

YAIY



Beacon



Nov-Dec 2009 - Spreading the Word throughout the world - yaiy.org

What Is His Name?

יהוה

What Is His Son's Name?

יהושע

Do You Know?

YAIY **Beacon**

Volume 3 Number 5



TABLE OF CONTENTS



Glorify the Name of Yahweh 3

What does Scripture say about glorifying Yahweh's name?

by Elder John Fisher



Proclaim the Name! 8

Part 2 - The Son's Name

What does the Scriptures say about the name of the Son of Yahweh?

by Elder Buel Hallpike

In the Image of Elohim 13

Just what is meant when Scriptures say that man was created "in the image of Elohim"?

by Elder A. S. Untalan, Sr.

The Ultimate Hope: the Kingdom to Come 17

Today, too much emphasis is placed on obtaining material possessions. But, what should be our main goal in this life?

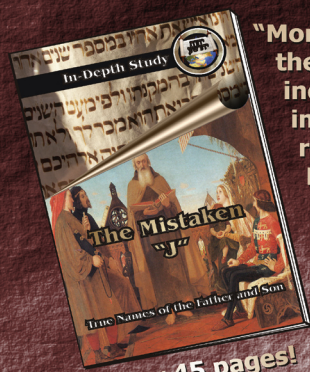
by David Jones, Jr, and Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Is the Bible Full of Contradictions 21

Believe it or not, some believe that the Bible does contradict itself. But, really, does it? Read and find out the Truth.

by Elder Lionel Gets

The Mistaken "J"



"More than just labels, names in the Bible tell us about the individual. Nowhere is this more important than in the personal, revealed Name of our Creator... Now discover what the inspired Names of the Father and Son really are..."

Free Booklet!
Visit www.yaiy.org
or call toll free:
1-877-642-4101

Over 45 pages!

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission and purpose is to reach people around the world with the message of the revealed personal Names of Yahweh and His Son Yahshua the Messiah, as well as teaching the salvation truths that have been neglected for centuries.

This magazine, **YAIY Beacon**, is published bi-monthly by Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua, 2963 Co. Rd. 233, Kingdom City, MO 65262.

This magazine is sent free of charge, made possible through the tithes and offerings of those who desire to see the light of truth shine in our day.

© 2009 Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

Mail:
 Y AIY
 2963 Co. Rd. 233
 Kingdom City, MO
 65262



Phone:
 573-642-4100
 Toll free:
 1-877-642-4101



Fax:
 573-642-4104

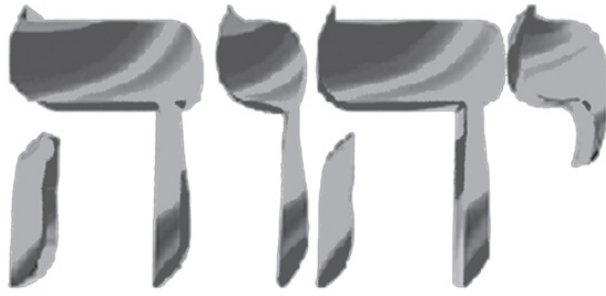


Email:
beacon@yaiy.org

Internet:
www.yaiy.org



Cover: assembled by Elder Roger G. Meyer



Glorify the Name of Yahweh

An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land! The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power. Through Jeremiah (whose true name, YirmeYah, means “Yah will rise”), Yahweh says through His prophet in chapter 5, verse 31b:

My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?

What a fitting name for a man who prophesied the destruction and salvation of the nation of Israel – destruction and salvation brought about by Yahweh alone. ... “But what will you do in the end?”

What Will You Do?

Arise, O Yahweh, [Kumah Yahweh] do not let man prevail. Let the nations be judged in Your sight. Put them in fear, O Yahweh, that the nations may know themselves to be but men, Ps. 9:19-20 NKJV.

κ What will you do in the end of time, when Yahweh rises in fury against the wickedness of this planet earth?

κ What will you do in the end of time, if you are a preacher, and you are teaching against the will of Yahweh?

κ What will you do in the end of time, if you are interpreting the Scripture according to the teachings of mankind?

κ What will you do in the end of time, if you are making up your own traditions and forsaking the worship that the Creator of the Universe has ordained, set apart, and made holy?

κ What will you do in the end of time, if you are not of the faith of Yahshua, the faith of obedience to our Heavenly Father, the Almighty, Yahweh?

κ What will you do in the end of time, if you are blindly following those who teach against even one of the Ten Commandments?

This is NOT a popular message; for, we all know the answer to the question, “What will you do in the end?”, given the above circumstances. Does “wailing and gnashing of teeth” ring a bell? How about, “will be thrown into the Lake of Fire”? Or, “Depart, you who commit iniquity”?

The question is even more relevant today. Are we not in the end times, now?

The following is a newspaper article from the RELIGION NEWS SERVICE, August 16, 2008:

Vatican City

“Catholics at worship should neither sing nor pronounce the name of God as ‘Yahweh,’ the Vatican has said, citing the authority of Jewish and Christian practice.

“The instruction came in a June 29 letter to Catholic bishops conferences around the world from the Vatican’s top liturgical body, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, by an explicit ‘directive’ of Pope Benedict XVI. ‘In recent years, the practice has crept in of pronouncing the God of Israel’s proper name,’ the letter noted, referring to the four-consonant Hebrew Tetragrammaton, YHWH.

“That name is commonly pronounced as ‘Yahweh,’ though other versions include ‘Jaweh’ and ‘Yehovah.’

“But such pronunciation violates long-standing Jewish tradition, the Vatican reminded bishops. ‘As an expression of the infinite greatness and majesty of God, (the name) was held to be unpronounceable and hence was replaced during the reading of sacred Scripture by means of the use of an alternate name: “Adonai,” which means “Lord,”’ the Congregation said.

“That practice continued with Christianity, the letter explained, recalling the ‘church’s tradition, from the beginning, that the sacred Tetragrammaton was never pronounced in the Christian context nor translated into any of the languages into which the Bible was translated.’

“Invoking a Vatican document from 2001, the Congregation reminded bishops that the name ‘Yahweh’ in Catholic worship should be replaced by the Latin ‘Dominus’ (Lord) or a word ‘equivalent in meaning’ in the local language. The Vatican’s move will require changes in a number of hymns and prayers currently used in American churches, but not to the Mass itself, said the U.S. bishops’ top liturgical official.” (Bolded and underlined words are edits by the

author)

An Abiding and Instinctive Dislike?

In response to this news, an Anglican-Catholic Bishop wrote, "Back in Hebrew class, alongside rabbi-to-be, I imbibed traditions of reverence surrounding the Tetragrammaton in the Hebrew Scriptures. I have to admit, this gave me an abiding and instinctive personal dislike of songs with words like, 'Yahweh, we love you'."

An anonymous individual wrote: "Just want to say I'm delighted by this pronouncement. In fact I jumped up and down and punched the air when I read this post! My Hebrew teacher managed to get the holiness of the tetragrammaton deep enough inside me that I really shudder every time it is used in worship. I can't even type it. I am an Anglican and I worship in a Roman Catholic community. The community has taught me bucket loads [uh, no comment] about sanctity and sacrament so I find this messing with the divine name particularly jolting. Can't wait until it is gone! And it doesn't feel like straining a gnat to me at all, but another move towards understanding the incomprehensible holiness of God."

All I can say is, "May Yahweh have mercy!"

Thus says Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat. For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and

went backward and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them. Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers. Therefore (Yahweh says to Jeremiah) you shall speak all these words to them; but, they will not obey you. You shall also call to them; but they will not answer you," Jeremiah 7:21-27.

Israel Failed, But Did Yahweh?

Some may say, "See? Israel has failed, and the Old Covenant is no longer in effect! Now, we have a New Covenant and are free from

the Law of Yahweh. We are no longer under the law. We have been saved and nothing can stand in the way of our salvation!"

I would say to these protestants against Yahweh, "It is true, ancient Israel did fail; and, the covenant in which Israel agreed to obey Yahweh was broken ... by Israel – (Hear me, now) ... when they took up the ways of the nations, when they began to worship in the ways and on the days the pagan peoples worshipped their national, regional and family deities and Yahshua railed against the Pharisees for the laws they created that usurped the Law of Yahweh. If you read Jeremiah 31, you will understand that the New Covenant was made in order to preserve the Commandments of Yahweh, but this time the Spirit of Yahweh, that is, the Law of Yahweh, will be placed in the hearts and minds of those who Yahweh calls out of Babylon, those who Yahweh calls out of Egypt and those who Yahweh calls out of the traditions of man! Yahweh divorced the House of Israel, the Northern Kingdom of 10 Tribes who fell into idolatry; but He will search her out and bring her back. Why? Because He is a faithful Husband. He will wash her in the blood of the Lamb, and he will dress her in fine linen, and He will forgive her. It will be in a time of tribulation. All will seem lost. But, Yahweh will arise (Kumah Yahweh) to save the remnant of Israel; the same who are described in Revelation 14:12 : *'Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the Commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yahshua'.*"

Yahshua brought a New Covenant from the Father. Can't you see it? He said, "Come, follow Me." He kept His Father's Law, without defaming one yod or one tittle.

