

# A Deeper Look into PSALMS 119

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 \_4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.  
 \_5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!  
 \_6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.  
 \_7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.  
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\_33 **HE**. Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.  
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 \_37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.  
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\_105 **NUN**. Thy 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 thy righteous judgments.  
 \_107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.  
 \_108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.  
 \_109 My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.  
 \_110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.  
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 \_114 Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.  
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 \_116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.  
 \_117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.  
 \_118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood.  
 \_119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.  
 \_120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

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\_121 **AIN**. I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.  
 \_122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.  
 \_123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.  
 \_124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.  
 \_125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.  
 \_126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to work: *for* they have made void thy law.  
 \_127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; *yea, above fine gold*.  
 \_128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.

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\_129 **PE**. Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.  
 \_130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.  
 \_131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.  
 \_132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.  
 \_133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.  
 \_134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.  
 \_135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.  
 \_136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

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\_137 **TZADDI**. Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.  
 \_138 Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.  
 \_139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.  
 \_140 Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.  
 \_141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.  
 \_142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.  
 \_143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.  
 \_144 The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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\_145 **KOPH**. I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.  
\_146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.  
\_147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.  
\_148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.  
\_149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.  
\_150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.  
\_151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth.

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\_152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.  
\_153 **RESH**. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.  
\_154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.  
\_155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.  
\_156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.  
\_157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies.  
\_158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.  
\_159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

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\_160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.  
161 **SCHIN**. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.  
\_162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.  
\_163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.  
\_164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.  
\_165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.  
\_166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.  
\_167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

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\_168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee.  
\_169 **TAU**. Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.  
\_170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.  
\_171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.  
\_172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.  
\_173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.  
\_174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.  
\_175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.  
\_176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

## Highlighted Key Words in Psalm 119

The following table represents the number of times each of the words are found in Ps. 119. Each word is highlighted in the text below in order to give a visual representation of the context of the psalm. Psalms 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible and well represents the attitude the psalmist had towards the instructions that God gave to His people from an Old Testament perspective. The title “LORD” was also replaced with the personal name of God (Yahweh) which is from what is called the tetragrammaton – YHVH יהוה (yod, hay, vav, hay), or YHWH (yod, hay, waw, hay ) which is a more ancient form. See Jeff Benner’s ancient Hebrew chart at [http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/28\\_chart.html](http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/28_chart.html)

### Word hits: in Psalm 119 (KJV)

law, commandments, judgments, precepts, statutes, testimonies,	<b>LORD</b>
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 \_129 **PE**. Thy **testimonies** are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.  
 \_130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.  
 \_131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy **commandments**.  
 \_132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.  
 \_133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.  
 \_134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy **precepts**.  
 \_135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy **statutes**.  
 \_136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy **law**.  
 \_137 **TZADDI**. Righteous *art* thou, O **YHWH**, and upright *are* thy **judgments**.  
 \_138 Thy **testimonies** *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.  
 \_139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.  
 \_140 Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.  
 \_141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy **precepts**.  
 \_142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy **law** *is* the truth.  
 \_143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy **commandments** *are* my delights.  
 \_144 The righteousness of thy **testimonies** *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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\_145 **KOPH**. I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O **YHWH**: I will keep thy **statutes**.  
\_146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy **testimonies**.  
\_147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.  
\_148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.  
\_149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O **YHWH**, quicken me according to thy judgment.  
\_150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy **law**.  
\_151 Thou *art* near, O **YHWH**; and all thy **commandments** *are* truth.  
\_152 Concerning thy **testimonies**, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

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\_153 **RESH**. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy **law**.  
\_154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.  
\_155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not thy **statutes**.  
\_156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O **YHWH**: quicken me according to thy **judgments**.  
\_157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy **testimonies**.  
\_158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.  
\_159 Consider how I love thy **precepts**: quicken me, O **YHWH**, according to thy lovingkindness.

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\_160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous **judgments** *endureth* for ever.  
\_161 **SCHIN**. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.  
\_162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.  
\_163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy **law** do I love.  
\_164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous **judgments**.  
\_165 Great peace have they which love thy **law**: and nothing shall offend them.

