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It covered the hills
with its shade; its branches
overshadowed the giant cedars,
Psa. 80:10 TEV.

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Yahweh's Feast Days

The Feast of Unleavened Bread — The Feast of Weeks —
The Feast of Trumpets — The Day of Atonement — The
Feast of Tabernacles — The Eighth Day (The Last Great Day)

The Bethel Edition of Scriptures is used throughout this article

In Deuteronomy — Hebrew language "Debarim" (These are the words...) — 16:16 -17, we read,

Three times in a year shall all your males appear before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which He shall choose: in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Yahweh empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Yahweh your Elohim which He has given you.

Yahweh chooses the place/location where you shall appear before Him according to your assembly. When you come before Yahweh you are to bring a portion of the blessing that has been provided to you for your well-being.

Righteous Judgment

Judges and officers shall you make yourselves in all your gates, which Yahweh your Elohim gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment, Deuteronomy 16:18.

Yahweh always wants His Torah "instructions" done in an orderly fashion. The need for judges and officers is to see that it is carried out accordingly.

Deuteronomy 6:24-25 defines for us what "righteous" means:

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 this commandment before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us.

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

It is interesting to look at the attributes assigned to "righteous" by Webster's Dictionary:

1. Good — morally admirable;
2. Clean-handed, guiltless, innocent, free from evil or guilt;
3. Just — especially of what is legal or ethically right or proper or fitting;

4. Moral — concerned with principles of right and wrong, and conforming to standards of behavior and character based on those principles;

5. Virtuous — morally excellent; and

6. Worthy — having worth, merit or value being honorable or admirable.

Suffice it to say that the Torah is Righteous!

Yahshua is the Living Word in the flesh — "The Torah."

Walking the narrow path with Yahshua leads you to righteousness which brings you to the narrow gate at which time you will be found righteous and be allowed to enter through the gate into the Kingdom. The Torah, "Yahshua," is the path; "Yahshua" is Salvation and the gatekeeper.

You shall not wrest justice: you shall not respect persons; neither shall you take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. That which is altogether just shall you follow that you may live, and inherit the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you, Deuteronomy 16:19-20.

Here, to wrest justice means to remove or put away, while taking a bribe compromises you and destroys that which is righteous. The Torah is just and will lead to eternal life and the inheritance to partake of with Yahshua in the Kingdom.

Yahweh's Word is what you must base your decisions on, not the word of man.

Preparation of Tabernacles

2 Chronicles 5:4-6 — Hebrew language "Dibre Havamir" (Words/Acts of the days) — tells us of the preparing the temple for Yahweh to dwell in:

And all the elders of Israel came: and the Levites took up the ark; and they brought up the ark, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these the priests the Levites brought up. And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled to him, were before the ark, sacri-

ficing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude.

Take note that Yahweh's house was completed (verse 1) and presented on the first day of Tabernacles (Sukkot — verse 3). This shows us that the house was not complete until they had celebrated Passover, Unleavened bread, Pentecost (Feast of Weeks), the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement.

The Western/Greek concept of time is linear "past/present/future" — the Hebrew concept is circular, what has been done and what is going to be done.

Physical Shadows to Spiritual Truths

1. We (Nazarenes) are the house/temple.
2. We (Nazarenes) are the holy vessels, the set apart items in the Tabernacle; Yahshua, our High Priest, is He Who brings us up now in Spirit.
3. Ark — Commandments are now written in/on our hearts to follow because of an obedience of love — to regard/cherish/protect.

Hebrew is an Action Language

Pictorial (ancient Semitic) Hebrew uses symbols (pictures), where each symbol has a distinct meaning, and when symbols are combined, they have another meaning.

By examples, using pictographs, one can show that Hebrew is an action language.

Strong's Hebrew #7965 (Shalom) is translated as peace and has the pictorial representation of שׁוּלָמ .

Soloman (noun), in Hebrew, comes from the Hebrew *Shalom* and has the pictorial representation of שׁוּלָמָן .

Soloman — Hebrew —

Shaloman — comes from *Shalom* — meaning peace.

Or, *Solomon* — Hebrew — *Shelomoh* — comes from *Shalom* — meaning peace.

Thus, this pictorial representation is showing ... This King, in a time of peace, would raise his hands to Yahweh.

Remember, when reading Hebrew, read from the right to the left. The pictorial meaning of *Shalom* is:

שׁוּ — to press/sharp/eat/two — two front teeth;

לָמַד — to teach/yolk/toward/bind — shepherd's staff;

מַיִם — chaos/mighty/blood — water; and

רָאָה — breath/look/reveal — man with arms raised.

Now, reading from the right to the left, we find it to say, To "press" "toward" by the King's "blood" to "reveal."

Vessels in the Old Covenant

And every open vessel, which has no covering bound upon it, is unclean, Numbers 19:15.

In this verse, the vessel is man and the covering is Yahshua. The man (vessel) of Yahweh, whose walk is with Yahshua (The Torah) and has Yahshua's blood poured out on him, is granted salvation — is covered. The man not of Yahweh has no covering — he is unclean — he is not granted entry into the Kingdom.

Using the Ancient Hebrew Lexicon, by Strong's #3627, the Hebrew word *kel'ce*, translated "vessel," is pictorially represented as:

קַלְכֵּי — action: complete/concrete vessel.

Abstract: whole — A container for holding.

Contents — something that is full whole.

And all the elders of Israel came and the Levites took up the ark; and they bought up the ark, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these the priests the Levites brought up, 2 Chronicles 5:4-5.

As previously stated, the vessels symbolize man and the Tent of Meeting symbolizes Yahshua. With Yahshua's blood covering us, we, then, are vessels in the Tent of Meeting and the Tent of Meeting is a representation of Yahshua.

This verse gives the impression that the tent will be moved into the new temple as well or those in Messiah being moved into Yahweh's house — temple — dwelling place — *Sukkot*.

So much here has been spoken of the Tent of Meeting, so let us look at the pictograph for the word "tent":

Tent — מִשְׁכָּן

Remember, Hebrew is read

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In-Depth Study

Biblical Holy Days

Yesterday Today Forever

from right to left.

𐤀 (Ox head) — strong/power/leader — in context here represents the star shining in the distance.

𐤂 (tent peg) — to secure.

𐤇 (man) — arms raised looking at a great sight.

𐤛 (shepherd staff) — representing the idea of “toward” as a shepherd uses his staff to guide his sheep in a certain direction.

Two letter root in Ancient Hebrew Lexicon:

𐤛𐤇 — action: shine/concrete: star/abstract: distant.

In combining these letters one can read: “A looking toward a light in the distance.” The stars have always been used to guide the traveler or shepherd to his home or destination. Yahshua is the Tent of Meeting! The star led the wise men to the Messiah. By coming to Yahshua, you will enter the Tent.

Tabernacle Construction

Whatever material that was used in the construction of the Tabernacle, including the color required for construction, was obtained from the Egyptians before Israel left Egypt. The donations were given by the people whenever they were asked:

And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel that they take for Me an offering; of every man whose heart makes him willing you shall take My offering. And this is the offering which you shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats hair, and rams skins dyed red, and fine leather, and acacia wood, Exodus 25:1-5.

Items used to build the Tabernacle, including the color scheme, were numerous.

Physical Shadows of Spiritual Truths

Gold — Yahshua's blood/Priceless — Cannot be earned nor

bought — Has been poured out on those in Messiah.

Silver — Redemption — For those Nazarenes who gave their heart to Yahweh and have been immersed in Yashua's name.

