



## Matthew Chapter 4 The Great Temptation

Welcome one again to another study into the book of Matthew chapter 4. Our study into the fourth chapter of the book of Matthew will be centered around several aspects of our Messiah's ministry the first of which will be the temptation of our Messiah by our adversary who most people today know as "the Devil". This one event holds many truths that most modern-day Christians never take the time to ponder including what it was that our Messiah used as his weapon of choice when it came to defeating his adversary who was doing all that he could to persuade our Messiah to worship him instead of the Elohyim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

During our first 8 studies into the book of Matthew we have made it abundantly clear why it is that we as modern-day Christians need to know and understand what Matthew knew and understood about this Messiah who had just arrived on the world stage. How did Matthew know that this Yeshua Jesus was the Messiah? How did he know that he could trust this man by the name of Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek) when he said that he was indeed the only begotten Son of God? What did this man Yeshua Jesus do that convinced the Apostle Matthew that he truly was the Son of God? And how would Matthew have known how to test this man Yeshua Jesus to know whether or not he was telling people the truth when he said, and I quote "I am the Son of God"?

And another question that arises during Matthew chapter 4 is what did our Messiah know about the first half of the Bible that most modern-day Christians do not? How was he able to make the Devil flee from him during this time of temptation? What knowledge did our Messiah possess that led to his victory that day? What supernatural power did he use to overcome the Devil and his temptations? What was... his weapon of choice?

Most modern-day Christians today never ponder what our Messiah's weapon of choice was that day or how he used it to claim victory over the Devil. The truth is that our Messiah used the Law of God his Father... his spoken word... his Torah to fight off the Devil that day. But most modern-day Christians are never taught about this very unique weapon that they too... have at their disposal. They never see how the very Law of God... the very Torah of God... the very spoken word of God protected our exhausted and famished Messiah who had not eaten for 40 days and 40 nights.

It is written in the book of Hosea that Yehvoah God said that his people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (scrn 1)

## Destroyed For Lack of Knowledge...

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.



As we continue our study into the book of Matthew and the rest of the Apostles, we will clearly see that the Law of God is not to be played with. The Law of God is a shield of protection. The Law of God is what brings life and makes death run away. The Law of God is indeed “perfect” just as we’re told in **Psalms chapter 19. E1**

### **The Law of the Lord Is Perfect**

**Psa 19:1 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Psa 19:2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Psa 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Psa 19:4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

Psa 19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Psa 19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

Psa 19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psa 19:9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psa 19:11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psa 19:12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Psa 19:13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Even James tells us that the Law of God is perfect. (scrn 2)

### The Perfect Law of Liberty...

Jas 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Jas 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

Jas 1:24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

Jas 1:25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.



The perfect Law of liberty is the Law that sets us free from the chains and bondage of sin and transgression so that we can return to our Father in heaven so that he can once again be our God and so that we can once again be his children. And for those of you who have been entrenched in the deception of what today's church calls the writings of the Apostle Paul... you need to listen closely to what the Apostle Paul actually said about the Law that our Messiah used against the Devil that day. (scrn 3)



**Rom 2:13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.**

**Rom 3:31** Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.**

**Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

**Rom 6:2** **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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**Rom 7:12** So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

**Rom 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.

**Rom 8:8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.**

You see according to the Apostle Paul himself, and the Apostle James and the Elders in Jerusalem... the Apostle Paul always lived in observance of the Law. (scrn 4)

### Paul Always Observed The Law Of God...

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then **with the mind I myself serve the Law of God,** but with the flesh the law of sin.

