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Who covereth
the heaven
with clouds,
Who prepareth
rain for
the earth,
Who maketh
grass to
grow upon
the mountains,
Psa. 147:5a, 8.

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Head Coverings

Good and Bad Traditions

We'd do well to pay attention, because we are to emulate the Messiah and walk accordingly. For Paul, this was of paramount importance. He said,

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Messiah. Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you, 1 Corinthians 11:1–2 (NASB used throughout, unless otherwise noted).

The Apostle Paul starts out saying that he is an imitator of Messiah. Did the Messiah wear things like a talith (prayer shawl) and did Paul himself cover his head, in such a way, during worship? We see these images on the big screen and in other video productions and images, but are they correct?

What Does Scripture Say?

A good portion of 1 Corinthians chapter 11 takes up the subject of head coverings. That is, are head coverings both good and bad? We have to ask the question when Paul talks about holding firm to traditions which he delivers to the brethren, is he speaking of things that are right or wrong according to Scripture? Notice the instruction,

But we should always give thanks to Yahweh for you, brethren beloved by the Master, because Yahweh has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our evangel, that you may gain the glory of our Master Yahshua Messiah. So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us, 2 Thessalonians 2:13–15.

It certainly appears clear that Paul is speaking about tradition that is right and true in the Spirit of Yahweh and also which is faithful to the truth of His Word.

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Master Yahshua Messiah, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not

according to the tradition which you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Master Yahshua Messiah to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good, 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13.

By following their example as they follow Messiah's, one is living a peaceful life in Messiah, one is setting a good example, and one is doing the right things. We know that the Messiah didn't sin, but He did more than not sin, He walked in a blameless spiritual way. We are to follow, walking on higher ground.

Now, if Yahshua magnified the law by emphasizing deeper spiritual aspects of them and living and teaching the correct way of Yahweh, do you think it would not also be done by those who have Yahshua within them? Of course.

What, though, was Paul going after in this chapter?

But I want you to understand that Messiah is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and Yahweh is the head of Messiah, 1 Corinthians 11:3.

It's clear that there is a proper order and way that Yahweh has established which Paul sees. He sets the premise for what he is about to say,

Every man who has something on his head while

praying or prophesying disgraces his head, 1 Corinthians 11:4.

But, don't we see this very thing practiced today? What did Paul mean by saying it disgraces a man's head if he does wear something on his head while worshipping? He answers the question, saying,

For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of Elohim, 1 Corinthians 11:7a.

Paul had his mind on Scripture. In the image of Elohim man was created. Having a hat or cap or any type of covering in worship, for man, is not acceptable. Paul is speaking plainly about, and is keeping in line with, the order of headship which is revealed.

He continues to elaborate, starting again at the beginning of verse 7,

For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of Elohim; but the woman is the glory of man. For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake, 1 Corinthians 11:7-9.

Which man in Scripture was allowed to wear a head covering? The high priest. Aaron, chosen of the Levites, was to be in that position. And, of course, we see Yahshua in such a position today, but not under the Levitical Order. Rather, Yahshua is the High Priest of the Melchisidec Order.

Question: Since those in Messiah are referred to as a priesthood and a priestly nation, should we not wear head coverings like Aaron's sons?

A Kingdom of Priests

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR YAHWEH'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous

light, 1 Peter 2:9.

Are we really priests right now? Are we firstfruits? Let's back up to verse 4 and 5:

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of Yahweh, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Yahweh through Yahshua Messiah, 1 Peter 2:4-5.

It is our destiny, if we overcome to the end in Messiah, to rule with Him in a kingdom of priests invited to sit on His throne. The prophecies are in place and it will happen. There will be firstfruits, a kingdom of priests, ruling with Yahshua. This is what we're to be striving for.

We know that Yahshua didn't become a High Priest until He was raised as a First Fruit. The parallel is for us, if we overcome as He did. And, He says, "be of good cheer," because He did overcome the world. But, the fact remains, we haven't yet.

Do we wear a yarmulke or beanie skull-cap today as some do?

It's not proper to do so. Paul knew this and that's why he said plainly that it is not proper for men in the faith to have their heads covered. Was Paul adamant about these traditions for those in Messiah?

But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the Assemblies of Yahweh, 1 Corinthians 11:16. If this is the case, where did this wrong tradition of men wearing head coverings come from?

Traditional Sources

"Any piece of felt; more especially, a skull-cap of felt, a hat... From the Greeks, who were acquainted with this article as early as the age of Homer, the use of felt passed together with its name to the Romans. Its principal use was to make coverings of the head for

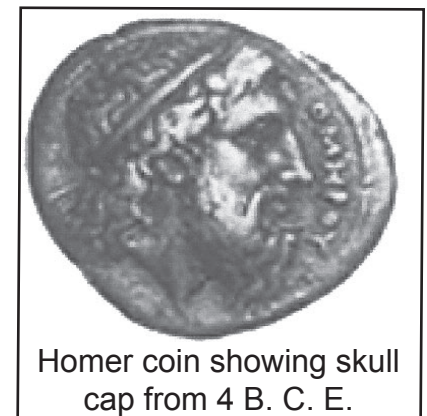
the male sex, and the most common one was a simple skull-cap." Source: William Smith, *A School Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities* (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1873).

While the coin image appears



to be a rope rather than a cap, the comparison and style of later headwear in comparison can be clearly seen.

Early traditions from pagan societies took its toll on proper worship as we see from historical documents such as found in the book of Maccabees. Here is an account of Antiochus Epiphanies who had placed Jason in a position of high



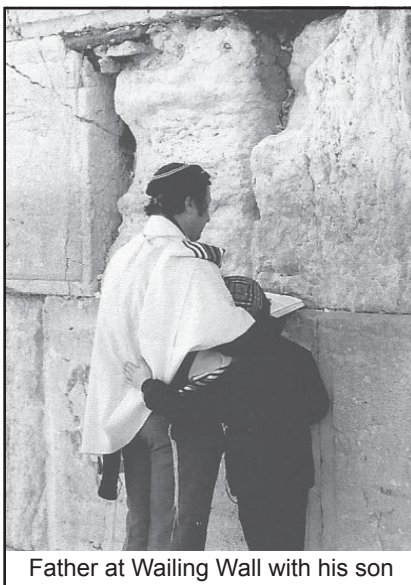
office to change the normal ways of worship:

"When the king assented and Jason came to office, he at once shifted his compatriots over to the Greek way of life. He set aside the existing royal concessions to the Jews, secured through John the father of Eupolemus, who went on the mission to establish friendship and alliance with the Romans; and

he destroyed the lawful ways of living and introduced new customs contrary to the law. He took delight in establishing a gymnasium right under the citadel, and he induced the noblest of the young men to wear the Greek hat. There was such an extreme of Hellenization and increase in the adoption of foreign ways because of the surpassing wickedness of Jason, who was [unrighteous] and no true high priest, that the priests were no longer intent upon their service at the altar. Despising the sanctuary and neglecting the sacrifices, they hurried to take part in the unlawful proceedings in the wrestling arena after the signal for the discus-throwing," 2 Maccabees 4:10-15 (NRSV).

It's a tradition that Jews hold onto today. You can't even go to the Wailing Wall without someone handing you the traditional yarmulke to wear. Many synagogues today will also not allow you to come into worship with them unless you wear the skull-cap.

While we normally never quote the Talmud which is full of wrong traditions, we do see an historical picture and we can get a sense of what was happening going back to at least the 2nd century of the Common Era. And, having already seen what Paul wrote, some men



Father at Wailing Wall with his son

may have already been worshipping while wearing Greek skull-caps.

Remember this was at Corinth, located about 48 miles from Athens. Paul went to the Gentiles and they were coming to learn, but some had traditions that were wrong and they needed to be taught. This is similar to the situation we find ourselves in today: a society filled with wrong traditions.

"Men sometimes cover their heads and sometimes not; but women's hair is always covered, and children are always bareheaded." [Talmud, c. 200-500 C.E., Nedarim, p. 30b].

This appears to show that head coverings for Jewish men was an optional thing to do at least in public, but women always had their hair or head covered. The Latin scholar Tertullian also noticed and seemed to have made a snide remark about it.

"Among the Jews, so usual is it for their women to have the head veiled, that they may thereby be recognized." [Tertullian, c. 160-225 C.E., De Corona, ch. 4]

Of course, the Pharisees went around making a show with their tassels, which were in the law, but as training wheels to get the people to stay on the right track and obey the commandments - something the Spirit does for us today, as prophesied (Ezek. 36:26-27; Jer. 31:31).

The reason for the head coverings for women, however, was a modest tradition. But, as Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 11, it goes deeper than that. And he is so wanting to make the point that he basically says that a woman who doesn't wear a head covering should shave her head. It's that disgraceful of a thing he pointed out; that is, for a woman/sister, to not wear a head covering during services.