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101



IS HIS NAME JEHOVAH OR YAHWEH?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receiving Yahweh's Love Requires Using Yahweh's Name

I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them, John 17:26.

Why did Yahshua teach His disciples the name of His Father? ... so that the SAME love with which Yahweh loved His Son may be present within us, and within Yahshua toward us! How much love is that? Enough to raise us from the dead. Can you now understand the importance of the name of Yahweh? It is clearly an issue of salvation. Not just speaking the name of Yahweh, but worshipping – praying to, calling upon and reverencing the name of – Yahweh.

For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life, John 3:16.

Taking the Name of Yahweh in Vain

And whoever blasphemes the name of Yahweh shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of Yahweh, he shall be put to death, Leviticus 24:16.

Using “the LORD” in place of the name of Yahweh is blasphemous because to blaspheme means to puncture, to libel, curse, pierce or strike through. Is it libelous to strike through the name of Yahweh in Scripture and insert another name that is the translation of the name of Baal? That’s exactly what the name “the Lord” refers to.

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher,

and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Baal-Zebub, how much more will they call those of his household! Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known, Matthew 10:24-26.

Yahshua is metaphorically using the word “master” for Yahweh, “servant” and “teacher” for Himself, and “disciple” as a follower, to demonstrate His relationship to Yahweh and His relationship to His disciples. Baal-Zebub means Lord of the Flies, a Hebraic word-picture of filth, where flies breed. It is a title for Satan. Let me boldly say that using the words “the LORD” in place of the righteous name of Yahweh is equating our Heavenly Father with filth. In the

very least, replacing His name with any other name is a violation found in:

Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which Yahweh Elohi of your fathers is giving you. You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of Yahweh Eloheekem which I command you. Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did at Baal Peor; for Yahweh Eloheka has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. But you who held fast to Yahweh Eloheekem are alive today, every one of you, Deuteronomy 4:1-4.

Baal Peor is a deity of the Moabites and means “Lord of the Opening,” to put it civilly. It refers to the use of sexuality in all its deviant forms in the worship of the pagan sun deities.

Using the words “the LORD” in place of the righteous name of Yahweh is, in fact, a violation of at least one of the Ten Commandments.

You shall have no other gods before Me, Deuteronomy 5:7.

You shall not take the name of Yahweh Eloheka in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain, Deuteronomy 5:11.

What does “in vain” mean. It is the Hebrew word, shaw, and means – are you ready for this? – it means desolation; it means evil destruction, ruination, idolatry, uselessness, deceptive and false. So, what do you think the phrase, “Abomination of Desolation” could refer to? Could it refer to the abolition of the use of the name of Yahweh – and justifying it by “the authority of Jewish and Christian practice”? Is there anywhere in Scripture that commands us to abolish the name of Yahweh?

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101



SPELLING THE SACRED NAME: V or W ?

What are the four letters that make up the Tetragrammaton or Sacred Name—YHVH or YHWH? Here's the answer from Hebrew scholars, linguists, lexicographers, and historians.

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER REVEALED Himself to us in the Hebrew Scriptures. But what exactly is His Name? The more knowledgeable say that in English it should be Yahweh, some claim Yahvah, and others Yahveh. Bear in mind that the Old Testament was first written in Hebrew, using the Hebrew alphabet. It is through this ancient language, then, that we find the true Name of the Creator.

We have the advantage of the preservation of the Old Testament in the Hebrew. The Hebrew copies of the Scriptures were meticulously made through the years, the scribes carefully counting each letter and word to ensure accuracy.

The Almighty revealed to us His personal, memorial Name in Exodus 3:15, which is preserved in the Hebrew as יהוה (read from right to left). Known as the Tetragrammaton, meaning “four letters,” His Name is represented by our English YHWH, or as some believe, YHVH.

Names Remain Unchanged

Whenever mankind was spoken to from the heavens, it was to those who understood Hebrew. Conversations between humans and celestial beings recorded for us in the New Testament were to those who spoke Hebrew, such as the annunciation to Miriam, or to Paul on the Damascus road. There is

Priests Who Despise His Name

A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence, says Yahweh of hosts to you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, "In what way have we despised Your name?" (Malachi 1:6)

"For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; in every place incense (a reference to prayer) shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering (again, a reference to prayer); for My name shall be great among the nations," says Yahweh Sabbath, Malachi 1:11.

Therefore I will return and take away My grain in its time, and My new wine in its season, and will take back My wool and My linen, given to cover her nakedness. Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall deliver her from My hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her New Moons, her Sabbaths – all her appointed Feasts, Hosea 2:9-11.

"I will punish her for the days of the Baals (the Lords) to which she burned incense. She decked herself with her earrings and jewelry, and went after her lovers; but Me she forgot," says Yahweh. "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, will bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfort to her," Hosea 2:13.

Salvation – Removing the Name of "the LORD"

"And it shall be, in that day," says Yahweh, "that you will call Me 'My Husband,' and no longer call Me 'My Master,' for I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, and they shall be remembered by their name no more," Hosea 2:16-17.

I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know Yahweh, Hosea 2:19-20.

Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not My people, "You are My people!" And they shall say, "You are my Elohai!" (Hosea 2:23.)

We, who worship Yahweh and not "the Lord", are now betrothed to Yahweh through Yahshua who died to take away our sins. And, He is calling to us to remain faithful to the New Covenant that He made possible – the Covenant implanted into our hearts and minds to obey Yahweh's Word.

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101



YAHWEH: KNOWN BY THE PATRIARCHS

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

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

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

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

The Memorial Name Yahweh

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

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

"And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, 'YAHWEH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of

Surely You Know His Name!

Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is the name of His Son? Surely you know! (Proverbs 30:4)

Who shall not fear You, O Yahweh, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested, Revelation 15:4.

I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear Yahweh, praise Him! (Psalm 22:22-23)

Glorify the Name of Yahweh!

All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Yahweh, and shall glorify Your name. For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are Elohim. Teach me Your way, O Yahweh; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Yahweh Elohai, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore, Psalm 86:9-12.

Yahshua spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true Elohim, and Yahshua the Messiah whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself,

with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,

that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:1-26.

Yahshua was sent to us out of His Father's love for us; and I know with all my heart that it grieves Them that we as a people give little heed to Their words.

"If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to My name," says Yahweh of hosts, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, because you do not take it to heart, Malachi 2:2.

We are not doomed, for Yahweh has provided us a narrow path by which we shall enter into the Kingdom.

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word. I have not departed from Your judgments, for You Yourself have taught me. How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn and confirmed that I will keep Your righteous judgments, Psalm 119:97-106.

May we meditate, day and night, upon the righteousness of our Heavenly Father, the Almighty Yahweh, and upon the mercy shown to us through His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, upon those who honor Him, who call upon the name of Yahweh and who are of the faith of Yahshua, obedient servants of the Most High.

Praise Yahweh! HalleluYah!

Elder John Fisher

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101



YAHWEH'S NAME AT THE END OF THE AGE

His people will know His Name.

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

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

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

Septuagint Had Yahweh's Name

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

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



Proclaim the Name!

Part 2 - The Son's Name

(Note: Except where otherwise stated, the New King James Version is used throughout this booklet. Substitution of the holy names in all Scripture quotations has been made at the discretion of the author)

Introduction

Many ardent believers sing exuberantly and fervently about Jesus, that "There is something about that name" and that it "is the sweetest name (they) know." Indeed, if the name Jesus were correct, it would most certainly be very special, for in referring to our Saviour, the Scriptures say in Acts 4:12, "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

It is clear from this verse that salvation comes through the One who holds a particular name. This is supported by the announcement of an angel of Yahweh who appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name...for He will save His people from their sins." (Matt 1:21)

There are two obvious and undeniable facts about the name in this pronouncement. Firstly, the name was specially chosen by Yahweh and sent to Joseph by one of Yahweh's special envoys. This means the name was very significant to Yahweh and should therefore be very important to us.

Secondly, the name was to carry a specific message and have a precise meaning. The name was to declare and mean that this Son of Yahweh whom Mary would bear would be Saviour. Whatever was the name the angel said to Joseph, if it does not have the meaning of Salvation, it cannot be the correct name. Let us now carefully and prayerfully delve beneath that special name which for many "is the sweetest name (they) know," and see if it is built upon the rock of truth or on the unstable sand of tradition.

The Error of the Letter J

The initial letter in the name Jesus is the first evidence that "there is something about that name." It is a well-known fact that "J" is the most recently added letter of the English alphabet and came into usage about fifteen hundred years after the birth of our Saviour.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th edition, under "J" writes: "J, a letter of the alphabet which, as far as form is concerned, is only a modification of the Latin 'I' and dates back with a separate value only to the 15th century. It was first used as a special form of initial i, the ordinary form being kept for use in other positions. As, however, in many cases initial i had the consonantal value of the English y, ...the symbol came to be used for the value y, which it still retains in German."