Act 21:23 **Do therefore what we tell you (Paul). We have four men who are under a vow;**

Act 21:24 **take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself (Paul) also live in observance of the law.**



And as we journey through the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew we're going to once again see why the Law of God was not done away with as far as the Apostle Matthew was concerned. And we'll also see just how powerful the Law of God was when our Messiah used the Law of his Father to cause the Devil to flee from him. And so, before we go any further let's read the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew and let's see just how our Messiah was able to overcome the temptation of the evil one. **Matthew 4 E2**

### **The Temptation of Jesus**

**Mat 4:1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

**Mat 4:2** And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

**Mat 4:3** And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

**Mat 4:4** But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

**Mat 4:5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple

**Mat 4:6** and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

**Mat 4:7** Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

**Mat 4:8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

**Mat 4:9** And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

**Mat 4:10** Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

**Mat 4:11** Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

### **Jesus Begins His Ministry**

**Mat 4:12** Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

**Mat 4:13** And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

**Mat 4:14** so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

**Mat 4:15** "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

**Mat 4:16** the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

**Mat 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

Mat 4:18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

Mat 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mat 4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mat 4:21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

Mat 4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

### Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

Mat 4:23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Mat 4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.

Mat 4:25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

One of the very first things that Matthew tells us here in Matthew chapter four is about the temptation of our Messiah. Here is our Messiah who had not eaten for 40 days and for 40 nights on the very brink of death itself. This is the condition that our Messiah was in when the Spirit led him into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil.

Now... I'd like for us to stop and think about this for just a moment. Here was our Messiah in such a weak state of condition that he could barely even walk. He had no physical way of defending himself. 40 Days and 40 nights without food is almost unimaginable. Here he is in the weakest state that he had ever been in his life thus far... and now he has to do battle with the Devil, the Dragon, the Serpent himself. And our Messiah winds up in the end becoming victorious over the Devil. And so, the question then becomes... how did he do that? How was our Messiah able to gain victory over the Devil in such a weak physical state?

The clear, plain, and simple answer to that question is that he used the Law of his Father.

I'd like us to take a closer look at the responses that our Messiah gave to the Devil when he was tempted. Our Messiah responded to three very distinct temptations from the Devil, and here is how he responded. **(scrn 5)**



## Yeshua Uses The Law To Defeat The Devil...

But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

### **The Law (Torah)**

Deu 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.



Here... the very first temptation of the Devil himself was thwarted by our Messiah who did nothing but quote from the Law of God his Father. Once again... words that come directly from what we know today as the “Old Testament”. Was the Law of God done away with as far as our Messiah was concerned? I think not. **(scrn 6)**

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Deu 6:16 “You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.



And here once again, the Devil throws a temptation at our Messiah and what does he do? Does he threaten the Devil? Does he attack the Devil? Does he argue with the Devil? No! Yeshua simply once again quotes the Law of his Father once again from Deuteronomy chapter 6. (screen 7)



## Yeshua Uses The Law To Defeat The Devil...

Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “**You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.**”

### **The Law (Torah)**

Deu 6:13 **It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.**



And here yet again... we have a third temptation... and a third quoting of our Messiah from the Law of his Father directly from the book of Deuteronomy that finally causes the Devil to flee from him in defeat.

Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek) used nothing more than the Law of his Father to defeat the Devil his adversary that day. Knowing this and keeping this in mind... I ask you plainly... what does the modern church today have to defeat the Devil with today in our time? What weapon do they poses that is capable of defeating evil?

Do today's modern day denominational Christian empires not by in large teach that the law has been done away with? Do they not now today in our time teach that the Law is even a curse? Have they not removed the feast days and appointments and commandments and precepts of God himself in order to create their own feast days and festivals and commandments of men?  
**(scrn 8)**

## You Hypocrites Says... Our Messiah!

Mat 15:7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:  
Mat 15:8 ““This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;  
Mat 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.””

### **The Curse of The Hypocrite:**

Isa 29:13 And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

Isa 29:14 therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”



This my friends is indeed the curse of the hypocrite. Those who honor our Father and his only begotten Son with their lips while their hearts are far from him teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men... will perish... and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.