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\_166 **YHWH**, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy **commandments**.  
\_167 My soul hath kept thy **testimonies**; and I love them exceedingly.  
\_168 I have kept thy **precepts** and thy **testimonies**: for all my ways *are* before thee.  
\_169 **TAV**. Let my cry come near before thee, O **YHWH**: give me understanding according to thy word.  
\_170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.  
\_171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy **statutes**.  
\_172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy **commandments** *are* righteousness.  
\_173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy **precepts**.  
\_174 I have longed for thy salvation, O **YHWH**; and thy **law** *is* my delight.  
\_175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy **judgments** help me.  
\_176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy **commandments**.

## Restoration of the word “Torah” in Psalm 119

Strong’s Concordance number #8451 translated into English as “law” in Psalms is actually “Torah” which means instructions not just “The Ten Commandments”. Consider Hosea the prophet’s statements regarding God’s Torah:

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the **law [Torah]** of thy God, I will also forget thy children.” Hosea 4:6

Consider also 1 Peter 2:9:

“But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:” 1 Peter 2:9

### Psalms Chapter 119

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- \_1 **ALEPH**. Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the **TORAH** of **YHWH**.  
\_2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.  
\_3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.  
\_4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.  
\_5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!  
\_6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.  
\_7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

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- \_8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.  
\_9 **BETH**. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.  
\_10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.  
\_11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.  
\_12 Blessed *art* thou, O YHWH: teach me thy statutes.  
\_13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.  
\_14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.  
\_15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.  
\_16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

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- \_17 **GIMEL**. Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.  
\_18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy **TORAH**.  
\_19 I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.  
\_20 My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.  
\_21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments.  
\_22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.  
\_23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.  
\_24 Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

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- \_25 **DALETH**. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.  
\_26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.  
\_27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.  
\_28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.  
\_29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy **TORAH** graciously.  
\_30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.  
\_31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O YHWH, put me not to shame.  
\_32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

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\_33 **HE**. Teach me, O YHWH, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.  
 \_34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy **TORAH**; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.  
 \_35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.  
 \_36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.  
 \_37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.  
 \_38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

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\_39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.  
 \_40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.  
 \_41 **VAU**. Let thy mercies come also unto me, O YHWH, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.  
 \_42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.  
 \_43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.  
 \_44 So shall I keep thy **TORAH** continually for ever and ever.  
 \_45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.  
 \_46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.  
 \_47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.  
 \_48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

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\_49 **ZAIN**. Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.  
 \_50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.  
 \_51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy **TORAH**.  
 \_52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O YHWH; and have comforted myself.  
 \_53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy **TORAH**.  
 \_54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.  
 \_55 I have remembered thy name, O YHWH, in the night, and have kept thy **TORAH**.  
 \_56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

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\_57 **CHETH**. *Thou art* my portion, O YHWH: I have said that I would keep thy words.  
 \_58 I entreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.  
 \_59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.  
 \_60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.  
 \_61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy **TORAH**.  
 \_62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.  
 \_63 I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.  
 \_64 The earth, O YHWH, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

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\_65 **TETH**. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O YHWH, according unto thy word.  
 \_66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.  
 \_67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.  
 \_68 Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.  
 \_69 The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.  
 \_70 Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy **TORAH**.

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\_71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.  
 \_72 The **TORAH** of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.  
 \_73 **JOD**. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.  
 \_74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.  
 \_75 I know, O YHWH, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.  
 \_76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.  
 \_77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy **TORAH** *is* my delight.  
 \_78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.  
 \_79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

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\_80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.  
 \_81 **CAPH**. My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.  
 \_82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?  
 \_83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.  
 \_84 How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?  
 \_85 The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy **TORAH**.  
 \_86 All thy commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.  
 \_87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.  
 \_88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth. [middle verse]

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\_89 **LAMED**. For ever, O YHWH, thy word is settled in heaven.  
 \_90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.  
 \_91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.  
 \_92 Unless thy **TORAH** *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.  
 \_93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.  
 \_94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

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\_95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.  
 \_96 I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.  
 \_97 **MEM**. O how love I thy **TORAH**! *it is* my meditation all the day.  
 \_98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.  
 \_99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.  
 \_100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.  
 \_101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.  
 \_102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.  
 \_103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!  
 \_104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

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\_105 **NUN**. Thy 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 thy righteous judgments.  
 \_107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O YHWH, according unto thy word.  
 \_108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O YHWH, and teach me thy judgments.  
 \_109 My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy **TORAH**.  
 \_110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.  
 \_111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.  
 \_112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes *always, even unto* the end.

