

Rightly Dividing

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Almost Right is Always Wrong



Hold Fast to Sound Words

- Paul, an apostle of ⓂⓃⓂⓂ Messiah by the will of Elohiym, according to the promise of life which is in Messiah ⓂⓃⓂⓂ, To Timothy, my dearly beloved son... When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that **thou stir up the gift of Elohiym, which is in thee** by the putting on of my hands. (2 Timothy 1:1-2/5-6)
- For Elohiym hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Adon... Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Messiah ⓂⓃⓂⓂ. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Set Apart Spirit which dwelleth in us. (2 Timothy 1:7-8/13-14)

Be Strong and Endure

- Thou therefore, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Messiah ⓄⓂⓂⓂⓂ. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou **therefore endure** hardness, as a **good soldier** of ⓄⓂⓂⓂⓂ Messiah (2 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Consider what I say; and ⓂⓂⓂⓂ give thee understanding in all things... Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but **the word of Elohiym is not bound**. Therefore I **endure all things** for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Messiah ⓄⓂⓂⓂⓂ with eternal glory. (2 Timothy 2:7/9-10)
- Of these things put them in remembrance, **charging them before** ⓂⓂⓂⓂ that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the **subverting of the hearers**. Study to **shew thyself approved unto Elohiym, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,** rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:14-15)

One Word... Made into Doctrine

- One Greek word... translated in the King James Bible as “rightly dividing”... has been used to make the following doctrines:
 - Dispensationalism
 - Age of Grace
 - Church Age
 - Pre-Tribulation Rapture





The Trap of Cherry Picking Verses



- Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!... But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; **they err in vision, they stumble in judgment...** But the word of אַפְאֵל was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; **line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;** that they might go, and **fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.** (Isaiah 28:1/7/13)

Sleight of Hand

- ...by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive... (Ephesians 4:14)



Refute Sleight of Hand Doctrine

- And He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah: Till we all come in the **unity** of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of El, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah: That **we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive**; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Messiah: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:11-16)



Dispensationalism



- Dispensationalism was first developed by John Nelson Darby around 1830, and considers biblical history as divided by God into dispensations, defined periods or ages to which God has allotted distinct covenants or administrative principles. Dispensationalists' presuppositions start with the inductive reasoning that biblical history has a particular discontinuity in the way God reacts to humanity in the unfolding of their, sometimes supposed, free wills. (Dispensationalism in Transition by Kenneth Gentry, 1993)
- It was popularized in the United States through the Bible Conference movement and spurred on even more through the publication of the Scofield Reference Bible (written from a distinctively dispensationalist perspective), which was published in 1909. The founding of Dallas Theological Seminary in 1924 by Lewis Sperry Chafer provided an academic institution for the training of pastors and missionaries in the dispensationalism and free grace theology .

Age of Grace

(Once Saved Always Saved)



- The “Age of Grace” is a dispensation doctrine (developed from Gnosticism) in which the law is done away with for the current time. This doctrine is supported with cherry-picked verses while ignoring all of the scripture that states the need for righteousness by hearing and following the law in the way taught and shown by Messiah... An example of “rightly dividing”.
 - During the Age of Grace, “we are not under the law but under grace”. The Law has been fulfilled, and God’s grace in Christ is plain for all to see. All that is required for salvation is to trust in Jesus Christ. He has done all that is necessary for salvation.

Warning: False Doctrine below

Church Age



- The “Church Age” is a dispensation doctrine in which the children of Israel are rejected for their failure to teach the gospel and rejection of the Messiah and replaced with the Church of Christians. Christians receive kick-backs for their evangelism by getting a “grace only salvation” and/or a pre-tribulation rapture, leaving the Jewish people to suffer through the tribulation while obeying the law to obtain salvation when they confess to the Messiah. More “rightly dividing” based on a few verses twisted up.

End of False Doctrine

- But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, **It was necessary that the word of Elohiym should first have been spoken to you**: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. (Acts 13:45-46)

Antioch Foretold in Isaiah

- ...It was necessary that the word of Elohiym should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Adon commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be **a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth**. (Acts 13:46-47)
 - And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples. And I will wait upon אֶפְרַיִם, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him. (Isaiah 8:14-17)
 - ...a great thing for Thee to be called My servant, to establish the tribes of Jacob, and to recover the dispersion of Israel: behold, I have given Thee for the covenant of a race, for **a light of the Gentiles, that Thou shouldest be for salvation to the end of the earth**. (Isaiah 49:6 - Septuagint)

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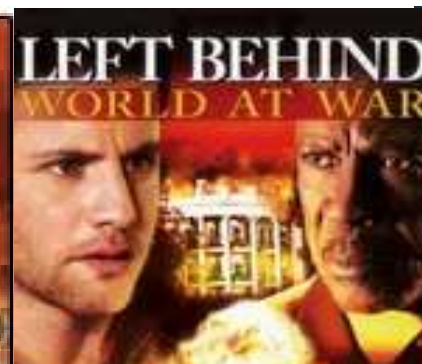
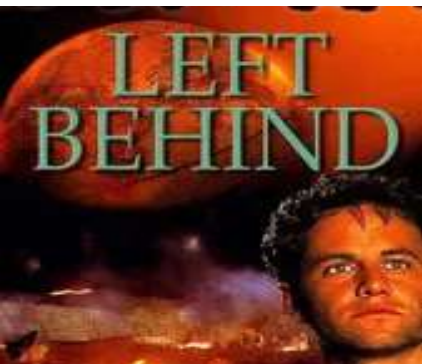
Pre-tribulation Rapture

- This theory grew out of the translations of the Bible that John Nelson Darby analyzed in 1833.
- If you are a card carrying member of the Church Age and the Grace Age, as an extra benefit you are automatically included and already have a ticket onto the pre-tribulation rapture express, a genuine “get out of Dodge fast” pass to skip the tribulation and leave it for the rest of the people of the earth... what a deal...



Left Behind (65 million books): "In terms of its impact on Christianity, it's probably greater than that of any other book in modern times, outside the Bible." - Jerry Falwell

Late Great Planet Earth (15 million books): the bestselling nonfiction book of the 1970s. - New York Times



Problems with “rightly dividing”

- Study to shew thyself approved unto Elohiym, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (G3718) the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - 1. The first entire first two chapters of 2 Timothy are an exhortation to be strong and direct in delivering the word of truth and to expect hardship as a result. The idea of separating or parsing scripture is not in context.
 - 2. There is no mention of discerning what is prophetic vs what is a mystery, or discerning what is for “the church” vs what is for “the Jews”, etc. (dispensationalism) – see the “Olive Tree” (Romans 11)
 - 3. If the word orthotomeō (G3718) truly meant to parse or separate, we should expect to find it, or a word of the same common root when the words divide, divided or dividing are used elsewhere in scripture.
 - 4. When Paul wrote this, the only scripture that could have been parsed would have been what we call the Old Testament. The gospels and epistles likely did not exist as a distributed, collective body of work at that time.