The Encyclopaedia Americana commenting on the letter J provides the following additional information: "At a later stage, the symbol 'J' was used for the distinctive purposes, particularly when the 'I' had to be written initially (or in conjunction with another 'I'). Either symbol used initially generally had the consonant sound of 'Y' (as in Year) so that the Latin pronunciation of either Ianuarius or Januarius was as though the spelling was 'Yanuarius'. While in some words of Hebrew origin (such as Hallelujah), 'J' has the phonetic value of 'Y'."

Many other encyclopaedias and dictionaries confirm that when the letter J was first introduced it had a "Y" sound and not the eventually acquired soft "g" French sound.

Therefore, even if the original spelling of the Saviour's name had been "Jesus", (and we know it was not), at the time of His birth, it would have been

pronounced differently.

There is yet another problem with this letter “J” as there is no such letter or equivalent sound in the Hebrew alphabet. Miriam (Mary) was Jewish. So also was Yosef (Joseph). Their native tongue would have been Hebrew or Aramaic. The Son they were to parent, would quite naturally have had a Hebrew name. It is inconceivable that the name would have been one that could not have been spoken in their native tongue.

Incidentally, even if we wrongly accepted that the original language of the New Testament was Greek and not Hebrew, there is still another problem with the letter “J”, which once again has no corresponding letter or pronunciation in the Greek alphabet. The absence of a “J” or “J” sound in both the Hebrew and Greek languages is therefore ample proof that the name Jesus could not possibly be the authentic original pronunciation of our Saviour’s name.

Biblical Hints of Saviour’s Correct Name

Since the popular translations of the Bible use a name that is known to be incorrect, is there any clue in the Bible itself as to what the correct name should be?

□ In Acts 7:45, and Hebrews 4:8, the translators of the King James Version, erroneously substituted “Jesus” for Joshua, as is apparent from the verses.

Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David, Acts 7:45.

For if Jesus had given them rest, then

would he not afterward have spoken of another day, Hebrews 4:8

Both of these verses only make sense when Joshua is substituted for Jesus. Most good reference Bibles show “Joshua” in the margin for Heb 4:8, and other versions including the New King James Version, have replaced “Jesus” with “Joshua” in both of these verses. Most scholars agree that there is a similarity in the names, and mission of Jesus and Joshua. Both were to be deliverers of Yahweh’s people, and their Hebrew names would have had meanings relevant to their mission. Most writers agree that our Saviour’s name must have been the same as Joshua in the originals to have caused the errors in Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8.

□ In the introduction to this section we have already quoted the angel’s announcement. The One to be born would be a Saviour, and the name was to reflect that mission, in the way that Hebrew names do give some vital information of a person. We are therefore expecting to find a Hebrew name, at least part of which, must mean Saviour.

□ Our Saviour said in John 5:43 “I have come in My Father’s name.” If any legitimate son said that of his father, one would expect he is not only indicating that he is his father’s representative,

but that he also bears at least the father’s family name. We would therefore expect part of the Saviour’s name to include the name of Yahweh.

To summarize so far then, the correct name should sound like or be the same as the Hebrew name for Joshua, should have the meaning of saviour, and include the name Yahweh.

Commenting on the name Jesus in Matthew 1:21 Barnes New Testament Notes states “In Hebrew it is the same as Joshua.”

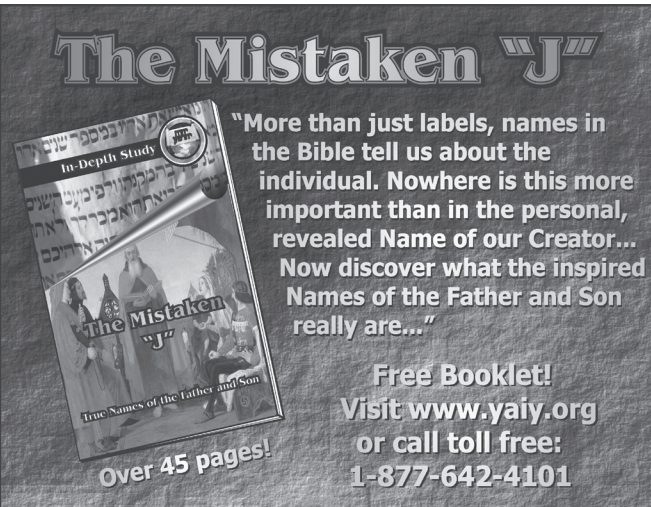
It is generally accepted that the Hebrew name by which our Saviour was known is Yahshua. It is the only Hebrew name that satisfies the two conditions of including the Father’s name, and also meaning Saviour.

We have already seen in Part 1, that Yah is the abbreviated form of Yahweh (as in Psalms 68:4 “Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him”).

The suffix “-shua” is derived from the Hebrew word which means saves. So Yah-shua is literally “Yah saves” or “Yah is salvation.” This name, unlike the name Jesus, has a definite meaning, which is in accordance with the angelic announcement to Joseph.

From Yahshua to Jesus

In bringing the Hebrew name Yahshua across to Greek, several insurmountable problems had to be resolved. Firstly, in the Greek language there was no “y” sound. Therefore Yah-shua simply could not be pronounced that way in Greek. The closest pronunciation possible in Greek would have been



The Mistaken “J”

“More than just labels, names in the Bible tell us about the individual. Nowhere is this more important than in the personal, revealed Name of our Creator... Now discover what the inspired Names of the Father and Son really are...”

Free Booklet!
Visit www.yaiy.org
or call toll free:
1-877-642-4101

Over 45 pages!

to combine their letter I (iota) with the Greek letter a (alpha) to give an ee-a sound. This, however, was not done, as such a pronunciation would have offended the Jews who did not want to have “Yah” being blurred out. The Masorete Scribes had deliberately pointed the “Y” to give instead a Yeh sound. Therefore, the Greek transliteration was to be for the name Yehshua and not Yahshua. The iota was followed, not by the alpha but by the letter e (eta). The pronunciation thus far was ee-ay.

The next difficulty was the absence of a “sh” sound in Greek. The nearest possible sound was the “s” sound from the Greek letter sigma. This would mean that the name Yahshua would have been pronounced “ee-ay-soo-a.” However, a further problem would have been created since, traditionally, a Greek masculine name did not end with a vowel. Instead the suffix sigma (“s”), would be added, in the way that Biblical names in the New Testament acquired an “s” to their Old Testament equivalents. Therefore, the name would have been pronounced ee-ah-soo-as, spelled in Greek Iesous, and in Latin Iesus.

In 1600, when the capital “J” replaced the capital I, the name was spelt Iesous, from the Greek Iesous, or Jesus from the Latinised spelling Iesus.

Why Jesus Is Not The Saviour’s Name

□ Even if Jesus is the closest Greek pronunciation of the Hebrew Yahshua, it does not in any way sound like Yahshua, and cannot replace the original sound of the name.

□ The original name Yahshua has been modified at each stage of its transliteration journey from Hebrew to English and in the process has lost its original meaning. The name Jesus therefore contravenes the declared

purpose of the name, which the angel had announced.

□ In order to be understood, the angel would have had to speak to Joseph and Miriam in either the Hebrew or Aramaic language; not in Greek, Latin or English.

□ It is impossible to pronounce the name Jesus in the Hebrew language, and it is inconceivable that the angel would have given our Saviour a name, which could not have been pronounced by His parents or any other Jew.

□ Joseph and Miriam would have had to ignore the angel’s announcement to give their Son a Latinized/Greek/English name.

□ There is no letter J or equivalent sound in Greek or Hebrew.

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101



HOW THE SAVIOR’S NAME WAS CHANGED

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

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

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

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

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

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

□ It is inconceivable that the name in that angelic announcement would have been a European hybrid name, and would begin with the letter “J” that did not come into existence until some 1500 years later!

The name “Jesus” then is an English derivative of the Latinized spelling of the Greek attempt at transliterating the Hebrew name Yahshua, after making adjustments to satisfy certain prevalent customs. In the process, part of the Father’s name Yah, has been altered and the name Jesus neither sounds like nor has the intended meaning of Yahshua – Salvation of Yah. It is a name without meaning, and is definitely not the name which the angel had given to the Hebrews, Joseph in Matthew 1:21 and Mary in Luke 1:31.

Why Not Yehshua, Yeshua or Yehoshua?

We have already shown that our Saviour’s name was Yahshua and not Jesus, but how about other names which are presently in vogue? A comprehensive list of the Saviour’s names as used by various Sacred Names’ groups and published on the website <http://www.geocities.com/changes1611/name32.html> gives one hundred names by which He is known. Of these perhaps the most popular, apart from Yahshua, are Yehshua, Yeshua and Yehoshua. Are any of these authentic replacements for Yahshua?

