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path, Prov. 23:19 NIV.**

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If You Love Yahweh's Law LIVE IT

Most youngsters, at some time in their youth, are given a Bible. What should they do with it? Too often the case may be (especially in many nominal religions) that they are not instructed in the proper usage of the Bible. This is not to say that they must go through some religious instruction to be shown how to look up Scriptures and memorize them so that at a future date they can use their memory to recite Scripture. Rote memorization shows nothing except that the user has a good memory. Application is the key! Also, mere possession of the Bible in no way implies the proper usage of Yahweh's Word, as is borne out by the quite obvious statistics of lawlessness in our world today.

Possession of the Bible and using it are two different things. But, what is meant by "using the Bible"? Is it enough to read the Bible? In the story of Philip and the eunuch of the queen of Ethiopia (Acts 8:26-31), we find the answer when the eunuch said: "How can I [understand] except some man should guide me?" Reading the Scriptures is not enough. One must understand what he reads in the Scriptures before it can really be meaningful. He must then apply this understanding to his own life.

Is it enough to listen to someone preach from the Bible? Is it enough to be hearers only? No. Hearing, as reading, does not imply personal understanding. Again, application is the key. We must be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, Rom. 2:13 and James 1:22. By doing what the Scriptures say, we shall build upon a foundation which cannot be shaken, Luke 6:47-49. But, by being hearers only, and not doers, the foundation will be like sand so that when some outside force is applied, the sandy foundation will be washed away and one will have nothing to stand on. That firm foundation must be built upon Yahshua, for He is the cornerstone of the foundation, Eph.2:20. If we do what Yahweh desires us to do, then we shall abide forever, John 2:17. What does Yahweh desire us to do? Given the choice between life and death, between blessings and cursings, He wants us to choose life. Everlasting life, Deut. 30:19. By making this choice we must keep His commandments (Matt. 19:17 and Revelation 22:14).

In order to receive the promise of everlasting life, of the everlasting inheritance promised to Abraham, one

must become a member of the body of Yahshua. One must do righteousness, as He is righteous, 1 John 2:29; 3:7. One must follow the examples He set forth, 1 Peter 2:21. One must keep all of Yahweh's commandments as Yahshua did (John 15:10), for all His commandments are righteousness, Psalm 119:172. By keeping His commandments, we show our love to Yahweh and to our neighbor, Rom. 13:9, Matt. 22:37-39 and Lev. 19:18.

The commandments (Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5) are as much for us today as they were for the Old Testament Israelites. In Matt. 5:7, Yahshua tells us: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." Did Yahshua fulfill our requirements of keeping the law by His strict obedience? When John questioned the necessity of baptizing Yahshua (Matt. 3: 14-15), Yahshua answered him by saying: "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." And then He was baptized. Thus, if all righteousness (including Yahweh's commandments — Psalm 119:172) was fulfilled in Yahshua's baptism, why are we told to be baptized in Acts 2:38? When Yahshua fulfilled the law, He abided by the law. He kept all of His Father's commandments, statutes, and judgments for He knew no sin (1 Peter 2:22 and 1 John 3:5). Sin is the breaking of the law (1 John 3:4)! Yahshua's life was a living example for us to follow. Yahshua died for the sins of the whole world, 1 Cor. 15:3, 2 Cor. 5:15 and 1 John 2:2. By His resurrection we have the hope of everlasting life, 1 Peter 1:3. Yahshua's life, death, and resurrection in no way negated our requirements of keeping His commandments, statutes, and judgments, as these requirements were still in existence after Yahshua's death, James 2:10-11. In fact, our requirements are now more comprehensive. The Old Testament Israelites usually had to commit a physical act before breaking the law, while we have a bigger responsibility as our Savior tells us in Matt. 5:27-28; we are not to harbor such thoughts, for in so doing we actually then do commit sin. Each of the Ten Commandments, which were written by the finger of Yahweh on two tablets of stone and formally given to the Israelites at Mt. Sinai, has its counterpart in the New Testament:

<u>Commandment</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
I	Ex. 20:1-3; and Deut. 5:6-7	Matt. 4:10
II	Ex. 20:4-6	Matt. 4:10; Acts 17:29; 19:26; 1 Cor. 10:14; and 1 John 5:21
III	Ex. 20:7; and Deut.5:11	Matt. 5:34-37; Mark 3:28-29; 1 Tim. 6:1; Titus 2:4-6; and James 5:12
IV	Ex. 20:8-11;and Deut.5:12-15	Heb.4:1-11
V	Ex. 20:12; and Deut. 5:16	Matt. 15:4; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; Luke 18:20; Eph. 6:2-3; and Col. 3:20
VI	Ex. 20:13	Matt. 5:21-22; 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom.13:9; James 2:11; and 1 John 3:15
VII	Ex. 20:14; and Deut.5:18	Matt. 5:27-28; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; and James 2:11
VIII	Ex.20:15; and Deut. 5: 19	Matt. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; and Rom. 13:9
IX	Ex.20:16; and Deut.5:20	Matt. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rorn. 13:9; and Eph. 4:25
X	Ex.20:17; and Deut. 5:21	Rom. 7:7; 13:9

Some people say that the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh have a "hang up" on the Sacred Name and the Sabbath — that we continually emphasize them and place too much importance on them until we wear them out. But how can one place enough emphasis on that which has been so long neglected and which is so necessary for life, everlasting life? This may seem to be so because of the striking difference true worship has with many nominal religions. Satan has, by his cunningness, deceived man into believing that it is not important as to what name is used, or on which special days one worships. The name which is

used by nominal religions for our Savior comes from the Greek *Ieseus*, which literally means the son of Zeus. Who was Zeus? He is none other than the chief of the mighty ones in Greek mythology — whose name David refused to utter (Ps. 16:4) and whose names Yahweh will remove from the lips of His people (Hosea 2:17). Satan, through his agents on earth, as prophesied in Dan. 7:25, has deceived many people into believing that the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, is the correct day for worshipping our Heavenly Father because Yahshua rose from the grave on that day. Sunday is the venerable day of the sun. The

sun is the object of worship of the followers of Zoroaster. Zoroaster, or Nimrod, is the instigator of the Babylonian system of idolatry. The Scriptures promise no blessings for keeping the first day of the week to worship Yahweh. But, Yahweh tells us of the many blessings promised to those who do keep His commandments (including the Sabbath commandment), as well as the curses promised to those who do not. See Deut. 28.

Relative to Yahshua's resurrection one can follow the Scriptures to learn of the truth. The day on which Yahshua died is called the preparation day in Matt. 26:62, Mark 15:42 and John 19:14, 31, and 42. Mark

15:42 says that it was the day before a Sabbath, while John 19:31 says it was the day before a High Sabbath (Annual Sabbath). Now, it could be true that the High Sabbath mentioned in John 19:31 fell on the weekly Sabbath, if the Sabbath of Mark 15:42 is interpreted as the Seventh Day Sabbath. This, then, would make Yahshua's death to be on a Friday. But the Scriptures will show this not to be true. When Yahshua was placed in the sepulcher, we are told in Luke 23:54: "... the Sabbath drew on." The Greek word *epiphisko* is interpreted here as "drew on" is also used in Matt. 28:1 to describe the time of day when the women came back to the sepulchre to anoint Yahshua's body and is interpreted as "the dawning toward the first day of the week." The idea of a Friday death and a Sunday morning resurrection (Easter sunrise service!) cannot be true for then the Greek word *epiphisko* would mean two entirely different time periods. Gen. 1 will tell us that the time of day the Greek word *epiphisko* refers to is the time when one day ends and the next day begins, about sunset.

When the women observed where Yahshua was placed, they purchased and prepared spices and ointments. Since the preparation of spices and ointments was no easy task in those days and required work, they could not have done so immediately following Yahshua's death because this would have required them to work on the Sabbath (an Annual Sabbath), which was forbidden. But, after they had prepared the spices and before they went to the sepulchre they "rested on the Sabbath Day according to the commandment," Luke 23:54-56. Thus, it can be seen that there was a day between the day following His death and the day before they went to the sepulchre, during which time they bought and prepared the spices and ointments. Therefore, the only

way these events could occur in proper sequence would be for Yahshua's death to be on Wednesday (Passover), with Thursday to be the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the High Sabbath spoken of in John 19:31, with Friday to be the day on which the women bought and prepared the spices and ointments, and with Yahshua's resurrection to occur at the end of the Seventh Day Sabbath. This then would fulfill the sign which Yahshua gave to the Scribes and the Pharisees in Matt. 12:38-40, concerning Him being the Son of Yahweh.

