

## CAN SALVATION BE LOST?

Loss of salvation is alienation from Yah. If you are not with Yah, you are against Him, lost.

**1Cor. 9:24-27** *“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but {only} one receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may win. And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things.** They then {do it} to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I buffet my body and make it my slave, **lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.**”* Paul said He was even aware that His salvation could be lost. If Shaul's (Paul's) salvation was questionable, then it's safe to say that everyones salvation is questionable. Paul preached the message of salvation in Messiah didn't he? It is obvious that he was speaking about losing the very salvation that he was so vigorously preaching about.

**1Cor. 10:12** *“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed **lest he fall.**”* Obviously “lest he fall”, taken in context, means that we can fall from salvation, according to Paul.

**1Cor. 15:1-2** *“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, **if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.**”* Here, again, we see emphasis put on the word “if”. “If you hold fast you will be saved”.

**1John 2:24-25** *“As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. **If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.**”* Clearly we see

**WARNING: THE TRUTH MAY BLOW A HOLE IN EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW.**



“ELOHIM IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.”(JOHN 4:24)

“YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND YOUR TORAH IS TRUTH.”(PSALM 119:142)

the emphasis on the word “if” again.

**1Tim. 4:1** *“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times **some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,**”* Fall away from the faith means exactly that. Falling away from the truth is trusting in mankind, and trusting in mankind gives us a curse (Jer. 17:5).

**2Pet. 3:17** *“You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, **you fall from your own steadfastness,**”* What is steadfastness?, the knowledge of security in Yah.

**Col. 1:21-23** *“And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, {engaged} in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to*

present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach — **if indeed you continue in the faith** firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.” Unmistakeable statement here that can’t be construed to mean anything other than exactly what it says, “if” you continue. **1Sam. 16:14** Now **the Spirit of Yah departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Yah terrorized him.**” Saul was once a very holy man, yet his salvation was lost (departed from him), at the end.

**Hebr. 6:4-6** “For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of Yah and the powers of the age to come, and {then} have fallen away, **it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of Yah and put Him to open shame.**” In this verse it is clear that some who have once tasted of the truth can lose their salvation.

**Isa. 66:17** “Those who sanctify and purify themselves {to go} to the gardens, Following one in the center, **Who eat swine’s flesh, detestable things, and mice, Shall come to an end altogether,**” declares Adonai.” In this verse we see that continuing to eat unclean food might even give one spiritual death.

**John 6:37-39** “All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me **I will certainly not cast out.** “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, **that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.**” Here is another verse often misunderstood. This statement is conditional. He will not cast anyone out if they follow Him but if they choose to disobey the Word of Yah and follow the way of the devil, their salvation can be lost. Our Father will not force people into submission. He will always be there to hear their cries of repentance. If they repent and turn from their wicked ways He will open the door for their salvation. He will never remove from them their ability of free choice. **Ps. 146:9** “Aviyad protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow; **But He thwarts the way of the wicked.**”

**John 10:27-29** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.** The KJV translates this verse using the word “**man**” instead of “no one”. This passage doesn’t say that it is impossible for a sheep to stray and lose his place in the fold. It says that the Father and the Son are stronger than “any one” (any man), who might attempt to tear them from the hands of the shepherd. One of the key words here is no “**Man**” (no one), can snatch a true believer from Yah. Satan is not a man, he is capable of deceiving people and getting them to abandon the truth if they don’t continually mature in their walk. Satan doesn’t play by the rules. It doesn’t say that the sheep can’t go off on their own and get in trouble. They have a free will to do as they please. This verse can’t be used to create doctrine as it has been used for in some cases. Yeshua was speaking to a group of unbelievers here. People, “as dogs sometimes return to their vomit”, return to a sinful life of disobedience because of their own lustful desires. We can relate this passage to a similar one in **James 1:13-15** “Let

no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by Yahveh"; for Yahveh cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. **But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.** Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death." James was writing to spirit filled Believers of the assembly of the people. He was talking about the "second death" as per Rev. 20:14-15. James meant that we are not to fear the one who can destroy the flesh of mankind, not able to kill the soul, but fear the one who can destroy both, in hell (Matt. 10:28).

**John 15:1-2** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every {branch} that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit." **John 15:4-6** "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither {can} you, unless you abide in Me. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." Here Yeshua is speaking of those who abide in Him will be saved, not those who, as a branch, break off and fall away from the tree. Those who **abide** will be safe, so obviously those who don't, can die spiritually.

