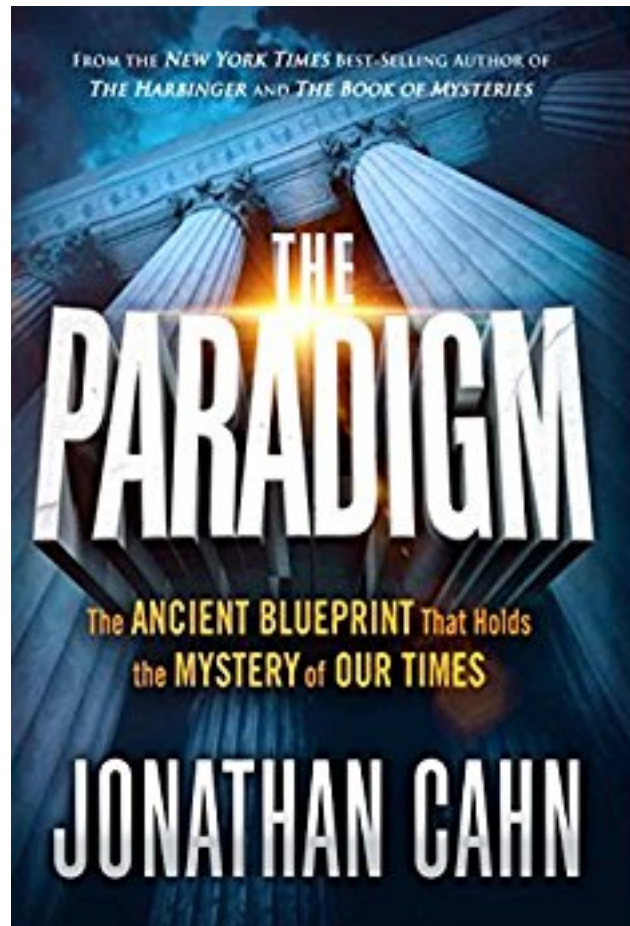


The Torah Project

Genesis 35a

Genesis 28:13

And behold, Adonai stood above it and said, “I am YHVH, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.”



The Metamorphosis

- Replacing God with idols, and the invisible with the visible, physical, and tangible, represented a descent into materialism, carnality, and sensuality.
- Turning away from absolute truth and an embrace of subjectivity.
- By driving God out, they created a moral and spiritual vacuum.

- Over time, taboo practices became **tolerated** and then **accepted** and then **established** and then **enforced**.



- Life was no longer sacred, but debased. Therefore...
- ...marriage and sexuality had no absolute value and were also debased. (See Leviticus 20)
- Sexuality was transferred from the private realm (and sanctity of marriage) and placed on public display.
- Gender lost its absolute value and purpose. Sexuality was removed from gender, biology, and nature.
- The price of the new morality was the lives of the children.

- The sacrifice of children became embraced as a right, and death became sacred.

2 Kings 17:17

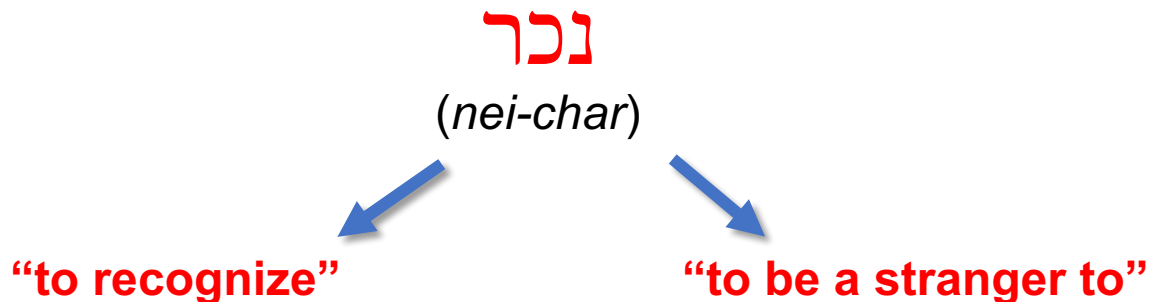
Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of Adonai, provoking Him.

Jeremiah 19:4-5

“Because they have forsaken Me and have made this an alien place and have burned sacrifices in it to other gods, that neither they nor their forefathers nor the kings of Judah had ever known, and *because* they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, a thing which I never commanded or spoke of, nor did it ever enter My mind...”

Four steps toward restoration:

1. “Discard the **alien** gods that are in your midst.”



Proverbs 20:11

It is by his deeds that a lad **distinguishes** himself. If his conduct is pure and right.

Psalm 81:9

Let there be no strange god among you; nor shall you worship any **foreign** god.

2. “...**cleanse yourselves...**”

INTERNAL: Remove and repent of the residue your bad behavior has produced in your heart and soul.

3. “...**and change your clothes.**”

EXTERNAL: Change the way you live. Return to God’s standard of righteousness.

4. “**Then come, let us go up to Beth-El...**”

Return to God and do the first works.

Revelation 2:4-5

“But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first...”

Ephesians 4:16-24

Under His control, the whole body is being fitted and held together by the support of every joint, with each part working to fulfill its function; this is how the body grows and builds itself up in love. Therefore I say this – indeed, in union with the Master I insist on it – do not live any longer as the pagans live, with their empty ways of thinking. Their intelligence has been shrouded in darkness, and they are estranged from the life of God, because of the ignorance in them, which in turn comes from resisting God’s will. They have lost all feeling, so they have abandoned themselves to sensuality, practicing any kind of impurity and always greedy for more. But this is not the lesson you learned from the Messiah! If you really listened to Him and were instructed about Him, then you learned that since what is in Yeshua is truth, then, so far as your former way of life is concerned, you must strip off your old self because your old self is thoroughly rotted by its deceptive desires; and you must let your spirits and minds keep being renewed, and clothe yourselves with the new self, created to be godly, which expresses itself in the righteousness and holiness that flow from the truth.