Notice the strong language he uses:

Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying disgraces his head. But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head, 1 Corinthians 11:4-6.

Here, he's speaking directly to the women and essentially telling them. "So, you think that shaving your head is disgraceful? Then, by all means put a head covering on, because if you don't, it's just as disgraceful as having shaved your head and coming here to worship!"

In Jerusalem today, we see many women, not just Jewish women, wearing head coverings. It's really not that different today than it was from the time of the 1st century.

The image (shown next to article title) and quote are from the same source:

"Women commonly wore a veil in the entire Mediterranean during antiquity. Depending on the region and the dress, the veil, more or less, covered the hair. Paul ordered women to wear a veil during prayer." -1000 Bible Images, by the German Bible Society.

The following image is from a Roman catacomb (basically a burial area) of a woman in a worship position with her hair covered.

The Catholic women have this same custom today. It is evidence that head covering for women throughout the Mediterranean Middle Eastern area was commonly done.

It's important to note, very early on, the Catholics (stemming from the so-called early church fathers) clearly had an anti-semitic viewpoint and would go out of their way to make sure they didn't do any-



Image found in a Roman catacomb

thing "Jewish."

But, we can certainly see, if modest women in other cultures were doing the same thing already, then there would be no trouble accepting what Paul said in a letter to those in Corinth which was in Roman territory.

Face or Hair Covering?

Jewish scholars do see a need for women to wear head coverings, not because of what Paul said, but because of the instructions found in Numbers 5:18. Priests were to follow certain instructions to find out whether or not a husband's suspicions are correct about an unfaithful wife.

And the priest hath caused the woman to stand before [Yahweh], and hath uncovered the woman's head, and hath given into her hands the present of the memorial, it is a present of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest are the bitter waters which cause the curse, Numbers 5:18 (Young's Literal Translation).

Some translations say that the hair is let down. I think it's safe to say that Young's Literal Translation

has it correctly stated that she had her hair covered. This is different than having a veil on the face.

Going back further in time we see a veil on the face was not usually done unless one wanted to be a little stealthy and unknown. Genesis 38:15, says,

When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face.

This is an account of Judah and Tamar, and she was evidently trying to look the part of a discreet prostitute. Going back even further we see Isaac's wife to be covering herself up so as to be more modestly presentable to her future husband - the man she knew she was going to marry.

She said to the servant, "Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He is my master." Then she took her veil and covered herself, Genesis 24:65.

There are questions as to what this covering was, but if we think of it as being a modest gesture or even a betrothal tradition at that time, then we most likely have a good sense of why she covered herself in front of him. A similar tradition occurs at weddings today, as couples walk up the aisle together, the wife's head covered before the vows are even taken.

While our western society doesn't normally wear head coverings, other than hats, it is clear the tradition for women does indeed continue in Jerusalem among Israelites who've been brought back into the land. As a side note, it may be an open door for them to see us, as believers in Messiah, living according to the tradition they also keep.

Word Study

And, while we don't do many traditions, Paul says this one has spiritual significance which involves the heavenly realm. In 1 Corinthians 11:10, he says,

Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

It could be this verse is not saying what we think it says. Just for argument's sake, let's take a closer look.

Therefore, the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels, 1 Corinthians 11:10.

The wording, "symbol of," is added by the translator to try to give clarity. But the following commentary makes an interesting observation:

"Veil (Hebrew: *radid*) Subjection (Hebrew: *radad*)." Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible, by Jamieson, Fausset, & Brown.

The conservative scholars of this commentary realized Paul was a Jew and this may have been written in Hebrew, originally. The Hebrew, they point to, is spelled *resh dalet dalet* and can be pronounced two different ways with two different meanings. It's like the idea of a camel going through the eye of a needle:

Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Yahweh, Matthew 19:24.

The semitic language writes *gmla* (*gimel-mem-lamad-aleph*). That is, *Gamala* "heavy rope" or *Gamla* "camel." Either can be said, but it appears to make better sense translated heavy rope or just rope rather than a camel.

If we look at the sentence again and insert "veil," as in head covering, then, this is the subject of headship. And if we also take out the helper words such "symbol of." We find the passage reads :

Therefore, the woman ought to have a veil on her head, because of the angels, 1 Corinthians 11:10.

A comment about this verse comes from the Ryries Study Bible which says, "The insubordination

of an uncovered woman (signifying her refusal to recognize the authority of her husband) would offend the angels who observe the conduct of believers in their [assembly] gatherings.”

It is interesting that he should mention “authority of her husband,” but the verse doesn’t say anything about husbands. And, as we’ve seen, the two words, “symbol of,” were added by translators. So it reads more literally in the Hebrew “the woman ought to have a veil on her head.” It’s because of the headship, but it’s also because of angels.

Lets look at 1 Corinthians 11:13–15,

Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to Yahweh with her head uncovered? Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him, but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

This goes back to the idea Paul was relating about how shameful it would be for a woman to have her hair shaved, but here he says it’s a “covering” ...or does he?

Ryries points out the following: “This is not the same word used in verses 5-6. The point here is that as the hair represents the proper covering in the natural realm, so the veil is the proper covering in the religious.”

The word for covering in verse 15 has more of the meaning of a frame or mantle rather than a covering as the other wording has. Greek, unlike Hebrew or Aramaic, is more precise in word meanings. This may be one of the very reasons why Yahweh has allowed us to have the majority of the New Testament presented in the Greek language today.

But the fact remains that the false idea of Paul describing woman’s hair being her covering is not correct, because he says it’s a shame for a man’s head to be cov-

ered. If he had meant that a woman’s hair is her covering, then he’s instructing men to have their heads shaved of all their hair.

Proper Headship

The arguments given by Paul for head coverings is the headship order, creation/nature, and angels. None of these reasons are for the social customs of the time.

In all of this, it needs to be made clear that when talking about head coverings, we are talking about just that. It can be a veil, but not for the face. It can be a hat, but it should be in good taste. Not the kind of immodest hats we saw at the last



royal wedding in England a short time back.

And while appropriate for prayer, Bible study, or regular Sabbath services, Paul’s wording doesn’t tell the women to wear their head coverings all the time, but just for the times that are associated with worship or prayer, and certainly this would be a proper thing to do at a Bible study, also.

If men want to wear hats outside of worship, that’s fine. Paul points out though, it is not proper for the men to do so among the brethren while in worship. Men are not to wear the wrong tradition of the prayer shawl over their head in worship or in prayer and the same goes for any type of hat or cap

that would cover their head. (See our mini-study on *Yarmulke: Men’s Headcovering.*)

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YARMULKE Men’s Headcovering

The Jews today customarily wear a small beanie-type headcovering in their worship. Some Jewish or Messianic groups have also adopted this custom, which is contrary to Paul’s writings. Ignoring 1 Corinthians chapter 11, some writers actually wrench from Scripture the opposite of what Yahweh intended. Their interpretation sets truth aside to accept or establish a false doctrine. Let us examine 1 Corinthians chapter eleven to learn the heart of the matter. Female worshipers are told to wear a veil and men in worship are admonished to be bareheaded.

We know that Jews will not allow anyone to come into the synagogue unless the visitor wears a skullcap known as a yarmulke or kephah. A man cannot visit the Wailing Wall at Jerusalem without a headcovering. Today in Israel’s holy places or shrines all visiting males must wear a covering on their heads. So pervasive is this practice that attendants will place a small round paper cap on a male visitor’s uncovered head.

We will examine an article which attempts to justify a man’s wearing a covering on his head. By quoting certain verses wrenched from Scripture, supposed proof is established. Known among Bible students as “proof-texting,” most of the verses thus supplied have no relevance to the issue at hand. We will examine the remarks of at least one author and show the error of his conclusions.

HIGH PRIESTS AND MOURNING

Given as an example that David wore a yarmulke in worship is 2 Samuel 15:30: “And David sent up by the ascent of Mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had

In fact, there are a number of areas in Scripture that the men put head coverings on when they were in mourning. King David did so when his son Absalom came against him. Not only was the king in mourning, but also his men, and they covered their heads in shame and disgrace, just like the Apostle Paul said concerning men wearing head coverings. Coincidence? Not at all.

There are good and bad traditions today concerning head coverings. The ones that are outside of Yahweh’s will are the bad traditions, the ones inside are good.

Elder David Brett

Fundamentals of Faith

A Synopsis of The Tenets of Yahweh's Assembly In Yahshua As Found In Yahweh's Word

We find the following to be true according to Yahweh's inspired Word, the faith once delivered to the saints, and we must seek to prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

The Bible

The Bible is inspired of Yahweh and reveals knowledge which man could not learn by himself. We are to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh. All Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments, is given by inspiration of Yahweh and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness. The Bible is His truth and is of no private interpretation, and we must neither add to nor take away from Scripture.