And this is exactly why most modern-day professing Christians who willfully and intentionally choose to sit in a man-made denominational church pew worshiping the doctrines of men and those who teach them will not be able to understand the truth. The discernment of true discerning men will be hidden from them. (scrn 9)

## God Sends Them A Strong Delusion...

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

2Th 2:10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2Th 2:11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

2Th 2:12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



Those who reject the truth... will be convicted by the truth. The very thing that gave our Messiah victory over the Devil is the very thing that the church today rejects, and so it is that Yehovah God has given them a strong delusion so that they may believe... what is false.

Have you ever wondered why people in the church today will not listen to you when you quote or recite our God breathed Scripture to them? Have you ever wondered what supernatural power is behind the inability to hear and know and understand the truth for what it is? Have you ever found yourself pulling your hair out because of people who simply will not believe what is written within the confines of the very God breathed Scripture that they hold in their very hands? Even when you show it to them within their own Bibles... they do not have the eyes to see or the ears to hear it? Why?

In the end... you're fighting an unwinnable battle. And you may even be fighting against God himself who gave that person a strong delusion so that they may believe what is false because they have rejected the truth.

Rejecting the truth is dangerous my friends. Rejecting the truth does indeed come with a penalty, and I would submit to you my friends that, that penalty is the same penalty that was long ago handed down back in the beginning of the book of Genesis. (**scrn 10**)



## The Penalty For Not Accepting The Truth...

1Jn 3:4 **Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.**

Rom 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



It is written that the biblical definition of “sin”... is the transgression of the Law. And so therefore, if you have done away with the Law... you can no longer have “sin”. Because that’s what “sin” is... it’s the transgression of God’s Law. And the penalty for transgressing that Law... is death. The wages of transgression (also known as “sin”) is death! And once again... we see that this is why Yehvoah God puts a strong delusion in the minds of the unbeliever so that they may go on to believe what is false in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

You see, not believing the truth comes with a penalty. The very same penalty that is given within God’s Law. The very same penalty that has existed from the beginning of time. But the church today and its thousands of denominational charters of men claim that the Law of God is nothing but blank white pages, all done away with, and nothing but a curse. For them... they will be accepted by their false god... because their false god knows nothing of justice. And because their false god does not seem to be capable or able to keep his promises and his prophecies. Their false god has created for them a new law and his motto is “Do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law” which once again... comes right out of the Devils bible itself!

What needs to be understood concerning the temptation of our Messiah is that our Messiah had the power to call down legions of Angels if he wanted to. He had the power to do battle supernaturally with the Devil if he had chosen to. But what both our Messiah and the Devil both understood... is that the war that they were engaged in was not solely a war of the flesh. This war... is a spiritual war that does indeed sometimes include the flesh... but is not won by the flesh. This war will be won by the spirit and the truth that destroys all deception.

It's important that our Messiah although he had power from on high... did not use that power for himself. The miracles that are documented within the writings of the Apostles and throughout history our Messiah did to heal the sick and to allow the blind to see, and to remove the demons and bring back God's people to God his Father. Our Messiah did not come to do magic tricks in the public square like the magicians and sorcerers were doing. The only time our Messiah ever used the power that was given to him was for the benefit of others.

What we need to remember is that our Messiah was tempted throughout his life just like we are tempted on a day-to-day basis, and yet he was without sin. (**scrn 11**)

### **Tempted Yes.. But Without Transgression!**

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.



Our Messiah although he had committed no sin himself... became sin for our sake, so that we might come to the righteousness of God. (**scrn 12**)



## He Became “Sin” That We May Become Righteous!

2Co 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



And because our Messiah had become sin in order that sin may be destroyed, it was our Father's will to crush him as it is written; (**scrn 13**)

## It Was His Will To Crush Him...

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.





The point that we need to see in this documented temptation of our Messiah is that he always lived by and walked within the obedience of his Father's Law. (scrn 14)

### What Both Matthew And Yeshua Jesus Already Knew..

Deu 8:1 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers.

Deu 8:2 And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

Deu 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.



