

VERSES ON REPENTENCE

Deuteronomy 4:29-31 29 ...From there you will seek Yahweh your God, and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return (שׁוּב, LXX ἐπιστρέφω) to Yahweh your God and obey his voice.

1 Samuel 7:2-6 2 From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after Yahweh. 3 And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, If you are returning (LXX ἐπιστρέφω) to Yahweh with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, direct your heart to Yahweh, and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4 So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served Yahweh only. 5 Then Samuel said, Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to Yahweh for you. 6 So they gathered at Mizpah, drew water, poured it out before Yahweh, fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against Yahweh.

Isaiah 55:6-7 6 Seek Yahweh while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return (LXX ἐπιστρέφω) to Yahweh, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Jeremiah 7:3-7 3 ...Amend your ways and your deeds, and I [Yahweh] will let you [Israel] dwell in this place. ...5 If you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, 6 if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, 7 then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

Ezekiel 18:30-32 30 Repent (LXX ἐπιστρέφω) and turn (LXX ἀποστρέφω) from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. 31 Cast away (LXX ἀπορίπτω) from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares Lord Yahweh. So turn (LXX ἐπιστρέφω) and live.

Matthew 3:1-11 1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 Change your minds (μετανοέω, pres. act. imper.), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord [Yahweh]. Make his paths straight. 4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with a change of mind (μετάνοια). 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, We have Abraham as our father, for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree

therefore that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I baptise you with water for a change of mind (μετάνοια), but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 4:17 17 From that time Jesus began to preach saying, Change your minds (μετανοέω, pres.), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 11:20-22 20 Then [Jesus] began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not change their minds (μετανοέω, aor.). 21 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

Matthew 12:41 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they changed their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

Matthew 21:28-32 28 What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, Son, go and work in the vineyard today. 29 And he answered, I will not, but afterward he changed his mind (μεταμέλομαι, aor.) and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, I go, sir, but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the desire of his father? They said, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds (μεταμέλομαι, aor.) and believe him.

Mark 1:14-15 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God 15 and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent (μετανοέω, pres.) and believe (πιστεύω, pres.) in the gospel (ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ).

Mark 6:12 12 So [the twelve] went out and proclaimed that people should change their minds (μετανοέω, pres.).

Luke 1:16-17 16 And he [John the Baptist] will turn (ἐπιστρέφω) many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn (ἐπιστρέφω) the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.

Luke 5:29-32 31 ...Jesus answered [the Pharisees and scribes], Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to a change of mind (μετάνοια).

Luke 13:1-5 1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered them, Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? 3 No, I tell you. But unless you change your minds (μετανοέω, pres.), you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you. but unless you change your minds (μετανοέω, pres.), you will all likewise perish.

Luke 15:7 7 ...I [Jesus] tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes his mind (μετανοέω, pres.) than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no change of mind (μετάνοια).

Luke 15:10 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who changes their mind (μετανοέω, pres.).

Luke 17:3-4 3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he changes his mind (μετανοέω, aor.), forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times saying, I repent (μετανοέω, pres.), you must forgive him.

Luke 24:46-47 46 ...Thus it is written that the Messiah should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that a change of mind (μετάνοια) for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Acts 2:37-44 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brothers, what shall we do? 38 And Peter said to them, Change your minds (μετανοέω, aor.) and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God [specially] calls to himself. 40 And with many other words he testified and continued to exhort them saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. 41 So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ...44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

Acts 3:17-20 17 ...Now, brothers, I [Peter] know that you acted in ignorance (ἄγνοια), as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Change your minds (μετανοέω, aor.) therefore and turn back (ἐπιστρέφω, aor.), that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you....

Acts 5:31 31 God exalted [Jesus] at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give a change of mind (μετάνοια) to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 8:22-23 22 Change your mind, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you [Simon the magician]. 23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.

Acts 9:35 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw [Aeneas], and they turned (ἐπιστρέφω, aor.) to the Lord.

Acts 11:17-18 17 If then God gave the same gift to [Cornelius and his household] as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Messiah, who was I that I could stand in God's way? 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God saying, Then to the Gentiles also God has granted a change of mind (μετάνοια) that leads to life.

Acts 11:21 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned (ἐπιστρέφω, aor.) to the Lord.

Acts 13:24 24 Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of a change of mind (μετάνοια) to all the people of Israel.

Acts 14:14-15 14 ...When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd crying out, 15 Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn (ἐπιστρέφω, pres.) from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Acts 15:3 3 ...Being sent on their way by the church, [Paul and Barnabas] passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion (ἐπιστροφή)¹ of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.

Acts 15:19 19 ...My judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn (ἐπιστρέφω, pres.) to God....

Acts 17:30-34 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to change their minds (μετανοέω, pres.), 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed. And of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead. 32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, We will hear you again about this. 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Acts 19:4-5 4 ...Paul said, John baptised with the baptism of a change of mind (μετάνοια), telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus. 5 On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:20-21 20 ...I [Paul] did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of a change of mind (μετάνοια) toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Messiah.

¹ “[C]hange of one’s way of thinking or believing, *conversion*” (BDAG, 382).

Acts 26:17-18 17 ...Delivering you [Paul] from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn (ἐπιστρέφω) from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith (πίστις) in me. 19 Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should change their minds (μετανοέω, pres.) and turn (ἐπιστρέφω, pres.) to God, performing deeds in keeping with their change of mind (μετάνοια).

Romans 2:4-5 4 ...Do you presume on the riches of [God's] kindness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to a change of mind (μετάνοια)? 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

2 Corinthians 3:16 16 But at the time when one turns (ἐπιστρέφω, aor.) to the Lord, the veil is removed [illumination].

2 Corinthians 7:8-10 8 ...Even if I [Paul] made you grieve (λυπέω, aor.) with my letter, I do not regret (μεταμέλομαι, pres.) it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. 9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into a change of mind (μετάνοια). For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a change of mind (μετάνοια) that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

2 Corinthians 12:21 21 I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not changed their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) about the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 9 ...They themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned (ἐπιστρέφω, aor.) to God from idols to serve the living and true God....

2 Timothy 2:24-26 24 ...The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them a change of mind (μετάνοια) leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his desire.

Hebrews 6:1-6 1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of a change of mind (μετάνοια) from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits. 4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again

to a change of mind (μετάνοια), since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

Hebrews 12:17 17 ... You know that afterward, when [Esau] desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to change his mind (μετάνοια), though he sought it with tears.

James 5:19-20 19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

2 Peter 3:9 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach a change of mind (μετάνοια).

Revelation 2:4-5 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen. Change your minds (μετανοέω, aor.) and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you change your minds (μετανοέω, aor.).

Revelation 2:14-16 14 But I have a few things against you. You have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam. ... 15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore change your minds (μετανοέω, aor.). If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 2:20-22 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to change her mind (μετανοέω, aor.), but she refuses to change her mind (μετανοέω, aor.) of her sexual immorality. 22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they change their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) of her works....

Revelation 3:1-3 1 I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it and change your minds (μετανοέω). If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

Revelation 3:19 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and change your minds (μετανοέω, aor.).

Revelation 9:20-21 20 The rest of humanity, who were not killed by these plagues, did not change their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) of the works of their hands nor give up worshipping demons and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which cannot see, hear, or walk,

21 nor did they change their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) of their murders, their sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their thefts.

Revelation 16:9-11 9 They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not change their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) and give him glory. 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish 11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not change their minds (μετανοέω, aor.) about their deeds.