

Peter Remembers 15

MT Genesis 4 ² . . . Now Abel was a shepherd of a flock, but Cain was a worker of the ground (עֵבֶד אֲדָמָה). ³ And in the course of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. ⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock (מִבְּכֹרוֹת צֹאנוֹ) and of their fat.

MT Genesis 2 ⁷ And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
וַיִּפֹּחַ בְּאַפָּיו נְשָׁמַת חַיִּים וַיְהִי הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה:

LXX Genesis 2 ⁷ And God formed the man of dust of the earth, and breathed upon his face the breath of life, and the man became a living soul.
ἐνεφύσησεν εἰς τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ πνοὴν ζωῆς,
καὶ ἐγένετο ὁ ἄνθρωπος εἰς ψυχὴν ζῶσαν

1 Corinthians 15 ⁴⁵ "The first man Adam became a living soul."
Ἐγένετο ὁ πρῶτος ἄνθρωπος Ἀδὰμ εἰς ψυχὴν ζῶσαν
The last Adam [became] a life-giving spirit.
ὁ ἔσχατος Ἀδὰμ εἰς πνεῦμα ζωοποιοῦν

MT Genesis 1 ²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters cause to swarm a swarming (יִשְׂרָצוּ . . . שָׂרָצָה) of [things with] a living soul (נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה) . . .

MT Genesis 1 ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every seed-bearing plant, which is upon the face of the entire earth, and every tree that has seed bearing fruit; it will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and to all the fowl of the heavens, and to everything that moves upon the earth, in which there is a living soul (נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה), every green herb to eat," and it was so.

MT Genesis 4 ⁴ . . . And the Lord regarded Abel
וַיִּשַׁע יְהוָה אֶל־הַבֶּל
and his offering,
⁵ but Cain and his offering he did not regard
וְאֶל־קַיִן וְאֶל־מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה

LXX Genesis 4 ⁴ . . . And God looked upon (ἐπεῖδεν) Abel
and his gifts (ἐπὶ τοῖς δῶροις αὐτοῦ),
but to Cain and his sacrifices (ἐπὶ ταῖς θυσίαις αὐτοῦ)
he did not pay attention (οὐ προσέσχε).

Hebrews 11 ⁴ By faith (Πίστει — בְּאִמּוּנָה) Abel offered to God a better sacrifice (πλείονα θυσίαν) than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts (ἐπὶ τοῖς δώροις αὐτοῦ); and he, having died, still speaks.

MT Deuteronomy 15 ¹⁹ “All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock you shall consecrate to the Lord your God; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock (בְּכֹר צֹאֲנֵה).

MT Leviticus 17 ¹⁰ ‘And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set my face against

a soul who eats blood

בִּנְפֹשׁ הָאֹכֵלֶת אֶת־הַדָּם,

and I will cut him off from among his people.

¹¹ For the soul of the flesh is in the blood

כִּי־נַפְשׁ הַבֶּשֶׂר בַּדָּם,

and I have given it to you upon the altar

to make atonement for your souls

לְכַפֵּר עַל־נַפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם;

for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul

כִּי־הַדָּם הוּא בִּנְפֹשׁ יְכַפֵּר

Hebrews 9 ²² And according to the Torah, one might say (σχεδόν), all things are cleansed with blood, and without a shedding of blood there is no remission (ἄφεσις).

Hebrews 11 ¹ Now faith is the conviction of things hoped for (ἐλπιζομένων ὑπόστασις), the testing of things not seen (πραγμάτων ἔλεγχος οὐ βλεπομένων). . . . ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please [God], for he who comes to God (τὸν προσερχόμενον τῷ θεῷ) must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who search for him (τοῖς ἐκζητοῦσιν αὐτὸν).

MT Genesis 4 ⁵ . . . And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶ So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching (יָצַח אֶת־רַגְלֵךָ) at the entrance to the tent. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

MT Genesis 4 ⁸ Now Cain spoke with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.