We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.

**Grace vs. Works**

**Romans 9:1** I-am-saying truth in Messiah, I-am not lying, my conscience witnessing-together with-me in (the) Holy Spirit,
v2 That it-is great grief to-me and unceasing pain in my heart;
Note that Paul is not a liar, and his witness/testimony is of the Holy Spirit. Sadly, many Messianics do not believe this.
v3 For I-was-wishing I myself to-be anathema from the Messiah in-behalf-of my brothers, my relatives according-to flesh,
v4 They-who are Israelites, of-whom the adoption-as-son and the glory and the covenants and the giving-of-law and the service and the promises,
v5 Of-whom the fathers, and out-of whom the Messiah according-to the flesh; the (one) being over all (things) God blessed with-reference-to the ages, amen,
v6 But not such-as that the word of-the God has-and-is-still-fallen-away. For not all the (ones) out-of Israel, these (are) Israel;
v7 Neither because they-are seed of-Abraham, (are) all children, BUT: in Isaac seed will-be-called to-you.
v8 This is, not the children of-the flesh these children of-the God, BUT the children of-the promise (are) being-figured with-reference-to seed.
v9 For the word of-promise (is) this: According-to this season I-shall-come and (a) son will-be to-the Sara.
v10 But not only (she), BUT Rebecca having conjugal-bed out-of one (man), Isaac our father;
v11 For not-yet having-been-born nor having practised anything good or worthless, in-order-that the plan of-the God according-to choice might-be-remaining,
v12 Not out-of works BUT out-of the (one) calling, it-was-said to-her that The greater will-be-slave to-the lesser;
v13 Even-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: I-cherished the Jacob but I-hated the Esau. [Mal.1:3]
v14 What therefore shall-we-say? Unrighteousness beside the God? May-it not come-to-pass.
v15 For to-the Moses he-is saying: I-shall-have-mercy on whomever I-might-be-having-mercy, and I-shall-pity whomever I-might-be-pitying. [Ex. 32:19]

v16 So therefore (it-is) not of-the (one) willing nor of-the (one) running, BUT of-the God having-mercy.
v17 For the scripture is-saying to-the Pharaoh that With-reference-to this same thing I-raised you out, in-which-case I-might-demonstrate in you my power, and in-which-case my name might-be-announced in all the earth.
v18 So therefore he-is-having-mercy-on whom he-is-willing, but whom he-is-willing he-is-hardening.
v19 You-will-say to-me therefore: Why is-he still finding-fault? For who has-withstood-and-still-withstands his intention?
v20 O MAN, yea therefore who are-you, yourself the (one) replying-against the God? Will the thing-moulded say to-the (one) having-moulded: Why (have) you-made me thus? (No!) 
v21 Or is the potter not having authority of-the mud out-of the same lump to-make on-the-one-hand which vessel with-reference-to honor, on-the-other-hand which with-reference-to dishonor?
v22 But if the God willing to-demonstrate the wrath and to-make-known the possible (intention?) of-him brought in much patience vessels of-wrath having-been-and-still-rendered-thoroughly-fit with-reference-to destruction,
v23 And in-order-that he-might-make-known the riches of his glory on vessels of-mercy, which he-prepared-before with-reference-to glory,

v24 Whom (has) he-called, even us, not only out-of Jews BUT also out-of nations?

v25 As even in the Hosea he-is-saying: I-shall-call the people not mine, my people, and the (woman?) not having-been-cherished-and-still-(not)-cherished, having-been-cherished-and-still-cherished;[Hosea 2:23] 
v26 And it-will-be in the place, the-place-where, it-was-said to-them: YOU (-are) not my people, there they-will-be-called sons of (the) living God. [Hosea 1:10]

v27 But Isaiah is-crying in-behalf-of the Israeli; If the number of-the sons of-Israel might-be as the sand of-the sea, the thing-left-under will-be-saved; [Isaiah 10:22] 
v28 For finishing-completely and cutting-short (an) account in justice; because Jehovah will-make (an) account having-been-and-still-cut-short on the land.
v29 And according-as Isaiah said-before and still-is-saying: Unless Jehovah of-hosts abandoned (a) seed to-us, we (maybe) became as Sodom and we (maybe) were-likened as Gomorrah. [Isaiah 1:9]

v30 What therefore shall-we-say? That nations the (ones) not pursuing justice, it (they)-apprehended justice, but justice the (one) out-of trust?

v31 But Israel pursuing (a) law of-justice came not first with-reference-to (the) law. 

v32 Because-of what? Because not out-of trust BUT as out-of works of-law they-stumbled on-the stone of-the stumbling. 
v33 According-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: Behold I-am-placing in Sion (a) stone of-stumbling and (a) rock of-entrapment, and the (one) trusting on him will not be-disgraced. [Isa. 28:16]
Addressing a Messy-Antic replacement theology that sometimes comes up with this week’s portion, wherein Messianics will claim they are the “true Jews”:

**Isaiah 56:6** Also the foreigners that join themselves to Jehovah, to minister unto him, and to love the name of Jehovah, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast my covenant; 7 even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. 8 The Lord Jehovah, who gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather others to him, besides his own that are gathered.