The Father

The Father is the sole Master Designer of all creation, which was carried out by His Son at the beginning of His creation. The Heavenly Father's name as given in the original inspired Scripture is "Yahweh," and Yahweh is His name forever. His majestic name is exclusive to the entire family of Yahweh. He is the source of all power and authority, and all thanks and reverence is to be directed to Him. Yahweh is spirit, and all worship centers on Him through His Son Yahshua the Messiah.

The Son

"Yahshua" is the correct name of the Savior, a contraction of the combination of "YAHweh" and "HoSHUA," the same as given to Joshua the son of Nun by Moses. Yahshua means "Yahweh is Salvation," for He is the salvation that Yahweh has provided for mankind. We joyfully accept the names revealed by our glorious Heavenly Father Yahweh and His wonderful Son, our Savior Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua is the Spokesman, the Logos or Word (Hebrew, Dabar), Who pre-existed and was with Yahweh the Father. He emptied Himself of His

celestial glory, making Himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a human, a servant, was born of a virgin by the power of Yahweh, and came in His Father's Name, YAH-shua. He lived a sinless life and was resurrected from the dead by the Father after three days and three nights according to the Scriptures, and has now ascended into heaven, sitting on the right hand of Yahweh our Father. He is now our Advocate, our Mediator and High Priest, and through Him only can we approach the Heavenly Father.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit (in Hebrew, Ruach HaQodesh) is the invisible dynamic force, the mind, the power emanating from the Father and shared by the Son. This earnest down payment we receive at baptism is that invisible essence or power which is placed within the believer through the Son, by the laying on of hands of the presbytery following baptism into Yahshua's saving Name and is also the baptism of the Spirit, for it immerses us into the Body of Messiah. Through the power of the Holy Spirit's being placed within us, we demonstrate our love for Yahshua and the Father by joyfully keeping the Law. The Holy Spirit is likened to the wind, a dynamic, invisible force and is not a person. Therefore, we find that the Trinity doctrine is not scriptural but is from paganism.

Baptism

After true repentance, baptism by immersion in water and into the saving Name of Yahshua is a necessary act of consecration, and salvation is in no other name than Yahshua. Baptism is by immersion backwards, one time in water, picturing subjugation and burial of the old carnal nature, arising to serve in newness of life by His Spirit. There is one baptism into the one true saving name of Yahshua, placing us into one Body, uniting the many-membered Body through the Spirit into the one true faith through Yah-

shua.

The Law

Yahweh's grand plan of salvation for mankind is only through His Son Yahshua the Messiah and is revealed through observing Yahweh's holy Sabbaths and Feast Days. The sacrificial blood offerings and ritual laws having to do with Temple worship are now in abeyance, having their fulfillment in Yahshua, the Lamb of Yahweh. Now, our sacrifices are spiritual. Circumcision has always been willing obedience from the heart. It is now possible, through the Holy Spirit residing within, to keep His Commandments through faith in Him.

The Weekly Sabbath

The seventh day of the week (called Saturday) is the day Yahweh

has set apart, and is a memorial of His omnipotent creative power. The Sabbath day is a holy day of rest and points to that greater Millennial rest of salvation. Yahweh freely offers the Sabbath as an opportunity to accept and experience His marvelous creation and redemption. By participating in the Sabbath we express our belief in Yahshua as the Creator and as the Author and Finisher of our Salvation. The Sabbath rest is a symbol of our love, loyalty and commitment to Yahweh. By consecrating a portion of our time that He has designated for our rest and worship, we show our subjection to His will, and recognize His dominion over our life and over the whole creation. A "Sabbath rest" remains for His people, a day of delight and not a day of work.

Passover

The commemoration of the precious sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah is observed annually on the evening (at the beginning) of the 14th of Abib, as the 13th ends, according to the original Passover in Egypt when the death angel came over midnight of the 14th. In humbly partaking of the Passover, we give witness that we accept the shed blood of our loving Savior for our sins. The symbols used are those instituted by Yahshua: eating unleavened bread representative of His broken body and drinking the fruit of the vine, grape juice, as the symbol of His shed blood. Our love for Yahshua and humility among the brethren is also acted out in a footwashing ceremony as directed by our beloved Savior and Redeemer.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

After partaking of the Passover, we strive to live a sin-free life of obedience as we observe the following seven days of Unleavened Bread. Symbolizing the initial step toward righteousness and coming

out of sin, this first day of Unleavened Bread on the 15th of Abib is a time we delight in observing, for this Annual Sabbath begins the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The seventh or last day is also an Annual Sabbath, Abib 21, and pictures the complete coming out of the worldly way of sin and rebellion to follow the righteousness of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. We gladly rid our houses of all leavened products for seven days to remind us of cleansing ourselves of false doctrine which could lead to sin, for by physical acts we learn a spiritual lesson. Unleavened bread is eaten each of these seven days, allowing us to symbolically take in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Pentecost

The day of Pentecost

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YAHWEH'S NAME AT THE END OF THE AGE

His people will know His Name.

SINCE THE EARLY 1930s the sacred Name of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, has been proclaimed in earnest. The earliest Sacred Name pioneers realized that most readers of the Bible were ignorant of Yahweh's great Name. The omission of His Name and substitutes for it can be traced to early Bible translators who followed superstitious Jewish traditions against using the sacred Name Yahweh.

Few translators were conversant in Hebrew, and detested anything Hebrew or Jewish, just as many do today. They could neither read nor speak Hebrew fluently and resorted to the Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint, bypassing the original Hebrew texts.

From the Greek Septuagint was made the Latin version of the Old Testament. From the Latin came our English Bibles.

Septuagint Had Yahweh's Name

The original Greek Septuagint of the Old Testament had Yahweh's Name (known as the Tetragrammaton—meaning four letters) inscribed in gold letters in Hebrew: יהוה. Later copyists, being ignorant of Hebrew, substituted the Greek words Kyrios and Theos with the excuse that if the Tetragrammaton were sacred in the Hebrew, Kyrios and Theos were sacred in the Greek.

The translators of the 1611 English Bible, the highly revered King James "authorized" version, followed the custom of earlier Bible translators in supplanting the sacred Name Yahweh with the

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HOW THE SAVIOR'S NAME WAS CHANGED

Superstition, ignorance, and the dynamics of language led to a change in the Savior's Name, to a name He never had!

THE SAVIOR WAS BORN in Bethlehem of Judea of a Jewish virgin who spoke Hebrew (or perhaps Aramaic), a Semitic dialect. He was born into a society where Hebrew was the common language. The angel Gabriel had announced to Miriam (Mary) the mother that the Child about to be born would save His people Israel from their sins. His Name, therefore, would literally reflect this meaning and mission.

The Bible shows that whenever people were spoken to from On High, it was always to those who were familiar with or spoke the Hebrew language. Hebrew no doubt was spoken in the Garden of Eden. The Bible is a Hebrew book, given to spirit-filled Hebrew writers. The only language spoken for the first 1757 years until the Tower of Babel incident was Hebrew. We must conclude, therefore, that Hebrew is the heavenly language.

Genesis 10:30 reveals that the tribes of Shem did not join the project at the plains of Shinar (Genesis 11:2) where the tower of Babel was built. According to Genesis 10, they dwelled at Meshah, in the foothills of Mount Sephar. Their Hebrew language was not changed.

With all those facts before us, we must ask, why do our Bibles call the Savior by the name *Jesus* which is neither Jewish nor Hebrew? *Jesus* has no translation in any language.

Why would a Jewish maiden, whose native tongue was Hebrew, living in a Jewish community of Hebrews, who had been addressed by the celestial messenger Gabriel, give her newborn a hybrid Latin-

(Shavuoth), or Feast of Weeks, is an Annual Sabbath day and the third Annual Sabbath. It is a very special convocation and is counted from the day after the weekly Sabbath that falls during the days of Unleavened Bread. Seven Sabbaths, seven complete weeks, are counted, bringing us to the day after the weekly Sabbath known as Sunday or the first day of the week. It is observed as a memorial of the day Yahweh made the covenant with Israel at Sinai. It is also the day that Yahshua promised He would endow His Assembly with power from on High, which was fulfilled when Yahweh's Holy Spirit was sent on Pentecost to this earth to abide with His people forever. Pentecost, or Feast of Firstfruits, points to the initial harvest of souls, a kind of firstfruits unto Yahweh.

Day of Trumpets

We eagerly look for the return of Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior, for when He returns at the sound of the last trumpet and voice of the archangel, we shall receive our reward. The Day of Trumpets is the fourth Annual Sabbath and begins the seventh Scriptural month. It is a holy convocation, reminding us to keep our minds on heavenly things so that we rejoice upon the return of our Savior at the last trump. A blowing of Trumpets reminds us of this signal calling Israel to assemble, to prepare for journeying and an alarm for war.

