

# Ha'avoth

## האבות

### The Fathers

#### *Excerpts from a Collection of Early Church Writings*

*And it was noon, and darkness came over all Yahud; and they were troubled and distressed, lest the sun had set, while he was yet alive; for it is written for them, that the sun set not on him who has been put to death. And one of them said: Give him to drink gall with vinegar. 12 And they mixed and gave him something to drink, and fulfilled all things, and accomplished their sins against their own head. And many went about with lamps, supposing that it was night, and fell down. 13 And Adonai cried out, saying: Ely, Ely, you have forsaken me. And when he had said it, he was taken up. And in that hour the veil of the Temple of Yerushalayim was rent in two.*

**Besorah Kepha (The Gospel of Peter) 1:11-13**

*These things therefore has Elohiym abolished, that the new Torah of our Adonai Yahusha Ha'Mashiach, which is without the yoke of any such necessity, might have the spiritual offering of men themselves. 9 For so Yahuah says again to those heretofore: Did I at all command your fathers when they came out of the land of Egypt concerning burnt offerings of sacrifices?*

**Agra Bar-Naviy (The Epistle of Barnabas) 2:8-9**

*Beloved, flee from every evil thing, and from every likeness of it. Do not be prone to anger, for anger leads the way to murder; neither be jealous, nor quarrelsome, nor of hot temper, for out of all these murders are engendered. Beloved, do not be a lustful one, for lust leads the way to fornication; neither be a filthy talker, nor of lofty eye, for out of all these adulteries are engendered. Beloved, do not be an observer of omens, since it leads the way to idolatry; neither an enchanter, nor an astrologer, nor a purifier, nor be willing to look at these things, for out of all these is idolatry engendered. Beloved, do not be a liar, since a lie leads the way to theft; neither money-loving, nor vainglorious, for out of all these thefts are engendered. Beloved, do not be a murmurer, since it leads the way to blasphemy; neither self-willed nor evil-minded, for out of all these blasphemies are engendered. But be meek, since the meek shall inherit the earth. Be long-suffering and pitiful and guileless and gentle and good and always trembling at the words which you have heard. You shall not exalt yourself, nor give over-confidence to your soul. Your soul shall not be joined with lofty ones, but with just and lowly ones shall it have its intercourse. The workings that befall you receive as good, knowing that apart from Elohiym nothing comes to pass.*

**The Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve) Chapter 3**

*But you, O Hermas! You have undergone a great many worldly troubles for the offences of your house, because you have neglected them, as things that did not belong to you; and you are wholly taken up with your great business. 25 Nevertheless, for this cause you shall be saved, that you have not departed from the living **Elohiym**, and your simplicity and singular continency shall preserve you, if you shall continue in them. 26 Yea, they shall save all such as do such things, and walk in innocence and simplicity. 27 They, who are of this kind, shall prevail against all impiety, and continue until life eternal. 28 Happy are all they that do righteousness, they shall not be consumed forever.*

**Chizayon Hermas (The First Book of Hermas called Visions) 2:24-28**

*WHEN meantime Mosheh, that faithful and wise steward, perceived that the vice of sacrificing to idols had been deeply ingrained into the people from their association with the Mitsriym, and that the root of this evil could not be extracted from them, he allowed them indeed to sacrifice, but permitted it to be done only to **Yahuah**, that by any means he might cut off one half of the deeply ingrained evil, leaving the other half to be corrected by another, 2 And at a future time; by him, namely, concerning whom he said himself: A prophet shall **Yahuah Elohayka** raise unto you, whom you shall hear even as myself, according to all things which He shall say to you. Whosoever shall not hear that prophet, his soul shall be cut off from his people.*

**Ma'aliym Ya`aqov (The Ascents of James) 4:1-2**