Approximate New Testament Book Dates (4)

Book	Date	Book	Date
Matthew	35-66	Colossians	61-63
James	40	Philemon	61-63
Luke	40-70	Acts	63
Mark	42-70	1 Timothy	63
John	42-100	Titus	63
1 Thess	50	1 John	63
2 Thess	51	1 Peter	64
Galatians	53	2 John	64
1 Corinthians	56	3 John	64
Hebrews	56	2 Peter	65
2 Corinthians	57	2 Timothy	67
Romans	57	Jude	67
Ephesians	61-63	Revelation	95
Philippians	61-63		

- “Matthew also issued a written Gospel among the Hebrews in their own dialect, while Peter and Paul were preaching at Rome, and laying the foundations of the Church. After their departure, Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, did also hand down to us in writing what had been preached by Peter. Luke also, the companion of Paul, recorded in a book the Gospel preached by him. Afterwards, John, the disciple of the Lord, who also had leaned upon His breast, did himself publish a Gospel during his residence at Ephesus in Asia.” (Irenaeus, Against Heresies, 3:1)

- Based on the latest estimated book chronology, most of the New Testament books were written before 2 Timothy, but it is unlikely that they were all contained into a widely accessible single set (or canon) by then

All Scripture is for Instruction in Righteousness (1 & 4)

- But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the set apart scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Messiah mshy^{h} . **All scripture is given by inspiration of Elohiym, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:** That the man of Elohiym may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:13-17)

“Dividing”/ “Divide” in the New Testament (3)

- Dividing

- 1 Corinthians 12:11 - diaireó (G1244, διαίρέω) - def: I divide into parts, cut asunder, distribute. The context of this passage definitely deals with something being separated or parsed, the gifts of the Set Apart Spirit among the body of Messiah.
- Hebrew 4:12 – merismos (G3311, μερισμός) - def: (a) a distributing, a distribution, (b) a parting, dividing, severance, separation. The topic of this passage also deals with separating, the two-edged sword that separates the spirit and soul, joints and marrow.

- Divide

- Luke 12:13 - merizó (G3307, μερίζω) - def: I divide into parts, divide, part, share, distribute; mid: I share, take part in a partitioning; I distract. This passage involves the dividing of inheritance.
- Luke 22:17 - diamerizó (G1266, διαμερίζω) - def: I divide up into parts, break up; I distribute. The breaking of the bread at the last supper.

“Divided” in the New Testament

- Divided

- 1 Corinthians 1:13 – merizó (G3307, μερίζω) - def: I divide into parts, divide, part, share, distribute; mid: I share, take part in a partitioning; I distract. This passage involves whether or not the body of Messiah is divided.
- Matthew 12:25-26/ Mark 3:24-26 / Luke 11:17-18 - merizó (G3307, μερίζω) - def: I divide into parts, divide, part, share, distribute; mid: I share, take part in a partitioning; I distract. Refers to divided kingdoms.
- Matthew 25:32 – aphorizó (G873, ἀφορίζω) - def: I rail off, separate, place apart. This deals with the separation of the sheep.
- Mark 6:41 – merizó (G3307, μερίζω) - def: I divide into parts, divide, part, share, distribute; mid: I share, take part in a partitioning; I distract. Dividing of the loaves and fishes.
- Luke 12:13 – merizó (G3307, μερίζω) - def: I divide into parts, divide, part, share, distribute; mid: I share, take part in a partitioning; I distract. In regards to dividing inheritance.
- Luke 12:53 – diamerizó (G1266, διαμερίζω) - def: I divide up into parts, break up; I distribute. In regards to a house (family) that is divided within itself.

“Divided” in the New Testament

- Divided
 - Luke 15:12 – diaireó (G1244, διαίρῶ) - def: I divide into parts, cut asunder, distribute. The story of the prodigal son’s inheritance.
 - Acts 13:19 – katakléronomeó (G2624, κατακληρονομῶ kataklēronomeō) - def: I give as an inheritance, distribute by lot. Paul recounted the the dividing up of the promise land in the synagogue.
 - Acts 14:4 – schizó (G4977, σχίζω) - def: I rend, divide asunder, cleave. Speaking of the people of Iconium being divided between the apostles and the Jews.
 - Acts 23:7 – schizó (G4977, σχίζω) - def: I rend, divide asunder, cleave. The dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees.
 - Revelation 16:19 – ginomai (G1096, γίνομαι) - def: I come into being, am born, become, come about, happen. Talking about Babylon splitting into three parts.

“Divideth”/ “Divider” in the New Testament

- Divideth
 - Luke 11:22 – diadidómi (G1239, διαδίδωμι) - def: I offer here and there, distribute, divide, hand over. This regards the spoils taken by the stronger man.
- Divider
 - Luke 12:14 – meristéś (G3312, μεριστής) - def: a divider, partitioner, distributor. In regards to dividing inheritance.
- Paul and other New Testament writers had repeatedly used words that most definitely meant to divide, parse, or separate (most commonly: (G3307, merizó); (G4977, schizó); (G1266, diamerizó)).
- Paul chose a word (G3718, orthotomeō) that is unique in all of the New Testament (2 Timothy 2:15), thus we must closely examine what this word means and how we should apply it to this passage.

“Rightly Dividing” - No Match

- No words are found in the New Testament with the same (or similar) common root to G3718 for the words divide, divided or dividing.

2 Timothy 2:15	“rightly dividing”	G3718	ὀρθοτομοῦντα	orthotomeō
Matthew 25:32	divided	G873	ἀφορίζω	aphorizō
Revelation 16:19	divided	G1096	γίνομαι	ginomai
Luke 11:22	divideth	G1239	διαδίδωμι	diadidómi
1 Corinthians 12:11	dividing	G1244	διαίρέω	diaireó
Luke 22:17	divide	G1266	διαμερίζω	diamerizō
Acts 13:19	divided	G2624	κατακληρονομέω	kataklēronomeō
Luke 12:13	divide	G3307	μερίζω	merizō
Hebrew 4:12	dividing	G3311	μερισμός	merismos
Luke 12:14	divider	G3312	μεριστής	meristés

Multiple Bible Versions

(2 Timothy 2:15)

- ‘**rightly dividing** the word of truth’ (KJV)
- ‘dividyng the worde of trueth iustly’ (Tyndale)
- ‘accurately handling the word of truth’ (NAS)
- ‘who correctly handles the word of truth’ (NIV)
- ‘correctly explains the word of truth’ (NLT)
- ‘who teaches only the true message’ (CEV)
- ‘rightly handling the word of truth’ (ESV), (RSV)
- ‘rightly explaining the word of truth’ (NRSV)
- ‘laying out the truth plain and simple’ (The Message)
- ‘cut a direct path for the truthful word’ (The Source)
- ‘deals straightforwardly with the Word of the Truth’ (Jewish Bible)
- ‘cutting in a straight line the word of truth’ (Darby)