Before addressing this question, we need to summarize some of the evidence which was covered in part one and supported the general acceptance of the poetic or abbreviated form of the Father’s name.

□ The name Yah appears in the New King James version of the Bible in the following verses:

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the

clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him, Psalm 68:4.

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; "For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation," Isaiah 12:2.

Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength, Isaiah 26:4

I said, "I shall not see YAH, the LORD in the land of the living; I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants of the world," Isaiah 38:11.

□ Yah is included in the internationally known word of praise, halleluyah (often spelled as hallelujah but pronounced halleluyah) and literally means "praise ye Yah."

□ Yah is incorporated in the suffixes of many Old Testament Hebrew names, such as Isaiah (IsaYah), Jeremiah (JeremiYah), Elijah (EliYah) and Hezekiah (HezekiYah).

□ The discoveries of the Moabite Stone (written 900 BC) and the Lachish Letters of 586 BC are authentic non-Biblical evidences that the name Yahweh, was known and in use in Old Testament times.

□ Quotations used throughout this article and Part 1 from encyclopaedias, dictionaries and recognized scholarly works have endorsed Yahweh to be the correct pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton YHWH.

The "Yeh-" and "Ye-" Error

The names Yehshua, Yeshua (sometimes abbreviated Y'shua) and Yehoshua all have the Yeh- or Ye- Prefix. Are they correct?

In Part 1, we have already quoted from The New Encyclopaedia Britannica Micropaedia, vol 12 which states:

"After the Exile (6th century BC), and especially from the 3rd century on, Jews ceased to use

the name Yahweh ... the divine name was increasingly regarded as too sacred to be uttered; it was thus replaced vocally in the synagogue ritual by the Hebrew word Adonai ('My Lord').

"The Masorettes, who from about the 6th to the 10th century worked to reproduce the original text of the Hebrew Bible, replaced the vowels of the name YHWH with vowel signs of the Hebrew words Adonai or Elohim."

This was carried out by pointing the Hebrew yod or yothe (the Hebrew equivalent of the English letter "Y") in the Tetragrammaton, with a shewa vowel sign to give the Yeh sound instead of pointing it with the proper qamets, which would have given the correct Yah sound. It was done deliberately in order to avoid pronouncing the

divine name Yahweh. The improvised Yeh- pronunciation opened the gateway for artificial names such as Jehovah (YeHoWaH), Jesus, Yehshua, Yeshua and Yehoshua to come into being.

(Note: Many persons assert that Yehoshua is the proper Hebrew name for Joshua. Personally, I do not accept this partly because it has all the ingredients of the "e" and "o", which originated from the same Scribal pointing that led to the hybrid birth of Jehovah. It is merely Yehowah in its shortened form, Yeho, plus "shua." Weymouth's New Testament in Modern Speech writes this under the name Jesus: "The full significance of the name Jesus is seen in the original 'Yehoshua' which means 'Jehovah the Saviour'." The connection between Yehoshua (Jehoshua) and Jehovah is very clear.)

There are some religious groups today, which adamantly refuse (as though out of fear or great reverence) to pronounce the name Yahweh and they regard almost as sacrilege, any "Yah-" sounding pronunciation of the Saviour's name. They insist on the pronunciations Yeshua, Yehshua, or Y'shua.

It is generally agreed that the name of our heavenly Father is Yahweh. It has been shown that Yah is the accepted abbreviation and poetic form of Yahweh. The Saviour Himself said that He came in His Father's name. If we accept the overwhelming evidence for using the name Yahweh or Yah in connection with our Father, then it is inconsistent to use any name beginning in Ye-, Yeh-, Je- or Jeh- for the name of His Son. To be consistent the Saviour's name must contain the YAH prefix.

Any devices that replace the "a" with "e" merely aid in the diabolical attempt at suppressing the family name Yah. First the

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101

Mini Study



WHY THE SAVIOR'S TRUE NAME IS MISSING IN YOUR NEW TESTAMENT

When our Savior was put to death, Pilate made a statement about Him in three languages and then placed it on the torture stake:

The text reads: "Pilate wrote a title, and put [it] on the [stake]. And the writing was, [YAHSHUA] OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where [Yahshua] was impaled was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin." (John 19:19-20)

Notice, John does not say that Pilate wrote the Savior's Hebrew name, His Greek name and His Latin name. It was one name written or transliterated into three different languages. Transliterate means the sound of the name is the same—even if spoken in Greek, Hebrew or Latin.

A primary goal in translating is to bring the sound of names (proper nouns) across unchanged into the next language, usually with the foreign alphabet. Names are not translated as are common nouns, and names do not change from language to language. Instead, proper nouns are transliterated. This is especially noticeable in bringing Hebrew into either Greek or Latin, as each has its own alphabet. Different letters must be employed to simulate the same sound in each alphabet.

The Savior's Name appeared in Hebrew as יהושע. In Greek it was ΙΑΙΟΥ. In Latin it was IASOUA. The sound is similar in each language.

The proper rendition of the Savior's Name is woefully lacking in the English of our King James. Hebrew scholars agree that the English spelling that

Scribes, then the Romans and latterly believers of many different persuasions, backgrounds and agendas have sought to bury every relic of the sacred name. Yet the name lives on like Yahweh's truths, unconquerable, to endure throughout eternity.

The Original Language of the New Testament

Much of the error of the name has been brought about by translators attempting to give a Greek instead of Jewish flavour to the New Testament. The English translations we have today are usually based on Greek texts, owing to the loss or deliberate destruction of the original Hebrew manuscripts. Due to this it is often said that the New Testament was originally written in Greek. Greek translations, however, are not synonymous with Greek authorship.

Hebrew or Aramaic-speaking Israelites wrote the books of the New Testament. The original writings would have been in their native tongue and not in a foreign language.

Acts 4:13 tells us: *"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled."*

Here we have the valuable information that two of the New Testament writers were "uneducated and untrained." It is beyond belief that such men would have written in another language instead of their native tongue.

As a Jew, Paul's main language would not have been Greek, but Hebrew or Aramaic. He spoke and understood the Hebrew language (See Acts 21:40 and Acts 22:2). In Philippians 3:5 he says of himself: *"...circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews..."*

It was in the Hebrew language that Yahshua spoke to him on

the Damascus road: *"And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads'."* (Acts 26:14)

It is clear that the dominant language for Paul, the most prolific writer in the New Testament, was Hebrew. Equally, the 'unlearned' Peter must have read at least some of Paul's letters in Hebrew to have been able to give his commentary of Paul's writings in 2 Peter 3:16.

Whilst we are thankful that translations of the Hebrew manuscripts of the Old and New Testaments were made in the Greek language, so as to preserve the Bible, this must not cause us to

forget that the writers of the Bible were mainly Jewish, and spoke Hebrew or Aramaic.

Conclusion of Part 1 and 2

The name of the Almighty One has been removed from the Bible partly because of the attempt to uproot the Hebrew origins of the Bible and its message and partly out of fear of taking Yahweh's name in vain. This, in turn, has had consequences for the correct transliteration of His Son's name, which consequences have been exacerbated by the difficulties in bringing the name from Hebrew to Greek.

In both cases an unnecessary substitution has been made that contradicts the declared purpose and meaning of the original names and denies most of today's disciples the intimacy of knowing the names of their Father and Saviour.

Once again "an unwarrantable liberty has been taken; the path of humility is to retrace our steps."

Two thousand years ago Yahshua said the time had come for men to worship in spirit and in truth instead of blindly following customs and traditions. It is time for true believers to cast off the ignorance and delusions of the past and cease from calling their heavenly Father and His Son by false, meaningless and man-made titles. It is time to declare fearlessly and joyfully, but with reverence, the names of Yahweh and Yahshua.

The name of Yahweh will prevail whatever man, with his false doctrines, may think. The day is coming when those who will be with Yahshua at His return shall have the Father's name "on their foreheads" (Rev 22:4 and 14:1). Since that name will be prominent then, and the bearers of the

<see **Proclaim** page 20>

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101

Mini Study



WAS THE NEW TESTAMENT ORIGINALLY GREEK?

In an effort to deny the importance of Yahweh's great Name, there are those who mistakenly contend that the New Testament was originally written in Greek. They assume that because the sources from which our New Testament is translated are Greek, that the names Yahweh and Yahshua as revealed in the Hebrew are missing in the New Testament and therefore unnecessary. Is this true? Here are some facts revealing why the Hebrew manuscripts of the New Testament are not extant, though clearly evident, and why worship today has strayed from the "faith once delivered."

THOSE WHO MAINTAIN that the original New Testament text was Greek believe they have the right to call Yahweh by the titles "Lord" (from Old English meaning *keeper of the loaf*) or the noun "God" (Old English, from Anglo-Saxon/German), or perhaps call Him "Eternal," as does James Moffatt in his translation.

