

# YAIY NEWS



## News You Can Use – Get prepared

On May 22, 2012 the Washington Post reported in an article “Congress staring over edge of fiscal cliff,” that a new analysis by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) indicates the economy “will plunge into a recession early next year if Congress lets taxes rise and spending be cut, as called for under the law.”

A look at the current financial picture, with the resulting deficit spending in the USA, shows a bleak outlook. Take a look at [www.usdebtclock.org](http://www.usdebtclock.org) to get an up to date picture of the severity of the problem.

- Our current national balance sheet debt is \$15,745,000,000,000.
- Our current national off balance sheet debt is \$57,554,000,000,000.

The interest expense alone on this mountain of debt is \$660,000,000 per day, which is additionally borrowed by selling US Treasury Bonds. When you look below the surface, it’s not difficult to conclude that bankruptcy is a logical conclusion.

Sounds like a bleak future forecast, what should we do? The simple answer is get better prepared. Yes, get physically prepared. But more importantly, get spiritually prepared.

The economy (in the U.S. and around the world) may be on a path to a financial train wreck, but we need not be unprepared for the potential significant consequences. Our preparedness should include perseverance so that our lamps stay brightly lit at all times (Gal 6:9, Heb 2:1). “Add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, holiness; and to holiness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love (2 Pet 1:5-7).

### Pentecost Blessings

This year’s Sabbath and Day of Pentecost went very well. It makes one wonder why Rabbi Hillel II would want to eliminate back-to-back Sabbaths, when there is joy in having two together.

Hillel II, who was part of the Sanhedrin in the fourth century, was involved with the creation of the fixed postponements in the Hebrew Calendar. Some have rightly rejected such tampering with Yahweh’s appointed times, such as, the Karaite Jews, who correctly continue to keep an accurate calendar according to Scripture.



While it’s easy to see how man has tampered with Yahweh’s laws and instructions, by researching historical facts. It’s important that we do not succumb to traditions of men, but rather stay obedient children to the Father of us all, Acts 5:28-29.

Hoping to see you at next year’s appointed time of Pentecost. For further information on Yahweh’s Calendar see our in-depth study: Biblical vs. Jewish Calendar.

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

— James 2:14-17 NIV

“Master, you know all things; you know that I love you.”  
Yahshua said,  
“Feed my sheep.”

—John 21:17b NIV

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## Assembly in Focus: Ephesus

### Revelation 2:1-8 – Assembly of Ephesus

Salutation	Vs 1 - from He who holds 7 the stars
Assets	Vs 2 – good works & labor, tested the truth, resisting Nicolaitan heresy - Jo 6:29-40, not weary
Liabilities	Vs 4 – lost zeal of first love - Mk 12:30, backsliding, truth but lacking spirit – Jo 4:24 Jer 2:1-5 – Israel lost their first love, Acts 20:29-30 – after Paul leaves wolves enter
Rebuke	Vs 5 – Mt 12:30 - remember your roots, re-establish your first love
Exhortation	Vs 6 – remove candlestick, dissolution
Post Script	Vs 7 – he that has an ear, 7 times in Rev 2-3, Mt 11:15, Mk 4:9, Lk 8:8, Lk 14:35
Reward	Vs 7 – eat of the tree of life – Pro 3:13-22, Rev 22:14

**Ephesus** – (desirable) - Apostolic era – 40-140 AD. A major city of Asia Minor, a seaport, and the location of the great temple of Artemis/Astarte (Acts 19:24, Acts 19:27-28, Acts 19:34-35). One of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In 480 BC the great temple of Diana, the Mother of the gods (same as Artemis) was erected as a symbol to the world. Her temple was four times the size of the Parthenon in Athens and was counted among the seven wonders of the ancient world. The temple was destroyed in 263 AD. It is noteworthy that the modern-day equivalent of the “Mother of the gods,” the worship of Mary as the “mother of god,” finds its root in Ephesus. In 451 AD, at the Council of Ephesus, the Roman Catholic Church bequeathed the title "Mother of god" to Mary, thus reviving the ancient cult in a modern garb. Today, Ephesus is mostly a deserted ruin with much archeological restoration.

Paul visited Ephesus around 53 AD. The assembly had a long history and was the most prominent one in the area. Paul remained in Ephesus for several years and preached the gospel so effectively “that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of Messiah Yahshua” (Acts 19:10). This large city was thoroughly stirred by Paul’s message (Acs 19:11-41), with the result that the silversmiths created a riot because their business of making shrines of Artemis was threatened.

**Nicolaitans** – A Gnostic sect (Hellenistic means new secret knowledge), promoted compromise with the imperial cult to avoid persecution. Early practitioners advocated that the law is no longer binding, so eat drink, be merry, freedom of the flesh. Because “Grace” prevailed, they led lives of unrestrained indulgences including licentious behavior, immorality and idolatry. Later followers (250 CE) evolved to puritan ideals of celibacy and vegetarianism.

The name of the Nicolaitans is derived from two words: Nike (Nakao) meaning conquest or victory and laos meaning people or laity. Nike is linked to the Mystery system of the Phrygians and had an altar and shrine near the entrance to the Acropolis. It was erected at the time of Perikles to commemorate the victory of the Greeks over the Persians. Nike is the Greek goddess of Victory. It is said that she could run and fly at great speeds and is seated with Zeus as victors of the epic battle with the Titans. This sect refers to the earliest form of a priestly order or clergy, which later divided an assembly into priests and laity.

Their doctrine is separation of humanity and divinity of Yahshua. Gnostics were the first to use “Homooousios” (identifying things generated by the same substance), precursor of the Trinity doctrine which led to the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD and also falsely taught “saved by grace doctrine” (no faith, no law). Deacon Nicholas (Acts 6:5) is unjustifiably associated with the sect. His lenient teachings are likely responsible for some leaving his assembly in a quest for even more leniency.