**John 10:16** And I-am-having other sheep, which (are) not out-of this court; those-also it-is-essential (for) me to-lead, and they-will-hear (sh’ma) my voice; and it-will-come-to-be one flock, one shepherd.

Regarding the "foreigners" that YHVH brings to his holy mountain... I'm -thinking- that as they are "with" YHVH, they can't be outside of the way through Yeshua (Jn.14:6), and therefore are not Gentile converts to Judaism, but rather "the (ones) having-fallen-asleep through the Jesus", τοὺς κοιμηθέντας διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, seen at 1Thes.4:14 - (which differs from "the dead (ones) in Messiah" - οἱ νεκροὶ ἐν Χριστῷ @1Thes.4:16).

And who are the Gentiles (ἔθνη) in Rev.21:24 and 22:2? Apparently a group of people then and there @New Jerusalem are still called Gentiles, and this ties to the house of prayer for all peoples @Isa.56:7 (LXX: ἔθνη). These are Gentile Christians.

Yeshua is YHVH of Sabbaths: Christians (Jew and Gentile) keep his commandment and rest in Him. Yeshua is our Sabbath rest:

**1 John 3:23** And this is his commandment, in-order-that we-might-trust-in-the name of-his son Jesus Messiah and we-might-be-cherishing one-another according-as he-gave commandment to-us.

**Hebrews 4:3** "For we, the (ones) having-trusted, are-going-in into the rest, according-as he-has-said-and-still-says: As I-swore in my wrath; if they-will-go-in into my rest; and-yet of-the works having-been-come-to-pass from casting-down of-(a)-world."

**Habakkuk 2:4b** "but the righteous shall live by his faith.(trust)"
We also see Gentile Christians simply called "Gentiles" in the New Testament @Rom.11:13; 15:27; 16:4; Gal. 2:12; Eph.3:1,6 and likely more places. So it is important to understand the context of “Gentile”. And so regarding the Jew and Gentile in Messiah Yeshua -my understanding, which may not be exact, is that a true Jewish believer is a spiritual Jew (Ro.2:29). And a true Gentile believer is a spiritual Gentile (Eph.3:16). To the Jew first (Rom.1:16; 2:9,10), God makes no distinction thereafter Rom.2:11).….we are to remain "as you were" (1 Corinthians 7:20). Gentile believers in Yeshua are grafted-in AMONG (Rom.11:17) the choice (the fatness) [and petrified/slipped branches?] of Israel (but not the broken-out/fallen branches): Yeshua, in whom we became fellow partner (i.e. members of the body of Messiah @Eph.5:30), is the root (Rev. 22:16, Jn.15:1,5) INTO whom we are grafted (2Cor.5:17). This is the ONE NEW MANKIND IN MESSIAH.

Ephesians 2:15 *"Having-rendered-inactive* the law of-the-commandments *in decrees [δόγμασιν], in-order-that he-might-create the two in himself with-reference-to one new (quality) MAN making peace;"

* "the saying of his power" -Heb.1:3

* God now speaks in Son (even) "in decrees": "You have heard it said…..but I say unto you...." ~Matthew ch5.

Hebrews 1:1 *"The God having-spoken long-ago in-many-portions and in-many-manners to-the fathers in the prophets

v2 *Spoke to-us on last of these days in Son*, whom he-placed heir of-all (things), through whom also he-made the ages;

1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we-are (ones) having-hoped-and-still-hoping in Messiah, we-are of-all MEN more pitiful.

v20 But at-this-instant Messiah has-been-and-still-is-raised out-of dead (ones), firstfruit of-the (ones) having-fallen-asleep-and-still-asleep:

v21 For since-indeed the death (is) through MAN, also through MAN (a) standing-again of-dead (ones).

v22 For as-altogether in the Adam all are-dying-off, thus also in the Messiah all will-be-made-alive.

v23 But each (one) in (his) own assignment: firstfruit Messiah, thereafter the (ones) of-the Messiah in his presence

Shabbat Shalom in Messiah Yeshua!