Yet, the Name Yahweh is the only Name Yahweh Himself has given us by which He wishes to be remembered:

"And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, Yahweh, Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me unto you: this [is] my name for ever, and this [is] my memorial unto all generations," Exodus 3:15.

Interestingly, Moffatt apologizes for substituting "The Eternal" for Yahweh's Name in his translation. Note his candor:

"Strictly speaking, this ought to be rendered 'Yahweh,' which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of 'Jehovah.' Were this version

In the Image of Elohim

A deplorable irony in man's continuing quest for knowledge and understanding is most manifested among the so-called "cream of society." Eminent scientists and philosophers, who, by this world's standards are among those seated on top of the academic ladder, are the very ones who blatantly deny Elohim their Creator and ridicule the biblical account of creation.

Considering the international reputation, prestige and honors bestowed by the academe on these highly regarded men of higher learning – great thinkers – we can only guess as to what extent the impact of their pronouncements have on the people's beliefs around the world.

Here in the Philippines, dubbed "the only Christian nation in Asia," there's already noticeable decline in church attendance as compared to the time of the hell-fire preachers during my childhood days. And based on media reports, this phenomenon is more true in the more developed nations, e.g., the United States.

Nowadays, there is an ongoing mentality among the young generation that going to church is for the old folks. Add to this the very popular teaching of the "no law" preachers, and now we have a society best described by Paul's prophecy.

But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be self-lovers, lovers of money, boastful, aughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of Yahweh; having a form of righteousness, but having denied the power of it: from these also turn away, 2 Tim. 3:1-5 TSS.

Humanism

We need not be a political scientist to understand that throughout the ages, heads of states usually rely on human intelligence rather than religious conviction in governance. Let's take a glimpse of how one of the kings of Israel acted.

Jeroboam thought to himself, "The kingdom will now likely revert to the house of David. If these people go up to offer sacrifices at the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem, they will again give their allegiance to their master, Rehoboam king of Judah. They will kill me and return to King Rehoboam." After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jeru-

salem. Here are your Elohim, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. And this thing became a sin, the people went even as far as Dan to worship the one there, 1 Kings 12:26-30.

Regrettably, no one in the ten tribes nation of Israel raised a voice against King Jeroboam's decision to completely abandon Yahweh and institute idol worship prevalent among the nations surrounding them. Since then the succeeding kings of the northern kingdom relied on their own intelligence rather than on Yahweh's guidance.

King Jeroboam was a victim of humanism – a system of thought which regards humans as capable of using their intelligence to live their lives – rather than on religious beliefs. Perhaps unknown to many, humanism is a potent force that each and every one of us have to content with in our daily lives. You see, this negative trait is deeply rooted in human nature, and exerts a downward pull on human values and behaviour. It is a force that operates like gravity.

Even among supposedly upright personalities, e.g., priests, pastors, elders, etc., moral values and religious convictions sometimes go down the drain in exchange for material gain. Yahshua tells the crowd of thousands before Him,

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions, Luke 12:15.

For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life? (Mark 8:36-37 TSS)

Yahshua's words are not only for the crowd, but also to all generations until His return. Remember, the desire for material things is just one aspect of humanism. Let us strive not to let humanism take control of our life.

Unbelief

The lowest point into which humans may fall is that mental state of unbelief in Elohim who caused all things, visible and invisible, to exist. Paradoxically, the eminent scientists and philosophers – given their highly regarded knowledge and intelligence – are the very ones who brazenly deny Elohim their Creator.

Now let's consider a few questions: What benefit has unbelief brought on mankind, if any? Has unbelief promoted understanding, love of neighbour, or compassion to the very unfortunate and destitute? Specifically, what has atheism or communism

contributed in human relations towards the attainment of world peace?

This reminds me of the former Soviet Union, and Nikita Khrushchev's deployment of ballistic missiles in Cuba which almost precipitated a horrifying nuclear war with the United States. And as I write this article, Kim Jong Il of North Korea hurls threats of a nuclear war against neighbouring nations and other perceived enemies. And the whole world has also witnessed how brutal and ruthless a communist government could be. A prime example is what happened in Cambodia.

In the name of "social cleansing" and a desire to create a classless society, Pol Pot had caused the massacre of over a million of his own people. Obviously, Pol Pot doesn't believe that a day will come when he will be made to stand before the Judge of the universe, Rom. 14:10. What an example of unbelief!

For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of Elohim without effect? May that never be so: yea, let Elohim be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, "That thou mightest overcome when thou art judge," Rom. 3:3-4 TWOY.

If the concepts of Elohim – with His law and commandments – do not occur in a man's mind, that gives him the sole power and authority to determine what is right or wrong. So, to a die-hard communist like Pol Pot, to achieve his dream of a classless society there is nothing wrong with the mass killings. King Solomon tells us,

The fear (reverence) of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding, Prov. 9:10 TSS.

Pol Pot doesn't know Yahweh, and is totally ignorant of the law. The law says, "You shall not murder," Exo. 20:13. Does that mean

Pol Pot's ignorance of the law excuses him from his wrongdoing?

For as many as have sinned without the law shall also perish without the law: and as many as have sinned under the law shall be judged by the law, Rom. 2:12 TSS.

Now here is a grim reminder. If those who are ignorant of Elohim are not absolved of sin, what's more for one who profess to know Yahweh and yet ignores and transgresses His law? Whose guilt is greater between the two? The apostle Paul reminds Yahweh's people,

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall, 1 Cor. 10:12.

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101

Mini-Study



Meaning Behind the Savior's Parable of

Lazarus and the Rich Man

Of all that the Bible says about the state of the dead, perhaps nothing is cited more than the Savior's parable about Lazarus and the rich man, Luke 16. This account is said to support the belief that the dead go immediately to heaven or to ever-burning hellfire.

Many believe that this parable should be taken literally in every sense because the name of a real-life Biblical person, Lazarus, is used.

Often, however, the Messiah's teachings were couched in allegory and usually had a deeper, spiritual truth to them. In fact, our Savior's technique of choice when instructing was through analogy and parable. Such is the case here.

Because Yahshua employed a story in Luke 16, we must be careful about taking a literal approach and not grasping the original intent. Realize that this is a parable, used Scripturally to impart deeper truth, as all parables do.

The truth of what the Savior said is overlooked by most, and the whole thrust of His teaching in this parable has been misunderstood down through the ages. To think that Yahshua the Messiah was supporting the notion of going to hell at death is to contradict a host of other Scriptures. No interpretation is accurate if it contradicts other passages.

A Message to Certain Jews

Central to the parable is Yahshua's teaching about an unjust steward, which begins Luke 16. He concludes in verse 13 with this: "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve Elohim and mammon" (Luke 16:13).

When they heard this, an elite class of Jews known as the Pharisees, who especially loved money, derided Him in verse 14. Then our Savior levels His sights directly on the Pharisees. His comments are an affront to these men who found His teachings contemptible.

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers, 1 Tim. 4:16 NIV.

Unbelief is not confined to denial of Elohim. In a broader perspective, it refers also to most people's mentality that Yahweh and the law is a distant reality; that the law has become irrelevant to the current social as well as cultural changes needed to keep abreast of new developments; that Yahweh, as a loving Father, is a flexible Elohim; and that if we just believe on Elohim, the penalty of the law will not be upon us without necessarily keeping His commandments.

And they said, "Believe on the Master Yahshua the Messiah, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," Acts 16:31 TWOY.

Just believe – "no law" preachers tell their flock – and there is no need to keep the commandments. We are now under grace.

No wonder that even prostitutes, thieves, kidnappers, murderers and almost everyone in christendom, still hope that when they die, they will go directly to heaven. Even the Islamic suicide bomber has overcome the fear of death – believing that after the blast, he will be transported direct to paradise.

Sadly, gullible churchianity believes everything their leaders tell them. Don't be deceived. Just believing but doing nothing to keep the commandments is by itself an act of unbelief.

Take heed, brethren, lest there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living Elohim, Hebrews 3:12 TSS.

Doubt

A lesser form of unbelief is agnosticism. Proponents of agnosticism say that it is impossible to know whether there is really an Elohim

and a future life beyond the material world. This term is nowhere to be found in the Bible. In biblical usage it is simply called doubt. Relative to this feeling is uncertainty.

From the works (psychoanalysis) of Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), we learn that what a man thinks has something to do with either peace of mind (equilibrium), or mental imbalance, e.g., anxiety or fear. This brings to mind Vladimir Lenin, who carried out the bloody purges in Russia way back in 1917, and his disciple Pol Pot, the erstwhile Cambodian despot. Having blotted out the concept of Elohim in their minds, perhaps they were at peace with themselves and devoid of any guilt feelings for what they have done during their lifetime.

Contrast this to an agnostic who cooked a rooster that strayed into his backyard, or one who occasionally goes to bed with another man's wife. Unsure of whether Elohim exists or not, to an agnostic anything is possible; and this leads to idiosyncrasies in which one's future is left to chance.