Day of Atonement

The Day of Atonement points to Yahshua's having made the Atonement for us. Having been reconciled through Yahshua, we joyfully tell

others of His glorious work. As the ninth day of this seventh month ends at sunset and a new day begins, we neither eat nor drink for 24 hours until sunset of the tenth, which ends the day. We are reminded how human and carnal we are and how needful we are of the Atoning Sacrifice of Yahshua. We also look forward to the destruction of Satan and the world's being at one with Yahshua and our Heavenly Father. Atonement is the fifth Annual Sabbath and also brings in the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. Historically, it is the holiest day of the year. The Sabbatical-Jubilee cycle is also indicative of Yahweh's plan of redemption in entering His "rest."

Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles shows the righteous one-thousand-year reign of our soon-coming King Yahshua. A time of peace, prosperity and happiness shall prevail when Yahshua rules, putting into effect the laws of His Father Yahweh, which are especially studied during the Feast of Tabernacles, showing our faith in Yahweh's eventual sovereignty over the entire earth. A commanded Assembly where Yahweh has placed His name, the

Feast of Tabernacles is observed seven days starting on the 15th day of the seventh month (Tishri 15 through 21). This first day of the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles is the sixth Annual Sabbath. The Feast of Tabernacles lasts seven days, plus the Last Great Day, which Yahshua the Messiah observed, making it an eight-day celebration.

The Last Great Day

The final culmination of the plan of Yahweh is completed in the great harvest of all humans who have ever lived, and the eternal judgment of Yahweh is performed. Known as the White Throne Judgment, it is prefigured as the eighth day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the seventh Annual Sabbath and is called the Last Great Day. It is the time of Yahweh's ultimate salvation. It is then that a new heaven and earth will be enjoyed.

New Moon

The scriptural months are delineated by the appearance of the thin crescent of the visible new moon. Scripture indicates that the new moon days will begin from the actual area where the new moon is spotted for that particular month.

The Scriptural day begins and ends with sunset. New moons will be kept in the Kingdom.

Sin

Sin is the transgression (the breaking) of Yahweh's law, and without law there can be no sin. All have sinned and come short of the glory of Yahweh. The penalty of sin is

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death. Death is a sleep, returning to dust.

Redemption

Since all have sinned and earned the penalty of death, it is now necessary to repent; that is, to be sorry for the past way of life in breaking Yahweh's Holy Law and now to change to a way of obedience, following the exemplary life of Yahshua the Messiah. In order to be free from the curse of the law, which is death, we must accept the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah as payment for our sins. He is our Advocate and Mediator.

Sanctification

Having been cleansed and made separate by the faith of Yahshua, we believe it is important to be clean inside as well as out. Our

body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and we joyfully adhere to the law of clean meats. This is an object lesson in holiness, teaching us the difference between the clean and unclean, the holy and unholy. We are what we think, and we must discipline ourselves to be selective in what we allow to saturate our mind, such as in reading, time with TV, radio, friends and associates. We are to eat clean, think clean, live clean, be clean and holy before Yahweh. We are to be an example to the world and be sanctified before Yahweh.

Anointing

Yahshua's perfect sacrifice has made it possible for us to be healed of our illnesses. Through the anointing of the sick by the Elders of the assembly in the name of Yahshua and Yahweh, the healing of our afflictions is possible by turning to Yahweh first in prayer, relying on Him and His guidance.

Tithing

It is a blessing to be able to honor Yahweh with our substance and an act of worship to support the work of Yahweh with our tithes and offerings. A tithe is 10 per cent of our income. Yahweh in His wisdom has also provided a second tithe to insure us sufficient funds to participate in and enjoy His Feast Days. It is more blessed to give than to receive and we cheerfully give, knowing that Yahweh is generous and will take care of all our needs.

The Adversary

Satan is a spirit being, and was the anointed cherub called Lucifer. His pride was lifted up and he was cast out of heaven. The Devil is the adversary of Yahweh and His people and will eventually be destroyed. Satan is attempting to thwart the setting up of Yahweh's Kingdom. Through Yahweh's help we can resist the Devil and he will

flee from us.

Mortality

The dead are unconscious in their graves in the sleep of death awaiting the resurrection. Immortality is something we seek and is made available through the work of Yahshua the Messiah. Only Yahweh has immortality. Humans do not have an immortal soul. Souls can die.

The Body of Believers

Yahshua Messiah is the foundation and cornerstone of His Body – the ekklesia, the Assembly – consisting of the called-out Body of believers since Pentecost, who have accepted the sacrifice of our beloved Savior and changed their lives according to Yahweh's word. Through this body of believ-

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**Never Let It Be Said,
You Have Robbed Yahweh!**
— The tithing principle for today —

A letter reached our office recently requesting some of our mini-studies. The solicitation ended with the words, "Send them if they are free." The implication was, if they are not free then don't send them.

Our ministudies explain the teachings of Yahweh. Among this person's requests was a study on proper baptism into Yahshua's Name — a priceless truth that is central to salvation itself. Rather than "free," this information is invaluable. It is precious. Yet the nature of the request revealed how little value was actually placed on it.

Obviously, publications, tapes, and even ministerial trips don't just happen without many sharing the burden of the expense. Nothing that is produced comes without cost. Someone must bear the expense of materials, labor, and distribution even when they are provided free of charge.

'Free' Truth?

The salvation that comes through Yahshua was purchased at the highest possible price — the very life of the Son of Yahweh. Even the Word of Yahweh has come to us at the highest of costs. Countless saints down through history have suffered torture and even death to pass on the truth given ultimately to us, including the Scriptures themselves. We have the Bible today because zealous, totally devoted people paid with their very lives to preserve it!

Some do not esteem the truth of the Word as highly as others, even though their very salvation hinges on it. In contrast, Yahshua spoke of a merchant who, in dealing in pearls, found a special one and sold all he had — including all other pearls — in order to

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**Do You Have an
Immortal Soul?**

Churchianity in general teaches that the real you, the real person, is living in a fleshly, temporal body. Our fleshly body is likened to a container of sorts that is embalmed at death and buried in the ground while the real person, the real you, is invisible, having wafted off to heaven — or maybe to an ever-burning hellfire. This ethereal something is referred to as the "soul".

"His soul has departed from the body and is now in heaven with the Lord" is a popular summation of death at many funerals. Often the eulogy alludes to whatever attributes of the deceased are suitable, and concludes by noting that the dead person is actually more alive than ever without the body. The person's body is about to be put in the ground to await the resurrection to heaven, but the soul is already there according to the popular belief.

No Immortal Soul in Scripture

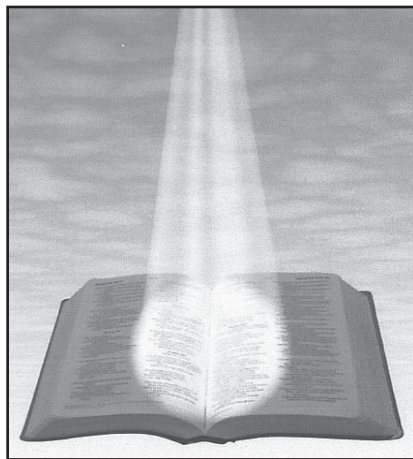
Yahweh's Word presents an entirely different picture of the "soul." Try to find the expression "immortal soul" anywhere in the Bible. It is not there! Nowhere does the Bible declare that the soul or body is naturally immortal. In fact, the opposite is true. Souls can be destroyed. The body is not the soul, because Yahshua said Yahweh is able to destroy both body AND soul:

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," Matt. 10:28.

ers the training and preparation for the coming Kingdom is being carried out. It is in the ekklesia that the spiritual gifts are exercised for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the Body of Messiah. The Assembly is where the spiritual fruits are manifested, and our relationship to the members of the Body of Messiah is likened to that of Yahshua Himself.

In accordance with the established custom of the early assembly dating as far back as the Apostle Paul, the sisters of the Assembly are to wear a headcovering on their heads during worship. Paul cites his reasons for this custom. Yahweh is the Head of everything, including Yahshua.

Following in the footsteps of Yahshua the Messiah may also include the physical aspect of wear-



ing a beard. While not mandatory, a beard was a part of the Savior's makeup, and Israelites were expected to have a beard, but not a pointed one. Beards are an individual preference.

Yahshua is now our High Priest and symbolically wears a miter of that office. On earth, man reflects Yahweh's glory and stands bare-headed before Him. Woman, on the other hand, is the glory of man and therefore is to have her head covered or veiled. The angelic throng is witnessing mankind's activity. Man is to be the head of the family and love his wife as Yahshua does the Assembly.