Bronze — Very heavy — Yahweh's judgment will fall on those who are not redeemed.

Blue — Torah/Instructions — Yahshua is the living Torah.

Purple — Kingship — Yahshua is the King of Kings, the first of the firstfruits and, as firstfruits, we can share in the inheritance and be Kings under the King of Kings, Yahshua.

Scarlet (red) — Blood — Represents your sin being washed clean by Yahshua's blood.

Fine linen (white) — Righteousness/Inner layer — Purity.

Goats hair — Sin offering/Tent/Placed over fine white linen.

Rams skin dyed red — Substitution/A covering — *And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams skins dyed red (Yahshua's blood) and a covering of fine leather above, Exodus 26:14.*

Fine leather — Protection/Final covering.

Acacia wood — Yahweh's chosen — Nazarene.

This is Yahweh's plan for the Feast of Tabernacles as we see in prophecy. Those under the tent (covering) were protected. This is Yahweh's Sukkah (must enter). This is the tent Solomon (Solomon) moved into the temple.

These same teachings are found in the Brit Hadasha (NT).

Vessels in the New Covenant (New Agreement)

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of Yahweh, and not of ourselves; we are pressed on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not despair; pursued, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of Yahshua, that the life also of Yahshua may be manifested in our mortal flesh, 2 Corinthians 4:7-10.

For we know that is the earthly house of our tabernacle is dissolved, we have a building from Yahweh, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. For truly in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. Now He that produced us for this very thing is Yahweh, Who gave to us the pledge of Spirit, 2 Corinthians 5:1-5.

Yes, each of us is a "vessel."

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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

Yes, we, collectively, are the body of Yahshua. Yes, by following the Feasts we will not be found naked and will move our earthly tent into Yahweh's tent. Yes, Yahweh prepared us through the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, The Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement to enable us to enter into His dwelling (tabernacle/booth/ Sukkot). As we, the set-apart vessels (Nazarenes), move into the temple, the Torah (instructions) was also moved into the temple.

Conclusion

What this study is showing us is that which is written in the law and prophets is a shadow and prelude to all matters concerning those in the body of Messiah. Yes, all things written in the Brit Hadasha (NT) are already shown to us in the Tanakh. Thus, before us we have everything available to make us as "complete" as Yahshua is! All we must do is obey.

Then Solomon spoke, Yahweh has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built you a house of habitation, and a place for you to dwell in forever, 2 Chronicles 6:1-2.

By continuing our obedience, we are promised to enter the Promised Land where Yahshua will lead us,

Then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart You know; (for You, even You only, know the hearts of the children of men), 2 Chronicles 6:30.

For each of us, the point from which everything we do and say comes from our heart.

That they may fear You, to walk in Your ways, so long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers. Moreover, concerning the foreigner, that is not of your people Israel, when he shall come from a far country for Your great name's sake, and Your mighty hand, and

Your outstretched arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house. Then hear from heaven, even from Your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to You for; that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, and that they may know that this house which I built is called by Your name, 2 Chronicles 6:31-33.

What we read here is that everything begins with the name – Yahweh. With Tabernacles pointing to everything that is to come in the millennial reign, we, as vessels of Yahweh, will come into Tabernacles bearing the name of Yahweh and the name of His son, Yahshua.

(For Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the middle of the court; and he stood upon it, and kneeled down upon his

knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven), 2 Chronicles 6:13.

Solomon went down on his knees and humbled himself in front of all Israel to show he was not their King and that he was in submission to Yahweh. Yahweh was not only his King, but their King as well!

By preparing their (our) temples to be filled with Yahweh's Spirit, we remain in Messiah and are covered by the blood of Yahshua (the Lamb).

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Yahweh filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of Yahweh, because the glory of Yahweh, filled Yahweh's house. And all the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of Yahweh was upon the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks to Yahweh, saying For He is good; for His loving kindness endures forever. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before Yahweh, 2 Chronicles 7:1-4.

After all the Commandments and set-apart vessels (Nazarenes) moved into the temple, Yahweh shows up, because we live our life in Messiah.

This is how we dedicate our temples during this *moedim* - Tabernacles/Sukkot. We move and teach others to move the Commandments into their lives, into their temple and to believe on the true name of "Yahweh," the mighty one "Elohim" of Israel, so that He can fill their temple.

This is what happens when one lives the evangel.

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Mini - Study



Yahweh's Appointed Feast Days Now YOU Can Afford to Attend

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*

Wisdom For All

The Old, the Young and All Those In-Between

Examples

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone, explaining a point, and he says: "I'm sorry, I don't understand. Can you give me an example?" Certainly you must have and perhaps more than once. Yahweh has given us His Word by which we are to live. The patriarchs of old are a living example as to how we should live, as are the lives of the members of the apostolic assembly. Even we, in living our lives, are to be an example for others so that they may learn of the path that leads to everlasting life. Almost for any topic one can discuss, an example can be found in the Scriptures which touches that subject – either on a positive note or on a negative note. We must let the Scriptures tell us how to live our lives and not let life itself dictate the principles by which we stand. It may be true that one can perhaps learn best by experience, but in such learning situations one may not always find a bed of roses at the end.

Lay Up Knowledge

Timothy, the friend and convert of Sha'ul (Paul), was the son of a Jewish mother and a Gentile father,

Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek, Acts 16:1.

Because of his parentage (a Gentile father), he wasn't circumcised as an infant but as an adult by Sha'ul (Paul),

Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek, Acts 16:3.

Also, because of his parentage (Jewish mother and grandmother), he was brought up and trained to know the Scriptures "which are able to make one wise unto salvation,"

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also... And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Messiah Yahshua, 2 Timothy 1:5 and 2 Timothy 3:15.

Timothy was especially suited for missionary work as an evangelist,

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare... Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery... But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry, 1 Timothy 1:18, 4:14 and 2 Timothy 4:5.

Apparently, Timothy was more than willing to learn from all who were able to instruct him. He even had a special gift of comforting and teaching,

And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of Yahweh, and our fellow labourer in the good news of Messiah, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith, 1 Thessalonians. 3:2.

Timothy's life is certainly an example of Prov. 10:14a,

Wise men lay up knowledge.

Also, in the life of Paul, one can find persons who exemplify Proverbs 10:14b,

But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

To find examples of persons who fit this category read about Hymenaeus, Alexander, Philetus and Elymas in Acts 13:6-11; 1 Tim. 1:19-20 and 2 Tim. 2:16-18 and see what became of them.

Hymenaeus and Alexander

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme, 1 Timothy 1:19-20.

Hymenaeus and Philetus

But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some, 2 Timothy 2:16-18.

Elymas

They ended up in Paphos, where they found a Jewish sorcerer and pseudo-prophet named Bar-Yahshua. He had attached himself to the governor, Sergius Paulus, who was an intelligent man. Now the governor had called for Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul (Barnabas and

Paul) and was anxious to hear the message about Yahweh; but the sorcerer Elymas (for that is how his name is translated) opposed them, doing his best to turn the governor away from the faith. Then Sha'ul, also known as Paul, filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, stared straight at him and said, "You son of Satan, full of fraud and evil! You enemy of everything good! Won't you ever stop making crooked the straight paths of Yahweh? So now, look! The hand of Yahweh is upon you; and for a while you will be blind, unable to see the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over Elymas; and he groped about, trying to find someone to lead him by the hand, Acts 13:6-11 CJB.

