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# **Analysis of Proverbs 8**

Sometimes we're misunderstood when we describe that the Savior has been with the Father from the beginning, but that the Savior Himself is not actually the Father.

We have explained that the only begotten Son has been the expressed image of the Father; He has indeed seen the Father; He was and is even now a Representative of and for the Father, Yahweh, the Ancient of Days.

The traditional teaching of the Trinity, borrowed and adapted from pagan societies, has clouded the minds of people so much that it's hard to see the truth when presented. It's important that we acknowledge the Son and the Father for Who They are, and what They ultimately want from us.

With this said, we're going to take a closer look at the Wisdom we find in Proverbs chapter 8. We'll start to see conceptually that Yahweh does have a Representative, so exact in purpose, goals, and aspirations, that it is sometimes difficult to separate the Two.

#### Figurative or Literal?

Beyond the allegorical and figurative, we find the literal throughout Scripture. We'll want to consider that with the word wisdom, and how it is related to us in the Word of Yahweh.

When considering wisdom, *Eerdmans Dictionary* of the *Bible* gives a typical viewpoint of what is commonly understood:

"Dictionaries define wisdom as the ability to make sound judgments on what we know, especially as it relates to life and conduct. The wise do not value the quantity of knowledge by itself, but the ethical and moral dimensions of how we evaluate human experience and act on it."

#### **Masculine or Feminine?**

Let's now start to analyze Proverbs 8 to see what we can discover. The author starts out saying,

Does not wisdom call, and understanding lift up her voice? On the top of the heights along the way, between the paths she has taken her stand. Beside the gates, leading to the city, at the entrances, she shouts: "O men, I call, to you, and my voice is to the sons of men," Proverbs 8:1 - 4 TS.

Here, the reference is usually made using "her and she" because there is, grammatically, no neuter gender in the Hebrew language. However, it should be pointed out that the usage of the words "her" and "she" used here were added, except in verse one. The

word used in verse 1 is number H1931 and Strong's Concordance says, by definition, it can be either "he" or "she."

Let's look at the same initial verses with a more masculine designation, and, in fact, let's capitalize some of the words:

Does not Wisdom call, and Understanding lift up His voice? On the top of the heights along the way, between the paths He has taken His stand. Beside the gates, leading to the city, at the entrances, He shouts: "O men, I call, to you, and My voice is to the sons of men." Proverbs 8:1 - 4 TS.

Does this give a clearer picture of Whom we might actually be seeing in Proverbs chapter 8, in a figurative way? Who brings the truth of the word to "the sons of men"?

#### **Messiah for Israel?**

It's interesting that this wisdom is described standing by the gates, leading to the city. Which city? Could we relate this to New Jerusalem, the heavenly city? If so, we should remember that the 12 gates mentioned in Revelation of this New Jerusalem has the 12 tribes of Israel named. That is to say that each gate has one of the names of the tribes of Israel over it.

Couldn't we then say that Wisdom is standing next to Israel? Figuratively speaking of course, but literally, also, when we consider that Israel is the apple of Yahweh's eye,

For thus says Yahweh of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches You, touches the apple of His eye," Zechariah 2:8.

The question really is in the beginning of Proverbs 8, is, "Who does Wisdom call? Us?" "Who speaks to our hearts and minds?" Yahweh's only begotten Son, Yahshua, tells us the answer in the book of John.

No one can come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, "And they will all be taught by Elohim." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me — not that anyone has seen the Father except <Me Who is from Yahweh; he has seen the Father, John 6:44 - 47 ESV.

The ESV doesn't capitalize "he" or "me" here, but we understand this is Yahshua the Messiah, the Son of Yahweh, speaking. And, "He" (with capital H) is saying that only He, from among men, has seen the Father. Similarly, capitalize the "m" in "me" since it, also, refers to Yahshua.

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

If Yahshua only spoke what the Father told Him to, then, indeed, it is still the Father Who is doing the calling. But Yahshua is not the Father because Yahshua prayed to the Father. And we also are to pray to the Father, but we do so through the Son.

#### **Understanding**

You simple ones, understand insight, and you fools, be of an understanding heart. Listen, for I speak noble words, and the opening of My lips is about straightness, Proverbs 8:5 - 6 TS.

This really should make all of us stop and consider what we may have thought we understood, because the One speaking now is relating understanding.

For My mouth speaks truth; and wrongness is an abomination to My lips. All the words of My mouth are in righteousness, none of them twisted or crooked, all of them plain to him who understands, and straight to those who find knowledge, Proverbs 8:7 - 9 TS.

As we speak here at the assembly or write articles, we oftentimes will ask that Yahweh speak through us. This appears to be what we're seeing here with the author of Proverbs.

We see this throughout Scripture. It is all inspired of Yahweh and for Yahweh's purpose, providing us the wisdom that we need, 2 Tim. 3:16.

#### From the Beginning

We should always go back to Him to see what He has wanted from the beginning, keeping in mind what He wants from us at the end, also. 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? (Deuteronomy 10:12 - 13 NASB).

Can we separate the fear of Yahweh and serving Him with all of our heart and soul and then ignore His commandments and statutes which He commanded Israel and any who would join with them to serve Yahweh?

Scripture confirms that Yahweh doesn't change (Mal. 3:6), and that what He wanted from the beginning is what He also wants forever, Deut. 5:29. That is, what He wants

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#### Why Biblical Law?

A lesson from the Potter

THE POTTER stretched his wetted hand over the lump of clay as he started rotating the large stone wheel. Turning it slowly with his feet, he formed the revolving mass until a rounded shape began rising from the miry clump.

Adding water from time to time, the potter skillfully smoothed out the softened clay, eliminating minor imperfections.

What was once a shapeless blob on the wheel soon became a sleek, pliant jar in the deft hands of the potter.

Next would come the firing of the kiln to bake permanently the shaped clay into a usable jar.

#### We in the Hands of the Maker

Have you ever considered looking at mankind through our Creator's eyes? He evidently sees humans as vessels of clay that can eventually be transformed into something wonderful and precious.

Paul addresses this concept in Romans 9:21, "Has not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?"

We are clay in the hands of the Master Potter. He can mold of us whatever He wills. We are all individuals, each different from all others. We are unique beings on this earth, is obedience from the heart, Ezek. 36:26-27.

## **Instructions Are Foundational**

Let's review what we read again from Proverbs 8:7 - 9 TS, which says.

For My mouth speaks truth; and wrongness is an abomination to My lips. All the words of My mouth are in righteousness, none of them twisted or crooked, all of them plain to him who understands, and straight to those who find knowledge.

Keeping this in mind, and considering Who Wisdom is, let's consider what King David said, the one who had a heart after Yahweh's own heart, Acts 13:22.

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of Yahweh. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart. They also do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways. You have ordained Your precepts, that we should keep them diligently. Oh that my ways may be established to keep Your statutes! (Psalm 119:1 - 5 NASB).

The word "law" here is "Torah," the Hebrew word essentially meaning "instructions." The Torah, in most places of Scripture, as we understand, is a reference to the first five books of the Bible. The Torah is foundational for all the rest of Scripture, when we think about it.

#### Attributes of Yahweh

I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate. Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine, Proverbs 8:12 - 14 NASB.

Would we agree that these are all attributes of Yahweh? Interesting to note, the Apostle Paul under-

stood that the power is of Yahweh, as well as wisdom. Both power and wisdom are found embodied in the Messiah.

Unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah the power of Elohim, and the wisdom of Elohim, 1 Corinthians 1:24b KJV.

We should ask the question here, "Who has understanding, and how do we get it?"

I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Your precepts. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word. I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me. How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! From Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way, Psalm 119:100 - 104 NASB.

This Scripture says, "You Your-self have taught me." If we want understanding, we have to put into practice Yahweh's word which

is written down for us by Yahweh's own Hand (right h and, to be exact).

For King David, the words of Yahweh were honey to his mouth. Yahshua also told the people to live by the words of Yahweh (Matt. 4:4), written down for us today, that we might walk in liberty, living by His sweet word.

# At Liberty to be Lawful

So I will keep Your law continually, forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts. I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be ashamed. I shall delight in Your commandments, which I love. And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, which I love; and I will meditate on Your statutes, Psalm 119:44 - 48 NASB.

The law, precepts, testimonies, commandments, and statutes; all the things prophesied that those who have Yahweh's Spirit would be given the help to do, Jer. 31:33. Freed in Messiah from the death penalty that disobedience brings, freed and walking in liberty as lawful citizens of Yahweh's household.