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\_113 **SAMECH**. I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy **TORAH** do I love.  
 \_114 Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.  
 \_115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.  
 \_116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.  
 \_117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.  
 \_118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood.  
 \_119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.  
 \_120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

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\_121 **AIN**. I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.  
 \_122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.  
 \_123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.  
 \_124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.  
 \_125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.  
 \_126 *It is* time for *thee*, YHWH, to work: *for* they have made void thy **TORAH**.  
 \_127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; *yea, above* fine gold.  
 \_128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.

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\_129 **PE**. Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.  
 \_130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.  
 \_131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.  
 \_132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.  
 \_133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.  
 \_134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.  
 \_135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

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\_136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy **TORAH**.  
 \_137 **TZADDI**. Righteous *art* thou, O YHWH, and upright *are* thy judgments.  
 \_138 Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.  
 \_139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.  
 \_140 Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.  
 \_141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.  
 \_142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy **TORAH** *is* the truth.  
 \_143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.  
 \_144 The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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\_145 **KOPH**. I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O YHWH: I will keep thy statutes.  
\_146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.  
\_147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.  
\_148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.  
\_149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O YHWH, quicken me according to thy judgment.  
\_150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy **TORAH**.  
\_151 Thou *art* near, O YHWH; and all thy commandments *are* truth.  
\_152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

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\_153 **RESH**. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy **TORAH**.  
\_154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.  
\_155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.  
\_156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O YHWH: quicken me according to thy judgments.  
\_157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies.  
\_158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.  
\_159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O YHWH, according to thy lovingkindness.  
\_160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

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161 **SCHIN**. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.  
\_162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.  
\_163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy **TORAH** do I love.  
\_164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.  
\_165 Great peace have they which love thy **TORAH**: and nothing shall offend them.  
\_166 YHWH, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.  
\_167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.  
\_168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee.

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\_169 **TAU**. Let my cry come near before thee, O YHWH: give me understanding according to thy word.  
\_170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.  
\_171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.  
\_172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.  
\_173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.  
\_174 I have longed for thy salvation, O **YHWH**; and thy **TORAH** *is* my delight.  
\_175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.  
\_176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

## Verses in Ps. 119 containing the words TORAH and YHWH

(YHWH – יהוה )

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29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy **TORAH** graciously.  
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31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O **YHWH**, put me not to shame.  
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33 **HE**. Teach me, O **YHWH**, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.  
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy **TORAH**; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.  
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61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy **TORAH**.  
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64 The earth, O **YHWH**, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.  
65 **TETH**. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O **YHWH**, according unto thy word.  
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70 Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy **TORAH**.  
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72 The **TORAH** of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.  
...  
75 I know, O **YHWH**, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.  
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77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy **TORAH** *is* my delight.  
...  
85 The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy **TORAH**.  
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87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.  
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 149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O **YHWH**, quicken me according to thy judgment.  
 150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy **TORAH**.  
 151 Thou *art* near, O **YHWH**; and all thy commandments *are* truth.  
 ...  
 153 **RESH**. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy **TORAH**.  
 ...  
 156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O **YHWH**: quicken me according to thy judgments.  
 ...  
 159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O **YHWH**, according to thy lovingkindness.  
 ...  
 163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy **TORAH** do I love.  
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 165 Great peace have they which love thy **TORAH**: and nothing shall offend them.  
 166 **YHWH**, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.  
 ...  
 169 **TAU**. Let my cry come near before thee, O **YHWH**: give me understanding according to thy word.  
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 174 I have longed for thy salvation, O **YHWH**; and thy **TORAH** *is* my delight.  
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Note: Psalm 119 is in the exact center of the Bible and contains the longest chapter. The chapter deals with the Name and Authority of God and the Law/Torah He gave. The center three verses of Psalms 119 along with Ecclesiastics reveal the whole duty of man.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.  
 “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Judaism has largely forgot the Torah (Hosea 4:6) and superseded it with the Talmud. For 1,700 years Christianity has taught that obedience to the Torah is Legalism.