Jealous For Power

One of the most widely told stories concerning the lust for power is given to us in the classic story of Daniel and the den of lions, Dan. 6:1-24. The ruling monarch had set Daniel over the princes of the realm and because Yahweh's Spirit was with Daniel, the princes sought to upset the applecart. To do this, while well knowing Daniel's habit of praying, they exacted from the king a decree that anyone caught praying to someone other than the king should be cast into the den of lions. Daniel, being observed praying to Yahweh, was then sealed in a den full of lions much to the displeasure of the king. However, the king was exceedingly glad to find out that Yahweh protected Daniel by sending an angel to shut the mouths of the lions because Daniel believed and had trust in his Creator. As the result, the king ordered Daniel's accusers and their families to be placed in the den of lions where they all died. This story fully illustrates the expectation and the end of both the righteous and the lawless and exemplifies the two sides spoken of in Proverbs 10:24-25,

The fear of the lawless, it shall

come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted. As the whirlwind passeth, so is the lawless no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

The Lawless Try Also

The lawless are rather bold in their attempts to undo Yahweh's work and will go to all measures to unseat His chosen People. But Yahweh has promised us His protection, if we remain true to the end. But for the lawless, they will never be gainers – always losers in the end – because of their willful rejection of the way of life as prescribed in the Book of Life. There are many other examples of persons who exemplify not only the above Scriptures, such as Cain and Abel, Noah and the antediluvian world, but also what Proverbs 10:27-30 says,

The fear of Yahweh prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. The way of Yahweh is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

The Fateful Outcome

Those who attempt to ensnare the upright in heart is shown to end up being the prey caught in their own trap, for it is most assuredly true that

Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, Galatians 6:7.

This point is brought out quite vividly in Proverbs 11:7-8,

When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of the unjust men perisheth. The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

Yahweh knows our hearts and the very thoughts that end up in our mind. We can not pull the wool

over Yahweh's eyes – only fools attempt to do that. All of our actions, whether thought of or carried out, will be brought into our judgment, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14,

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Yahweh, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For Yahweh shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

It should be easy to recognize that lawlessness and deceit go together. We have seen that such will be the undoing of those people who practice them because they are an abomination to Yahweh.

Sennacherib

About the seventh century B. C. E., Sennacherib inherited his position of reigning monarch of the Assyrian Empire from his father, Sargon. Since he did not inherit his father's boldness, daring or resources, he spent most of his time trying to hold together that which he had received. Sensing his shortcomings, many of his mandated territories began attempting to secede from the Empire. One of these nations was Judah, under the leadership of Hezekiah. Hezekiah led a reform of his country intending to fortify the moral and spiritual defenses by rebuilding the fortifications and reforming the country's religious life to conform to the Scriptures, including the celebration of the Passover, 2 Chron. 29 and 30.

At a time when Hezekiah was prosperous and the Assyrians had difficulties elsewhere in their realm, Hezekiah led a revolt against the Assyrian Empire. Sennacherib's army, composed mainly of men from many different nations, took up the fight against Judah. The events of his campaign against Judah are written in 2 Kings 18:13 – 19:37 and 2 Chronicles 32:1-12. In his siege

of Jerusalem he tried to convince the people of Jerusalem not to put their trust in Yahweh because the Assyrians had conquered so many people who believed in many different false mighty ones. Since the people were not persuaded, Yahweh heard the prayer of Hezekiah and routed Sennacherib and his army.

And it came to pass that night, that the Angel of Yahweh went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses, 2 Kings 19:35.

The attempt to take over Jerusalem by Sennacherib sets forth the principles found in Proverbs 11:18–21:

The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward. As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death. They that are of a forward heart are abomination to Yahweh: but such as are upright in their way are His delight. Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

This attempt by Sennacherib to usurp Yahweh's people is just another example in a long list of examples recorded in Scriptures which should indicate to us the many pitfalls which befall those who go against Yahweh.

Give Cheerfully

We indeed have a great commission to perform in spreading Yahweh's Word throughout the world. Many times, to do this, sacrifices must be initiated on our part. Sometimes it may be that we have to pull in our belts a little tighter in order to give of ourselves. Without our fully realizing it at the time, Yahweh is pleased with such sacrifices and has promised us rewards

for doing so. Just as a farmer finds joy and satisfaction in the increase given him at harvest time after he has sown the seeds in the spring-time, so we will find true joy and satisfaction in the increase in His Word by scattering the rewards of our talents now. Yahweh loves a cheerful giver — one who gives of himself from the heart because he wants to and not because he has to. And, the more we give of ourselves, the more we are promised to receive as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:6 and 7:

But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for Yahweh loveth a cheerful giver.

Nabal

If, on the other hand, we are not willing to give of ourselves or the rewards we receive because of our talents, we can take the example of Nabal, written for us in 1 Samuel 25. Nabal was a man of great wealth (verse 2), whose servants David had befriended (verse 7). At the time of shearing, David sent his servants to Nabal requesting him to "give whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David," verse 6. Verses 10 and 11 give Nabal's response:

Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? There be many servants nowadays that break away every man from his master. Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearing, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

Because of Nabal's refusal and reaction to David's servants (verse 14) David was all set to avenge himself. However, Nabal's wife, Abigail, pleaded with David not to shed blood to which David replied in verse 33:

And blessed by thy advice, and blessed be thou, which has kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

But, what became of Nabal? Not long after we find that Yahweh smote Nabal and he died (verses 37 – 38).

The giving of what you have and the being too self-occupied with greed for one's own possessions and the rewards of each are brought out in Proverbs 11:24-25:

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

It is interesting to note that Nabal lived up to the meaning of his name, as Nabal means foolish.

The Rich Man

The New Covenant (Testament) also provides an example for us along the same line.

And He spake a parable unto them, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?' And he said, 'This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.' And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But Yahweh said unto him, 'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?'" (Luke 12:16-20).

The examples of Nabal and the rich man, both, point to the statement that it is much better to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

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The Four Horses

Scripture, it is often said, speaks for itself. Let's examine a number of revealed verses from Scripture to see what is said about, what is commonly called, The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Revelation 6:1-2 says,

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, as one of the four beasts called out, "Come and see." And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown which was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The above is not Messiah! The following is.

Note Revelation 19:11-16, which says,

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a Name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His Name is called The Word of Yahweh. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it, He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of El Shaddai. And He hath on His vesture and on His "thigh" a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGNS.

Yahshua answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in My Name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray," Matthew 24:4-5.

For the mystery of iniquity (this mysterious conspiracy) is already at work. But the evil work is held in check, and will be held back until the time when He Who now restrains will step aside and let it be. (ALREADY AT WORK!) And then shall that representative of wickedness appear in person, whom Yahweh shall destroy with the Spirit of His Mouth and shall put a stop to his operations by the Brilliance of His Coming. The appearance of that lawless one, shall be in the cunning strength of Satan's influence. Using all manner of mighty works, and signs and deceptive wonders.

To those involved in this worldly system he will come with Satan's undiluted power to deceive, because they refuse love of the Truth, therefore shunning the opportunity of salvation. (Jer. 8:32, 14:6). For this cause Yahweh shall send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. (They have placed their faith in falsehood). That they all be condemned, who refuse to believe the Truth, but had pleasure in having preferred to disobedience. But we are duty bound to give thanks always to Yahweh for you, who are beloved of Yahweh, because from the beginning He has chosen you through the purifying influence of the Spirit, and your belief in the Truth. It was to this end that He called you, through the preaching of the Good News to you. Therefore, brethren, Stand firm, and hold on to the instructions which you have received from us, either by word of mouth, or by letter. Now our Master Yahshua the Messiah Himself, even Yahweh our Father, Who has shown such love toward us, has given us eternal comfort, and a good ground of hope, through His free pardon. Comfort and strengthen your hearts, in every good deed you do, or say, 2nd Thessalonians 2:7-17.