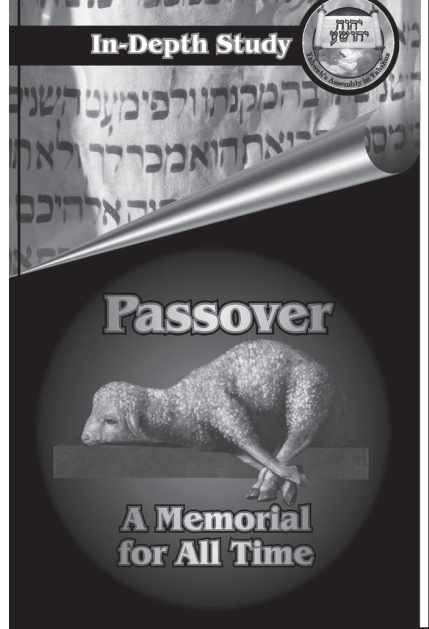
Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Yahshua's purpose in coming was not to destroy the law — any part of it or all of it. The reason be-

ing that if one part of the law were changed, then the whole law is changed since it would no longer be the entire same law. Luke 16:17 says it would be easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one jot or one tittle of the law to fail. And, the earth still exists. We know that His law is holy (Rom. 7:12), is spiritual (Rom. 7:14), is perfect (Ps. 19:7), is light (Pr. 6:23), and is ordained to life (Rom. 7:10). We know that His righteousness (including His commandments — Ps. 119:172) shall not be abolished, but shall stand forever, Isa. 51:6, 8. We know that His Word is truth (John 17:17), for He does not lie (Titus 1:2).

We should use His Word as a guide — a guide by which to pattern our lives. Our lives should not be ones of complacency, inertness or indifference. Our lives must be ones of activeness, or zeal towards Yahweh and proclaiming His Truth. Our lives must be ones of serving; of dedication to Him Who has given us everything; of rededication each day with the thought that we can do more today than we did yesterday. Think how dedicated Jacob was when he served Laban for seven years to obtain Rachel as a wife. See Gen. 29:18. He was willing to do this because of his love for Rachel. Should not our love toward Yahweh be at least this strong? Should not our love toward Him be stronger than our love of (physical) life or of materialism? If one cannot answer yes, then he should stop dead in his tracks and reexamine his own goals. We are told in Matt. 6 to not worry about the physical or materialistic necessities of this life, but that we should seek to enter His kingdom. By seeking His Kingdom He promises to take care of all our needs. How beautiful this promise is, but yet, how tragic when one looks around and sees how short-sighted some people re-

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Observing Passover

Observing Passover in light of the whole of Scripture

Can we or should we observe Passover exactly as it is written in the Torah? Or do we need to take it, in context, with the rest of Yahweh's revelation through His prophets, apostles and only begotten Son?

Some feel that we should observe a traditional Seder meal or even have the children partake of the emblems that the Messiah implemented in the New Covenant as symbolic of His body and blood. Is this what we should be doing according to Yahweh's Word as revealed to us today?

In looking at what is typically called the Old Testament and comparing it with the New Testament, we'll consider our role in observing Passover as a body of believers. Called out from the symbolic Egypt and brought into a family relationship among the chosen people of Yahweh, the 12 tribes of Israel, and any who would join, accomplished all of the necessary acts through the will of Yahweh in the Messiah.

Did you know that even within the Torah, the first five books of Moses, there were changes made as time moved forward and situations changed? When the children of Israel and those that joined with them, stayed behind closed doors in their homes, they were protected under the blood of the lamb. With very specific instructions, Yahweh later declared they would no longer be allowed to keep the Passover in their own homes, but wherever Yahweh placed His Name,

You are not allowed to sacrifice the Passover in any of your towns which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you; but at the place where Yahweh your Elohim chooses to establish His Name, you shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening at sunset, at the time that you came out of Egypt, Deuteronomy 16:5-6 NASB.

The timing of the Passover didn't change, but where it was to be kept did. Other changes have occurred as well, as we'll see, but this is a command that we are to pay attention to, especially the timing of it going back to when it first occurred.

People Still Learning

The other day I talked with our serviceman for

the printer we use and he mentioned that he was recently re-baptized, because he realized that the baptism of sprinkling he received in the Catholic Church was incorrect. They had enacted a false tradition from the 4th century compared to what we understand the 1st century believers had observed.

Regrettably, he mentioned that he was now looking forward to Easter coming up which we understand is another wrong tradition firmly established by Roman Catholicism with their stamp of approval on it and eventually adopted by Protestant organizations in which other churches have stemmed from.

Little do many of the members understand that it all stemmed from the core of anti-Semitism:

"In the course of the third century, the Roman practice gained ground everywhere in the East, and, to anticipate the result, was established by the Council of Nicaea in 325 [C.E.] as the law of the whole church. This council considered it unbecoming to follow the usage of the unbelieving, hostile Jews, and ordained that Easter should always be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon succeeding the vernal equinox (March 21), and always after the Jewish Passover. If the full moon occurs on a Sunday, Easter-day is the Sunday after. By this arrangement Easter may take place as early as March 22, or as late as April 25." – History of the Christian Church, Schaff, P., & Schaff, D. S. (1997).

In this historical reference above, we see the following:

1. Anti-Semitism;
2. Man-made calendar rules;
3. False days of worship implemented, with disregard to "Yahweh's Passover," Lev. 23:5; and
4. Shows the unscriptural power and influence of a religious organization.

Back to the Beginning

What does Yahweh say about His Passover?

These are the appointed times of Yahweh, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is YAHWEH'S Passover, Leviticus 23:4-5 NASB.

There has been much debate as to the accuracy of the canonization of the Bible because of the Catholics' false teachings, since they were instrumental in solidifying the canon.

But, we find the 66 books we have today are overall correct and are appropriate for our understanding of Salvation, and living according to Yahweh's written Word, following in the footsteps of Yahshua the Messiah.

We do, however, have to reject false traditions both from Christians and from Jews. Christian traditions do cover up Torah and Jewish traditions do cover up Yahweh's Name.

With the rise of Islam, from as early as the 6th century of our Common Era, we also have to point out that Muslims' belief that "Israel converted to Islam," or that "Yahshua, son of Mary, actually called on the name of Allah" is a blasphemous tradition and false teaching we are also to avoid.

Changes With Time

As we go forward, looking at the overall instructions concerning Passover from the traditions of men, there was implemented another day for Yahweh's Passover which they changed to be called Easter. Request your free copy of the booklet called, *The Counterfeit Called Easter*.

The idea that the Catholic Church, or anyone else for that matter, can go against Scripture is untrue, but we do receive insight and a higher level of maturity and understanding in the Messiah.

In keeping with Yahweh's instructions, and in seeing how important Passover is, we find if someone couldn't keep the first appointed time, it could be kept exactly one month later:

Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, "If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a dead person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however,

observe the Passover to Yahweh. In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it..." Numbers 9:10–11 NASB.

Verse 11 actually closes out with "they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs." For us in the New Testament, we emphasize Yahshua's death and sacrifice as our Passover Lamb. The emblems of unleavened bread and unfermented grape juice, representative of His body and blood, are of concern for us today, but Yahweh's Torah is of concern for many of us today, also.

After all, we are to live by every word (Deut. 8:3), but certain things only apply to a standing physical Temple under the Levitical priesthood in which ceremonial applications were instituted.

For example, if one of us touches a dead animal or person, it doesn't mean we can't come to services. We would not be unclean from such an act in the body of Messiah today.

This, however, doesn't necessarily explain not eating bitter

herbs. Yet, we don't eat bitter herbs during this time. Why? Because we do not live by Torah teachings alone, but by Scripture which includes the New Testament writings, all inspired by Yahweh.

Did you know, for example, the writings of the Apostles and the sayings of Yahshua are, in fact, likened to Scripture for us? This is how the Apostle Peter understood Paul's writings:

Bear in mind that our Master's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that Elohim gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction, 2 Peter 3:15–16 NIV.

We know that Paul honored Yahweh by keeping Torah. We also know that he followed the Messiah, Who also kept Torah. But, they both tell us things like, if we went strictly with Torah would be considered blasphemy. Sacrificing a lamb in the New Covenant, and saying you have to do so for salvation, would be one of them.

Melchizedek Order

So, how do we understand the differences? For us, we are in a different order of priesthood, as the author of the book of Hebrews points out:

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well, Hebrews 7:11–13 ESV.

Please note that a change in the law is not the doing away of the

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In-Depth Study

The Controversy: Wine or Grape Juice For Passover?

law. The law that we abide in will help us serve the physical people in the coming Kingdom. By keeping the same laws, though, we do find differences in administering these laws today.

For example, we do not carry out all of the civil laws that we find were part of the instructions for Yahweh's people. Breaking the Sabbath willfully meant stoning the individual to death in the Torah. We cannot do this under current civil laws today, but it doesn't mean that a person breaking the law of Sabbath will go free under the Melchizedek Order. Persistent, willful, and unrepentant sinning is a certain death sentence for those who have entered into the New Covenant only to turn back to sin and start living in it (Heb. 2: 1-3; 10:25-31, 35-36).