### **How have both of those positions worked out for the world?**

Consider the examples below and what happens when you either change or discard major portions of the historical record of the Bible which is in direct violation of Biblical instructions found in both the Old and New Testaments in Deut. 4:1-2, 12:31-32; Matt.5:17-20, Rev. 22:14. Either the written Scriptures are authoritative, or they are not. Nearly the entire world has declared that they are not.

See: [e-sword](#) by [Rick Meyers](#) for incredible free online Bible study tools to further your personal study, and also [Rick Benner](#), [Brad Scott](#), and [Bill Cloud](#) for a deeper study into the Hebrew language.

"Our sacred literature does not use obscure language, but describes most things in words clearly indicating their meaning. Therefore it is necessary at all times to delve into the literal meaning of words to achieve complete understanding of what is actually meant."

-- Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch (1808-1888)-ancient-hebrew.org

# Modern Christian View of the TORAH

## Two Interpretations of Galatians 4

Current disagreement over the interpretation of Gal. 4 has to do with whether Paul condemned the people because they observed the pagan customs, or because they observed Jewish customs. Based on the context of the situation, one of these interpretations is clearly incorrect. See Version 1 and 2 below.

Since Paul and the early Christians continued to observe the “Feasts of the LORD” after Christ’s resurrection, it is not possible that he used the language he did, in Gal. 4:8-10, in referring to Leviticus 23.

### I Am Afraid Of You

“Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. “

#### Version 1: Galatians 4:8-10

4:8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God [before learning of YHWH], ye did service unto them [pagan gods] which by nature are no gods [Astarte, Cybele, Isis, Jupiter, Mars, Moon, Stars, Sun, Zeus].

4:9 But now, after that ye have known God [YHWH], or rather are known of God [YHWH], how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements [of pagan customs], whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage [to their false system of pagan worship]?

4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years [the pagan holy days and festivals].

4:11 I am afraid of you [who are turning back to pagan customs], lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Refers to Pagan observances.

#### Version 2: Christian Commentary on Galatians 4:8-10; 6BC 967

4:8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God [before learning of the LORD], ye did service unto them [pagan gods] which by nature are no gods [idols or false gods].

4:9 But now, after that ye have known God [LORD], or rather are known of God [LORD], how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements [ceremonial system], whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage [to the law]?

4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years [festivals of the Jewish religious calendar].

4:11 I am afraid of you [who are turning back to bondage of the Ceremonial Law], lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Lev. 23

Can this be correct?

Figure 1 - Galatians 4 Diagram

**Conclusion:** The Galatians simply reverted back to observing the pagan holiday calendar, as the overwhelming majority of Christians do today. Paul was addressing that problem – an error which is now being corrected by the *Hebrew Roots Movement*.

