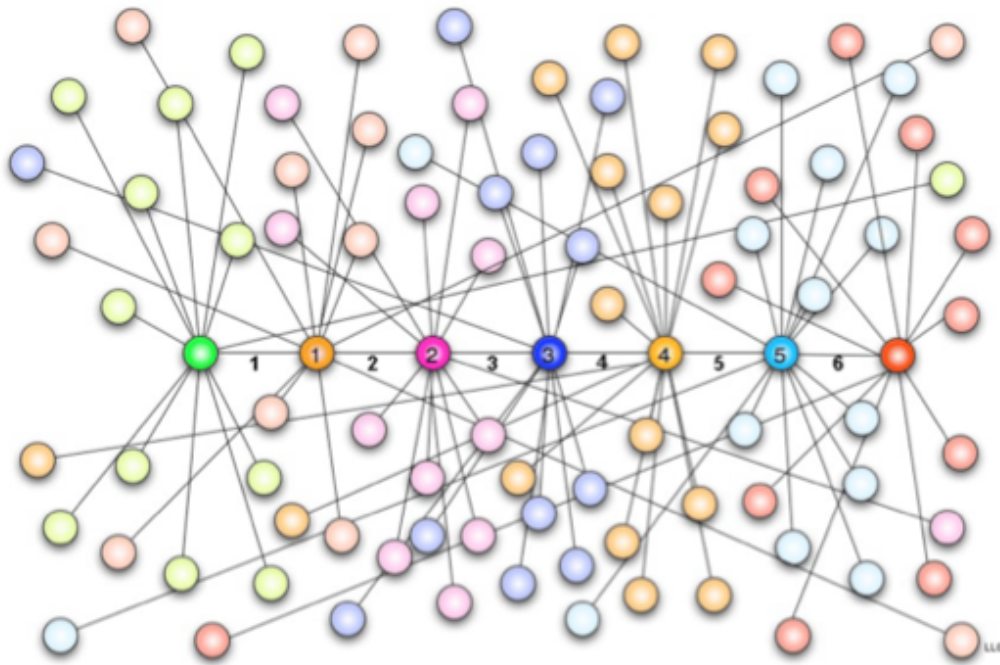


THEMATIC CONNECTIONS TO YESHUA

WHAT IS A THEMATIC CONNECTION?



A thematic connection is the process of making connections between passages that share similar themes, circumstances, events, situations, words, or phrases.

When you make these thematic connections Yah teaches us things that you would not see without the connection. He wants to teach us His ways, and this is one of His most powerful ways. The easiest way to make thematic connections is to look at metaphors, similes, and parallelisms.

When Yeshua spoke in parables He was using metaphors and similes and the people had difficulty understanding Him because they couldn't make the connections. The following is a simple example of one of the most well known quotes of Yeshua. When He said for example: ***"I am going to destroy this temple and raise it up again in three days"***, He was using a metaphor. He was referring to His body, but they missed the connection. This simple idea you will find throughout the scriptures. Learning about these words and connections takes our bible learning experience from black and white to colour. Failure to make these connections is one of the reasons why the christians and Orthodox Jews fail to see the Messiah in the Tenakh. They don't read His Word, therefore they don't follow His Word. He does not reveal Himself to them simply because of their disobedience (John 14:21). If they loved Him as they proudly proclaim, they would keep His commandments and He would reveal Himself in Living colour. The reality is; although many so-called christians claim to love Him, they do NOT LOVE HIM (John 14:15)

The whole idea of thematic connections, metaphors, similes, and parallelisms is to give us a new understanding of the words or phrases. Let's have a very brief look at these three types of connections.

Metaphor

When we use **metaphors** in scripture it means something is something. It is a statement.

example: **John 15:5** ***"I am the vine, you are the branches"***

Ps. 119:105 ***"Your word is a lamp unto my feet"***.

Simile

When you use a **simile** it means something as something or like something. Example: **Isa. 40:6-7** ***"All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of Adonai blows upon it; Surely the people are grass."*** In those verses we get

the clear understanding that life is short. **Jer. 23:29** ***“Is not My word like fire?” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer which shatters a rock?”*** Yah shows us that a fire destroys just like a hammer destroys. These are similes.