The process is simple, but the truth has been distorted by centuries of abuse by false teachers. False teachers who didn't have Yahweh's Spirit indwelling them, but were out for themselves. Yahshua warned the people about following such blind guides (Matt. 15:14), but not everyone is blind. And there are the laws of the land which we are to honor, as long as they do not tell us to disobey our heavenly Father,

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, "We ought to obey Yahweh rather than men," Acts 5:29 KJV.

Wisdom Makes Kings

By Me kings reign, and princes

decree righteousness, by Me do chiefs rule, and nobles, all judges of the earth, Proverbs 8:15 - 16 YLT.

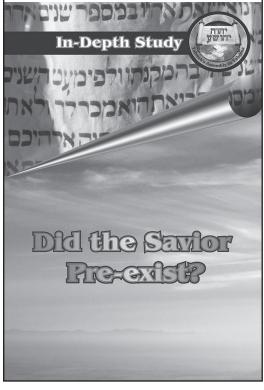
Who lifts up kings, judges, and rulers?

With this in mind, it gives us more incentive to be an obedient people to not only Yahweh, but to the government officials as well, Rom. 13.

It is He Who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding, Daniel 2:21 NASB.

Obviously, we cannot attribute every word "wisdom" as a reference to Yahweh. But there are figurative areas of Scripture which give us a deeper understanding of Who Yahweh is. And also, Who Yahshua, His Son, is.

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#### The Pre-Existent Savior

What we can do now is to start thinking about Wisdom in terms of the Pre-Existent Savior. Continuing, in Proverbs 8:17 YLT, we read.

I love those loving Me, and those seeking Me earnestly do find Me.

Those seeking will find, but they have to earnestly do so.

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water," John 7:37 - 39 NKJV.

Yahshua often said, "Those who have ears to hear, let him hear."

So it does tend to go back to the idea that Yahweh has to open the heart and mind of an individual to be able to hear. Matthew 16:17 KJV, says,

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

In speaking of wisdom in a literal sense, James says that Yahweh will give it to us:

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask Yahweh, Who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him, James 1:5 ESV.

Even though the 12 tribes of Israel are addressed at the start of this letter, James does say "all" will be granted wisdom, if they ask Yahweh for it.

Even Yahshua, as you may recall, granted the woman, who was not of Israel, healing for her daughter. It was by faith and belief that Yahshua could heal, that it was granted.

Another thing that Yahshua did was to proclaim that He was coming back with a reward, which makes the next verse tend to stand out:

Riches and esteem are with Me, enduring wealth and righteousness, Proverbs 8:18 TS.

This, of course, would apply to Yahweh as well because He is the giver of every good gift. And, as we go along, think of Wisdom as speaking of Yahshua.

#### Who is Wisdom?

My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, and my yield better than choicest silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, to endow those who love Me with wealth, that I may fill their treasuries, Proverbs 8:19 - 21 NASB.

Riches, when we think about it, are much more than materialistic silver and gold.

Good health is certainly good, but a good heart is even better. Given a choice, would

we want a room full of gold or a heart filled with Yahshua's character and attributes?

One of the things we are to do is to walk in the Master's footsteps. We know that He did walk in righteousness, as He never sinned against His Father's laws, 1 Pet. 21:22. He was blessed, and we will also be blessed if we follow Him.

In Proverbs, we now hear Yahweh's Name spoken again. However, this time Wisdom is speaking about Him, which means Wisdom now definitely has to be looked upon a little differently than one would otherwise.

Yahweh brought Me forth as the first of His works, before His deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, Proverbs 8:22 - 25 NIV.

Most translations will say, "possessed me," instead of, "brought Me forth," but the NIV has it correct in context of what we're now seeing more clearly.

As emphasized by the *Dictionary* of *Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains*, the word in Strong's Concordance (H#7069) means either, "buy, bought, acquire," or "create, bringing forth, such as, to give birth."

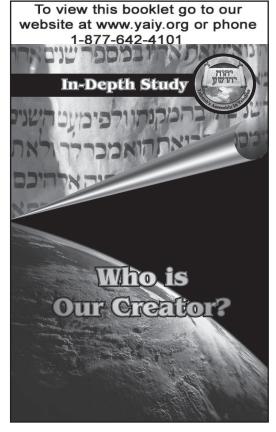
"7864 I. הָנָק (qā•nā(h)): v.; ≡ Str. 7069; TWOT 2039—LN 57.186–57.188 (qal) buy, get, purchase, i.e., acquire possessions with the exchange of money or bartered goods (Ge. 25:10; 47:19), note: for another interp in Ge. 4:1, see 7865; note: for qal act. ptcp. as n.masc., see 7867.5; (nif) be bought (Jer. 32:15; 32:43+); (hif) acquire (Zec. 13:5+), note: for NIV text, see 7871 (emphasis mine).

"7865 II. הָנָק (qā•nā(h)): v.; ≡ Str. 7069; TWOT 2039—1. LN 42.29–42.40 (qal) create, bring forth, i.e., create an object of a similar kind,

as a figurative extension of giving birth to a baby (Pr. 8:22+), note: some translate as 7864; 2. LN 12.1-12.42 One Bringing Forth, Creator, i.e., a title of God (Ge. 14:19, 22; Dt. 32:6+), note: in these contexts the creation of objects of a different class or kind; 3. LN 23.46-23.60 (qal) give birth, formally, create, i.e., produce and give birth to a baby, as a normal birthing process (Ge. 4:1; Ps. 139:13+), note: for another interp in Ge. 4:1, see 7864 (emphasis mine)." Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Hebrew (Old Testament), by Swanson, J. (1997).

By going back to verses 22 - 25, we can highlight some other areas:

Yahweh brought Me forth as the first of His works, before His deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very be-



ginning, when the world came to be. When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, Proverbs 8:22 – 25 NIV.

#### Yahshua Brought Forth

Can we say, "Yahshua was created"? "Born of Yahweh"? I have wondered about this myself and thought about how Adam and Eve were considered "one flesh." They were put together by Yahweh in a marriage (covenant) relationship, but what happened before this?

Didn't Yahweh take a part of Adam to create Eve? Is it even possible that Yahweh could have done such a thing to Himself to bring forth Yahshua? What about the Scriptures that show that Yahweh alone did all creation?

Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, Who formed you from the womb: "I am Yahweh, Who made all things, Who alone stretched out the heavens, Who spread out the earth by Myself," Isaiah 44:24 ESV.

Throughout this particular area of Scripture, Yahweh is chiding the people for worshipping pagan idols who don't even have existence, other than what the people put upon them.

Yahweh is saying there is no Savior but Him, and yet, when we look deeper at the context we find something interesting:

My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together, Isaiah 48:13 ESV.

His arm is also mentioned in the next verse. Could it be that Yahweh, from the beginning, took a part of Himself to create Yahshua? Isn't He referred to as His only begotten Son and Who was "made" (came into existence, Heb. 1:1-5) as the expressed and exact image

of Yahweh?

O sing to Yahweh a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him. Yahweh has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our Elohim, Psalm 98:1 - 3 NASB.

Is this an allusion to Yahshua, Yahweh's Salvation? Or is it just idioms used to describe things Yahweh Himself is doing? What does Yahshua say?

He says in John 10:30 - 33 NASB,

"I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. Yahshua answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which

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with a bow and arrow aiming for the heart of his "valentine." Cupids are everywhere with bows and arrows, heart shapes, paper lace, birds and flowers. All these are associated with St.Valentine's Day. But just where did these symbols and the celebration of the 14<sup>th</sup> of February come from? Most of all, should we be celebrating this seemingly innocent day on which so many remember sweethearts and lovers?

#### A Priest with a Heart

The origin of this day is not clear, as there seems to be more than one explanation. The most accepted legend is that a Roman priest named Valentine had a special feeling for young people. When the Roman Empire needed soldiers, Emperor Claudius II decreed that no one could marry or become engaged. Claudius believed that marriage made men want to stay home instead of fighting wars. The kindly Valentine defield the Emperor's decree and secretly performed weddings for a number of young couples. He was arrested, imprisoned, and put to death. Another legend holds that Valentine was aiding persecuted Christians and was imprisoned. A jailer and his family were so impressed by his sincerity that they became Christians themselves. Valentine was fond of the jailer's blind daughter and by a miracle restored her sight. On the morning of his execution he sent her a farewell message signed "From your Valentine." St. Valentine was beheaded on February 14. When he was buried, the story goes, a pink almond tree near his grave burst into bloom as a symbol of lasting love.