Repentance, baptism into Yahshua's name, and the receiving of the Holy Spirit are the steps in becoming a member of the Body of the Messiah. A life of growth in knowledge and grace in Yahshua, each working out his own salvation in fear and trembling, and obedience to the royal law which shows true conversion is expected of us all.

Love

We are to be good examples of the living faith that we profess. Our example is that of Yahshua the Messiah Whom we strive to emulate in love, honesty, humility, faith, hope, patience and reverence.

Love is the key attribute we strive to maintain in our homes, in our Assemblies, and in our com-

munity. Love is an unselfish, outgoing consideration for others. Love should be seen among the brethren wherever they are, for it is the truest sign of Yahweh's people.

We believe that salvation is freely offered to all mankind. Yahweh is the Creator of all nations and has made His house a house of prayer for all people. The love of Yahweh manifested in the sacrifice of His Son Yahshua the Messiah is available to all who will come. We show our love to Him by keeping all His Commandments.

Conclusion

Each member shall recognize this as a basic summary of the sound doctrines proclaimed by the Inspired Scriptures.

Elder John Fisher

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Love

How it Fulfills the Law

Are the Ten Commandments replaced by love? Did the Messiah come to teach that we no longer have to obey the Ten Commandments, but merely show love in our life? Did He do away with the Ten Commandments? What does the New Testament teach on this pivotal subject?

The visitor seemed amused that we should be teaching anything about the Ten Commandments. "Don't you know the laws were done away at the cross?" he asked incredulously. "They were only for the Jews anyway, and we are under grace."

Then he added, "If you believe in the New Testament, then you must preach love, for the Savior did away with the law and said we are to love the Father and our neighbor and on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets," he beamed.

Perhaps you have been told this same thing by well-meaning people who feel enlightened, not obligated to obey anything in the Old Testament, sincerely believing that they are not burdened by any law. Their interest is in the New Testament only and they emphasize the grace and love of our Savior.

The Meaning of Love

The source of love is from our Heavenly Father Yahweh who "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)

John declares that Yahweh is the source of all love, and also writes: "He that loves not knows not Yahweh; for Yahweh is love." (1 John 4:8)

Two distinct words for love appear in the Bible. The Greek word *phileo* means "to have ardent affection

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BAPTISM'S DEEPER MEANING

Baptism is undoubtedly the most important decision one can make on this earth. Because our future is determined by it, we should be alert to all its conditions and significance. In the following study we will seek a deeper meaning of baptism according to Yahweh's word. We should comprehend what baptism accomplishes and seek to ensure our baptism is approved by Yahweh. Furthermore, we should know what to expect upon being baptized, for it is the foundation-stone of the promised salvation given us through our Savior Yahshua.

From time to time we all have realized how far we have fallen from the high expectations of Yahweh's word, and felt we were the lost generation much like those Peter was preaching to. When the Jews in Acts chapter two realized it was their sins which put the Savior to death, they asked, "What can we do?"

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye 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." (Acts 2:38-39 AV)

BAPTISM IN THE ONLY NAME

Most baptisms done throughout churchianity are done according to Matthew 28:19, "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." However, not one of these is a name, but only a title. There are many "fathers" on this earth, and all of us have a human father. Fathers are also sons, as are all males. The Holy Spirit is the power emanating from Yahweh, and shared by the Son. A number of scholars believe this verse is spurious, including the Catholic Jerusalem Bible. (For a deeper study of this verse, request your copy of our mini-study, "Trinitarian Baptism And Matthew 28:19.")

Mystery Makes Perfect Sense

What Is The Mystery?

Most of those in churchianity believe that we are right now being given our only opportunity for salvation. Their goal is to help save the world's population through the Savior Yahshua. From time to time we learn some dedicated Bible believers tell how they were able to proclaim Yahweh's truth to someone just before he left the land of the living. Their concept seems to be that simply knowing the true names of Yahweh and His Son Yahshua or just believing He exists will put one in good standing with Saint Peter or in the coming resurrection.

There are many Bible truths we can know and understand but most of churchianity does not grasp or understand. Comprehending a simple truth often is difficult for them to believe. Take as an example the following statement: "Yahweh is not desperately trying to save the entire world now." Paul referred to this program as a "mystery."

It is a mystery to many that Yahweh continues His calling out of a special group of believers as He has down through history. It all began with Abraham and continues until the final "living stone" has been called, chosen and made ready. These will be the first-fruits who will be raised to spirit beings in the first resurrection,

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of Yahweh and of the Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years, Rev. 20:6.

The Apostle Paul frequently refers to this program of Yahweh's as a "mystery."

Who Are Today's Majority?

If Yahweh's goal was to save as many as possible from the clutches of the devil, it is clear He is losing the race, for there are more sinners in the world today than ever. In trying to explain this, we are often told: "Others have just as much opportunity as we do, for they can hear the same mes-

sage." The Bible does not tell us that everyone has an equal chance for salvation today. Yahshua Himself said He deliberately clouded the minds of some who, because of His love for the human race, He did not want these to understand or learn from Him. Is today's majority the Silent Majority, or should they be called the Ignorant Majority? More on this later.

Yahshua often spoke to the people and many neither comprehended His message nor understood what He meant, for He spoke to them in parables so they would not understand. It is not uncommon to have TV and radio evangelists allege the Savior spoke to us in parables to make His message more sure, clear and important. NOT true! Yahshua spoke in parables to confuse those skeptics who reject His message of truth:

And the disciples came, and said unto Him, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" He answered and said unto them, "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, 'By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: for this people's heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with [their] eyes, and hear with [their] ears, and should understand with [their] heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them,'" Matt. 13:10-15 AV.

Seek Yahweh's Truth

You and I can learn the deeper truth of Yahshua's words if we seek the truth and follow by putting into practice that which we have learned so that we may be like Him in all things. As the days and years go by

we often look back at our life and wonder where the time has gone. We continue seeking Yahweh's truth, realizing there is more to our present existence than the physical realm. We want to follow in the footsteps of the Savior and seek His higher plane of living, for we understand He promises there is a greater purpose in life that most readers ignorantly overlook and fail to grasp:

But blessed [are] your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, "That many prophets and righteous [men] have desired to see [those things] which ye see, and have not seen [them]; and to hear [those things] which ye hear, and have not heard [them]," Matt. 13:16-17 AV.

Oh, To Be Called And Chosen

We are given deeper understanding when we are called and chosen by Yahshua as were the Apostles who accepted the challenge to be worthy of that call to become a chosen vessel: a follower of Yahshua. We also search the Scriptures to find the deeper spiritual understanding of Yahweh's promises. The Bible has given us a deeper spiritual meaning through Messiah. Yahweh is calling a few today to become a cadre of inspired personnel to finish the work so Yahshua can return...

For many are called, but few [are] chosen, Matt. 22:14 AV.

Oh, To Desire To Learn

If you have a sincere hunger for the word and want to learn more of the deeper things of the Scriptures, there is no doubt that you are being called to attain a special position and responsibility in the coming Kingdom under Yahshua! The fact you are reading this article indicates you have a special

interest in what the Bible really has to say! You did not come up with this desire to learn more of Yahweh through His word by yourself. You were drawn by Yahweh's Holy Spirit!

But, as it is written,

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Elohim hath prepared for them that love Him. But Yahweh hath revealed [them] unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Yahweh, 1Cor. 2:9-10 AV.

Aim To Be Without Blame

Most of us can recall having aversions to ideas and events which are not proper or good, and we continue our attempt to avoid

us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, Eph. 1:4 AV.

The calling you now have is not just happenstance. Yahweh calls those in our generation who qualify for the task He has prepared for this age. The calling is by Yahweh the Father of those He knows have the where-with-al to fill the high calling open to them. It is difficult for some to believe that their calling was planned years and years ago. Yet, here we are studying the Scriptures with a whole new and deeper perception! Each one is called to be part of much bigger program than ever even considered before:

But we are bound to give thanks always to Yahweh for you, brethren beloved of Him, because He hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, 2 Thess. 2:13 AV.

Be An Example To The World

Yahweh continues His selection of candidates to become teachers and carry out the Melchisedec priesthood under the Messiah. These will be given the task of teaching and guiding others in the Kingdom much like the apostles under Yahshua's guidance and tutoring. Yahweh gave us life to spend and not to keep. There

are those who always think first of their own profit, ease, comfort, and security, but are losing life all the time. Those who spend their lives for others, forgetting health, wealth, and comfort will gain great rewards in the Kingdom.

We are to be an example to the world even now because we are presently in training for the work and calling we will have in the Kingdom. History reveals Yahweh has been calling certain ones to walk on higher ground, and it all began with Abraham.



them. Risqué jokes are an example of things we should avoid and not be a participant. We find ourselves becoming more serious about life and the purpose for which we are alive. Whether we make the change over a long period of time, or a sudden turnabout, it is evident Yahweh's Spirit is calling many today. We pray you have answered your call to be a child of the King and now realize your life has a greater purpose that you never considered before!