But I fear, that by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve, through his subtlety, so your thoughts would be corrupted from the pure simplicity that is in Messiah. For if someone comes to preach of another Messiah, whom we have not preached, or of another spirit which you have not had before, or another doctrine which you have not accepted. You would do well then, to be patient and faithful to Yahweh's Word, 2nd Corinthians 11:3-4.

"Apostles!" They call themselves! They are counterfeits of the truth, being dishonest practitioners. "Apostles!" Only by their own appointment! No wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his ministers also masquerade as ministers of righteousness. But they will get their deserts one day, 2nd Corinthians 11:13-15.

Now we see that this white horse in verse 2 of Revelation Chapter 6, is the false Messiah sowing the seed of deception.

Discerning the Other Horses

And when He had opened the second seal, I heard

the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword, Revelation 6:3-4.

This red horse is representing war.

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet, Matthew 24:6.

And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. Revelation 6:5-6.

The black horse is a symbol of famine.

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of sorrows, Matthew 24:7-8.

And when He had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell (the Grave) followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death (pestilence), and by the beasts of the earth. We see that this pale horse named DEATH, represents, hunger, pestilence, and finally death. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of Yahweh, and for the testimony which they held, Revelation 6:7-9.

What testimony? A statement of a witness under oath: open decla-

ration, as of faith: evidence in support of a fact, or statement.

Why was Satan angry? No doubt, because of what the saints hold to be true:

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keeps the commandments of Yahweh, and have the Testimony of Yahshua the Messiah, Revelation 12:17.

Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of My Name, Matthew 24:9.

He shall seduce with intrigue those who violate the covenant; but the people who are loyal to their Elohim shall stand firm, and take action. The wise among the people shall give understanding to many; for some days, however, they shall fall by sword, and flame, and suffer captivity, and plunder. When they fall victim, they shall receive a little help, and many shall join them with flatteries. (Praise which is insincere: not true to heart. THIS IS A WARNING THAT THERE WILL BE "MANY" INSINCERE PEOPLE JOINING ASSEMBLIES ALL OVER THIS EARTH, ESPECIALLY AT THIS END TIME.) Some of the wise shall fall, so that they may be refined, purified, and cleansed, until the time of the end, for there is still an interval until the time appointed, Daniel 11:31-35.

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Yahweh, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? (Revelation 6:10).

There is poetic Hebrew language in the following, as it is not literal that blood speaks:

Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Where is your brother

Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And Yahweh said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand, Genesis 4:8-11.

And white robes were given unto everyone of them, and it was said unto them, that they should rest for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled, Revelation 6:11.

Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this Good News of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come, Matthew 24:10-14.

The Lesson for Us

What do we learn from this? These horses are an ongoing program that recurs throughout history of mankind on this earth, when religious or secular deception takes place between people and nations down through the ages, where they become so corrupted they cannot obey the Commandments of Yahweh.

Watch out!! Be not deceived!! Know Yahweh's Word. We are to test all things with His Eternal Word, through Yahshua Messiah, Who is not out to trick us, as long as we are obedient to His Commandments.

Also, know Satan is waiting for the slightest chance to do just that. Yahshua warned us that the devil is the father of lies.

We are witnessing this happening to nations all around us today!

May it be a warning to All Yahweh's people to be spiritually prepared when those horses gallop over the very land Yahshua gave us! Stand on His Promise that He will answer all those who call upon His Name!

Conclusion

In this article on the four horses in Revelation chapter 6, I have paraphrased the quotes from Scripture, leaving the reader to check everything themselves. I especially desired only to cover the sequence of events as to what horse follows which.

We are to read Revelation through Yahweh's Revealing Spirit as John wrote everything down according to Yahshua's instructions. Many churches teach that the letters to the Assemblies are church eras, BUT THEY ARE NOT!

Those letters, by the order of Yahshua Messiah, have still to be read in ALL the Assemblies worldwide, right up until Messiah's Return. History shows none of those Assemblies ever changed because of these letters.

Yahweh intended the words of those letters to work through His Sacred Spirit on the minds of "individuals" within the different Assemblies, calling them out of the false teachings within those assemblies, and be OVERCOMERS! Even now to this day, just try to send one of those warning letters to any of the established worldly churches, I am sure you will know what the result will be if they don't listen. Therefore, there is no time setting to these letters. The letters are just as important now as they were in the days they were written to the Assemblies in Asia.

Now we get to the opening of the seals which, as we are clearly told, can only be opened by the Messiah, the LAMB.

These Seals are what the world would call mysteries. And they are still mysteries to the worldly churches to this day! Again, not until the fifth seal is there any time setting.

Yes, these horses are a sequence of events that lead to the downfall of people, tribes and nations, no matter in what era they existed. Only looking back can the human brain see how Yahweh CONTROLLED the history of man through the ages, always showing that man's way always end up in death and destruction.

Warnings are placed before us down through history as we see the fall of Gentile and Israelite nations as the symbolic horses of Revelation trample down the nations. It is only a matter of time for the complete fall of USA and Britain, for we see that the first horse is already doing its job of deception. Look at the chaos from all facets of education to religion, and now, the promotion of a New World Religion;

Yahweh's Word to them is too old fashioned to ever think of going back to Sacred Scripture. After all, they falsely teach that all the Old Scriptures were nailed to the stake! And they shall believe a lie to their utter destruction! Therefore, Yahweh calls in the other "horses" to do their job!

These Horses (sequence of events), we are told, as we get close to the end of man's rule, will get far more intense. Our only hope of salvation will be Yahshua Messiah's return. Sadly so, this world being so deceived will even attempt to fight our Saviour at His Coming.

Will He find faith when He comes? Revelation chapter 7 ties in with Zechariah chapter 6. Then Yahweh's final Judgments on earth begin with the seven trumpets, chapter 8. We, who are called at this period, cannot be complacent, for judgment HAS BEGUN with the House of Yahweh. There is no second chance as Scripture explains, "Messiah did not die twice for us."

As time goes by, this deception in all facets of Life on this earth will become stronger than ever before as Yahweh's Day approaches. It is all leading up to the Great Tribulation, very soon to begin, where Satan will have full control of the forces of this earth in order to make war with anyone, or anything, that will not comply with the evil Satan and his demons create. Many will fall into this deception.

What wonderful mercy Yahweh has for His people that He has warned us through His Word of these days to come! Keep close to His Word in faith and obedience, and always be ready to call upon His Name through His Son Yahshua Messiah.

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Overcoming to the End

Resisting the Spirit of Error

We are all in need of endurance in overcoming and all of us have to constantly examine our lives to see if we are doing all that is right and true according to Yahweh's Word. This, of course, is a perfect example of what the Days of Unleavened Bread mean for us and the lessons we learn by taking a time-out to remove the leavened attributes and influences from our lives.

We are in one of the greatest battles of all time, the outcome of which will decide whether or not we will end up being part of the kingdom of priests ruling in Yahweh's Kingdom alongside of Yahshua.

If we overcome to the end, with Yahweh's Spirit within and Yahshua leading us, we will be changed fully into Spirit beings privileged with the right to sit on the King's throne with Him. But we must learn to resist the evil in this world.

Starting at the Beginning

Typically, we want to start looking in Scriptures where we first find the beginning of a subject matter. But, in this case, we'll go to the end because it actually does tell us what has happened at the beginning.