## Assembly in Focus: Ephesus ...cont.

Those that left were Gnostic in belief. However, they surreptitiously carried the Nicolaitan label as a cover for their beliefs.

Early Apostles warn assemblies against Gnostic doctrines and the following helps identify who is who:

1 John 4:1-3 – Yahshua came in the flesh.

1 John 2:4, 22 - liars

James 1:22 – doers.

2 Peter 2:1-2, 15 – false teachers, speak evil of the truth.

Ephesians, Acts 20:17, 29-30, false teachings enter assembly.

## Conflicting Behaviors of Goats and Sheep

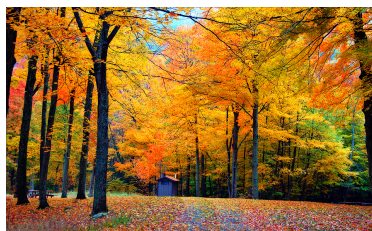
Conflicting Behaviors			
Goats		Sheep	
Eph 4:14 tossed to and fro	Babies are good at getting lost	Babies don't stray from mama	1 Tim 4:16 anchored in the word
	Eat odd things, they are browsers	Eat short grass, they are grazers	
Jas 1:22 not just hearers	Do not come when called	Know the Sheppard's voice	Jo 10:11-16, 27-29
Gal 5:20	Butt heads and you can't stop a fight	Are not aggressive	1Col 13:4-7
Pro 29:1	Can't push backwards-stubborn	Easy to retreat and accepts new location - compromise	Jo 14:15
Rev 2:15	Fight for dominance	Do not fight for position	Phil 2:3
Jer 17:9	Males stink	No odor	Eph 4:17-18
Rom 12:2-3 doing your own thing	Like to climb and do not like to be fenced in	Like to be in a flock	Lk 12:31-32
Pro 12:15, Pro 16:2, Pro 21:2	Do not like to follow-hard to lead	Like to be led-easy to lead	Mk 10:31 last are first Ro 12:2 surrender
Pro 18:13-15 jumping to conclusions	Aggressive (may harm you while playing)-unpredictable	Docile but will stomp feet if a baby is threatened	Mt 10:16 simple wisdom
1 Jo 1:6	Curious and independent	Do not like to be left alone	1 Jo 1:7, Heb 10:25



## Feast of Tabernacles 2012

With this newsletter, please find enclosed the 2012 Feast of Tabernacle's letter and Feast Reservation Form.

Please plan to attend this year with us and make it one of the best Feasts to date, serving Yahweh in the Light of His Word. May He bless you in His Son, Yahshua.



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## Tare and Wheat Attributes (physical and spiritual)

Tare Attributes		Wheat Attributes	
Isa 5:20 Rom 12:2 1 Jn 2:16	The tares' job is to choke the life out of the wheat Prideful and boastful Stubborn, acts like wheat but is a lie - fake substitute Short, weak, smaller seed	Provides - basic vitamin nourishments Longer, stronger, bigger seed	John 17:17 1 Col 13:13 Eph 1:13
Isa 5:24 Lam 1:16 Lk 21:34 Gal 5:21	Drunkenness Hindered speech Vomiting Inability to walk	Support - manages blood sugar and pressure Energy level Weight Strengthens heart	Isa 57:15 Ezek 36:26 Jo 14:16-26 1 Pet 3:4
Pro 19:15	Sleepiness or drowsiness Apathy	Prevention - Anti cancer agent detoxifier Auto immune system	Ex 15:26 Pro 17:22 1 Pet 2:24
Eph 6:12	Stupefied Old French word <i>DARNE</i>	Maintenance - lessens chronic inflammation Acts as a laxative	Ps 51:10 1 Col 6:19-20 1 Col 12:8
Pro 29:18 2 Pet 1:9	Dim sighted Roman word <i>lilio victitare</i> meaning blindness	Development - wheatgrass juice benefits eyesight Protects childhood asthma	Jer 24;6 Phil 3:13-14 1 Pet 2:2-3

## Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Jewell Holt, Dolores Parker, Elder Don Mansager and Family/Friends, Maxine Conrad, Terrel Frasure, Donald Appling, Lois McDonald, David and Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, Dries Van Zyl, Daphne Griffith and Family, Donald Carringer, Clare Kane, Elizabeth Bailey, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, David Wilson, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers, Elder Yahkara Sunith, Robert and Patricia Potter, Benjamin Francis, Manuel Longoria and Family, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Al Pagano, Anthony Golden, Jessie Hoffman, Rachel Rodgers, Serena & Sonya Siangco, John Cole, Cindy Gustke and Family/Friends, Helen and Tim Rose, Glen Jones, Cindy Smith, Pamela Woodfork, Carrol Isdell and Family, Loretta Reyes, May Rodgers, Bonnie Merryman, Gerald Bennet and Family, Jesus Onate, Shawn Allen, Tiffany Harris, Skip Franchino and Family, Sharon Scott, Clyde Scott, Inez Scott, Genise Holliday, Editha Joseph-Wayland, Paul Oliver, Julias Okumu, Collette Jazaerli, Dirk Coetzee, George Simon, Jim Still, Larry Skinner and Family, Dennis Kimonge, Elsie du Plessis, Sandra Gets, Garry Rivers and Family/Friends, Johan Smit, Kerry Alexander, Lisa Parsons, Jean Baumann, Alfonso Manfredo, Jim Colletti and Family, David Jacob, brethren around the world, world leaders, Jerusalem and all the land of Israel.