Parallelism

Using **parallelism** is another way to make a thematic connection. Parallelism in its simplest form, occurs when the writer states something twice using different words. This often looks like poetic repeats; however, we can learn many associations (thematic connections) from these parallelisms. Example:

Ps. 33:9 ***“For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm”*** Note the elements connected are equal to each other. He spoke—He commanded. It came to be—It stood firm.

These famous verses in Amos say it all. **Amos 8:11-12** ***“Behold, days are coming,” declares Yahveh, When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of Yahveh. “And people will stagger from sea to sea, And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of Yahveh, But they will not find {it.}”***

It’s all about word association, connection, and context. Words, phrases, events, situations, in various verses are connected thematically by similar meanings in other verses. This connection takes simple words and turns them into the Living Word. That is why our bible is often called the Living Word.

A thematic connection takes place when we are reading something in scriptures and we see a certain word, event, situation, circumstance, or phrase that at some later time when your reading a totally different scripture, see the same thing. It is by Yah’s divine design that these connections take place throughout scripture. You might say thematic connections are the underlying: themes, main subjects, specific words, ideas, circumstance, or events connected in various scriptures in a supernatural manner. In many cases Yah will connect multiple times in the stories in scriptures so that you will grasp the wisdom of His Word and look deeper into it with every passage you read. We will see the literal words turn into a slide show with 3D clarity right before our eyes by recognizing the metaphors and similes in the text.

Yeshua’s death, burial and resurrection pointing back to the shadows in the Old Testament.

We read in the renewed Testament where Yeshua tells the people that He was revealed to them in the torah and tenakh if they looked for Him.

Luke 24:44 *Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**”* Yeshua expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning “all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms concerning Me”. He was telling the people if you want to learn about me and know who I am, you need to go look at the law, prophets and psalms.

Ps. 40:6-8 *“Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. 7 Then I said, “Behold, I come; **In the scroll of the book it is written of me.** 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.”* Here we see Yeshua speaking through the psalmist prophetically.

Rom. 1:1-2 *“Paul, a bond-servant of Messiah Yeshua, called as an apostle, set apart for **the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,**”*

Hebr. 4:2 *“For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard”*

The sum of it all is. **Rev. 19:10** *Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Yeshua; worship God.*

***For the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy.**”* The testimony, the message, the topic, the subject of the spirit of prophesy is Yeshua. The motivating force behind what all the prophets wrote was the Spirit of Yeshua.

Col. 2:16-17 *Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day — 17 things **which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Messiah**”* The tenakh teaches us about Yeshua through the shadows of things to come, like the New Moon, Feasts, or Sabbaths. The torah is pointing to the shadow of Yeshua’s coming. The shadow of Yeshua is seen in the torah but not the exact image. A shadow gives us a hint or clue of

what the object creating the shadow is, but it won't give us a distinct image. However, from the shadow we can determine a lot of things about the object if we look closely. This is the form of messianic prophecies in the torah and tenakh.

Hebr. 10:1a *For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come*"

Yeshua's body is the torah which is casting the shadow. When we really understand torah we will be able to see Yeshua's image clearly.

Why does Yah use shadows?

He does so because He wants to reveal things when He is ready to reveal them. He wanted to hide certain things from Satan. The plan was salvation and Satan was not to know exactly what the plan was, that way he couldn't mess it up. His timing is perfect (Eph. 3:1-13). If people knew His plan they would sure enough mess it up.

How does the torah teach us about death and resurrection?

Look for people in the torah who for all intents and purposes, should have died. People like Moses, Isaac, Joseph, Jonah, and Daniel. The verses subtly hint at their death but they do not die. His word paints a picture of their death, yet they do not die.

If we learn the thematic connections in the torah and tenakh we will realize that there are many shadows of Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection found there. All we have to do is look for them. What He said and quoted in the Renewed Testament also takes us back into the tenakh.

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