Our Messiah was not only well aware of his Father's Law... but he was also doing and keeping his Father's law. He was at every feast day, at every appointment, at every 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath including but not limited to the feast of Dedication also known as Hanukkah. He literally fought for his Father's Temple by fashioning a whip out of chords and by going into his Father's temple and kicking over the tables and cracking that whip telling the sinners there that this was his Father's Temple and that it was not to be a marketplace.

Our God breathed Scripture today tells us that whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (scrn 15)

## We Are To Walk As HE... Walked!

1Jn 2:2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1Jn 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



And so... if it is written that we should walk in the same way in which our Messiah walked... and we know that he always lived in observance of his Father's Law... how then can the church today say that we do not have to walk as he walked? What authority does the church today have to proclaim that we are to follow after them... and not our Messiah? The truth of the matter is that there is nothing new under the sun. What has been done will be done. Is there anything of which it can be said "See this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us. And so, it is with our modern-day Pharisees and Scribes who, just like the Pharisees and Scribes of our Messiah's time honor him with their lips while their hearts are far from him.

Our Messiah was... is... and always will be a true Israelite who knew full well and even taught throughout his ministry that man does not live by bread alone, but by **every word**... (get that my friends, by **every word**) that comes out of the mouth of God. Man does not live by bread alone even to this very day. Man lives by **every word** that comes from the mouth of God. And if this be true... and we know that it is because our Messiah tells us that it is... then how can the church today say that only half of the words that came out of Gods mouth are true... and that the other half of his words are no longer life giving... but null and void and a curse that leads to death?

Either it is true that man lives by **every word** that comes from the mouth of God... or... both God and our Messiah were only kidding? Which one do you think is plausible?

You see it was Adam the first man who thought that man lived by bread alone and who thought that he could ignore the spoken word of God that plunged mankind into sin in the first place!


And this is why our Messiah had to be sent... the second man... Yeshua Jesus in order to bring mankind back to the spoken word of God that brings life. (scrn 16)

**By One Mans OBEDIENCE!**

Rom 5:17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Rom 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.



And so here we are told that by one mans “obedience” (get that my friends “obedience”)... many will be made righteous. How could this be? It is so, because we are commanded to pick up our crosses and to follow him! It is so, because we are commanded to walk as he walked... once again... in obedience. This is where he is leading us to. This was the example that he himself set as a human being. It is written that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3).

How hard is this concept of “obedience” for us to understand? The church today teaches that there is no need for “obedience” and that you’re “once saved always saved” and that their Gentile country club church has replaced the House of Israel, and that their Jesus came to change his Father’s Sabbath to suit himself and to celebrate his own birthday, and to make it all about himself while winking in the eye of sin and transgression and assimilating himself into the world with long hair as a pacifist who never really stands for or against anything.

How did our Messiah bring us to the righteousness of God his Father? He did it through “obedience” my friends. “Obedience” to what? Clearly... our Messiah was “obedient to his Father’s Law... his spoken word... his Torah, and if this be so and we know that it is according to our God breathed Scripture... and we know that we are also commanded to walk as he walked and to do as he did according to his Father’s Law... how then can we not have the Law of God written in our hearts and in our minds so that we can also show our love for God the



same way that our Messiah showed his love for God his Father? (scrn 17)

## For This Is The Love of God...

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.



And once again my friends in closing I would like to mention Matthew chapter 4 verse 3 where the Devil himself says and I quote, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” Clearly even the Devil and his demons knew who our Messiah was. Even the Devil calls him, and I quote, “the Son of God”. Which is once again another whole study that we don’t have time for this week but... we will return next 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath with even more information concerning why our Messiah fasted for 40 days and for 40 nights and we’ll talk more about who it is that tests... and who it is that tempts mankind. And we’ll begin to see the beginning of what would be the ministry of our Messiah.

But until that time... I will once again ask as I always do that everyone within the sound of my voice would please... take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet, and bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and his door alone and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.