We find those in the body of Messiah are now in the Melchizedek Order. Cause and effect still occur. For example, the death for those in Messiah, who willfully turn away from doing Yahweh's will, will face a spiritual death. Their complete destruction will be at the lake of fire in the future judgment (Heb. 10:26-27). Therefore, it is clear that grace is not a license to continue living in disobedience.

A Sabbath keeping or observing, as Hebrews chapter 4 points out, still remains (Heb. 4:9-11).

Tradition of Men

Does this mean we keep with the tradition of the Catholics, which readily admit changing the 7th day early on in their history (4 C.E.) to the 1st day of the week? They even proceeded, by their laws (dogma), to take Yahweh's Name out of their liturgy in August of 2008. Is this what we should do, also? Not at all!

Yahweh's weekly 7th day Sabbath from creation remains unchanged, and was kept properly by the Apostles and the Messiah Himself in New Testament times, as an example to us today. Their

example we are to follow, according to the Law of Yahweh.

Maturing in Messiah

I don't want to deviate too far from the subject of Passover, but we need to grow to a more mature stature in Messiah. To do so we need to get a better understanding of Yahweh's will for us in our current sojournings, in what can be called a symbolic wilderness.

Be subject to every institution of man because of the Master, whether to the Sovereign as Supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by Him for the punishment of doers of evil, and a praise for those who do good. Because such is the desire of Elohim, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, as free, yet not using your freedom as a cloak

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Mini Study



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 Mesha, 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-

for evil, but as servants of Elohim, 1 Peter 2:13-17 TS (see also Rom. 13:1-7).

We don't stone the willfully disobedient, but we do warn them of the wrath to come and the judgment that has come even now (1 Pet. 4:17) to those in Messiah Yahshua.

And, of course, if the king of the land tells us to disobey Yahweh by bowing down to some Idol, then we even have the Scriptural examples outside of the first five books of Moses to know we have to obey Yahweh rather than man (Acts 5:28-29).

Given the option of Passover or Easter, which of these two is correct? Given the option of having a traditional Passover Seder versus having the emblems of Passover, which is correct for those in Messiah?

The Apostle Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NASB:

For I received from the Master that which I also delivered to you, that the Master Yahshua in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Master's death until He comes.

We understand clearly that Easter sunrise service is foreign and is, in fact, a counterfeit substitute to what really took place in Scripture.

Paul is quoting Yahshua's own words in the verses quoted above. He also points out that it was at night during which time this occurred, the correct timing of Passover, according to the command of Yahweh. Request your free in-depth booklet called, *Passover: A Memorial for All Time*.

The sacrificial lamb is not mentioned in the quote from the Apostle Paul, just the token amount of unleavened bread and grape juice is important to us. We also do the foot washing, directed by our Savior in John 13:3-17.

Paul actually had to rebuke the brethren at Corinth, who evidently had more interest in having a party or festivity with food and wine, rather than a somber memorial service with the required emblems of unleavened bread and grape juice.

He basically told them to eat at home (1 Cor. 11:34), then come to the memorial service. Things we see today, like shank bones and boiled eggs with four glasses of wine, are not for New Testament believers.

Neither is it appropriate what some Christian groups are doing when they say, "we should take the emblems every week or every month," because of the verse that says, "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Master's death until He comes," 1 Cor. 11:26 NASB. Some will even say, "let's do it every day!"

We don't want to belittle anyone here, but we have to speak up and make the point. There is a right way, and it is based upon the Whole of Scripture.

Abrahamic Covenant

He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your silver, has to be circumcised. So shall My covenant be in your flesh, for an everlasting covenant. And an uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, his life shall be cut off from his people—he has broken My covenant, Genesis 17:13–14 TS.

While this speaks of the Abrahamic Covenant with physical circumcision, one of the changes in the law dealing with circumcision in the New Covenant is that it is spiritual circumcision of the heart.

The letter to the Galatians is a

wonderful explanation of how we are justified and forgiven in Messiah by grace. The death penalty for breaking the law of Yahweh is taken away and no longer do we have to offer the physical blood sacrifices under the Levitical priesthood. It was an unending cycle of killing that never did change the hearts of the people, but today our hearts are changed in Messiah.

It was for freedom that Messiah set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Messiah will be of no benefit to you. And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Torah, Galatians 5:1–3 NASB.

Take time to read the letter to

the brethren at Galatia. They were being troubled by Torah observant Jews who didn't understand the New Covenant. The same confusion exists today with some believers, and even leaders proclaiming the Messiah, saying boldly, "you must be physically circumcised as an adult male, because it is in Torah!"

It's a deadly teaching for those in the New Covenant, as Paul pointed out in verse 2, "if you receive circumcision, Messiah will be of no benefit to you." He goes on to say, in verse 9, "a little leaven leavens the whole lump." He's speaking of false teachings making their way into the body and corrupting it.

But, how can that be? Physical circumcision is in the Law! We have to consider it in Light of the Whole of Scripture just which Law is being spoken of and how it applies to us in a New Covenant.

Which Law, Which Covenant?

Under the New Covenant (i.e., the New Agreement), there is no token needed of a previous blood covenant, which is exactly what physical circumcision is, a blood token of an older agreement.

This does not mean that we should stop circumcising children on the eighth day, as it is not a bad tradition and law. We do think, at a minimum, that it's proper for male children of eight days of age to be circumcised. It's been proven to be beneficial, and hospitals today perform the procedure regularly, for that reason alone. As adults, however, it is not necessary and is even detrimental to think one has to do it to be saved in Messiah. After all, which covenant are we best to find ourselves in?

The Abrahamic Covenant was brought into what is often called the Old Covenant. With it comes the promises of blessings for the descendants through Isaac and Jacob, whose name was changed

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The New Covenant WHAT IS IT?

A covenant is often described as "An agreement between two or more parties outlining mutual rights and responsibilities." The Old Testament lists several covenants between individuals such as David and Jonathan; King David and Abner; King Solomon and Shemei, one of his subjects, but our interest is in the Covenant with Yahweh. The common word for covenant in Hebrew is berith; in Greek it is diatheke, meaning "last will and testament," both are understood as covenants.

It is Yahweh Who initiates His covenants; first with Noah, (Gen. 9:8-17), then Abram (Gen. 15 and 17), and later with Abraham's descendants, the Israelites of Exodus (19-24). It is this covenant which holds our interest, for it is the same covenant Yahweh made years ago with ancient Israel which the present-day Jews give lip-service, but do not fully keep. Yahweh emphasizes He will make a new Covenant with the house of Israel (10 tribes) and the house of Judah, (2 tribes). Note that in giving the house of Israel the law at Sinai, Yahweh considered Himself Israel's husband (Ezek. 16:8).

THE NEW COVENANT

The book of Hebrews has the most to say about the New Covenant:

"For if that first covenant had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith Yahweh." (Heb. 8:7-9 AV)

Comprehending Israel's failure at Mt. Sinai is the key to knowing what the New Covenant was to correct. History provides a record of Israel's failure in keeping the Old Covenant. Within 40 days Israel broke the Covenant they had

to Israel.

The Levitical Order of Priesthood was also brought into the Old Covenant with its sacrificial laws and also the ceremonial laws. Sacrificial laws, in fact, were the laws that were added (Gal. 3:19) from Adam and Eve's time, when they first sinned and animals had to die. They used their skins as wearing apparel. Today, we put on the Messiah (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 3:27).

The sacrificing continued through history from Adam and Eve, with noteworthies such as Abel, Job, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, etc. While they are all found in the Torah, we do not see the sacrifices as a salvational requirement for us in the New Covenant. In fact, we are told in no uncertain terms,

There is one body and one Spirit, as you also were called in one expectation of your calling, one Master, one belief, one immersion (mikvah), one Elohim and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all, Ephesians 4:4-6 TS.

There are eternal laws, which are righteous and everlasting (Ps. 119:142,160), found in Torah even before Mount Sinai (Gen. 18:19; 26:5; Ex. 16:28, 34). In condensed form they are the 10 Commandments, but they are not the only laws. Various other laws also existed; namely civil laws, sacrificial laws, ceremonial laws, unilateral and bi-lateral covenants/promises, sign of physical circumcision, etc.

All sacrifices and covenants in blood are found new in Messiah, when accepting His shed blood. All previous promises, with the addition now of eternal life in a new priesthood of the Melchizedek Order, is found in Messiah. This is why so much emphasis is on Messiah now, in the New Covenant. It's better in every way with better promises attached to it.

If we say the new covenant is a renewed covenant, it makes it sound like everything stays the

same. Everything does not stay the same. One can also ask, "Is it a renewed covenant for the new believer if they were never in a covenant with Yahweh before?" Not at all. This could only apply for the Jew or gentile today who is already claiming the 1st Covenant and has been Torah observant as much as is possible without a physical Temple.

Certain Laws in Abeyance

Some will argue that we should sacrifice a Passover lamb, as Yahshua wasn't really the Passover Lamb, and that He Himself indicated not even that which is the smallest letter (jot) or stroke (tittle) would be removed until all was fulfilled (Matt 5:18). We now have to address these ideas, since these types of teachings are going forth to brethren from probably well meaning but misguided individuals.