Doubt muddles a man's perception and deprives one of a clear-cut philosophy and principle in life. In many cases, doubtful dispositions have led to negative happenings – many of which ended up in tragedy. Of course, even among Yahweh's people, there are instances when doubt is understandable and excusable. Consider the case of Martha, the sister of Lazarus.

Yahshua therefore again groaning in Himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Yahshua said, "Take ye away the stone." Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto Him, "Master, by this time he stinketh: for he has been dead four days," John 11:38-39 TWOY.

Martha's doubt is justifiable. From common knowledge she

knew that a dead body decays rapidly, and thus spoke from the human point of view. But to doubt that Elohim, i.e. Yahweh, exists – is inexcusable. And to doubt the account of creation in favor of evolution is a ludicrous mental delusion.

No amount of rhetoric from the atheistic scientific community will in any way invalidate the existence of an Absolute Reality – a First Cause – the Almighty Supernatural Being whose name is Yahweh. To doubt the existence of Elohim will do you no good.

And your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life, Deut. 28:66.

Remember, it was doubt that led to Eve's fall. So, for one who prefers unbelief or doubt, the fu-

ture is grim and dark.

Have Faith

On the question of whether Elohim exist or not, three options are laid before man to choose from, namely: be an atheist, an agnostic, or a believer. Amazingly, many who are deemed very knowledgeable chose atheism or agnosticism. I am convinced that at times, intellectual conceit leads to erratic or warped ideas.


In the Philippines, there's a joke that "little learning is a dangerous thing." Ironically, "too much learning" has caused many to deny Elohim. In the pursuit of knowledge, understanding and wisdom, man may become wise or foolish. To avoid becoming the latter, something is needed to prevent one's mind from going overboard. And that, dear reader, is FAITH!

Yes, just faith in Yahweh and His Son Yahshua, the true Messiah and Savior. Let's see a very good example of simple faith.

And when Yahshua was entered into Capernaum, there came unto Him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying, "Master, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented." And Yahshua saith unto him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Master, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, go, and he goeth, and to another, come, and he cometh; and to my servant, do this, and he doeth it." When Yahshua heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel," Matt. 8:5-10 TWOY.

Even Yahshua Himself marvelled that such great faith should come out from the most unlikely or

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101

Mini Study 

Fundamentals of Faith

A synopsis of the beliefs of Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

unexpected source. The Roman centurion was a gentile. For other examples of great faith, see the ff: Matt. 8:2, 9:18, 14:36, 15:28, and Mark 5:28.

Sadly, scientific conceit has led many to deny Elohim and reject the reality of creation when considering the complexity of even the seemingly most simple (one-celled) organism, the invisible but precise law that regulates the movements of the galactic bodies – millions and millions of stars and solar systems – the diversities of flora and fauna. To assume that all these came to exist by way of an accident or mere chance is stranger than fiction.

Now, concerning the existence of life, the eminent biologists have yet to come up with a credible explanation as to how that one-celled thing from which all life forms supposedly descended came to be. Was it really the result of mere chance, e.g., the accidental convergence of carbon, amino acid, protein molecule, etc., and then by incredible odds and sequence of events the inanimate compounds were again accidentally subjected to intense heat/pressures and there came out that little one-celled thing? What a fantasy the scientists would have us believe.

It is no secret that scientists have been trying to create a kind of life form in the lab. So far, they have not succeeded. This proves that only life itself begets life, and that the biblical account of creation is more credible than the theories or fairy tales concocted by the scientists.

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at Yahweh's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible, Hebrews 11:1-3.

Have faith in Yahweh and His Son Yahshua Messiah. You have nothing to lose, but everything to gain.

In His Image

I take comfort in the fact that what the scientists are saying is a mere hypothesis. But the problem is, modern science continues to promote the evolution of man from the apes. At worst, evolution is still being taught in biology classes worldwide. In doing so, they are heaping undeserved insult of humankind – degrading and demeaning man down to the level of an animal.

We'd better let the Holy Book explain and clarify the issue.

And Elohim said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth...." And Elohim created man in His own image, in the image of Elohim created He him; male and female created He them," Gen. 1:26-27 TSS.

Other than to have dominion over the different creatures, the Bible reveals a far more important reason and purpose as to why Yahweh created man. Firstly, let us consider the word likeness. By any stretch of the imagination, no one can have a true picture of Elohim i.e., how Yahweh really looks like. That is impossible because Yahweh exists in the Spirit and is invisible.

The Bible says that no one has seen Elohim as He really is, and at any time, John 1:18 and 1 John 4:12. To have a better understanding of what the texts really meant, let's take a deeper scrutiny of words image and likeness. In Strong's Hebrew dictionary image is #6754 tselem; an unused root mean. to shade, a phantom, i.e., (fig.) illusion, resemblance; hence a represen-

tative figure. Likeness is #1823 demuth, from #1819 damah; a prim. root, to compare; by impl. to resemble, liken.

Now we can see that the two words were used in the figurative and not literal sense. It's like this: let a Caucasian, African and Asian stand side by side. Physically, with their distinct features, you can easily differentiate which is which – the Caucasian with his pointed nose and white complexion as compared to the Asian, or the African with his black skin. But when you look at their shadow, all these disappears and what you see is just the image of man.

In the creation of man, in context the words image and likeness is symbolic of Yahweh's attributes, i.e., holiness, righteousness, and knowledge, Eph. 4:24 and Col. 3:10. That's why the apostle Peter tells us,

For it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy," 1 Peter 1:16.

Contrary to the evolutionary tale, Yahweh directly created man, and for good reason and purpose.

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

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of Elohim, even to them that believe on His name, John 1:12.

For ye are all the children of Yahweh, by faith in the Messiah Yahshua, Galatians 3:26 TWOY.

Yes, Yahweh created man to reflect His holiness, righteousness, and potentially to become members of the Elohim family. Indeed – we humans were created to be like Him – In the Image of Elohim!

Elder A. S. Untalan, Sr.

The Ultimate Hope: The Kingdom to Come

Does the Bible teach that the ultimate hope of believers is everlasting life in Heaven where the throne of the Creator presently exists? If so, then we must be able to identify such a claim in the covenant Yahweh made with Abraham. Shocking to most, the covenant Father Yahweh made with the great patriarch Abraham did not include a claim to eternal life in Heaven for the “Household of the Faithful,” deemed to be spiritual descendants of Abraham. So, what are these claims and are they clearly set forth in Scripture? Let’s examine the terms of this Covenant found in several passages of the Book of Genesis as each passage builds on the previous one. You should learn that Father Yahweh has never been the source of this confusion of mankind regarding the ultimate hope of His people. It’s just up to each of us to decide who we will believe: The Word of Yahweh or “Replacement Theology.” (The idea that Father Yahweh has divorced Israel and married the Assembly has led to the acceptance of a host of unbiblical doctrines of men. [Compare with Mark 7:6-13].) For, just as the great Prince and Author of our Salvation often said, “[I]t is written...,” Matthew 4:4; 7:10.

The first such passage of many that establishes what is known today as the Abrahamic Covenant, in the case of the children of Israel, the Covenant relationship was a Unilateral Covenant which Yahweh established by His own Word and which He therefore is allowed to change or to be modified according to His will. The only terms and conditions which the Almighty transformed or changed was that of the Priesthood. All other Torah terms and conditions remain intact. However, a fulfillment of one prophetic promise to be established under the New Covenant Relationship is to write His Torah on their hearts:

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Yahweh; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them their Elohim, and they shall be to me a people, Heb 8:10.

Promised to Abraham

Now Yahweh had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your

name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed,” Genesis 12:1-3.

What is most relevant in this passage is the promise that Abraham would be shown a land. Nothing more than that is promised. Having arrived in the land that he was shown, Abraham learns that Yahweh discloses more.

Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to Yahweh, who had appeared to him, Genesis 12:7.

The promise here is that the descendants of Abraham will eventually possess the land that he was shown. The fact that Abraham’s descendants will possess this land is reaffirmed in Genesis 13:14-17; but then, in addition, there is a further promise made that Abraham himself will also possess this land.

And Yahweh said to Abram after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; as that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you, Genesis 13:14-17.

So Abraham is now commanded to make what amounts to the first Holy Land tour of Israel, for all the land that he sees in its length and breadth will be his.

The exact boundaries, however, are not given until we come to Genesis 15:12-18:

Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. Then He [Yahweh] said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the

iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.” And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

At the time of the sealing of the Abrahamic Covenant, Father Yahweh spelled out the future history of Abraham’s descendants prior to their initial entry into the land. Then Yahweh states what will be the northern and southern boundaries: from the Euphrates in the north to the river of Egypt in the south. The latter border refers to the most eastern branch of the Nile Delta, which now goes along the line of the modern day Suez Canal.

This covenant is later reconfirmed to Isaac in Genesis 26:2-5, and then to Jacob in Genesis 28:13-15. In these passages, both Isaac and Jacob are promised that they themselves will possess the land—as will their descendants.