Verse Breakdown



- **Study** to shew **thymself approved** unto Elohiym, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - σπούδασον σεαυτὸν δόκιμον παραστήσαι τῷ θεῷ ἐργάτην ἀνεπαισχυτον ὀρθοτομοῦντα τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας
 - “study” - spoudazō (G4704, σπούδασον), defined as to make effort, be prompt or earnest, be diligent, endeavor, labour, study
 - “thymself” - seautou (G4572, σεαυτὸν), defined as thymself, thee, thine own self
 - “approved” - dokimos (G1384, δόκιμον), defined as acceptable, approved, tried



DOKIMOS

- "In the ancient world there was no banking system as we know it today, and no paper money. All money was made from metal, heated until liquid, poured into moulds and allowed to cool. When the coins were cooled, it was necessary to smooth off the uneven edges. The coins were comparatively soft, and of course many people shaved them closely. In one century, more than eighty laws were passed in Athens to stop the practice of whittling down the coins then in circulation. But some money-changers were men of integrity, who would accept no counterfeit money; they were men of honour who put only genuine, full-weight money into circulation. Such men were called dokimos, and this word is used here for the Christian as he is to be seen by the world." (Donald Grey Barnhouse, Romans: God's Glory, p. 18.)



Verse Breakdown



- Study **to shew thyself** approved unto **Elohiym, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed**, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - “to shew” - paristēmi (G3936, παραστήσαι), defined as to stand beside, to exhibit, recommend, substantiate, assist, bring before, command, commend, give presently, present, prove, provide, shew
 - ho (G3588, τῷ), defined as the definite article (the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.)
 - Elohiym - Theos (G2316, θεῷ), defined as (with G3588) the supreme Divinity
 - “a workman” - ergatēs (G2040, ἐργάτην), ἐργάτης defined as a toiler; figuratively, a teacher, labourer, worker. ἐργάτην defined as work.
 - “that needeth not to be ashamed” (G422, ἀνεπαίσχυντον), defined as “not ashamed”

Verse Breakdown



- Study to shew thyself approved unto Elohiym, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing **the word of truth**. (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - “the” - ho (G3588, τὸν), defined as the definite article (the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.)
 - “word” - logos (G3056, λόγον), defined as a topic, reasoning, account, cause, communication, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work
 - “of” - ho (G3588, τῆς), see above
 - “truth” - alētheia (G225, ἀληθείας), defined as truth, truly, verity

Verse Breakdown



- Study to shew thyself approved unto Elohiym, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - “rightly dividing” - orthotomeō (G3718, ὀρθοτομοῦντα), defined as to make a straight cut, to teach the truth directly and correctly, from a compound of words G3717 and G5114, used only one time in NT Scripture
 - orthos (G3717, ὀρθός), defined as right, level, direct, straight, upright
 - Said with a loud voice, Stand upright (G3717)... (Acts 14:10)
 - And make straight (G3717) paths for your feet... (Hebrews 12:13)
 - tomos (G5114, τομός), defined as to cut as if by a single stroke, more keen, sharper
 - For the word of Elohiym is quick, and powerful, and sharper (G5114) than any twoedged sword... (Hebrews 4:12)

Online Greek to English Translation

- The word for “rightly dividing” (G3718, ὀρθοτομοῦντα) was translated as “righteousness”
- The online Greek translator did not understand the ancient meaning of dokimos (G1384, δόκιμον) “cadets”
- The word for “that needeth not to be ashamed” (G422, ἀνεπαίσχυντον) was translated as “unforgiving”.

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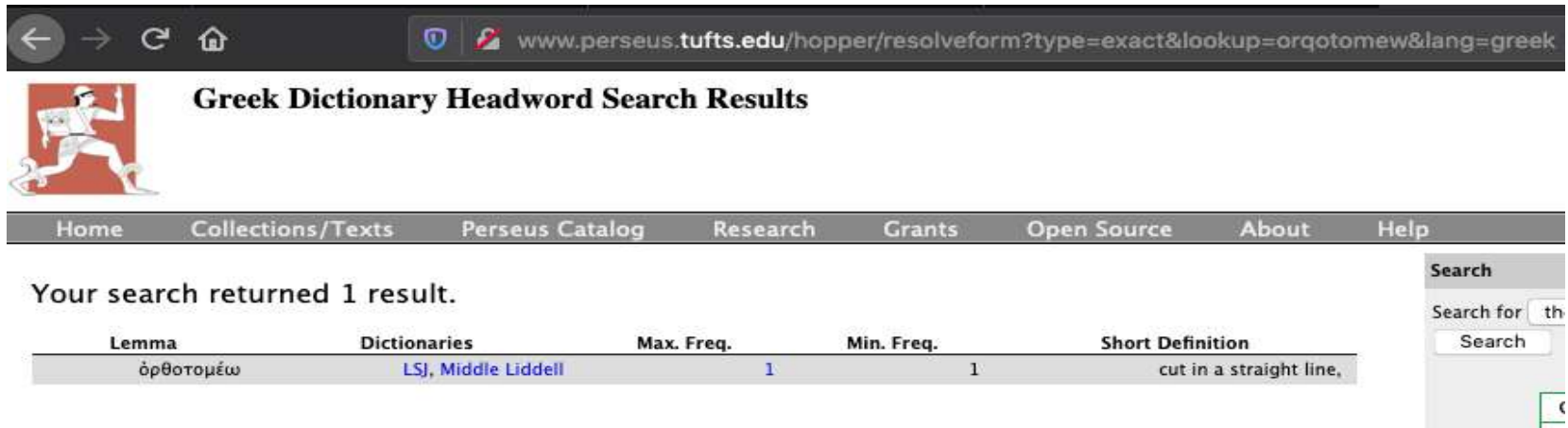
ἀνεπαίσχυντον ὀρθοτομοῦντα

Greek - English ✓
unforgiving righteousness

LSJ Lexicon

(G3718, ὀρθοτομοῦντα)

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2 Timothy (ed. Brooke Foss Westcott, Fenton John Anthony Hort)

(Greek) (English, ed. Rainbow Missions, Inc., Rainbow Missions, Inc.; revision of the American Standard Version of 1901) (Latin, ed. Saint Jerome, Bible Foundation and On-Line Book Initiative)

book II Timothy, chapter 2: ... σπουδάσον σεαυτὸν δόκιμον παραστήσαι τῷ θεῷ, ἐργάτην ἀνεπαίσχυντον, ὀρθοτομοῦντα τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας. τὰς δὲ βεβήλους κενοφωνίας



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ὀρθο-τομέω ,

A. cut in a straight line, “τὰς ὁδοὺς” **LXXPr.3.6** : metaph., ὁ. τὸν λόγον teach it aright, **2 Ep.Ti.2.15**.

LSJ: Henry George Liddell. Robert Scott. A Greek-English Lexicon. revised and augmented throughout by. Sir Henry Stuart Jones. with the assistance of. Roderick McKenzie. Oxford. Clarendon Press. 1940.

