

can be confirmed, she is no longer an agunah and is released from the Torah of her husband.

|3| Accordingly she will be named no'eh-fet (adulteress) if, while her husband lives, she becomes another man's. But if her ba'al (husband) dies, she is free from the Torah, so that she is no no'ehfet (adulteress) if she becomes another man's.

|4| So then, Achim b'Moshiach, you also were put to death in relation to the Torah through the basar of Moshiach (TEHILLIM 16:9-10), in order that you might become another's, bound to Moshiach who was given Techiyah (Resurrection) from the Mesim, so that we might bear p'ri for Hashem.

|5| For when we were in the basar (in the fallen condition of the old humanity), through the Torah, the ta'avat besarim, the sinful passions (*i.e.*, *Chet Kadmon's yetzer harah of the fallen human condition*) were working in our natural capacities, so as to bear p'ri for mavet (death) [cf. Ro 4:15].
|6| But now we have become niftar (freed, deceased) from the dominating ownership of the Torah, having died to that by which we were confined, so that we might serve in the Ruach Hakodesh of hitkhdshut and newness and not in the yoshen (oldness) of chumra (legalism, strict adherence to the letter of the law) (Ro 2:29).

|7| What then shall we say? That the Torah is considered as chet (sin)? Chas v'shalom! Nevertheless, I would not have experienced chet (sin) except through the Torah; for I would not have known chamdanut (covetousness, greediness) if the Torah had not said, LO TACHMOD ("Thou shalt not covet" SHEMOT 20:17).

|8| But Chet (Sin), seizing its opportunity through the mitzvoh (commandment), stirred up all manner of chamdanut (covetousness) in me. For in the absence of the Torah, Chet (Sin) is dead.

|9| And in the absence of the Torah I was once alive. But when the mitzvoh (commandment) came [BERESHIS 2:16-17], Chet (Sin) became alive,
|10| and I died. The mitzvoh (commandment) intended as the Derech L'Chayyim (Way to Life) proved for me a means to mavet (death).

|11| For Chet (Sin), seizing its opportunity through the mitzvoh (commandment), deceived me and, through the mitzvoh (commandment), killed me [BERESHIS 3:1-6].

|12| So that the Torah is kedoshah (holy) and the mitzvoh (commandment) is kedoshah and yasharah and tovah.

|13| Did that which is good, then, become mavet (death) to me? Chas v'shalom! But Chet (Sin), it was Chet, working mavet (death) in me through that which is tovah, in order that Chet might be shown as Chet (Sin), and in order that Chet through the mitzvoh (commandment) might become chata'ah gedolah ad m'od (utterly sinful).

|14| For we have da'as that the Torah is Ruchanit (Spiritual, of the Ruach Hakodesh); but I am of the basar (fallen humanity) sold under the power of (slave master Chet Kadmon) Chet.

|15| For I do not have da'as what I do. For that which I commit is not what I want; no, it is what I hate that I do!

|16| But if that which I do is what I do not want, I agree with the Torah that the Torah is good.

|17| But now it is no longer I

doing this, but [the power of] Chet (Sin) which dwells within me.

|18| For I have da'as that there dwells in me, that is, in my basar (my fallen humanity enslaved to Chet Kadmon) no good thing; for the wish [*to do what is right*] lies ready at hand for me, but to accomplish the good is not.

|19| For I fail to do good as I wish, but HaRah (The Evil) which I do not wish is what I commit.

|20| But if what I do not wish is that which I do, it is no longer I doing it but [*the power of*] Chet (Sin, Chet Kadmon, Original Sin) which dwells within me (cf. Ro 8:7-8).

|21| I find then it be a law that for me who wishes to do HaTov (The Good), that for me HaRah (The Evil) lies ready at hand.

|22| For I rejoice, I have simcha Torah in the Torah of Hashem, so far as the inner man is concerned,

|23| But I see another Chok (decree, law) in my natural capacities at milchamah (war) with the Torah of my mind and making me a prisoner to the Chok (law) of Chet (Sin) which is [*a power*] in my natural capacities.

|24| Wretched man am I! Who will deliver me from the body of this mavet (death)?

|25| Hodu l'Hashem (thanks be to G-d) ba'Moshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu. So then I myself with my mind serve the Torah of Hashem and with my basar I serve the Chok of Chet (the Law of Sin).

T.N. The total spiritual turnaround here described is when the conviction of the intellect, emotion, and will "obey from the heart the form of doctrine laid out here in Scripture" as we are born anew in the humanity of the new Man and die to the old depraved Adam.]