

**Study of Romans 13**  
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**Romans 13:1-14**

*Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. **For there IS NO power but of Elohim: the powers that be, are ordained of Elohim.***

For most people the belief that YHVH has placed every leader of every country, every province, every city, the leader of every church group and or denominational group, the leader of every union etc., **IS** a major paradigm shift that most people have **NOT** yet embraced and more than likely will never embrace, **BECAUSE** they are either unable or unwilling to do so.

Why **IS IT** important for us to believe that YHVH has appointed all these people into their respective roles? *Verse 2 Whosoever therefore **RESISTS** the power, **RESISTS the ordinance of Elohim: and they that RESIST the ordinances of Elohim SHALL RECEIVE TO THEMSELVES DAMNATION.***

Now please stop for a moment and reflect on the gravity of this statement that Paul has made here in *verse 2*, we need to reflect on this statement because **IT IS** extremely important, it can affect our eternal resting place. Please ensure that you are **NOT** one of the people that **CANNOT** make the paradigm shift into believing that Elohim **IS** indeed in charge of **ALL THINGS**, He is Sovereign, including appointing **ALL** the leaders of every man made government and or organizations in the world. *Matthew 10:28-29 And fear **NOT** them who kill the body, but are **NOT ABLE** to kill the soul: **BUT** rather fear Him (YHVH) who is able **TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL.29** Are **NOT** two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them **SHALL NOT FALL ON THE GROUND WITHOUT THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER.***

Now I would like you to get a picture in your mind of the ideal family. Do you have that picture in your mind? Who **IS** in charge of that family in your picture? In the ideal family **IT IS** the father or it should be the father that **IS** the ultimate authority in the home and the wife is his helpmate and together they appoint the duties that the children have to carry out. **IT IS** no different with our heavenly Father, for He **IS** indeed the ultimate and ideal Father, and through His omniscience, His wisdom and foreknowledge, He appoints **ALL** leaders that will bring His salvation plan to fruition. Why **IS IT** critical to believe that Elohim appoints **ALL** leaders? Paul tells us why; he says: **they that RESIST SHALL receive to themselves damnation.** Our heavenly Father always gives us a choice, and the choices we make will lead to eternal salvation or eternal damnation. Again I ask you, to think **SERIOUSLY** about what Paul has said, when he said, *whosoever therefore **RESISTS** the power, the authority, **RESISTS THE ORDINANCE OF ELOHIM.***

Let me give you a classic example. How many people would believe that **IT IS ELOHIM** that put that monster, Adolf Hitler in power, in the early 1930's? I would venture to say, little to none. And yet Scripture tells us, that Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar and all other leaders that came against Israel were actually appointed by Elohim, they were **HIS SERVANTS**, therefore we have to believe and understand that Hitler, the evil monstrous despot, was also appointed by Elohim to have Judah and **ALL** of Israel **RETURN** to YHVH and His ancient Paths of Righteousness, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His torah of Life.

How much proof do you need before **YOU** start to believe that YHVH **IS INDEED SOVEREIGN AND IN CHARGE OF ALL THINGS** and that furthermore **IT IS** YHVH that appoints **ALL** leaders of the world? Even a cursory study of history will tell you that the people that were in charge of Germany before Hitler came to power, discounted Hitler and his party as a fringe party that could **NEVER** be elected and **YET**, he was elected. That my friends **IS** YHVH at work, ensuring that His people understand that He **IS** sovereign and that He wants everyone **TO RETURN** to Him with a repentant contrite heart, so that He can teach us His ways, His paths of Righteousness, His Torah and have us discard and shed the ways of the world, the doctrines of man, in order that we can **LIVE**, for we are told in Scripture that YHVH's Torah **IS LIFE TO US**..