In the book of John we see an interesting bit of scripture that many have twisted around. Many try to use the first part of this verse to prove the once saved always saved idea, but a close look will reveal the truth. **John 17:12** "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name which Thou hast given Me; and I guarded them, and **not one of them perished** but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled." The Fundamentalists claim "not one of them perished" as Yeshua said, but they fail to read the rest of that verse: "but the son of perdition", whom we know as Judas. Judas lost his salvation because he betrayed Yeshua (1Cor. 3:16-17). If a man like Judas who spent three years under the personal teaching of Messiah can have a demon and lose his salvation, it's safe to say most anybody can do likewise.

**Lev. 18:29** 'For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do {so} **shall be cut off from among their people.**" Could this mean that they will lose their salvation?

**Lev. 23:30-32** "As for any person who does any work on this same day, **that person I will destroy from among his people.** "You shall do no work at all. It is to be a **perpetual statute throughout your generations** in all your dwelling places. "It is to be a sabbath of complete rest to you, and you shall humble your souls; on the ninth of the month at evening, from evening until evening **you shall keep your sabbath.**" In these verses Aviyad has just explained to Moses how to give reverence and keep (rehearse) the fall Feasts of Tabernacles. He tells Moses to honor every Sabbath and especially the Sabbath of the Feast of Atonement. He says to Moses that "any person who does any work on this same day, **that person I will destroy from among his people.**" Could He be telling Moses that those who don't do as He says in regards to the Feasts will lose their salvation, I leave that answer to anyone who reads it?

**Matt. 7:19-21** "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." "So then, you will know them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to Me,

**'Master Master,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.**

**Rom. 11:20-22** "Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for if Yah did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you. Behold then the kindness and severity of Yah to those who fell, severity, but to you, Yah's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; **otherwise you also will be cut off.**" In this verse Paul was again saying that Believers can be cut off, lose their salvation. Paul was speaking of Believers becoming unbelievers and unbelievers becoming Believers.

Considering what has been proven above about one losing his salvation; we must understand that there are many scriptures that tell us how wonderful it will be for those of us who obey Yah and follow Him. We lose out only if we decide to do so. He has made a promise to us that He will not forsake us if we simply covenant together from our heart. He gives us every opportunity, when we err, He gently guides us by His Spirit to repent when we need to do so. Therefore it's up to us to have life eternal with Elohim. He is always there for us. He says nothing is too hard for us to endure if we call upon His precious name. His holy Word tells us. **1John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

When we join in covenant with Yah we become His people. In order to be part of His kingdom we must make sacrifices. **Ps. 50:5** "Gather My godly ones to Me, **Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.**"

**Exod. 32:32-33** "But now, if Thou wilt, forgive their sin —and if not, please **blot me out from Thy book which Thou hast written!**" And Yah said to Moses, "**Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.**"

**Deut. 9:14** 'Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and **blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'**

**Deut. 29:20** "El Shaddai shall never be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of Adonai and His jealousy will burn against that man, and every curse which is written in this book will rest on him, and **Adonai will blot out his name from under heaven.**"

**Ps. 69:28** "May they be **blotted out of the book of life,** And may they not be recorded with the righteous."

**Rev. 3:5** 'He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and **I will not erase his name from the book of life,** and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.'" What about the book of life, is that the one that has all the saved saints names in it? Is that why there are two books, one for saved and one for eternally saved saints?

Sin brings spiritual death, which is loss of salvation. **James 1:15** "Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and **when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.**" **Rom. 8:6-7** "For **the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward Yah, for it does not subject itself to the law of Yah, for it is not even able {to do so}.**

Much confusion comes from the use of the Hebrew word "olam" in various contexts. This word must be carefully used and there are many misuses of this word in the Renewed Testament. In most cases olam means: forever, everlasting, universal, etc. but it

also can mean the “lifetime” of an individual, rather than “all eternity”, depending on the context. If one looks in Exod. 21:6 and Deut. 15:17 you will see the word *olam* transliterated here as meaning “forever” and “permanently”, which is referring to the lifetime of a slave, not for all eternity. **Exod. 21:6** *“then his master shall bring him to Yah, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him **permanently.**”* **Deut. 15:17** *“then you shall take an awl and pierce it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your servant **forever.** And also you shall do likewise to your maidservant.”* This can also be seen in Jonah 2:6. The King James Bible includes the words “forever and ever” in various places which cannot be accurate. If you say “forever”, why would you then add to it “and ever”. You can’t make forever more than forever, by adding other words.

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