Even the idea that other brethren can baptize one another is a tradition right out of a lack of understanding on the part of some lead-

ers who have adopted a few Messianic (Jews, who have accepted the Messiah) traditions that aren't scripturally accurate. Please see the mini-study called, *The Authority to Baptize*.

A few point to Yahshua's words of "I shall never again eat it [i.e., Passover] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of Yahweh," Luke 22:16. This, they say, is proof we should continue sacrificing the Passover lamb, eating it at the prescribed *moed* (appointed time).

It actually seems like a reasonable argument until one considers His other statement of

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me, Revelation 3:20 NASB.

While this can and will relate to the future, it also related to right now with the brethren who have Yahweh's Spirit.

Yahshua answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him," John 14:23.

So how do we understand Luke 22:16 and Matt. 5:18? We understand that Spirit beings can manifest themselves as physical humans, as Yahshua Himself did (John 20:27). Spirit beings do not need to eat physical food, but can do so if they manifest themselves as physical in the physical realm, Gen. 18:1-8.

In Ezekiel chapters 40 through 46, we find a prophetic vision for the future millennial rule. It will be when Yahshua reigns (Ezek. 4:4-7) with a rod of iron as King of kings and when the Levites and their descendants will once again serve at the Temple (Ezek. 44:10,11 and 15), administering the sacrifices and other ceremonial aspects of the Torah.

This is a time in which the physical people, who come into the king-

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dom through the Great Tribulation (Day of Yahweh), evidently, did not properly accept the Messiah nor the New Covenant agreement He instituted. The time of these laws are in the future, but are now in abeyance.

Our time now speaks of what Yahshua told the woman at the well.

Yahshua said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth," John 4:21–24 NKJV.

Understanding when the laws are put into practice are as important as knowing what the different laws are. It's also important to know which priesthood one would want to be a part of.

To think that Yahshua will manifest Himself physically and sit down with others who are brought in the kingdom is not out of the realm of possibilities. One thing we've always told people is to keep an open mind when thinking of prophecies.

The point now is we do not sacrifice a lamb thinking that will save us. Nor do we find Yahshua's statement of not eating it until the Kingdom as proof of us needing to do so now. But, the physical people in the coming Kingdom will need to learn and Who better to learn from than Yahshua Himself, if He were to humbly sit down and eat with them and us as spirit beings who will also be able to manifest ourselves as physical mankind.

Train Up a Child

So, is it alright for children to partake of Passover? After all, we


are to train up a child in the way he or she should go (Prov. 22:6).

In Colossians 2:10–13 NKJV, we read an admonition for adults:

And you are complete in Him, Who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Messiah, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of Elohim, Who raised Him from the dead.

We have been justified in Messiah, raised with Him after we repent of our former sins and recognize that we are no longer to live contrary to His Father's way of life. How does a child comprehend this? They simply cannot grasp the depth or the seriousness of it.

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Mini - Study 

Scriptural Age of Accountability

Is child baptism scriptural? At what age does the Bible consider one an adult, and a candidate for immersion?

What is the minimum age for baptism into Yahshua's Name? The Apostle Peter clearly showed that one should be old enough to repent.

When the Jews were convicted of their sin, they asked what they should do. Peter responded in Acts 2:38, "Repent and be immersed every one of you in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Obviously a person should be old enough to understand repentance before being baptized.

What does the Bible mean by "repent?" Briefly, to turn completely from our wicked ways, stop doing those things that Yahweh condemns, and obediently follow in the footsteps of Yahshua. We are to be totally broken up over our past sins and vow not to repeat those things we know are wrong and sinful. When we do sin, we are to confess our sin and ask forgiveness through Yahshua.

Jews Hold Bar-Mitzvah at 13

Luke chapter 2 relates how Yahshua was left behind by His parents in Jerusalem following the Passover and the days of Unleavened Bread. He was about age 13, and even today Jewish boys have a ceremony known as "Bar-Mitzvah," meaning *Son of the Covenant*, when they are accepted into the congregation. Is 13 the age of accountability, the age when one can with complete understanding repent and then be immersed?

And, while a teenager may start to understand, Scripture clearly gives at least 3 witnesses to the fact the age of 20 is the Age of Accountability.

They weren't allowed to go to war until they reached age 20 (Num. 1:2-3), all who were 20 and over would die in the wilderness due to their sins and the rebellious nature of Israel (Num. 14:26-30), and not even those under 20 were obligated to give an offering according to the law (Ex. 30:12-16; 38:26), where the offering is the same for the rich as it was for the poor.

Yet, when they became 20 years old they had to make a decision whether they would live for Yahweh or not by tithing and living all according to His word. The Levites, also, who were 20 years of age and over, went to work in and on the physical Temple of Yahweh (Ezra 3:8).

Today, Yahweh is building a spiritual Temple (see our in-depth study called, the *Temple Tenth*), and it is those of The Age of Accountability (see our mini-study with this title) that are allowed to help and be a part of this Temple.

Again,

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Master, one faith, one baptism, Ephesians 4:4–5 NASB.

Is Yahweh calling physical children? While He does bless children, their calling isn't truly until they can make the comprehensive decision to do so. There are no examples of children being baptized in Scripture. While we are to have faith like a child, Yahweh is calling those who can comprehend the magnitude of what is being offered.

Science, just about a decade ago, stated that age 20 is when the frontal lobe region of the brain fully develops. It is this region, they say, that has to do with long-term plan-

ning and goal setting. Imagine not having that part of your brain not fully developed when making such a strong life and death long-term (eternal) commitment.

Even as adults, we have a hard time understanding at times. One's previous baptism, doing the best with what they knew at the time, is seen as having a type of baptism of repentance.

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Yahshua." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua, Acts 19:1-5 ESV.

It is important to receive the Spirit and to be grafted into The Family, and take on The Family Name. It is in the Name of Yahshua that we become able to inherit all things with the Son of Yahweh, being led by the very Spirit of Yahweh and His Word.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man, Ephesians 3:14-16 KJV.

How Important is His Name?

It is important to acknowledge Yahweh's Name and His Son's Name?

Everyone who calls on the Name of Yahweh will be saved;

for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as Yahweh has said, even among the survivors whom Yahweh calls, Joel 2:32 NIV.

Whose Name do we call upon in baptism? Whose Name do we honor during Passover? In Whose Name do we find Salvation?

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other Name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved, Acts 4:12 NASB.

Yahshua holds the Father's Name within His Name as He has inherited it, similar, in a sense, as we inherit our family name.

Having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say, "YOU ARE MY

SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? Hebrews 1:4-5a NASB.

Today, we have the opportunity to also become sons and daughters of Yahweh and inherit The Family Name and with it all things in heaven and on earth.

When we find that we've been in error, we are to repent and change to the right way: Yahweh's way (Prov. 10:29, Hos. 14:9, Acts 18:25, and Matt. 7:14).

As we read in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 KJV,

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

After Passover (notice Paul acknowledges Messiah is the Passover sacrifice, as some will say otherwise), we immediately come into the Feast of Unleavened Bread and learn more about eliminating false ways, false teachings, any bickering or maliciousness toward one another, hypocrisy, sin, and every evil way out of our lives. Did I leave anything out?

In a sense, we leave Egypt behind with all of its false ways of doing things.

Let's remember what Yahweh has done for us, providing us a Perfect Sacrifice, so we may receive the help we need in overcoming the world and all the errors found in it.

We might look forward to the coming Kingdom and world to come without anything in it to offend or to cause sin. We should now purge all evil from within us, allowing us to serve Yahweh and one another without hypocrisy.

Let's be found to have the Love of Yahweh indwelling, which is provided through His Holy Spirit, to enable us to live the Word according

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IS HIS NAME JEHOVAH OR YAHWEH?

The Christian translators of the Bible unknowingly followed the Jewish Scribes and disguised the Name of the Creator. Now learn the truth about the Heavenly Father's revealed, personal Name!

ASK MOST BIBLE BELIEVERS what the name of the Heavenly Father is and they probably will say Jehovah. Ask them for some proof of this and they will either point to traditional usage or refer you to some Old Testament English Bible version.

Surprisingly, the name of the Heavenly Father is not Jehovah, and never was. The history of "Jehovah," which some encyclopedias call erroneous and which many Bible scholars agree is not accurate, is quite eye-opening.

In the oldest text of the Bible, the ancient Hebrew script, the sacred Name is represented by four Hebrew letters, יהוה. These four letters are called the Tetragrammaton, appearing in English as YHWH.

The ancient Hebrew alphabet had no vowels. To indicate vowels, scribes or copyists used diacritical marks or points above or below the letters. Jewish law experts decided to hide this Name to make certain it would not be taken in vain or blasphemed. Therefore, when the four letters of the Tetragrammaton appeared in the text, scribes "pointed" it with substitution vowels for the Hebrew word *adonai* (meaning "lord") which was then read "adonai" instead of the sacred Name "Yahweh."