Revelation 12:7-8 NASB (used throughout) shares with us an event which has already happened y that time,

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

Going down to verses 9 and 12, we read the bad news,

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him... Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.

Satan has a short time to live and a short time to devour those he can by influencing them to turn against Yahweh, just like he did with a third of the angels. Satan was cast down with his followers, and he is now gathering more followers.

Following Satan?

When ancient Israel kept turning away from Yah-

weh, were they also at the same time turning toward Satan? Whether or not they knew it, that's ultimately what they were doing. Even today, we are either obedient children or disobedient children.

By this the children of Yahweh and the children of the Devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of Yahweh, nor the one who does not love his brother, 1 John 3:10.

Even at the end of the 1,000 year reign, which is still to come, Satan is going to seek to gather those to him who will oppose Yahweh and His Saints. Ultimately, his goal is Israel, in the land of Israel.

We know that other nations will be in the Kingdom besides Israel, such nations as the descendants of Magog (Rev. 20:8), Moab (Jer. 48:47), Egypt (Zech. 14:18), Ammon and Elam (Jer. 49:6, 39).

Israel is considered Yahweh's firstborn and with that designation they receive a double portion according to Scripture. Evidently, Satan is going to be telling the other nations that they are getting a raw deal from Yahweh and not to accept it. Probably something similar was presented to the angels that followed Satan. Here we have an amazing parallel with the same struggle.

Spiritual Wickedness

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places, Ephesians 6:12.

We fight against spiritual wickedness and those influences of Satan and his demons. But, does wickedness in high places really mean the heavenly realm? The answer is a resounding, "Yes."

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience, Ephesians 2:1-2.

Satan is ruler in the air (spiritual realm) of the world. We should ask, "Do we want to be obedient children or disobedient?"

We can then ask, "How do we resist Satan, and how do we fight a spiritual influence?" First and foremost, we must trust in Yahweh and in His Son and then we are to do our part.

Putting on the Whole Armor

We're to put on the whole armor which Yahweh gives to those of us who are immersed in Yahshua's Name and have received the Spirit of Yahweh through the laying on of hands by the Elders in the faith and to fight the good fight.

Both 1 Thess. 5:8 and Eph. 6:11-18 cover the ideas of weaponry a soldier will have at his disposal, no doubt inspired while Paul was in prison and seeing the Roman guard posted with all of these implements about him. He thought in spiritual ways, as we are also to do, learning from the physical things we do and see.

On the head would be the helmet, the hope of salvation. It covers and protects the mind. The forefront of our mind is to be focused on the future goal of being in the kingdom and our eyes are to be on the Messiah, Who is leading us. Take our eyes off, and we will sink like Peter did when he stepped out on faith and walked on the water.

There is the breastplate of faith and love (1 Thess. 5:8) and righteousness (Eph. 6:11). It covers and protects both the front and back of the heart.

The things of righteousness, faith and love involve more than just good feelings. James tells us "Faith without works is dead," James 2:17. John tells us, "This is the love of Yahweh, that we keep His commandments," 1 John 5:3. We're told by Paul, "The law is holy and the commandment is holy and righteous and good," Romans 7:12.

All these things are linked together, like the physical breastplate is linked together with metal plates. Archeological discoveries have noted the breastplates were built in

this manner.

One of the most important aspects of the armor is the sword, which is the Word of Yahweh.

For the Word of Yahweh is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart, Hebrews 4:12.

The sword is a defensive as well as an offensive weapon. Learning how to use it can save your life and aid in saving the lives of others.

The shield is also a very effective



tool in one's arsenal. It is expressed as faith. It is something that will extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. This tool, like the sword, is not only for defense, but also for offensive usage. Shields can actually be locked together as a united front and protection against an assault. This is where, when believers come together in truth and unity, it is a strong front to any assaults.

The belt, which is represented as truth, keeps things where they should be. It is foundational and it is where you find the sword for

battle.

The feet, covered (we can relate this to putting on shoes today), brings peace and good news.

How lovely are the feet of him who brings good news, Isaiah 52:7.

We present ourselves in peace and gentleness, bringing good news, but we stand firm and stand (withstand) in the days of battle in these same shoes.

Putting on Messiah

What exactly is all the armor that we've been going over? What is it likened to? Paul must have considered the Messiah in all these things, as he himself says,

Put on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts, Romans 13:14.

He also stated plainly,

Be strong in the Master and in the power of His Might! (Ephesians 6:10).

Do we have the full armor of Yahweh on, and are we doing something with it? Can we imagine putting on all the armor and doing nothing with it? No battlefield war is won by just standing there, no matter how good the equipment is.

To win, we must put on and fight with "all" of the Armor. Putting on part of the armor or just a piece or two will not work. It would mean being vulnerable to the spirit of error which Satan is and promotes. Make no mistake about it, Satan can and does search out our weaknesses.

Two Spiritual Influences

There are essentially two spiritual influences in the world.

Now when Yahshua came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man

is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim." And Yahshua said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven," Matthew 16:13-17.

Continuing on shortly after in verse 21:

From that time Yahshua began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Elohim forbid it, Master! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on Yahweh's interests, but man's," Matthew 16:21-23.

Man's interests can be influenced by circumstances, by flesh, and by one's own heart. However, in this instance, it's interesting that Yahshua told Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan!" He said this just after He had related how Yahweh had revealed by heavenly influence (specifically by Yahweh's Spirit) to understand that Yahshua was the Son of Yahweh. Two spiritual influences, at work. Peter was influenced by both, it appears.

End Time Prophecy

A question we can ask is, "What is a major indicator of the spirit of error?" What is Satan compelling

and influencing many people to believe today?

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from Elohim, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of Yahweh: every spirit that confesses that Yahshua Messiah has come in the flesh is from Yahweh; and every spirit that does not confess Yahshua is not from Yahweh; this is the spirit of the anti-messiah of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world, 1 John 4:1-3.

This anti-Messiah spirit is going to be playing a direct role in end time prophecy concerning the mark of the Beast and other things surrounding it, including the false prophet.

Are we going to be fooled by such an outrageous masquerade or substitute Savior? We should

hope and pray not.

So, what are some of the things we need to do to resist the spirit of error? First of all, with Yahweh's Spirit, we can identify the spirit(s) of error.

We are to fight against and resist spiritual evil, ridding ourselves or de-leavening ourselves, from everything contrary to Yahweh's ways, which His Word provides.

We avoid evil movies — movies or entertainment with adultery, revenge, alternate lifestyles — sinful music, evil magazines, etc. It all has to go and be avoided. Paul, under the influence of Yahweh's Spirit, tells us why:

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of Yahweh — I say this to your shame, 1 Corinthians 15:33-34.

Submit to Yahweh

Evil things lead to evil thoughts and evil actions. Evil is defined as things contrary to Yahweh's laws. There has been so much emphasis that Yahweh's laws have been done away with, that relativism, the idea that we can decide what is right versus wrong, is pervasive throughout society and in church buildings throughout the world.

Yet, we are instructed to have Yahweh's Word as a Sword to carry with us wherever we go. It ties directly to the belt, which is truth.

We are to put on the full armor of Yahweh and be true witnesses, standing before Yahweh, in the Messiah.

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Who is Our Creator?

Draw near to Yahweh and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded, James 4:7-8.

In other words, get rid of the relativism, which is a satanic influence found in the world, and submit fully to Yahweh. Stop sinning!

We see that avoiding sin (resisting the evil one) and submitting to Yahweh as a message throughout Scripture. The consequences of breaking Yahweh's law is death, spiritual death.

