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Wisdom and Understanding

The Seven Pillars

"Wisdom has built her house, she has hewed out her seven pillars." (Proverbs 9:1)

The house of wisdom and the seven pillars spoken of in the above verse: Is this a metaphor meant to understand? or just words written having no special meaning? Just who is the one called wisdom and where is her house of seven pillars? These are questions posed to the Holy Spirit from whom guidance is sought in this quest for understanding and spiritual insight. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of Elohim, that gives to all men liberally, and unbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

According to James, it is Yahweh who has wisdom and gives one understanding. In speaking of wisdom, Proverbs 9:2-4 goes on to say, "she has killed her beasts; she has mingled her wine; she has also furnished her table. She has sent forth her maidens; she cries upon the highest places of the city. Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither; as for him that wants understanding, she says to him, Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish and live; and go in the way of understanding." Here we are told that wisdom has prepared a table and given those who seek understanding an invitation to come and dine. But to feast at wisdom's table requires one to cleanse himself, that is, he must depart from iniquity. "For Yahweh gives wisdom; out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly," Proverbs 2:6-7. But what is wisdom? Job 28:28 says, "Behold, the fear of Yahweh, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." In speaking of wisdom and understanding, Proverbs 3:18-19 says, "She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retains her. Yahweh by wisdom has founded the earth; by understanding has He established the heavens."

Turning now to Psalms 19:1-4 we read, "The heavens declare the glory of El, and the firmament show His handiwork. Day unto day utter speech and night unto night shows knowledge."

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them has He set a tabernacle for the sun." The "tabernacle for the sun", could this be the house that wisdom built with the seven pillars? Psalms 134:1-3 says, "Behold, bless you Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh, which by night stand in the house of Yahweh. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless Yahweh. Yahweh that made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion."

To better understand the heavenly we must look at the model given Moses, "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall you make it," Exodus 25:8-9. The earthly tabernacle with its furnishing, seven in number, consists of: (1) the ark, (2) the mercyseat with the cherubim, (3) the table of showbread, (4) the menorah, (5) altar of incense, (6) the brass bason, and (7) the altar for burnt offering. Each piece having a purpose in Yahweh's atoning work for man's transgression. But among the seven, the menorah (candlestick) with its seven branches stands out. Revelation 4:5 says, "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of Elohim." And Revelation 5:6 goes on to say, "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of Elohim sent forth into all the earth."

On one hand the seven lamps of the menorah represents Yahweh's seven spirits, and on the other hand, the lamb (Yahshua) is depicted as having seven horns and seven eyes representing the seven spirits of Yahweh. Just what are Yahweh's seven spirits? Are they one and the same or something different?

Turning now to Isaiah 11:1-4 we read, "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the Spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of Yahweh; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of Yahweh: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge

the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." Did you catch that? The seven spirits of Yahweh, represented by the lights of the seven branched menorah, are: (1) wisdom, (2) understanding, (3) counsel, (4) might, (5) knowledge, (6) the fear of Yahweh, and (7) right judgment. These same spirits proceed from Yahweh's throne. (Recall, the earthly tabernacle was made after the pattern of the heavenly.)

With regard to the furnishings of the tabernacle, there appears to be a parallel between the seven spirits as named in Isaiah 11:2-4 and the furnishing of the tabernacle:

"Through wisdom is an house built; and by understanding it is established," Proverbs 24:3.

Wisdom	altar of burnt offering	Exodus 27:1
Understanding	bronze basin	Exodus 30:18
Counsel	altar of incense	Exodus 30:1
Might	table of showbread	Exodus 25:23
Knowledge	Menorah	Exodus 25:31
Fear of Yahweh	ark of the covenant	Exodus 25:10-16
Right Judgment	mercyseat with cherubim	Exodus 25:17-22

It is the wise hearted person who presents himself to Yahweh as a living sacrifice (Psalms 51:17; Romans 12:1-2); when he comes to understanding he cleanses himself from all sin (Isaiah 1:16-18; John 13:10; Acts 2:37-39; Romans 6:3-4); he seeks Yahweh's counsel through prayer (Exodus 30:1, 6-8; Luke 1:9-10; James 1:5; Revelation 8:3-4; Ezekiel 20:41); and it is by eating at Yahweh's table that one receives strength (Isaiah 55:1-3; John 4:31-34; 6:51). It is the menorah which gives light and it is with Yahweh's light, His Holy Spirit leading and guiding, that one gains knowledge (Psalms 119:105; Isaiah 60:1-3; John 8:12; 16:13-14). The fear of Yahweh is to depart from evil and it is the ark of the covenant which contains the tablets of stone, Yahweh's ten commandments, the standard which defines sin and by which all men will be judged (Proverbs 8:13; 16:6; 1 John 3:4; Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). Sitting atop the ark is the mercyseat and cherubim which correspond with the spirit of right judgment. It is by mercy and truth that iniquity is purged — the mercyseat representing Yahshua and the two cherubim the

the required witnesses for making right judgment (1 John 1:7-9; 2 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 20:11-15; John 3:16-21; 14:6; Matthew 18:16; Deuteronomy 19:15).

Like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who were "skillful in all wisdom and cunning in knowledge and understanding" (Daniel 1:4), were able to withstand the fiery flames of the furnace in the time of judgment (Daniel 3:1-30), will you too stand victorious upon Yahshua's return?

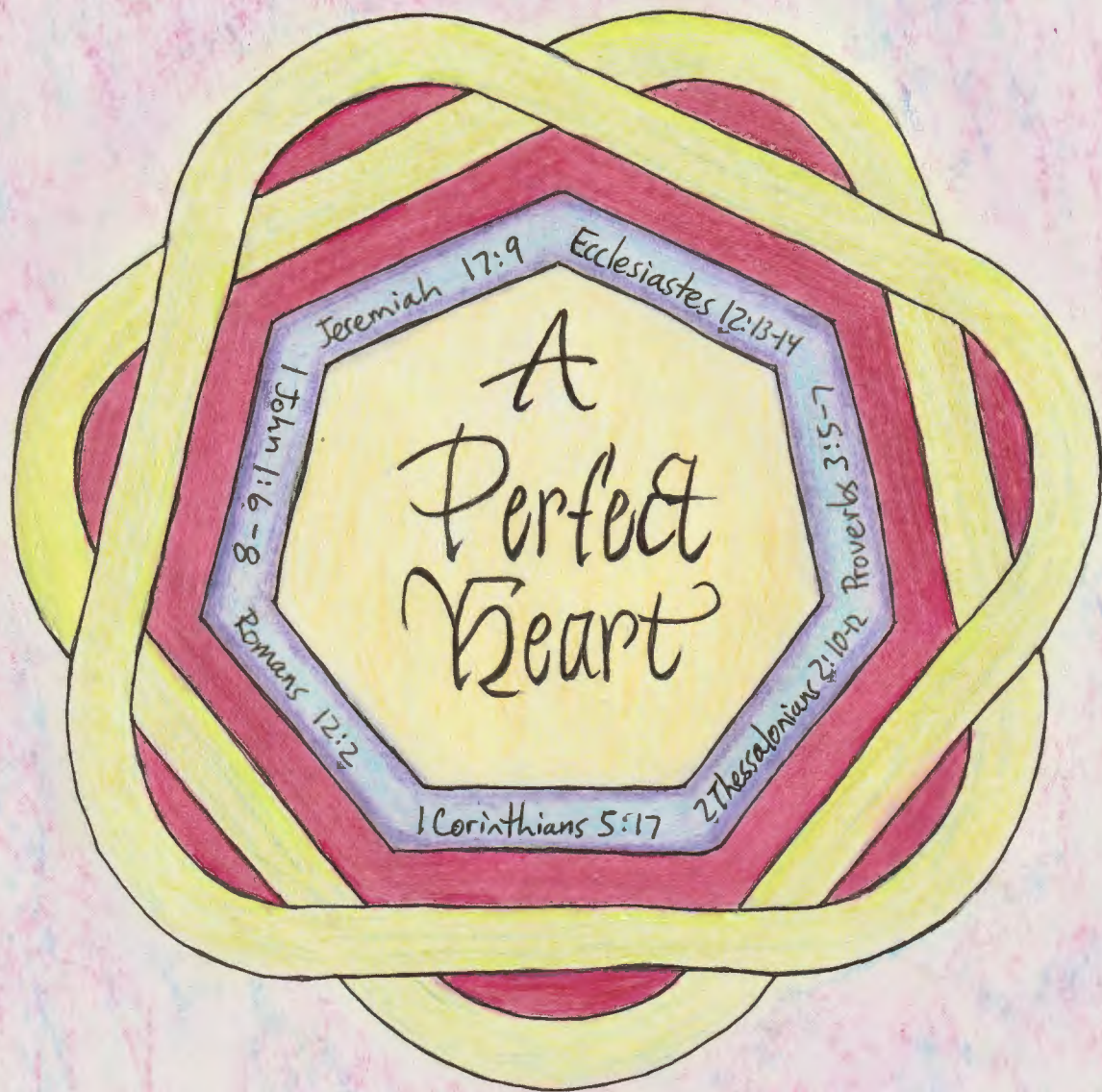
"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Master Yahshua shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not Yahweh, and that obey not the good news of our Master Yahshua Messiah: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Master, and from the glory of His power," 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

The seven pillars, upon which the house of wisdom is built, have been outlined above. One may ask, How could this be? The seven pillars are the pathway for man's redemption as seen in Yahweh's tabernacle. By no other way is redemption found; it is by Yahshua and Him alone, His atoning sacrifice made in behalf of sinful man (when accepted will bring one before the throne of grace, but if rejected a fiery judgment). "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Yahshua Messiah," 1 Corinthians 3:11.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Elohim is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Yahweh himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim.... And I saw no temple therein: for Yahweh El Shaddai and the lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of Elohim did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof," Revelation 21:1-3, 22-23.



קדוש ליהוה



Holy to Yahweh

A Perfect Heart

In speaking of King Amaziah we read in 2 Chronicles 25:2, "And he did that which was right in the sight of Yahweh, but not with a perfect heart." Is this an oxymoron at play? Is there even such a thing as a perfect heart or are the terms contradictory? For Scripture states, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

On one hand we are told that Amaziah "did right in the sight of Yahweh," and on the other hand his service to Yahweh was not done with a perfect heart. The Hebrew word translated as "perfect" is Strong's number 8003, shalem (שָׁלֵם); its root is #7999, shalam (שָׁלַם), a word which means: to be safe, complete; to be at peace. It is from this root that the word shalom (שָׁלוֹם) also stems, a word meaning: to be sound, well in health, the whole, peace.

Since Scripture has given the instruction to "Be you therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), let us consider just how to attain such a high plateau. After all, why would Yahweh ask of man something unattainable? Did He not say, "Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light," Matthew 11:28-30.

How does one attain a perfect heart? By preparation, one having a set mind to stay on course. We read of Ezra, "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of Yahweh, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments," Ezra 7:10.

It is the flesh warring against the Spirit which becomes problematic in serving Yahweh for the indeterminate soul; that is to say, the soul unfocused which strays off course. Romans 8:7 says, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against Elohim: for it is not subject to the law of Elohim, neither indeed can be." 1 John 1:6-8 says, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yahshua His son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

How can one be assured that he knows Yahweh, that he is abiding in Yahweh's perfect will? 1 John 2:3-5 says, "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

He that says, I know Him, and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keeps His word, in him verily is the love of Elohim perfected in him." Once again, How does one prevail over such odds — a rebellious heart which is desperately wicked and deceitful? 1 John 1:9 goes on to say, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Receive a thorough cleansing, by the "washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit," and being justified by His grace (Titus 3:5-7).

Does Yahweh's grace then give one the liberty to continue in sin? This is a resounding NO! Paul said in Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of Elohim." We renew our mind by spending time in Yahweh's word — read, study, meditate, and memorize. Become one with Yahweh's word, for His word is eternal and it is His word which has the power to transform one into a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Having a perfect heart, according to Yahweh's standard, is having a willingness to obey. One must humble himself before Yahweh and submit to His will. "I Yahweh search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 17:10

The gateway for entering into Yahweh's love and becoming one with Elohim is Yahweh's name, as we are told in John 17:26, "And I have declared unto them your name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith you have loved Me may be in them, and I in them." But like the Israelite people, many will be found with a hardened heart, being unwilling to follow truth, letting their traditions of lies and deception have paramount standing. The titles Lord and God are not Yahweh's name, and the hybrid name Jesus does not rise to the level of the Savior's true name — Yahshua. If we are to worship Yahweh in both spirit and truth, then these replacement representations of both Yahweh and Yahshua cannot and must not be used. For one to continue in man's tradition when truth has been revealed bears witness that the love of truth is not present within one's heart. "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them

that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. "But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him," John 4:23.

Entering into the "perfect peace" of Yahweh (the shalom shalom) or as written in the Hebrew text שָׁלוֹם שָׁלוֹם (Shalom Shalom) — peace peace, has a prerequisite as we are told in Isaiah 26:2-3, "Open you the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you: because he trusts in you, Trust in Yahweh for ever: for in Yah Yahweh is everlasting strength." And in Proverbs 3:5-7 we read, "Trust in Yahweh with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes: fear Yahweh, and depart from evil."

"In all your ways," yes, totally submissive unto Yahweh's will. This includes Sabbath observance as well as one's diet, as seen in Ezekiel 22:26, "Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."

"For you are an holy people unto Yahweh your Elohim, and Yahweh has chosen you to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth. You shall not eat any abominable thing," Deuteronomy 14:2-3. Verses 4-21 go on to distinguish the clean and unclean animals, what are permissible for food and what are not. Do you have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the assembly? Do you have a willing heart to follow the instruction given?

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 has this to say, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For Elohim shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."



דרש אמת



Seek Truth

Blind Leaders

"For the leaders of this people cause them to err, and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isaiah 9:16

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I will not see him? says Yahweh. Do not I fill heaven and earth? says Yahweh. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal." Jeremiah 23:24-27

"There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."

Ezekiel 22:25-26

The skilled orator, one speaking with a silver tongue, having learned the various techniques used in rhetoric, is capable of influencing an audience with syntax, selective word choice and story telling. The audience is like putty in his hands; he easily manipulates the unsuspecting listener. Many pastors have honed their delivery skills so to captivate their congregation. The truth of Scripture is of little to no importance to the false shepherd; his goal is to keep the pews filled, so he entertains and teaches popular doctrine even when lacking a sound Scriptural foundation.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your Elohim, I will also forget your children," Hosea 4:6. Yahuweh forbid that one should be counted among those rejecting Yahuweh's law, those lacking knowledge of sound doctrine, those being led by false teachers who have not a love for truth. "And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks always to Elohim for you, brethren beloved of the Master, because Elohim has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth," 2 Thessalonians 2:11-13.

Though the church one attends may be a fine looking building which bears the name of a particular denomination, the question one should ask is, Are the doctrines taught based in Scripture truth or in pretext and deception?

"And no marvel: for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."
2 Corinthians 11:14-15

How does one discern truth from error? Paul said in Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not, Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, You shall not covet." The law of Yahuweh sets the standard by which all will be judged. Isaiah 8:20 says, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them".

Now if someone has been deceived or indoctrinated with man's tradition and is unwilling to let go of false teaching, there will be a day of reckoning as stated in Isaiah 9:16, "For the leaders of this people cause them to error, and they that are led of them are destroyed."

Consider the first four commandments:

- Worship Yahweh and Him alone — The Bible translators, for the most part, refuse to use the name Yahweh. They replace His name with "LORD," thus hiding the very name we are told to call upon (Joel 2:32).

- Make no graven images — Are you worshipping a picture of the savior, the cross, or even a medallion bearing an image of a saint?

- Do not take the name of Yahweh in vain — If in saying you serve Yahweh and yet disobey, you are in effect taking His name in vain.

- Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy — The Sabbath begins at sundown Friday and ends at sundown Saturday. "In 321 the Roman emperor Constantine decreed Sunday to be a legal holiday and forbade all trade and work other than necessary agricultural labor. Later emperors extended the prohibition to include public amusements in the theatre and circus. Church councils of the period were more concerned to enforce the obligation of Sunday worship, the earliest being the Spanish Council of Elvira (c.300); but a synod of Laodicea (c.381) enjoined Christians not to 'Judaize' but to work on the Sabbath and rest, if possible, on [Sunday]." — The New Encyclopaedia Britannica, Volume 16, Macropaedia, 2002.

Constantine was a sun worshipper who converted to Christianity. Still holding to the pagan practices he replaced Yahweh's seventh day Sabbath with Sunday. Do you follow in man's tradition in observing Sunday? if so, you are in rebellion — a commandment breaker. Of course some will try to justify their Sunday observance by saying it is kept in remembrance of the Savior's resurrection, but here too they fall short, for by Sunday morning the tomb was already empty (Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-6; Luke 24:1-3; John 20:1-2). The Sabbath day and its importance is seen in Ezekiel 20:12 where we read, "Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh that sanctify them."

In light of these few examples, where do you stand? Are you a servant of Yahweh or a servant of man's tradition which is contrary to Scripture? Do you have a love for truth and a desire to walk therein? Are you willing to "lay aside every weight,

and the sin which so easily ensnares"? (Hebrews 12:1). As children of light we are to walk in the light; we have been called out of darkness and are not to return. We are to go and sin no more (2 Corinthians 5:17; John 8:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-9).

As Moses prayed for Israel after their transgression of making the molten calf... "And Yahweh said unto Moses, whosoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of My book," Exodus 32:33. Sin being like cancer, if left to flourish will destroy the body; it must be removed completely — Go and sin no more!

"And Yahweh said to Moses, Say to the children of Israel, You are a stiffnecked people. Should I go up in your midst for one moment I shall consume you. And now, take off your ornaments, and I shall know what to do to you. So the children of Israel took off their ornaments at Mount Horeb." Exodus 33:5-6



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The Hope

Born Again

The earthly realm verses the spiritual realm, two domains diametrically opposed one to another. John 3:31 says, "He that comes from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth: he that comes from heaven is above all." Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:45-48 wrote, "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is the Master from heaven. As is the earthly, such are they also that are earthly: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly." And finally, Yahuah, when speaking to Nicodemus, said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Yahuah.... Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Yahuah. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of Spirit is Spirit.... You must be born again" (John 3:3, 5-7).

To enter Yahuah's spiritual kingdom requires a total transformation from that which is fleshly to the spiritual; there is no other way. Yahuah spoke of being born of water and of Spirit. Just what was He speaking about? Peter when asked, "What shall we do?" responded, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahuah Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," (Acts 2:37-38). To repent means to turn away from, to cease doing and change course. To continue in a sin after asking for forgiveness is not true repentance, in fact, it is like one thumbing his nose to almighty Yahuah. This would be entering the arena of presumptuous sin for which Numbers 15:31 says, "Because he has despised the word of Yahuah, and has broken His commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him." Unrepentant sin will result in rejection and death, with Yahuah saying, "I never knew you: Depart from me, you that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:23). But for the true repentant soul there is the promise of receiving the Holy Spirit. The watery grave of baptism is but the starting point from which one progresses. As stated in 1 Peter 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism does also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Elohim,) by the resurrection of Yahuah

Messiah." Paul wrote in Romans 6:3-4, "Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Yahuah were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism unto death: that like as Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

The watery grave of baptism, representative of one dying to the fleshly desires and rising with Yahuah to a life that is spiritually focused. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read, "Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." A transformation, a rebirth, from the flesh to the Spirit. It is in this transformation process that Yahweh becomes our Father. Isaiah 64:8 says, "But now, O Yahweh, You are our father, and we are the clay, and you our potter, and we all are the work of Your hand." It is in entering in the spirit realm that we acknowledge Yahweh as being our Father, for it is He that called us, giving us spiritual ears to hear and an understanding heart. Thus, when Yahuah said to "call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven" (Matthew 23:9), He was speaking to those in the faith, those having undergone the rebirth. For those walking in disobedience, their father is the devil as stated in John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father will you do. He was a murder from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

This brings us to the fifth commandment wherein we are instructed to "Honor your father and your mother so that your days shall be lengthened upon the ground which Yahweh your Elohim gave to you," Exodus 20:12. Since the law came from Yahweh (written with His own finger) Exodus 31:18; 34:1; Deuteronomy 33:2, we can say that the law is spiritual, as stated in Romans 7:14. Therefore, as Yahweh's people to whom the law was given, the fifth commandment pertains to Yahweh being our father. In Galatians 4:26 it is also stated, "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

"And many people shall go and say, Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in

His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem." Isaiah 2:3

In light of this, the first five commandments fall under the banner of loving Yahweh and the last five commandments under the banner of loving your neighbor. This would explain why Yahweh's name only appears in the first five commandments and not in the last five.

"For though you have ten thousand instructors in Messiah, yet have you not many fathers; for in Messiah I have begotten you through the good news." 1 Corinthians 4:15

The good news — "For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. To believe is more than a head knowledge, it is faith with action. True faith will bear the fruit of obedience which is the evidence of one's salvation. "You shall know them by their fruit;... A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit," (Matthew 7:17-18).

"Oh Yahweh, the hope of Israel, all that forsake You shall be ashamed, and they that depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Yahweh, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O Yahweh, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for You are my praise."

Jeremiah 17:13-14

If Yahweh is the fountain of living waters, and Yahshua said that one must be born of both water and Spirit so to enter Yahweh's kingdom, that water spoken of must be the living waters flowing from Yahweh's throne — "And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb," Revelation 22:1.

In speaking of Israel, Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:4, "And all did drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Messiah." And Yahshua said to the Samaritan woman at the well, "Whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water

Springing up into eternal life," John 4:14.

To be born again requires "the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He shed on us abundantly through Yahuah Messiah our savior; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5-7). Yahuah said in John 7:38-39, "He that believes on Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahuah was not yet glorified."

The pathway to the spiritual realm of Yahweh's kingdom has been set forth. Like Yahuah, we too may call Yahweh our Father, that is if we have been born again and have the Holy Spirit dwelling within. Acts 5:32 says, "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom Elohim has given to them that obey Him." Obedience to Yahweh's commandments is a must for receiving the Holy Spirit, "the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17).

As a final witness, Romans 8:4-10 says, "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against Elohim: for it is not subject to the law of Elohim, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Elohim. But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of Elohim dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Messiah, he is none of His. And if Messiah be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."



בטח ושמע



Trust & Obey

Keeping It Simple

"Not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of Elohim," (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

It is unfortunate that man in his pride is focused on self, trying to impress others by the words used. Often the very simple is made complicated in the process. The salvation message for example is not complicated and yet pastors make it so as they endeavor to entertain their congregations for a designated period of time or fill the pages of their publications.

On average people read at an 8th grade level, thus newspapers publish their articles with this in mind. The goal is to communicate rather than impress others with words many people do not know or understand.

Yes, there are some very capable, well educated, pastors who are great story tellers (entertainers). They know how to keep people's attention, much like a clown on center stage in a circus. But is this what people are going to church for - to be entertained? Is not the church to be a place of worship and biblical instruction? after all, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Elohim" (Romans 10:17),

Consider the word "Church," the average person who reads or hears this word associates it with a place of worship or even the congregation, those gathered together. It's an English word having some historical baggage, causing some to avoid its use at all cost.

The English language is full of foreign words coming from different languages. To have an understanding of word origin is not a bad thing in and of itself so to curtail one's vocabulary in the attempt to attain a pure language (making no mention of other mighty ones inadvertently by using English words stemming from some pagan mighty one of some foreign people long ago).

In doing so communication may be compromised as other foreign words are introduced as replacements. For instance, the Hebrew word Elohim has no meaning to the one not knowing the word. Since its translated meaning is "mighty ones" or "mighty one" when used in reference to Yahweh, for communication purposes the English translation would be a better choice than the transliteration.

Elohim, when speaking to an English audience which lacks understanding. Of course one could give explanation and then proceed with its use. Bottom line, you want those hearing your words to understand what is being said — communication.

The salvation message of Scripture is a simple message and easy to understand, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16. This one verse, known throughout the world is the springboard one may use to learn more. It tells of a way having been made for obtaining everlasting life. Three questions should be asked, though the average reader would not deem it necessary to ask, (1) Who is God? (2) Who is the Son? and (3) What does it mean to believe?

A quick answer would be that "God" is the creator of both heaven and earth. But then does not Scripture say, "But then indeed, when you did not know God you served those which by nature are not gods," Galatians 4:8. And in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 we read, "Let no one deceive you by any means: for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," 2 Corinthians 11:14. Maybe this is the "God" being referred to in John 3:16 by those not knowing who the creator of heaven and earth is. The English word "God" is much like the word "doctor"; it is nothing more than a title. In this world there are many doctors but unless one knows one's name the title has little or no value, and such it is with the title "god" — just giving it a capital letter makes no difference.

It is the Hebrew text of Exodus 3:15 that the name Yahweh (יהוה) was revealed to Moses. This name appears close to 7000 times in the Hebrew Bible, but English translators chose to replace it with the title God. The lying pen of the scribes has brought forth deception through their misrepresentation of Yahweh's word.

The next question posed was, Who is the Son? Here again, the quick answer would be Jesus. But is this truly the name of Yahweh's Son? 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 says, "And with all unrighteous

deception among those who perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason Yahweh will send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Orthography. The Latin alphabet originally had 20 letters, the present English alphabet minus J, K, V, W, Y, and Z. The Romans themselves added k for use in abbreviations and Y and Z in words transcribed from Greek. After its adoption by the English, this 23-letter alphabet developed w as a figured doubling of u and later J and v as consonantal variants of I and U. The resultant alphabet of 26 letters has both uppercase, or capital, and lowercase, or small letters.

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J (15c.): the 10th letter of the English alphabet

K (12c.): the 11th letter of the English alphabet

V (14c.): the 22nd letter of the English alphabet

W (15c.): the 23rd letter of the English alphabet

Y (bef. 12c.): the 25th letter of the English alphabet

Z (bef. 12c.): the 26th letter of the English alphabet

Since the letter J did not come into the English alphabet until the 15th century C.E., and the Latin alphabet had no letter J 2000 years ago, along with the fact that neither the Greek or Hebrew alphabets have symbols (letters) which carry the "J" sound, the name Jesus was not the Savior's name — totally impossible!

Looking at the Greek text of Matthew 1:21 we find the name of the Savior written as $\text{I}\eta\sigma\omega\nu$ (Iesoun), having the accusative case ending. But could not have been His name, for his parents were Hebrew and the angel had told Joseph to give the child a name meaning "He shall save." The Greek word meaning to save is sozo ($\sigma\omega\zeta\omega$ #4982), a word which does not appear in the Greek spelling $\text{I}\eta\sigma\omega\nu$. But what we do find in the Hebrew language is the name Yeshua (יֵשׁוּעַ) which means: He shall save. It is this name which the Savior was called. "The only name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

And finally, what does it mean to believe? The definition of belief is to accept as true; to have a firm conviction. Now someone may believe something is indeed true but that does not make it true. In fact, this could be the cause of deception or delusion. Of course, one who has been deceived does not know he has been deceived unless the deception has been exposed. It is my hope that in exposing the deception of the name Jesus in the light of historical fact that those once in darkness may now step into the light provided. To refocus and embrace the truth.

"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him. Yahweh is spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24

"He that believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of Elohim abides on him." John 3:36

To believe in the Son (Yeshua) is to obey. He says in John 15:10, "If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

The salvation message is a simple message of love and truth, clearly seen once the fog of deception is removed: "For God (Yahweh) so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Yeshua), that whoever believes in Him (obeys Him) should not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16.



שפט - חסד - צנע



Judgment - Mercy - Humility

The Cup of Salvation

"I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars. What shall I render unto Yahweh for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of Yahweh. I will pay my vows unto Yahweh now in the presence of all His people," Psalms 116:10-14.

The Passover cup, symbolic of Yahshua's shed blood, if drank by one unworthy will become a curse and a source of judgment. "For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Master's death till He come. Wherefore whoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Master, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Master," 1 Corinthians 11:26-27. The one drinking of this cup must first take the time to examine himself to see if he is indeed worthy to dine at the Master's table. Just because one has stepped into the watery grave of baptism does not in and of itself mean that a person's heart has been cleansed, for some are baptized for all the wrong reasons to begin with. Likewise, those sitting at the Passover table may not be doing so with pure hearts. An example would be Judas, the one who betrayed Yahshua; he was counted among the twelve and drank from the Passover cup and then did the bidding of the adversary. Bottom line, things are not always as they appear.

The accuser (ha-satan) has his servants who may appear as messengers of light. They gird themselves with sheep's clothing so to deceive others with their con — "Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain", Ezekiel 22:27. But be not deceived, for Scripture says this world has been given to Satan for a time, this is his domain. As Yahweh's people, we have been called out; though in the world, we are not of the world but belong to Yahweh's spiritual kingdom (John 15:19).

In lifting up the Passover cup and drinking therefrom one is acknowledging he has accepted the atoning blood of Yahshua. The grape juice therein is not the actual blood of Yahshua but merely a symbolic representation thereof, just as the bread eaten is not His actual body. So to drink

from the cup of salvation means more than drinking a bit of grape juice; it is accepting Yahshua as one's personal savior and living a life that is well-pleasing to Yahweh. As stated in James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before Elohim and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Or as Micah 6:8 says, "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does Yahweh require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your Elohim."

Jeremiah 25:15-17 speaks of the judgment cup of Yahweh's fury, saying, "For thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel unto me; Take the wine of this fury at My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I send among them. Then took I the cup at Yahweh's hand, and made all the nations to drink unto whom Yahweh had sent me."

The message of Revelation 14:6-10 says, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting good news to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear Elohim, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."

Like the law of jealousy in Numbers 5:12-31 requires a man's wife to drink from the cup of judgment so to determine her guilt or innocence, so it is with the Passover cup. Upon those drinking unworthily there will be judgment. The grape juice used in the cup comes from the vine of which Scripture says, "Therefore thus says my Sovereign Yahweh; As the vine tree among trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I will set My face against them; they

(Galatians 5:22-23). Are these the fruit you are bearing? Does mercy and truth abound with love and forgiveness? Or are you doing the bidding of the adversary (ha-satan), the father of lies whose goal it is to steal, kill and to destroy? As Yahweh's people, may we be found rooted and grounded in love, not fighting one against another, but forgiving one another; helping brethren along the way to become stronger in the faith. If the accusing spirit of the adversary is in the assembly, depart from its midst for judgment is forthcoming, for as one judges so will he be judged (matthew 7:1-2).



חסד ואמת



Mercy & Truth

Only One

Whether viewed as a unit collectively or a single part standing alone, the number one is often counted as insignificant and of little to no value. But remove one part and it is soon discovered that integrity has been compromised. In Scripture examples are given where the transgression of one had huge ramifications. Romans 5:17-18 says, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one Yahshua Messiah. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

The first transgression being Adam's eating the forbidden fruit. Though Eve was deceived, Adam knowingly disobeyed Yahweh's command; it was because of their transgression that they were removed from the garden (Genesis 3:22-24). Only one transgression barred them from having access to the tree of life as well as mankind as a whole.

After Israel's deliverance from Egypt, while in the wilderness, Korah challenged Moses' leadership (Numbers 16:1-11). It was in this rebellion that Yahweh told Moses, "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment," (Numbers 16:21). Just as Lot was instructed to leave Sodom before its destruction, Israel too had to separate themselves from the evil which was in their midst. "And he spoke unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins," (Numbers 16:26). A total separation, so much so that they were not even to touch anything that belonged to those in rebellion. Like Yahweh blotting out one's name from the Book of Life, so must the wicked be treated, seen as if they are not. "And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation," Numbers 16:32-33.

When Yahweh gave Israel Jerico, they were instructed, "And you, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest you make yourselves accursed, when you take of the accursed thing and make the camp of Israel a curse and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto Yahweh: and they shall come into the treasury of Yahweh," (Joshua 6:18-19). Ignoring this instruction, Achan took the accursed thing — "and the anger of Yahweh was kindled against the children of Israel," (Joshua 7:1). Because of the action of one man, Israel was smitten when they came against Ai, losing thirty-six men and being chased even unto Shebarim (Joshua 7:5-6). It wasn't until Achan was singled out and his family and animals were destroyed that Israel became victorious over Ai (Joshua 7:13-26). Yes, severe ramifications for the transgressor and those affiliated to him; just one transgression resulted in death for all. According to 2 John 1:10-11, we are not even to greet an unbeliever: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him greeting: for he that bids him greeting is partaker of his evil deeds".

Ephesians 5:1-7 echoes this in saying, "Be you therefore followers of Elohim, as dear children; and walk in love, as Messiah also has loved us, and has given Himself for us as offering and a sacrifice to Yahweh for a sweet-smelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becomes saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and of Yahweh. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of Elohim upon the children of disobedience. Be not you therefore partakers with them."

Again, Paul gives the instruction in 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, "Be you not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness? And what concord has Messiah with Belial? or what part has he that believes with an infidel? And what agreement has the

temple of Elohim with idols? for you are the temple of the living Elohim; as Elohim has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says Yahweh. And touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says Yahweh almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of Elohim."

Just one sin, one transgression, committed by just one person can destroy not only the perpetrator but those around him. Beware, take caution, and "abstain from all appearance of evil,"

1. Thessalonians 5:22. For certainly there will be a payday, a day when one's deeds will be justly recompensed: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23); but for the grace of Yahweh, all have truly earned the wages of death, "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim," Romans 3:23. But for the repentant soul, those accepting Yahshua as their personal savior and forsaking all sin, Romans 6:23 goes on to say, "but the gift of Elohim is eternal life through Yahshua Messiah our Master." Death is the sentenced earned by those unrepentant souls and those refusing to come out from among them. What is sin? John tells us in 1 John 3:4, "Whoever comits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

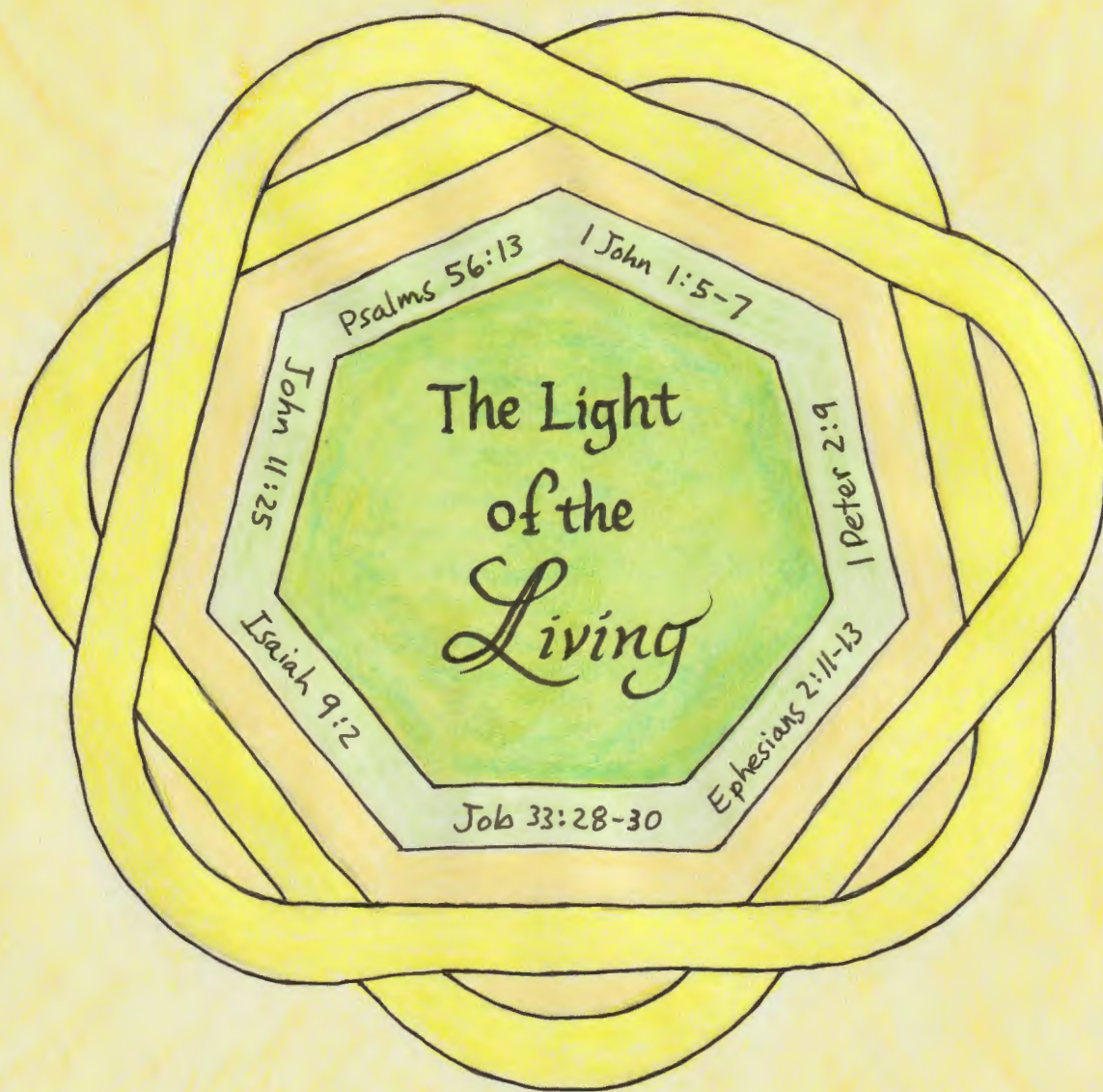
A single sin, done with a high hand, in full knowledge that a transgression of Yahweh's law is about to occur, also called presumptuous sin, carries the clause: "Because he has despised the word of Yahweh, and has broken His commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him," Numbers 15:31. There is no sin margin on Yahweh's pathway of holiness, no leeway, no tolerance, and no latitude for one to play when it comes to sin. As Yahshua said, "Behold, you are made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you," (John 5:14). Yahshua's forgiveness is by no means a license to continue in sin, as some contend, but rather requires and even demands that one be holy as He is holy. It is not enough to know Yahweh's commandments, one must be a doer,

adhere to, and walk in the steps of Yahshua, who gave man an example to follow as He lived a sinless life (Matthew 5:48; 1 Peter 1:16; James 1:22-26; 1 Peter 2:21-24).

"The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he has committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says my sovereign Yahweh: and that he should return from his ways, and live? But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die." Ezekiel 18:20-24



עץ החיים



The Tree of Life

The Light of the Living

"For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before Elohim in the light of the living?" Psalms 56:13

The focus of this writing is the phrase "the light of the living" as the title reflects. Just what is the light of the living? Is it the awareness of life in general, the waking up in the morning to see yet another day? or is there another meaning, maybe metaphorical or even esoteric, not being obvious to the average reader? To understand Scripture one must look into Scripture and let it speak — precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little (Isaiah 28:10).

In speaking to Martha, Yahshua said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live," John 11:25. And in John 20:31 we read, "But these are written that you may believe that Yahshua is the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, that believing you may have life in His name." The life spoken of here is the eternal life granted to the overcomers, those whose faith/belief in Yahshua has met the prerequisite for redemption. Yes, there is a prerequisite, a mandatory requirement that must be met before eternal life is granted. That mandatory requirement is faith; one must believe in Yahshua, as we are told in John 20:29 — "Yahshua said to him, Thomas, because you have seen Me you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." We also find Yahshua saying in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world: he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Isaiah 9:2 says, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death upon them has the light shined." The land of the shadow of death consists of the unbelievers, those not doing Yahweh's will whose final destination will be the lake of fire (Revelation 20:13-15). The second death. But for those upon whom the great light has shined there is life. Job 33:28-30 reads, "He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these things

works El oftentimes with man. To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living." Here we find the translators used the English word "pit" for the Hebrew word *shachath* (שַׁחַת #7845) which may also be rendered "destruction." It is in Psalms 30:3 that the Hebrew word *bowr* (בֹּוֹר #953) is used which is also translated as "pit." This verse reads, "O Yahweh, You have brought up my soul from the grave: You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit." Strong's defines *bowr* as: a pit, hole (especially one used as a cistern or a prison): — cistern, dungeon, fountain, pit, well.

Another word of interest is the Hebrew word *sheol* (שְׁאוֹל #7585), translated as grave, but has also been rendered as hell and pit. The English word "hell" being rooted in Old English meaning to conceal. It is in the grave or pit that the dead are concealed — hidden away. But Yahshua has redeemed us from the curse of the law — the penalty of death for all transgressors (Galatians 3:13; Romans 6:23). He has given the promise of eternal life for those of a contrite and repentant heart, those willing to walk in the light of His word, thus transforming the children of darkness into children of light. Also, according to Ephesians 2:11-13, "Wherefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh made by hands; that at that time you were without Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Elohim in the world: But now in Messiah Yahshua you who sometimes were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah." And Ephesians 5:8, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in Yahweh: walk as children of light." Along this same line, 1 Peter 2:9 says, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

The marvellous light of Yahweh — the light of the living — for with Yahweh there is not only life but life abundant. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Though we walk in the valley of the shadow of death in a world of darkness, we may be strengthened just knowing that Yahuweh will neither leave us nor forsake us, and that He will bring us through whatever hardships we face (Psalms 23:4; Hebrews 13:5-6). With Elohim at our side there is light; "This then is the message which we have heard of Him and declare unto you, that Elohim is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yahshua Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin," 1 John 1:5-7.

In Psalms 119:105 we read, "Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." And Proverbs 6:23 says, "For the commandment is a lamp and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life." To walk before Elohim in the light of the living is to be a commandment keeper for it is the Torah that gives light, providing instruction to live by — the way of life. And finally, it is in Revelation 22:14 which tells us that it is only the commandment keepers who will have access to the tree of life in saying, "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."

"Wherefore the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says Yahuweh: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more," Hebrews 10:15-17.



יום יהוה



The Day of Yahweh

A Glorious Day

A day of wonder and joy or astonishment, dismay and sorrow; to what end will that day behold? That day being the return of Yahshua so to gather His elect together. Matthew 25:31-34 says, "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the king say unto them on His right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

The one true Elohim who is all powerful, all knowing and is present in all places at all times, has from the very beginning, from the foundation of the world, know who His sheep are. As Jeremiah 1:5 states, "Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet unto the nations." There will be no pretenders, no wolves in sheep's clothing, among Yahweh's people. For Yahweh knows those who are His, and His sheep hear His voice and will not follow another (John 10:4-5).

In speaking of this all-important day Yahweh said, "But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only," Matthew 24:36. A secret, something unknown and undisclosed which will find many surprised and unprepared. But Revelation 3:3 says, "Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you shall not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you." Amos 5:18-20 says, "Woe unto you that desire the day of Yahweh! to what end is it for you? the day of Yahweh is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of Yahweh be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" The glorious day of Yahweh — a day of division and gloom (sheep

to the right and goats to the left).

"Thus says Yahweh; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of Yahweh, and have not kept His commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after which their fathers have walked." Amos 2:14.

Only those clothed with Yahweh's garment of righteousness (Yahshua), living a life of obedience (sanctified by the Word of truth) will enter into Yahweh's grace. In speaking of Noah, Genesis 6:8-9 says, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahweh.... Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with Elohim."

Noah was found worthy to enter into the ark, a place of safety from the forthcoming judgment. Likewise, Yahweh's people will be protected from His wrath, the judgment poured out upon a disobedient world. But not all professing believers will be redeemed, as Matthew 7:21-23 states, "Not every one that says unto Me, Master, Master, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your name? and in Your name have cast out devils? and in Your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from Me, you that work iniquity." (Those speaking falsehood; the lovers of lies and deceit who believe not the truth but take pleasure in unrighteousness — Psalms 5:5-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:12.)

Regarding the day of division, the time when the wheat and tares are separated, the Hebrew word pala' (פלא' #6381) stands out. This word means: to separate, distinguish. A variant of this word is pil'iy (פילי' #6383) which means: wonderful — something remarkable (hidden, a secret, a miracle). This word appears in Judges 13:17-18 where we read, "And Manoah said unto the messenger of Yahweh, What is your name, that when your sayings come to pass we may do you honor? And the messenger of Yahweh said unto him, Why

this you ask for my name since it is wonderful?" Mal'ak Yahweh (the messenger of Yahweh) when asked for his name said it was pil'iy (wonderful or a secret). In speaking of Yahshua's coming, Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful (pele' נִלְיָ #6382), Counsellor, The Mighty El, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Here listed in the names the messiah would be known by is the name Manoah was given when he asked "What is your name?" By using the word pele' or pil'iy, words which mean: something wonderful, a miracle (being rooted in pala' which means: to separate) this messenger of Yahweh was in essence saying that He was the Divider — the one who will separate the sheep from the goats. This was Yahshua the Messiah spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, the Word of Yahweh that became flesh (John 1:1-14).

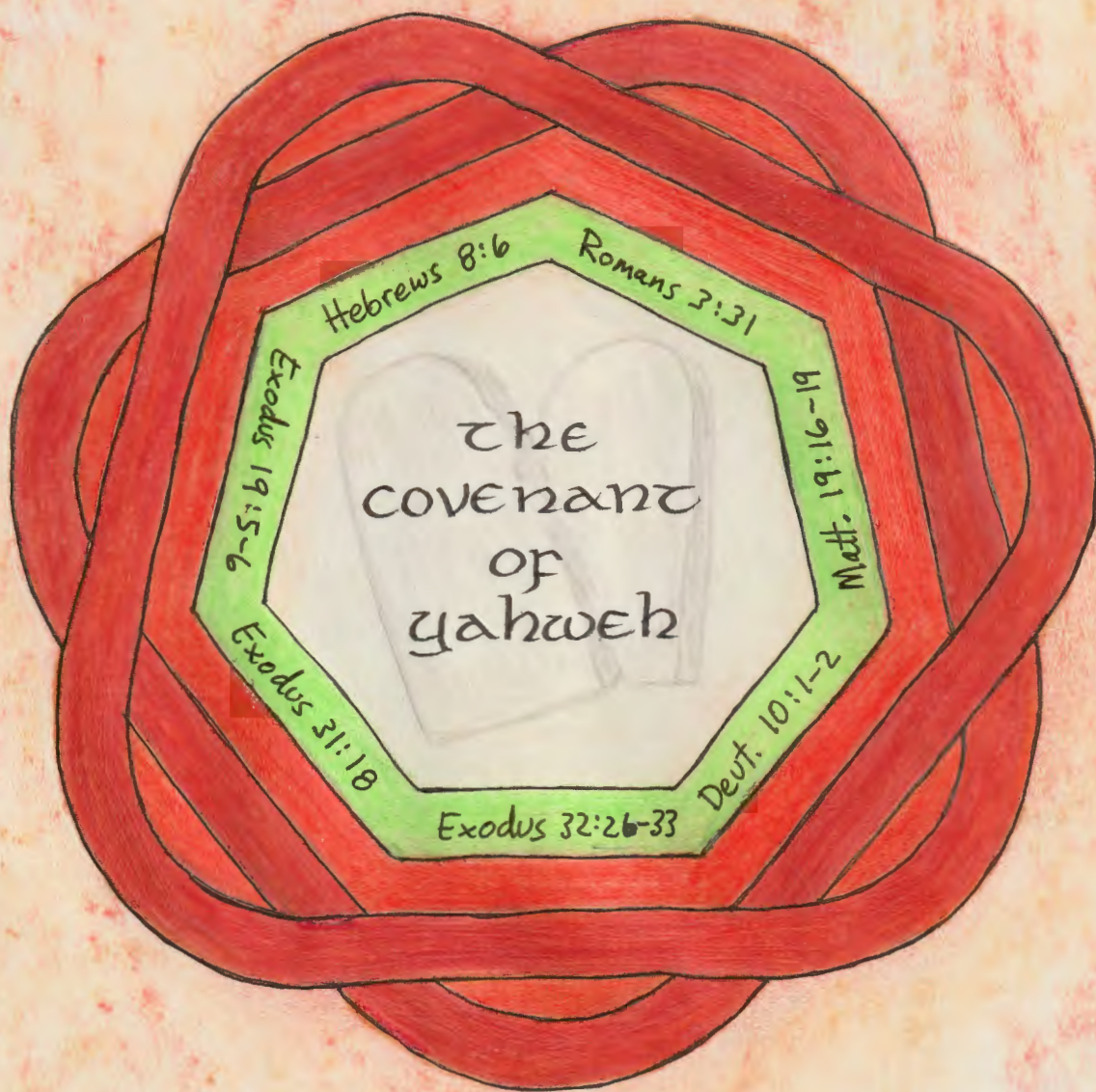
A glorious day for those who have endured unto the end, having been found faithful to their calling, unscathed by the fiery trials set before them, the overcomers who will "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump" be changed from corruption to incorruption, when mortality will put on immortality (1 Corinthians 15:5-57). The entering into Yahweh's spiritual Kingdom where sin and death will be no more.

The time has come
this is the day
come walk the narrow way
Do not be dumb
or yet succumb
don't be a castaway.

The victory
may now be had
let not your heart be sad
From sin do flee
and you will see
your heart will then be glad.



מצות יהוה ברה



the commandments of Yahweh
are pure

The Covenant of Yahweh

The covenant Yahweh made with Israel at mount Sinai and recorded by Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament Scriptures, and the covenant spoken of in the New Testament are said to be at odds one with the other. The new covenant replacing the old with better promises, providing a new and living way for man to follow (Hebrews 8:6; 10:20). Are these covenants spoken of diametrically opposed one to the other or stemming from the same source — one a shadow of things yet to come and the other the fulfillment thereof? Herein Scripture will speak so to clarify any misunderstanding of these covenants; the light of truth shining forth, as it were, to repell darkness and show a perspective some may have overlooked.

The first covenant made with Israel consisted of the ten commandments which Yahweh wrote upon the tables of stone. The terms of this covenant were first spoken by Yahweh and ratified with the words, "Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And you shall be unto Me an holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel," Exodus 19:5-6. We are then told, "And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which Yahweh commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that Yahweh has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto Yahweh," verses 7-8. The terms being: (1) Israel must obey Yahweh's voice and His covenant — the spoken word as well as the written word. Exodus 20:1 begins by saying, "And Elohim spoke all these words, saying," What follows in verses 2-17 are the ten commandments which He later wrote upon the stone tables. (2) For their compliance, Yahweh promised Israel that they would become a set-apart people, a holy nation. "And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of Elohim," Exodus 31:18.

After Moses received the stone tables and during his descent, we are told, "And it came to pass, as soon as he came near unto the camp,

that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands and broke them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink," Exodus 32:19-20. So soon the covenant had been broken. Israel had heard the commandments spoken by Yahweh so they were not ignorant of the terms agreed to. And as with the statute of jealousy (Numbers 5:11-31), Israel was made to drink the water having the ground powder from the molten calf — the water of judgment.

"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on Yahweh's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, Thus says Yahweh Elohim of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.... And Yahweh said unto Moses, Whosoever has sinned against Me, him I will blot out of My book," Exodus 32:26-28, 33.

In Exodus 34:1 we read, "And Yahweh said unto Moses, Hew you two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which you broke." This same instruction also appears in Deuteronomy 10:1-2, "At that time Yahweh said unto me, Hew you two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto Me into the mount, and make you an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were written in the first tables which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark." The commandments of Yahweh were not changed because of Israel's disobedience but rather Yahweh wrote the same words on the second set of tables as were written on the first. The covenant remained the same and obedience was the determinate as to Israel

becoming a holy nation.

Turning our focus now to the New Testament and that which is called the New Covenant, Yahshua was asked, "Good Master, What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Yahshua answered, "If you will enter into life, keep the commandments." He then proceeded to quote from the ten commandments (Matthew 19:16-19). Peter when asked, "What shall we do?" answered, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Verse 41 goes on to say, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:37-41).

Recall, in Exodus 32:28 we were told that about three thousand men perished because of their disobedience, and here in Acts 2:41 we read that about three thousand souls were added to the assembly because of their obedience.

Now Romans 3:20 says, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Justification, the process of cleansing one from sin; this process comes about by one accepting Yahshua and His atoning sacrifice with repentance and baptism. There is no other way one may be saved but through Yahshua and Him alone. No amount of works will save one's soul if the works done are without Yahshua. On the other hand, true repentance means a turning away from transgression, to go and sin no more. The law of Yahweh is His standard which identifies sin. Paul wrote in Romans 3:31, "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not: yea, we establish the law." And Titus 3:5-7 says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit: which He shed on us abundantly through Yahshua Messiah our Savior; that being justified by His grace, we should

be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Another process spoken of in 2 Thessalonians 2:13 is that of sanctification. Where justification is instantaneous, sanctification is a life-long progression of learning and growing. "But we are bound to give thanks to Yahweh always for you, brethren beloved by the Master, because Yahweh from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." Acts 5:32 says, "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom Elohim has given to those who obey Him." Obedience being the prerequisite for receiving the Holy Spirit. That is to say, if one is walking in wilful disobedience to Yahweh's commandments, he does not have Yahweh's Holy Spirit and is a liar if he says he does; thus, the truth is not in him (1 John 2:4).

We read in Hebrews 10:16-17, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says Yahweh, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." If the law is the standard whereby all men will be judged, how can one say it is no longer necessary to keep? If we are to live by every word of Yahweh (Matthew 4:4) and His word is eternal (Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25); and we are told, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," Matthew 5:17-18, are we not bound to live a life of obedience? "For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of Elohim overcomes the world, even our faith," 1 John 5:3-4. And according to James 2:17, "Even so faith, if it has not works is dead, being alone."

If "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures," James 1:17-18, then by all means we should be living lives according to Yahweh's standard of righteousness and not our own. "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments

before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us," Deuteronomy 6:25. Not saved by works of obedience but by the blood atoning sacrifice which Yahshua made for those who will but follow His example, who lived a life without sin. Yes, go and sin no more!

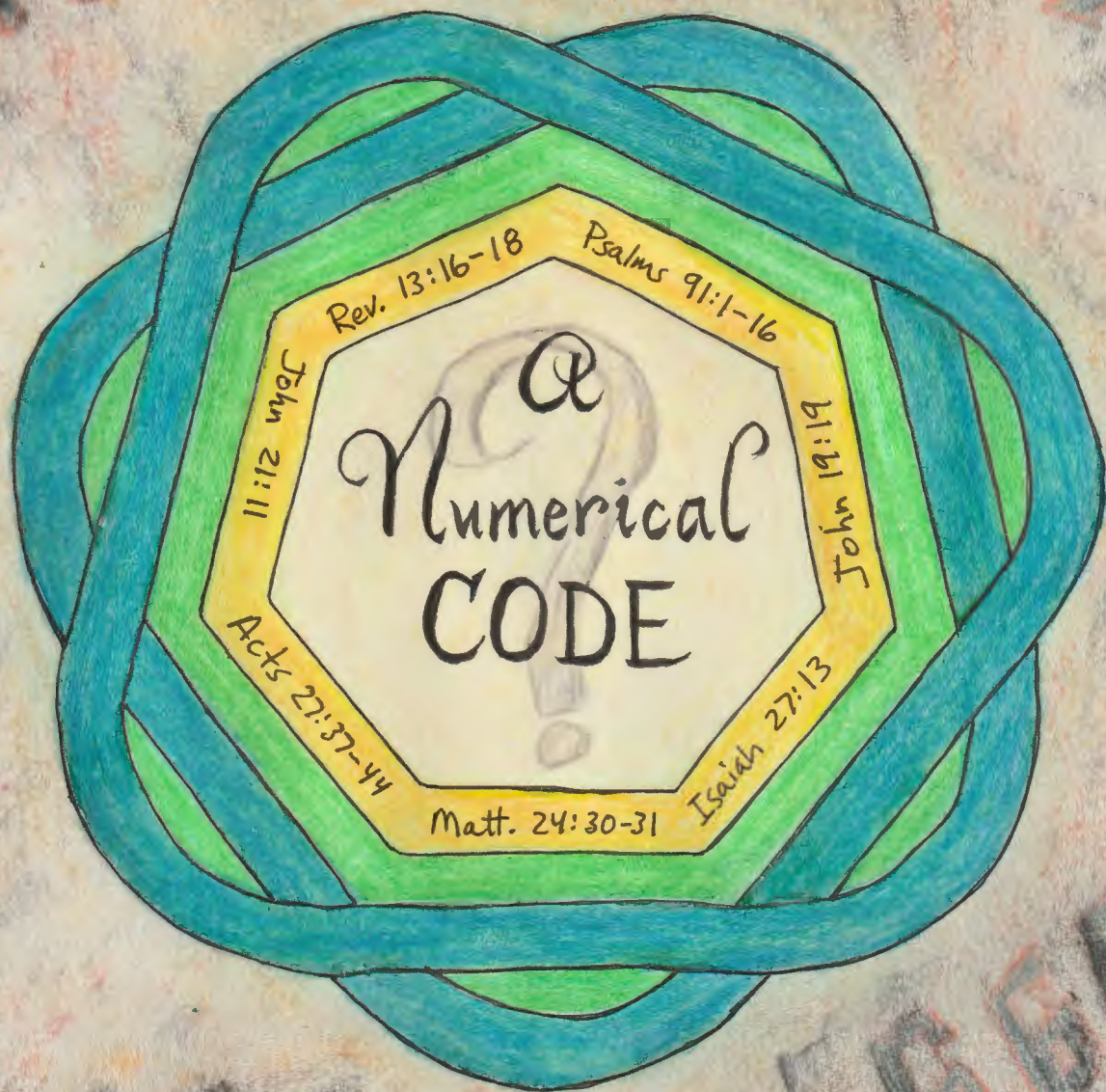
As Exodus 19:5-6 states that Israel would be "a peculiar treasure," "a Kingdom of priests and a holy nation" if but they obey Yahweh's voice and keep His covenant, we read in 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." The requirement of obedience remained the same in both testaments, for Yahweh changes not.

"As obedient children, not fashioning yourself according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as He which has called you is holy, so be you holy in all manner of conduct. Because it is written, Be holy, for I am holy. And if you call on the Father, who without respect of persons judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear," 1 Peter 1:14-17

Though Israel of old stood as but a shadow of better things to come, both covenants (the old and the new) are the same, and yet different in that the new covenant promises eternal life for the overcomer — the one who endures until the end. The earthly tabernacle of old was made after the pattern shown to Moses of what is in heaven; and now Yahshua, our high priest, who ascended into heaven, even now performs the priestly duties in the heavenly tabernacle (Hebrews 8:5-6). The sacrifice of animals for the covering of man's transgression too was but a shadow which found its fulfillment in Yahshua, thus the rending of the temple's curtain upon Yahshua's death (Matthew 27:50-51; Hebrews 8:13).



תושיה חשב



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A Numerical Code?

One method of Scriptural study which is very ancient is that of gematria. The word gematria is a Greek word which means: to measure. The Greek prefix ge (γε #1065) attached to metreō (μετρεω #3354); the ge being a particle of emphasis or qualification. The standard of measure used by those engaging in such study is the alphabet for the words examined wherein each letter is assigned a numerical value as shown:

Hebrew	
א - 1	ל - 30
ב - 2	מ - 40
ג - 3	נ - 50
ד - 4	ס - 60
ה - 5	ע - 70
ו - 6	פ - 80
ז - 7	צ - 90
ח - 8	ק - 100
ט - 9	ר - 200
י - 10	ש - 300
כ - 20	ת - 400

English	
A - 6	N - 84
B - 12	O - 90
C - 18	P - 96
D - 24	Q - 102
E - 30	R - 108
F - 36	S - 114
G - 42	T - 120
H - 48	U - 126
I - 54	V - 132
J - 60	W - 138
K - 66	X - 144
L - 72	Y - 150
M - 78	Z - 156

While the symbols of the Hebrew alphabet may be used as either letters or numbers in modern day usage, the representations of the English alphabet were assigned so to reveal the meaning of Revelation 13:18. Dr. E.W. Bullinger wrote a book titled Number In Scripture which provides much insight into this form of study.

Though gematria analysis of Scripture has revealed many treasures, it can be misleading if one is not careful. Gematria should never be used to establish doctrine, but it may be a helpful support; to augment, as it were, things already established by Scripture. To do anything more is mere speculation.

Two examples of gematria being employed so to gain a better understanding of the use of specific numbers mentioned are John 21:11 and Acts 27:37-44.

In John 21:11 we read, "Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken." A specific count of fish — 153. Some Hebrew words which have the value of 153 are:

- #1212 שָׁלַל עַל (Bezaleel) in the shadow of El
- #2518 חֵלְקֵי יָהּ (chilgiyah) portion of Yah
- #4728 מַגָּחָה (maggachah) received

and as Dr. Bollinger points out, בְּנֵי אֱלֹהִים (binay ha-elohim) "the Sons of Elohim" has the value of 153.

The conclusion of the analysis is that the fish caught in the net represent those redeemed — the Sons of Elohim who abide in the shadow of El (Psalms 91:1-16).

"And this is the Father's will which has sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day," John 6:39

The portion of Yah — all which the Father has given Yahshua to redeem.

Going now to Acts 27:37 we read, "And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship," and verse 44 goes on to say, "And the rest, some on boards and some on parts of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land." Here the number of persons who escaped safely to land was 276. Some Hebrew words having this value are:

- #2745 חָרָחַר (charchar) shining
- #3072 יְהוָה צְדִיקָנוּ (Yahweh tsidenuw) Yahweh our righteousness
- #5782 עָוָר ('uwr) to wake
- #7321 רוּאָה (ruwa') shout

With these words one may conclude that it is only by Yahweh being our righteousness that we may awake to the shout (the sounding of

the shofar).

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other," Matthew 24:30-31.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship Yahweh in the mount at Jerusalem," Isaiah 27:13.

Another way of using gematria is to examine a Hebrew phrase and calculate the sum of letter values for that phrase. For example, the phrase עץ חיים (ets ha-chayim) "the tree of life" has the value of 233. The question now posed is, what significance could this number have, if any? This is a prime number; this in and of itself may be significant in speaking of the tree of life. As prime numbers have no factors, other than one and itself, are we being told that this all-important tree cannot be divided? On the other hand, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (עץ הדעת טוב ורע - ets ha-da'ath tov wara') has the value of 932 which is 4×233 . Of this number Dr. Bullinger says the four represents the four names of the adversary mentioned in Revelation 12:9, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world, he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Looking now to Yahshua's passion spoken of in John 19, in verse 19 we read, "And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the stake. And the writing was Yahshua of Nazareth the King of the Jews." A possible rendering of the underlined could have been:

יְהוֹשֻׁעַ	391	Yahshua
הַנָּזִיר	355	the Nazarite
וַלְכִי	106	and King of
הַיְּהוּדִים	80	the Jews
	<hr/> 932	

In this representation we find the gematria sum total is 932, the same numerical value of THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL — the forbidden tree. Also note that the initial letters going downward spell out יהוה (Yahweh). Could this be the real reason the chief priests said, "Write not, The King of the Jews; but that He said, I am King of the Jews" (John 19:21)? The battle raging between good and evil with the adversary (932) and Yahweh (יהוה) both present in the writing of Pilate. I cannot attest as to how the actual writing was written but the above is plausible, and if so, most profound! The tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or if you will, the tree of death — the tree upon which Yahshua died.

Turning now to Revelation 13:18 where we read, "Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of man; and his number is six hundred sixty and six." Some translations read "it is the number of a man". This is nothing more than a ruse the adversary has used to lead people astray, for in both Greek and Hebrew there is no word for the indefinite article "a". The English word "a" was added by the translators having no support for doing so. By adding the indefinite article many have been led astray as they search for a specific person whose name equals 666.

The number of man is 666. Man was created on the sixth day; he was given six days to do his work (the seventh day is the Sabbath); and man has been given six thousand years (the seventh thousand year period is a time of rest). To solve the riddle of Revelation 13:18, the English alphabet with the assigned values of: A=6, B=12, C=18... (an increase of six for each letter) was employed with some interesting finds.

MARK OF BEAST = 666
COMPUTER = 666
CHIP = 216 = 6 • 6 • 6

Could it be that AI (artificial intelligence) will soon be in control with everyone being connected via computer or smart phone? With the introduction of electronic currency, soon to be mandated upon the world, all purchases and transactions will be done via computer. Scripture speaks of a mark (chip) being required by all: "And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name," Revelation 13:16-17.

Here we are at the end of the road and I ask, to whom do you serve? Have you made the decision to serve Yahweh? If so, the days ahead will be difficult, but know Yahweh will be by your side to bring you through whatever trial you face. The Kingdom of righteousness will soon be established. Be strong in the faith, keep focused on Yahweh, and don't forget to pray!

Shalom in Yahshua



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Fear of Yahweh

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beginning of wisdom:
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His commandments:
HIS PRAISE ENDURES

FOREVER.



PSALMS 111:10

to love yahweh is to obey Him

The Word

HaLLeLuYaH

(its origin, meaning, and significance)

The word hallelujah, pronounced halleluYah, is the most ancient of all words of praise. It is used both on earth and in heaven to worship the Almighty. (Rev. 19:1-6) What is the origin, meaning, and significance of this word?

It is a pure Hebrew word and yet is found in almost every language under the sun. The first part of the word, "hallelu-", means "praise" or "praise ye-". And the last part is YaH, which is the name of the one being praised.

YaH is the personal name of the Creator. It is found in the Bible in its original language, over 6,800 times. We also find it in the names of many men of the Bible such as Elijah (EliYaH) which means "my Mighty One is YaH", Jeremiah, Obadiah, Isaiah, Zechariah, etc.

YaH is the basic or short form of the divine name. The full form of the Heavenly Father's name is YaHWeH. This name may be found in the Hebrew Scriptures, large Bible concordances, encyclopedias and dictionaries, in many current writings of history and archaeology, etc.

Until recent years it was thought that this name was to be pronounced as "Jehovah". But, as the Encyclopedia Britannica explains, "Jehovah" is "an erroneous form of the divine name, of which the true form is "Yahweh". All up to date dictionaries show the same. And we should not profane the divine name by using an erroneous or corrupted form. This wrong form came about when certain Bible translators mistakenly used the vowel sounds of the Hebrew word for master (adonai) and mixed them with the Hebrew letters that form the divine name.

The interesting part is how or why this happened. Originally the name YaHWeH was known

and used in the whole earth when all men knew YaHWeH and there were no names of false deities. But after most of the world went into idolatry, YaHWeH made himself known again by name to certain men such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Gen.12:8, 26:25, 28:13) and later unto Moses (Ex.3:15; 34:5).

Thus His name was revealed unto the Hebrew people who were instructed to use it. And for centuries it was freely used. But much later the religious leaders began to say it was too sacred to be spoken. They told the people to just say or read Adonai (LORD) when they came across the divine name in the reading of the Scriptures. Because of this, when vowel marks were later added to the Hebrew language, the vowel marks for Adonai were used with the letters of the divine name instead of those that actually belonged there. This was to indicate to the people to say "Adonai" and not the name. As a result, in later years, when translators sought to translate the Scriptures into other languages they became confused, and mixed the vowel sounds for adonai with the letters of the divine name, and came up with "Jehovah".

Now, some may ask what the importance of all this is. To me it seems strange that anyone should question the importance of their Creator's name, especially if they know Him as their Heavenly Father. And the Bible itself does not leave us in doubt as to whether or not the name of YaH, or YaHWeH, is important for us to know and use. When the true name is put back in the places where the translators have substituted the word "LORD", the reading of the Bible makes it very clear that we should know and love the name of YaHWeH. Here are just a few examples:

Micah 6:9a-"Yahweh's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name."
Ezek.39:7-"So will I make my Holy Name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my Holy Name any more; and the heathen" (Gentiles) "shall know that I am Yahweh the Holy One in Israel."
Zech.14:9-"And Yahweh shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Yahweh, and His name one."
Joel 2:32a-"And it shall

come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered" (saved). Ex.20:7-"Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Almighty One in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." (To say it is unimportant or a vain thing is certainly one form of taking it in vain.) Mal.3:16-"Then they that feared Yahweh spake often one to another; and Yahweh hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon His name."

The one verse in the King James translation which does bring this name over into English in the form "JAH" (pronounced YAH as in halleluJah) is by itself enough for the obedient soul to see his responsibility to use this name. That verse is Psalm 68:4 which in the King James reads, "Sing unto God, sing praises to His name; extol Him . . by His name JAH, and rejoice before him." So it is very clear that the name of YaHWeH is meant to be known and used by His people.

There is also a direct connection between the name of the Almighty and the name of His Son, our Saviour. In Psalm 72:17, in the well known World Publishing Co. edition of the King James translation, the center reference gives the original Hebrew to read as follows: "His name shall be as a Son to continue His Father's name for ever: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call Him blessed." This is clearly a prophecy concerning the Saviour. And of course a son always bears his father's, or family, name. The Saviour himself said, "I have come in my Father's name . . ." (Jn.5:43) And Eph.3:14-16 shows that the Father's name is upon "the whole family in heaven and earth".

Bible scholars know that our Saviour was not known by the name "Jesus". The fact that many have come to accept the person of the Saviour while knowing only the name Jesus does not make that His actual name. He was born a Hebrew as prophesied in Isa.9:6, Micah 5:2, and elsewhere. But "Jesus" is not Hebrew. It is in fact derived from the Greek name "Iesous" which is found in the Greek translations and copies which are remaining today of the original New Testament. According to the famous Liddel and Scott

Greek Lexicon, Iesous is the Ionic masculine form of the name "Iaso" (the Greek goddess of healing). (See under the word "Iaso").

But be that as it may, the important thing is not what is not His name, but what is His name. It is in fact the same as Joshua the successor of Moses. In the King James translation in Heb.4:8 and Acts 7:45 the name Jesus is used when speaking of Joshua. This shows that "Jesus" (which comes from Iesous) is being substituted for the Hebrew name Joshua. If the "J" in Joshua is pronounced as in original English, and as accords with Hebrew which has no "J" sound, we have the correct pronunciation of the Saviour's true name. But to write it as "Yoshua" does not make the pronunciation clear and does not show the connection it has with His Father's name. Therefore the best way to write His name in present day English is Yahshua.

Originally Joshua was called Hoshua, or Oshea, meaning "salvation" or "deliverance". But Moses added to this the divine name and called him Yahoshua, meaning "salvation of YaH" or "YaH-salvation". (Num.13:16) Later the "o" sound dropped away in usage and the name became shortened to YahSHUA.

So our Saviour's name is YahSHUA. His name contains the divine, family name of YaH. He truly came in his Father's name as He Himself said, and "His name shall be as a Son to continue His Father's name forever." (Jn.5:43, Psa.72:17) He alone is the "Salvation of Yah". "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

This is not to deny that those who in the past have been unwillingly ignorant of His true name, have not found salvation in the person of the Saviour. After all the significance of any name is that it denotes a certain person. Some have therefore accepted the person of the Saviour while being ignorant of His true name, but in heaven it is recorded that they are saved by the blood of YahSHUA the Messiah. The reason this can be so is that YaH is the Father of grace and mercy. Therefore He looks not on the outward appearance, but on the

intention of the heart. (1 Sam.16:7) But He is also full of justice and truth. So his past mercy in no way justifies continuing in ignorance. To use the words of Acts 17:30, "The times of this ignorance YaH winked at". When any truth is restored that men's traditions have hidden it becomes the responsibility of His true people to walk in that truth regardless of the cost. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

Keeping in mind that the word "LORD" is a substitute and is not the true name, and that the word "baal" which came into Hebrew from the Babylonian language is translated "lord" read these verses: Jer.23:26, 27- "How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? . . . which think to cause my people to forget my name . . as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal." (That is, for "LORD".) Hosea 2:16,17- "And it shall be at that day, saith Yahweh, thou shalt call me Ishi" (my husband) "and shalt call me no more Baali." (my Lord) "For I will take away the names of Baalim" (Lords) "out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name." Baal (Lord) was the name of the deity of pagan Babylon.

Incidentally one of the names of Baal was G-D, pronounced GaD or GoD. This was the Baal of fortification or troops and is translated "troop" in Isa.65:11 which is a passage condemning Israel for idolatry.

According to Rom.10:13,14, Acts 2:21, and Acts 22:16 "Whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahweh shall be delivered" or "saved" is fulfilled by calling on the name of Yahshua the Messiah which contains the Father's name, the family name YAH. Perhaps you already know the Saviour. If so we urge you to now start calling upon Him by His true name and as Yah to "take the names of Baalim" (LORDS) "out of" your "mouth". If you are yet in your sins, having never really accepted the Saviour, put your trust in Him who died for our sins and who is now living at the Father's right hand, who will also soon return to set up His kingdom on earth. You too can become a child of the Most High YaHWeH and an heir of eternal life. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and He that believeth not the Son

shall not see life, but the wrath of the Almighty abideth on him." (John 3:36) This eternal life has been made possible by the shedding of His life's blood as an atonement for our sins. But you must personally accept Him as the sacrifice for your sins and as the King of your life. For "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of YAH, even to them that believe on His name." (Jn.1:12) And how do you receive Him and put your trust in His name? "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name YAHshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (which is His indwelling invisible presence and power in your life and body) "for the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as YaHWeH our Almighty One shall call." (Acts 2:38,39) (See also Acts 8:12,16,35,36; 10:43,48; 16:31-33; 19:4,5; 22:16; Rom.6:3,4; Gal.3:26,27; Titus 3:5; Heb.10:22; 1 Pet.3:21; Mk.16:16)

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Love One Another

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Atonement

Love, Mercy & Forgiveness

The faith one professes may be grounded in Scriptural truths with the believer able to give answer to why he believes the way he does. Having this ability is highly commended, for truly one should know what he believes in and why. But sometimes hearts can become calloused and the very basis of the faith one professes becomes blurred or even forgotten altogether. For those who may be in this most perilous state of depravation — having their salvation in jeopardy should a change in course not be made — the shofar sounds. A warning cry is being made for all to consider their ways and repent from any and all ill-will, animosity and aversion which has taken root.

Though knowing Scriptural truths such as the importance of Sabbath observance, the keeping of the annual festival days and knowing what animals are permissible for food, are key to one living a holy life, if done without love it's all for naught. Yes, one may even know the sacred names, and yet, if one lacks mercy and forgiveness in his rendering of judgment, such shall he receive by Yahweh's hand — no mercy, no forgiveness.

In Deuteronomy 6:5 we are instructed to love Yahweh with all our heart and with all our being and with all our might. Leviticus 19:18 says, "You shall not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am Yahweh." Take a moment and consider both the depth and scope of the instruction given. What are the boundaries of the love we are to have? And if the boundaries are crossed is it okay to hold resentment? It is here where we find the crux of spiritual depravation, the point at which a departure from the faith has been made. Though one may have the appearance of being righteous in the pointing at others who are different, what is actually happening is the exposure of a sick and wretched heart.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I Yahweh search the heart,

I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing."

- Jeremiah 17:9-10

To love Yahweh is to fear Yahweh and obey His commandments (Psalms 111:10; John 14:21), to do otherwise would show disdain and contempt. Yahweh led by example by showing man how to love: "For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For Yahweh sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved," John 3:16-17. And in Romans 5:8-11 we read: "But Elohim demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to Elohim through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in Elohim through our Master Yahshua Messiah, through whom we now received the reconciliation (atonement)."

To gain yet further understanding of Yahweh's love towards man and the love man should reciprocate, 1 John 4:16-21 says, "And we have known and believed the love that Elohim has for us. Elohim is love, and he who abides in love abides in Elohim, and Elohim in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says I love Elohim, and hates his brother, he is a liar, for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love Elohim whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves Elohim must love his brother also."

"Then came Peter unto Him, and said, Master, how often

shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Yahshua said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." — Matthew 18:21-22

"For if you forgive man their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
— Matthew 6:14-15

As stated in the golden rule of Matthew 7:12, "Therefore whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the law and the prophets." Herein lies the torah in a nutshell.

"Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Yahshua said unto him, You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." — Matthew 22:35-40

To execute true judgment and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother (Zechariah 7:9), is to have love one for another, showing mercy with a forgiving heart. It matters not if you were the one wronged or the perpetrator who committed the offense (for both parties involved may view themselves as being the one wronged), be the first to step forward and extend a hand in kindness, in love and in forgiveness, not compounding a bad situation by adding insult to injury.

Is the faith we profess grounded in love or are we living a lie, giving lip service and nothing more? "Wherefore Yahweh said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me,

and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men," Isaiah 29:13.

"And they come unto you as the people come, and they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their covetousness. And, lo, you are unto them as a very lovely song of one that has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear your words, but they do them not. And when this comes to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet has been among them." — Ezekiel 34:31-33.

It is easy to look back in retrospect and say, Had I only known.... Yahshua in speaking to the lawyers said, "Woe unto you, lawyers! for you have taken away the key of knowledge: you entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in you hindered. And as He said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him to speak of many things: laying wait for Him, and seeking to catch something out of His mouth, that they might accuse Him," Luke 11:52-54.

There is nothing new under the sun. What has been will be again. As Yahweh's prophets of old were ridiculed and put to death by those in opposition, so the adversary has his servants who will do his bidding of causing havoc and discord among the brethren. Wolves in sheep's clothing whose true identity will be revealed by their actions, for a tree is known by its fruit.

If love, mercy and forgiveness are lacking in your profession of faith, make a change in course and seek Yahweh's face with all your heart, mind and soul, putting on His character of which Exodus 34:5-7 says, "And Yahweh descended in the cloud, and stood with him [Moses] there, and proclaimed the name of Yahweh. And Yahweh passed by before him, and proclaimed, Yahweh, Yahweh El, merciful and gracious, long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear

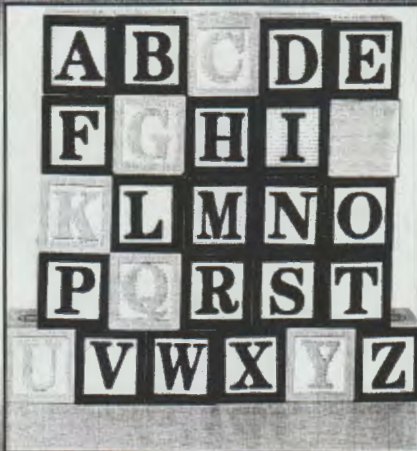
the guilty: visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."

The character of Yahweh

Abundant in goodness and truth, merciful, gracious, longsuffering and forgiving.



The Missing "J"



THE MISSING J



“Precious name, oh how sweet,” sing many voices as people gather each week to praise and worship the Savior and Redeemer of Israel. But the name they sing praises to is not the Messiah’s name and never was.

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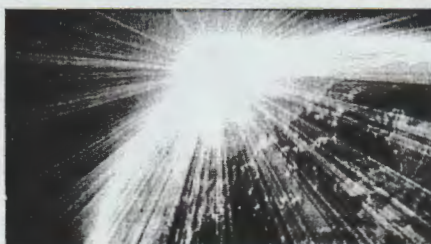
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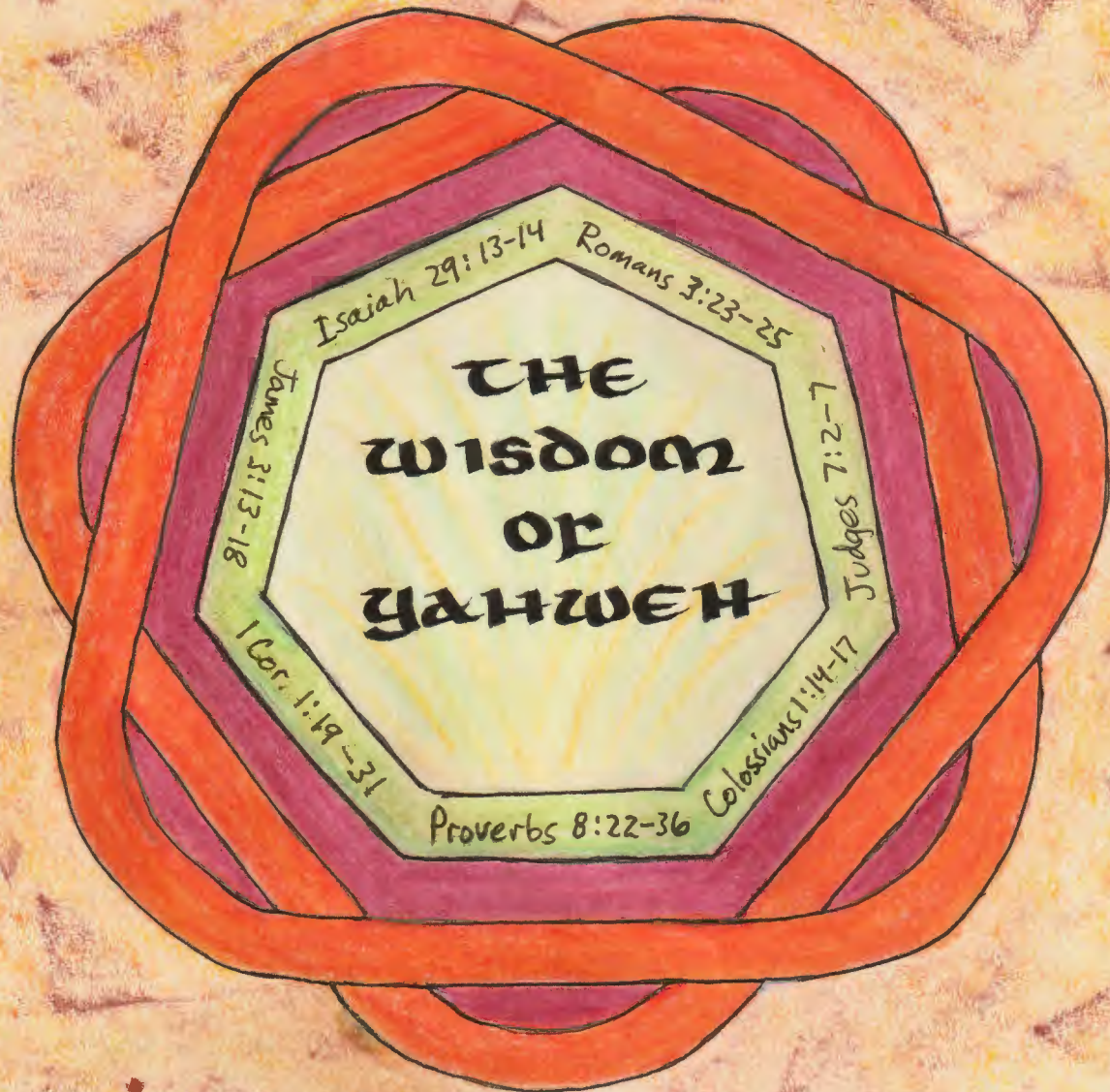
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The Way of Life

The Wisdom of Yahweh

"Wherefore Yahweh said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." — Isaiah 29:13-14

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." — James 3:13-18

"For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not Elohim made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of Elohim, the world through wisdom did not know Elohim, it pleased Elohim through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe." "Because the foolishness of Elohim is wiser than men, and the weakness of Elohim is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But Elohim has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and Elohim has chosen the weak things of the world to put to

shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised Elohim has chosen and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Messiah Yehshua, who became for us wisdom from Elohim — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption — that, as it is written, He who glories, let him glory in Yehweh."

— 1 Corinthians 1:19-21, 25-31

The wisdom from above which came down to man is Yehshua, He was with Yehweh before the world was created.

"Yehweh possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning before there was ever an earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no foundations abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primal dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limits, so that the waters would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth. Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His habited world, and my delight was with the sons of men. Now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not disdain it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoever finds me finds life, and obtains favor from Yehweh: but he who sins against me wrongs his own soul: all those who hate me love death."

— Proverbs 8:22-36

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist." — Colossians 1:14-17

In Scripture examples are given wherein Yahweh's wisdom resulted in Israel's deliverance, victory and final rest. Where man relies upon his own strength and abilities, Yahweh says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6). Yes, it is the Spirit of Yahweh which built her house of seven pillars — wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of Yahweh, and right judgment (Proverbs 9:1; Isaiah 11:1-4; Revelation 4:5). As the prophet Isaiah foretold and the apostle Matthew recorded, Yashua was the Branch which came forth from Jesse upon whom Yahweh's Spirit rested (Isaiah 11:1; Matthew 1:6-16; 3:16-17).

Yahweh's Wisdom

"And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that Elohim led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for Elohim said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: But Elohim led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea; and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt." — Exodus 13:17-18

"And Yahweh spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall you encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness has shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honored upon

Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am Yahweh: And they did so." — Exodus 14:1-4

Yahweh chose a way most difficult for Israel's redemption, a way which appeared impossible to attain, but with Yahweh's guidance, that which was unbearable and unachievable became the avenue by which Israel was redeemed. Through hardship and trial Israel learned to trust in Yahweh and it was that trust (faith) which brought them into the promised land.

Here again, when crossing over the Jordan river Yahweh instructed Joshua, "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of Yahweh, the sovereign of all the earth, shall rest in the water of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above, and they shall stand upon an heap," Joshua 3:13. In Yahweh's wisdom He required that an act of faith be performed before the waters would be held back — the priests' feet had to be in the water.

Consider the battle of Jericho where Yahweh gave the instruction: "And you shall compass the city, all you men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shall you do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day you shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him," Joshua 6:2-5. This goes beyond man's wisdom to the point where faith in Yahweh is a must. And then there is Gideon and his 300 men when coming against the Midianites (Judges 7:2-7). Truly a hopeless situation with man's reasoning, but with faith and obedience to Yahweh there was victory.

Likewise, man's redemption comes solely by Yahweh's wisdom — Yahshua. It is not of works least any man should boast but one hundred percent, totally, by Yahweh's grace. For one

to enter into Yahweh's grace requires that one have faith (Hebrews 11:6) and that one is obedient to Yahweh's instruction, "According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love," Ephesians 1:4. To be holy, without blame, and in love is a tall order for most but it is a requirement for redemption.

Yahweh's standard of holiness is found in obedience to His commandments and observance of His dietary standard (Deuteronomy 6:25; 14:1-21). For one to be without blame requires the acceptance of Yahshua and His atoning sacrifice, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yahshua: whom Elohim has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Elohim," Romans 3:23-25. This requires faith which is made manifest through works. If one truly believes then there will be fruit which bears witness as to what he believes. And finally, there must be love, for obedience and faith without love leaves one empty-handed. John 17:26 says, "And I have declared unto them Your name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

The Father's name is Yahweh; it is not Lord or God as the wisdom of man says it is — after all, man in all of his wisdom is but following the tradition of their forefathers. But Yahshua, who is the wisdom that came down from heaven says, to enter into His love one must come through the name Yahweh.

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahweh has said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call." — Joel 2:32 (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13)

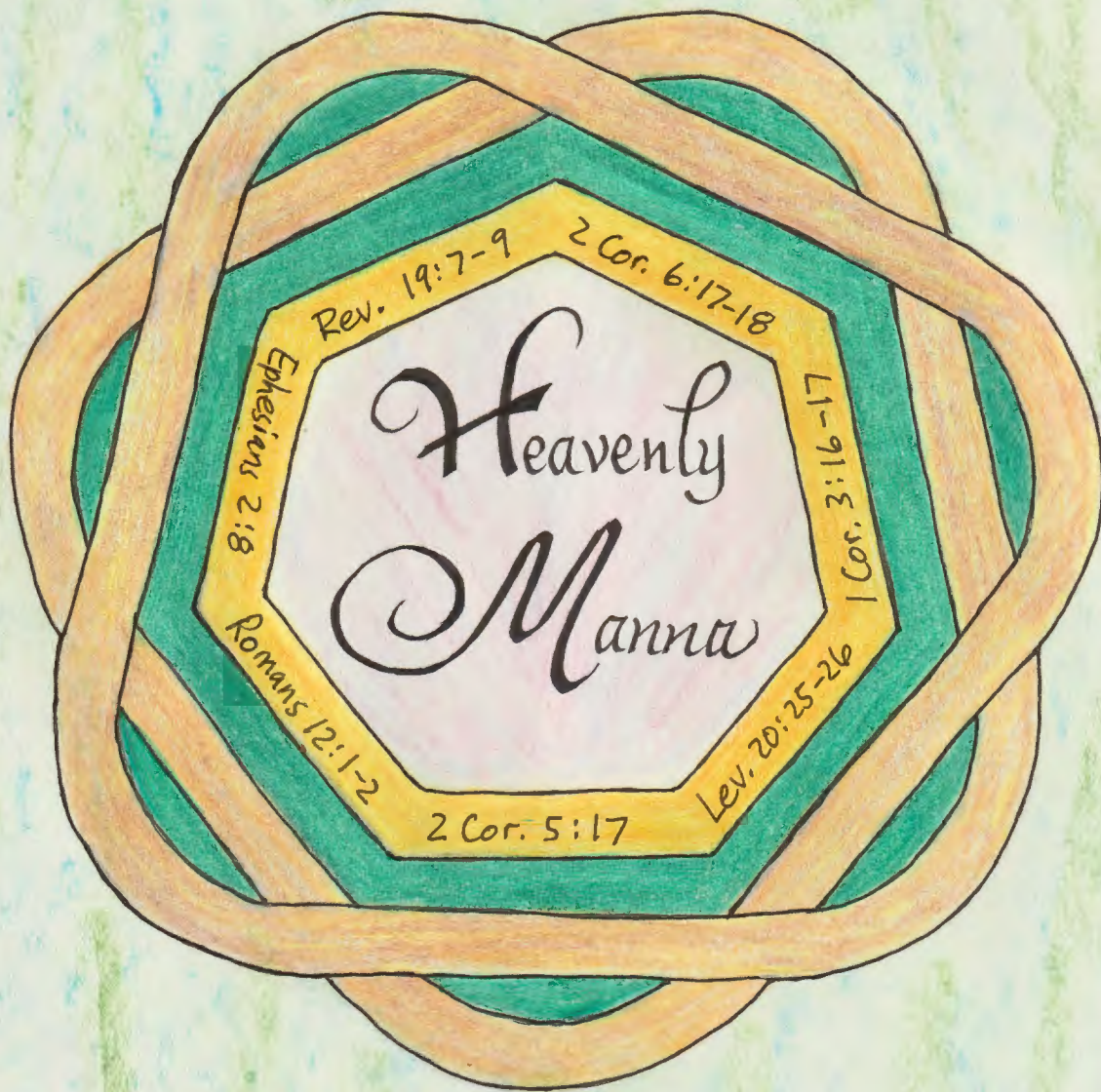
"And with all unrighteous deception among those who perish because they did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this reason Elohim will send them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all may be

condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brethren beloved by the Master, because Elohim from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth," 2 Thessalonians 2:10-13.

The love of the truth is more than just having a head knowledge of truth, it is one who actually walks in the light of the word. The name Jesus is nothing more than a hybrid which does not rise up to the level of truth — Yahshua (the abbreviation of the name Yahwehshua which means: Yahweh is salvation).



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Heavenly Manna.

The table has been set, a banquet prepared, and an invitation sent forth to come and join Yahuweh's people in the marriage celebration.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints....

Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." — Revelation 19:7-9

The required dress is the robe of righteousness made of fine linen, having neither spot or stain. For many, attaining such a robe is beyond reach, unwilling to make the necessary sacrifice for its purchase. Some reading this may be pulling the reins back with the cry of Whoa! Stop right there!

Okay, let me explain. Salvation is a free gift from Yahuweh given to all who will accept. As stated in Titus 3:5-6, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Yahshua Messiah our Savior." And Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of Elohim." Now in accepting Yahuweh's free gift of Salvation there is the stipulation of repentance (a turning away from sin). Sin must be dropped like a hot potato. This is the necessary sacrifice one must make so to attain the robe of salvation.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Elohim, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of Elohim." — Romans 12:1-2

The cleansing one from sin occurs when one repents from sin and accepts Yahshua's atoning sacrifice; this is justification.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

It is from this point going forward that one enters into sanctification.

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

— John 17:17

In speaking of Yahweh's word, John 1:1-2,14 says, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with Elohim, and the word was Elohim. He was in the beginning with Elohim." "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Saved by grace and sanctified by truth — the word of Yahweh which was made flesh — Yahshua.

"Sanctify yourselves therefore and be you holy; for I am Yahweh your Elohim. And you shall keep My statutes, and do them: I am Yahweh who sanctify you." — Leviticus 20:7-8

Another requirement for entering into Yahweh's holiness is one's diet, the food which he eats.

"You shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and you shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. And you shall be holy unto Me: for I Yahweh am holy, and have severed you from other people, that you should be mine."

— Leviticus 20:25-26

Yahweh gave Moses instruction concerning the clean and unclean animals — those permissible for food and what is an abomination, or unacceptable (See Leviticus 11:1-47 and Deuteronomy 14:1-21). In concluding His instruction we read, "For I am Yahweh your Elohim; you shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall you defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. For I am Yahweh that brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your Elohim: you shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. This is the law of the beasts, and the fowl, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps upon the earth: to make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten," Leviticus 11:44-47.

The division between clean and unclean animals was even known by Noah; yes, before the Levitical law was given to Moses! This we find recorded in Genesis 7:1-2, which says, "And Yahweh said unto Noah, Come you and all your house into the ark; for you have I seen righteous before Me in this generation. Of every clean beast you shall take to you by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female." The clean taken by sevens and the unclean by two!

Those loving the forbidden animals, deeming them as acceptable food are quick to point to the New Testament so to justify their disobedience. Unwilling to quit eating pork and shell fish, they remain in their abominable state of uncleanness and defilement. Listen closely and take note of what Peter said in 2 Peter 3:16, "As also in all his epistles (speaking of apostle Paul), speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

"Know you not that you are the temple of Yahweh, and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of Yahweh, him shall Elohim destroy, for the temple of Yahweh is holy, which temple you are." — 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

There will be no pork chops, no lobster, no clams or oysters; no squirrel, no rabbit, no catfish and no escargot (snails) at Yahweh's banqueting table. If you are unwilling to exclude these food items from your diet you will be deemed unholy and defiled.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment: so he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
— Matthew 22:11-13

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says Yahweh, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father to you and you shall be My sons and daughters, says Yahweh almighty."
— 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

"And He humbled you, and suffered you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know; that He might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh does man live."
— Deuteronomy 8:3 (Matthew 4:4)



מבלי הדעת



Lack of Knowledge
—Hosea 4:6

The Temple Defiled

In the second century BCE a tyrant by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes reigned over Syria (175-164 BCE). Of this particular tyrant a historian wrote:

While Antiochus was in Egypt, a false report having been spread of his death, Jason marched with a thousand men to recover the high priesthood, surprised the city Jerusalem, drove Menelaus into the castle, and cruelly put to death all those whom he considered his adversaries. Antiochus being informed of these events, and supposing that the whole Jewish nation had revolted, hastened out of Egypt to quell the rebellion; and being told that the inhabitants of Jerusalem had made great rejoicings at the news of his death, he was so provoked, that having taken it by storm, he slew 40,000 persons, sold as many more for slaves, plundered the temple of gold and furniture to the amount of 800 talents of gold, entered the Holy of Holies, and sacrificed a sow upon the altar of burnt offerings, and caused the broth of it to be sprinkled all over the temple. He then returned to Antioch, laden with the spoils both of Egypt and Judea: appointing one Philip, a barbarous and cruel man, governor of Judea; and continuing Menelaus in the high priesthood.

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The sacrifice of a pig in Yahweh's temple, along with the sprinkling of the broth throughout, was the ultimate defilement. This was truly an abomination and insult being made. Of this same tyrant another historian wrote:

The revolt of Judas Maccabeus. The Greeks and those friendly toward them united into the community of Antiochians; the worship of Yahweh and all the Jewish rites were forbidden on pain of death. In the Temple an altar to Zeus Olympions was erected, and sacrifices were to be made at the feet of an idol in the image

of the king.

- The New Encyclopaedia Britannica,
Micropaedia, Volume 1, p. 461 (b), © 2002

And recorded in the Apocrypha books of Maccabees appears the description of the atrocities committed of which I'll spare the gruesome details but say the following so to set the tone as to just how bad things were:

When therefore, his decrees were disregarded by the people, he himself compelled by means of tortures every one of the race, by tasting forbidden meats, abjure the Jewish religion. The tyrant Antiochus, therefore, sitting in the public state with his assessors upon a certain lofty place, with his armed troops standing in a circle round him, commanded his spearbearers to seize every one of the Hebrews, and to compel them to taste swine's flesh, and things offered to idols. And should any of them be unwilling to eat the accursed food, they were to be tortured on the wheel, and so killed.

- 4 Maccabees 4:26-5:3

Eleazar, one of the principal scribes, an aged man, and of a well-favored countenance, was constrained to open his mouth, and to eat swine's flesh. But he, choosing rather to die gloriously, than to live stained with such an abomination, spit it forth, and came of his own accord to the torment.

- 2 Maccabees 6:18-19

And when they had rent in pieces the books of the law which they found, they burnt them with fire. And whosoever was found with any the book of the testament, or if any consented to the law, the king's commandment was, that they should put him to death. Thus did they by their authority unto the Israelites every month, to as many as were found in the cities. Now the five and twentieth (25th) day of the month they did

sacrifice upon the idol altar, which was upon the altar of God. At which time according to the commandment they put to death certain women, that has caused their children to be circumcised. And they hanged the infants about the necks, and rifled their houses, and slew them that had circumcised them. Howbeit many in Israel were fully resolved and confirmed in themselves not to eat any unclean thing. Wherefore they chose rather to die, that they might not be defiled with meats, and that they might not profane the holy covenant: so then they died. And there was very great wrath upon Israel. — 1 Maccabees 1:56-64

It was the Hellenistic Jews, those who submitted to the king's dictate by eating the swine's flesh and forsook their Jewish rearing, who had been defiled and made an abomination. Though Jewish by name, they were no longer Yahweh's people.

Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, "Do you not know that you are the temple of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of Elohim, Elohim will destroy him. For the temple of Elohim is holy, which temple you are."

A people that provoke Me to anger continually to My face, that sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense upon altars of brick; which remain among graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things in their vessels; which say, Stand by yourself, come not near to Me; for I am holier than you. These are a smoke in My nose, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before Me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom. — Isaiah 65:3-6

For, behold, Yahweh will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will Yahweh plead with all flesh: and the slain of Yahweh shall be many.

They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, says Yahuweh,
— Isaiah 66:15-17

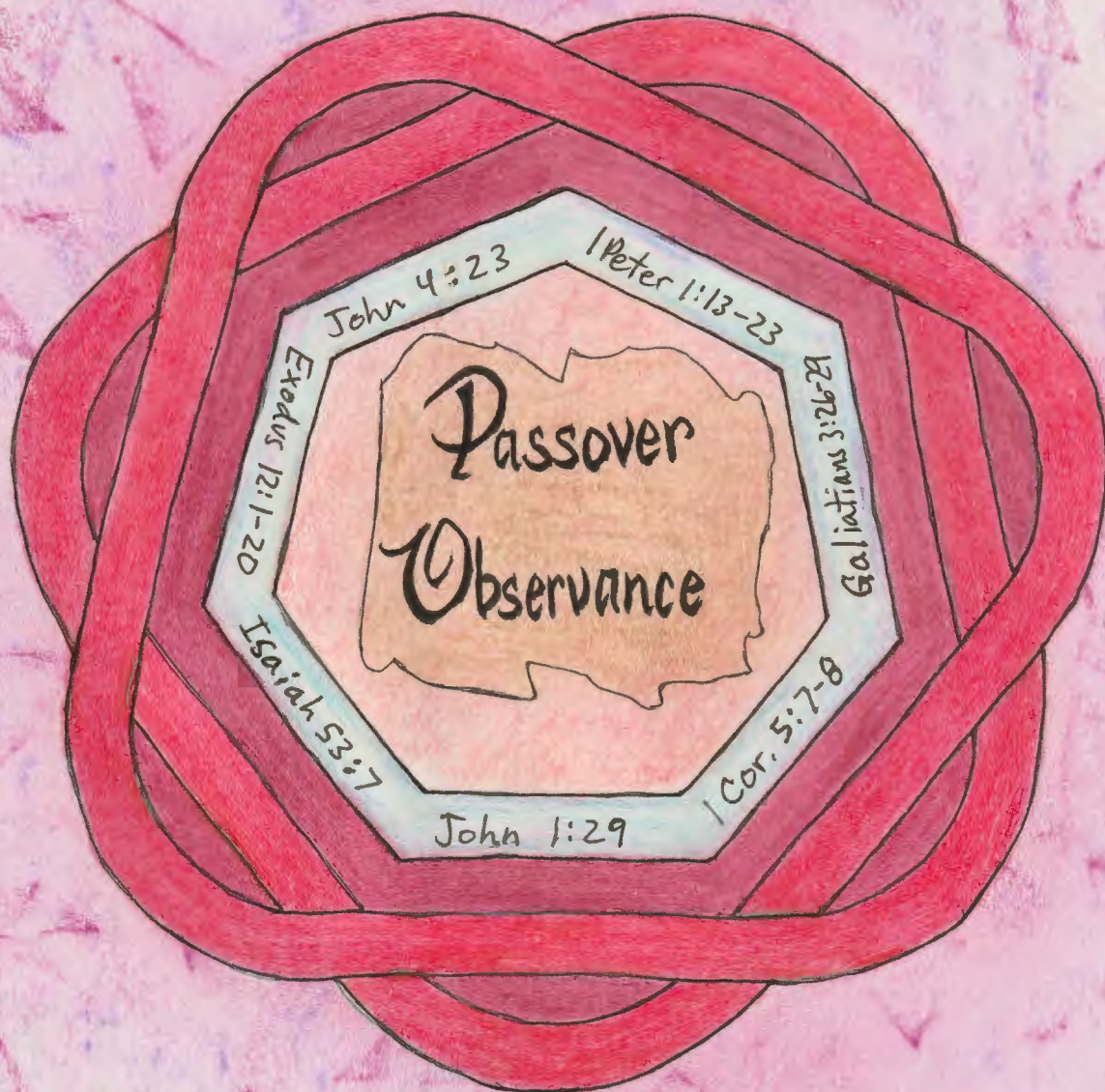
Just as Yahuweh's temple when defiled (by Antiochus entering into the Holy of Holies and then sacrificing a pig therein), so too do Yahuweh's people become defiled when they ingest the abominable — whether it be food eaten or books read; music listened to or movies watched. Isaiah 33:14-15 says, "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly, he that despises the gain of oppressions, that shakes his hand from holding of bribes, that stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil."

As the Maccabees led the Jewish revolt against the Hellenism and Syrian rule they cleansed Yahuweh's temple from the defilement — thus the celebration of Hanukkah. The Hebrew word hanukkuk (חנוכה, chanukkah, #2598) means: consecration, dedication. Since the consecration of the temple constituted the lighting of the menorah, the tradition of lighting a menorah for eight days is done in remembrance of this very joyous victory. Thus Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights. Ironically this eight-day celebration begins on Kislev 25 (the 9th Hebrew month which occurs in either November or December, varying from year to year) — the 25th being the very day of the monthly sacrifices to the pagan idol.

Though Hanukkah is not one of Yahuweh's commanded annual festival days, it is a celebration mentioned in John 10:22, called the feast of dedization. After cleansing our body from all defilement by repentance and baptism, may we observe this day as a memorial of our personal cleansing wherein we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Elohim which is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1). To Yahuweh be the praise, the glory, and the honor.



חַקַּת עוֹלָם



an everlasting statute

Passover Observance

Come now, let us reason together and consider our ways. Hopefully those reading this are in their heart truth seekers — those seeking to serve Yahweh in spirit and truth (John 4:23).

The observance of Passover is Scripturally commanded, set forth as an everlasting statute (Exodus 12:14) — "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to Yahweh throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by ordinance for ever." Passover day occurs on the fourteenth day of the first Scriptural month, followed by the seven days of unleavened bread which are the fifteenth through the twenty-first, (See Leviticus 23:5-8).

Though many totally ignore the instruction to observe Passover, others fall short by keeping it out of time, not understanding the instruction given or just following others who set their observance by unscriptural tradition — the fudge method, where days are moved forward or backward for mere convenience. So to clear the fog, as it were, I will herein bring to the table some historical record, the Scriptural instruction, and explanation on how the two agree or disagree. But before proceeding may we take a moment and consider the following quotation from The New Encyclopaedia Britannica, ©2002, Volume 16, Macropædia, page 303.

"The Major Church Calendars Unlike the cycle of feasts and fasts of the Jewish law, the Christian year has never been based upon a divine revelation. It is rather a tradition that is always subject to change by ecclesiastical law. Each self-governing church maintains the right to order the church year according to pastoral needs of edification. The pattern of the year therefore varies in the several churches of the East and of the West. The subtle adjustments of a lunar-month calendar, with its movable date of Easter, and a solar calendar of fixed dates require many rules to avoid conflict of observances."

Much like the Catholic and Protestant clergy leading their parishioners astray (Isaiah 9:16), so are they that are unwilling to seek out and follow after Scriptural truth, preferring to do those things right in their own eyes.

Both Isaiah 2:3 and Micah 4:2 state that "the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem," signifying that Jerusalem is central and should be looked to for instruction. That is to say, if the instruction given is Scriptural based. For those seeking confirmation of when the month of Abib (Nisan) begins, they inquire of those in Israel or go to Israel in person so to inspect the maturity of the barley. But what about the status of the moon? Rather than looking to Jerusalem for a sighting report, many will accept a local sighting of the moon's crescent even though it was not first seen in Jerusalem. Getting the cart before the horse as it were in their eagerness to observe in obedience.

Though Israel of old was indeed reliant upon the physical viewing of the moon's new crescent before declaring a new month, now Judaism recognizes the time of the moon's conjunction as being key in the reckoning. That is to say, if the conjunction occurs before sundown in Jerusalem, then the next day (which begins at sundown) is the first day of the new month. Now that is the general rule, but there are a number of other rules (unscriptural) which are employed which will push the new moon day back or forward a day (the fudge method of reckoning). So when such reckoning is made, I strongly recommend not to follow. But do know that the progression of the moon after the time of conjunction is literally the beginning of a new month cycle, even though the moon's crescent has not yet been seen. This is much like the time of a woman's pregnancy beginning at conception. The moon's cycle begins with the conjunction, but as a child's age is reckoned after its birth, so is the new month not acknowledged until the moon's crescent has been seen. This reasoning would thus support the need to visibly see the moon's crescent so to observe Yahweh's festival days properly. The moon's crescent to be visible must be at least

36 hours old, and if it must be first seen in Jerusalem before counted as valid, the time between conjunction and sighting may be even greater.

Once the first day of the first Scriptural month is established the countdown to Passover may be made. For April 2022, the moon's conjunction occurs at 04:26 Jerusalem time, on April 1, thus making April 2 the beginning of the first Scriptural month. The 14th day of Nisan (Abib), Passover day, falls on Friday, April 15.

Nisan (Abib) April 2022	Passover	Days of Unleavened Bread							conjunction reckoning sighting reckoning
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	

For those setting Passover according to the sighting of the moon's crescent, the sighting should be made in Jerusalem on April 2, thus making April 3 the first day of the month. With this reckoning Passover will be observed on April 16 and the seven days of unleavened bread on April 17-23 for 2022.

"In the fourteenth of the first month at even is Yahweh's Passover," Leviticus 23:5

In the above verse we are told that Passover is on the 14th day of the first month at even, but what is not known to the average English reader is that the Hebrew text reads בֵּין הָעָרֵבַיִם (biyn ha'arebaiym), translated as "between the evenings." This Hebraic phrase occurs a total of ten times in Scripture (5 times regarding Passover; 4 times regarding the daily sacrifice; and once to the giving of meat in the wilderness).

Passover: Exodus 12:6; Leviticus 23:5; Numbers 9:3, 5, 11

Daily Sacrifice: Exodus 29:39, 41; Numbers 28:4, 4

Eating flesh: Exodus 16:12

One may ask, Just what does "between the evenings" mean? In the writings of Josephus, Wars of the Jews (book 6/chapter 9/

paragraph 3) we find:

".... So these priests, upon the coming of their feast which is called the Passover, when they slay their sacrifices, from the ninth hour to the eleventh, but so that a company not less than ten belong to every sacrifice, (for it is not lawful for them to feast simply by themselves,) and many of us are twenty in a company, found the number of sacrifices was two hundred and fifty-six thousand five hundred; ..."

This Passover to which Josephus attests to was no small event with 256,500 lambs being sacrificed in just two hours! Though some attempt to justify their observance of Passover at the beginning of the 14th Scriptural day rather than the conclusion thereof leading into the 15th, the testimony of Josephus is clear as to when the lambs were slain on Passover day.

Quoting from the book titled Jubilees in The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, volume 2 (1985), by James H. Charlesworth, Jubilees 49:1,12 read: "Remember the commandment which [Yahweh] commanded you concerning Passover, that you observe it in its time, on the fourteenth of the first month, so that you might sacrifice it before it becomes evening and so that you might eat it during the night on the evening of the fifteenth from the time of sunset." Verse 12 goes on to say, "And it is not fitting to sacrifice it during any time of light except during the time of the border of evening. And they shall eat it during the time of evening until a third of the night. And what is left of all its flesh from the third of the night and beyond, they shall burn with fire."

As to knowing how to determine when Passover should be kept, Fragment 1 Eusebius, "Ecclesiastica Historia" 7:32.16-18 (located in The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, volume 2), says:

"And this is not our own reckoning, but it was known to the

Jews long ago even before Christ and it was carefully observed by them. One can learn from what is said by Philo, Josephus, (and) Masaeus, and not only by these, but also by both of the Agathobuli, who are still more ancient and are surnamed the teachers. One can learn it also from what is said by the excellent Aristobulus, who was enrolled among the seventy who translated the sacred and divine Scriptures of the Hebrews for Ptolemy Philadelphus and his father and who dedicated exegetical books on the law of Moses to the same kings.

¹⁷ When these (writers) explain questions concerning the Exodus, they say that it is necessary that all alike sacrifice the Passover after the vernal equinox, in the middle of the first month; and this occurs when the sun passes through the first sector of the solar, or as some of them called (it), the zodiacal circle. And Aristobulus adds that on the feast of the Passover of necessity not only the sun will be passing through an equinoctial sector, but the moon also. ¹⁸ For, since there are two equinoctial sections, the vernal and autumnal, and since they are diametrically opposite one another, and since the day of the Passover was assigned to the fourteenth of the month after evening, the moon will stand in the position opposite and over against the sun, just as one can see (it) at the seasons of full moon. (So) the one, the sun, will be in the sector of the vernal equinox, and the other, the moon, of necessity will be in (the sector of) the autumnal (equinox)."

Ancient testimony as to the setting of Passover so that it may be kept in its proper time. Though rejected by some, the vernal equinox well serves as an indicator for keeping Yahweh's festivals in their proper time. If Passover is kept too early, then too will all the remaining festivals be kept out of time. As the winter months become warmer there may be reports of barley bearing green ears too early, thus being unreliable. After all, August is way too early for observing the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah), which occurs in the seventh month. That is to say,

once the first month is established, all other months follow in their succession.

Just as Yahshua was the fulfillment of the Passover lamb; prophesied of in Isaiah 53:7, "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before the shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth." And John the baptist said in John 1:29, "The next day John saw Yahshua coming unto him and said, Behold the Lamb of Yahweh, which takes away the sin of the world." And apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 5:7, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Messiah our passover is sacrificed for us." And in fulfillment of Scripture, at the appointed time (Passover day), Yahshua was put to death at the exact time the Passover lambs were being slain.

Concerning the taking of bread and juice with His disciples at the beginning of the 14th rather than at the end. Yahshua knowing His appointment as the true Passover lamb, could not observe the Passover with His disciples at any other time — which of course led to Yahshua's betrayal by Judas. Yes, that observance was on the 14th day after sunset of the 13th, and it was indeed "between the evenings" of the 14th — one evening as the 14th began and the other as the 14th ended.

Take some time to read carefully those things presented herein so to digest fully. If your observance of Passover is found a bit askew, make the needed adjustment.

Exodus 12:1-20, 43-44

Galatians 3:26-29

Ephesians 2:18-19

Exodus 23:14-16

Leviticus 23:5-6

Numbers 9:1-14

Deuteronomy 16:1

Luke 2:40-42

Luke 22:1, 15-20

John 13:1-5, 10, 14-15

John 19:14, 31

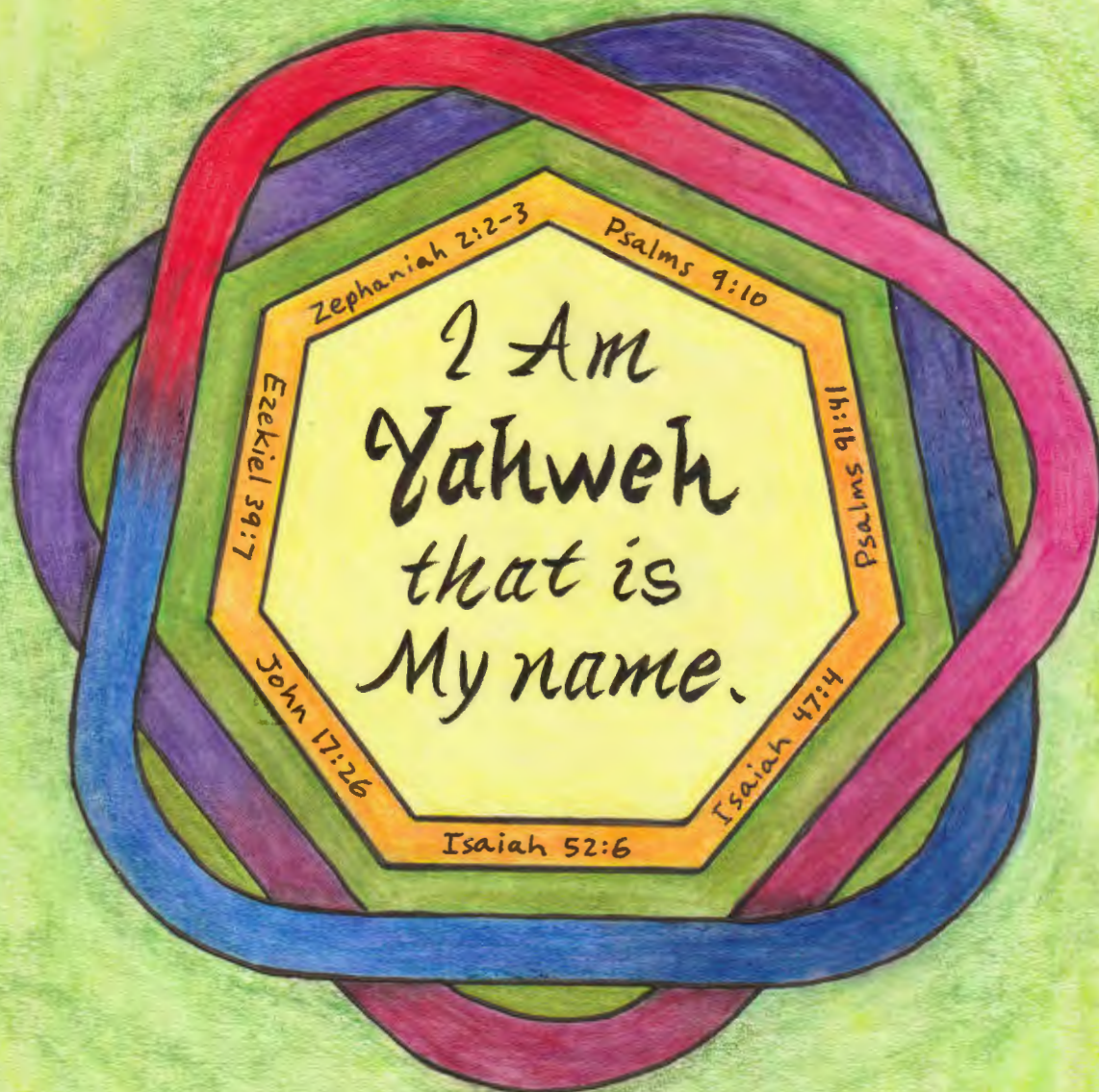
1 Corinthians 5:7-8

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

1 Peter 1:13-23



יְדַע שְׁמִי



Know My Name

יְהוָה

Know My Name

Who is the Elohim spoken of in Scripture who created both the heaven and the earth? Proverbs 30:4 asks:

Who has ascended into heaven or descended?

Who has gathered the wind in His fists?

Who has bound the waters in a garment?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is His name, and what is His Son's name?

Because you shall know.

Though the answer to these questions is widely known by pastors and scholars alike, and many articles have been written so to educate those not knowing, few people either acknowledge or take it to heart by actually using the sacred names. Often one is quick to defend the usage of the titles "The LORD" and "God" and hybrid "Jesus" which have been ingrained into the minds of the unsuspecting. And thus, the tradition of replacement (taking away and adding to Scripture) has been successfully achieved. The name above all names, salvation's gateway, removed from the words of life! Fortunately though, the Hebrew text of Scripture remains true and bears witness to the names. But here again, tradition has taught the Jewish/Hebrew reader to replace the Creator's name with Adonai, Elohim or Ha-Shem (the name) when the tetragrammaton (יהוה) is seen. (The word tetragrammaton is a Greek word which means "four letters" and is used in reference to the Creator's name written in Hebrew letters.)

To grasp a thorough understanding of the meaning of the Creator's name, we will first examine Exodus 3:14-15, which reads:

And Elohim said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, I AM has sent me unto you. And Elohim said moreover unto Moses,

Thus shalt you say unto the children of Israel, Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me unto you: this is My name for ever, and this is My memorial unto all generations.

Note: The English translation I AM THAT I AM stems from the Hebrew phrase $\text{אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה}$ ('ehyeh 'asher 'ehyeh) which has the literal translation of "I shall be that I shall be" or "I shall become that I shall become." The aleph (א), when used as a prefix means "I shall", and here it is attached to the verb hyeh (אֶהְיֶה), Strong's H-1961 which means: to exist, i.e. be or become.

Note: In verse 15 the Hebrew text reads אֶהְיֶה . Here we find the yod (י) used as a prefix letter which means "He shall." This letter being attached to a variant form of the verb "to be" (אֶהְיֶה), Strong's H-1933. Thus the form אֶהְיֶה means "He shall be" or "He shall become". Most scholars say אֶהְיֶה should be pronounced as Yahweh. It is this form which we are told, "this is My name for ever, and this is My memorial unto all generations." And it is this form which appears close to 7000 times in the Hebrew OT text.

"Seek you Yahweh (אֶהְיֶה) all you meek of the earth which have wrought this judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be you shall be hid in the day of Yahweh's (אֶהְיֶה) anger." — Zephaniah 2:2-3

"And they that know My name will put their trust in you: for you, Yahweh (אֶהְיֶה), have not forsaken them that seek you." — Psalms 9:10

"So will I make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let them pollute My holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that

I am Yahweh (יהוה), the Holy One in Israel."

- Ezekiel 39:7

"And I have declared unto them Your name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." - John 17:26

"Therefore My people shall know My name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am He that does speak."

- Isaiah 52:6

"As for our redeemer, Yahweh (יהוה) of hosts is His name, the Holy One of Israel." - Isaiah 47:4

"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known My name." - Psalms 91:14

The above verses give testimony as to the importance of knowing Yahweh's name but tradition clings tenaciously to the replacement titles of "The LORD", "God", and the hybrid "Jesus," refusing to let go. One may ask, Why is the name "Jesus" called hybrid? Well, it is a hybrid due to its origin, being a mixture of both Latin and Greek. In fact, the letter "J" was not added to the Latin alphabet until the 15th century C.E.

* Fact: The Greek alphabet has no symbol which has the "J" sound.

* Fact: The Hebrew alphabet has no symbol which has the "J" sound.

* Fact: The "J" sound as in Jesus (a hard "g" sound) came about through French influence.

Since proper nouns are to be transliterated rather than translated, the translator is to use the symbols of one alphabet to best represent the sounds of the other alphabet. It is unfortunate though that the Greek alphabet is lacking in sound representation so to properly transliterate the Savior's name from the Hebrew. The Greek alphabet has no symbol which carries the "h" sound or the "sh" sound. To represent the Hebrew letter yod (י), the Greek iota (Ι) was used — the Hebrew yod (י) has the "y" sound and the Greek iota (Ι) has the "i" sound as in machine. Not an exact representation. And then there are the Greek case endings which cloud the transliteration process even more.

Bottom line, the Greek representation "Ιησους" (Iēsous) and the English "Jesus" have no meaning. Neither form has the meaning of "He shall save" as we are told in Matthew 1:21 the name has. One can only find this meaning in the Hebrew form יֵשׁוּעַ (Yēshua) which indeed has the literal meaning of "He shall save" — the yod (י) prefix being added to יִשׁוּעַ (shua'), see H-3442. Or as seen in Numbers 13:16, Moses adding the yod (י) prefix to the name יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Oshea) H-1954 to make יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Yahshua) H-3091 — meaning "Yahweh is salvation".

You may look no further than the pages of a collegiate dictionary in the etymology for the word "Jesus" where you'll find [LL, fr GK Iēsous, fr Heb Yēshua']. Also examine the listings of "tetragrammaton" and "Yahweh". The scholars know and yet the pastors, preachers and elders, for the most part, remain silent. If they know these truths and are not teaching others, they are liars and the truth is not in them!

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh (יהוה) shall be delivered."
(Joel 2:32)

"I, even I, am Yahweh (יהוה): and beside Me there is no Savior." — Isaiah 43:11

יֵשׁוּעַ (Yeshua) יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Yahshua) יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Yahwehshua)

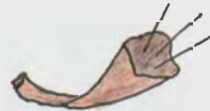
The Son coming in the Father's name, as stated in John 5:43,
"I am come in My Father's name, and you receive Me not: if another
shall come in his own name, him you will receive."

It is time to come out of darkness and to begin walking in
the light of Yahweh's word. Follow not after the lying pen of
the scribes (Jeremiah 8:8) who have concealed, taken away
and replaced the Sacred Names through which salvation comes.

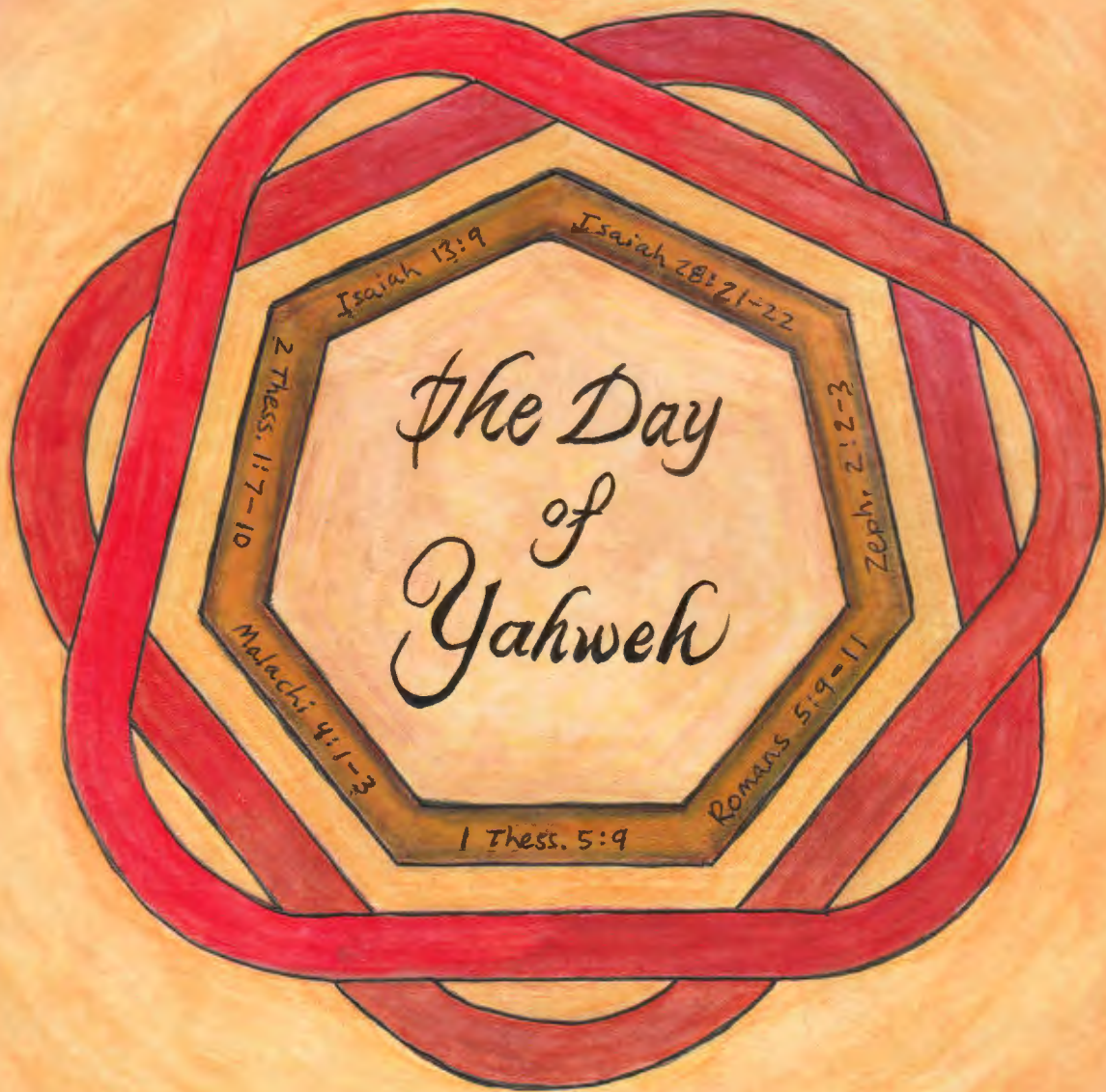
"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none
other name under heaven given among men, whereby we
must be saved." — Acts 4:12

"What is His name, and what is His Son's name?"
(Proverbs 30:4)

The gateway of Yahweh's salvation is open for whosoever
will come and enter therein. It is the narrow path of truth
which is the way. Will you now come?



מעשהו זר
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His Strange Work
His Strange Act

The Day of Yahweh

A day of darkness, a day of gloom, a day of judgment; the day of Yahweh is a time of great sorrow like none other. As described by Amos 5:18-20, "Woe unto you that desire the day of Yahweh! to what end is it for you? the day of Yahweh is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of Yahweh be darkness, and not light? even very dark and no brightness in it?"

Isaiah 13:9-11 says that this day is for the destruction of the wicked, the sinners for their evil. "Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible."

Isaiah 28:21-22 refers to this most gruesome time as being Yahweh's strange work, His strange act. "For Yahweh shall rise up as in mount Perazim, He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, His strange work, and bring to pass His act, His strange act. Now therefore be you not mockers lest your hands be made strong: for I have heard from my Sovereign Yahweh of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth."

A lowly voice crying out, for those who hear, to take heed, for judgment and destruction is on the horizon. For one to remain in Yahweh's grace there must be repentance and spiritual cleansing. As Roman's 5:9-11 says, "Much more then, having been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to Elohim through His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in Elohim through our Master Yahshua Messiah through whom we have now received the atonement."

"According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Having predestinated us into the adoption of children by Yahshua Messiah to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." — Ephesians 1:4-7

To enter into Yahweh's grace comes with a price — one must live a holy life and be without blame. There is but one way, and one way only, for sin to be forgiven and that is by accepting the blood atonement of Yahshua. There must be the love of Yahweh within one's heart which will guide one into living a life of obedience — the keeping of Yahweh's commandments.

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." — John 14:15

"And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved me may be in them, and I in them." — John 17:26

"For to this you were called, because Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an example for us, that you should follow His steps: who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously." — 1 Peter 2:3

"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." — 1 John 3:4

The rebellious and stiffnecked will defend their lawlessness (disobedience to Yahweh's commandments) by saying it is impossible to keep the commandments. They reject Yahweh's seventh day sabbath for Sunday; they count the name of Yahweh as being

unimportant as they continue to use the replacement titles of "LORD" and "God". Liars and thieves in heart as they profane that which Yahweh set-apart, as we are told in Ezekiel 22:26, "Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."

To be counted as holy before Yahweh there must be obedience and it is only by one's obedience that one will have access to the tree of life.

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gate into the city." — Revelation 22:14

The gate through which all must pass so to enter into the city is Yahshua — the narrow gate (Matthew 7:14) or the door (John 10:9-10). The prophet Malachi, in speaking of the day of Yahweh, wrote:

"For behold, the day comes that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says Yahweh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be as ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says Yahweh of hosts." — Malachi 4:1-3

For those repentant souls who follow the steps of Yahshua in living a holy life without blemish, there is protection from Yahweh's wrath. "For Elohim did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Master Yahshua Messiah," 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

"Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of Yahweh comes upon you, before

the day of Yahweh's anger comes upon you. Seek you Yahweh, all the meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be you shall be hid in the day of Yahweh's anger." — Zephaniah 2:2-3

"Thus says Yahweh; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of Yahweh, and have not kept His commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked: But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem." — Amos 2:4-5

Just where will you stand when the wrath of Yahweh is poured forth? Will you be protected, abiding in the shadow of Yahweh? (Psalms 91:1); or in a state of fear, seeking refuge elsewhere? (Luke 23:30).



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Hear ~ Love ~ Serve

Knowing Yahweh

When Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh to request that Pharaoh let Israel go, he responded, "Who is Yahweh that I should obey His voice so to let Israel go? I know not Yahweh, neither will I let Israel go," (Exodus 5:2). Just as Pharaoh did not know Yahweh, many today too do not know Him. And others say they know Him and yet live a life of disobedience to His written word — either not reading Scripture or not taking it to heart so to be instructed therefrom. With Pharaoh it took ten plagues and the destruction of Egypt before he finally let Israel go but in his unbelief his heart was soon hardened.

In Deuteronomy 11:13-14 we read, "And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently unto My commandments which I commanded you this day, to love Yahweh your Elohim, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your corn, and your wine, and your oil." To enter into the blessings of Yahweh requires obedience, love and service. Deuteronomy 4:5-6 says, "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as Yahweh my Elohim commanded me, that you should do so in the land whither you go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

For the unbelieving and rebellious, Paul wrote, "And even as they did not like to retain Elohim in their knowledge, Elohim gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which were not convenient," Romans 1:28.

The flesh warring against the Spirit and two paths to choose from. The broadway, which offers every worldly pleasure, whose end is death; and the narrow path of truth, which if followed will bring one into the abundant life of peace and joy. The Spirit of wisdom and knowledge comes from Yahweh and is given to those called.

"That the El of our Master Yahshua Messiah, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance of the saints."

- Ephesians 1:17-18

After Yahshua's resurrection He appeared to His disciples; Luke 24: 45-47 says, "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

"Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding."

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: happy is every one that retains her. Yahweh by wisdom has founded the earth; by understanding has He established the heavens. By His knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew." — Proverbs 3:13, 17-20

In speaking of knowing Yahweh, Yahshua said in Matthew 11:27, "All things are delivered unto Me of My Father: and no man knows the Son but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him." Knowledge of Yahweh is only revealed to whom Yahshua chooses; all others will not understand for their eyes will be blinded.

The meaning of the Sacred names Yahweh (יהוה) and Yahshua (ישוע) have been covered in previous articles, as well as the importance of using the names. As John 17:26 states, it is through the name Yahweh that one enters into Yahweh's love. To reject the names is to disdain both the Father and Son whose names they are. Scripture clearly says in John 4:23, "But the hour comes,

and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him."

Do you have ears to hear and an understanding heart? Do you have a willing heart to be instructed by Scripture and walk in obedience to Yahweh's statutes, commandments, laws and judgments? Psalms 34:13-16 says, "Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of Yahweh are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The face of Yahweh is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth."

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30



צור ~ ישועה ~ משגב



YAHWEH IS MY
Rock ~ Salvation ~ Defense

Who Do You Serve?

The gods of this world are many. Idols of gold and silver, wood and stone are but a few which ensnare one's soul. Other obstacles such as food, clothing, money, possessions and power are others which lead many astray. And then there's pride — the worship of self, as it were, with one setting himself above others, demanding that others pay the homage of respect. The created being worshipping an inanimate object created by another, or worshipping another person, or even the adversary himself (ha-satan), who offered to Yahshua all the kingdoms of the world if He would but bow down and worship him (Matthew 4:8-9). In Yahshua's wisdom, He responded, "Get you hence, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship Yahweh your Elohim, and Him only shall you serve," (Matthew 4:9-10; Deuteronomy 6:13).

In Hosea 13:4 we read, "Yet I am Yahweh your Elohim from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no Elohim but Me: for there is no Savior beside Me." In verse 14 He goes on to say, "I will gather them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be your plagues; O grave, I will be your destruction: repentance shall be hid from My eyes." This is Yahweh, the one true Elohim who created the heavens, the earth, and all that lives thereupon. He offers salvation to all who repent and accept Yahshua's atoning sacrifice. But for some this is too much as they are unwilling to give up the worldly pleasures so to walk in obedience. On the other hand, Scripture provides examples of men having spiritual fortitude, men who knew Yahweh and gave their lives in servitude.

King David

"He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense, I shall not be greatly moved." — Psalms 62:2

Joshua

"Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the mighty ones which your fathers served

on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve Yahweh. And if it seem evil unto you to serve Yahweh, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh."

— Joshua 24:14-15

Elijah

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt you between two opinions? If Yahweh be Elohim, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I even I only, remain a prophet of Yahweh; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men."

— 1 Kings 18:21-22

As there were many worshippers of Baal in Elijah's time, the same goes for today. You may ask, How could this be? Just consider the meaning of the word Baal. This is Hebrew word #1168 in the Strong's Dictionary; here we are told it is the name of a Phoenician deity and stems from #1167. Word #1167 says that the Hebrew word baal means: a master; hence, a husband; thus also translated as lord. It is this English word "lord" which has been used as a replacement for the Creator's name Yahweh (יהוה). So here I now ask, Who do you serve? Do you believe you are serving the Creator, calling upon a title which has an equivalent meaning to the Phoenician deity Baal — "The LORD"!

"How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal."

— Jeremiah 23:26-27

Are the words of Jeremiah true? If so, consider what he wrote in the above verses. Yes, Yahweh's name has been forgotten and people are taught to call upon "The LORD"! It is time to wake up! It is time to worship Yahweh and to call upon His name and not another! Maybe the tradition of man's deception is what you choose to follow, if so, you are no better than the Baal worshippers of old who rejected Yahweh and spent the day calling upon Baal (2 Kings 18:26-29).

"Behold, El is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for Yah Yahweh is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall He draw water out of wells of salvation. And in that day shall you say, Praise Yahweh, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted," — Isaiah 12:2-4

"For He is our Elohim, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. To day if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, it is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways. Unto whom I swear in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest." — Psalms 95:7-11

If you use the traditional English translation of Scripture which does not properly represent the Creator's name as Yahweh, I encourage you to purchase a Sacred Name Bible and begin calling upon Yahweh's name.

"Is not My word like a fire? says Yahweh; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says Yahweh, that steal My words every one from his neighbor. Behold, I am against the

prophets, says Yahweh, that use their tongues, and say, He says. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, says Yahweh, and do tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, says Yahweh."

— Jeremiah 23:29-32

A stern warning to those who take lightly Yahweh's word; those who wilfully accept the lies being told by the translators, publishers and pastors alike, who have not a love for truth and remain in error.

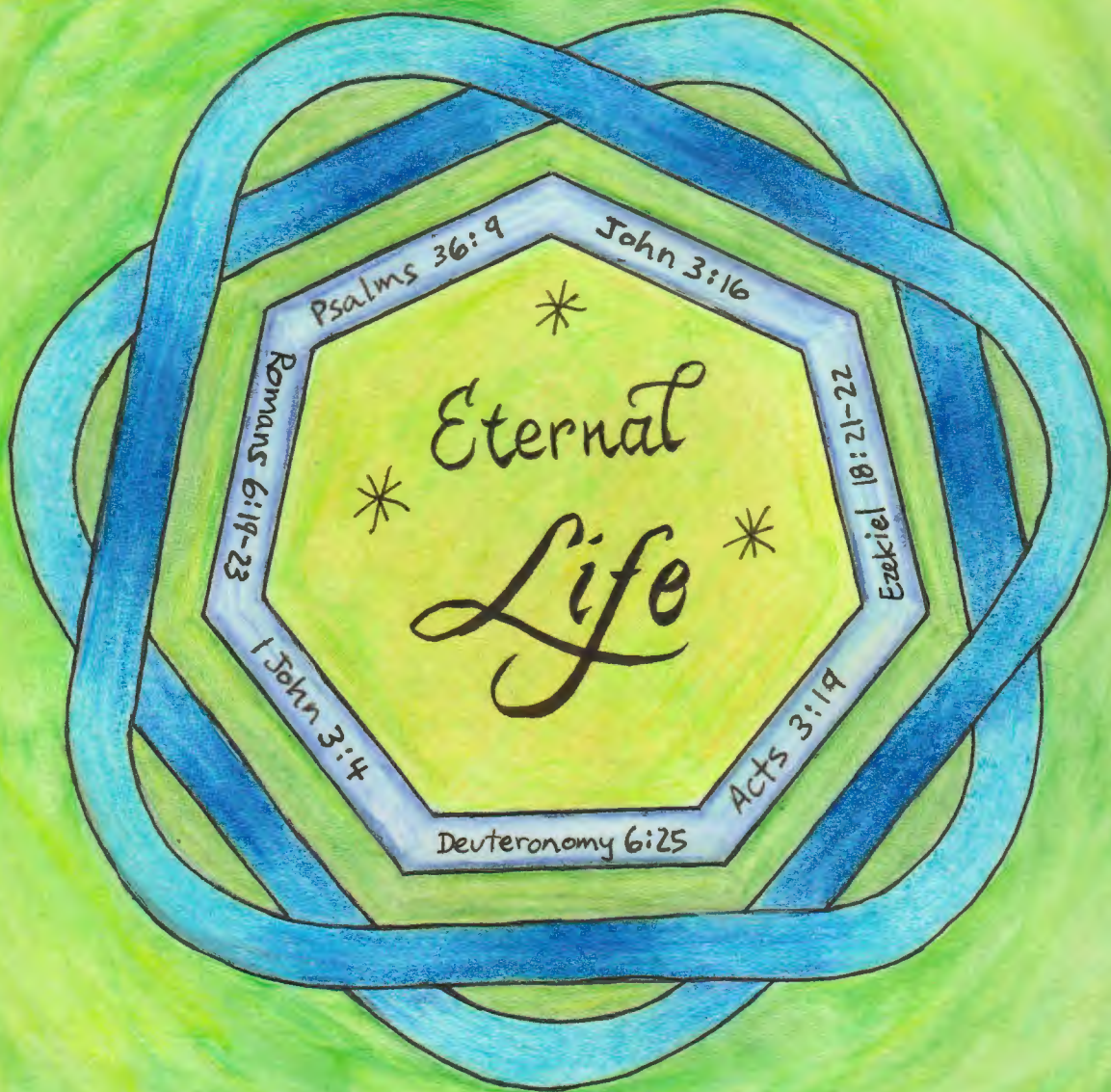
"The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walks righteously, and speaks uprightly, he that despises the gain of oppressions, that shakes his hands from holding of bribes, that stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil. He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure."

— Isaiah 33:14-16

Who do you serve; Baal (The LORD) or Yahweh?



מקור חיים



The Fountain of Life

Eternal Life

"And out of the ground made Yahweh Elohim to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." — Genesis 2:9

"And Yahweh Elohim commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die."
— Genesis 2:16-17

"And Yahweh Elohim said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: therefore Yahweh Elohim sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." — Genesis 3:22-23

In the above portions of Scripture we are told about two trees, one giving life and the other death. It was because of Adam and Eve's disobedience that they were cast out of Eden and lost access to the tree of life. From that time the sentence of death came upon mankind — "And it is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment," Hebrews 9:27.

It has been the quest of man to overcome the sin's death sentence imposed by Yahweh; giving no regard to Scriptural instruction, choosing rather to remain in the state of disobedience. One person who comes to mind is the Spanish conquistador, Ponce de Leon, who in 1513 explored the Florida coast looking for the fountain of youth. Others look to the Eastern religions and their practices. Though my personal knowledge of such things is greatly limited concerning such practices, I do want to give warning to what many consider a mere stretching

exercise called yoga.

WARNING

Kundalini Yoga [Skt kundalini, fr. fem. of kundalin circular, coiled, fr. kundala ring] (1897): the yogic life force that is held to lie coiled at the base of the spine until it is aroused and sent to the head to trigger enlightenment.

— Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary

The etymology of Kundalini states that it comes from Sanskrit and means: circular, coiled, ring. This is the Sanskrit word for serpent. In reading a book on breathing, it was therein stated that kundalini yoga uses the mantra (mystical formula of invocation) "sa-ta-na-ma." Immediately I saw the name "Satan" in the mantra spoken of. It was this mantra the author said should be used in breath control — that oxygen intake should be reduced, thus increasing the carbon dioxide levels. Please take a moment to consider the following. Yahweh created man and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7). Yahweh is the life giver. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The adversary (Satan) is the thief who offers death by means of deception. The breath of life which Yahweh gave to Adam was oxygen; Satan on the other hand says, "No! What you need is carbon dioxide so to reduce your heart rate. Yea, carbon dioxide is a sure killer. Satan — the serpent of old who first deceived Eve in the garden of Eden and has captured the minds who practice yoga in whatever form, saying that stretching exercise is good.

Others look to science in their quest to extend their life span. Metformin is touted as a life extending drug as well as DNA manipulation via CRISPR-Cas9 and the recommendation of fasting,

exercise and reduced meat consumption. But regardless, man falls short of Yahweh's gift of eternal life.

"For Yahweh so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." — John 3:16

When Yahshua was asked: "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" Yahshua answered, "If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:16-17). Adam and Eve lost access to the tree of life through their disobedience and it is only by one's obedience will one be able to regain access to the tree of life.

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of Life, and may enter through the gates into the city." — Revelation 22:14.

Not saved by works of righteousness but by the shed blood of Yahshua and Him alone. He alone is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6) through whom all must come. Once one repents from sin and accepts Yahshua's atoning sacrifice, a life of obedience must follow. There must be a transformation, a new creature, for if the old man of sin and disobedience still remains, there was no true repentance and the profession of faith was made in vain.

"Afterward Yahshua found him in the temple, and said to him, See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." — John 5:14

Can one live a sinless life? 1 John 3:3-6 says, "And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as He is pure. Whoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin."

Whoever abides in Him sins not: whoever sins has not seen Him, neither knows Him." To walk even as Y'ahshua walked (1 Peter 2:21-23), having a made up mind to serve Y'ahweh with all one's heart, soul and might. The temptations of the world are but Satan's ploy to distract and snare the uncommitted — the fence sitters, as it were, who truly do not believe.

"Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." — Matthew 7:13-14

"Not everyone that says unto Me, Master, Master, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven." — Matthew 7:21

Traveling the narrow way consists of keeping Y'ahweh's commandments; this path is not difficult for those who are committed to doing the Father's will. But for those unwilling to forsake sin, a commandment keeping life is not possible, for the flesh wars against the spirit, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against Elohim: for it is not subject to the law of Elohim, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Elohim," Romans 8:7-8.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears My word, and believes on Him that sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." — John 5:24



שוב או אבד



Repent or Perish

Diligently Hearken

The coming of Yahshua in power and glory is a day many look forward to; thinking they are secure in their faith with their loyal church attendance and daily Scripture reading, but to what end? Matthew 7:22-23 speaks of such a people in saying, "Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your name? and in Your name have cast out devils? and in Your name done many wonderful works? And then will profess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from Me, you that work iniquity." A profession of faith, church attendance and good works and yet rejected!

In the upside-down world in which we live where good is accounted as bad and right as wrong; where the truth of Scripture is rejected for the traditions of men, eyes have been blinded and hearts hardened. Scripture clearly states that the eating of pork is an abomination and yet many professing Christians love eating that which is deemed unclean (catfish, lobster, clams, oysters, rabbits and the like). Sunday worship too is a must as they forsake, reject, and refuse to enter into Yahweh's Sabbath rest (the seventh day - sundown Friday through sundown Saturday).

"Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to Elohim, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded." — James 4:7-8

"Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of Yahweh of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel." — Isaiah 5:24

Double minded, disobedient, unwilling to submit to Yahweh's standard of righteousness, these are those who will have a rude awakening when hearing the words, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). Should you be among those living in known sin, it is time to awaken from your slumber and humble yourself before almighty Yahweh.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead (men's) bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."
— Matthew 23:27-28

Regarding the day of accountability, when a reckoning will be made of one's deeds, Jeremiah 17:10 says, "I Yahweh search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." In light of this Jeremiah pled, "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Yahweh", Lamentations 3:40.

The message calling for repentance is one brought in many different ways in hope that those listening or reading will take it to heart. At some point Salvation's door will close and those on the outside will there remain.

"And he said to me, Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

— Revelation 22:10-12

As it was with Noah so will it be with Yahshua's return:

"And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as Elohim had commanded him: and Yahweh shut him in," Genesis 7:16. Only Noah and his family, eight total, had entered into the ark (along with the animals). It was Yahweh who shut the door and once shut no one else could enter therein. If salvation's door has not already been closed, it is urgent that you respond without delay.

Satan has deceived the whole world with his lying tongue. His servants, though appearing as messengers of light, teach the doctrines of men rather than the commandments of Yahweh.

"Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane: neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."

—Ezekiel 22:26

"Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law."

—Zephaniah 3:4

"Know you not that you are the temple of Yahweh, and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of Yahweh, him shall Elohim destroy; for the temple of Yahweh is holy, which temple you are."

—1 Corinthians 3:16-17

"For, behold, Yahweh will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will Yahweh plead with all flesh: and the slain of Yahweh shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination,

and the mouse, shall be consumed together says Yahweh."

— Isaiah 66:15-17

"For behold, the day comes that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says Yahweh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says Yahweh of hosts."

— Malachi 4:1-3

"If his children forsake My law, and walk not in My judgments; if they break My statutes, and keep not My commandments; then will I visit their transgressions with a rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless My lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him nor suffer My faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips."

— Psalms 89:30-34

Have you heard Yahweh's word, the wonderful words of life, which do not change? A warning cry has been made to those having ears to hear and a willingness to change course should a change be necessary. Do not put your trust in man but rather in Yahweh and adhere to His instruction. With fear and trembling, work out your own salvation and pray for Yahweh's guidance (Philippians 2:12).



פשיע שם



TRANSCRESSION
OF
DESOLATION

Fake, Phony, Fraud

A great travesty has occurred with the replacement, substitution, and misrepresentation of the Creator's name in Scripture. Though the Hebrew text still retains the tetragrammaton (יהוה), nearly all translations follow the tradition of using replacement titles (in the Greek Septuagint — theos and kurios; and in English — God and LORD). In following this tradition the Hebrew reader has been taught to say "adnai," "Elohim" or "Ha-Shem" rather than saying Yahweh (יהוה). Here again, replacement, substitution, and misrepresentation is done. In short, the integrity of Scripture has been compromised by those who continue to perpetuate the fraud.

The name above all names by which salvation comes has been removed from the sacred text, the very name which Yahweh told Moses, "this is My name for ever, and this is My memorial unto all generations," (Exodus 3:15). Stated in the introduction of the Septuagint (LXX), edited by Brenton, is such an example of tradition being preferred over truth. Therein is written, "We find amongst the members of the Eastern churches who use the Greek language, that the Septuagint has been and is still so thoroughly received as authentic Scripture, that any effort to introduce amongst them versions which accurately represent the Hebrew (as has been attempted in modern times) has been wholly fruitless." Yes, even the Greek text of the New Testament points to an Aramaic or Hebrew origin but such a notion is rejected by those taught otherwise. The evidence speaks for itself, whether it be Aramaic words transliterated into Greek or the syntax and usage of conjunctions common to both Aramaic and Hebrew, as Dr. E.W. Bullinger points out in the Companion Bible. Acts 17:30 says, "Truly these times of ignorance Elohim overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent."

To understand the magnitude of the deception, I first examined the pages of A New Concordance to the Bible, edited by Abraham Even-Shoshan (אברהם אבן-שושן) — a concordance to the Hebrew Bible. Therein I found the tetragrammaton (יהוה)

listed 6,639 times. A second reference work examined was the Concordance to the Septuagint, by Hatch and Redpath, (1897, reprinted in 2005). It was therein that I found the replacement titles "theos" and "kurios" being used for the Creator's name (יהוה).

Scripture instruction is clear in stating, "You shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I commanded you," Deuteronomy 4:2. To the sheeple — those who blindly follow their pastors, accepting the tradition of men — Isaiah 9:16 says, "For the leaders of this people cause (them) to err: and (they that are) led of them (are) destroyed."

With each misrepresentation of Yahweh's name, whether it be in the Greek LXX or the English translations therefrom, a violation of Deuteronomy 4:2 has occurred 6,639 times with the "taking away" and the "adding to" Scripture being perpetrated. Crimes of deception and fraud of the highest order — the breaking of the third commandment which reads: "Not you shall lift up the name of Yahweh your Elohim to falsehood (NIV) because Yahweh shall not pardon that one lifting up His name to falsehood (NIV)," Exodus 20:7. Here the Hebrew word translated as "falsehood" is shaw' (NIV #7723), often translated as "vain." To take Yahweh's name in vain is to misrepresent His name. If one says he believes in Scripture and yet walks contrary to its instruction, he is taking Yahweh's name in vain. Also, if one uses replacement titles rather than calling upon the name of Yahweh — praying to "The LORD" or "God" rather than to Yahweh, shame and disgrace will subdue the hard of heart.

"And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, Yahweh (יהוה) Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me unto you: this is My name for ever, and this is My memorial unto all generations." — Exodus 3:15

"And Yahweh said, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, neither walked therein; but have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: therefore thus says Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink." — Jeremiah 9:13-15

"Therefore wait you upon Me, says Yahweh, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for My determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them My indignation, even all My fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve Him with one consent." — Zephaniah 3:8-9

"And now, O you priests, this commandment is for you. If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name, says Yahweh of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart,"
— Malachi 2:1-2

"How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, (they are) prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal."
— Jeremiah 23:26-27

"I will declare Your name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise you." — Psalms 22:22

"And I have declared unto them Your name, and will declare

it: that the love wherewith You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them." — John 17:26

"I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of Yahweh." — Psalms 116:17

"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Elohim continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." — Hebrews 13:15

"And in that day shall you say, Praise Yahweh, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted." — Isaiah 12:4

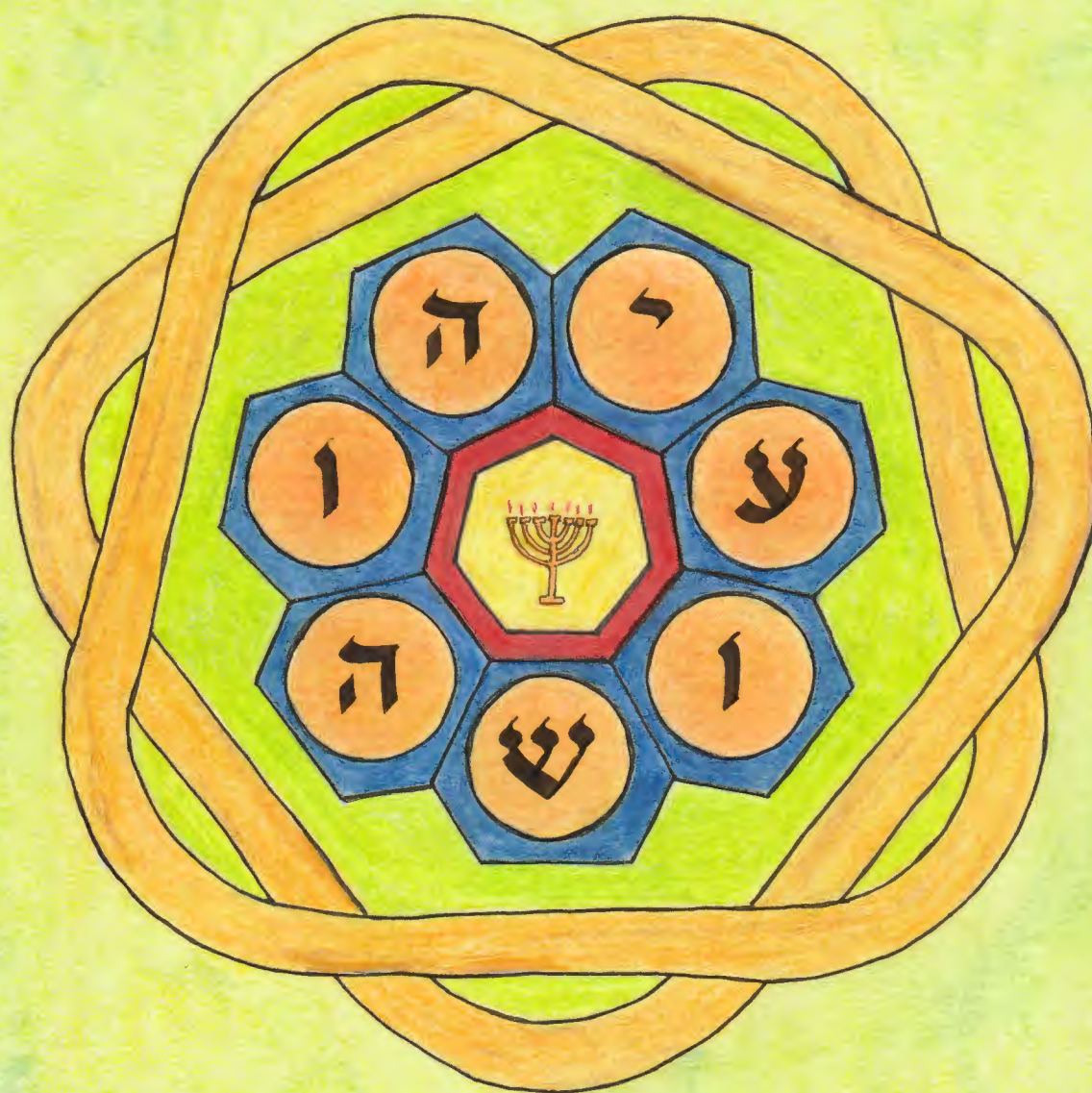
"Therefore My people shall know My name: therefore (they shall know) in that day that I am He that does speak: behold, (it is) I." — Isaiah 52:6

Daniel 8:13 speaks of a "transgression of desolation." As shown herein with the transgression of the third commandment in the lifting up of Yahweh's name to falsehood (replacing His name with the titles of "The Lord" and "God") a great desolation has occurred — not once but 6,639 times! This is none other than Satan's hand at work, keeping people from calling upon the name of Yahweh for salvation. Do you have a love for truth? It is now time to praise Yahweh and glorify His name! Though opposition may arise, serve Yahweh in spirit and in truth.

"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him." — John 4:23



יהוה שׁוּעַ



Yahwehshua

Yahwehshua

The long spelling of the Savior's name (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ) Yahwehshua, though absent from the written text, it appears encrypted within key verses of the Hebrew Bible. Isaiah 43:9-12 is but one such witness:

"Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. You are My witnesses, says Yahweh, and My servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am he: before Me there was no El formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am Yahweh; and beside Me there is no Savior. I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange elohim among you: therefore you are My witnesses, says Yahweh, that I am El."

But regardless of the evidence presented, many will remain steadfast in their tradition, not willing to step outside their comfort zone. Whether it be the hybrid form "Jesus," though popular, does not rise to the level of truth, or Yeshua (יֵשׁוּעַ) or even Yahshua (יְהֹשֻׁעַ / יְהוֹשֻׁעַ) which find support in the Scripture text as well as encrypted in the Hebrew Bible. Yes, I too have favored the spelling and pronunciation of "Yahshua," that is until I read an article telling of a most revealing find dating back to the time of Joshua.

The article to which I speak showed a lead amulet which was found at the altar on Mount Ebal – the Mount of cursing (Deuteronomy 27:13). So not to damage the amulet by opening it a scan was made revealing the word curse written ten times and Yahweh's name written twice. What I found interesting was that Yahweh's name was written with only three letters (יהו or יהוה) – the article did not show the actual

written so I can only surmise that it was written with the paleo Hebrew alphabet. It was said that this find was the oldest example of written Hebrew.

With this in mind I had to reconsider the pronunciation of the letters יה as in the savior's name יהויה . If יה = YHW (Yahweh), then יהויה would be Yahweshua or Yahwehshua. Using this transliteration and pronunciation recognizes Yahweh as the Savior, as Isaiah 43:11 clearly states. Yahweh the Father and Yahwehshua the son being united as one. This also clarifies Isaiah 45:21-23 and Philippians 2:9-11.

"Tell you, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? have not I Yahweh? and there is no Elohim else beside Me; a just El and savior; there is none beside Me. Look unto Me; and be you saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am El, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in Yahweh have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In Yahweh shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory." — Isaiah 45:21-25

"Wherefore Yahweh also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Yahwehshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Yahwehshua Messiah is Master, to the glory of Yahweh the Father."

— Philippians 2:9-11

* In the Hebrew translation of the Aramaic Peshitta New Testament it reads יהויה יהויה (that every tongue should

confess that Yahweh, He is Yeshua).

Thus Yahweh says in Isaiah 43:25, "I, even I, am he that blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and will not remember your sins." And Ephesians 1:7, "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." Yahweh the Father and Yahwehshua the son, working in unison as one.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

"I am come in my Father's name, and you receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive."
— John 5:43

The lesser light יֵשׁוּעַ (Yeshua) shining forth and becoming brighter, יְהֵשׁוּעַ (Yahshua), and growing in intensity, יְהֵשֻׁעַ (Yahweshua / Yahwehshua). Are you willing to walk in the light as He is in the light? Are you willing to step forward in progression and embrace the revelation now before us? The name above all names, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved," Acts 2:21 (Jeremiah 23:27; Joel 2:32; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:11-13).

יְהֵשֻׁעַ / ΟΥΨΩΨΩΨ

Yahwehshua



The Curse Amulet

Does 'curse amulet' prove the discovery of Joshua's altar on Mount Ebal?

"It's at the right place, at the right time, and has the right stuff."

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Tablet found on Mount Ebal in the Samaria mountains
in the West Bank containing the word "curse" 10 times.

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This month's revelation of the text inscribed on a "curse amulet" from Mount Ebal rocked the world of archaeology because of the implications it has on theories of how and when the Bible was written, according to Dr. Scott Stripling, director of excavations for the Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) at ancient Shiloh, who led the research on the amulet.

In a media conference on Thursday, Stripling made a new set of astounding announcements about the find.

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close up of the amulet. (Credit: MARC ISRAEL SELLEM/THE JERUSALEM POST)

Recall, the lead amulet measuring two centimeters square was found by wet-sifting material taken from a site on Mount Ebal excavated by Prof. Adam Zertal more than 30 years ago. Folded in half, the letters inscribed in the lead foil were indecipherable and the metal was too brittle to unfold. So, the amulet was sent to researchers in Prague who used tomographic scans - similar to medical diagnostic CT scans - to recover the hidden text.

The scans revealed an ancient proto-alphabetic Hebrew inscription consisting of 40 letters comprising 23 words. After deciphering the text, it was determined to be a defixio: a curse tablet.

Cursed, cursed, cursed - cursed by the God YHWH. You will die cursed. Cursed you will surely die. Cursed by YHWH - cursed, cursed, cursed

The word 'cursed' appears 10 times and the name of God appears twice.

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Folded lead tablet (Credit: Michael C. Luddeni)

"The name of God on the tablet uses the three-letter spelling: *Yud Heh Vav*," Dr. Stripling said. "What we commonly see in the Bible is the four-letter tetragrammaton spelled *Yud Heh Vav Heh*. But we also have in the Bible the three-letter and even two-letter spelling. In the early period, there was no standard spelling."

If accurate, the text is now believed to be the oldest example of proto-alphabetic Hebrew discovered to date in Israel. This would also be the oldest appearance of the name of the God of Israel.

"In working to establish the age of the tablet, analysis of the lead determined it was from a mine in Greece that was active during the late Bronze Age (1550 BCE – 1200 BCE)," Stripling said. "The epigraphic nature of the proto-Hebraic writing was also consistent with this period, as was the archaeological context in which the amulet was found.

"This type of writing is much more characteristic of the very beginning Late Bronze II age (1400 BCE – 1300 BCE) than of the end," he continued. "For those who hold a late date of the Exodus, they could argue that they were still using an archaic script, but it is more logical to say the Exodus was earlier. This is really problematic for people who say the Exodus was later or metaphoric."

This early appearance of God's name has implications for theories about how and when the Bible was written.

"This is a problem for the Documentary Hypothesis that states that the Bible was composed in different sections, hundreds of years apart and later redacted," Stripling explained. "This is also a challenge to the theory that states that Moses could not have written the Pentateuch because an alphabetic script did not exist early enough. Here we see that it did exist."

Ancient Hebrew amulet discovered at Joshua's altar in Samaria. (Credit: ROI HADI)

The appearance of a written language on Mount Ebal is consistent with a scenario in which the nation participated in a covenant ceremony as described in the Bible.

"There is a presumption of literacy, that Joshua can write and that the people can read," Stripling said.

Additional findings

He added that Dr. Zertal found flat plaster-covered stones buried inside the altar consistent with the biblical account:

As soon as you have crossed the Yarden into the land that Hashem your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones. Coat them with plaster and inscribe upon them all the words of this Teaching. When you cross over to enter the land that Hashem your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Hashem, the God of your fathers, promised you (Deuteronomy 27:2-3).

Stripling said that the stones are about to undergo examination.

He also revealed that they found a metal stylus at the site of the kind that would be used to inscribe the metal amulet. He referred to the book of Job, believed to have been written between the 7th and 4th centuries BCE, which seems to be describing just such a writing process:

O that my words were written down; Would they be inscribed in a record, Incised on a rock forever With iron stylus and lead (Job 19:24).

Stripling said that he believes that the tablet verifies Zertal's assertion that the site he excavated in the 1980s on Mount Ebal was the altar of Joshua.

"At that time Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal" (Joshua 8:30).

Zertal's assertion that Mount Ebal was the scene of Joshua's covenant ceremony was received at the time with skepticism.

"The lead amulet absolutely supports Zertal's assertion that Mount Ebal was the site of Joshua's altar," Stripling said. "It was found in an area called El Burnat in Arabic, a stony ridge, on the second step of the mountain. Two altars were found: an older circular altar and then a later rectangular altar that was later intentionally covered by a mantle of stones. It's at the right place, at the right time, and has the right stuff."

Stripling even suggested that the lead amulet might have been part of that ceremony described in the Bible.

"There's no way to be certain but it is possible," he said. "If you take the curse inscribed on the inside of the tablet, and there is additional cursing inscribed on the outside, that is a summary of Deuteronomy, which has a list of blessings and curses. That is how covenants were made in the late Bronze Age. This is a legal type of document. This is a self-imprecatory curse, with the author saying that they are binding themselves, saying that these curses will happen to them if they violate God's covenant. More importantly, the amulet was found in the altar context. This was to say that if they broke the covenant, they would come to the altar as taking responsibility for their actions."

"When the tablet is sealed, it is binding," he continued. "This could be one tablet and this is the titular tablet from the ceremony binding the whole nation in the covenant. But if we sift through the rest of the material from the altar and find a bunch more, then maybe it was that individuals were coming in over a period of time to confirm the covenant."

Stripling explained that curses, what he prefers to call "consequences," were an essential part of the relationship between God and man.

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An image of 'Joshua's Altar' taken from a drone by Aaron Lipkin.

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"The concept of curses starts back in the Garden of Eden. This introduces the concept of consequences," he said. For this reason, the altar was located on Mount Ebal.

"The altar was on the mountain of curses, not on Gerizim, which was the mountain of blessings," Stripling said. "We don't need an altar when we are in the blessings. When we break the covenant, when we are in sin, that is when the altar comes into play."

"It is only through the shedding of blood that there is remission of sin. If we repent and accept the consequences, we are exiated from the curse."

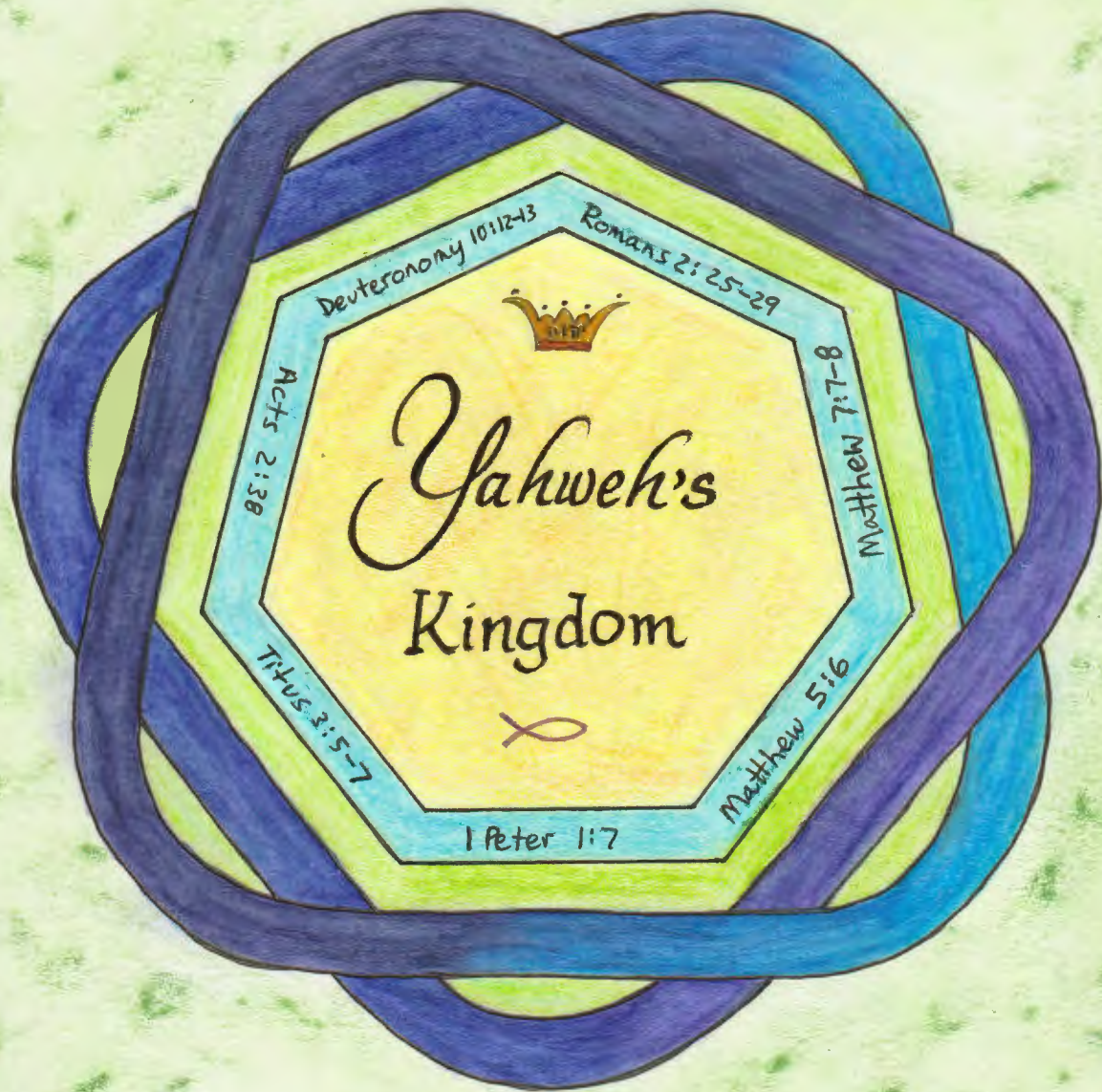
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דרך שלום



The Way of Peace

Yahweh's Kingdom

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve Elohim and mammon." "Therefore do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or what shall we wear? For after these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

- Matthew 6:25, 31-33

Just what does it mean to seek the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness? In Exodus 19:5-6 we read, "Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is mine. And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel." Yahweh's kingdom will consist of those doing His will, this is the core standard of Yahweh's righteousness as we are told in Deuteronomy 6:25, "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us."

"And now, Israel, what does Yahweh your Elohim require of you but to fear Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, to keep the commandments of Yahweh, and His statutes, which I command you this day for your good?" "Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked."

- Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 16

To be circumcised of the heart requires obedience, as stated in Romans 2:25-29, "For circumcision verily profits, if you keep the law: but if you be a breaker of the law, your circumcision is made uncircumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge you, who by the letter and circumcision does transgress the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of Elohim."

Yahweh's commandments are the standard for entering into His kingdom, as we are told in Revelation 22:14, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." To enter into Yahweh's righteousness requires circumcision. The fleshly circumcision was but a type pointing to the spiritual — to become spiritually circumcised requires a transformation of one's heart.

"Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." — 2 Corinthians 5:17

After circumcision there must be a cleansing; the *migvah* (מִיגְוָה #4723) — hope, a gathering of water. When Peter was asked, "What shall we do?" he said "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahwehshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," (Acts 2:37-38).

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit; which He shed on us abundantly through Yahwehshua Messiah our

Savior; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."
— Titus 3:5-7

So following circumcision is the cleansing (baptism) and then the receiving of the Holy Spirit. It is then that one enters into the testing grounds of the wilderness.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Messiah's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy."
— 1 Peter 4:12-13

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Yahwehshua Messiah."
— 1 Peter 1:7

Yahwehshua provided man with an example to follow. Yes, He was physically circumcised when He was but eight days old (His parents obeying Yahweh's commandment, Genesis 17:10-13; Luke 2:21-22). This was an absolute must, especially since Yahwehshua was the passover lamb, He had to be obedient to the ordinance of passover, Exodus 12:43-49 which requires that one be circumcised — "One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that dwells among you," (vs. 49). And then Yahwehshua was baptized, received the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22) and went into the wilderness (Luke 4:1). This is the pathway for entering into Yahweh's Kingdom. As Israel passed through the Red Sea and journeyed through the wilderness before entering the Promised Land, so is the believer's journey to the Kingdom.

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that you should be ignorant, how that our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Messiah."

— 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

The manna (Exodus 16:4; John 6:32-33) and the water (Exodus 17:6; John 4:14), a type of old which was fulfilled in Yahwehshwa.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." — Matthew 5:6

"But seek you first the kingdom of Elohim, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." — Matthew 6:33

Ask — Seek — Knock

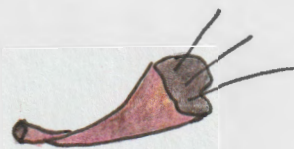
"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened."

— Matthew 7:7-8

Commandments	מצוות	(mitsowth)	#4687
Circumcision	מילה	(muwl)	#4135
Hope (baptism)	מִיָּגֵוֶה	(migveh)	#4723
Anoint	משח	(meshiyach)	#4899
Wilderness	מדבר	(midbar)	#4057
Manna	מן	(man)	#4478
Water	מים	(miym)	#4325

May our journey to Yahweh's kingdom be a spiritual journey,

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against Elohim: for it is not subject to the law of Elohim, neither indeed can be," Romans 8:6-7.



Road to Zion

Come join us in the journey
Come walk the narrow way
We're going on to Zion
Come now, do not delay.

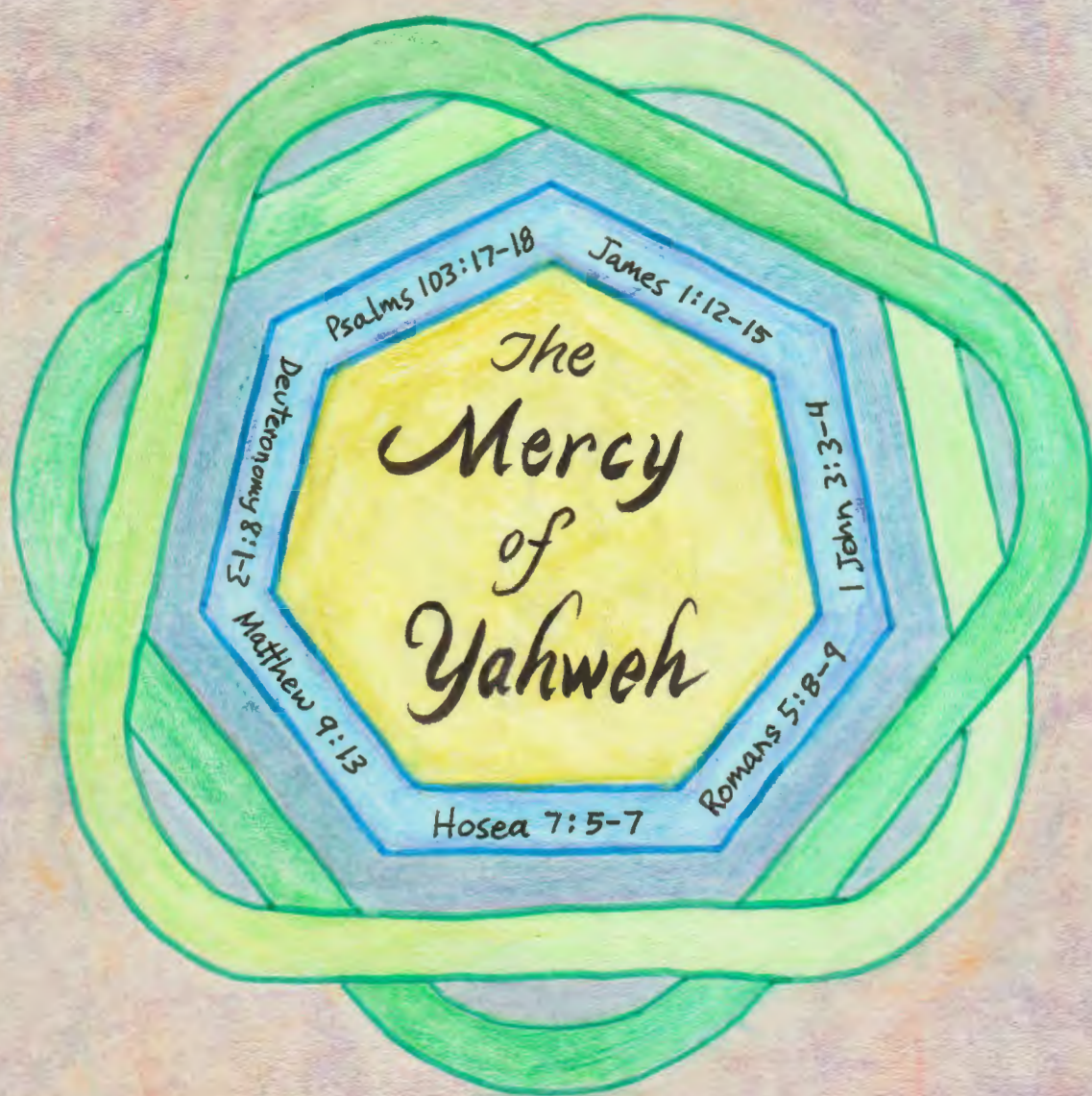
For soon there will be darkness
and if you have no guide
In darkness you will stumble
and there you will reside.

No other path to follow
Come walk within the light
Obey Yahweh's instruction
Against Him do not fight.

In Zion there is mercy
and life abundant too
Come join us in the journey
Come now and be made new.

Isaiah 60:1-3; Zephaniah 8:3;
Matthew 7:14; Revelation 22:17

מעולם ועד עולם



From Everlasting
to Everlasting

The Mercy of Yahweh

"But the mercy of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto the children's children; to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them."

— Psalms 103:17-18

Entering into the mercy of Yahweh, as stated in the above verse, is conditional. One must fear Yahweh, keep His covenant and do His commandments. But many seek another way; a way of lawlessness, disobedience and rebellion, thinking if they do His commandments they will fall out of His grace. This sort of doctrine is contrary to Scripture when viewed as a whole; it is of the adversary (Satan) — the temptor whose goal it is to lead people astray.

"Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which Yahweh has promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of Elohim: for Elohim cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts He any man: But ever man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust is conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death." — James 1:12-15

Though many choose to reject the teachings of the Old Testament, thinking that the New Testament has somehow changed that which is called eternal, Scripture says:

"All the commandments which I command you this day shall you observe to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Yahweh swore unto your fathers. And you shall remember all the way which Yahweh your Elohim led you these forty years in the wilderness to humble you,

and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or no. And He humbled you, and suffered you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh does man live." — Deuteronomy 8:1-3 (see also Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4)

To enter into Yahweh's righteousness requires obedience to Yahweh's commandments as stated in Deuteronomy 6:25, "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us." In John 1:1 and 14 we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim." "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Yahweshua, the Word of Yahweh made flesh, who dwelt among men so to provide a living example of how to live a holy life. But due to man's sinful nature, all have fallen short of the standard of righteousness given, as stated in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim."

Yahweshua did not become an atoning sacrifice so that man may continue in his transgression. On the contrary, He calls for all men to repent — "And the times of this ignorance Elohim winked at; but now commands all men, every where to repent; because He has appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He has ordained; whereof He has given assurance unto all men, in that He has raised Him from the dead," Acts 17:30-31.

"But go you and learn what that means, I will have mercy and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." — Matthew 9:13

Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth: and your judgments are as the light that goes forth. For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings. But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dwelt treacherously against Me."

— Hosea 7:5-7

"But Elohim commends His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." — Romans 5:8-9

The gift of Yahweh's atoning sacrifice, Yahweshua, was made for the sinner (all men). "For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. To believe in Yahweshua will lead one to repentance. To repent means to turn away from and not return. As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." If there hasn't been a transformation, there hasn't been repentance. Again, Paul in giving testimony as to his faith, wrote, "But this I confess unto you, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the Elohim of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and the prophets," Acts 24:14.

To those who teach a "no law" doctrine, instructing people to break the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11; 31:13-18; Ezekiel 20:12, 20; Hebrews 4:9-10; Genesis 2:2-3), and eat forbidden foods (Leviticus 11:1-47; Deuteronomy 14:1-21; Isaiah 65:3-5; 66:15-17; Ezekiel 22:26), Shame on you! Hosea 4:6 clearly states, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me:

seeing you have forgotten the law of your Elohim, I will also forget your children."

It is now time to repent and to enter into Yahweh's mercy (chesed חסד #2617), His lovingkindness. In Yahweh's mercy there is forgiveness and salvation. To whom will you be a servant? Will you seek to please the flesh and its desires? or will you become a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Yahweh — not conformed to the world but transformed? (Romans 12:1-2).

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." — Isaiah 8:20

"Sanctify them by Your truth: Your word is truth."
— John 17:17

"And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as He is pure. Whosoever commits sin transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." — 1 John 3:3-4

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to Elohim, you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of Elohim is eternal life through Yahweshua Messiah our Master." — Romans 6:22-23

Choose you this day whom you will serve.



יֵד עַל הַסֵּלַע



FOUNDED UPON THE ROCK

The Love of Truth

Just where do you stand in relation to truth? Have you reached a plateau, thinking you have an understanding of all truth, thus rejecting any challenge to those things you believe are true? Have you truly sought out all matters, to the best of your ability, so to understand and follow the facts wherever they may lead — rightly dividing truth from error so to walk in the light of Yahweh's word and not in the dark shadows of lies, fallacy and deception?

For many who are bound to a denomination and their statement of doctrine, there is little or no room for new revelation. Sunday worshippers will remain Sunday worshippers, even though Scripture clearly commands that the Sabbath be kept. No matter how pious and selfrighteous one may appear, in all reality, he has been deceived and is walking in rebellion — choosing to follow what is popular rather than Scripture truth.

"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks always to Elohim for you, brethren beloved of the Master, because Elohim has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." — 2 Thessalonians 2:10-13

Two classes of people — those deceived whose end will be destruction, and those sanctified and follow truth. In speaking to Thomas, "Yahweshua said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me," John 14:6. Yahweshua being the word of Yahweh made flesh (John 1:1-5, 14).

"The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our Elohim shall stand for ever." — Isaiah 40:8

"The law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul, making wise the simple. The statutes of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean enduring for ever: the judgments of Yahweh are true and righteous altogether." — Psalms 19:7-9

It is the word of Yahweh which gives us instruction in righteousness. It provides us a standard to which we must conform and follow.

"All the paths of Yahweh are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies." — Psalms 25:10

"The secret of Yahweh is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant." — Psalms 25:14

"Whereof the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before: This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says Yahweh, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." — Hebrews 10:16-17 (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The new covenant consisting of Yahweh's law written upon our hearts. This does not excuse one from studying Scripture so to receive instruction, for one who is in willful ignorance will surely be in transgression and accounted among the wicked.

"But unto the wicked Elohim says, What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?" — Psalms 50:16-17

That is to say, If you are not going to walk in obedience to Yahweh's instruction, you have no business quoting Scripture or even professing to serve Yahweh.

"Not every one that says unto Me, Master, Master, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your name? and in Your name have cast out devils? and in Your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from Me, you that work iniquity."

— Matthew 7:21-23

Iniquity is the transgression of Yahweh's law: the law of Yahweh is that which identifies what sin is; it is the standard which we are to follow. (1 John 3:4; Exodus 20:1-17). When Moses broke the first set of stone tables, Yahweh said, "Hew you two tables of stone like the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables which you broke," (Exodus 34:1). Yahweh did not change the standard because of man's disobedience. And so it is with Yahweshua. He did not come so that man may continue to sin.

"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of Elohim under foot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?"

— Hebrews 10:26-29

To love Yahweh is to keep His commandments. Yahweshua said in John 6:38, "For I come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." And in John 7:16-17 we read, "Yahweshua answered them and said, My doctrine is not mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from Elohim or whether I speak on My own authority."

Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to show yourself approved unto Elohim, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

"Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little, and there a little." — Isaiah 28:9-10

"Your words were found, and I did eat them; and Your word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by Your name, O Yahweh Elohim of hosts."
— Jeremiah 15:16

Where do you stand in the light of Yahweh's word? Are you in the darkness, standing in the shadows of lies, fallacy and deception or willfully being guided by the Spirit of truth, going wheresoever He leads? In the time of our ignorance Yahweh winked at, but now He commands all men every where to repent (Acts 17:30).



Apostasy

Constantine of long ago
in word a Christian he
Embracing yet sun worship
he caused apostasy.

Rejecting Yahweh's Sabbath
he changed the seventh day
To the worship of the sun
which now is called Sunday.

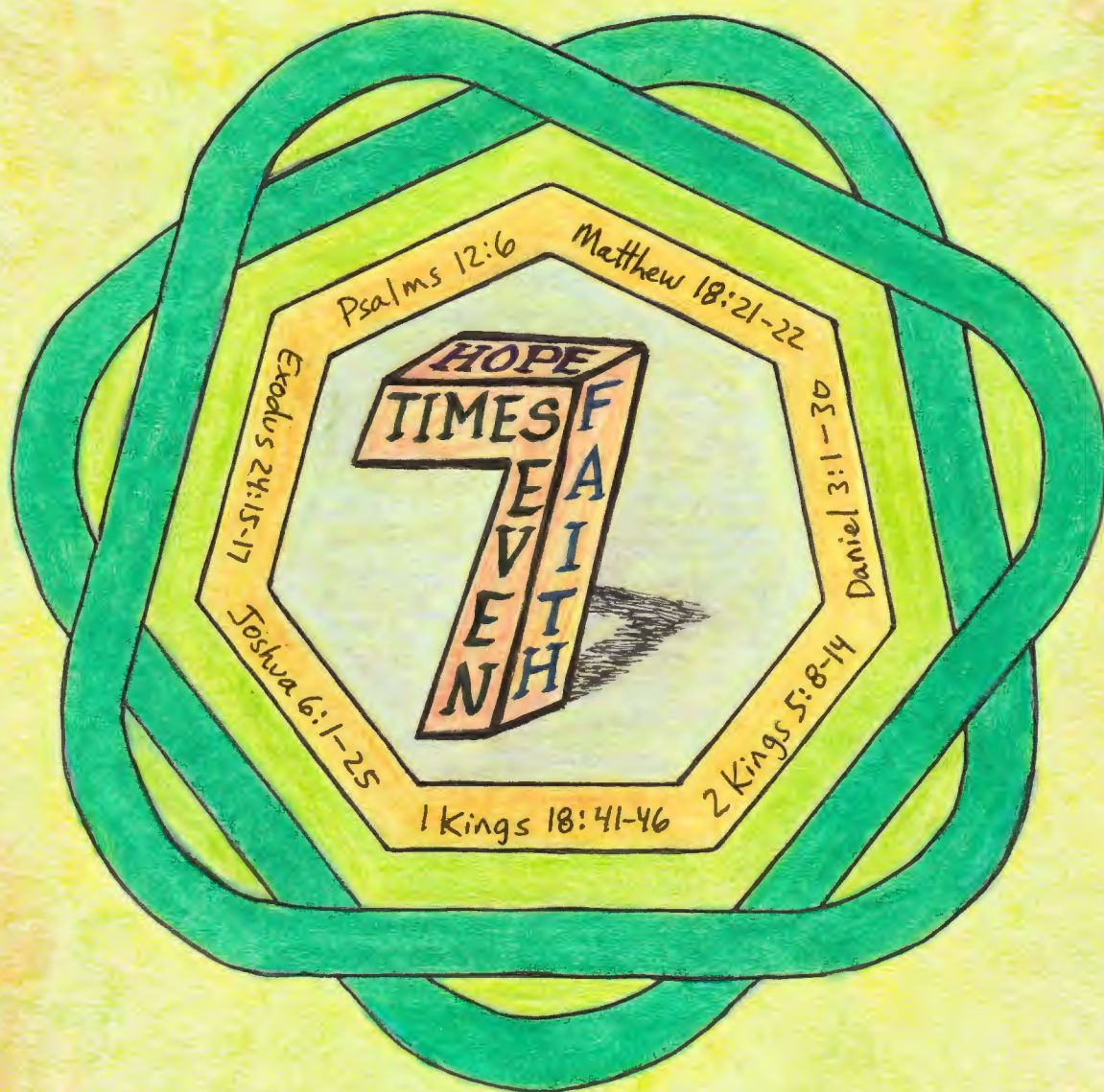
The masses chose to follow
the emperor's decree
Regarding not the Scripture
from truth they chose to flee.

Come now and worship Yahweh
the Sabbath day do keep
Remember is the command
arise now from your sleep.

Exodus 20:8 ; Isaiah 8:20 ; Ezekiel 20:12 ; Hosea 4:6



רק האמן



Only Believe

Times Seven

"The words of Yahweh are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

— Psalms 12:6

The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of Elohim may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." It is in Scripture that we find examples of applied faith from which the reader may draw. Whether they be words of encouragement or instruction given for one to follow. Herein the focus will be on the number seven and its importance. A key to answered prayer? or the gateway of faith? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Elohim."

To begin this journey, consider Genesis 2:1-3 which reads, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day Elohim ended His work which He had made, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which Elohim created and made." The seventh day sabbath, a day Yahweh blessed and sanctified, directly following the six days of creation. We find in Exodus 24:15-17 that Yahweh waited until the seventh day before appearing to Moses: "And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of Yahweh abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of Yahweh was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel." And in the ten commandments appears the command to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," (Exodus 20:8).

Another example is seen in the instruction Yahweh gave to Joshua regarding Jericho in Joshua 6:3-4, "And you shall compass the city, all you men of war, and go around about the city once. Thus shall you do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day you shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets." Had not this instruction been followed, there would not have been a victory. Obedience was absolutely required.

Turning now to 1 Kings 18:43-44, we read of Elijah's instruction to his servant, "And he said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there arises a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare your chariot, and get you down, that the rain stop you not." Here persistence was required along with obedience. Elijah's servant, according to the instruction given, made seven trips so to look for a sign of rain.

And then there is Naaman, 2 Kings 5:1-14, who went to Elisha for healing from leprosy. In verse 10 we read, "And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come again to you, and you shall be clean." At first Naaman was angry and refused the instruction given, but after the bidding of his servant, we read in verse 14, "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of Elohim: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." To listen to Yahweh's instruction and then to obey will result in Yahweh's blessing.

The next example for consideration appears in Daniel 3:1-30 which speaks of a fiery trial which Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced. The second commandment (Exodus 20:3-6) gave the instruction not to bow down to graven images. King Nebuchadnezzar had set up an image of gold and

commanded that every one bow down and worship the image — "And whoso falls not down and worships shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace," (verse 6). Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood fast to their faith and refused the king's order. "Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated," (verse 19).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in their steadfastness were cast into the fiery furnace. "Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O King. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of Elah," (verses 24-25). Faith, steadfastness, and knowing that they must follow Yahweh's instruction, regardless of trial, resulted in a blessing and ultimately their deliverance. Here though it was the furnace which was made seven times hotter, thus, removing all dross from the faithful servants.

In the Greek New Testament appears the phrase:

ἡ πίστις σου σεώκε

which translates into English as, "Your faith has made you whole." This phrase occurs a total of seven times:

Matthew 9:22; Mark 5:34; 10:52; Luke 7:50; 8:48; 17:19; 18:42.

The questions now asked are: How strong is your faith? Are you willing to walk in obedience to Yahweh's instruction, regardless of possible consequences imposed by unbelievers? Are you willing to enter into the fiery furnace of trial for purification? Are you trusting fully in Yahweh, knowing He is able to provide, heal, and deliver?

In conclusion, let us now consider the words of Matthew 18:21-22. "Then came Peter to Him and said, Master, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I

forgive him? Up to seven times? Yahweshua said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

"Seven times a day do I praise You because of Your righteous judgments. Great peace have they which love Your laws: and nothing shall offend them."

— Psalms 119:164-165



יהוה צדקנו



Yahweh

OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Gathering Together

As a shepherd gathers his sheep, searching for all who have gone astray, so Yahweh will gather His people together — those chosen before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yahweh shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel." — Isaiah 27:12

"And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." — Isaiah 11:12

This shepherd was spoken of by Moses in Numbers 27:16-17 where we read, "Let Yahweh, the Elohim of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in, that the congregation of Yahweh be not as sheep which have no shepherd."

In speaking of this gathering and the appointed shepherd, Ezekiel 34 says, "For thus says my Sovereign Yahweh; Behold, I, even I will both search My sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, I will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel," (verses 11-14).

"And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd," (verse 23).

Since David had already been dead some 400 years when Ezekiel wrote this prophecy, Ezekiel was speaking of a "beloved" descendant of David — the Messiah Yehoshua. This is confirmed in John 10:14 where we read, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known by my own."

Returning now to Isaiah 27 we find in verse 13 a reference to the sounding of a "great trumpet" (shofar gadol, שׁוֹפָר גָּדוֹל). "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Egypt, and shall worship Yahweh in the holy mount at Jerusalem." A parallel to this is Matthew 24:30-31, which reads, "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

"For thus says Yahweh unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me and take hold of my covenant; Even unto them I give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to Yahweh, to serve Him, and to love the name of Yahweh, to be His servants, every one that keeps the sabbath from polluting it, and take hold of My covenant. 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 My altar; for My house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. My

Sovereign Yahweh which gathers the outcasts of Israel says,
Yet will I gather others to Him, beside those that are gathered
unto Him." — Isaiah 56:4-8

Did you hear what Yahweh was saying? To be counted worthy of Yahweh's great gathering one must: (1) love the name of Yahweh; (2) be a Sabbath keeper; (3) enter into His covenant; and (4) do those things that please Him. Yahweh and Him alone sets the standard for people to follow. John 10:1 says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

Though many pastors teach that we no longer must keep the seventh day sabbath and adhere to the clean food laws given in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14; that say that Yahweh's name is not important, or even go so far as to reject Yahweh's commandments in whole, be aware that "might does not make right." That is to say that popular doctrine does not mean that it is Scripturally sound.

"There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."

— Ezekiel 22:25-26

"How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Which think to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal."

— Jeremiah 23:26-27

"Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will rise unto David a righteous Branch and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, יהוה צדקנו (Yahweh Tsidgenu) — Yahweh our Righteousness." — Jeremiah 23:5-6

At present the righteous Branch spoken of is the messiah Yahweshua (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, Yahweh is salvation). Once the gathering of His elect has been done, His sheep will then call Him "Yahweh Tsidgenu," for it will have been by His righteousness that they were saved.

"Seek you Yahweh while He may be found, call you upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake His way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto Yahweh, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our Elohim, for He will abundantly pardon."

— Isaiah 55:6-7



דרך הקדש



The Way of Holiness

A Proverbial Path

"Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established." — Proverbs 4:26

The straight and narrow way, the way of truth, the way of life, all speak of a path one must follow so to attain eternal life. For one to gain access to this path requires acceptance, repentance, forgiveness and obedience, anything less will put one on the broad way leading to destruction.

It is the pride of life and fleshly lusts which ensnare the unsuspecting soul, giving way to temptation. And like neon signs entice the passerby to step inside, so temptation lures one to sin.

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of Elohim: for Elohim cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts the any man: but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death." — James 1:13-15

Scripture says that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim" (Romans 3:23); and that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). But for the repentant we are told that, "the gift of Elohim is eternal life through Yahweshua Messiah our Master" (Romans 6:23). One must first accept Yahweshua as the atoning sacrifice for sin and in doing so there must be repentance from sin, a turning away from not to return thereto, thus obedience to Yahweh's commandments — "For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, they are the sons of Elohim," Romans 8:13-14. "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in Yahweh which raises the dead," 2 Corinthians 1:9. And in Ezekiel 33:11-12

we read, "Say unto them, As I live says my Sovereign Yahweh, I have pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn you, turn you from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? Therefore, you son of man, say unto the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sins."

The bottom line comes down to one's faith. Either one believes Scripture or he doesn't. Faith will bear fruit of obedience just as unbelief bears fruit of disobedience. As Paul wrote in Galatians 5:19-24, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of Yahweh. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Messiah's have impaled the flesh with the affections and lusts." Yes, the flesh warring against the Spirit and it's a matter of which will you allow to have dominance in your life. Are you willing to become a living sacrifice — denying the fleshly lusts? Have you even taken the time to read Scripture so to be instructed therefrom? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Elohim."

As stated, one must have acceptance, repentance, forgiveness and obedience so to walk on the narrow pathway. Acceptance? With acceptance of Yahweh's atoning sacrifice, one must acknowledge his transgression and repent. And if he truly wants to be forgiven of his transgressions (sins), he must forgive others of their transgressions committed against him; for as Scripture says, as you forgive, so will you be forgiven (Matthew 6:14-15).

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of Elohim; who also has made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter but of the Spirit: for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." — 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

For those not understanding what is being said in the above verse, and those who believe Paul is teaching a "no law" doctrine, please take a moment and pray. Ask Yahweh to grant you understanding (James 1:5). Since Paul wrote in Romans 3:31, "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not: yea, we establish the law." He also wrote, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, You shall not covet," Romans 7:7. "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good," Romans 7:12. And, "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh," 1 Corinthians 7:19. The commandments of Yahweh are the standard by which all men will be judged. They let us know what sin is (1 John 3:4).

In the phrase "the letter kills but the Spirit gives life," it is the transgression of Yahweh's word which demands death. If one is willfully walking in transgression, he has chosen to remain under the law's curse which is the death penalty. But Yahweshua came to redeem man from the curse of the law — "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Justified by faith, one hundred percent, by the atoning work which Yahweshua preformed in man's behalf (Romans 5:1-2); but sanctified by obedience — "Sanctify them through your truth: Your word is truth," John 17:17. It is the holy Spirit (ruach ha-godesh, רֹּחַ הַקּוֹדֶשׁ), the spirit of truth (John 15:26; 16:13), which will guide us into Yahweh's truth, if we are willing to follow. But for the rebellious and hard of heart, no matter how pious in their selfrighteousness they may appear, rejection and destruction await (Matthew 7:22-23).

To put on Yahweh's righteousness is to accept

Yahweshua's atoning sacrifice, repent from sin, forgive so to be forgiven, and obey Yahweh's commandments.

It is only by following the narrow way (the path of truth or the way of holiness) that one may arrive at Zion, the new Jerusalem and eat from the Tree of Life. Isaiah 35:8-10 reads, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of Yahweh shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." And of the city, John wrote, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life and enter in through the gates into the city," Revelation 22:14.

Yahweh's righteousness verses man's righteousness; they may be close in appearance to the casual observer but in reality two different paths, leading in different directions. Yahweh's righteousness requires obedience to His commandments. "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us," Deuteronomy 6:25. Man's righteousness says that Yahweh's law has been done away with and keeps the tradition of men rather than the commandments of Yahweh. In doing so the first day of the week (Sunday) is observed rather than Yahweh's commanded seventh day sabbath.

"He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." — Proverbs 28:9

Come to the fountain of life and drink deeply. Seek Yahweh's face while the rays of truth are still shining forth, for soon darkness will be upon the whole earth.

"Here you, and give ear; be not proud: for Yahweh has spoken. Give glory to Yahweh your Elohim, before He cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, He turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness."

— Jeremiah 13:15-16



Consider

There is a right pathway to go
Which leads to life, this do you know?
Though many choose a charlatan
They spurn the sabbatarian
Rejecting Yahweh's festive days
And then embrace the pagan ways
These blinded souls are castaways
Not knowing the plateau.

Deuteronomy 30:15; Ezekiel 22:25-26

Daniel 7:25; Jeremiah 10:2

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His Strange Work

The Four Evil Judgments

"For Yahweh shall rise up as in mount Perazim, He shall be wrath as in the valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act. Now therefore be you not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from my Sovereign Yahweh of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth." — Isaiah 28:21-22

A judgment set, even determined, to be brought upon a disobedient and rebellious world. From the church house, where hypocrisy in all its deceit and fakery appears from the pastor, throughout the congregation, to the unbeliever (the degenerate and base), who lack both morals and ethics. The world as a whole has lost its moral compass in its acceptance of homosexuality, adultery and fornication. One would think, at the very least, that those professing a belief in biblical principles would separate themselves from the world but in actuality the world has found its way into the homes and hearts of the professed believers. As the saying goes, "a little leaven leavens the whole lump."

The television, radio and internet are all tools of the adversary (ha-satan). Ephesians 2:2-3 says, "Wherein in the time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath just as others."

The prophets of old, Joel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel are but a few who have given warning of Yahweh's coming judgment:

"Blow you the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land

tremble: for the day of Yahweh comes for it is nigh at hand." — Joel 2:1

"Alas for the day! for the day of Yahweh is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."
— Joel 1:15

"For you have trusted in your wickedness: you have said, None sees me. Your wisdom and knowledge, it has perverted you; and you have said in your heart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon you; you shall not know from whence it rises: and mischief shall fall upon you; you shall not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know." — Isaiah 47:10-11

"Come my people, enter you into your chambers, and shut your doors about you: hide yourself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, Yahweh comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." — Isaiah 26:20-21

"Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of Yahweh's vengeance; He will render unto her a recompence. Babylon has been a golden cup in Yahweh's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."
— Jeremiah 51:6-7

"For thus says my sovereign Yahweh; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?" — Ezekiel 14:21

The cup of Yahweh's wrath being poured forth upon the earth - the sword, famine, noisome beast, pestilence. Just listen to the evening news and consider the reports being made. Does time still remain for repentance? or has salvation's door been closed, sealing the fate of those outside?

"And he said to me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with me, to give every man according to his work shall be." - Revelation 22:10-12

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, says Yahweh, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My people: and they shall say, Yahweh is my Elohim." - Zechariah 13:8-9

The shofar has sounded, a warning cry made:

"For, behold, the day comes that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says Yahweh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says Yahweh of hosts." - Malachi 4:1-3

Will you be among the wicked or those redeemed? To fear
Yahweh's name is to depart from evil (Proverbs 1:7; 16:6).



Left Behind

Confusion in the series
Not knowing up from down
A lying spirit went forth
to steal the precious crown.

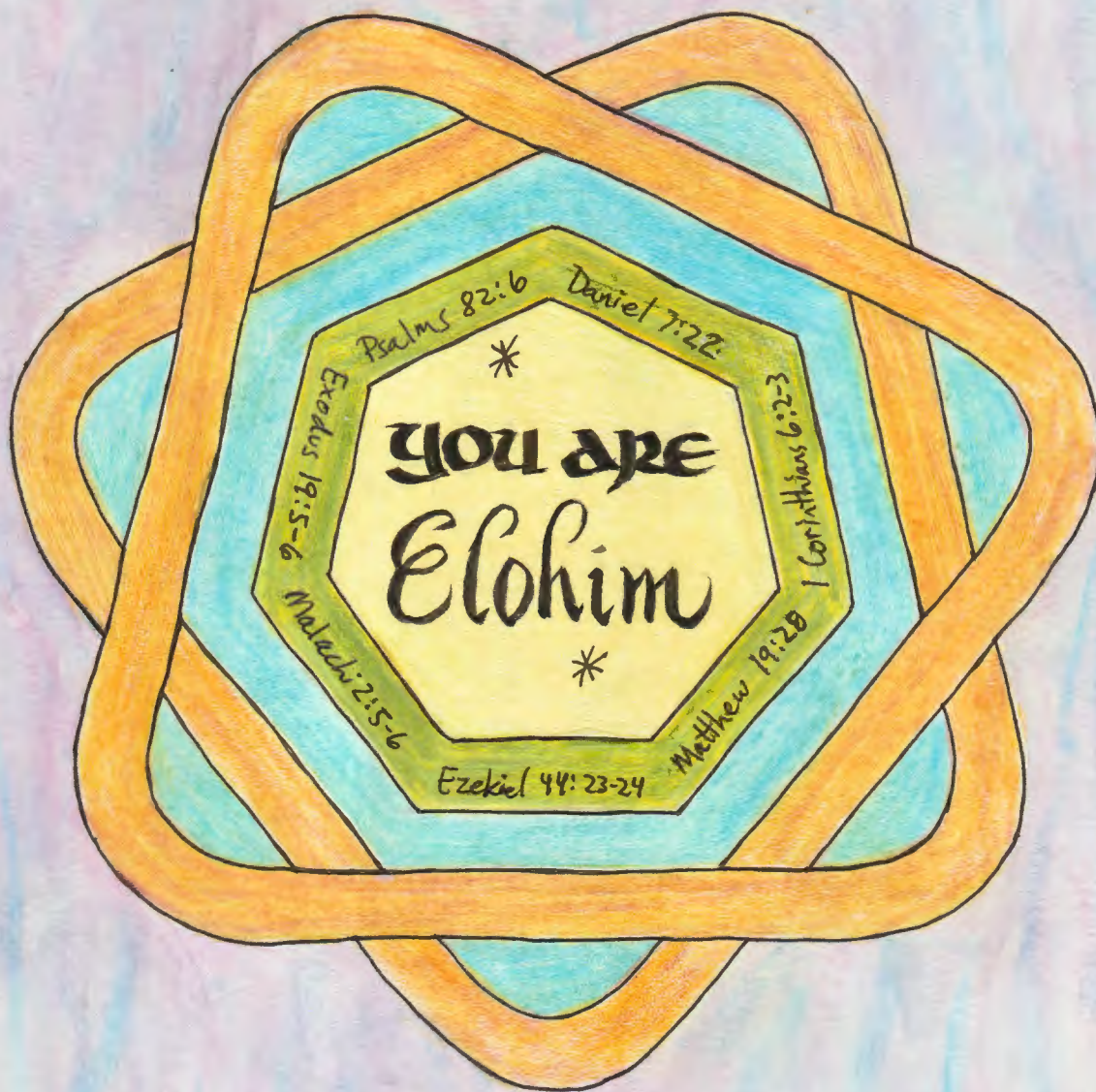
The Scriptures say of Noah
and those who were with him
In the ark safe was he kept
those taken could not swim.

So when the flood abated
the ones who were not late
They were the only living
those left behind were eight.

All others they were taken
those perished in the flood
Like tares when first they gather
are burned both root and bud.

Matthew 24:37-41; Luke 17:26-30, 33-37
Matthew 13:30; 1 Peter 3:20

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Sons of the Most High

You Are Elohim

"I have said, You are elohim, and all of you are children of the Most High." — Psalms 82:6

Many English translations use the word "gods" as an equivalent for the Hebrew word Elohim (#430, אֱלֹהִים), a word which is better translated as "mighty ones." Thus, a better translation of the above verse would be: "I have said, You are mighty ones, and all of you are children of the Most High."

Since the Hebrew word Elohim is often used in reference to the Creator Yahweh and translated in the singular (God), though the "im" ending identifies the word as masculine, plural (gods), a misnomer has occurred, especially when reading Psalms 82:6. In English the word "god" has the meaning of: "the supreme or ultimate reality: as the Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness who is worshipped as Creator and ruler of the universe," when appearing with a capitol (God). And likewise, the people of Yahweshua's time also understood the Hebrew word "Elohim" to have the same connotation. Thus, when Yahweshua quoted Psalms 82:6 in John 10:34, "Yahweshua answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, you are elohim?" we must ask, just what was Yahweshua saying, and what was His understanding of the word "elohim" as it was used in Psalms 82:6?

Looking first at the covenant Yahweh made with Israel at mount Sinai, Exodus 19:5-6 says, "Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel." A promise to Israel that they would become a "kingdom of priests." In Malachi 2 we read, "And now, O you priests, this commandment is for you," (verse 1) "My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared Me, and was afraid

before My name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with Me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of Yahweh of hosts," (verses 5-7).

Another witness of the priests' duties is found in Ezekiel 44:23-24 where we read, "And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the clean and the unclean. And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to My judgments: and they shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My assemblies; and they shall hollow My sabbaths." Here we find that part of the priest's duty is that of a judge. Regarding judgment, John 7:24 says, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

And we find in Matthew 19:28, "So Yahweshua said to them, Assuredly I say to you, that in the resurrection, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." And Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 6:2-3, "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life." Though the saints will not take their position as judge until after Yahweshua's return, they should be preparing themselves for the task. Daniel 7:22 says, "Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom."

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a Kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and

His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

— Daniel 7:13-14

"And he that overcomes, and keeps my works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations — He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like potter's vessels — as I also have received from my father."

— Revelation 2:26-27

Just as the judges of this world have the authority to imprison or release, to fine or suspend in their rendering of judgment, so Yahweh's people rule the nations. But unlike the worldly judges of today, where bribes and favoritism trump the rule of law, the priests of Yahweh will render right judgment grounded in truth, righteousness and equity, according to Yahweh's standard. Yahweh's priests who await their appointment are the *elohim* of whom the psalmist wrote in Psalms 82:6. These are "the sons of the Most High" (בְּנֵי 'ֵלֹנָּה, *beney 'elyon*), the mighty ones who will rule with a rod of iron.

"And they shall build the old wastes, they shall rise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But you shall be named the Priests of Yahweh: men shall call you the Ministers of our Elohim: you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves."

— Isaiah 61:4-6

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Who once were not a people but are now the people of Elohim, who had not obtained mercy but have now obtained mercy." — 1 Peter 2:9-10

"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Elohim; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Elohim. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of Elohim, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For who has known the mind of Yahweh that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Messiah." - 1 Corinthians 2:12-16

Will you be counted among Yahweh's elohim?

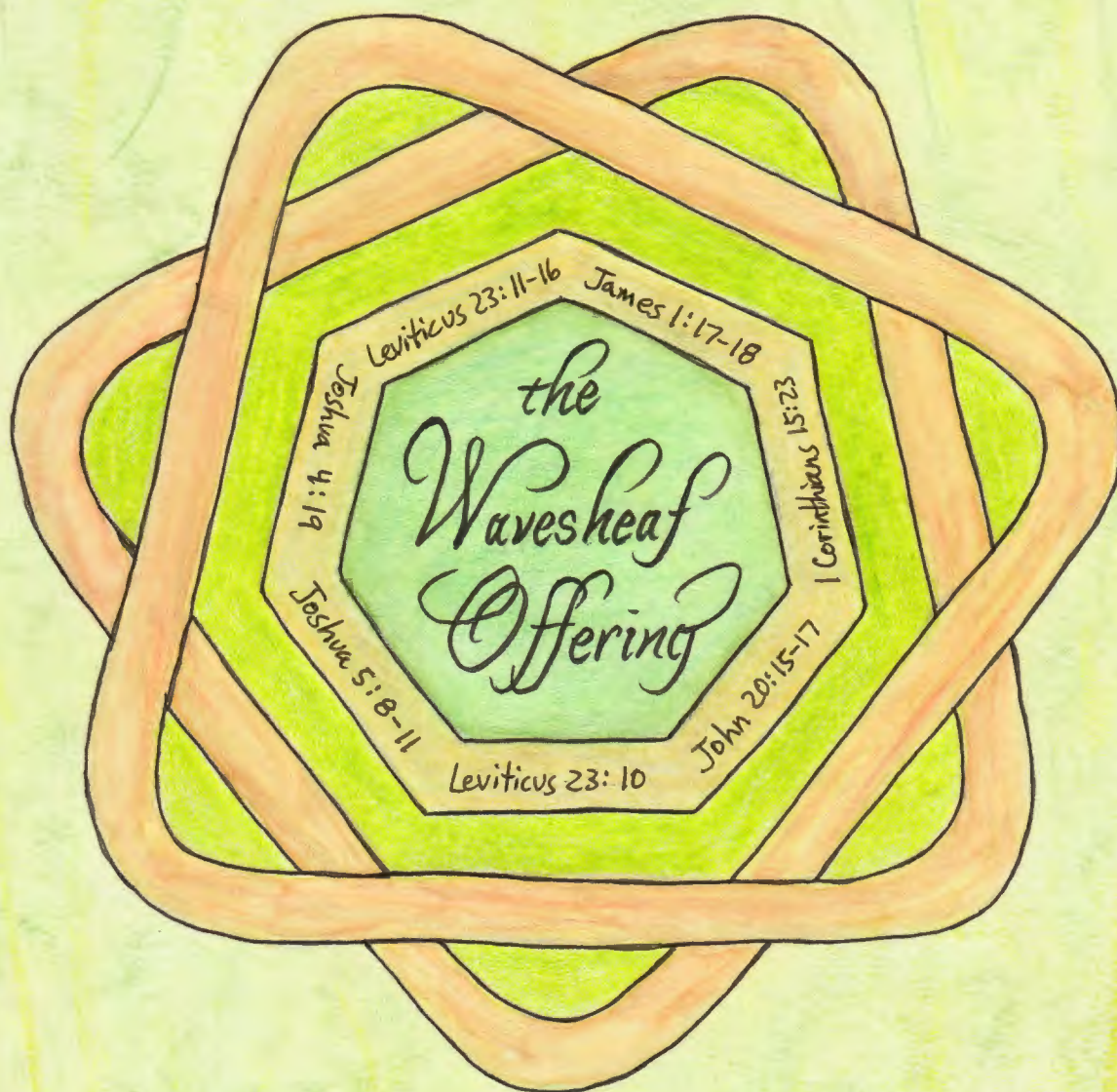



Awaken Me

With trumpet sound on Jubilee
When those in bonds are then set free
And when the dead are given life
To live again not having strife
And when the angels gather round
All those who hear the trumpet sound
The saints will then be Zion bound
I pray, Awaken me.

Leviticus 25:9-10; Isaiah 27:13
1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

שבע שבתות תמימת



SEVEN SABBATHS
complete


When is the beginning of the count to the **Feast of Weeks**?

*To keep it brief the focus will be mostly on the **Wave Sheaf offering** which always comes on the morrow after the Sabbath and starts the countdown to the **Feast of Weeks**.*

Under the Old Covenant, Yahweh in His infinite wisdom gave His people Israel instruction for a week-long Harvest Festival. It was an annual Festival to celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The celebration was also for them to start the very first of their grain harvest.

On the day before the Festival, Yahweh required Israel to furnish, sacrifice and roast a lamb. The sacrifice of the lamb was the **main feature requiring action** in order to start the Celebration.

During the Harvest Festival Yahweh required for Himself an offering of the first new grain before they could harvest or eat the new grain. The waving of **Wave Sheaf Offering** was the **main feature requiring action** during the festival.

Israel had no idea that the Passover and the Feast of the Days of Unleavened Bread with its **Wave Sheaf Offering** were **active prophetic parables**.

The sacrificing of the Passover Lamb was an **active prophetic parable** of Messiah Yahshua, the Lamb of Yahweh, being sacrificed to deliver mankind from their sins to save them from the death penalty. Without Yahshua's sacrifice to start the Harvest Festival there would be no harvest of mankind from the dead into the Eternal Kingdom of Yahweh.

The day of Yahshua's sacrifice was specified to be on the fourteenth day of the first month. It was followed by the Festival of the Days of Unleavened Bread. The first and last day was specified to be on the fifteenth and the twenty first day of the first month. There was no limitation on which day of the week that the Passover and the first and last day of the Days of Unleavened Bread could fall on.

The Wave Sheaf Offering was a very important **active prophetic parable** of the "Raised from the Dead" Yahshua **being accepted as the First of the Firstfruits** to Yahweh in the harvest of mankind from the dead into the Eternal Kingdom of Yahweh. **This is the most special high point within the festival.** It is so special that it is enclosed within the first Holy Day and the last Holy Day of the Festival of the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Unlike the Passover and the first and last day of the Days of Unleavened Bread the **Wave Sheaf Offering** was not given a specific day of the month, but **it was given a specific day of the week-i.e., “the Morrow after the Sabbath.”**

Leviticus 23 (11) And he shall wave the sheaf before **Yahweh**, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it ... (15) And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven **Sabbaths** shall be complete: (16) Even unto the morrow after the seventh **Sabbath** shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto **Yahweh**.

Please notice that in each case in the chart at the end of this article the day of the **Wave Sheaf Offering (W.S.O.)** & the beginning of the count to the **Feast of Weeks** falls within the **Days of Unleavened Bread**. For example, the chart shows the **Wave Sheaf Offering** took place right in the middle of the **Days of Unleavened Bread** in 31 A.D. (I think that was when it was fulfilled by **Yahshua**, but I could be wrong.)

Three very important events were enclosed within the two annual Sabbaths (i.e., the first and last day of the **Days of Unleavened Bread**). These three events portrayed **Yahshua** being in the grave three days and three nights; His rising from the grave on the third day and His ascension on the morrow after the Sabbath to Heaven to present Himself to be accepted as the **Wave Sheaf Offering** to our Heavenly Father.

In order to prepare for the festival containing those three important events, **Yahweh** furnished the sacrifice which was **Yahshua** the Lamb of **Yahweh**. This He did on the fourteenth day of the first month. Without the sacrifice of the Lamb of **Yahweh** there would not have been a need for the Passover or the Harvest Festival of the Days of Unleavened Bread with its **Wave Sheaf Offering**. Neither would there be a harvest of mankind from the dead into the Eternal Kingdom of **Yahweh**.

This year (2022) the day of the **Wave Sheaf Offering** fell on the morrow after the weekly **Sabbath**, and on the morrow after the **Passover** and on the first Day of the **Days of Unleaven Bread** all at the same time as it did on the first **Passover** in the **Promised Land**.

The Children of Israel came into the Promised Land and camped at Gilgal on the tenth *day* of the first month.

Joshua 4 (19) And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, & encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

After the males recovered from their circumcision, they kept the **Passover** on the fourteenth day of the month at even.

Joshua 5 (8) And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. (9) And **Yahweh** said unto Joshua, this day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day. (10) And the Children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the **Passover** on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

Please notice what they ate on the morrow after the **Passover**.

Joshua 5 (11) And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the **Passover**, unleavened cakes, and **parched corn** in the selfsame day.

That morrow after **Passover** was the first Day of the **Days of Unleaven Bread** and the **Wave Sheaf Offering**, otherwise, they could not have eaten the parched grain.

Leviticus 23 (14) And ye shall eat neither bread, nor **parched corn**, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your **Elohim**: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Passover had to have been on the weekly **Sabbath** that year since the **Wave Sheaf Offering** always comes on the morrow after the **Sabbath** and the first day of the **Days of Unleavened Bread** always comes on the morrow after the **Passover**.

Conclusion: On the day before the festival started, Yahweh required Israel to furnish, sacrifice and roast a lamb. The sacrifice of a lamb was the **main feature requiring action** to start the Celebration.

During the Harvest Festival the waving of **Wave Sheaf Offering** was the **main feature** and it **required action** during the festival and not after it.

The **Wave Sheaf Offering** was always on or between the two annual Sabbaths, **never after** the **Days of Unleaven Bread were over**. It starts the count to **Pentecost** and it is always on the morrow after the weekly **Sabbath** as is shown here in the chart at the end of this article and it is in compliance to Leviticus 23:11, 15 & 16.

May Yahweh Bless those who read this article and are not offended by it.

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This chart follows to the letter the instructions given in the above scriptures.

14th	U.B. D-1	U.B. D-2	U.B. D-3	U.B. D-4	U.B. D-5	U.B. D-6	U.B. D-7
Sunday Passover	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath	W.S.O. morrow after the Sabbath
Monday Passover	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath	W.S.O. morrow after the Sabbath	Monday
Tuesday Passover	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath	W.S.O. morrow after the Sabbath	Monday	Tuesday
Fulfilled 31 C.E. Wednesday <i>Sacrifice</i> → Passover	Thursday	Friday	Fulfilled 31 C.E. Sabbath <i>Resurrection</i> →	Fulfilled 31 C.E. morrow after the Sabbath	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Thursday Passover	Friday	Sabbath	W.S.O. morrow after the Sabbath	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Friday Passover	Sabbath	W.S.O. morrow after the Sabbath	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Josh. 4&5 Lev. 23 Sabbath Passover	W.S.O. morrow after the Sabbath	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath

Isaiah 40:3-5

Psalms 110:4

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Genesis 3:15



Micah 5:2

Zechariah 11:12

The Hidden Wisdom

Numbers 27:17

Isaiah 53:7

Psalms 34:20

The Mystery of Messiah

The hidden wisdom of Elohim, concealed from the foundation of the world — Yaweshua Messiah, and Him Crucified — now revealed.

"When Yaweshua came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that you are John the Baptist: Some Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He said to them again, But whom say you that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim. And Yaweshua answered and said to him, Blessed are you Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but My Father which is in heaven." — Matthew 16:13-17

Up until Yaweshua's death it was needful that His identity remain concealed, but to those this mystery was revealed. Had the prophecies been understood which foretold of Yaweshua's coming and who He was, He would not have been put to death. So eyes were blinded and hearts hardened so that Yahweh's redemptive work could be completed.

"He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.... Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive." — Matthew 13:11, 13-14 (Isaiah 6:9-10)

"That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of Elohim. However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of Elohim in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which Elohim ordained before the ages of our glory. Which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Master of glory." — 1 Corinthians 2:5-8

"All these things Yahweshua spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying: I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

— Matthew 13:34-35 (Psalms 78:2)

Though there are many prophecies foretelling of Yahweshua's birth and death, those having blinded eyes refuse to accept the testimony of Scripture or even acknowledge a possible viability of truthfulness, for to do so would expose their sin and condemn should they remain unwilling to repent and change course.

"But now has been made manifest, and by the prophets Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting Elohim, for obedience to the faith." — Romans 16:26

Yes, proclaimed throughout the world to all nations the good news of Yahweshua, so that all are without excuse.

"For the bread of Elohim is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then they said to Him, Master, give us this bread always. And Yahweshua said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger,

and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."
— John 6:33-35

"Who is the man that fears Yahweh? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of Yahweh is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant."
— Psalms 25:12-14

The secret of Yahweh is that which has been hidden and concealed unto the appointed time. For those who have eyes to see and an understanding heart, I invite you to examine the Hebrew text of Psalms 25:13-14.

נפשו בטוב תלין וזרעו יירש נרץ ¹³ ←
סוד יהוה לירמיו ובריתו להודיעם ¹⁴

Herein appears the name Yahweshua (יהושע) at a five letter interval in reverse. The secret of Yahweh revealed.

יהושע וו

V.13, W.4, L.4	י
W.5, L.4	ו
V.14, W.1, L.2	ש
W.2, L.4	ע
W.3, L.5	ה

verse, word, letter

Prophecies of Old

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| 1. Genesis 3:15 | Hebrews 2:14-15 |
| 2. Numbers 24:17 | Matthew 1:2 |
| 3. Numbers 27:17 | John 10:1-14 |
| 4. Deuteronomy 18:15 | Acts 3:20, 22 |
| 5. Psalms 2:7 | Matthew 3:17 |
| 6. Psalms 8:2 | Matthew 21:15-16 |



The Shofar

Shalom in Yahuwshua,

"And the key of the house of David will I lay upon His shoulder, He shall open, and none shall shut, and none shall open." — Isaiah 22:22 (Matthew 25:10-11)

"For Yahuweh is our judge, Yahuweh is our lawgiver, Yahuweh is our king; He will save us." — Isaiah 33:22 (Hebrews 5:9)

26. Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
25. Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
24. Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:18-19
23. Isaiah 53:12	Mark 15:27-28
22. Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
21. Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4-5
20. Isaiah 53:5	Romans 5:6, 8
19. Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
18. Isaiah 53:1	John 12:37-38
17. Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
16. Isaiah 40:3-5	Luke 3:3-6
15. Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:13-16
14. Isaiah 7:14	Luke 1:26-27, 30-31
13. Psalms 110:4	Hebrews 5:5-6
12. Psalms 78:2-4	Matthew 13:34-35
11. Psalms 69:9	Romans 15:3
10. Psalms 41:9	Luke 22:147-48
9. Psalms 34:20	John 19:32-33, 36
8. Psalms 22:17-18	Matthew 27:35-36
7. Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46

unity

"The quality or state of not being multitude: ONENESS"

— Merriam Webster

If Scripture was given to man for instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:15), may we look thereto for direction on the topic of unity.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

— John 13:34-35

"As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word: that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as we are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." — John 17:18-23

"For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Messiah. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." — 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

"With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." — Ephesians 4:2-3

"Fulfill you my joy, that you be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Looking not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." — Philippians 2:2-4

"Finally, be you all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that you are there unto called, that you should inherit a blessing." — 1 Peter 3:8-9

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." — Acts 4:32

One body having many members, united together to glorify Yahweh. Once again an invention is made for all parts of the body to unite in love and peace so to be made perfect. Yes, there may be variation in doctrines taught by the sacred name assemblies, but be that as it may, the light of truth will shine forth as one searches the Scriptures. Ultimately, it matters not under whose banner one stands as long as Yahshua's atoning sacrifice has been accepted, repentance made with baptism — for this is the gateway to eternal life. The saving of souls should be the goal of every assembly, not for their own gain but for the glory of Yahweh.

"Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied to him with their tongues. For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant." — Psalm 78:36-37

"The heart is deceitful above all things, desperately wicked: who can know it? I Yahweh search the heart. I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. — Jeremiah 17:9-10

Let us join hands in Unity and work together rather than apart.

* Link up your websites with others so to assist the truth seeker in his quest. Don't be selfish!



Whom do you serve?



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Whom do you serve? consider your ways

Yahweh

Scripture — Matt. 4:4

Truth — John 17:17

Light — 1 John 1:5-10

Life — John 10:10; 14:6

Sabbath — Exod. 20:8-11

Ezek. 20:12

Passover — Lev. 23:5-8

Exod. 12:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:26

Tabernacles — Lev. 23:33-36

Zech. 14:16

Yahweh — Rev. 30:4; Isa. 52:6

Yahshua — Matt. 1:21; Acts 4:12

Tree of Life — Rev. 22:14

Commandment Keeper
1 John 2:3; Isa. 8:20

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"Prove all things and hold fast to the good."
— 1 Thess. 5:21

"In the mouth of two or three witnesses may every word be
established." (Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1)

Man's Doctrine — Matt. 15:3

Lies / Deception — John 8:44
1 John 2:21

Darkness — Isa. 8:20

Death — John 10:10

Sunday — Matt. 15:3

Easter — Daniel 7:25

Christmas — Jer. 10:1-4

LORD — Jer. 23:27

Jesus — At best a hybrid
(not a true representation)
The letter "J" is only 500 years old.

Tree of Death — Gen. 3:17

No Law — 1 John 3:4

Satan