What is promised by Father Yahweh in the Abrahamic Covenant is expanded and expounded upon by Moses and the Prophets. In Leviticus 26:40-45, Moses points out that after a worldwide dispersion of disobedient Israel, they will eventually be re-gathered into the land after they pay for their sins. The basis of this reclamation of the land is the Abrahamic Covenant. Verse 42 says:

I will remember My covenant with Jacob and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

Promise Still Valid

In the Prophets, the common element that is repeated over and

over again is that the worldwide re-gathering and possession of the land is based upon Yahweh’s promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Especially revealing is the statement found in Isaiah 27:12:

And it shall come to pass in that day that Yahweh will thresh, from the channel of the river to the brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.

Isaiah reaffirms not only a re-gathering and possession of the land, but he further affirms the very boundaries of the land that were promised to Abraham, its northern and southern boundaries.

So, then, according to the Scriptures, three promises are made with regard to the land: First, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all promised the possession of the land; Second, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were promised the possession of the land; and Third, the boundaries of the Promised Land extended from the Euphrates River in the north to the river of Egypt in the south.

In light of the above passages and promises by Yahweh, Who cannot lie, two other things should be noted: First, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ALL DIED, and the most they ever possessed of the Promised Land was one burial cave and several wells; and, second, the descendants of these Patriarchs, although they had possessed portions of the Promised Land, have never possessed ALL the land in keeping with the boundaries given in the Scriptures. At no period in Israel’s history have they ever possessed all of the land from the Euphrates in the north to the river of Egypt in the south. Since Yahweh cannot lie, these things must yet come to pass. Somehow, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob must possess all the land; and second, the descendants of Abraham must settle in

all of the Promised Land.

So, how will Yahweh’s promises be fulfilled? During the period of the Second Temple, Judaism was divided into several segments, but the two primary ones were the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The two groups differed on several points of theology, one of which was the belief in a physical resurrection from the dead. The Pharisees affirmed it, while the Sadducees denied it. The Sadducees enjoyed asking tricky questions of the Pharisees in light of their belief in a resurrection to make the Pharisees look foolish. One such question had to do with the point of the Mosaic Law and how it could be placed in conformity with the concept of a physical resurrection from the dead. According to the Mosaic Law, if a man dies leaving a wife but no children, the brother of the deceased has the responsibility of marrying the widow and producing a male seed in the name of the deceased (Deuteronomy 25:5-6). The tricky question went something like this:

There were seven brothers, one of whom married a certain woman and then died, leaving no children. In accordance with the Mosaic Law, his brother then married the widow, but he, too, died childless. He was followed by a third brother and the same thing happened until all seven brothers were married to the one woman, all of them leaving the woman childless. Finally, she also died. So if there is a physical resurrection from the dead, whose wife would she be, since all had been married to her?

You should be able to see how the Sadducees enjoyed asking this question since the Pharisees were unable to explain how this particular Law would be put into effect in the world to come. But one day the Sadducees tried this question with Yahshua and got an answer they did not expect. It is

recorded in Luke 20:34-40 (NIV):

Yahshua answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of Elohim, being sons of the resurrection. But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when He called Yahweh the [Elohim] of Abraham, the [Elohim] of Isaac, and the [Elohim] of Jacob. For He is not the Elohim of the dead but of the living, for all live to him." Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, you have spoken well." But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

Yahshua's answer revealed that the Sadducees were guilty of lacking knowledge of the Scriptures and not understanding the power of Elohim or the nature of the resurrection body (as so many lack today). The Matthew 22:29-30 parallel account expressly reveals this point. One purpose of the institution of marriage on earth is to sustain the human race, since humanity sustains itself by natural generation. But those who attain the first resurrection do not reproduce, so there is no need for marriage. The resurrected body is not merely a restoration of natural life—it is a transformation of the body itself, I Cor, 15:50-54. This transformed body cannot be reproduced sexually or otherwise. However, the likeness thereof will be "like Him [Yahshua], for we shall see Him as He is." (I John 3:2 NIV)

But then Yahshua turned to the Scriptures for evidence of the resurrection by quoting Exodus 3:6, where Elohim said to Moses: "...I am the Elohim of your fathers—the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elo-

him of Jacob..." That particular expression in the Old Testament Scriptures became a formula for the Abrahamic Covenant. That covenant as has been shown earlier, stated that the land (NOT HEAVEN) was not only to be possessed by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but also by their descendants.

The resurrection and enjoyment of the land in the Messianic Kingdom will not be automatic to every descendant of Abraham because he was born Abraham's natural offspring. Father Yahweh forewarned His people through Moses and the Prophets:

- "Circumcise your hearts therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer." (Deut. 10:16 NIV)

- "For the days are coming," declares Yahweh, "when I will punish all who are circumcised only in the flesh—Egypt, Judah, Edom, Ammon, Moab and all who live in the desert in distant places. For all these nations are really uncircumcised and even the whole house of Israel is uncircumcised in heart," (Jeremiah 9:25-26 NIV)

- "Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, circumcise your hearts you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire because of the evil you have done—burn with no one to quench it." (Jeremiah 4:4 NIV)

The Apostle Shaul (Paul) expounded on this shadowy meaning of true circumcision. He said,

A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from Elohim. (Romans 2:28-29 NIV)

In Him you were also circumcised in the putting off of the sin-

ful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Messiah, having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of Elohim, who raised Him from the dead, Colossians 2:11-12.

In Romans 4:16-24, the Apostle Paul cleverly draws from the very terms of the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 17:5 and 15:5 to establish the right of the "Faithful" to share in Israel's inheritance as "Abraham's offspring" or descendants.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of Elohim, in whom he believed—the Elohim who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of Elohim, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to Elohim, being fully persuaded that Elohim had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom Elohim will credit righteousness—for us who believe Him who raised Yahshua our Master from the dead, Romans 4:16-24 NIV. (Emphasis supplied)

So here we stand, engrafted

branches into the Abrahamic Covenant through the "Seed" of Abraham—Yahshua.

The promises were spoken to Abraham and his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Messiah, Galatians 3:16 NIV.

Therefore, holding on to this hope, many have gone before us,

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. Elohim had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect, Hebrews 11:39-40 NIV.

Even so, "Elohim as granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life," Acts 11:18. Consequently, "there is neither Jew nor Greek...you are all one in Messiah Yahshua...Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise," Galatians 3:28-29.

"But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13 NIV), where a Kingdom of Priests will serve Yahweh and "reign on earth". (Rev. 5:10, 22:3-5 NIV).

In all of this, the element of faith is necessary as Messiah Yahshua said in John 6:38-40 (NIV):

For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

When all these things are fulfilled, we find in Scripture that Father Yahweh makes good on His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their faithful natural and spiritual offspring. Abra-

ham becomes a blessing to all people and A FATHER TO MANY NATIONS; Israel occupies the Promised Land in its entirety and eventually in a new heaven and new earth (Isaiah 65:17-25); and the Holy City, New Jerusalem, will come down out of heaven from Elohim as the dwelling of Yahweh will be with men, and He will live with them. All the "Faithful" will be His people and Yahweh Himself will be with them and be their Mighty One.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things [will have] passed away, Revelation 21:1-4 NIV.

Through all of these things, Yahweh will surely make Abraham's "name great" (Genesis 12:26b).

He who overcomes will inherit

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101

Mini Study



The New Covenant WHAT IS IT?

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

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

THE NEW COVENANT

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

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

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

all of this, and I [Yahweh] will be his Elohim and he will be my son, Revelation 21:7 NIV.

Therefore, the Scriptures (rightly divided) are clear regarding the ultimate hope of those who believe and share the faith of Abraham. The Abrahamic Covenant conveys no such claim that Believers will ever live eternally in heaven as falsely taught today in Churchianity. For Yahshua taught His disciples to pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..." (Matthew 6:10 KJV)

In ultimate hope the writer of Hebrews wrote, "For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come" (Hebrews 13:14 NIV), and "the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever (Psalms 37:29 NIV).

Lastly, Yahshua announced in Revelation 22:12 (NIV): "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me..."

David Jones, Jr,

<Proclaim from page 12>

Name will be delighted to display it, there is no value in concealing it now.

Now that we know the names of our Father and His Son, let us no longer follow the lead of those who prefer the "currency and familiarity" of erroneous names. Knowledge for its own sake is as good as ignorance. Knowledge applied demonstrates wisdom. It is high time for the truth to prevail. Let us shout the names, proclaim them, and never be ashamed of them. Let the truth and meaning of the names, be a fire within our soul that neither the floods of popular sentiment nor the force of historic veneration can extinguish.

I will declare Thy name unto my brethren, Psalms 22:22 (KJV).

Elder Buel Hallpike

Is the Bible Full of Contradictions?