Relativism is something that can say sin is just something like "unbelieving" or "not having faith." Saying anything but "law," but the Apostle John, just like James, knew what they were talking about.

Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous, 1 John 3:4-7.

If Messiah dwells in us, then we will indwell Yahweh's Spirit and will not be able to tolerate conscious sins. The mind and character of Yahweh and Yahshua implanted within us changes us more fully to Their way. We, like Them, become intolerant of sin.

Paul earlier was directing his letters to some who were evidently like the Laodicean Assembly, in which Yahshua says they were very immature in the faith, barely able to handle the milk of the word, let alone the meat. Paul went so far as to say some of them were ignorant of Yahweh.

But, like Paul, John also writes about the seriousness of sin and what it means when someone is willfully committing it:

The one who practices sin is of

the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of Yahweh appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil, 1 John 3:8.

The works of the Devil, quite frankly, are to teach that we cannot do the works of obedience. The fact, however, is we can obey (submit) with Yahweh's Spirit and it was prophesied to help us do just that.

This is why John goes on to say that those who are born of Yahweh, or who now have Yahweh's Spirit, no longer live contrary to Him and His ways. This is a process of submitting first (Acts 5:32) in order to receive this powerful influence permanently embedded within us. It is a type of initial birth, if you will.

No one who is born of Elohim practices sin, because His Seed

abides in Him; and He cannot sin, because He is born of Elohim. By this the children of Elohim and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of Yahweh, nor the one who does not love his brother, 1 John 3:9-10.

Love vs True Love

One can be loving and caring, expressing a type of love on the surface, but if the one expressing the loving and caring attributes knowingly practices sinful behavior and actions contrary to what is right, as defined by Scripture, and stays defiantly in an unrepentant state, then he/she is no brother or sister at all in Messiah.

Alternatively, if we keep the eternal laws, statutes, and judgments of Yahweh correctly, but don't express the fruit of the Spirit by having love and true concern for the brethren, then we also become listed with those not of the body of Messiah.

The good news is, with the forgiveness of sin — and the forgiveness of the death penalty that comes with sinning — we can be joyful and look forward to overcoming and being accepted into eternal life.

In a very real sense, we've already won the race (i.e., salvation is secure), if we persevere and increase in the fruits of the Spirit and stay faithful to Yahweh by keeping His Word (John 4:24; 2 Peter 1:5-7; Revelation 14:12). This is true love.

You are from Elohim, little children, and have overcome them [false teachers, which includes every false religion one can think of, i.e., spirits of error]; because greater is He Who is in you than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from Elohim; he who knows Elohim listens to us; he who is not from Elohim does not listen

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Love

How it Fulfills the Law

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

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

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

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

The Meaning of Love

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

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

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

to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error, 1 John 4:4-6.

Can anyone understand Yahweh? This is true only if one is called (John 6:44; Acts 2:39) or accepted by Him (Matt. 7:7). And, how many is He calling? Yahshua says, "Many are called." He also says, of those many, "few are chosen." (Matt. 22:14). It appears the few are few indeed.

Small Numbers

Return, O faithless sons, declares Yahweh; for I am a Master to you, and I will take you one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding, Jeremiah 3:14–15.

Is this speaking to us now or to those who will be brought into the coming Kingdom? Could it be both, as a type of dual prophecy from not only what we see now, in context of the Word, but also knowing that Yahweh usually takes small numbers to accomplish big things?

As with Adam and Eve, didn't He start out with just two? But, then, as with Noah's Ark, how many people on it were used to replenish the earth? Also, the 12 Tribes of Israel, all stemming from one son of one man's grandson. There are also the 12 disciples, and only 144,000 total are listed as firstfruits in Revelation.

What about the shepherds? Are they the Elect in the Kingdom? Or are they, right now, teaching as they overcome the world and the spirit of error? Both, maybe?

It's interesting to really take a close look at this section of Scripture, and its prophetic reality of what is said to come about:

"It shall be in those days when you are multiplied and increased in the land," declares Yahweh, "they will no longer say, The Ark of The Covenant of Yahweh." And it will

not come to mind, nor will they remember it, nor will they miss it, nor will it be made again, Jeremiah 3:16.

Translators believe that the pronouns "you" and "they" are speaking of the same people, Israel. But they are no longer speaking of The Ark of The Covenant. Why?

It says this takes place when they are multiplied and increased in the land. The land of Israel or the world? Is this now or later? It has to be later when we examine the next verse:

At that time they will call Jerusalem "The Throne of Yahweh," and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the Name of Yahweh; nor will they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart, Jeremiah 3:17.

This certainly appears to be

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Mini Study



The Meaning of Prayer

Many know by memory the Master's Model Prayer. Yet, do they think of what they are really asking when they repeat His words? Here is a lesson about prayer that bears repeating!

It has always been man's innate desire to reach out beyond himself to tap the unseen powers beyond his own sphere, in an effort to achieve results outside his reach.

Even primitive, pagan man acknowledged unseen powers or beings beyond himself. Because he was not able to see or prove the existence of such supernatural powers, he created icons of these imagined forces. With them he hoped to get a physical handle on powers of the invisible spirit world.

Some pagan practices involved carving a talisman or totem pole from wood or stone and then inviting a spirit deity to inhabit that humanly created object. Other objects might include a "good luck" bracelet, ring or brooch to ward away evil spirits.

The Bible tells us not to rely on icons, images or figures made by man for our worship or protection, neither are we to bow down to them. Yahweh is the only true Creator and Heavenly Father.

To Whom Do We Pray?

As far back as Adam, many Biblical examples reveal that man was able to converse with his Creator and He would respond.

We are not to take up the ways of the heathen, but to follow examples of righteous men given us in the Bible.

Our Savior told the woman at the well in John 4:24, "Yahweh is spirit, and they that worship Him must

speaking of the coming Kingdom, but it doesn't really take away from the original statement, of which Yahweh said, "I will take you one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion." This can relate to what Yahweh is doing now with the Elect, as Zion is defined as spiritual Jerusalem by the author of Hebrews in chapter 12:22.

In addition, the body of Messiah is said to be the spiritual Temple being built right now with each member as a separate stone, and with Yahshua as the Corner Stone.

Though we are small in number, we're learning and are given help, just as the disciples (which literally means "taught ones") received spiritual assistance.

Spiritual Help

And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of Yahweh and to perform healing, Luke 9:1-2.

They were given help and were given the instruction to proclaim the Kingdom of Yahweh and to heal. We'll see more healings increase before Yahshua's return, as the latter rains prophesied in Joel chapter 2 take hold in fertile ground.

Besides the small number of 12, Yahshua also chose 70 and paired them off to send out. It's interesting that He didn't keep them all together as a group proclaiming the Good News and working together from one central location. Some would like to see this today, but it evidently is not Yahweh's will. The central location will be when Yahshua returns. The location will be Israel and Jerusalem.

In the first century, Yahshua directed those there to go out to the cities of Israel and beyond where they (the Israelites) will be found (Matthew. 10:6; 15:24).

Now after this the Master ap-

pointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come, Luke 10:1.

Knowing all this, how does it help us now to “Resist the Spirit of Error”? It can help us to be mentally, emotionally, and spiritually prepared, knowing that Yahweh is working things out the way He wants things to work out, and He has a certain way He wants the work to be done.

All of this can also help us to think a little more about what we are doing right now. Is our life truly dedicated to Yahweh through Yahshua, His Son? Are we converted? Are we resisting the worldly things that we know are corrupt? Are we falling in love with the worldly things, or are we falling in love with the Messiah in our lives?