According as He hath chosen

But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, 1 Pet. 2:9 AV.

We who have committed our future to be with Yahshua can expect to be the first to suffer the attacks by Satan and his henchmen. Satan will battle furiously because he now realizes Yahshua is soon returning to earth to put down all rebellion and opposition. A greater number will not understand the Deceiver will strive to convince the world his program is the right one and will betray many.

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Sovereign of rulers, and King of kings: and they that are with Him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful, Rev. 17:14 AV.

Desire To Be The Standard Bearer

In each generation Yahweh has those He calls to be His standard bearer, to His way of life. Yahshua chooses those He wants to be His followers. Many scholars feel that this calling out a special people to comprehend and live His way began with Abraham in Genesis 12. The Scriptures follow closely the progeny of Abraham, especially Isaac and Jacob's line which take up the entire chapters and book of Genesis.

The people called Israel were brought out of Egypt (which is a type of the world). We are to live in the world but not to be a part of the world, nor are we to take up the world's customs and habits. The calling continues today, as we study Yahweh's Word to incorporate His

spiritual lessons into our life. When the final one is chosen to fill out the spiritual Temple, then Yahshua can come, 1 Peter 2:1-10.

So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen, Matt. 20:16 AV.

The Mystery Begins

The final two verses ending chapter 11 of Hebrews have been



a mystery for many. They did not realize the resurrection was unclear to those in the Old Testament. We are blessed above measure to be living in the times of the New Testament. We have the words of Yahshua the Savior and the evangelists of Paul and Peter and John. We are to have part in the program in helping to perfect others:

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: Elohim having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect, Heb. 11:39-40 AV.

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac (Genesis 22) for he knew Yahweh would resurrect Isaac (verse 5). Ezekiel writes of the resurrection of dry bones and bringing them back to life, chapter 37. Job believed in a resurrection,

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see Yahweh, Job 19:26.

The Old Testament is not clear in explaining Yahweh's Set-apart (Holy) Spirit is given us in measure (earnest down payment). It was not until Yahshua paid the price for redemption of the world that the Spirit was allowed to remain on earth.

We Are Given A Measure

A portion of the Spirit is given us following baptism (Acts 19:2-6) to see what we will do with it. We are told not to quench the Spirit, but to elevate our thinking and seek spiritual truth. The indwelling Spirit needs to be nurtured and our fleshly, carnal desires restrained. Yahshua brought the Holy Spirit to earth on Pentecost and remains here even now. The Holy Set-apart Spirit was given to certain people in the Old Testament for a purpose, and then

taken away when completed. Now the Spirit is here to stay! Apostles John and Peter elaborated on the glory and power of Yahweh's Spirit in giving us eternal life.

Mystery Revealed

Paul reveals that the mystery of the first resurrection will be the change from physical bodies to spiritual bodies when Yahshua returns. Paul also includes in his teaching that believing Gentiles will be accepted in Yahweh's promise made to Israel if Gentiles accept and follow Yahshua. Paul became the Apostle to the Gentiles as Peter was to the Jews:

[Even] the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: to whom Elohim would make known what [is] the

riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory, Col. 1:26-27 AV.

The ancient worthies did not have as clear an understanding as we have today. Very few Bible readers today linger over 1 Corinthians chapter 15 which gives a detailed account of Yahweh's plan of redemption. Those born after Yahshua's resurrection are indeed more blessed with opportunities of understanding beyond those who once were teachers. The New Testament reveals and clarifies much that puzzles us today:

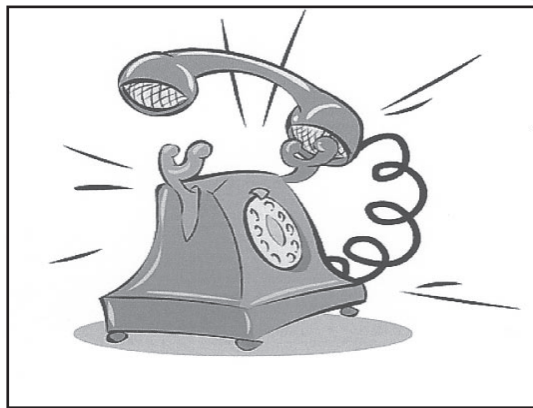
Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my evangel, and the preaching of Yahshua Messiah, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, Rom. 16:25 AV.

Yahshua gives credit to the Father and thanks Him for His prudence in hiding deeper truth from those who might not cherish the fuller depth of new revelation. Deeper truth is withheld from those who are not handling truth wisely, but is revealed to those who have ears to hear and believe and act on His word. Not everyone will understand the deeper mysteries that Yahshua reveals to us. It is through Yahshua we come to a deeper comprehension of Yahweh's program for mankind.

At that time Yahshua answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Sovereign of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight. 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 whomsoever the Son will reveal [Him], Matt. 11:25-27 AV.

Simon Peter's understanding was through Yahweh's Spirit. We cannot fathom or come to an understanding of Yahweh's truth by ourselves. A soft and compliant heart is required to grasp the deeper truths of His word. Not everyone will humbly seek the blessed truth and follow it. Yahweh allows certain ones to grasp the true meaning and sense of His truth,

And Yahshua answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven, Matt. 16:17 AV.



Have You Been Called?

Throughout the New Testament are reminders that we in the New Testament are called by Yahweh to represent Him and learn of His ways. There should be no question about whether Yahweh has His hand on your shoulder and is calling you to have a part in His program to represent Him and teach others who have ears to hear! It makes no difference whether you are an Israelite born or a Gentile seeking truth, we all want Yahshua as our Redeemer!

You, as one who values Bible truth, know there is more to Yahweh's master plan for those who seek Him and have accepted His Son, Yahshua. In our wildest dreams we cannot fathom the

things Yahweh has prepared for those that love Him (1 Cor. 2:9). Our mind collapses in trying to comprehend the things Yahweh has prepared for us now and in the world to come.

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in, Rom. 11:25 AV.

The fullness of our present life depends upon the value we place on promises of a future time to come. We learn of the Bible's characters presented to us with complete candor. Their human frailties and weaknesses show they were not all perfect before Yahweh, but overcame and are faithful representatives and our example:

But we speak the wisdom of Elohim in a mystery, [even] the hidden [wisdom], which Elohim ordained before the world unto our glory, 1 Cor. 2:7 AV.

Answer The Call

We in the New Testament era are blessed above measure. We have the Dead Sea Scrolls plus a growing number of proofs that the Bible has all the attention needed for our salvation. Computerized Bibles and Bible Helps bring us to an understanding not seen or clearly available in the Old Testament:

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Messiah, and stewards of the mysteries of Elohim, 1 Cor. 4:1 AV.

May Yahweh's Spirit move you, our dear reader, to consider the opportunity that awaits those who answer the call and are chosen by Yahshua to be a First-fruit in the coming Kingdom.

**Elder Donald R. Mansager
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And The Art of Lying Is Born

John Lintz had just finished a year's study in London, England, and was looking forward to going home to Denver. This was the first time he had been away from home for such a long duration and he was eagerly awaiting the trip to the airport for the flight home. His family had always been close-knit.

His warm thoughts of being happily reunited with his family were interrupted by the ring of the phone. At first he thought it must be one of his friends calling to wish him a bon voyage. But it was his brother long distance. Their father had just been in a fatal accident.

What had begun as a joyous day for John had turned into a traumatic one. He was overcome with grief. "How could such a thing happen?" His father was law-abiding and followed Scriptures as best he could. Why did such a thing have to happen? Agony overcame John as he realized he would never see his father alive again.

Even though the events depicted here are fictitious, they nevertheless occur regularly in everyday life. Whether death comes suddenly to someone we know or is the result of a long illness, death is always a sorrowful event.

When death of a loved one occurs, our human frailty and shortcomings seem to take over. It is a natural human characteristic to fight for self-preservation. When someone dies, that fight is lost. Those who knew the deceased are saddened at the thought of the loss.

The Breath of Life

Medical personnel say that the closest one is to death is at the time of one's birth. How fragile a time this is. A newborn baby, with umbilical cord cut, must learn to rely solely on its own organs to function properly. If one thing goes wrong, the infant's life is in danger.

The same situation faced Adam and Eve which tells of how they came into existence:

And Yahweh formed man of the dust of the

ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul, Gen. 2:7.

Before that time man was not alive. The chemical elements that make up a human body can be found in nature and man marvels at how wondrously Yahweh has made his body to function properly out of chemical mixtures.

At the very time of birth the process of dying begins to take place. When a body is young and growing its cells are produced at a rapid rate, but the cells also age and die. Our biological clock keeps ticking away.