The majority of church members in this world at some time in their lives have taken a Bible in their hands, and attempted reading the Scriptures. Then, certain confused thoughts would arise within their minds because the Words they read just do not agree with what they have been told by their Sunday school teacher, or the sister in the convent. (Also included are the messages they receive from the priest, minister, or the fiery preacher announcing that the judgment day is at hand!) In fact, these “captive congregations” are so conditioned, that they become so dependant upon the “preacher” in their church. So many of these members are warned by their shepherds, who quote to them:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any Private interpretation, 2nd Peter 1:20.

This text is all very well, but why do we see hundreds of different churches, all having their own agenda? Yet they say that the Bible is the Holy Word of the Almighty, and their guide.

We must understand these religions have broken the very law they quoted to their followers. They themselves, through the years of manipulating, and panel-beating Scripture, whether maliciously, deliberately, or blindly, but blatantly gone and interpreted Yahweh’s Word to suit themselves, are not allowing Scripture to interpret Scripture!

Many worldly churches boast of that power over its followers, using the saying: “Teach children from a young age and they will never depart from it.” I have witnessed ministers telling devout followers that, “If they read their Bible alone, without the help of a ‘qualified’ minister, the devil, or false thoughts will enter their minds.”

People would wonder as to how all this could be possible, where we read: “Yahweh is not the author of confusion,” 1 Cor 14:33.

Mysteries of This World

The sad part of all this is when the confused member asks awkward questions, and is told: “It is a mystery, and it is not for us to understand yet!” or “It is a sealed Book.” Have you identified a “mystery religion,” of which according to Scripture, is in existence today?

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH, Rev. 17:5.

On the other hand, the member may be told that too much learning could make you mad!

And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said

with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad, Acts 26:24.

But Festus did not admit this could mean the other way around!

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, 2 Tim 3:7.

(This applies to those who resist the Truth)

For Yahweh is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all Assemblies of the saints, 1st Cor. 14: 33.

Yet we read in the Apostle John’s lifetime, Yahshua instructed him to write letters to the Assemblies in Asia Minor, because they had become corrupted with false pagan doctrines. They even had ministers who lied to them!

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars, Rev. 2:2.

Even in these days so many religions in this world lie directly to its members, so as to control them from straying away, out of the “organization.” They say, “We are keeping our people straight.” May we add, “To the way of death?”

What Lies?

One would say: “What lies?” Try telling any Sunday going Christian that Messiah was not born on the 25th of December! Or Yahweh’s human priesthood does not exist; at least not until Yahshua returns, and re-instates the New priesthood in His Kingdom, HERE on EARTH!

Try telling these people that the dead are asleep in their graves, until Messiah returns to this world. They are certainly not up there in heaven with the “Lord,” as they have been so misled to believe that lie!

By confronting people with these statements would cause them very quickly to accuse us of lying. Ministers of this world do not warn their people that they could easily believe lies. But they are very well warned against listening to doctrines that are not of “their own” preconceived belief.

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe lies: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks always to Yahweh for you, brethren beloved

of Yahweh, because He hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth, 2nd Thess. 2: 10-13.

Only Yahweh's Spirit opens the minds of His chosen; no church, worldly organization, or any human intervention is able to do that.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of Yahweh: because many false prophets are gone out into the world, 1st John 4:1.

Through Yahweh's guidance, our only way to test any doctrine, or teaching, is through total compliance with Yahweh's Word.

People may ask: "But are there not contradictions in Scripture itself?" The first question you should ask is, "Show me a contradiction."

Scripture has been translated into nearly all the languages of the world. Above that, Scripture has been translated into English by many different translators, who all believe they are correct to every word of the original Hebrew and Greek writings. But when going deeply into some of these translations, we come to the understanding that man, endowed with human nature, and as we have mentioned before, having certain pre-conceived beliefs, would translate Scripture with words to uphold certain doctrine that a particular translator had in mind.

Thanks be to Yahweh, if the believing Bible student truly looks into these isolated mis-translations, he,

or she, will always come up with the basic Truth which leads to salvation through Yahweh's Spirit.

That is why we always recommend the Bible student to be ready to test with a number of reliable translations. If there arises an important question on a doctrinal matter, 99% of the time the answer is found in the very same chapter!

Contradiction?

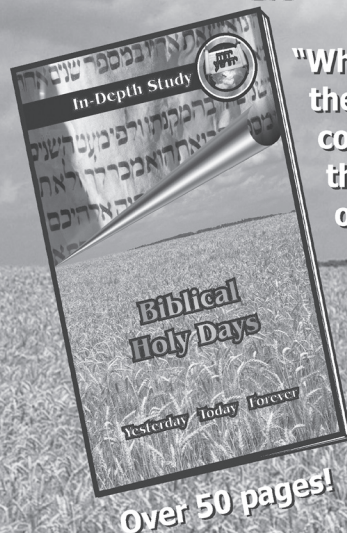
To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Did we read a contradiction? But the law says thou shalt not kill. Yes, we are not to commit murder. (Editor's note: "kill" is the translation of the Hebrew "harag" which means, By Strong's Concordance, "to smite with deadly intent.") Thus, a soldier fighting to defend his people is not committing a pre-meditated killing. Here we note that there are misunderstandings with certain translations. A person found guilty by two or three witnesses of committing murder, shall be put to death, an everlasting Law set by Yahweh.

Then Yahshua called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the kingdom of Yahweh, and to heal the sick. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where, Luke 9:1-6.

And Yahshua said unto them, "When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing?" And they said, "Nothing." Then said He unto them, "But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For

Biblical Holy Days



"What you may not know is that there are specific days the Bible commands man to keep, days that are very important for anyone who desires True Worship."

**Free Booklet!
Visit www.yaiy.org
or call toll free:
1-877-642-4101**

I say unto you, that this which is written must yet be accomplished in Me, And He was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning Me have an end." And they said, "Master, behold, here are two swords. And He said unto them, It is enough," Luke 22:35-38.

Here we see that there is a so-called contradiction between Luke 9 and Luke 22. But we must understand that these are in two totally different circumstances.

Many people accuse parts of Paul's writings, saying that they are full of contradictions. We do understand that there are difficult passages in his writings. Even Peter mentioned this, but he gives us the reason why!

And account that the longsuffering of our Master is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Master and Saviour Yahshua Messiah. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen, 2nd Peter 3:15-18.

Parables

We often hear of ministers telling their congregations that Yahshua spoke in parables so as to make the message clearer, but read for yourself His Own Words:

And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know

the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not give. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted,

and I should heal them, Matthew 13: 10-15.

So few Biblical scholars have truly understood the message Yahshua was giving in the case of when children came up close to Him for blessings, while He was speaking to His disciples. The disciples were upset about this. But Yahshua made a statement which is very well known, yet very misunderstood by so many.

And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Yahshua called them unto Him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of Yahweh. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of Yahweh as a child shall in no wise enter therein, Luke 18:15-17.

Read that again, Yahshua is telling us that, unless we, that is you, and I, approach Yahweh's Word as a little child there is NO WAY of entering His Kingdom. (We must understand a young child has no preconceived teachings or agendas in its mind to be confused)

In coming to Yahweh's Word as Yahshua instructs us, the true obedient believer will see all those so-called contradictions fade away ! And Messiah will say to you,

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

May Yahweh Bless, and Guide you in your study of His Word through Yahshua the Messiah.

To view this mini-study go to our web site at www.yaiy.org or phone 1-877-642-4101

Mini-Study



A Matter of Death and Life

Do we really die when we pass away or does our soul live on in heavenly bliss while our loved ones mourn us down here on earth?

Most of my early life I had been bothered by a nagging question. If when we die our souls waft off to a joyful eternity in heaven, then why so much mourning at funerals?

If the popular teaching and belief is that man has an immortal soul, then why do ministers talk about "death" when administering last rites?

And if our soul lives on after we die, what's the point of a resurrection of the "dead," which the Bible speaks of?

We hear people say that good ol' Uncle Ben has died. Is Ben really dead? Or do we go to his funeral just to mourn his lifeless body, while our uncle lives on, rolling around heaven, playing his harp and testing the aerodynamics of his wings?

There he is, lounging serenely, propped up by one arm as he peeks over a cloud's edge and smiles down at those glumly carrying his corpse in a casket. Or at least that's what so many think. They want to believe that the dead aren't actually gone, we just can't see them anymore.

Let's face it. Most people don't like to talk about this subject. They're too into the present: too busy trying to get ahead, raising a family, getting a promotion, working for retirement — going for the gusto of life. The seriousness of the subject weighs heavily on the conscience, and we'd rather not be reminded of our own mortality.

The philosophy is, why worry about it? Just live a decent life, be an honest citizen, do your share, and it will all work out in the end. You'll get to heaven, they believe. But is that true?

Elder Lionel Gets

YAHWEH'S ASSEMBLY IN YAHSHUA
2963 CO. RD. 233
KINGDOM CITY, MO 65262

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
KINGDOM CITY, MO
PERMIT NO. 7

MOVING?

Help us save 75¢ per issue by
sending us your new address!



**Ye shall kindle no fire throughout
your habitations upon the
sabbath day, Ex 35:3**