#### February 14 Fertility Festival

February 14, when Valentine is supposed to have died, was also the eve of an important Roman festival, the Lupercalia. On this evening, Roman youths drew names of girls who would be their partners during this spring

of them are you stoning Me?" The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be Elohim."

#### **Mystery Revealed**

One of the great mysteries we are seeing revealed in Scripture, in Proverbs 8, and by Yahshua, is that He was with the Father, from the beginning; that He is the One Who spoke to Abraham, Moses, Noah, and the like.

Because no man has heard the voice of Yahweh nor has anyone seen Him, the One Who spoke to Abraham, etc., had to be a Representative. Yahshua is That Representative and Ambassador. He is the Representative, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, for Yahweh. He did nothing of Himself, what He heard He spoke and by Him all things were created.

From the beginning, we receive information that the Hebrew title "Elohim" can mean more than one:

Then Elohim said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness," Genesis 1:26 NASB.

Who is directing and Who is following orders? Who are working together? The answer is, "Yahweh and Yahweh." No, this is not a typo.

Some chapters later in Genesis we see this clarified with careful discernment.

And Yahweh hath rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh, from the heavens, Genesis 19:24 YLT.

Yahshua pre-existed with Yahweh, as Yahweh. Other areas of Scripture confirm this concept.

Then he showed me Joshua (Yahshua) the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. Yahweh said to Satan, "Yahweh rebuke you, Satan!

Indeed, Yahweh Who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" (Zechariah 3:1 - 2).

The false titles were removed here in favor of the original Names. With that done, we receive insight and wisdom into the Word of Yahweh. There is much wisdom to be gained by doing such a study and removing the error of men. Restoring the proper names in study, and the Sacred Names in our worship, gives much evidence to Yahweh's sovereignty and foresight.

It's interesting to note that it was Yahshua, the son of Nun, who had brought the people into the Promised Land. Here, also, we have a high priest named Yahshua. These are parallels to what Yahweh is working out with Yahshua the Messiah, but on a much grander scale. For further study, research the "Angel of Yahweh," which our in-depth study called "Did the Savior Pre-Exist?" gets into. Request your free copy today.

#### **Before Creation**

Before He had made the earth and the fields, or the first dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He decreed a vault on the face of the deep, when He set the clouds above, when He made the fountains of the deep strong, when He gave to the sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command, when He decreed the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him, a master workman, and I was His delight, day by day reioicing before Him all the time. Proverbs 8:26 - 30 TS.

This is what is described in the book of John about the Word being in the beginning with Yahweh and being as Elohim, and creating all things under the direction of Yahweh. The 1st century disciples understood this and this is what we also understand.

Yahweh is The Draftsman, but

Yahshua is The Master Craftsman.

He is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist, and He is the head of the body, the assembly, Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His stake. Colossians 1:15 - 20 NKJV.

Can it be any clearer? Yahshua was the One Who spoke and even wrote the law for the people. The following should have more meaning for us as Wisdom has been identified, and it is also the Wisdom we need.

Rejoicing in the world, His earth, and having My delight in the sons of men. Now therefore, O sons, listen to Me, for blessed are they who keep My ways. Heed instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it, Proverbs 8:31 - 33 NASB.

#### Fear Equates Respect

Fear of Yahweh was mentioned earlier in this chapter. It means we are to respect Him and do what He requires of any who would worship Him.

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth for ever, Psalm 111:10 KJV.

Blessed is the man who listens to Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at My doorposts. For he who finds Me finds life and obtains favor from Yahweh. But he who sins against Me injures himself; all those who hate Me love death, Proverbs 8:34 - 36 NASB.

Re-read, but consider the One speaking and emphasize in your mind the "Me" in each sentence.

#### Final Analysis

Upon final analysis of Proverbs chapter 8, we find it speaks not only of the nature of wisdom, literally, but also figuratively of Yahweh and Yahshua.

And, what does Yahshua tell us concerning the love we are to have toward Him and His Father?

If you guard My commands, you shall stay in My love, even as I have guarded My Father's commands and stay in His love, John 15:10 TS.

Just as Yahshua was Yahweh, as The Representative, we see and hear in the Torah, Prophets and Writings, that it is Yahweh we are to be obedient to today, from Genesis to Revelation.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before Yahweh our Maker. For He is our Elohim, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His Hand. Today, if you will hear His Voice: "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways." Psalm 95:6 -10 NKJV.

It was Yahshua who led the people out of Egypt, and He was called Yahweh. He was exactly as Yahweh, a perfect Representative, and even today stands as a Perfect Sacrifice for us to accept.

He is the Great Shepherd and we are His sheep, if we follow Him with our whole heart and keep His ways which are His Father's ways.

# Learn From Experience

All down through the annals of time, history records for us certain comparisons of good versus bad, of law abiding versus law abusing, of righteousness versus unrighteousness. Present day man has not yet conquered how to use these records to learn by because the heart of man is not always with his Creator and Sustainer. He fails to recognize the fact that he should use these to his benefit. Man, seemingly, wants to play the part of leader to benefit himself only; while, in fact, he should play the part of follower and follow in the footsteps of Yahshua, thereby edifying the body of the Messiah. Since the book of Proverbs is full of such comparisons, let us learn from them.

#### **Preservation**

Following the Babylonian Captivity, a large number of believers remained in the land of their captivity. A brief historical event concerning these people is recorded in the book of Esther. The book of Esther, itself, is a drama about a certain crisis in the history of Yahweh's people. The first five chapters of the book lead up to the crisis point in the drama. With providential preservation, we shall see how quickly the table is turned and dark clouds give way to bright sunshine.

While the king had gathered the princes of his provinces together to deliberate on an expedition against Greece, he ordered his queen to come to the festive occasion to show off her beauty to the group. Refusing, she made a large breach of etiquette by this public rebuff of an absolute monarch. This action led to her being disposed of as the queen and the selection of Esther as her successor after a beauty contest was held.

#### Who Was Esther?

Esther was a ward, and cousin, of Mordecai, who was employed in the service of the royal court,

Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, Esther 2:5.

Mordecai gained favor in the eyes of the king when he uncovered a plot to kill the king:

In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name, Esther 2:21 - 22.

#### The Drama Unfolds

But the real culprit of this drama was Haman, a high executive officer to the king. Haman had extracted from the king that all should show Haman reverence by bowing to him:

After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, Esther 3:1 - 2.

Mordecai, by refusing to show such reverence to a man, was placed on Haman's black list. When Haman learned that Mordecai was a Jew, he entreated the king to have all the Jews destroyed (Esth. 3:12 - 13), where the high point was to be the public hanging of Mordecai on the gallows which Haman had constructed on Mordecai's own courtyard.

The stage is now set for the climax, but the expected climax does not occur. Through a petition to the king on behalf of her people to spare her life, Esther, since she was a Jew, persuades the king to reverse his earlier command and to execute the real enemy, Haman, upon the very gallows which had been built for Mordecai.

Yes, as Haman's riches were gained by lawlessness, so they profited him nothing. As Jeremiah 17:11

says,

As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

Thus, Haman exemplifies the first part of Proverbs 10:2:

Treasures of lawlessness profit

It can also be seen that Mordecai exemplifies the latter part of the same verse:

But righteousness delivereth from death.

Indeed, another Biblical story which shows deliverance is the story of Noah and the worldliness which existed at his time.

#### Fill 'Er Up

Too many people in this world are more concerned with filling their stomach with all kinds of food to sustain their physical life. Certainly, this is a necessity. But, in a very short time, the energy derived from this food is used up and the body needs more. As Matthew 6:33 says,

But seek ye first the kingdom of Yahweh, and His righteousness; and all these things (the necessities of this life) shall be added unto you.

If we feel that we should fill ourselves with something that is more profitable to us in the long run, then we should fill up on things that endure. We should fill ourselves with praise and thankfulness to Yahweh for what He has done for us in the past and for what He has promised to do for us in the future. For such sacrifices He is well pleased, as Hebrews 13:15 - 16 says,

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased.

