the Truth, before whose eyes Yehoshua Messiah was clearly portrayed among you as impaled?”

GALATIYIM 5:7

“You were running well, who held you back from obeying the Truth?”

EPH’SIYIM 4:15

“...but, maintaining the Truth in love, we grow up in all respects into him who is the head, Messiah.”

EPH’SIYIM 4:21

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

EPH’SIYIM 4:24

“...and that you put on the renewed man which was created according to Elohyim, in righteousness and set apartness of the Truth.”

EPH’SIYIM 5:9

“...for the fruit of the Ruach is in all excellence, and righteousness, and Truth...”

EPH’SIYIM 6:14

“Stand, then, having girded your waist with Truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...”

OOLASIM 1:5

“...because of the hope that is laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard before in the Word of the Truth of the excellent news...”

TAS’LONIQIM BEYTH 2:10

“...and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the Truth, in order for them to be saved.”

TAS’LONIQIM BEYTH 2:12

“...in order that all should be judged who did not believe the Truth, but have delighted in the unrighteousness.”

TAS’LONIQIM BEYTH 2:13

“But we ought to give thanks to Elohyim always for you, brothers, beloved by the master, because Elohyim from the beginning chose you to be saved - in set-apartness of Ruach, and belief in the Truth...”

TIMOTIYOS ALEPH 2:4

“...who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth.”

TIMOTIYOS ALEPH 3:15

“...but if I delay, that you might know how you should behave in the House of Elohyim, which is the assembly of the living Elohyim - a strong support and foundation of the Truth.”

TIMOTIYOS ALEPH 4:3

“...forbidding to marry, saying to abstain from foods which Elohyim created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the Truth.”

TIMOTIYOS BEYTH 2:15

“Do your utmost to present yourself approved to Elohyim, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth.”

TIMOTIYOS BEYTH 3:7

“...always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth.”

TIMOTIYOS BEYTH 4:4

“...and they shall indeed turn their ears away from the Truth, and be turned aside to myths.”

TITOS 1:1

“Sha’ul, a servant of Elohyim and an emissary of Yehoshua Messiah, according to the belief of Elohyim’s chosen ones and knowledge of the Truth according to reverence...”

TITOS 1:14

“...not paying attention to Yehudi fables, and commands of men who turn from the Truth.”

IBRYM 10:26

“For if we sin purposely after we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there no longer remains a slaughter offering for sins...”

YA’AOOV 1:18

“Having purposed it, He brought us forth by the Word of Truth, for us to be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures.”

YA’AOOV 5:19

“Brothers, if anyone among you goes astray from the Truth, and someone turns him back...”

KEPHA ALEPH 1:22

“Now that you have cleansed your lives in obeying the Truth through the Ruach to unfeigned brotherly love, love one another fervently with a clean heart...”

KEPHA BEYTH 2:2

“And many shall follow their destructive ways, because of whom the Way of Truth shall be evil spoken of...”

YOCHANAN ALEPH 1:8

“If we say that we have no sin, we are misleading ourselves, and the Truth is not in us.”

YOCHANAN ALEPH 2:4

“The one who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not guard His commands, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.”

YOCHANAN ALEPH 3:18

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in Truth.”

YOCHANAN ALEPH 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.”

YOCHANAN BEYTH 2

“...because of the Truth which stays in us and shall be with us forever...”

YOCHANAN BEYTH 4

“I rejoiced greatly because I found some of your children walking in Truth, as we received a command from the Father.”

YOCHANAN GIMEL 3

“For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came and witnessed of the Truth in you, as you walk in the Truth.”

YOCHANAN GIMEL 4

“I have no greater joy than to hear of my children walking in Truth.”

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 set-apart ones!’”

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.’”

As can be seen plainly from this broad sample of the Scriptures, the Truth in Scripture is something that directly pertains to YHWH Himself, or that proceeds from Him. Some examples given are: His Word, His Torah, His Judgments, His Promises, and His Way, with the ultimate completion and fulfillment of all of these in the person of Yehoshua Messiah, His Son. These are, and will always be, the only absolute Truth.

B’Shalom,

Yochanan