One of the most widely known words in the world is "halleluYah," an imperative meaning "Praise you Yah." Notice that the short or poetic

A Thief in the Night

Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you, Revelation 3:3.

The word “thief” is the translation of the Greek *kleptes* which comes from the root word *klepto* meaning “to filch or steal.” From this comes the word “kleptomaniac” meaning one who has an irresistible urge to steal.

To better understand what is really meant one must examine this Scripture in context.

In Context

Revelation 3:1

Let’s find out how Rev. 3:3 is used in context, beginning at Revelation 3:1:

And to the angel of the assembly in Sardis write, “These things says He Who has the seven Spirits of Yahweh and the seven stars: ‘I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.’”

Let’s see, “You have a name that you are alive...” What could Yahshua mean by that? Well, the city’s name, Sardis, is of uncertain derivation, and is transliterated from the Greek word *sardeis*.

SarDeis, s-a-r-d-e-i-s, and is commonly translated as either “that which remains,” or “Prince of Joy.” In the Hebrew phrase, “Sar Shalom,” translated Prince of Peace, we see that “Sar” means “prince,” which is a royal title, usually someone who is the son of a king. We see the word used in English as in a Russian Czar, a Roman Caesar and a German Kaiser. In the United States, we even have a “Drug Czar,” who directs national drug control policies.

The second syllable in the word Sardis is pronounced in Greek, *deis*, of which its transliterated spelling is d-e-i-s, which may be the root of our English word, deity, as in another Greek word, “theos, or the Spanish phrase, *vaya con dios*.” So, putting the two words together, Sardeis may mean “Prince of the Almighty” or Prince of a deity, of which there were many! The phrase, “you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead,” may be explained in the second verse.

Revelation 3:2

Let us look at the first two verses of Revelation 3:

And to the angel of the assembly in SarDeis write, “These things says He Who has the seven Spirits of Yahweh and the seven stars: ‘I know your works, that

you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. [Dead? Listen to this next verse] Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before Yahweh,’” Revelation 3:1-2.

Even the name of the city, Sardeis, implies that the people there are double-minded, taking on truth by living a lie. The Greek word for perfect is *pleroo*, the same word Scripture uses for the last word in Matthew 5:17:

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

A better translation of this verse, based upon how *pleroo* is used in Revelation 3:2, might well be read:

I did not come to destroy but to PERFECT – the Law and the Prophets.

Concordantly, fulfill means to make replete; literally, to cram a net, level up a hollow; or figuratively, to furnish, imbue, influence, satisfy, execute an office, finish a task, and to verify or accomplish a prophecy. Think about it! Yahshua came to VERIFY the Law and the Prophets! So, what is Yahshua saying to the Assembly at SarDeis? He is saying, “I have not found your works satisfactory, fulfilling, finished or verifiable before Yahweh.”

Become Perfect

As written in Daniel 5:27, regarding Belshazzar, son of King Nebuchadnezzar, upon seeing the hand of Yahweh writing,

You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting.

Consider the condition of our nation’s houses of worship. Yes, even our own assembly, as we certainly cannot claim to be perfect. Because of our adherence to Scripture and not the doctrine of mankind, I pray that we are seen by Yahweh as closer to being His servants than those who claim His Law to be dead. We must keep Yahweh’s Sabbaths and High Sabbaths, and we must call upon His name. Can it be said that the worship demonstrated in the world today is “perfect before Yahweh”? I don’t think so. In fact, it is likely that most worship will be viewed by Yahweh as blasphemy, as He, Himself, declares in Proverbs 28:9:

He who turns away his ear from hearing the law [meaning to obey the law!], even his prayer is an abomination.

In Isaiah 1:15-17, Yahweh speaks:

When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you. Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. [Whose blood? The blood of Yahshua, for all have sinned, necessitating His sacrifice for us.] Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Continuing in Isaiah 1:18-19, He says:

"Come now, and let us reason together," says Yahweh. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool ... If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword"; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.

Warning — Warning

Alright. In the words of an old, popular song, "But that's not what I came to talk to you about." I came to talk about the warning issued by Yahshua in Revelation 3:3:

Remember, therefore, how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

What is it we are to watch for? Paul answers that, but we'll get to that in a bit. There are 3 parts to this verse that we want to focus on: 1) "Remember, therefore, how you have received and heard"; 2) "Hold fast and repent"; and 3) "Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you."

Part 1 — Remember, therefore, how you have received and heard.

The word "therefore" is the Greek

word *oun*, which means "certainly." So, a more accurate translation of Revelation 3:3 might be,

Remember, certainly [or "Remember with certainty"], how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. If you will not watch, I will CERTAINLY come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Additionally, in the phrase, "Remember, with certainty, HOW you have received and heard," another word is implied in the word "how." It is the word, "much." So, Yahshua may be saying to us,

Remember, with certainty, how MUCH you have received and heard .

OR, as the word "hear" implies, OBEYED ... with certainty.

But, in spite of this speculation, what does Yahshua mean

by saying, "Remember, with certainty, HOW you have received and heard"? The literal answer would, of course, be that we received "by word of mouth," since only few people had copies of the written Word of Yahweh. In a spiritual sense, though, we might easily believe that those who are "called out" HEARD "by the Spirit of Yahweh."

Additionally, the concept of "remembering" in the Hebrew culture carries with it the idea, "to speak and act in behalf of." So, another translation may be, "Speak and act in behalf of how you have received and OBEYED."

So, how did we receive and how did we hear? By the Word we received, and by the Spirit we heard. Is it not remarkable that these fit perfectly with the Feast of Weeks, for on the day that became the Feast of Weeks was the day Moses went up on Mt. Sinai to receive the Word, the Law of Yahweh, written in His hand. And on the Feast of Weeks, called Pentecost in the New Testament, the disciples of Yahshua received the Holy Spirit, by Which they performed miracles granted by Yahweh Almighty! Incredible. By the Word we received, and by the Spirit we heard - and obeyed.

Certainly, hearing the Word of Yahweh is a gift from above.

And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore, I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you

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Is the KINGDOM Here Now?

A popular televangelist, as well as many others, proclaims that the "church" is the Kingdom. Is this true? Is the body of called-out ones the same as the Kingdom? Does Scripture tell us?

In the study of end-time events, the rulership of Yahshua upon His return to this earth is often referred to as the *millennium*. Several forms of millennialism or millenarianism (also known as chiliasm) are widely believed. These are found in three major views of the future thousand-year reign of the Savior. Variations are also found within each view.

POSTMILLENNIALISM The teaching that the Second Advent of the Savior will occur after the thousand-year millennium. As a result of the preaching of the evangel by the "church," a period of righteousness would be established upon earth. Since World War II, many have become disillusioned with society's moral and spiritual decline. The day when the knowledge of Yahweh will fill the earth as water covers the sea has been but a dream.

PREMILLENNIALISM The most popular view held by many evangelicals wherein the Savior will literally rule over the earth. This concept dictates that Yahshua must appear before the millennial kingdom is set up. Premillennialists believe in the literal interpretation of Revelation and Old Testament related verses.

AMILLENNIALISM A symbolical interpretation of Revelation 20. It says Yahshua will return to set up His reign after the present earth is destroyed in judgment and a new heaven and earth is established. Rulership of Yahshua takes place upon His return.

will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it," Matthew 13:10-17.

Praise Yahweh for that which He has blessed us!

Part 2 — Hold fast and repent.

The second issue we want to examine is the phrase: Hold fast and repent.

"Hold fast" is the Greek word, *tereo*, which means to watch; to guard from loss or injury – properly, by keeping the eye upon.

"Repent" is the Greek word, *metanoeo*, which means to think differently afterwards, i.e., reconsider. Morally, it means to feel compunction.

"Now, therefore," says Yahweh, "turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to Yahweh your Elohim, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him – a grain offering and a drink offering for Yahweh your Elohim? Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to Yahweh, weep between the

porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people, O Yahweh, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their Elohim?'" (Joel 2:12-17).

When other nations (whom we might call "heathens") view the loose debauchery, corruption, decadence and depravity present within so-called civilized nations such as ours, do they not recoil in amazement and judge us to be a nation without a mighty one? Have they not characterized us as having had a President who was Satan? Even people in our own nation have pointed to him as connected to the dark side. Whether this is all reality or not, it still fulfills the words of Isaiah, in that nations are saying these things. Is there anyone who

would not testify to the sinfulness and lawlessness of our nation and this world? ... I didn't think so.

We must watch and guard the truth given to us in the Word of Yahweh and by His Spirit. We must pray that Yahweh would reach out to those who are seeking Truth. And, we must continue to present the Truth to the world by being ambassadors of Yahshua the Messiah.