The prophet Habakkuk offered

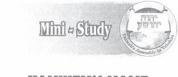
such praise in chapter 3 in the book of Habakkuk. He praised Yahweh for the events in the history of His People (verses 3 - 15) and he praised Yahweh for his confidence for the future of His People (verse 18).

The underlying theme of his book is faith:

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith, Habakkuk 2:4.

In chapter 3 we find Habakkuk's faith glorying is assurance. Even as Habakkuk's days seemed dark, so do ours; and as he resolved himself to wait patiently, so should we. By doing so, we shall have the dark clouds removed to let the bright sunshine come through. Then we shall surely have good reason to cry aloud with joy as Habakkuk did

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in chapter 3, where, in verse 1, *Shi-gionath* means to cry aloud, either in pain, as he did in verse 16, or in joy, as he did in verses 18 and 19. If we remain true to His word, then Yahweh has promised us that we will not grow hungry, as we read in Proverbs 10:3, first part:

Yahweh will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish.

But in the same verse Yahweh makes another promise — if we seek worldly pleasures in this life, as did the rich fool in Luke 12:16 - 21, then we shall be cast aside. Don't let this happen to you. Place your trust and faith in those things which can neither be corrupted by moths and rust nor stolen, for as Matthew 6:21 says:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

#### Nap Time

Physically speaking, we must, out of necessity, periodically sleep so that our body can rebuild. Without physical rest, we would become totally exhausted and likely have a physical breakdown. But, spiritually speaking, we must never rest. If we do, then we will likely have a spiritual breakdown. One can never build up one's spiritual foundation through inactivity. If we do, then Satan, more than likely, will gain a toehold in our lives, and after a toehold comes a foothold, then a leg hold and finally a body hold, where he would have complete control over our lives.

In Romans chapter 7, Paul tells about the two laws which coexist within our body — the law of the mind and the law of the flesh. Paul tells us that he delights in the law of Yahweh, which he serves with his mind. This we must do also if we are to build up a strong spiritual foundation which can not be impregnated by the wiles of Satan.

Paul traveled extensively in the then existing world, preaching Yahshua and gathering in new believers into Yahshua's body. Paul, truly, was a wise son as Proverbs 10:5, first part, says:

He that gathereth in summer is a wise son.

However, one of Paul's fellow laborers (Colossians 4:14 and Philemon 24) did not weather the storm, as he loved the physical part of this world too much:

For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world. and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia, 2 Timothy 4:10.

Demas is an example of one who sleeps in the time of harvest and is as a son who causeth shame. See also Prov. 10:5, last part.

We, who proclaim to be members of Yahshua's body, must take heed of the warning given to us in Proverbs !0:5. We must not fall asleep on the job; we must not neglect our duty and our commission of preparing the inhabitants of this world for the soon coming Kingdom of Yahweh. The person who sleeps during the time of harvesting will certainly suffer shame and loss when he comes face to face with his Judge.

#### Hatred — Love

In 1 Samuel, beginning with chapter 7, we read of the life of Saul, Israel's first earthly king. We read of his physical characteristics and his military victories. In chapter 15, we find that he disobeyed Yahweh when he failed to completely annihilate the Amelekites (verses 1 - 9). As the result he is told by the prophet Samuel that Yahweh will take his kingdom away from him and give it to David (verses 25 - 28). In the next few chapters of 1 Samuel, we see how Saul becomes jealous of David (1 Sam. 18:1 - 9) and pursues him to kill him (1 Sam. 20:33) because Yahweh was with David now and no longer with Saul. Saul ordered all of his men, including his son, Jonathan, to kill David. But David and Jonathan were very good friends, as they loved each other, so Jonathan told David of Saul's plan to kill him.

Fleeing from Saul, David came to and requested bread and Goliath's sword from Abimelech, the priest, 1 Sam. 21:1 - 9. The chief herdman of Saul, Doag, the Edomite, observed this meeting (verse 7) and told Saul, believing that Abimelech was conspiring against him. Saul had Abimelech and his family killed, save one, Abiathar, one of Abimelech's sons.

The above episode is an example of how hatred for a person (Doag's feelings toward David) caused strife between Saul and Abimelech and is surely an example of Proverbs 10:12a:

Hatred stireth up strifes.

Another example of this is the strife between Abraham and Hagar which was caused by Sarah's feel-

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#### How it Fulfills the Law

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

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

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

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

#### The Meaning of Love

The source of love is from our Heavenly Father Yahweh who "so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

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

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

ings toward Ishmael. Read Gen. 21:9 - 14.

To exemplify the last part of Prov. 10:12 (But love covereth all sins.) one can look at another event in David's life and how he obtained Bathsheba as his wife. David desired Bathsheba as his wife, but she was already the wife of Uriah, the Hittite. David then conceived a plan by which he would send Uriah to lead the army into a batte in which Uriah would surely die. This occurred as we find that Uriah was killed, 2 Sam. 11:24. In 2 Samuel chapter 12, Nathan told a parable to David in which David answered that the guilty person should be put to death (verse 5). When Nathan explained the parable to David that he was the guilty person, David recognized his sin (verse 13), fasted and prayed the prayer found in Psalm 51.

Here we see how Nathan's love toward David helped show David his guilt. The love which covers all sins, as written in Proverbs 10:12, is not our love but the love that others feel toward us which causes us to recognize our guilt for which we ask Yahweh for forgiveness.

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins, 1 Peter 4:8.

As another illustration of the love which Nathan felt for David is the feeling each of us, as members of Yahshua's body, is to have toward the other members. We are to love our brethren.

Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear Yahweh. Honour the King, 1 Peter 2:17.

And we are to have this same spontaneous love for each,

That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another, 1 Corinthians 12:25.

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# An Intimate Relationship With Yahweh

### Do YOU have One?

I am Yahweh, and there is no one else; besides Me there is no Elohim. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is no one besides Me: I am Yahweh, and there is no one else. I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace and create evil; I am Yahweh that does all these things, Isaiah 45:5 - 7.

#### **Relationship Foundation**

There is one El!

Thou believest that there is one EI; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble, James 2:19.

First, one must establish that a relationship exists. And how is this done?

And by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments, I John 2:3.

Next, in order to know Yahweh, we must think like Yahweh. In order to think like Yahweh, we must have the "mind of Yahweh." And, in order to have the "mind of Yahweh," we must have the set-apart (Holy) Spirit of Yahweh indwelling.

The set-apart (Holy) Spirit is Yah's heart/mind and character. This set-apart (Holy) Spirit can turn a self-centered worldly mind into the spiritual righteous loving mind like Yahweh's. The set-apart (Holy) Spirit can only come after true repentance.

#### **Becoming Intimate with Yahweh**

To think as one with Yahweh is to be intimate with Yahweh. Once we have attained the ability to think like "El's-like mind," we come to understand why we are spiritually motivated to keep Yah's Commandments/ Torah. Why? Because they can now be viewed as our Commandments also. How could we not want to keep them? So what do we receive and understand from the "Mind of Yahweh"?

#### **Scriptural Gift Facts**

- 1. That the Tanach (1st testament) and the Brit Hadasha (last testament) are the perfect spiritually inspired "Mind of Yahweh" and is never changing;
- 2. There is no spiritual difference between the Torah/Commandments of Yahweh given through Moshe

and the prophets or the Torah/Commandments, given through Messiah Yahshua and His apostles. The worldly-minded man, both a Yahudite (Jewish person) and a foreigner, misunderstands Yah's Torah/Commandments because they are under the spirit of error:

- 3. The worldly-minded man cannot understand the Spirit of Yah or those with the belief of Yahshua. They see everything from a physical perspective; and
- 4. Worldly minded men will seek either "free salvation," a get-out-of-jail- free card, the lie of once saved always saved, or "earned salvation," by works of the letter of the Torah and not out of love, which is the Spirit of the Torah/Word. Yahshua is the Living/Breathing Torah/Word. The Belief of Yahshua is to walk as Yahshua walked.

#### **Knowing Yahweh**

But now that you have come to know Yahweh, or rather to be known by Yahweh, how turn you back again to the weak and beggarly rudiments, to which you desire to be in bondage over again? (Galatians 4:9).

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of Yahweh; and everyone that loves is begotten of Yahweh, and knows Yahweh. Whoever does not love does not know Yahweh, because Yahweh is love, I John 4:7 -8.