When the doctor first slapped us, if we needed to be slapped, we gasped for that first breath of air. If we hadn't gotten it, we would have died.

This breath of life is a vital part of our existence. Without it we would no longer be a "LIVING SOUL." This breath of life comes from Yahweh, as Strong's Exhaustive Concordance shows. This breath of life - our breath of life - belongs to Yahweh because Scripture says it returns to Him when we die:

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit [Hebrew ruach, "breath, force of life"] shall return unto Elohim Who gave it, Eccl. 12:7.

Numbers 27:16 says that Yahweh is the Elohim of the spirits [*ruach*] of all flesh.

A Living Soul

Bakers making a cake take certain ingredients and mix them in the proper proportion to produce a delicious product. The final product is more than the sum of its ingredients.

When man became a living soul, the two necessary and vital ingredients were a body and the breath of life. The end product is much more than a physical body because a body, by itself, is not a living soul; it needs that "magical" element, the breath of life.

A light bulb, by itself, is just glass and wire. But when a current is passed through it, it becomes a light capable of producing energy. The end product

is, indeed, much more.

So it is with man. When man becomes a living soul, he has thoughts, desires, and emotions. These characteristics and more are part of a living, breathing human being.

Genesis 2:7 says that after man was created, he became a living soul. The word translated soul is the Hebrew *nephesh*. “Strong’s Concordance” says *nephesh* means a breathing creature. It is used some 754 times in the Old Testament where it refers not only to man but also to the lower animals. (See Gen. 1:21 and 24, where it refers to every living creature, in the sea, on the land and in the air.)

Nothing about *nephesh* – soul – indicates or implies immortality. These lower animals require nourishment as man does. They can think as man can, but on a much simpler level. The difference is that man was made in the image of his Creator, Genesis 1:26-27.

The Greek word for soul, *psuche*, parallels the Hebrew word *nephesh* in meaning. It basically means breath or a living being. No Biblical Greek writers use this same word, *psuche*, when referring to all animals. It signifies a living creature, animal or man – not an immortal entity of man.

The First Lie Ever Told

In the first few chapters of Genesis we are told the story of the creation. In chapters 2 and 3 we read that the Garden of Eden contained two very important trees: the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life. Both were pleasing to the eye and had good food, Genesis 2:9.

In Genesis 2:17, however, the first human beings, Adam and Eve, were told not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, “for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.” In Hebrew this means “dying you shall die.”

In other words, the slow process of death would take over and

they would eventually die in time.

Parents, have you ever instructed your children not to do something? What usually happens? The child does it anyway because it is a natural human characteristic to find out the consequences. The same thing was true of Adam and Eve.

Satan, as the great deceiver, fooled mankind from the beginning into believing lies. Adam and Eve were instructed not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In Genesis 3:4 we read of Satan’s telling Eve, “You shall not surely die.” In Hebrew, this means “dying you shall not die.” This was a complete contradiction and a perverse lie.

Removal from Eden and Life

Believing that Satan’s lie was not a lie, Adam and Eve partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Because of this disobedience to Yahweh’s commandment, Adam and Eve knew that they were naked. They knew the difference between good and evil:

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons, Genesis 3:7.

Because of their defiance of Yahweh’s commandment, Yahweh had to forcibly remove them from the Garden of Eden. Why? So Adam and Eve could not partake of the tree of life and live forever,

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, Genesis 3:22.

Because of this disobedience to Yahweh’s commandment, Yahweh also placed a heavy burden on the first humans, and on us, as we read in Genesis 3.

We read in Genesis 3:23-24 of

what Yahweh did to prevent man from eating from the tree of life:

Therefore Yahweh Elohim sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

We now see the consequences of the first sin. Man was sent from the Garden of Eden so he could not eat of the tree of life and live forever.

The phrase, “to keep the way of the tree of life” means to preserve it for a future time. That future time can be found in Rev. 22:2 and 14:

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations... 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.

Because of man’s original sin, we are all destined to die a physical death unless we are alive when Yahshua returns to claim His own,

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Yahweh; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality, 1 Cor. 15:50-53.

In Ecclesiastes 3:2 we are told that there is a time to be born and a time to die. Each of us must consider dying. We have no options concerning death. Death is inevitable. Paul wrote in Hebrew 9:27,

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

We are all destined to die a physical death.

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? (Ps. 89:48.)

Innate Immortality a Superstition

Life begins at conception. This life causes our heart to beat and to circulate blood throughout our system, providing nourishment to cells and removing impurities. But when we die, this life is removed and the flow of blood ceases.

Because blood is so essential to sustaining life, we are forbidden to eat or drink of it. In Lev. 17: 11 and 14, we read that the “life of the flesh is in the blood.” And when a man dies, he must relinquish the breath of life given at birth:

But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the spirit [breath of life], and where is he? (Job 14:10.)

So, the big question now, as Job 14:10 reads, is: Where is man when he dies? Man has misunderstood and misconstrued the answer to this question, as is seen in many mythological deities and modern-day religious beliefs. The Greeks and the Scandinavians, as well as the American Indians, all have their own pagan notions as to what happens to a person upon death and beyond.

Some modern-day religions teach of a place the dead go to where they remain so those that are alive may, through prayers, supplication, and good deeds, cause the dead to become more perfect and, as the result, be allowed to enter heaven.

Scriptures will bear out that this is the result of Satan’s lie, “You shall not surely die,” Genesis 3:4.

Mankind shares one thing with all members of the animal kingdom – the breath of life:

For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again, Eccl. 3:19-20.

What happens to the “breath of life” of a man at death?

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit [ruach] shall return unto Elohim Who gave it, Eccl. 12:7.

In Luke 8:49-56, Yahshua overheard someone saying that a woman was dead. After He went into the house where this dead woman was and said, “Maid arise,” we read that this woman’s spirit [pneuma] returned again and she arose. Without the spirit she was dead, but with it she was alive. Her “soul” was not hovering above, watching what was happening.

As we have seen, when the body and the breath were combined, man became a living soul. When one dies, that breath is removed and it returns unto Elohim. The body and the spirit (breath) are separate entities and the body without the spirit is dead.

Dust We Are

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also, James 2:26.

This spirit (breath) is that force which allows us to become and remain living beings. Without it we are dead. What happens when this spirit is removed? Psalm 104:29 says it well:

Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled. Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

The Hebrew word *sheol* means grave, but translators translated it “hell” in many places. All living things, when they die, go to the grave:

They shall lie down alike in the

dust, and the worms shall cover them, Job 21:26.

All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust, Job 34:15.

How Dead Is Dead?

That spirit of life – the breath of life – given to us when we are born, causes the body to become a separate, living soul, as Genesis 2:7 says. When the spirit is removed at death, all of the body functions cease to work.

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun, Eccl. 9:5-6.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest, Eccl. 9:10.

Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again, 2 Kings 22:20.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish, Ps. 146:4.

There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest, Job 3:17.

In these verses we read that the dead know nothing, have no thoughts, cannot love, hate or show envy. They also cannot work, have no wisdom, nor can they see. Death is also described as a place where the wicked cease from troubling or worrying. Also Hebrews 9:27 states that nothing occurs between death and the judgment:

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

Therefore, the Scriptures plainly

tell us that death must be a state of total unconsciousness, of being completely unaware of what is going on and not being able to do anything about it. All we can expect when we die is to be awakened to be judged. If we were immortal and continued living in some state after death, there would be no need of a resurrection,

And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day, John 6:40.

But, you might ask, what about Lazarus and the rich man or the instance in which the Scriptures indicate that dead people talk?

Lazarus and the Rich Man

The account of Lazarus and the rich man given in Luke 16 is a parable used solely to convey the meaning expressed in verse 31,

And He said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

What is really being said here is that unless we accept the truth, there is no hope.

The accounts in the Scriptures indicating that the dead speak are as symbolic in nature as is the account in Judges 9 where different forms of vegetation speak:

The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, "Reign thou over us." But the olive tree said unto them, "Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour Elohim and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?" And the trees said to the fig tree, "Come thou, and reign over us." But the fig tree said unto them, "Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?" Then said the trees unto the vine, "Come thou, and reign over us." And the vine said unto them, "Should I leave my

wine, which cheereth Elohim and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?" Then said all the trees unto the bramble, "Come thou, and reign over us," Judges 9:8-14.

The story of Lazarus and the rich man does bring out one important fact. Some religions believe in baptism for the dead or in performing righteous acts for the dead so that the dead person's heart can be made pure. Yet, in Luke 16:26 we read that nothing can be done for a dead person to change his final judgment:

And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Thus, when one dies, no one can do anything more for him and the dead cannot do anything more for himself. The dead person's future status cannot be changed by anyone through any means.