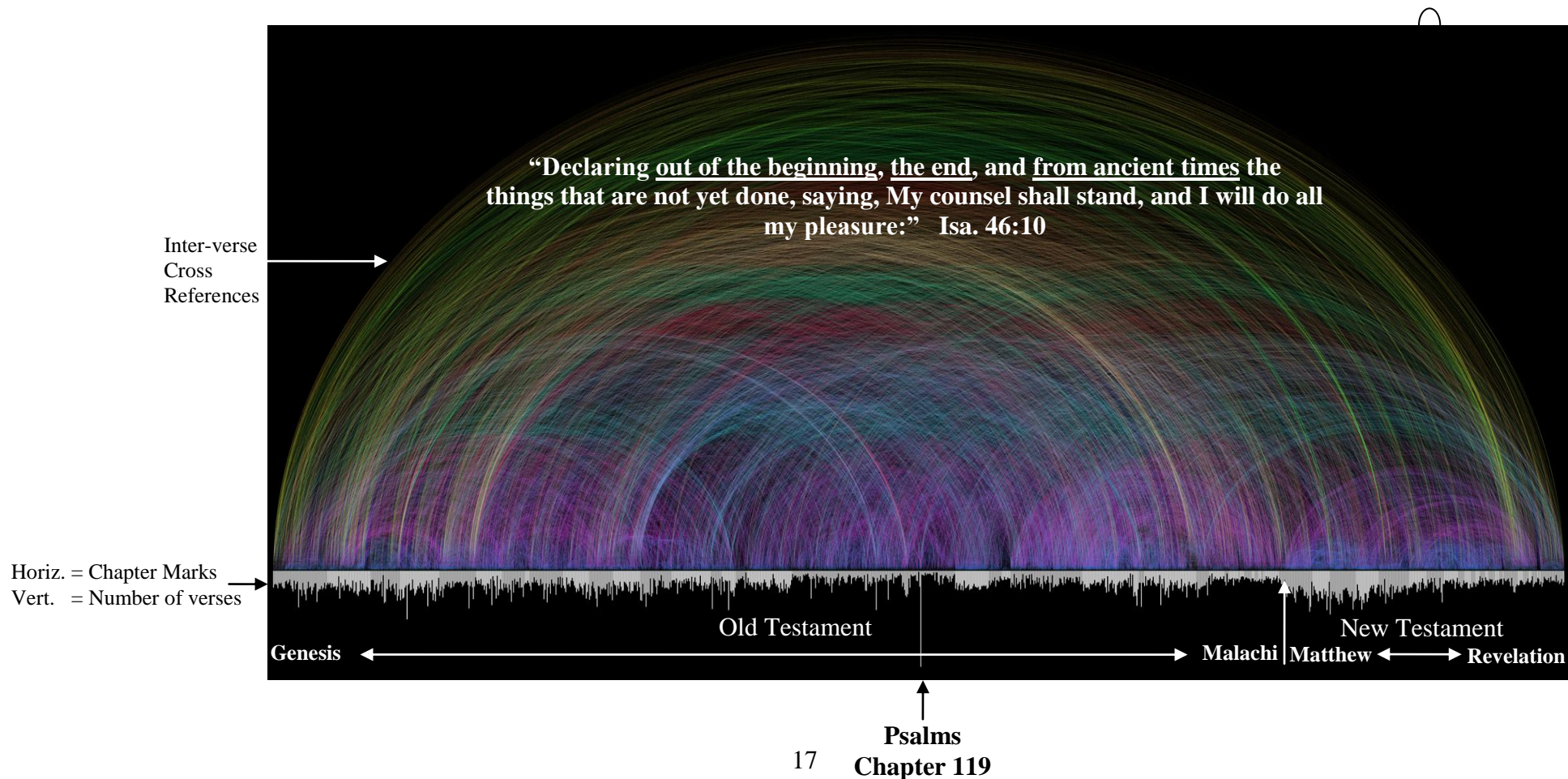


# Bible Cross-Reference Visualization by Chapters and Verses

<http://www.chrisharrison.net/projects/bibleviz/index.html>

“This set of visualizations started as a collaboration between Christoph Römheld and myself (Chris Harrison). Christoph, a Lutheran Pastor, first emailed me in October of 2007. He described a data set he was putting together that defined textual cross references found in the Bible. He had already done considerable work visualizing the data before contacting me. Together, we struggled to find an elegant solution to render the data, more than 63,000 cross references in total. As work progressed, it became clear that an interactive visualization would be needed to properly explore the data, where users could zoom in and prune down the information to manageable levels. However, this was less interesting to us, as several Bible-exploration programs existed that offered similar functionality (and much more). Instead we set our sights on the other end of the spectrum -- something more beautiful than functional. At the same time, we wanted something that honored and revealed the complexity of the data at every level -- as one leans in, smaller details should become visible. This ultimately led us to the multi-colored arc diagram you see below.

