

# YAIY NEWS



## Elohim or God?

Elohim is the plural form of the Hebrew singular words “Eloah” and “El”, which means “Mighty One.” In fact, every Hebrew word ending in “im” is plural in form though sometimes singular in usage, depending on the context of the passage in Scripture. Take for instance the following Hebrew: Nebi’im (Prophets), Yehudim (Jews), Melakim (kings), Tehillim (psalms), Shir ha Shirim (Song of Songs), Sopherim (Scribes) and Dibre ha Yamim (Chronicles). The plurality implication of “Elohim” is manifested in the first chapter of the scriptures. *“And Elohim said, let us make man in our image, and our likeness...”* (Gen. 1:26). *“And Yahweh Elohim said, ‘Behold, the man is become as one of us.’”* (Gen 3:22). *“Go to, let us go down and confound their language.”* (Gen.11:7). The words “us” and “our” are plural pronouns and they, of necessity, require a plural antecedent (a word, phrase, or clause to which a relative pronoun refers).

As to the question of plurality, Deut. 6:4 says, *“Hear O Israel, Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh.”* This can be easily understood when we understand the meaning of key Hebrew words associated with this text. For instance, the word for “one,” in Deut. 6:4, is the Hebrew word “echad” (#259 Heb. Strong’s concordance). It usually does not denote a solitary one, but rather a unity. (“Echad” is a compound unity, a collective noun, such as family or couple—one made up of others. It derives from a prime root meaning to unify). It is found in Gen. 2:24 in reference to the marriage union between a husband and wife: *“and they shall become one [echad] flesh.”* Yahshua quotes from Gen. 2:24 and says *“So then they are no longer two but one flesh.”* (Matt. 19:6). In the spiritual realm, husband and wife are considered one flesh or entity. Likewise, the Father and Son, although separate and distinct, like husband and wife, are considered ONE ELOHIM. Elohim in the English language is erroneously translated “god,” a singular word, which does not properly convey the plurality implications intended in “Elohim.” (See Strong’s concordance #430 of Hebrew dictionary.)

Thus, we see that Elohim is a plural noun. In other words, Elohim stands for a single class composed of more than one individual such as the words church, family, or kingdom. So just as there is the animal kingdom and the human family or kingdom, Elohim, as used in the account of creation, shows that presently there is also a kingdom of Elohim. That kingdom or family is composed of the Father and Son (and to some degree includes the holy angels). However, believers are inheritors of the “kingdom of Elohim” though often times erroneously translated “children of God,” because *“Elohim who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were”* (Rom 4: 17) has promised to bring it to pass at *“the resurrection of the righteous”* (Luke 14:14, 20: 34-38). More

David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: *“Yahweh said to my Master: ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’”*

—Mark 12:36 NIV

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh, and the Word was Elohim. He was with Yahweh in the beginning.*

—John 1:1-2 NIV

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pointedly, faithful believers will experience a literal birth into the Kingdom of Yahweh. See John 3:6-8, 1 Cor. 15:50-57. But now they have Yahweh's seed in their hearts, a kind of spiritual impregnation [the set-apart (holy) spirit]. See Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:3, Romans 8:23, 2 Cor. 5:5.

As a side note, some refer to the Father as "god" by Name. Truth is, the Father's name is not God, is not Elohim and is not Eloah. Elohim or Eloah is what He is. Yahshua said in John 5: 43, *"I am come in My Father's Name."* The Family name "Yah" is found in both names, Yahweh and Yahshua\*. We also find the Sacred Name "Yah" at the end of the names of many Bible prophets like Elijah (more properly EliYah, which means "my Mighty One is Yah"); also note the "Yah" sound at the end of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Zephaniah, Zechariah and many others.

\*For more information, read "The Mistaken J" online at yaivy.org or order your free in-depth copy today.

—Brother David Jones Jr.

## Passover Memorial Service

The timing of the early ears of barley and the new moon for the first of the year was predicted accurately. Therefore, the dates for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread are unchanged. We invite those baptized into the name of Yahshua to join with us at the end of Thursday night, the 9th, at 7:30pm. The first High Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread this year falls on the weekly Sabbath. Services will be at the regular time of 1:30 pm. The last High Day service will be held on Friday the 17th, at 1:30pm.

## The Night to Be Much Observed

What night was commanded? Exodus 12:12-14. Is it also listed among the other Appointed Times found in Leviticus chapter 23? Leviticus 23:5.