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BAGD and MM Lexicons

(G3718, ὀρθοτομοῦντα)

- BAGD: ορθοτομεω 'cut a path in a straight direction.' (Proverbs 3:6 and 11:5). A synonymous expression οδους ευθειας τεμνω found in Thucydides, meaning to 'cut a road across country in a straight direction.' For such other meanings as 'teach the word aright', expound it soundly, shape rightly, and preach fearlessly see MM.

- MM:

ὀρθοτομέω.

The meaning of this NT ἄπ. εἶρ. (2 Tim 2¹⁵; cf. Prov 3⁶, 11⁵) is by no means clear, but on the analogy of the similarly formed καινοτομέω, "make a new or strange assertion," it seems best to lay the main stress on the adj. and to understand by ὀρθοτομέω τὸν λόγον, "teach the word aright." Sophocles (*Lex. 2.5.*) renders "expound soundly"; cf. the use of ὀρθοτομία = "orthodoxy" in eccles. writers. Parry (*ad 2 Tim l.c.*) adopts the suggestion that the metaphor may be derived not from road making (τέμνειν ὁδόν), but from the mason's cutting stones fair and straight to fit into their places in a building, and compares the use of their simplex subst. in *Syll* 587¹⁷ (B.C. 329-5) μισθωτέ τῆς τομῆς τῶν λίθων, and "τομὴ καὶ κομιδὴ καὶ θέσις τοῦ λίθου. A different turn is given to the verb by Paspatis, who translates "preach fearlessly" on the ground

that in MGr ὀρθὰ κοπτά is used to denote "clearly and fearlessly": see *Exp* III. i. p. 238.

BAGD - A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, Second Edition 2nd Edition by Walter Bauer (Author), William F. Arndt (Editor), F. Wilbur Gingrich (Author, Editor), Frederick W. Danker (Editor)

MM - Vocabulary of the Greek Testament – Moulton/Milligan
(<https://archive.org/details/vocabularyofgree00mouluoft>)

Let Nothing Get in the Way of Truth

- As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of $\aleph\aleph\aleph$, make His paths **straight**. (Luke 3:4)
 - “straight” (G2117, $\epsilon\acute{\upsilon}\theta\epsilon\acute{\iota}\alpha\varsigma$), defined as straight, true, straightway, immediately
 - The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of $\aleph\aleph\aleph$, make **straight** the paths of our Elohiym. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and **all the crooked [ways] shall become straight**, and the rough [places] plains. (Isaiah 40:3-4 - Sept)
 - “straight” (Sept), $\epsilon\acute{\upsilon}\theta\epsilon\acute{\iota}\alpha\varsigma$
 - The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of $\aleph\aleph\aleph$, make straight ~~in the desert~~ a highway for our Elohiym. (Isaiah 40:3 - KJV)



Referenced by BAGD

(G3718, ὀρθοτομοῦντα)

- The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. (Proverbs 11:5)
 - “direct” (H3474, ישר) to be straight or even, direct, fit, right, straight (way), be upright
- Righteousness traces out blameless paths: but impiety encounters unjust dealing. (Proverbs 11:5 – Sept)
 - δικαιοσύνη ἀμώμους ὀρθοτομεῖ ὁδούς, ἀσέβεια δὲ περιπίπτει ἀδικία.
 - ὀρθοτομεῖ is equivalent to ישר (Septuagint Concordance – Hatch /Redpath Vol 2-3, pg 1011)

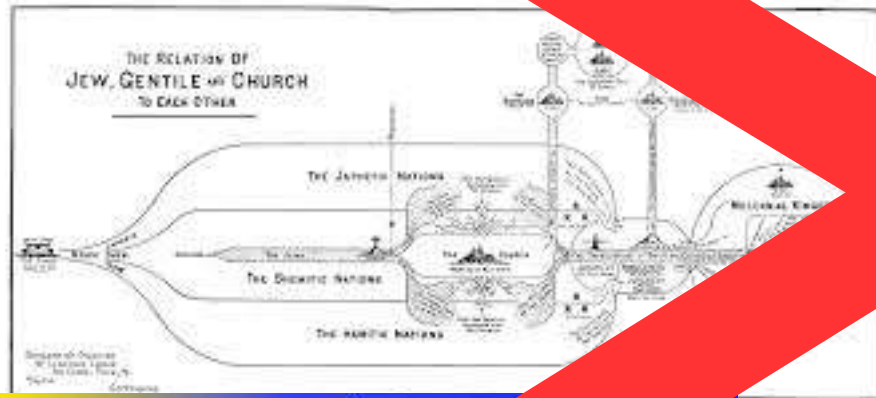
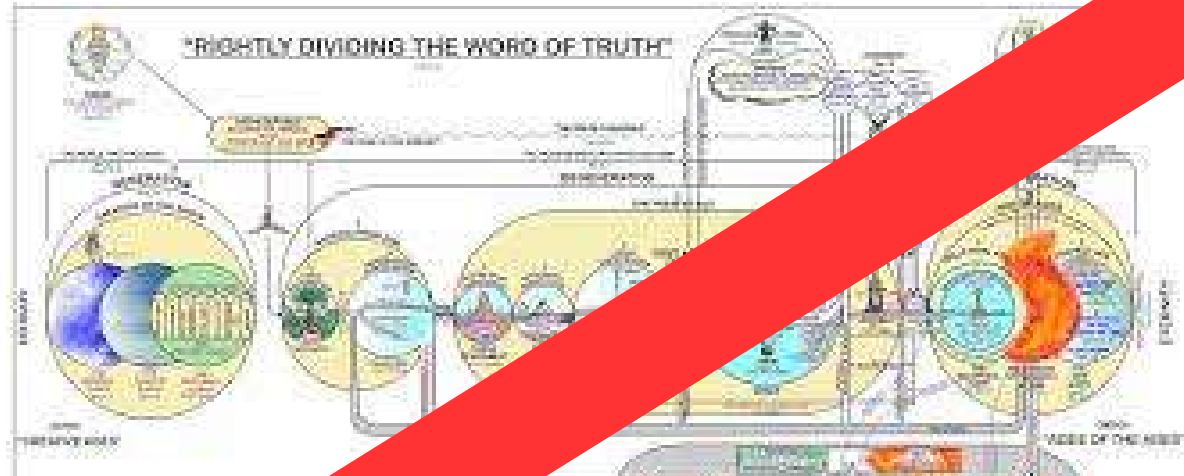
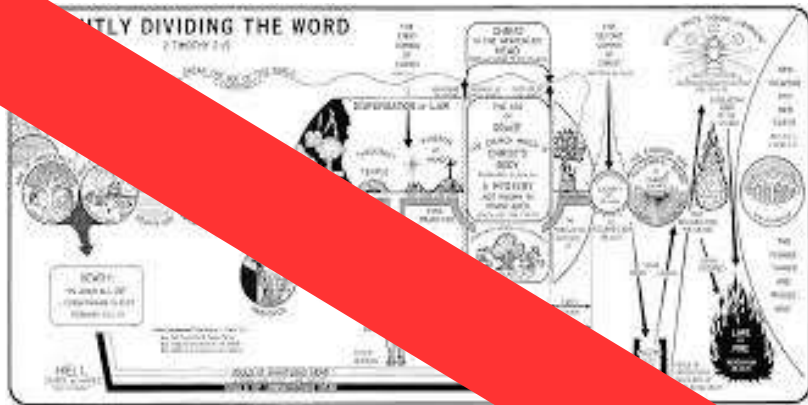
Paul Was Referencing Proverbs