*Verse 3 For rulers are **NOT** a terror to **GOOD** works, **BUT** to the evil. Will you then **NOT** be afraid of the power, the authority? Do that which **IS GOOD** (keep the Torah of Moses), and you shall have praise of the same:*

To understand this *verse* we have to first understand that **IT IS** YHVH's wish that **NOT** even one person would perish, and that when we, the people of Elohim, corporately obey Him, He **WILL** put leaders in place that **WILL DO** what **IS RIGHT**, for they are not a terror to good works, but they are a terror to **EVIL** works. Therefore we are to obey the authorities, and yes Janice, before you say it, that means obeying the traffic laws also. When we obey the law we are called good, law abiding citizens, but when we break the law as individuals, we are punished for it.

However when we corporately walk away from the Word of Elohim, then what we read in *Exodus 1:8* will come to pass, *Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, (nations or the world) which knew **NOT** Joseph.* What the book of Exodus **IS** telling us **IS** that this new leader **DID NOT KNOW** the ways of YHVH that Joseph embraced and taught the Israelites in Egypt and therefore this new Pharaoh slowly enslaved **ALL** of the Israelites. Why do you think Elohim appointed an evil man as Pharaoh over Egypt, knowing that this Pharaoh would enslave His people? YHVH **DID IT BECAUSE** His people, Israel, had and continued to **WALK CONTRARY TO** His Life giving inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and were now embracing the ways of Egypt the ways of the world, and **IF** YHVH had left them in that state of depravity, **THEN** they would have been lost forever.

I know I am repeating myself, but we have to learn to believe that YHVH **IS** indeed in **charge** of **ALL** things and that YHVH has a plan to save as many people as possible, because, as I said, **IT IS HIS WISH** that **NONE** would perish, and therefore He will appoint **ALL** leaders in the world to accomplish His plan of salvation.

You may ask, why does Elohim appoint bad or even evil leaders over people? **IT IS BECAUSE** we, His people deserve it, and when we have had enough of these evil leaders, hopefully, we will finally **TURN TO** Elohim with contrite repentant hearts and ask Him to deliver us from these evil leaders, and that my friends **IS WHEN** He, YHVH will do exactly what we ask of Him, **WHEN** we willingly and lovingly turn to Him, with repentant contrite obedient hearts, filled with the desire to return to His ways, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. *2Chronicles 7:14 If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.*

Next, after Paul tells us that all leaders are appointed by Elohim, he explains what their roles are, *verse 4 For he is the **MINISTER OF ELOHIM** to you for **GOOD**.*

All leaders are appointed by Elohim, and as such they are appointed by Him to lead us back to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah and either we willingly decide to follow His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, in which case He will place good leaders over us, or **IF** we decide to rebel and follow the ways of the world, He appoints us evil leaders, who will eventually force us to our knees with their evil ways, so that we call on Elohim to deliver us from the oppressive circumstances we find ourselves in. We see in Scripture that YHVH has prophesied He would do this, *Jeremiah 16:16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, says YHVH, and they shall fish them; and after, will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.*

YHVH has appointed us as fishers of men. When we go fishing for these men, the fish (people) willingly come to the bait and are caught and brought into the boat, which **IS** a metaphor for the house of Elohim. However there are those that refuse to come to the bait, that is when YHVH sends out His hunters, and as you know, the prey does **NOT** willingly come to the hunter, the hunter has to hunt them down and either trap them and or shoot them, so that they can be brought back to the house. That is how much our Elohim loves us and expresses **HIS WISH THAT NONE SHOULD PERISH**. In all of this, YHVH has the foreknowledge of those who will willingly be brought in by the fishermen, and those who will be brought in by the hunters and those who will resist and flee into eternal damnation.

*Verse 3 continued, But **IF** you do that which **IS EVIL**, be afraid; for he (Meaning the Elohim appointed leader) bears not the sword (Torah) in vain: for **HE IS THE MINISTER OF ELOHIM**, an avenger to **EXECUTE** wrath upon him **that does evil**.*