To know or be known by Yahweh means that you have an intimate relationship with the Creator in spiritual truth. Then you become an extension of Yahweh, as Messiah Yahshua is through Yah's set-apart (Holy) Spirit. You will have the same like-Mind, the same like-Heart and the same like-Character. Being of Yahweh and walking in the Belief/Faith of Yahshua is how you have intimacy with Yah. You will think and have the logic of Yah. You will have Yah's heart, which is pure love. You will behave, act and carry yourself by the standards of Yah's Word.

#### **Not Knowing Yahweh**

Job 18:5 - 21 tells us of the place for those who do not know Yahweh and so do not walk with Messiah Yahshua:

Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the

spark of his fire shall not shine. The light shall be dark in his tent, and his lamp above him shall be put out. The steps of his strength shall be straitened (shortened), and his own counsel shall cast him down. For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks upon the toils. A gin shall take him by the heel, and snare shall lay hold on him. A noose is hid for him in the ground. And a trap for him in the way. Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall chase him at his heels. His strength shall be hungered, and calamity shall be ready at his side. The members of his body shall be devoured, yes; the first-born of death shall devour his members. He shall be rooted out of his tent in which he trusted; and he shall be brought to the king of terrors. There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation. His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off. His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street. He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. He shall have neither son nor kinsman among his people, nor any remaining where he sojourned. They that come after shall be astonished at his day as they that went before were frightened. Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous, and this is the place of him that knows not EL.

#### Significant Words Showing Intimacy

Here are 10 different words and their application in our intimate relationship with Yahweh as we grow and mature in EL's Word. Each English word has the definition from Webster's dictionary.

Also included are the corresponding transliterated Hebrew word and its definition from Strong's Concordance, along with the verses from Yah's Word showing the use of these words and their application.

#### Trust

Webster's Dictionary defines "trust" as assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something; one in which confidence is placed; and dependence on something future or contingent.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew batch (baw-takh), Strong's number 982, and defines it to mean "to trust."

Yahweh is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise Him, Psalm 28:7.

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; for in You

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#### YAHWEH: KNOWN THE PATRIARCHS

Does Exodus 6:3 tell us that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never knew Yahweh's Name? Understand what this passage is really saying!

A PUZZLING BIBLE VERSE for many who are aware of the sacred Name Yahweh is found in Exodus 6:3, which reads:

"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of G-d Almighty [El Shaddai] but by my name [YAHWEH] was I not known to them

Some Bible expositors contend that this passage shows that Yahweh had not revealed His Name to the patriarchs. That even Moses did not know that His Name was Yahweh, but knew Him only as Elohim or El Shaddai. This notion is false, as we see from the events three chapters prior to this verse.

#### The Memorial Name Yahweh

When conscripted by Yahweh to be the leader for His people Israel, Moses wondered what he should say when presenting himself before Israel. Moses asked, "The Elohim of your fathers has sent me unto you: and they shall say to me 'What is His Name?' what shall I say unto them?" Exodus 3:13. From His response it is clear Yahweh invoked His personal Name and revealed it to Moses

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

"And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, 'YAH-WEH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of do I trust: Cause me to know the way in which I should walk; for I lift up my soul to You, Psalm 143:8.

When you pass through the water, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon you, Isaiah/YeshaYah 43:2.

#### Steadfast

Webster's Dictionary defines "steadfast" as being very devoted and loyal to a person, belief, or cause: not changing; being firm in belief, determination or adherence to: immovable.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew kun (koon), Strong's number 3559, and defines it to mean "to be firm."

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of Yahweh, knowing that your labor is not vain in Yahweh, 1 Corinthians 15:58.

You therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, you fall from your own steadfastness, 2 Peter 3:17.

#### Righteous

Webster's Dictionary defines "righteous" as:

- 1. Good morally admirable;
- 2. Clean- handed, guiltless, innocent, free of evil or guilt;
- 3. Just especially of what is legal or ethically right or proper or fitting;
- 4. Moral concerned with principals of right and wrong, and conforming to standards of behav-
- 5. Virtuous morally excellent: and
- 6. Worthy having worth or merit, or value being honorable or admirable.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew tsaddig (tsad-deek), Strong's number 6662, and defines it as "righteous or just."

And what great nation is there,

that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you today? (Deuteronomy 4:8).

And Yahweh commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Yahweh Our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as at this day. And it shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us, Deuteronomy 6:24, 25.

I will give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments, Psalm 119:7.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous ordinances, Psalm 119:62.

I know, O Yahweh, that Your judgments are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me, Psalm 119:75.

I have sworn, and have confirmed it, that I will observe Your righteous ordinances, Psalm 119:106.

Righteous are You, O Yahweh, and upright are Your judgments, Psalm 119:137.

You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness, and great faithfulness, Psalm 119:138.

The sum of Your Word is truth; and every one of Your righteous ordinances endures forever, Psalm 119:160.

Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous ordinances, Psalm 119:164.

Let my tongue sing of Your word; for all Your commandments are righteousness, Psalm 119:172.

And they were both righteous before Elohim, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of Yahweh blameless, Luke 1:6.

For the hearers of the law are not just before Yahweh; but the doers of the law shall be justified, Romans 2:13.

If you know that He is righteous,

you know that everyone also that does righteousness is begotten of Him, 1 John 2:29.

Beloved, now we are children of Elohim, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if He shall be manifested, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him even as He is. And everyone that has this hope set on Him purifies himself, even as He is pure. Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And you know that He was manifested to take away sins; and in Him is no sin. Whoever remains in Him does not sin: whoever sins has not seen Him, neither knows Him. Little children, let no man lead you astray: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous: he that does sin is of the devil; for the

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#### Courage

Webster's Dictionary defines "courage" as the ability to do something that you know is difficult or dangerous; as the mental strength to venture, persevere and withstand danger, fear or difficulty.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew amets (aw-mats), Strong's number 553 and defines it as "to be stout, strong, bold, and alert."

Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be terrified of them: for Yahweh your Elohim, He it is that goes with you; He will not fail you, nor forsake you, Deuteronomy 31:6.

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be manly, be strong, 1 Corinthians 16:13.

#### Zealous

Webster's Dictionary defines "zealous" as feeling or showing strong and energetic support for a person, cause: filled with zeal.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew *qanah* (kaw-naw), Strong's number 7065 and defines it as "to be zealous or jealous."

And He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head; and He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a mantle, Isaiah 59:17.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent, Revelation 3:19.

#### Believe

Webster's Dictionary defines "believe" as to have a firm faith; to accept something as true, genuine, or real; to have a firm conviction as to the goodness, efficacy, or ability of something.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew *aman* (aw-man), Strong's number 539, and defines it as "to confirm, support."

He that believes on the Son has eternal life; but he that obeys not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him, John 3:36.

Truly, truly, I say to you, He that hears My word, and believes Him that sent Me, has eternal life, and comes not into judgment, but has passed out of death into life, John 5:24.

#### Peace

Webster's Dictionary defines "peace" as a state of tranquility or quiet, freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions, or harmony in personal relationships.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew shalom (shaw-lome), Strong's number 7965, and defines it as "completeness, soundness, welfare, peace."

Yahweh will give strength to His people; Yahweh will bless His people with peace, Psalm 29:11.

Great peace have they that love your law. And they have no occasion of stumbling, Psalm 119:165.

Peace I leave with you: My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful, John 14:27.

#### Jov

Webster's Dictionary defines "joy" as a feeling of great happiness; a source or cause of great happiness; success in doing, finding or getting something.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew simchah (sim-khaw), Strong's

number 8057, and defines it as "joy and gladness."

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish, Proverbs 10:28.

And the ransomed of Yahweh shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away, Isaiah 35:10.

Count it all joy my brethren, when you shall fall into manifold temptations; knowing that the proving of your faith works patience, Jacob (James) 1:2 - 3.

#### Endure

Webster's Dictionary defines "endure" as to undergo as a hardship, especially without giving in; to regard with acceptance; to continue to exist in the same state or condition.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew *yakol* (yaw-kole), Strong's number 3201, and defines it as "to be able, have power, and prevail."

But he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved, Matthew 24:13.

And not only so, but we rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation works endurance. And endurance, approval, and approval hope, Romans 5:3 - 4.

There has no temptation taken you but such as man can bare: but Yahweh is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it, 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which Yahweh promised to them that love Him, Jacob (James) 1:12.

#### Love

Webster's Dictionary defines

"love" as a strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties; affection based on admiration, benevolence or common interests; warm attachment, enthusiasm or devotion; an assurance of affection; unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another; a person's admiration for Yahweh.