- ...my dearly beloved son... the Adon give thee understanding in all things... Be eager to produce yourself proven to Elohiym as a laborer who has nothing to be ashamed of, and cut a direct path for the truthful Word. (2 Timothy 2:1/7/15* – *TS)
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- My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments... Trust in אֱלֹהִים with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct (H3474) thy paths. (Proverbs 3:1/5-6 – KJV)
- [My] son, forget not My laws; but let thine heart keep My words... Trust in Elohiym with all thine heart; and be not exalted in thine own wisdom. In all thy ways acquaint thyself with her, that she may rightly direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3:1/5-6 – Sept)
 - ἐν πάσαις ὁδοῖς σου γνώριζε αὐτήν, ἵνα ὀρθοτομῇ τὰς ὁδοὺς σου, ὃ δὲ πούς σου μὴ προσκόπη. (Proverbs 3:6 – Sept)

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“Rightly Dividing” is a Bad Translation, and Dispensationalism Used it to Make Lies



PAUL
The Apostle
To the
Divided!

THE WORD OF TRUTH

... a reliable tool for the lay person. —R. C. Sproul

DISPENSATIONALISM



The Wicked Set Soul Traps

- Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity. (Psalm 141:9)
- For among My people were found wicked men; and they have set snares to destroy men, and have caught [them]. As a snare which has been set is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore have they grown great, and become rich: and they have transgressed [the rule of] judgment; they have not judged the cause of the orphan, nor have they judged the cause of the widow. Shall I not visit for these things? saith אף אף : and shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this? Shocking and horrible deeds have been done on the land; the prophets utter unrighteous prophecies, and the priests have clapped their hands: and My people has loved [to have it] thus: and what will ye do for the future? (Jeremiah 5:26-31 - Sept)



The Bait for Snares and Gins

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- *Dispensationalism (along with Prosperity Theology*, etc) is the bait.*

Warning: False Doctrine below

- *The Church is now His chosen people.*
- *The Church is now saved by grace alone, all of the law was nailed to the cross... we do good things but are basically free to do whatever we want.*
- *Once saved, always saved!*
- *You're promised health, wealth, and security!**
- *The Church is going to get raptured out before any real tribulation starts.*

End of False Doctrine

- Most of western Christianity has taken this very bait and blindly, happily sits in a soul trap with their eternal destination in jeopardy.

Messiah's Warning to Christians and Dispensationalism

- Not every one that saith unto Me, Adon, Adon, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Adon, Adon, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:21-23)
- And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. (1 John 2:3)

Escape the Soul Traps !!!

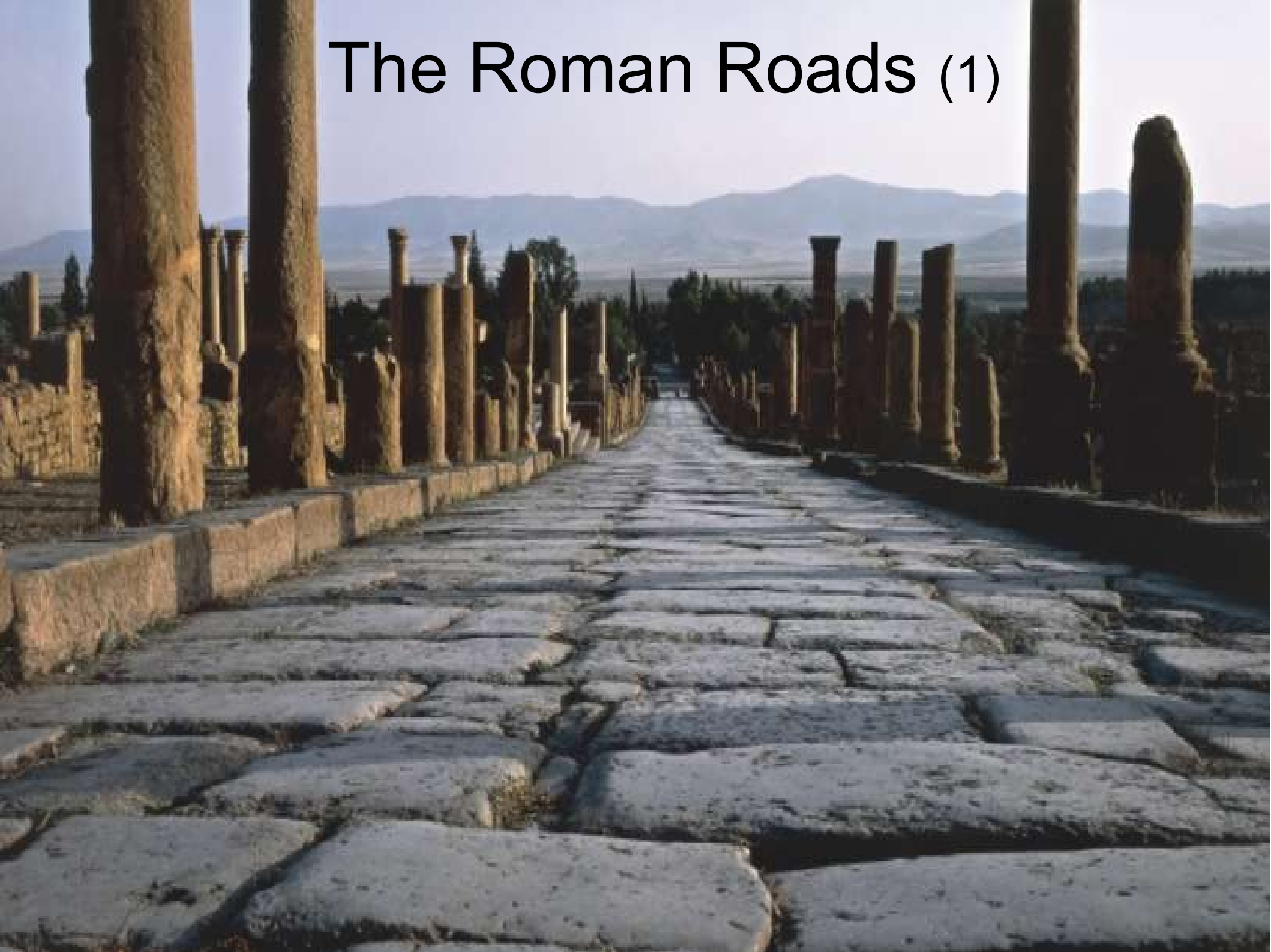
- I will say of אֱלֹהִים, He is my refuge and my fortress: my Elohiym; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. (Psalm 91:2-4)
 - But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings... (Malachi 4:2)
- ...if Elohiym peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. ([2 Timothy 2:25-26](#))
- Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of El, and the faith of אֱלֹהִים. (Revelation 14:12)