In looking at the verse just prior to Exodus 12:42, one may get the impression that the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> is the correct night, but look at verse 42 along with 43. When were they actually told to leave? Exodus 12:31-33. Was it not on the 14<sup>th</sup>, when Pharaoh released the people, they then became a nation? Exodus 12:31. They were indeed the first-born of the nation, Ex 4:22.

As the Passover was referred to in the New Testament as the "Master's Supper," the Passover in the Old Testament was referred to as "The Night to be Much Observed/Remembered." It should be remembered, too, that the first day of Unleavened Bread, is just that, a Set-apart "day" and not a "night."

Note: Arriving at Rameses after leaving Goshen, we need to remember that because of the multitude (again, estimates of over 2,000,000 people) it would have taken some time to leave Rameses altogether after having arrived there. Once starting out, by the time the last ones were seen leaving Rameses, it would have been the 15<sup>th</sup>...the very time of their leaving behind Egypt by full moonlight, Num 33:3, Deut 16:1.

Was the Night to be Much Observed kept in the New Testament? Matthew 26:38, 40-41. Were there others observing this night besides Yahshua and the disciples? Matthew 26:69, 71, 73; Mark 14:66-67, 69; Luke 22:56, 58; John 18:16-18.

John 18:18 shows clearly that because it was cold, and fires had to be built, the people were out because of something special. If it was just for the sentencing (Matt 27:15-17), why were young girls also outside? The Night to be Much Observed would be a time for "everyone" to stay up and remember what it was like during the Passover.

It has been the custom in the past to stay up and sing Psalms, pray, and study, but there would come a time when most would be too tired to stay up. Today, members of the body observe Passover and take of the emblems, singing Psalms as was the example (Matt 26:30, Mark 14:31), and we study the pertinent verses of the Passover. Today, as of old, it is a Night to be Much Observed and Remembered.

### 3 Days and 3 Nights

Yahshua said there would be one sign, the Sign of Jonah, that He was the long awaited Messiah. "Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, 'Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you.' He answered, 'A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth,'" Matt 12:38-40 NIV. Many say that Yahshua was in the tomb from Friday evening through Saturday night. Is this even remotely possible? Sometimes a visual help is worth a thousand words:



For further study, see our in-depth booklet online at [yaiy.org](http://yaiy.org) called "He Arose...But When". We apologize, hardcopies are not yet available.

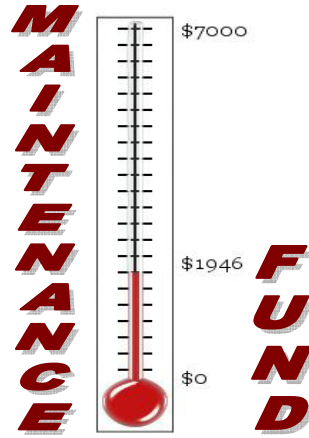
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Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for Elohim loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Cor 9:7 NIV



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### New Feast Site Located

Yahweh blessed us with a new site for the Feast of Tabernacles this year. We needed to look for another location due to a conflict of schedule with a group whom had previously scheduled 2-years in advance for the same time.

More information will be forth coming. But the aerial view to the right shows a very accommodating property with numerous buildings along with the main lodge and a small lake.

A couple of the blessings with this new feast site will be that is actually more affordable than the other and is closer to the assembly, being no more than 40 miles away. Make plans now to attend!



### Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Alice Findling, Cindy Gustke and Family, Michelle Love and Family, Jewell Holt, Dolores Parker, Elder Don and Mil Mansager, Leah Villas, Maxine Conrad, Patricia Prince, Terrel Frasure, Donald Appling, Lois McDonald, Theodore Johnson, David Miller, Leslie Silva and Family, Robert Price, Clemencia Thomas, Shirley Ammons, Lisa Jenkins, Beth Watson, Beverly Filbertson, David and Barbara Creel, Renee McKinsey, Vincent Gay, Bernadine Andrew, David Jones Jr., Larry Skinner, Charlie Pelton, Deborah De Brael, Mark Phillips, Brenda Lewis, Gary and Lanai Dubois, Mike Matney, Tami Lanphere, Dave McCoy, Robert Dorchester, Sandra Gets, Dries Van Zyl, Sharon Grobler, Angela Sulton, Jim Stills, Nusufuno Luthada, Patrick and Brandy Baumann, Mathew Baumann, Tisha Palmore, Sean Rogers, Gloria McDuffy, Daphne Griffith and Family, Elder Y. Sunith Premanand David, Rosemary Henry, Kelly Rivera and Family, Donald Carringer, brethren around the world, Jerusalem and all the land of Israel.

*"I always thank my Elohim as I remember you in my prayers,"* Philemon 4 NIV.