Death – Asleep in the Grave

To show further that death brings on a state of complete unconsciousness, look at what Paul says in 1 Thess. 4:13-14:

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yahshua will Yahweh bring with Him.

Job 14:11-12 tells us the same thing:

As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: so man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

The Scriptures say that when death occurs the dead go to the grave and not to heaven or to hell or to a place where their hearts can be made pure. Death brings on a state that parallels unconscious

sleep. And the dead remain asleep until they are resurrected – that time when we shall all receive what we deserve:

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works, Matt. 16:27.

The fact that Yahshua has not yet returned to reward His people is borne out by Hebrews 11:39,

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.

This Scripture indicates that some of our illustrious forefathers, like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, have yet to receive these promises. This Scripture also validates that they are not now in heaven and never were.

Our Future Dead Soul

The lie which Satan presented to Eve, "dying you shall not die," has led to much confusion as to what the Scriptures mean when they speak of the "soul." We have already seen that when the breath of life was put into the body, man became a living soul. We have also seen that when this breath of life is removed from the living soul the soul no longer exists as it did.

Numerous Bible scholars agree that modern-day usage of the word "soul" comes from Greek philosophy – pagan religious thought. The Greek philosopher Plato quoted Socrates as saying:

"The soul (at death)... departs to the invisible world – to the divine and immortal and rational: thither arriving, she lives in bliss and is released from the error and folly of men ... and forever dwells ... in company of the gods." Plato, vol. 2, pp.73, 103.

These ideas conveyed through Socrates are quite opposite to what the Scriptures indicate. In Ezekiel 18:4 we read,

Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine: the soul

that sinneth, it shall die.

Moreover, Yahshua told the disciples in Matthew 10:28,

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Man became a living soul, thus he does not have a soul. Both body and soul can be destroyed in the lake of fire, if we believe the Scriptures.

Death – the Penalty of Sin

More proof that death is like being asleep is found in Hebrews 9:27,

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

Yahweh has given Yahshua the task of judging all mankind:

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.

When we die, time will seem to stand still for us until we are awakened to stand before the judgment seat of Yahshua.

But why dost thou judge [Greek, condemns] thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of the Messiah, Romans 14:10.

At that time we shall receive our reward, everlasting life or everlasting death – spiritual death, forever separated from Yahweh. This we read of in Revelation 20:12-15:

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before Yahweh; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [hades] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell [hades] were cast

into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Immortality Is a Gift

The two words, soul and immortal, do not appear together in the same verse anywhere in the Scriptures. Further, the words immortal and immortality appear only in the New Testament, even though the thought is conveyed by some Old Testament Scriptures. In Luke 12:5 Yahshua reaffirms Yahweh's power concerning the body and soul:

But I will forewarn you Whom ye shall fear: fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell [gehenna]; yea, I say unto you, fear Him.

If the soul be cast into the lake of fire for destruction, how can it be immortal?

All of the Scriptures agree that Yahweh, as the source of life, is not subject to death; hence, He is immortal. Man lost his chance for immortality in the Garden of Eden when he believed Satan's lie and sinned. Because of this the death sentence was passed down unto all mankind. However, Yahweh still wants us to obtain that status. Yahweh therefore sent us His Son.

For the Messiah also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to Yahweh, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit, 1 Peter 3:18.

Just as it was in the beginning for Adam and Eve, to receive immortality requires obedience to His way of life.

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, life everlasting, Rom. 2:7.

Scriptures show that man does not have an immortal soul; he must seek immortality as immortality is a gift from Yahweh. At this time we do have the hope of receiving this gift because of Yahshua's death and resurrection, and look forward

to Yahshua's return:

For Yahshua Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Yahweh: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet Yahshua in the air: and so shall we ever be with Him, 1 Thess. 4:16-17.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Mighty One our Saviour Yahshua Messiah, Titus 2:13.

Immortality is given only to those who are, and who remain, faithful to the end.

Prepare Now, in This Life

Self-preservation is one of man's strongest urges. Humans want to hold onto life as long as possible. And because of man's gullibility, he wants to believe the lie propagated by the father of all liars, Satan, that we have an immortal soul. But if we truly study and believe in the Scriptures, we will know this is not true.

We know that we shall die, but not when. It could happen at any time, even in our sleep. And when we do die, we lose everything. That includes our soul. As Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:7,

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

What we must do at this time is set our lives aright, be in tune with our Heavenly Family and with the words given to us in the Bible. If we do this, and have faith and assurance in the Scriptures, then Mathew 25:21 can be our comfort:

His master said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... enter thou into the joy of your Master."

If we are one of His, Yahweh will resurrect us to everlasting life.

Elder Roger G. Meyer

QUESTION & ANSWER

Q Who baptized the disciples of Yahshua?

A The Disciples were partakers of His body and blood when Yahshua kept the Pass-over with them. There is no Biblical record of the disciples being baptized. Paul was baptized by Ananias. Yahshua's association with the disciples drew them into a closer relationship for they witnessed His impalement and resurrection. Our baptism is to draw us close to Him as we become a part of His body and follow in His steps.

Q Do those who choose to be cremated instead of being buried in a casket lose their salvation just because their physical bodies were destroyed by fire?

A If this is true, then all those who died by fire in buildings or other means would have lost their salvation. This doesn't make sense. Nothing would indicate that Yahweh is not able to resurrect someone from ashes, but from dust only. This would be like saying Yahweh is limited over His physical creation. Therefore, it would not be a problem with someone cremating a relative, if their funds were not available to do otherwise.

Q In Joshua 7:25-26 it states the children of Israel built "a great heap of stones" over the burial site of Achan in the Valley of Achor. Is this witness visible today? The Bible states "unto this day," Joshua 7:26.

A "Unto this day" is generally understood to mean the day the author wrote the account. A cairn of stones was often erected to recall some important event. We are not aware of any archeological evidence this cairn or the "heap of stones" of the gate of Ai being visible today. (Joshua 8:28-29)

Q Isn't the Savior's Name, Y'shua (Yeshua)?

A Concerning the usage of Y'shua with an "eh" instead of an "ah" sound, a recent Biblical Archeological Review magazine said, "Yahweh is a reconstruction of the letters YHWH" (written with English letters) which long term Hebrew linguists believe is the most accurate rendering. This appears to be showing that the "waw" letter is a silent letter in this particular case. We think it is also the case for the Savior's Name (similar to the name of Joshua, son of Nun). The proof is in the New Testament spelling (Semitic texts) with at least three witnesses (spellings which show no emphasis on a "u" in between the "yod" and the "sheen."). The vowel pointing on Yahweh's Name was purposely done to cover the proper pronunciation and there is the hint of that with the Savior's Name with the vowel pointing of the "yod" with a tere (.). It's important to understand that three centuries before, and then centuries after the 1st century, the covering up of Yahweh's Name has been prevalent. The vowel pointing was added sometime after the 9th century of the Common Era, as we understand. Joel 2:32 and Acts 4:12 only makes sense when the short poetic form of Y(ah), not Y(eh), is there. Y'shua (Yahshua) did indeed inherit the Name above all names, as Scripture says, Heb. 1:4; Phil. 2:9.

Q In Acts 2:41, did those 3,000 receive the Holy Spirit?

A Yes! They did get the Holy Spirit as promised. The disciples were to keep these saints ever mindful of Yahshua's promise of the coming Kingdom. Verse 43 says they performed miracles and signs and many people were attentive to their message.



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Sundays, 8:30 pm; Mondays, Wednesdays, 2:00 pm

USA, Missouri, Jefferson City
Jefferson City Access Television, Channel 3
Mondays, 11:30 am; Fridays, 8:30 pm

USA, New Mexico, Albuquerque
Quote...Unquote, Inc., Channel 27
Sundays, 5:00 pm

USA, New Mexico, Los Alamos
Public Access Channel, Channel 8
Check local listings for air times

USA, New York, Fairport
Fairport Area Community Television, Channel 15
Sundays, 10:00 pm

USA, New York, Rotterdam (Upstate New York)
Time Warner Cable, Channel 18
Mondays, 7:30 pm

USA, New York, Schenectady
Schenectady Public Access, Channel 16
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

USA, Oregon, Ashland
Rogue Valley Community Television, Channel 15
Saturdays (Sabbath), 5:00 pm

USA, Oregon, Portland
Portland Community Media
Channel 22 - Tuesdays, 10:00 am
Channel 23 - Saturdays (Sabbath), 8:30 am

USA, Oregon, Salem
CCTV, Channel 23 - Thursdays, 5:00 pm;
Fridays, 1:30 pm; Sundays, 2:30 pm

USA, Oregon, Salem
KPJC 1220 AM (Hebrew Nation Radio*)
Monday thru Fridays, 1:30 am, 12 Noon;
Saturdays (Sabbath), 3:30 am, 12:30 pm;
Sundays, 1:30 am

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