Now the last section of Yahshua's warning in Revelation 3:3:

Part 3 — Therefore, if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

If you will not watch (and guard My truth, which is the Word of Yahweh granted to you by His Spirit), I CERTAINLY will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Master will, by no means, precede those who are asleep [those who are dead]. For the Master Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of Yahweh. And the dead in the Messiah will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air. And thus [meaning therefore, afterwards, or following this] we shall always be with the Master. Therefore, comfort one another with these words, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18.

The emphasis here is on the finality and completeness of this process, that we will always be with the Messiah, not that we will be caught up in the air, as if we are issued a harp, forever drifting among the clouds. No, Yahshua told us the meek shall inherit the EARTH, and that the Kingdom of Yahweh, the New Jerusalem, is coming down to the earth.

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Yahweh's Appointed Feast Days

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The Bible reveals as far back as the days of creation that Almighty Yahweh established certain appointed times that were specially chosen by Him for His called-out people. These are unique times when He would meet with His True Worshipers:

"And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years" (Gen. 1:14). The word seasons is Strong's Hebrew No. 4150 *mowed*, and literally means "appointed times." It is a term used for the annual gatherings of Yahweh and His people:

A number of scholars understand that the first *mowed* took place in Genesis 4:3-7, where Abel correctly kept the Passover by offering a lamb, and Cain brought an offering more suitable for the Feast of Tabernacles, the work of His hands. Abel's offering was accepted, Cain's was not.

Tradition has it that Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees on Passover, and the Feast days can be traced through his journeys and stopping places in Genesis 12. Certainly the appearance of the three celestial beings in Genesis 18 took place in the spring as Abraham fed his guests unleavened cakes (v. 7, margin); and later Lot did likewise, Genesis 19:3. Likely this was also a special time of *mowed*.

It is apparent that Abraham kept all Yahweh's Sabbaths and Feast days: "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Gen. 26:5). The Feast days were again given to Israel after they came out of Egypt, when they agreed to the Covenant. These are

These and other verses have been used by ancient theologians and today's Dispensationalists to concoct the false doctrine of the "pre-tribulation rapture," a perversion of the Truth of Yahweh. Also, the word "sleep" does not refer to people who are lackadaisical in attending church. It refers to those who are dead and in their graves. The "trumpet of Yahweh" points in many ways to the Day of Trumpets, and the time when Yahshua will return. The rationale for this is the fact that Yahshua fulfills Yahweh's Plan of Salvation at the Times Appointed for these events. The "Appointed Times" are the Feasts of Yahweh. His Son, Yahshua, fulfilled the memorial day of Passover, the two High Sabbaths of Unleavened Bread, the Wave Sheaf offering of Firstfruit, ascending and descending from Heaven and Pentecost. He will fulfill Trumpets, Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day, a time beyond time - that is, Eternity.

When Will He Come?

In Matthew 36:44 NKJV, Yahshua says that,

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

There is only one of Yahweh's Appointed Times that fits this criterion, and that is the Day of Trumpets. Trumpets occurs on the first day of the month on the Scriptural Calendar, a day upon which Believers are to watch the western skies at the setting of the sun in order to determine whether or not it is a new month; in this case, the SEVENTH month of the year. The key to understanding the phrase, "The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect," is, however, that no one can say, for sure, when the new moon will be seen. It appears on either the 29th or the 30th day of each lunar month. Furthermore, every seventh month of the scriptural year is determined by the sighting of the first new moon

of the scriptural year, establishing the first month, called Abib, which no one knows beforehand. This means that neither can the actual month be known in which Yahshua returns.

However, listen to the writings of Paul to the Thessalonians:

But, concerning the times and the seasons [In other words, "concerning the Appointed Times and the Feast days of Yahweh"], brethren, you have no need that I should write to you [Why not? Because they already know about the Appointed Times, the Feasts of Yahweh!]. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of Yahweh so comes as a thief in the night [As Matthew 24:36 says, "But of that day and hour no one knows"]. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as

labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But [Now listen to this!] you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4.

Who is the Thief in the Night?

Wow! Do you hear what Paul is saying? You are not in darkness if you know about the Appointed Times and the "seasons," the *mo-edim*, the Feast Days of Yahweh; and therefore, the day that the Messiah returns will not catch you by surprise! So, whom is Scripture talking about when it prophesies that the Day of Yahweh will come upon you as a thief in the night!? We must understand that this warning is ONLY for those who do NOT keep the Feast Days of Yahweh, who have no understanding about WATCHING the sky for the new moon! This is incredible! Honoring the Feast Days of Yahweh is INDEED a SALVATIONAL issue!

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch [Watch! Is he speaking of the new moon, here?] and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For Yahweh did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Master, Yahshua the Messiah, Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing, 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11.

There are those who rebel against the light; they do not know its ways nor abide in its paths. The murderer rises with the light; he kills the poor and needy; and

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Mini Study



Yahweh's Feasts

What should you do when you learn there are Biblical holy days that you should be observing now? How do you know when they should be kept and where do you keep them? These and other important questions are answered here. There are scriptural holy days that the True Worshiper is commanded to keep, rather than the paganistic ones most of the world indulges in today.

Thoughtful people who study their Bible in earnest soon raise the question, should not we also be observing the annual Feast days today in addition to the weekly Sabbath?

Are these days indeed still binding on Yahweh's people in today's modern ages? If we are to observe these times, where do we gather to keep them? What do we do at the Feasts? What time of the year are we to observe them? How long are they?

Abraham, Father of the Faithful

All who have entered into the New Covenant with Yahweh are to have the same attitude of faithful Abraham who did not flinch from doing Yahweh's will, for "Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws," Genesis 26:5.

Abraham departed Ur of the Chaldees, the pagan moon-city, journeyed to Palestine and to Bethel, from there to Egypt and back to Bethel. (Some Bible scholars perceive his travels and stop-overs a foreshadowing of the

in the night he is like a thief. The eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight, [after the sun goes down] saying, "No eye will see me"; and he disguises his face. In the dark they break into houses which they marked for themselves in the daytime; they do not know the light. For the morning is the same to them as the shadow of death; if someone recognizes them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death, Job 24:13-17.

When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria. For they have committed fraud [she'ker, an untruth, a lie]; a thief comes in; a band of robbers takes spoil outside. They do not consider in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness; now their own deeds have surrounded them; they are before My face, Hosea 7:1-2.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of Yahweh is coming, for it is at hand: a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations ... They run to and fro in the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter at the windows like a thief. The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. Yahweh gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the one who executes His word. For the day of Yahweh is great and very terrible; who can endure it? (Joel 2:1-2. 9-11).

And, finally, let's read from the book of Matthew where Yahshua is speaking:

Immediately after the tribulation

of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Now learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near -- at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away; so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Master is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect, Matthew 24:29-44.

Whom is Yahshua speaking to when He says, "The Son of Man

is coming at an hour you do not expect"? He is speaking to those who reject the ways of Yahweh, His Law, His Sabbath and His Appointed Times.

This is beautiful. In the last verse, Yahshua reveals when He is returning: at an hour you do not expect. He is speaking to you who have little understanding of the ways of Yahweh; who reject His Word, His Law, His Sabbaths, and His Feast Days ... He is speaking to you who reject His Love. So, I say to you, come to the Truth. Read the Scripture for what IT says, not what anyone tells you what it says.

Not at all! Let Yahweh be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge," Romans 3:4 NIV.

Yes, let Yahweh be true and every man a liar. Do not believe me. Open the door to Yahshua.

With Yahshua speaking,

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies, Revelation 3:18-22.

Conclusion

Let us continue to watch for the New Moon, especially the New Moon of the 7th month, a day of vengeance, leading to a day of

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Where Are Enoch and Eliyah?

Enoch (Teacher) was translated that he should not see death. Eliyah (EL is YAH) went up by a whirlwind into heaven. Yet the Bible reveals they are not in heaven today! WHERE ARE THEY? Here is the astounding Truth.

Enoch was “translated.” But the question is, “Where did he go?” Was he immediately taken to heaven? No, because Yahshua Himself said,

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one Who came from heaven — the Son of Man, John 3:13 NIV.

Those are Yahshua’s own Words that no man, except Himself, had ascended into heaven! How did He know? Why, He came from there! So, where is Enoch? Only Scripture can tell us.

At the age of 65 Enoch had a son named Methuselah. And Enoch walked with Yahweh after he begat Methuselah three hundred years and he begat sons and daughters, Gen. 5:22.

Here was a man who PLEASED Yahweh, a man who walked with Yahweh. Enoch had to have faith, for in Hebrew 11:6, we read,

But without faith it is impossible to PLEASE Yahweh for he that cometh to Him must believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of them who diligently seek Him.

Enoch walked with Yahweh. He obeyed Yahweh and followed Him in His path (way) by FAITH. No one can walk with Yahweh unless he is in agreement with the Will of Yahweh and doing it. Amos 3:3 says,

Can two walk together, except they be in agreement?