Ask and Seek for the Truth

- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12)
- Lest satan should get an advantage of us: for **we are not ignorant of his devices.** (2 Corinthians 2:11)
- But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of **the glorious gospel of Messiah, who is the image of Elohiym,** should shine unto them. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find...** (Matthew 7:7)
- **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** (John 8:32)



The Roman Roads (1)



The Roads of the Roman Empire

- When driving on roads in Britain, if the road is straight for more than a kilometre it is common practice to say, “this must be a Roman road”.
- The longest straight stretch of road in England is the 33-mile (53 km) stretch of Ermine Street from Winteringham, on the Southern side of the River Humber, to Lincoln. The Fosse Way from Lincoln to Axminster a distance of 200 miles (300 km) deviates by less than 6m (10km) from a straight line between the two forts despite deviations to follow watersheds. Inspection of series of straights on Google Earth indicates no deviation (within hedge lines for 18km lengths).
- The **Roman Army** needed good roads to allow its support and supply train to function. **Roads were built as straight as possible** in order to travel quickly and minimize materials needed.

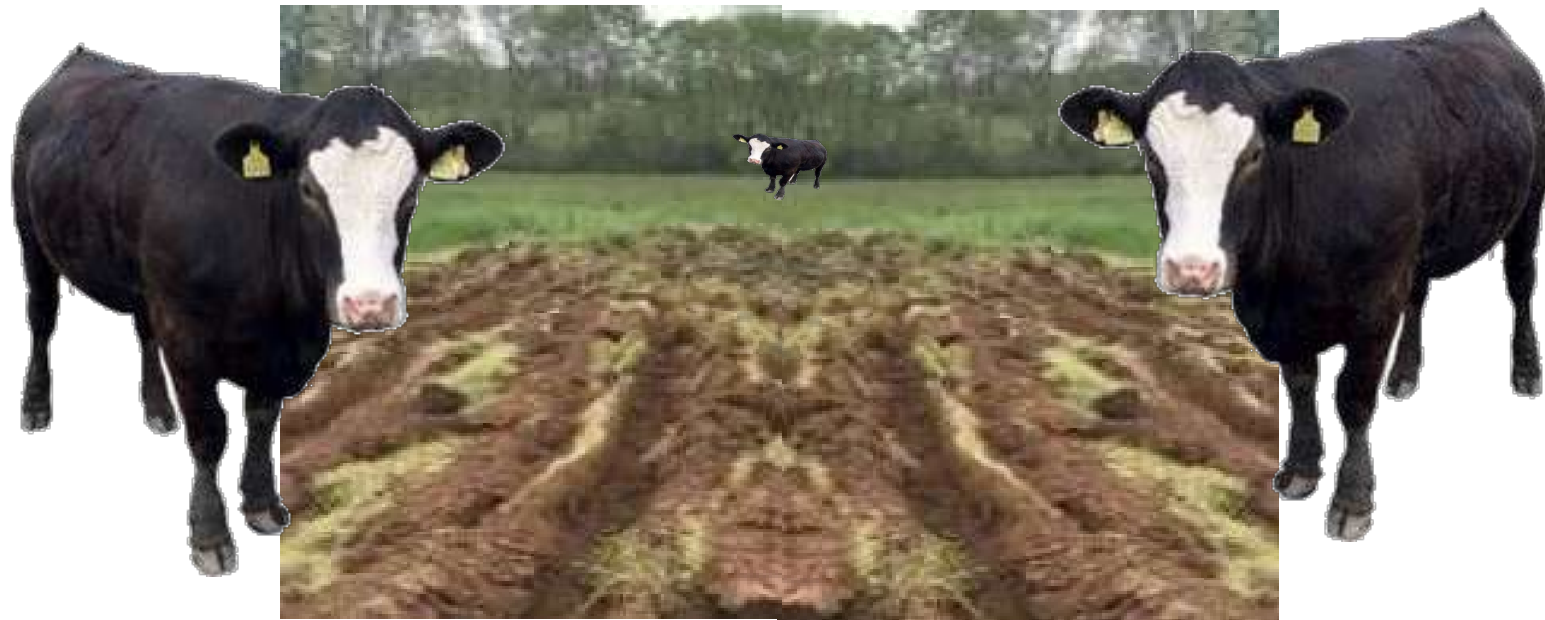
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- Vitruvius (in “De architectura”) described the process of construction of the highway [probably in Rome] as follows: The field engineer, assisted by a stake man aligned the road with a Groma and ran levels with chorobates. A plow was used to loosen the soil and mark the trench (“fossa”) margins. Workers dug out trenches down to firm material. [If no firm material was found timber piles or floating timber mattresses were installed]. [Cross-drains or culverts were installed] The bed was tamped firm. The foundation of lime mortar or sand was laid to form a level base (“pavimentum”).



How Not to Plow a Field

- A farmer was teaching his son to plow a field with a mule. He said, “Pick out an object at the end of the field, line it up between the mule’s ears and go straight to it. Just like aiming your rifle.” When the farmer returned later in the day, he found the rows zigzagged all over the field. The son explained, “I did what you said and lined up with that dark object in the pasture.” The farmer shook his head. “Son, that’s the cow out there and she was grazing. You have to focus on something that’s not going to move.”




The Doctrine of Men Moves...