Yah's Word uses the Hebrew *chabab* (khaw-bab), Strong's number 2245, and defines it as "to cherish, regard and protect."

Make Your face to shine upon Your servant: save me in Y our loving kindness, Psalm 31:16.

My son, despise not the chastening of Yahweh; neither be weary of His reproof: for whom Yahweh loves, He corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights, Proverbs 3:11 - 12.

And you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30 - 31.

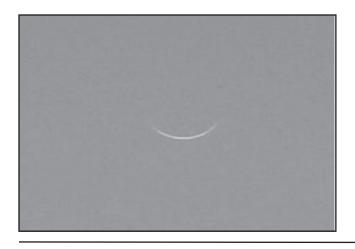
If you love Me, you will keep My commandments, John 14:15.

He that has My commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves Me: and he that loves Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him, John 14:21.

Yahshua answered and said to him, If a man loves Me, he will keep My word: and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him, John 14:23.

If you keep My commandments, you shall remain in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and remain in His love, John 15:10.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him, I John 2:15.



# New Moons

The new year, in our modern world, begins in the dead of winter, at a time when vegetation is in hibernation, and growth is at a standstill. With the Biblical calendar, this is not so, for Yahweh has legislated in His Word that spring (the time when life is renewed on earth) is the time to begin our year.

#### **New Year Beginning**

This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you, Exodus 12:2.

This is a direct command from Almighty Yahweh, given to show us the method whereby we shall reckon Scriptural time. In Exodus 13:4 we are told that this month is called "Abib." From Gen. 7:11 and 8:4, we learn that the months at first were numbered, and later the names were added.

Time has been divided by Yahweh into rhythmic cycles of days, weeks, months and years. The re-creation of the earth's surface in Genesis 1 shows that the division of light from darkness brought about the day and night, verses 3-5. In verse 14 we learn that luminaries were placed in the heavens, not only for days and nights, but to determine the things to come, seasons and years.

In the religious realm, man has used various devisings of his own mind to arrive at the determination of Yahweh's Holy Days. Most enlightened people reverently strive to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. And although a few may question the historical accuracy of the seventh day which is handed down to us, we can prove through secular history that the seventh day has been maintained since the times of Yahshua the Messiah.

Certainly He knew which was the seventh day. He said He was Master of it! It was the Council of Nicea which established the pagan "sun-day" as the day of worship over the sanctified seventh-day Sabbath, which was kept by Yahshua and all the patriarchs before Him. We have only to go back to the year 321

C.E., when Rome transferred the day of worship from the weekly Sabbath to the "venerable day of the Sun." The leaders of Rome knew which was the correct seventh day, but "transferred" the holy day of obligation from the seventh to the first day, some 300 years after Yahshua's resurrection and most of the worldly churches have followed meekly after Rome in keeping Sunday.

#### **Disobedience Leads To Punishment**

The striking of the blood upon the lintel of the Israelites dwelling in Goshen in Egypt had to be done on the proper day, if the firstborn were to survive, Exodus 12. Had the Jews, "out of every nation under heaven," not been devout and kept Pentecost (Shavuoth) at the proper time, they would not have witnessed the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the favored 120 disciples who were all with one accord in one place, Acts 1:15 and Acts 2:1. We, who are living on this side of Calvary, must carefully determine the exact days when Yahweh says He will meet with His people at His appointed times.

Ezekiel chapter 20 gives the history of Israel's disobedience in not keeping Yahweh's judgments and statutes, and did pollute His Sabbaths. In verses 12 and 20, Yahweh says that He gave His Sabbaths for a sign between Him and His people that they might know that He it is that does sanctify or set apart His people for a holy purpose. These days are very special to our Heavenly Father. He will prove to His people one day that He is the One Who has supreme power when His supernatural protection of His people proves that He is the Mighty One of Israel. We believe that those obedient followers of Yahshua will be spared just as were the children of Israel on Passover night, if we are diligent and keep His set times on the CORRECT DAY!

#### Scriptural Month

The present Roman calendar used by the world in

its industry and commerce, is not of Yahweh's making, for its new moons appear throughout the various months. The derivation of the word "month" is Middle English, and is derived etymologically from "the moon." Through the evolving Roman calendar, the word "month" has come to mean approximately four weeks, or around 30 days. To specify a true month which lunation begins with a new moon and goes through all four moon phases, the term "lunar month" is used. A lunar month consists of 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and 2.7 seconds. Note the following from *The* New English Oxford Dictionary:

"The primitive calendar month of the ancient nations began on the day of new moon or the day after, and thus coincided (except for fractions of a day) with the synodical month. Among many peoples of antiquity, however, it was from a very early period found desirable that the calendar year should contain an integral number of small periods used in ordinary reckoning. Hence, the true 'months' were superseded by a series of twelve periods, each having a fixed number of days (on the average one-twelfth of the number in the calendar year). and thus having no relationship to the change of the moon, but this artificial period continued to bear the name 'month.' In the Julian calendar, the months in leap year alternately 31 and 30 days, while in other years February had only 29 instead of 30. This symmetrical arrangement was under Augustus broken up by a transference of a day from February to August, and a day from September and November to October and December, respectively, producing the system now in use."

#### Calendars Using the Vernal Equinox

Other calendars have been advanced from time-to-time, such as the solar calendar, which is based on the sun. The very fact that the root meaning of the word "month" is based on the moon or lunar cycle shows that any calendar based on solar reckoning is wrong. (Remember, month is defined as a measure of time corresponding to the period of revolution of the moon, Oxford English Dictionary). A true month as taught in the Scriptures begins with a little sliver of light (scimitar shaped) in the rebuilding phase and progresses to the first quarter. full moon and last quarter averaging 7.38 days apart. The problem in determining a calendar has its basis in the difference between the solar year's 365 days and the lunar year's 354 days. The difficulty lies in reconciling 12 lunar months that fall 11 days short of 365 days of the solar year. No matter which

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Does a Biblical Day Begin at Sunrise or Sunset?

#### THE BEGINNING OF ALL THINGS

The law of first discovery simply stated is that a Bible topic when first mentioned is the starting place to begin our study. Everything first revealed about that subject must be in harmony with all future findings. We can-not start our discovery in the middle of a topic and then not start our ascovery in the mutact of a topic unit mit work toward both ends. Our introduction to the topic is the basic truth upon which all additional discoveries must conform. The Sabbath first appears in the Old Testament which makes it our guide, 1Cor. 10:6.

#### DAY BEGINS AT CREATION

There are many lessons we learn from the creation account. An important fact that is discussed elsewhere deals with why the term "Elohim" (in lieu of Yahweh) is used here in describing the creation account. All matter, all substance or material, space and time began with creation. The Heavenly Father Yahweh dwells in the spirit realm where time and space do not exist. There was nothing material or substance such as matter before creation existed. Prior to creation time did not exist. Space and time do not exist where there is no matter. Only when Elohim began to create did He bring into existence that which could be called earth, air or water. The earth and the universe were formed. Time

then had a beginning.

Note the earth was without form and void, (Hebrew tohu & bohu). It was a shapeless mass of water, mud, rocks sand, loam, etc.; a soupy glob.

In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and

calendar is followed, approximately every third year will have 13 new moons or 7 additional months in a 19 year period known as the metonic cycle (named after Meton, the Athenian astrologer).

#### Date of Easter

It was at the Council of Nicea in 325 C.E. over which Emperor Constantine presided, that the decree was given that "the church" would no longer look to the Jews to see when the celebration of Easter should be held. It was here that the vernal equinox was established as the starting point to reckon this spring celebration. The festival of Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday after the full moon which occurs next after March 21, the vernal equinox. Emperor Constantine was unbaptized and grossly ignorant of the religion of Christianity over which he was presiding. He had no comprehension of the Hebrew faith and the Messianic worship. His main concern was to unite his kingdom at all costs, and especially the religious factions that were at odds in his realm.

It is from the Council of Nicea. presided over by a pagan ruler, with decisions and decrees from worldly leaders of the religion of that day, that the corrupted Messianic worship was given the formula for observing Easter! Rome, since that time, has passed this golden cup of fornication to organized churchianity which has drunk deeply of pagan observances now made a part of church worship. For example, Easter, Lent, St. Valentines, Halloween, Xmas, New Year, Sunday. . . all have their roots in pagan idolatry. In spite of this, there are still religious groups that determine the time to observe Yahweh's Holy Days by relying on the vernal equinox!