In his generation, Enoch was the only recorded person who followed the Way of Yahweh; even though it possibly took him 65 years to learn to walk with Yahweh.

But how long did Enoch walk with Yahweh? The Scripture says that he walked with Yahweh, after Enoch begat Methuselah, for 300 years. So we find Enoch followed Yahweh’s ways for three hundred years.

Notice that Moses did not record that Enoch is still walking with Yahweh. Scripture clearly says Enoch walked with Yahweh three hundred years and not one year more! Therefore, Enoch is not still walking with Yahweh! WHY?

All the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty five years (Gen. 5:23). The expression, “All his days,” is used in the same fifth chapter of Genesis about a dozen times and it always means that the person lived that length of time ONLY: “AND HE DIED.”

What Really Happened at Enoch’s Translation?

Moses did not write, “Enoch did not die!” Enoch walked with Yahweh, and he was not, for Yahweh took him (Gen. 5:24). In Hebrews 11:5, Paul records the same event by saying that he was not found, because Yahweh had translated him.

Certainly Enoch was “translated.” Note that in no way did this word mean to make immortal! The Greek word *metatithemi* signifies transfer, transport, removed, exchange, change sides and “carried over,” as in Acts 7:16.

Here we read that Jacob’s body was “carried over” or “translated” to Sychem (a city in Samaria) where he was buried! That is what your Bible says!

Jacob was translated to a place of burial! Basically, Enoch was removed (taken) by Yahweh away from the society of his day!

That is why Moses said “Yahweh took” (removed, carried over) Enoch so that he could not be found. He eventually, over many years, buried him! As in Deuteronomy 34:6, we read Yahweh took Moses after he had died and buried him, and to this day he was not found either!

Another proof: “TRANSLATE” does not mean to make immortal. In Col. 1:13 we read that

The Father hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath TRANSLATED us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.

Here His called out people are already translated: but they still die. So His called out people are “REMOVED” from darkness into the light of the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Enoch has not yet received the Promise! Read Hebrews 11:5 where Enoch is mentioned. All these, having obtained a good report, through faith, received not the Promise. Yahweh’s Word cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

The Promise is for the future (Hebrews 11:40). The author of Hebrews clearly tells us that ALL the people he mentions (Hebrew 11:13) died in Faith.

Well, what about Hebrews saying that Enoch “Should not see death?” So what death did Enoch escape? Remember, there is more than one death mentioned in Scripture. There is a first death and there is a second death, Rev. 20:6. Which death did the author mean?

Two Main Resurrections

The first death is appointed “unto [all] men” (Hebrews 9:27), which cannot be avoided. This is the death Enoch died, as already proved. But the author

of Hebrews was not writing about that death. The phrase “should not see death” is in the conditional tense of the verb, having reference for a future event. Enoch did see death, a first death.

Yahshua spoke of a death that might be escaped!

Verily, verily I say unto you, if a man keep My sayings, he shall never see death, John 8:51.

This is speaking of the second death.

Again in John 11:26,

Whoso liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

In other words, “Shall not die forever.”

The death, which Enoch will also eventually escape, must be the second death which will NEVER TOUCH THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION (Rev. 20:6).

Enoch, because he met the conditions Yahweh had set at that time, will most likely be just fine when he is resurrected. He is looking forward to being granted access to the good things yet ahead.

Yahshua had not died yet, so Enoch couldn't have accepted that blood covenant in his day. Enoch is now at rest, awaiting in the hope of the resurrection and possibly having a comprehension before he died of the Messiah to come.

As Moses and Elijah were with Yahshua (Matt. 17:4) in the future Kingdom vision (with Yahshua being in His Glory, Heb. 2:14), the patriarchs will also be brought into the 1,000-year reign, but not necessarily glorified beings at that point. That can certainly happen later, but only those having already accepted Yahshua's blood now and receiving of the Spirit now can be placed in position as the Bride.

The patriarchs were not brought into the Melchizedek Covenant when they were alive, but we are given that opportunity now, while the patriarchs most likely will be given the opportunity later to be

given the glory Yahshua has.

We know that Yahshua has been given all judgment (John 5:22) and that He has been given the power to raise the dead which He had done with a number of those who had died (Matt. 27:52-53). It is a very good possibility they had died during Yahshua's ministry, that is, before He did. They had evidently not been able to be baptized into His Name and accept His shed blood, but now they would have that opportunity since they were physical standing once again and that shed blood was now available to them. They would then have died another physical death, just like Lazarus or Tabitha, but any baptized in Yahshua's Name would be expecting to be raised in the first of the two major resurrections to come.

Which Heaven did Elijah go to?

If Elijah is not in heaven today, then where did Elijah go? There are three heavens mentioned in Scripture. NOT just one! Yet Yahshua said, “no man,” and that includes Elijah, had ever ascended to the heaven where Messiah came from. The heaven into which Elijah was taken was a different heaven! So, which one was it? The third Heaven is the Heaven of Yahweh's Throne, where Yahshua is today being the High Priest of Yahweh and Who is the only One to have the right to be in Heaven with the Father.

Notice why Hebrews 8:1-5 explains that the original earthly tabernacle under the Old Covenant, with its Most Holy place, or compartment, was a type of the Throne of Yahweh in Heaven.

Only the high priest was allowed to enter, yet Messiah has qualified for that position in the new Melchizedek Order.

The second heaven represents the expanse of this great universe, where we find the sun, moon, stars, comets and planets. How often do we find the Psalmist admiring the

“HEAVENS, the Work of Thy Fingers, the moon and the stars Thou hast ordained,” Psalm 8:3 (see also Genesis 1:15-17).

Beside the heaven of the stars, we find that the atmosphere, the air that surrounds this world, is also called heaven. Birds fly “In the midst of heaven”—certainly not Yahweh's Throne in Heaven. Read Genesis 1:20. Birds fly in the firmament of heaven.

Yahweh gave the dew of heaven ... heavens shall drop down dew, Genesis 27:28 and Deuteronomy 33:28.

The first heaven from which dew and rain comes, means the atmosphere where the clouds and wind roam. All of us right now are breathing the air of heaven! Elijah could not have gone to the Heaven of Yahweh's Throne. Yet, Scripture reads that Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven,

And it came to pass, when Yahweh would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal, 2nd Kings 2:1

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven, 2 Kings 2:11.

This would be clear enough that Elijah was taken up into the earth's atmosphere.

Scripture reveals the reason why Elijah was removed from his predicament,

And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that Yahweh will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace ... And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that Yahweh will take away thy master from thy head today? And he answered, Yea, I know it;

hold ye your peace, 2 Kings 2:3 and 5.

We see that Elijah had accomplished his job and Yahweh had to bring in a younger prophet Elisha (Ei is Saviour) to do other tasks before the king who followed Ahaziah (Yah holds), who had just died. (2nd Kings 1:1-18 and read 2nd Kings 2:12-15).

Elisha died after fulfilling his job (2nd Kings 13:14). Elisha knew that Yahweh would preserve Elijah from falling out of the sky (2nd Kings 2:16) and dying. He sent people to look for him, but to no avail.

However, after ten years of wicked rulers ruling over Judah there comes a letter from Elijah (2nd Chronicles 21:12-15, and 8-20) which proved his existence that he was still alive ten years after his being taken away by Yahweh in a whirlwind. He must have died somewhat later, because there are no other writings concerning him in Scripture.

Still, it is mentioned that Elijah was seen (in a vision) with Messiah on the Mount! (Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-10 and Luke 9:28-36). This seems to be such a perplexing problem to so many! But Yahshua told His disciples: "Tell the VISION to no man," Matt. 17:9. The VISION was not a material reality but a supernatural picture observed by eyes speaking to a future time. Moses died and was buried (Deut.34:5-6). Elijah also died, but, in the vision, they both were there (evidently in physical form), but Yahshua was seen in His glory of the Resurrection, which had yet to take place. Remember, His future reign is on the earth (Rev. 5:10).

How plain is your Bible! Enoch and Elijah are dead in the dust of the earth awaiting the resurrection of the just (Acts 24:15) and will live forevermore!

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ally are. In John 14:15-24 Yahshua speaks of this relationship between our profession of love toward Him and our actions. If we really do love Him then we should be willing to lead the life of a servant, a servant of righteousness. We should be willing to sacrifice the necessities of this life to comply with the requirements of obedience to His Word. This fact was attested to at the Feast of Tabernacles I attended some years ago. There were some in attendance who actually quit their jobs or who were fired from their jobs because they felt it more important to be obedient to His Word! These devoted brethren knew the meaning of the word "sacrifice." They had applied the Law of Yahweh to their lives.

Apply Your Knowledge

Yes, application is the key. Our life must be that of a true witness. One cannot be obedient only when it is expedient to do so. Even though we can rationalize our actions to ourselves, it is Yahweh Who knows our motives.

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Elder Roger G. Meyer

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to the Whole of Scripture.