Why does YHVH have His ministers execute wrath upon the evil doers? **IT IS** for the exact same reason that you discipline your children when they do something wrong, **IT IS FOR** correction, **IT IS** so that they will see the error of their ways and turn from their evil ways and learn **TO DO GOOD**, learn to keep and **DO** YHVH's Torah of Life, and thereby be delivered and on the road to everlasting salvation, for I have to say over and over again that **IT IS** YHVH's **WISH THAT NONE SHOULD PERISH**. Look at what YHVH did to Cain. *Genesis 4:6-7 And YHVH said unto Cain, Why are you wroth? And why is your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, shall you **NOT** be accepted? And if you don't do well, **sin lies at the door**. And unto you shall be his desire, and you shall rule over him.*

*Verse 5 Therefore you must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.* We have to learn **TO BE SUBJECT TO THE LAW**, the Torah that **IS** administered by the instruments, or **SERVANTS** of YHVH, **NOT ONLY BECAUSE** we are afraid of YHVH's wrath, but because He has **PUT IT** on our hearts, our consciences and because we **LOVE** Him and we know that YHVH wants us to obey His Commandments, which in turn will lead us back to Him, where we can spend eternity with Him. Always remember that He loves us all with an infinitely perfect unending **LOVE**.

*Verse 6 For, for this cause pay you tribute also: **FOR THEY ARE ELOHIM'S MINISTERS**, attending continually upon this very thing.* It simply cannot be stated any clearer; the leaders that are in charge of people throughout the world, **ARE** put there by YHVH, either to cause us to follow the

Torah, or to cause us to return to it, when we have chosen to willingly walk away from YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

Next Paul gives us some instructions in *verse 7 to Render therefore to all, their dues:*

*Tribute to whom tribute is due*

*Custom to whom custom*

*Fear to whom fear*

*Honour to whom honour.*

Why should we do any of these things? We should follow these instructions because our heavenly Father tells us in His Word that He has placed these men in charge over us, **TO GOVERN US AND LEAD US TO HIS LIFE GIVING TORAH**. Either we willingly choose to follow His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, or YHVH **WILL PUT** leaders in charge that will use, abuse and oppress His people, **SO THAT THEY WILL** eventually turn to YHVH with repentant contrite hearts and realize that they need Him in their lives. It isn't complicated, obey and be blessed, disobey and be cursed and YHVH will put the leaders in place that He needs to do the job that needs to be done.

*Verse 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled the Torah.*

This is a very profound statement that I believe most **IF NOT ALL** people have missed. First of all, we are told that man was created in the image of YHVH Elohim; and YHVH Elohim tells us that **IT IS HIS WISH** that **NOT** even one person perishes, which means that He loves us **ALL**, every human being ever created with and infinite unending **LOVE**.

Now as we reread this verse *Owe no man any thing, BUT TO LOVE one another: for he that loves another has fulfilled*, pleroo, confirmed, caused the Torah to abound, to furnish or supply *the Torah* liberally.

We are being told in this verse that we **OWE** each other **LOVE**, which means that we are Commanded by YHVH to **LOVE EACH OTHER** without exception, including those that seem to be impossible to love. YHVH has Commanded us to love each other, He has commanded us to be Holy as He is Holy, and that means that we are to love each in the same manner that our heavenly Father loves us, and that means that since YHVH loves everyone the same way, there therefore are **NO** exceptions to this Commandment, it means that we are to love **ALL** people, including those that we **THINK** do **NOT** deserve our love. That **IS A MAJOR PARADIGM SHIFT** for **ALL believers, BUT IT IS** one that **IS** Commanded by our heavenly Father.

Furthermore we have to discuss the word *fulfilled* used in this verse. The current Christian understanding of this word **fulfilled IS** that Messiah **fulfilled** the Law and therefore we, the believers in Messiah, **NO LONGER** have to **KEEP nor DO** the Law, The Torah since they believe that Messiah did it for them. However **IF** we research this word, the word *fulfilled*, we can see that **IT IS** translated from the Greek word pleroo, and **IT IS** translated as *confirm* or *confirmed*, *to cause the Torah to abound, to furnish or supply the Torah liberally*, in the Septuagint, (the Hebrew Scriptures translated into Greek), and it also mean to bring something to its fullness. Throughout Scripture we are told that the people of YHVH have walked away from *following, obeying and or doing* His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and therefore our heavenly Father sent our Messiah, His only begotten Son to earth, to teach us **HOW** we were to obey the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and Messiah did that by obeying every Word that proceeded from the mouth of our heavenly Father and He says so