- For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, **speaking perverse things**, to draw away disciples after them. (Acts 20:29-30)
- And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with **enticing words**... Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and vain **deceit**, after the tradition of men... (Colossians 2:4)
- ...tossed to and fro, and carried about with **every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (Ephesians 4:14)
- He bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (Matthew 16:12)
- ...**also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate**. (Revelation 2:15)



The Flesh Wants the Lies

- For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but **after their own lusts** shall they heap to themselves teachers, **having itching ears**; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:3-4)
- For the people is disobedient, false children, who would not hear the law of Elohiym: who say to the prophets, **Report not to us**; and to them that see visions, Speak [them] not to us, but speak and **report to us another error** (Isaiah 30:9-10)
- For, uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they entice in **the lusts of the flesh ...promising them liberty**, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for by whom a man is overcome, by the same is he also brought into bondage. (2 Peter 2:18-19)
- Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Adon  Messiah, but their own belly; and by **good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.** (Romans 16:17-18)



...Towards Destruction



- But the word of אָרְאָל was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. (Isaiah 28:13)
- ...there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies... And **many will follow their destructive ways,** because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. (2 Peter 2:1-2 - NKJV)
- ...as our beloved brother Paul...in all his epistles...are some things hard to be understood which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:15-16)
- Let no man deceive you by any means: for... there come a falling away ...For the mystery of iniquity doth already work... (2 Thessalonians 2:3/7)
- For there shall arise false messiahs, and false prophets... that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24)
- ...in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Mark 7:7)



A Field Well Plowed

- The next time the farmer's son plowed the field, he focused intently on the great rock in the distance and the plowed row was straight.



Keeping Your Focus on Him



Peter Lost His Focus

- And in the fourth watch of the night ἠὲρ ἤρως went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway ἠὲρ ἤρως spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid**. And Peter answered Him and said, Adon, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water. And He said, **Come**. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to ἠὲρ ἤρως . But **when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink**, he cried, saying, Adon, save me. And immediately ἠὲρ ἤρως stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?** (Matthew 14:25-31)

Focus On Him

- @wƒǻz Messiah is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)
- but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before (Philippians 3:13)
- Looking unto @wƒǻz the author and finisher of our faith... (Hebrews 12:2)
- Seek ǻƒǻz and His strength, seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- Hearken to Me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek ǻƒǻz: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn... (Isaiah 51:1)
- See, I have set before thee this day life and good... (Deuteronomy 30:15)
- Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek ǻƒǻz, till He come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hosea 10:12)

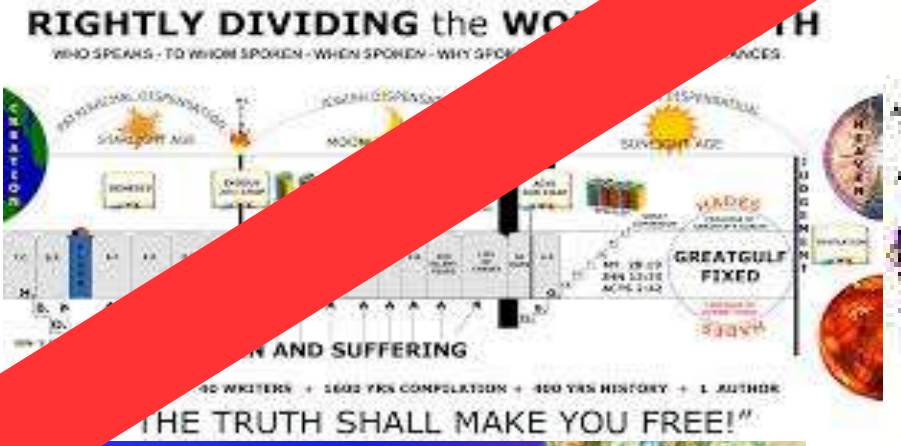
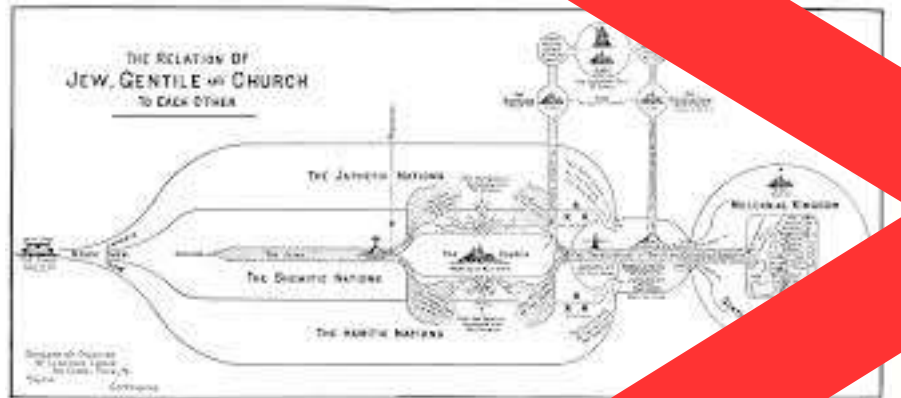
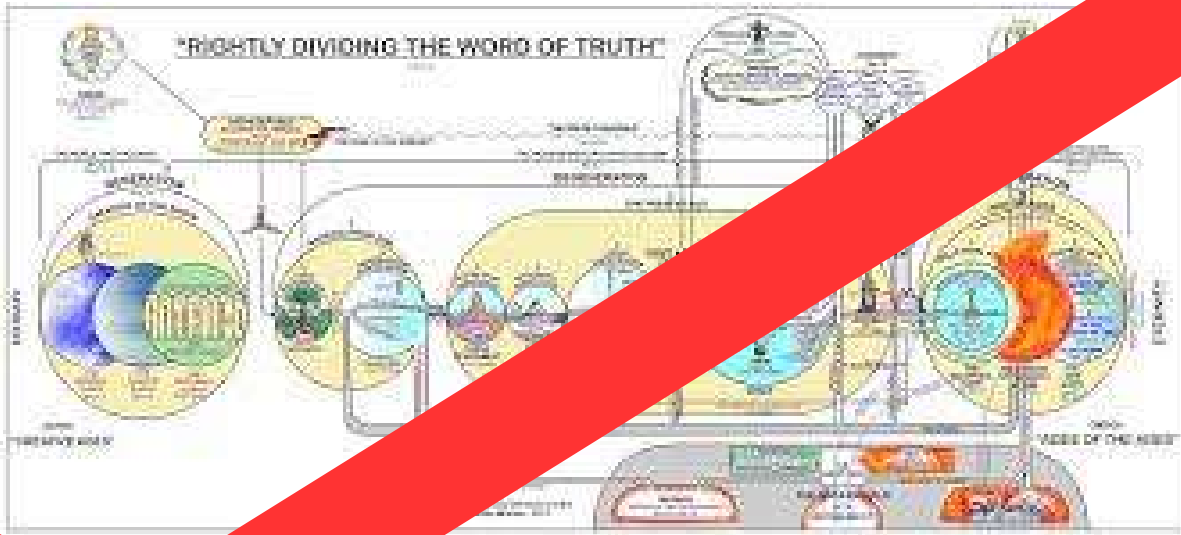
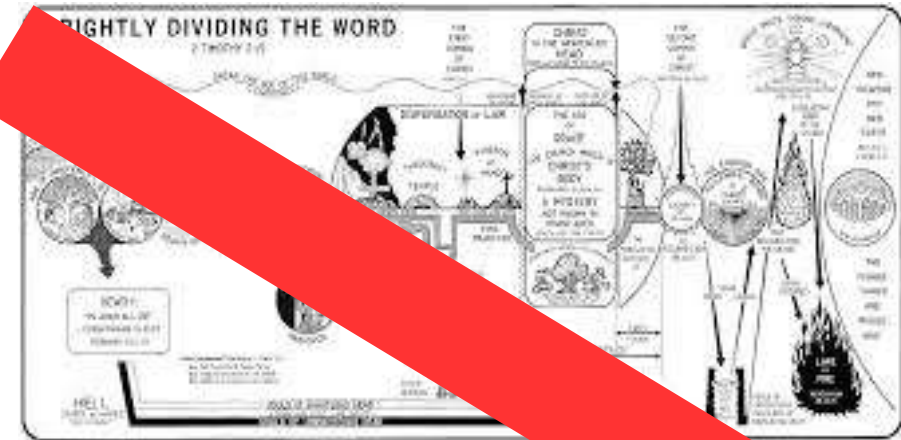