Are we in prayer, and fasting occasionally, or are we somehow resisting the Spirit of Yahweh in a particular area of our life? Are we fighting the good fight like Paul did and at the end was able to say,

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Master, the Righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing, 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

If we're in a forward and upward motion gaining higher ground, then we know we can continue to draw closer to Yahweh and move further away from the spirit of error that has the majority of the world eating out of its hand.

Peter admonishes us by saying,

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you

have suffered for a little while, the Elohim (Yahweh) of all grace, Who called you to His eternal glory in Messiah (Yahshua), will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you, 1 Peter 5:8-10.

It's important that no matter what we go through, that we keep our focus on Yahweh and His righteousness. Let's also keep our focus on the coming Kingdom and the Messiah Who will reign from Israel with Israel.

In Conclusion

When everything has been said and done, may we be found to have done all we could, with Yahweh's help, to overcome and be the people that He has wanted from the beginning: An obedient and humble people, willing to obey Him from the heart:

Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever! (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Our incentives are many as revealed in the last book of Yahweh's Word to the body of Messiah Yahshua:

- Revelation 2:7, *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Assemblies. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of Elohim.*

- Revelation 2:11, *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Assemblies. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.*

- Revelation 2:17, *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Assemblies. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.*

- Revelation 2:26–28, *He who overcomes, and he who keeps*

My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.

- Revelation 3:5–6, *He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Assemblies.*

- Revelation 3:12, *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My Elohim, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the Name of My El, and the name of the city of My El, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My El, and My new Name.*

- Revelation 3:21–22, *He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down 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.*

As taught from One Who knew how to overcome to the end, and indeed uses His own experiences that He went through, according to Yahweh's will, to teach us, says,

Therefore, take up the full armor of Yahweh, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm, Ephesians 6:13.

The Bible Knowledge Commentary points out that the word “stand” means “to withstand or stand against.” In other words, it also means to resist, which is just another way of saying “overcome,” the very thing we are to do to the end. May it be so.

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The Cry of Hope

If one has any inclination toward Biblical prophecy, he realizes that in the end time there will be great troubles in the world directed towards Yahweh's people in an attempt to dissuade them from following the truth. But we receive consolation from the Scriptures knowing that if we remain steadfast until the end, that the blessings promised to the overcomers far exceed the materialistic benefits of this world in both quality and quantity. But first we must prove ourselves worthy to receive these future blessings. One can easily equate this future time of trouble to the enslavement of the Israelites in Egypt and since Egypt typifies sin, the world in tribulation can be seen as Egypt. We read of this enslavement in Exodus 1:8-14:

Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. Therefore, they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour. And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

Satan's Plan

One would not have to have a very big imagination to believe that this was instigated by Satan, himself, in an attempt to break the spirit of the Israelites and make them to forget their Creator. Certainly, similar times are ahead for us in the time of great tribulation under the great beast system:

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small

and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name, Revelation 13:13-17.

Be Alert

In these times we will certainly have to keep our cool. We must not lose our faith but we must keep our minds alert and not lose hold of our conviction of remaining true. We must be discreet (have good judgment) and be on a continuous lookout for Satan's influence because no one will be totally free of such during this futuristic time:

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, 1 Peter 5:8.

When bondage became so great the Israelites cried because of their distress and Yahweh heard them:

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to Elohim. Elohim heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So Elohim looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them, Exodus 2:23-25 NIV.

Yahweh Hears and Answers

Certainly, Yahweh hears our prayers and will answer them as He tells us how He answered the cries of the Israelites in Egypt.

Yahweh said, "I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you (Moses) to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt," Exodus 3:7-10 NIV.

Being Rescued

During this time we must not lose our grip on reality and the reality being that there is always hope in every trying situation. The unfortunate part is that for

the most part man looks to man for deliverance. This we can not afford to do, otherwise our cry of hope will not be heard but will fall on deaf ears.

If you were literally lost, whether in a big city or out in no-man's land, then you know that the feeling of anxiety increases with each passing moment. You may even become somewhat hysterical until you see a familiar landmark or another person who knows the way out. In a sense, we read of this in Proverbs 13:12:

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life, Proverbs 13:12 NIV.

A feeling of great relief overcomes a person when he finds his way back home as if the burden of the whole world is lifted from his shoulders. Even in time of tribulation, one can obtain hope through faith as Paul writes in Romans 5:1-5:

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with Elohim through our Master Yahshua Messiah, through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of Elohim. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because Elohim has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us, Romans 5:1-5 NIV.

This very thought is also expressed in Gal. 5:5:

But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope, Galatians 5:5 NIV.

The hope of being rescued is freely given to us:

He called you to this through our good news, that you might share in the glory of our Master Yahshua Messiah. So then, brothers, stand

firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Master Yahshua Messiah Himself and Yahweh our Father, Who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word, 2 Thessalonians 2:14-17 NIV.


Rescued By What?

Yes, it is given to us by Yahweh through the power of the Holy Spirit:

May the Elohim of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, Romans 15:13 NIV.

If we have faith then Yahweh's Word can also give us hope:

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Mini - Study 

The Hope of Israel

Could prophecy be unfolding before our very eyes?

In today's world, standing at the bus stop in a large metropolitan city late at night when businesses have closed and the busses are about to make their last run, can be a fearful experience. Especially, as a couple of shady characters stand nearby in the night, seemingly to wait for the same bus as you.

Your mind starts to wonder if they are actually waiting for the bus or are they out to cause some trouble. Your concern starts to turn into fear as the men look at you and then whisper something to one another.

You try not to make eye contact, as you tend to freeze up a bit while your heart slowly begins to sink. But just then, along comes a tall and strong looking individual who is dressed in a nicely pressed military uniform. He is obviously en route to or from duty as he carries a rather large duffle bag matching his sizable build. At that moment, your fear turns into calm and you feel much more secure knowing that you're not alone. You now know someone is near that can certainly help, if there is a need.

You're Not Alone

Many of us can appreciate that kind of assurance, and one such individual was a servant of Elisha the prophet, who was filled with fear once he saw the Aramean (Assyrian) army gathered together in force in the near distance. The Arameans were at odds with Israel and their close proximity was not meant to be a friendly one, because the king, King Aram, was upset that Elisha knew his personal war planning strategies:

When the king of Aram was at war with Israel,

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope, Rom. 15:4 NIV.

If you haven't done so, then you have either led a peaceful life not requiring the use of Scriptures for consolation, or you didn't feel you needed to or didn't know you could.

For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the good news... If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the good news, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven, Colosians 1:5, 23.

Where to Place Your Hope

Should one place their hope in worldly possessions? The thought of doing this is alluded to in Job 31:24-28:

If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, thou art my confidence; if I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much; if I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; and my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand, this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the Elohim that is above, Job 31:24-28.

Therefore, the answer to the above question is a definite no, for we read what will happen to such hope in the last part of Proverbs 10:28:

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

The wicked place their hope and trust in themselves, in man and his shortcomings, and in the wealth they might amass while on the earth. But we should set our

eyes a little bit higher — we should do what is written in Psalm. 39:7:

And now, Yahweh, what wait I for? My hope is in Thee.

1 Peter 1:17-21 tells us the same thing:

And if ye call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in Yahweh, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in Yahweh.

Our hope, our expectation, our confidence lies in the Heavenly Father, for we read in 1 Timothy 1:1:

Paul, an apostle of Yahshua Messiah by the commandment of Yahweh our Saviour, and Master Yahshua Messiah, Who is our hope.