Himself in *John 4:34* Yeshua says unto them, **My meat IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK.** In *John 5:30* I can of My own self **DO NOTHING:** as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek **NOT MY OWN WILL,** but **I SEEK THE WILL** of the Father **WHO HAS SENT ME,** and in *John 12:49-50* Messiah says: For I have **NOT** spoken of Myself; **BUT** I speak only the Words of the Father who sent Me, and **HE GAVE ME** a Commandment, what **I SHOULD SAY, AND WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK.** 50 And I know that His Commandment, His Torah **IS EVERLASTING LIFE:** whatsoever I speak therefore, **EVEN AS THE FATHER SAID UNTO ME, SO I SPEAK.**

*John 14:10* Do you **NOT** believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The Words that **I SPEAK** unto you **I SPEAK NOT OF MYSELF:** **BUT** the Father that dwells in Me, **HE DOES THE WORKS.** **ALL** of these verses indicate to us that Messiah willingly and lovingly obeyed **ALL** the Commandments of our heavenly Father, He obeyed **ALL** of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and **IF** someone is telling you something different than that, **THEN** they are bringing you a different Gospel, for the Gospel of Messiah **IS** called the **TRUTH,** *Ephesians 1:13,* and the **TRUTH** in Scripture is defined as the Father's Torah, *Psalm 119:142.*

Furthermore **IF** we reread this part of the verse with the meaning that Paul truly intended it to have, it says: *For he that loves another has confirmed the Torah or for he that loves another has brought the ideals of Torah to its fullness.*

*Verse 9* For this, You shall **NOT** commit adultery, You shall **NOT** kill, You shall **NOT** steal, You shall **NOT** bear false witness, You shall **NOT** covet; and if there be any other Commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

As you can see, in *verse 9* Paul quotes the Commandments found in *Exodus 20,*

For this:

You shall not commit adultery:	Commandment 7
You shall not kill:	Commandment 6
You shall not steal:	Commandment 8
You shall not bear false witness:	Commandment 9
You shall not covet:	Commandment 10

**And IF there be any other Commandment:** Please remember that when Paul made this statement he knew full well that there are many other Commandments in the Word of Elohim, for Paul was a Torah scholar and He knew the Law, the Torah, therefore what Paul **IS** saying and or instructing us **TO DO IS, KEEP ALL** of YHVH's Commandments, the five mentioned here in this verse which falls in the category of man's relationship with man, and other commandments that show us the relationship that we are to have with our parents, the commandment that shows us man's relationship with YHVH's day of rest and three Commandments dealing with our relationship with Elohim, and a host of other Commandments, and we are commanded to **KEEP THEM** with a surrendered love in our heart, a love for our heavenly Father and His created beings. Paul goes on to say, **and IF there be any other Commandment IT IS** briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. That **IS** a Commandment found in *Leviticus 19:18.* You shall **NOT** avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but **you shall love your neighbour as yourself:** I am YHVH. Messiah also said, **IF** you love Me, **KEEP MY Commandments** and Paul says that keeping **ALL** the Commandments of YHVH **IS** How we show our love for our neighbours and our heavenly Father and His Son, our Messiah. *Verse 10* Love works **NO ILL** to his neighbour: therefore **LOVE** is the fulfilling (**pleroo**) the confirming of the Torah (Law) (Love brings

YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life to its fullness, to its intended purpose). *Verse 10 Love works no ill to his neighbour: therefore love **IS** the **fulfilling pleroo**, the confirming of the Torah, Law.*

*Verse 11 And that, knowing the time, that now **IT IS** high time to awake out of sleep (our ignorance of the beauty and the blessings that are embedded in the Torah): for now **is OUR SALVATION NEARER THAN WHEN WE BELIEVED.***