#### Easter Not Scriptural

Nowhere in your Bible can you find any Scriptures, whatsoever,

telling anyone to look to that time when day and night are equal for the point to begin the Scriptural year. Yet, many sincere misguided people look to the rules from an admittedly paganized religious group to determine when to hold Passover! Some point to Genesis 1:14 and try to twist this verse to say the luminaries in the heavens are here referring to the equinox, to tell us when these signs are for seasons, days and years. This selfsame verse could just as well refer to the winter solstice, the summer solstice, the autumnal equinox or any other sign, as well as the vernal equinox. Nowhere does your Bible direct us to look for the vernal, autumnal, or any such sign, as an equinox or to see when day and night are equal. This is simply the rules and traditions of man, handed down from the Council of Nicea.

From the Oxford English Dictionary we learn that the Macedonians reckoned Dius their first month from the Autumnal Equinox. It is evident

that Rome took the spring or Vernal Equinox to establish their reckoning to Easter and thereby would not have to look to the Jews or any religious group to determine the celebration of Easter worship. The word "vernal" has to do with spring. Equinox refers to that time when the sun crosses the equator which it does both March 21 and again September 22 or thereabout.

The vernal equinox can be traced back to Egyptian sun worship, and is in the same category as the Saturnalia, from which stems the Christian winter celebration. It is evident to the sincere Bible scholar that many worldly religious activities are closely patterned after those customs found in paganism and idolatrous worship. We are committed to root out

vestiges of paganism that contaminate Yahweh's pure worship, and to turn to the Bible as our guide. Therefore, we cannot use the vernal equinox to mark the beginning of the Passover season.

# Keeping Yahweh's Holy Days

The method Yahweh gave His people to determine His Holy Days applies to us today as well as to the children of Israel when they entered into the Promised Land. The same instructions for keeping His days applies to you and to me as it did to King David when he was still a young shepherd lad on the hills of Palestine. The method commanded to determine when to hold these convocations could not be so complicated that accurate chronometers and watches of today would have to be used to note the exact time when day and night are equal. Surely, the people in King Hezekiah's time (II Chronicles 30) were able to tell when to keep Passover without having to note the subtle difference of seconds of time to see when day and night were each of 12 hours duration. Yahweh's law applies to the primitive society as well as to the supposed sophisticated people of today. It is an inspired Book for all ages.

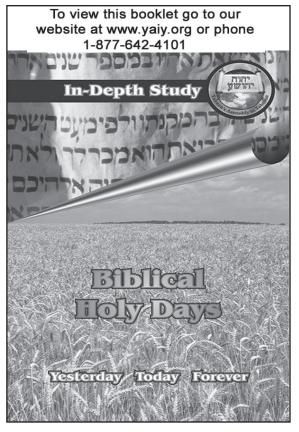
#### Use Yahweh's Calendar

"Observe the month of Abib," we are told in Deut. 16:1. Observe is from Strong's 8104 (shamar) and means "attend to, beware, be circumspect, take heed, keep, mark, look narrowly, regard, observe, wait for." This is a direct command from Almighty Yahweh for us to take special note of the month of Abib! (Abib means "green ears.")

Abib must be that month in which the green ears appear. Following the directions given in Deuteronomy 16, an Israelite would note the New Moon in the beginning of Spring and check the barley fields for the appearance of heads

of grain. If he found the grain short, and no heads in forming, he would wait until the next new moon. Then, he would again check the barley fields and when he noted heads of grain, he would know this was the month of Abib when he could garner an orner (handful) of ears to be presented the day after the weekly Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Yahweh's holy days are closely tied to agriculture and the crops of the fields. Pentecost and Tabernacles are both harvest celebrations and give us a deeper insight into Yahweh's Divine plan. Psalm 104:10 - 14 shows that it is Yahweh Who provides the earth with water and the proper growing conditions. We are fully dependent upon Him for our



survival and our blessings as well.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, James 1:17.

It is no wonder then that we are to watch for that month in which the barley heads appear. It is a type of still future spiritual harvest.

Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Matthew 9:37.

Celebrations that have as their basis the keeping of a pagan observance, such as the vernal equinox or any other astrological signs, are actually condemned in Holy Writ in such places as Deut. 18:10, Gal. 4:9 - 11, and Col. 2:8. Thayer's Lexicon is more applicable to the context of Paul's writings and reads, "the heavenly bodies, either as parts of the heavens or (as other think) because in them the elements of man's life and destiny were supposed to reside." El-

ements could well be translated "astrological signs" and has to do with looking for signs beyond Yahweh's Word. We are commanded to look to the earth and the crops brought forth,

Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy Elohim: for in the month of Abib Yahweh thy Elohim brought thee forth out of Egypt by night, Deuteronomy 16:1.

We should strive to let the Scriptures teach us and be our guide. The Bible is an ageless Book, and its lessons apply to us as well as to the Israelites of old. That is the reason that we go by the visible new moons to establish the proper time to keep Yahweh's Holy Days.

All good Bible scholars agree that Yahshua is going to return and set His feet

upon the Mount of Olives.

And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south, Zechariah 14:4.

The law will go forth from Zion and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem, Isaiah 2:3.

If we are to be a part of those worthy of the first resurrection, Rev. 20:6, we should strive to be in complete harmony with the Kingdom

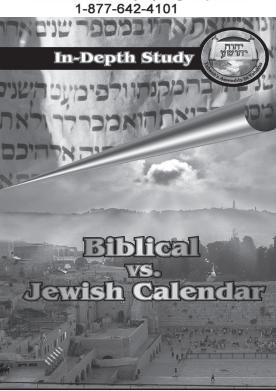
Laws by which the world will then be ruled from Jerusalem. Yahshua will be keeping the same Holy Days then as we have in our Bible now. Mortal man's preferences, desires, and ideas will have no weight on Divine rules which have been before ordained that we should walk in them.j

For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Yahweh hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10.

Therefore, we strive to keep the same days that come first to Palestine, and then move westward to America some 6 or 9 hours later, depending upon the local time zone. We find that the new moons at times present a problem because on occasion the sun will still be high in the sky and so bright that it blots out the slim, silvery scimitar-like new moon. However, Yahweh's people should depend upon a visible new moon to establish the proper times of Yahweh's

Holy Convocations. Also, we keep in close contact with observers throughout the world.





## During Yahshua's Time

The statement is sometimes made that Yahshua the Messiah followed the Hebrew calendar in His sojourn here upon this earth. Secular history shows that this is not the case at all. When the Messiah walked the roads of Palestine, religious observances were dependent upon the visible sightings of the new moons just as we are to do today.

Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible, under New Moons, reads.

"There was no fixed calendar till the 4th century and the New Moon was declared from actual obser-

vation ... After the 4th century the New Moon was no longer fixed by observation, but the Karaites restored the older custom."

Under the title, "time," we read the following:

"By the middle of the 2nd Century, the calculated calendar was on the way to acceptance, but it was not fully adopted till the 4th Century under Hillel II. In the intervening period the proclamation of New Moon and of the intercalary months was still dependent on the evidence of eye-witnesses as to the re-appearance of the moon on the one hand, and the relation of the lunar months to the solar seasons on the other."

McClintock and Strong corroborate this information and add the following (under New Moon):

"According to Maimonides, the Rabbinists altered their method when the Sanhedrin ceased to exist, and have ever since determined the month by astronomical calculation, while the Karaites have retained the old custom of depending on the appearance of the moon."

It is quite evident from secular history that during the time of the Messiah, months were determined by actual observation of the New Moon, and continued so for over 200 years.

Not until after the dispersion of the Jews did Hillel II make available the present-day Hebrew calendar. The present Hebrew calendar published in 359 C.E. by Hillel II has many rules and changes that are not Scriptural. It contains rules not followed by our Savior, and many were added after Hillel's death by the Pharisees to make their calendar "more relevant to the people."

#### The Jews of Today

Even today, the Jews keep two days as a guard against being in error in their observance of the Holy Days. This duplication of Holy Day observances is not commanded by the Bible, so in effect the proponents of the Jewish calendar are not following it. Any good reference work will show the areas where the Hebrew calendar makes rules that are nowhere found in the Scriptures. The very first we come across is that the Hebrew calendar begins its year in the autumn! Rosh Hashanah (new year) begins on the day of Trumpets, the first day of the seventh month! Yahweh declares in His Word that the month of Abib in the spring is the beginning of the year to His people. We are to begin our year in spring when the earth is green and coming to life again after winter, and not in the fall of the year at the completion of the year's harvest!