He Made The Path Straight and Simple

- Lead me, O אֱלֹהִים, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face. (Psalm 5:8)
- And make straight paths for your feet... (Hebrews 12:3)
- ...all the crooked [ways] shall become straight... (Isaiah 40:4 – Sept)
- ...I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble... (Jeremiah 31:9)
- The way of the righteous is made straight... (Isaiah 26:7)
- He led them also by a straight way... (Psalm 107:7 – HNV)
- Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Messiah אֱלֹהִים. (2 Timothy 2:1)



Dispensationalism: Lies Made By Men, Twisted and Complex



His Simple Plan For You: The Straight and Narrow Path

Love

Faith

Obedience



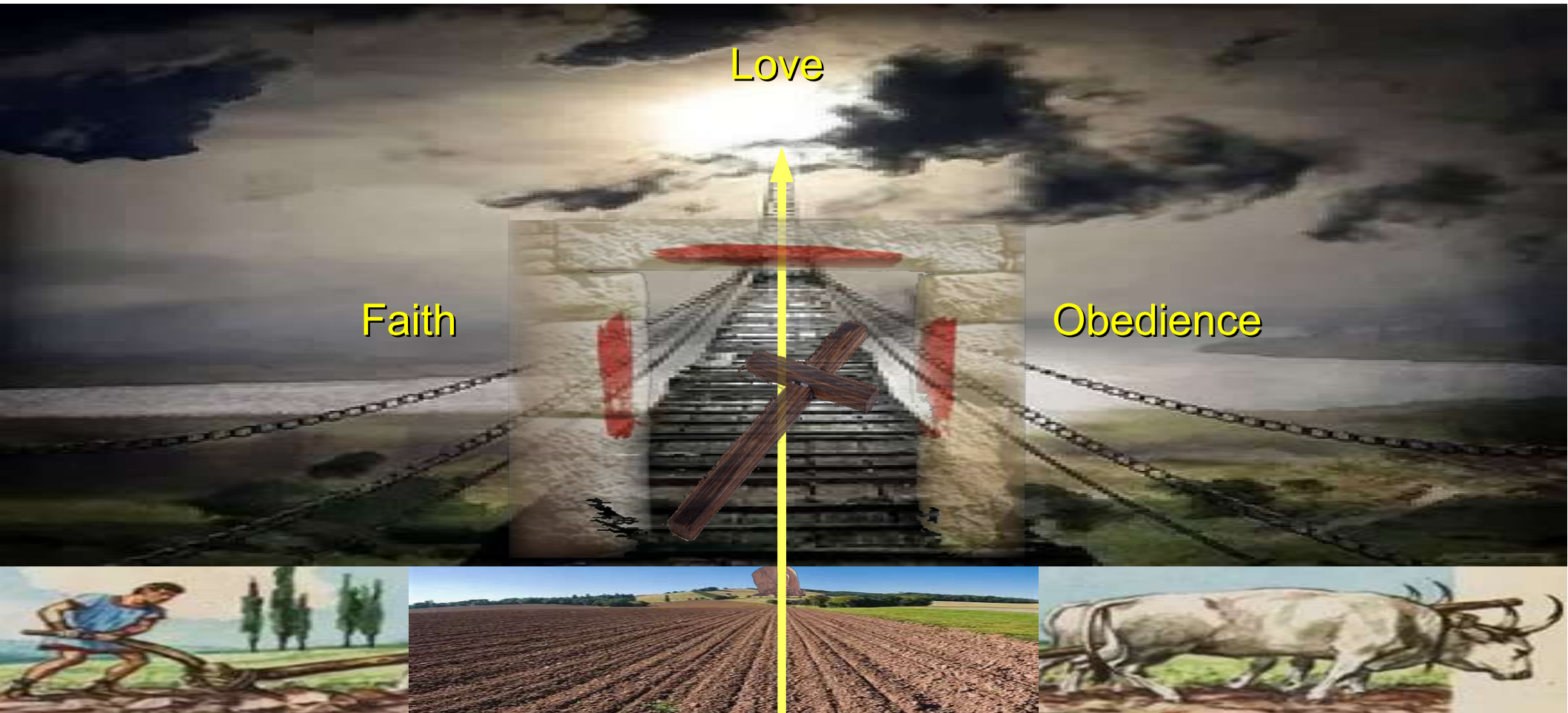
Endure All Things, Soldier

- ...my son, be strong in the grace that is in Messiah משיח. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also ...endure hardness, as a good soldier of משיח Messiah. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier... The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits... I endure all things for the elect's sakes... If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him (2 Timothy 2:1/3-4/6/10/12)
- Be eager to produce yourself to be proven to Elohiym as a laborer who has nothing to be ashamed of, and cut a direct path for the truthful word. (2 Timothy 2:14-15 – TS)
- But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more impiety. And their word will eat as doth a canker... Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of El standeth sure, having this seal, משיח knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Messiah depart from iniquity. (2 Timothy 2:16-19)



Focus On Him & Keep Your Path Straight

- That ye might walk worthy of the Adon unto all pleasing, **being fruitful** in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of El; **Strengthened** with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; **Giving thanks unto the Father**, which hath made us meet to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light**...into the kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:10-12)



Rightly Dividing

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ TRUTH} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ TRUTH} = \text{LIE}$$

Almost Right is Always Wrong