When Paul spoke to the Romans, it was at least 20 to 25 years after the death of Messiah. If Messiah and or any of the Apostles had taught that they **ALREADY HAD** salvation because they accepted Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) as their Master and Saviour as the Christian church teaches, then why would Paul say *for now **IS our salvation NEARER than when we believed?*** These words tell us that they were getting **NEARER** to their salvation, **BUT** that they had **NOT** achieved it **YET**. Why is that? **IT IS** because salvation, my fiends **IS** a journey and comes to those that persevere to the end, and the end, **IS** when we die. Salvation **IS** an irrevocable promise from Elohim, and since we have **ALL** sinned and deserve to die, **salvation IS A GIFT FROM ELOHIM**, that we receive at the end of our lives **IF** we persevere to the end in obedience to Elohim's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

*Verse 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of **darkness**, and let us put on **the armour of light**.* What does it mean to put on the Armour of Light, and how do we do that?

First of all we have to determine or define what the armour of light **IS** or what it means. Let's begin in *2 Corinthians 6:7 By the Word of Truth (Torah), by the power of Elohim, by the **armour of RIGHTEOUSNESS** on the right hand and on the left,* Righteousness **IS** a synonym for the Word *Torah* (go to *Deuteronomy 4:5-8; Deuteronomy 6:25* and read it for yourself). In *2 Corinthians* we see that the word armour **IS** associated with **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and as I said, **RIGHTEOUSNESS IS** a synonym for *Torah*, therefore the armour spoken of here in *Romans 13*, **IS** the *Torah* of YHVH, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

Now let us read *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of Elohim, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 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. 13 Wherefore **take unto you the whole armour of Elohim, WHY?** That you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **TRUTH** (Torah, Psalm 119:142), and having on the **breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS** (Torah); 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (**TRUTH**, Torah); 16 Above all, taking the shield of belief (faith, Torah), wherewith you shall be able to quench **ALL** the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation (Torah), and the sword of the Spirit (Torah), which **IS THE WORD OF ELOHIM** (Torah).*

**OK**, now we have established that the armour spoken of in *Romans 13 IS THE TORAH* of YHVH, and by putting on this armour, the *Torah* of Elohim, **IT CASTS AWAY DARKNESS**, for the Scriptures tell us, *You shall know the **TRUTH** (Torah) and the **TRUTH** (Torah) shall set you free (John 8:32)*, and that my friends **IS** enlightenment. The Scriptures also tells us in *Psalm 119:105-106 Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. 106 I have sworn, and I*

will perform it, that **I will keep your righteous judgments, your Torah.** And in Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your Torah (Law) **IS THE TRUTH.**

Verse 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; **NOT** in rioting and drunkenness, **NOT** lustful and or in wantonness, **NOT** in strife and envying. 14 But put on our Adonai Yeshua Messiah. Here we have to establish what it means to put on Yeshua Messiah. John 1:1 says, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the **Word was Elohim**, and Elohim **IS TRUTH**, Elohim **IS** Grace, and Elohim **IS** Righteousness, furthermore we are told in John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and **TRUTH**, Torah. All these terms are synonyms for the **TORAH**. Therefore putting on Messiah, means putting on YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, which means putting on YHVH's **TRUTH**, putting on YHVH's **GRACE**, for Torah and Grace are synonymous terms, and putting on YHVH's **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, which **IS** exactly what He has instructed and Commanded us to do in Leviticus 11:44 For I am YHVH your Elohim: you shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and **YOU SHALL BE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY**: neither shall you defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. 45 For I am YHVH that brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your Elohim: **YOU SHALL THEREFORE BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**

Finally Paul concludes with some very good advice, he says *and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.* As soon as we rationalize anything and especially when we somehow rationalize the Word of our infinite YHVH, we are leaving ourselves open to **SIN**. We must learn **NOT TO** make provisions for our flesh, for **IF** we follow our flesh, our carnal desires, **IT WILL** lead us into eternal Damnation, therefore let us learn to focus on the Word of Elohim, by immersing ourselves in His beautiful Torah of Life, or as Paul has suggested, put on the Torah of YHVH as your protective covering, and it **WILL** lead you onto eternal salvation. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עִלְיֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein*