

# YAIY NEWS



## Are You as Confused as I Was?

I grew up in a mainstream, Sunday-keeping church and attended regularly with my parents and family as long as I can remember. As I began to understand the Bible and read it for myself, troublesome questions arose. Concepts were being taught that were not found in the Bible. The Sunday School teacher had no answers and was as perplexed as I.



One of these inconsistencies centered on the three days and three nights of the Savior's death and resurrection. I was taught a Friday afternoon death followed by a Sunday morning resurrection. Even after drawing out a chart and labeling the days and nights, the best I could come up with was one full day and parts of two days, but only two nights within that span. But my Bible said in Matthew 12:40 the Messiah would be a full three days and three nights in the grave.

The Sunday School teacher urged me to see the minister of the church to get answers from him. This, too, troubled me because it appeared as if there was a special way of reading the Bible that had to be learned at a seminary. He was really saying the Bible was not meant to be read by common people like myself. The pastor's explanation was superficial and incomplete.

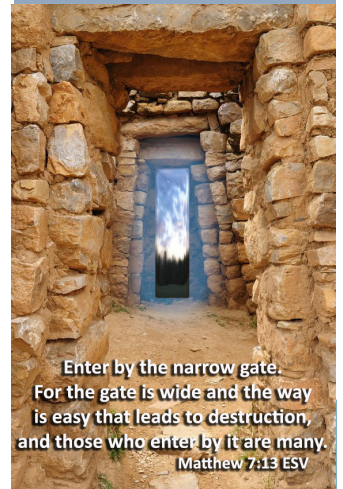
One of the most shocking teachings I encountered was that people ignorant of the Bible and the Messiah (through no fault of their own) would immediately go to an ever-burning hell fire upon death. I questioned why a person should be so everlastingly, excruciatingly punished because he had never had anyone tell him of the Bible and the Redeemer Who was sent to save him.

Suppose he was on his way to his first revival service and his car broke down so that he could not reach the meeting. He would never have heard of the Good News of salvation, but would suffer eternal torture because of it. It just did not seem right. How could a loving, compassionate, Heavenly Father condemn him to an ever-burning hell fire for something beyond his control? Yet, that is what many believe and teach today.

I also had problems in trying to reconcile a future resurrection as promised in Scripture with the church's teaching that said that immediately upon

Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:8 ESV



Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Matthew 7:13 ESV

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## Are You as Confused as I Was?..., cont.

death the soul of the individual went either to heaven or to hell. I was told that as the body is put in the ground the soul goes either to a heavenly bliss or to everlasting punishment.

But wait. If the soul was already free of the body and could pass through doors, hear, and see without the body, what was the point of a resurrection? The Bible says that in the resurrection the body will be raised from the dust of the earth (Dan. 12:2). Would the soul be yanked from heavenly bliss or fiery hell, put back in a resurrected body, and then redeposited in heaven or hell? Why would a resurrection from the dead be necessary anyway if the soul is already living elsewhere? The minister had no good explanation.

I was told there were many difficulties that were mine simply because I did not understand what the Bible really meant. These were mysteries, they said. When I read that the noble Bereans consulted the Scriptures daily whether these things are true, it seemed to me that I should be able to search the Scriptures, also, and come up with some solid answers. After all, my eternal future lay with my understanding of Bible truths.

But the Bible was not written for the common man, they said. If this be the case, then how could I possibly understand anything that was written? I had never been to a Bible school or studied under one of the religious teachers of our day. And how was I to “work out my own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12), if it was left to someone else’s interpretation?

Maybe you find yourself facing the same confusion and contradictions I did. Does what you read in the Bible conflict with what you are being taught? Are you leaving your future, everlasting life in the hands of someone else, trusting in what he or she says rather than digging out the truth for yourself?

Your very salvation depends on whether you will accept the truth of the Bible and act on it. It is your responsibility and only yours. *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of the Messiah; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad, 2 Corinthians 5:10.* No one can speak for you then. You will not be able to plead ignorance on the grounds you did not understand or that you relied on someone else’s explanation.

Be assured there are plain, simple, logical answers to the questions you may be facing right now. You can understand the Bible by allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you. Help is available.

The opportunity is now. Don’t let it slip by.

Elder Donald Mansager (deceased)

## Recent Baptisms

### Luke 15:7 (NASB)

*I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

**On March 7, 2017** Leslie Kautz was immersed before witnesses in the Name of Yahshua for the remission of sins. A measure of the Holy Spirit (and a gift or gifts by the same Spirit) was given by the laying on of hands and prayer. Elder David Brett counseled Mr. Kautz beforehand, and performed the baptism, at the Hutchinson Correction Center in Hutchinson, Kansas.

**On March 8, 2017** the following were immersed by Elder Brett before witnesses in the Name of Yahshua for the remission of sins:

Dewayne Brown

Jason Gonzalez

Rick Langston

Mark Willison



Mike Still (was already immersed in the Name of Yahshua, but did not have hands laid upon him up to this point)

## Recent Baptisms...,cont.

Elder Brett laid hands on all 5 and prayed they each receive a portion of the Holy Spirit and any gift or gifts that Yahweh would provide each individually for the building up of the body of Messiah, at the Norton Correctional Center, Norton, Kansas.

**On March 15, 2017** Genie Berry was immersed by Elder Brett before witnesses in the Name of Yahshua for the remission of sins and received a portion of the Holy Spirit (along with a gift or gifts by the same Spirit) with the laying on of hands. Elder David Brett had counseled Genie beforehand at Perry, Kansas.

We continue to pray for each one of these, that they may come to a more complete understanding of Yahweh and Yahshua and our relationship with those of the Kingdom.

*HalleluYAH!*



## African Drought Relief

Over the last month it has come to our attention that a severe drought is affecting Kenya and other parts of Africa. We ask for your immediate prayers for the brethren at this time. There are many brethren in Kenya and surrounding areas, and therefore we are also asking for financial help to provide needed food, supplies, etc., for them; especially, with Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread coming up.

We recognize **Yahweh's Philadelphia Truth Congregation** (YPTC) as having a strong presence and support base in Kenya and is growing in other areas such as Malawi and Uganda. The main elders there, with their contact numbers, have been added to the International Assemblies YAIY webpage so others in their area can reach them directly.

However, for funds to be sent, we are asking you to send directly through YPTC in America. Checks and or Money Orders can be made out to "YPTC " with a note directing the funds to "African Drought Relief." Following is the mailing address and other contact information:

### YPTC

ATTN: African Drought Relief  
P.O. Box 1068  
Lebanon, Pa. 17042

Call Toll Free: 855-FOR-YPTC (367-9782)  
Pennsylvania area: (717) 383-6975  
Call anytime between 7:00AM - 7:00PM EST

For questions or comments:  
Email: [contact@yahstruth.org](mailto:contact@yahstruth.org)  
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## New Groundskeeper

We welcome Brother Amos Campbell to the YAIY team! He'll be working in a permanent part-time position with us as a groundskeeper each spring, summer and fall. We look forward to seeing Amos maintain and help make improvements here at the assembly. Which, in fact, he has already done! Turns out he's pretty handy at building maintenance, as well. Thanks Amos and welcome!



## Abib Confirmed

The overall fields of barley in the land of Israel were confirmed to be in the matured state of growth, as Scripture indicates they should be, to declare a new year at the new moon. The new moon was also confirmed for our North American Region at the time calculated. Therefore, the dates are confirmed for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread which we have on the YAIY calendar for 2017.

While we have next year (2018) already calculated and posted online, we will be working on new calendars going through to the year 2025. Yahweh willing, we hope to have them posted before year's end.

## Prayer List

Dolores Parker, Terrell Frasure, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Karen van Schalkwyk, Robert Creech, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Charmaine Potgieter, Jaco van der Merwe, Michael Potgieter, Carroll Isdell and Family, Ivenia Wayland and Family, Juan Castaneda and Family, Diana Murphy, Rina van Schalkwyk, Annari van der Merwe, Samuel Snyder and Family, Melanie Killiebrew, Sheila Hurtado, Eric Perkins, Leonardo Drisdell, Sherrie Abril and Family, Brandon Newton and Family, Barnard van der Merwe, Byron Lamar, Hoshea Stanton, Lawrence Wayne Atkins, Gary Deerwester, Frances Domingues, David Flores, Henry Sunderman, Moses Kamau, Danny O'Connor and Family, Victor Karanja, Nombulelo Precious Mabele, Patricia Calhoun, Joseph Oganga Ontita, Paul Washington, Amelia Roberts, G. Kwasnica, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Georgiana Greene and Family, Skip and Linda Franchino, Helen Drisdell, Sharon Scott, Willie Koorzen, Al J. Pagano, Baby Jai'Ron, Margaret McCloud, Nava Family, Bongani Negwenya, Velvet Green, Catherine Terrado, Roberta Wis-hon, Dale Wayman, Janiq Madriz, Hartwig Fleischmann and Family, Kareem Greene and Family, Ross Williams, Maryke Stanton, Chris Barnard, Trisha Aubin, Susana Malm, David & Nancy Wilson, Ina Swanson, Janet Price, Anthony Swanson, Adalberto Hernandez Jr, Lois Firth, Jordan Vira and Family, Michelle Brouard, Mariann Johnston, Lance Bullock and Family, Hap Tew, Richard Rodriguez and Family, Jim and Judy DeHart, Kathy English, Jeff Gilman, Arthur Journey, Mark Strahan, Michael Davis, Shirley Morin, Mae Flowers, Donna Brooks, brethren in Africa and other locations around the world. Also, for the peace of Jerusalem.



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