“The bar graph that runs along the bottom represents all of the chapters in the Bible. Books alternate in color between white and light gray. The length of each bar denotes the number of verses in the chapter. Each of the 63,779 cross references found in the Bible is depicted by a single arc - the color corresponds to the distance between the two chapters, creating a rainbow-like effect. ”



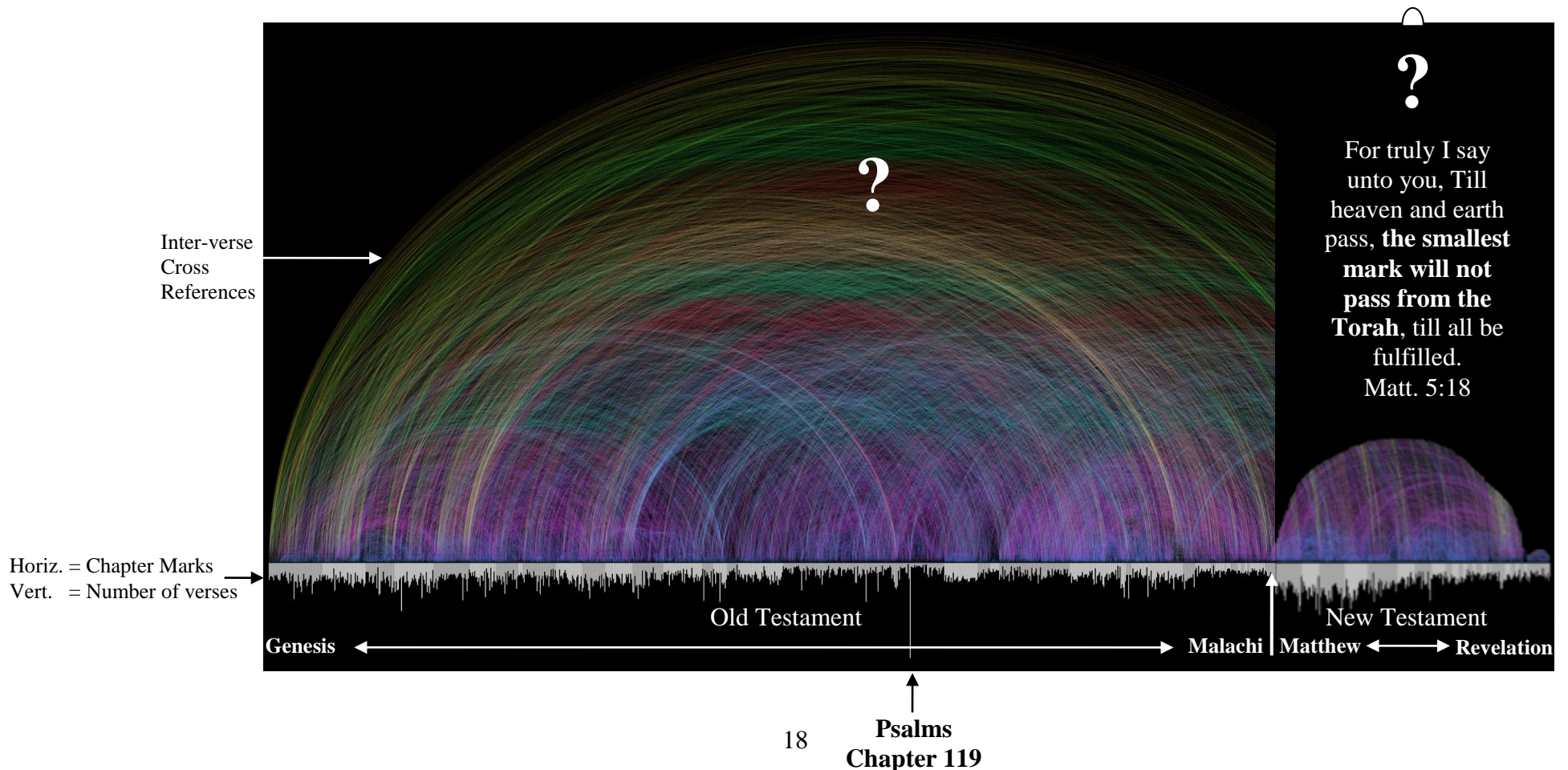
## Old Testament Cross-References Visualization Removed

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the YHWH Elohim of your fathers giveth you.

**Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the YHVH your Elohim which I command you.** Deut. 4:1, 2

For truly I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **the smallest mark will not pass from the Torah**, till all be fulfilled.

Matt. 5:18



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