Need Something Better?

Yes, there are many things which are better than what this world has to offer.

- There is a better covenant: *By so much was Yahshua made a surety of a better covenant,* Hebrews 7:22.

- There are better promises: *But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is Mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises,* Hebrews 8:6.

- There are better sacrifices: *For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the*

people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which Yahweh hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these, Hebrews 9:19-23.

- There is a better substance: *But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions, partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance,* Hebrews 10:32-34.

- There is a better resurrection: *Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection,* Hebrews 11:35.

Yes, all of these things emanate from Yahweh and will be given to those whom Yahweh chooses — His righteous ones.

We should place our hope and our confidence in heavenly things. Why?

For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto Yahweh, Hebrews 7:19.

With Yahshua's appearance and the sealing of the new covenant with His blood, we do have a better hope for a more intimate relationship with Yahweh. This is brought out in 1 Peter 1:3-5:

Blessed be Yahweh and the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, which according to His

abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Yahshua Messiah from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of Yahweh through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Our future salvation lies in the hope and the confidence we place in Yahshua's life and death, as Paul tells the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 5:8-10:

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For Yahweh hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Master Yahshua Messiah, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Benefits of Hope

With Yahshua's second coming at the end of this age we shall witness the fulfillment of the present hope we now have:

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great Yahweh and our Saviour Yahshua Messiah; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, Titus 2:13-14.

Certainly, this shall be a time of great joy because His coming again will initiate the resurrection to everlasting life of the firstfruits — those who remained faithful to the end. If we believe in what we read then this is our hope:

That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life, Titus 3:7.

In hope of eternal life, which Yahweh, Who cannot lie, promised before the world began, Titus 1:2.

By placing our hope in Yahshua we know that this is a living hope (*Blessed be Yahweh and Father*

of our Master Yahshua Messiah, Who according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Yahshua Messiah from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3.), which is sure and steadfast (*Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, Heb 6:19.*), and will lead to purity (*And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure, 1 John 3:3.*), to patience (*But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it, Romans 8:25.*) and to happiness (*The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish, Proverbs 10:28.*).

Just as Moses forsook the physical treasures of Egypt and the pleasures of sin, and chose to suffer affliction because he knew the greater treasures of heaven were better, should we do anything less? No.

Webster's Dictionary defines hope as the desire accompanied by the expectation of or belief in fulfillment. If we should lose hope, then what is left? Only despair is left because despair is the utter loss of hope. Disparity is dangerous because it leads to continuation of sin.

If a situation seems hopeless, remember that the feeling of hopelessness can be conquered by the power from on high.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of Yahweh, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Master Yahshua, that

the life also of Yahshua might be made manifest in our body, 2 Corinthians 4:7-10.

Preservation Agent

Yes, Yahweh is our preservation agent against despair.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in Yahweh: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. O my Yahweh, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember Thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar. Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy waterspouts: all Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me. Yet Yahweh will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the Elohim of my life. I will say unto Yahweh my rock, Why hast Thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the op-

pression of the enemy? As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy Elohim? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in Yahweh: for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the health of my countenance, and my Elohim, Psalm 42:5-11.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding. Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding, if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures, then shalt thou understand the fear of Yahweh, and find the knowledge of Elohim. For Yahweh giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of His saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul, discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee, Proverbs 2:1-11.

Conclusion

Therefore, let your hope or your confidence not be in man or in worldly possessions, for they shall be extinguished in death, but let your hope be the hope of living again, guaranteed to Yahweh's People through Yahshua's acceptable sacrifice and resurrection from the dead to everlasting life.

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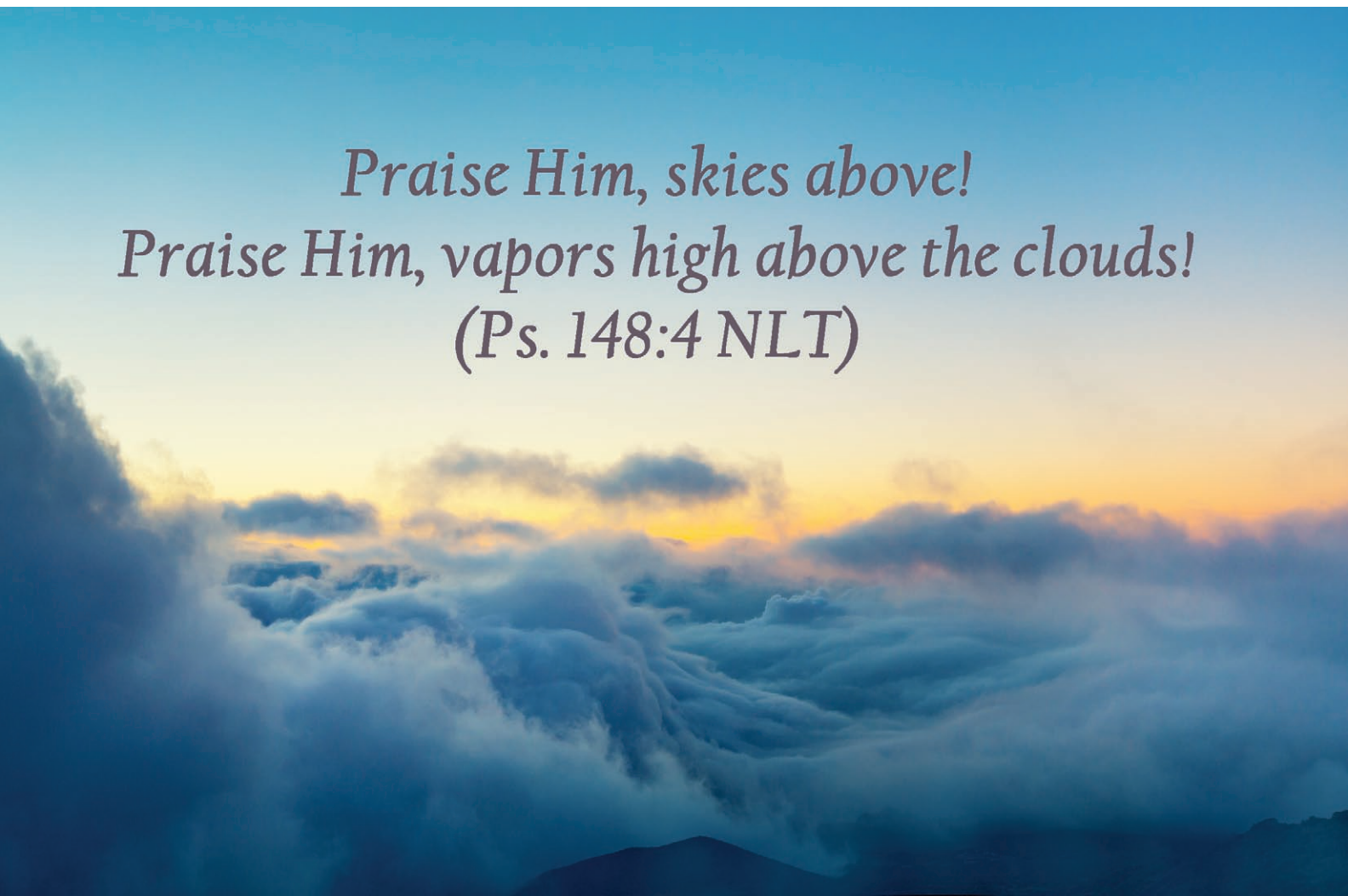
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