Observing Passover in light of the whole of Scripture means we observe it differently today than what was proscribed in Torah.

It doesn't mean Yahweh changes. He still wants obedience from the heart and He wants our hearts circumcised. He always has wanted this from His people. His love, mercy and grace stay constant and

unchangeable (Mal. 3:6).

Now Israel, what does Yahweh your Elohim require from you, but to fear Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep YAHWEH'S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to Yahweh your Elohim belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. Yet on your fathers did Yahweh set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day. So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer, Deuteronomy 10:12-16 NASB.

Yahweh has allowed us (many of whom are probably descendants of the lost 10 tribes of Israel), who accept His Son, to come back to Him in a restored relationship (Rom. 9-11, see also our mini-study entitled *The Hope of Israel*), so that we can be a part of The Family and to do His will as is required of us. Actually, Their will, since it is the Father's will for us (Ex. 23:22a; John 5:43).

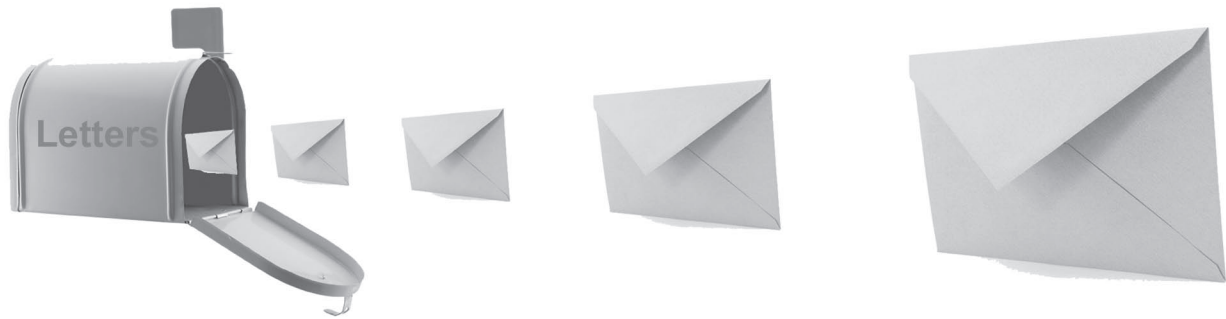
Let's consider all of this as we prepare for Yahshua's return and keep Passover this year in memory of His death and sacrifice for us.

Elder David Brett

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gathering of Israel, then to a day beginning the thousand-year reign of Messiah, then to a day after the final judgment, and then to a day that is not a day, but a time of eternity — lest we be caught by surprise, as a thief who stealthily steals your treasures.

Elder John Fisher



I want to thank you so graciously for always providing good scriptural background to all you write in your literature. It has been a tremendous help to me. It took me 40 years to rightfully understand what I know now and a lot longer to be able to fully comprehend all that has been given to me. I read and re-read the literature that you have given me and hope to pass it on to others.

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Just received the Beacon. What a beautiful magazine. I've enjoyed it so much. Thanks. May Yahweh bless you all.

— **DF, WA**

Thank you very much for sending me the literature requested. It is really a blessing from above to be able to receive the truth about the Scripture and the names of our Creator and Savior. May He bless you abundantly.

— **VM, CA**

My wife and I are always looking forward to receiving the Beacon. It is a Beacon of light and truth. It is such a blessing to know there are brethren like ourselves that are not afraid to stick their necks out to proclaim the truth.

— **JM, England**

You follow and obey a Great Yah! Of all the websites I have found, yours and your teachings are the only ones that are Scripture—based and without man—based doctrines. I study through Scripture three times a year, once aloud, and I find nothing on your site that is out of context. I'm glad I found your site on Shabbat evening.

— **KW, NM**

I have been so blessed reading your tomorrow world magazine. May [Yahweh] continue to bless this ministry.

— **ZT, CA**

Just discovered your teachings on YouTube... So thankful for all the Truth being taught in an absolute non-compromising way! There are no other Sacred Name believers in my area, so I'm rejoicing that YAHWEH has directed me to YAIY.org!

— **ES, WA**

I would like to know if you have any YAIY assemblies in Ireland or if you might have any plans to do so. Bless you for your faithfulness in [Yahshua].

— **MF, Ireland**

We want to thank you for the CDs and pamphlets you send us so we can enjoy the Sabbath at home. Bless you and the brethren for all that you do to keep the truth alive.

— **J&HH, WV**

You have taught me things I never knew as I studied the *Biblical Holy Days* booklet. I realized how enslaved I was by other religious beliefs. You have freed my mind to be clear to the fact of faith in Yahshua and to use His name instead of Jesus Christ.

— **EB, PA**

I would just like to say to the family that it feels good to be a part of the YAIY Assembly. All the literature, the Beacon and the love I get and feel from you interacting with me is unexplainable. My relationship with Yahweh the Father has never been stronger and the understanding I am receiving is remarkable. Thank you.

— **TC, OH**

Shalom to Yahweh's people in Yahweh's Assembly. My husband and I feel blessed to receive the Beacon and the children's section is a great study guide. We came to know of you through an acquaintance who shared his DVDs of your teachings. We pray that you continue being blessed by Yahweh in all you do. Praise Yahweh in the name of Yahshua Messiah.

— **MS, TX**

I'm excited for the good yield. I have been like the farmer who waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. Some of us are traveling to Kenya tomorrow for the Trump Feast. May you have a blessed one.

— an e-mail from **BS, Uganda**

Thank you for your ministry. I'm blessed by the things you send. Now I send them to my 9 year old granddaughter. She does not live in a believing household so I pray it will draw her to the Father. — **DD, MS**

WOW! I just finished reading your excellent booklet entitled *The Mistaken "J."* What an eye-opening study. I never knew God had a personal name until the Jehovah Witnesses knocked on my door and told me. Now I know they have His personal name wrong. Thank you for teaching me His personal name. — **JJ, CO**

Thanks to all of you at Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua. The box of literature has been such a blessing to myself and others I've been sharing it with. I pray Yahweh will pour out a blessing into the ministry He is doing through you, in such a way you can't contain it. — **DB, TX**

I would like to first thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you. Thank you for sending me those last booklets/study guides. I will some day be teaching my family about these studies. Thank you for your time and dedication towards people of faith who are seeking to understand the truth. Let Yahweh be with you and your family. — **BR, NC**

Praise Yahshua. Thank you for all the literature. I have shared it with others. Please pray that these seeds will grow and produce fruit. Yahweh bless you and keep you. — **SM, FL**

I had a privilege to review and read your recent "Beacon" magazine. I'm very inspired by its content and I would like to be able to receive it in the future.

— **SG, IL**

Greetings and shalom. I just received newsletter (with pictures) and calendar. It is so great. I look at the pictures in the newsletter and it is almost like I am there with you all. What a great feeling that our Yahweh allows me to have. He is so great. Please keep me on your mailing list. Your magazine is great and I share each issue with others. Thank you all so much for the support. — **TK, CO**

Praise be to Yahweh. Thank you for all of the information you send out at no charge. Many in my family are learning more and more truth. I want to be a part of helping others get the truth so I will be sending my offerings to you. May Yahweh continue to bless you, your family and your ministry. — **TG, VA**

Dear Assembly in Yahshua, Shalom. In Yahshua, thank you so much for all you are doing. Your Beacon magazine is great and, man, do I love truth! You are a bright light in a dark place and I am eating the meat and loving it. Again, I say with a heartfelt thank you so much. You have really blessed me in my life.

— **MB, WA**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Yahshua, may Yahweh bless you in the only true name of salvation — Yahshua. Thank you for the literature you send me. Before the first time I wrote you, I knew His name for a year and one-half. Then a brother sent me some of your studies and I was so happy. Then I didn't feel alone anymore. — **AP, NJ**

I hope this finds all of you and your families well. I'm doing great. Hope all of you have enjoyed the Feast of Tabernacles. Your Beacon magazine is fantastic. Thank you so much for it. May Yahweh and Yahshua continue to bless your ministry. — **AS, FL**

Dear Brother, I would like to thank you for the great help that you are doing for me through the Bible studies. I've studied the Holy Scriptures for the last 20 years of my life, but a lot of things I did not understand. The answer to my doubts came by studying with you brothers. — **GC, CA**

To my Brothers and Sisters in Yahshua Messiah, I can't continue without saying thank you for the work you do helping others and myself in the study of Yahweh's Word. This course is a wonderful motivator and I remain excited the moment I get each letter and filled after each exam. Truly, the word of Yahweh is sweeter than honey and purer than gold or silver. Looking forward to the next manila envelope and thanks again. May Yahweh bless you and your assembly richly through Yahshua the Messiah.

— **SW, The Commonwealth of Dominica**

Shalom! Let me first recognize you all as being a true blessing to me. The latest issue of the Beacon was great. Everything taught in the Valentine's Day article could be confirmed with encyclopedia and a dictionary of symbols. I enjoyed every article in it.

— **ST, VA**



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