James Hastings' Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics has the following to add to man-made rules of the Hebrew calendar:

"The New Year cannot begin on a Sunday or a Wednesday, or a Friday. The last two days were excluded because otherwise the day of Atonement (the 10th of Tishri) would fall on a Friday or a Sunday ..."

Arthur Spier's The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar shows there are four DEHIOTH (postponements) governing the day of Rosh Hashanah. The statement is made that "Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Tishri, must be on the day of the Molad (conjunction)." Then we read under the section dealing with the postponements: "Note: In more than 60 of all years Rosh Hashanah does not occur on the day of the Molad but is postponed accordingly to one of the Dehioth. Therefore the Dehioth are actually not the exceptions to the rule but the rule." (Emphasis ours). Here we have the frank admission of the proponents of the Hebrew calendar that the man-made rules of governing the days when a Holy Day will fall is actually more of the rule than the exception. Man has changed the rules and follows his own rules and traditions.

There are basically three rules given in the calendar of Judaism, which are as follows:

- 1. The Day of Atonement cannot precede or follow a weekly Sabbath:
- 2. The Eighth Day (The Last Great Day) cannot fall on a Sabbath; and
- 3. Passover can fall only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sabbath.

Additionally, the Hebrew Calendar is wrong on Pentecost, which must always occur on Sunday. (Send for our free booklet: Biblical Holy Days). Nowhere does your Bible say that any such rules guide the days upon which Yahweh commands us to set apart for the worship of Him! These are strictly the rules of men and traditions handed down to us from man. Therefore, we must reject the Hebrew Calendar as being the traditions of man. and is not inspired. We must be faithful to the instructions given in the Word of Yahweh and not allow man-made rules to distort or change the days legislated by Yahweh in the Bible. Certainly, the Messiah, in setting up His Kingdom in the years ahead, will use the New Moons to determine the proper months. He will not follow the ideas of man.

But, some ask, did not the Messiah follow the calendar of modern Judaism when He was here upon this earth? Certainly, if He followed that calendar, then we should follow in His footsteps. But did Yahshua follow a calendar with all of the man-made postponements which would make it difficult for a simple peasant on the hills of Galilee to know when to keep Yahweh's Holy Days?

As stated before, the Hebrew Calendar was made known in 359 C.E. to announce the Feast days to the scattered Jews following the dispersion. We read in many authoritarian sources that the early determinations were made upon visible sighting of the new moons.

"The beginnings of the months were determined by direct observation of the moon. The new months were sanctified and their beginnings announced by the Sanhedrin, the Supreme Court in Jerusalem, after witnesses had testified that they had seen the new crescent and after their testimony had been thoroughly examined, confirmed by calculation and duly accepted," *Historical Remarks on the Jewish Calendar*, Spier.

James Hastings, in his work previously noted, regarding the study of astronomy and calculation among the Jews, says,

"In all probability therefore, its duration was calculated about the 8th century C.E., i.e., at the period in which the Jews in the East began to study astronomy, and became acquainted with the Almagest." *Calendar*, Jewish.

Here, therefore, we find a corroboration of our theory that the constant calendar of modern Judaism is of relatively late date.

From the 1974 15th edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *Jewish Religious Year*, we read the following:

"In the late Second Temple times (i.e., 1st century B.C.E. to 70 C.E.), calendrical matters were regulated by the Sanhedrin, or council of elders, at Jerusalem. The testimony of two witnesses who had observed the New Moon was ordinarily required to proclaim a new month ... Jewish persecution under Constantine II (reigned 337 - 361) and advances in astronomical science led to the gradual replacement of observation by calculation."

There are many proofs that the fixed, calculated calendar was not used to set the dates of the Sacred Year. Rather, the calculated calendar was used as a check and verification to document the visual new moon sightings. At times the Samaritans built fires upon the mountains to confuse the Jews who used this as a sign that the New Moons

had been sighted. Later, messengers had to be used to verify the sightings. Historical evidence shows that this was the case during the time of our Savior. The calculated calendar with all its man-made rules and postponements was not governing the determination of the Holy Days. Visible sightings, confirmed by the calendar, are used today, just as was done in the Messiah's time. This is the reason there may be a difference of observance from other groups who still go by the man-made Hebrew calendar for their reckoning of Holy Days.

Included in the Jewish calendar are some days of celebration that commemorate an important event in the history of Israel that are not commanded by Yahweh. An example of this is the Feast of Dedication which occurs on Chisleu 25, following Ezra's cleansing of the Temple after its defilement by Antiochus Epiphanes. We read in John 10:22 - 23 that Yahshua was walking in the outer eastern corridor of the temple, known as Solomon's porch.

It should be pointed out that even though Yahshua was walking in Solomon's porch, there is nothing here to indicate that He was in any way joining in the celebration or preaching on this occasion. We cannot say that Yahshua recognized the Hebrew calendar because He was walking in Solomon's porch in the winter, during the Feast of Dedication, which occurs in the month of December. There is nothing here to indicate that He recognized this Feast at all.

Neither is there any justification to say that David used this calendar in his day when we read,

Tomorrow is the new moon, I Samuel 20:5, 24, 27.

Even today, we are aware of the beginning of a new month when we are in the 29th or 30th day. We can prove that the calculated calendar was NOT used to set the days of Yahweh's Appointed times until af-

ter 70 C.E.

#### Conclusion

In summary, we have to reject the vernal equinox as a method of reckoning, for it has been handed down to us from paganism and is not Scriptural. Nowhere are we told to look for the time in the spring or autumn when day and night are equal. Neither can we accept the Hebrew calendar with all of its manmade rules and postponements which are nowhere found in the Bible. We must return to the Scriptural method of watching for the green ears in the spring of the year at Jerusalem. That month when the green ears appear in the month of Abib, or Nisan, and commences the first month of Yahweh's holy calendar, we find this to be the Biblical way, and the method that will be used when Yahshua sets up His Kingdom which might be but a few years from now. This is what this life is all about — we are in training for a position in the Kingdom!

How about you? Are you willing to make the effort to be Scriptural in obeying Yahweh's commands so that you will be accounted worthy to walk with Yahshua in white? It may mean going directly opposite to the teachings of the world and even against the traditions of a man-made calendar. It is imperative that we diligently seek out the truth in Yahweh's Word and then ask for His guidance in strengthening us and leading us out of the confusion of man's rules and follow the Bible as our guide.

Begin today to search out the truths so long ignored by the world.

Elder Donald R. Mansager (deceased)



Wanted to write and let you know that, through YAIY and others. I have found that piece of the puzzle that was missing in my life. Now that I know the Father and Son by their Sacred Names I now have a personal relationship with them. I have never felt like this in my 54 years of living. With yours and the other literature I'm growing in faith and understanding. I give all praise and honor to Yahweh and His beloved Son Yahshua the Messiah. Thank you and may your ministry continue to be blessed. — TA. FL

Greetings. The reason for this letter is to say thank you for sending me an excuse letter for my job to excuse me from my work on the Sabbath. I truly appreciate that. Thank you. - SS, GA

My friend said that your "The Beacon" is a good thing to get from you. If you can think of anything else that will help me and some others around me to stay with with the Light, please let me know.

First, I want to thank you for blessing me with your ministry. Your magazines and booklets are great tools for me to help further the Kingdom of Yahweh.

— JW, MI

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- RN, CA

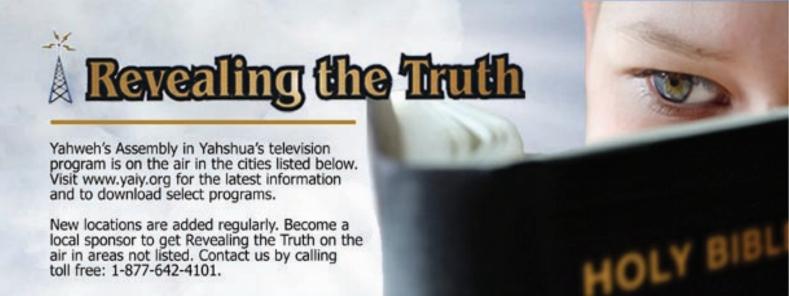
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