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INTRODUCTION

Churchianity in general has not been faithful in following the Bible. Surprisingly, many of today's popular teachings and customs are not based in Scripture. We strive to return to the old paths of truth that have largely been ignored, and obediently follow in the footsteps of the Redeemer of Israel, Jude 3.

We observe the weekly Sabbath (on the seventh day) known as Saturday, just as did the Savior, Luke 4:16, as well as Paul and the Apostles, Acts 13:42-46; 17:2; 18:4.

We also call our Heavenly Father by His revealed, personal name Yahweh, which He says is His memorial name forever, Exodus 3:15. Most pastors, Bible scholars, and seminary students will acknowledge that Yahweh is the correct name of the Heavenly Father. The short form of His name, Yah, can be seen in many words, including the most popular hallelujah ("halleluYAH," meaning, "praise you Yah"). It is also found in the suffix of Biblical names like IsaYAH, (Isaiah), JeremYAH (Jeremiah), NehemYAH (Nehemiah), and ObadYAH (Obadiah).

Our membership comes from nearly all denominations and all walks of life. Most began searching for deeper truth when they learned that their former affiliation was teaching another Evangel from what they found in Scripture. We continue to search the Bible for deeper understanding. We believe that the Bible teaches a way of life through the commandments in the Old Testament and from the same example of obedience given us by our Savior in the New Testament.

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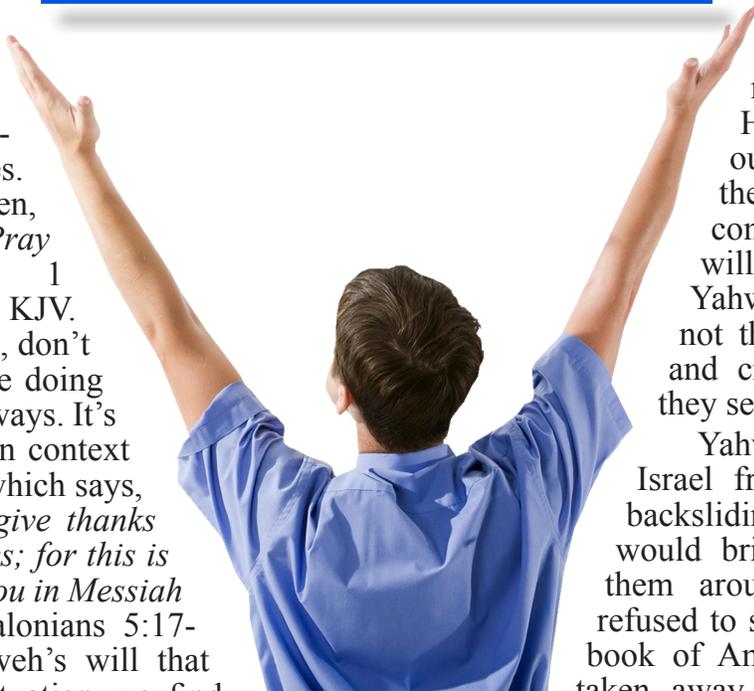
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Without communication there cannot be a relationship between two parties. Is it any wonder then, we're told to, *Pray without ceasing*, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV. It means don't stop, don't give it up, continue doing it every day and always. It's good to read this in context of the next verse, which says, *Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is Yahweh's will for you in Messiah Yahshua*, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 NIV. It's Yahweh's will that no matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are to give thanks. Given the troubles we see in life, this can be somewhat challenging. We have to look past our current troubles and look ahead to the promises to come.

Prepare: The Messiah is Coming!

Prior to Messiah coming we find this account of the people coming out of Babylon, *For thus says Yahweh: when seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you My promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares Yahweh, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart*, Jeremiah 29:10-13 ESV.

Yahweh does not change, and for those coming out of symbolic Babylon today, we can hear these same words "I know the plans I have for you, declares Yahweh, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Our responsibility is to seek Him with our whole heart and being. Not just a casual thing, but rather an intense yearning and desire to know and love Him. As He says, "You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart."



There is a worldly repentance, which is not what Yahweh wants. He wants dedication on our part toward Him from the heart. When tribulation comes upon the world, it will be those that call upon Yahweh which will be saved, not those who will just wail and cry over the destruction they see.

Yahweh had redeemed Israel from Egypt, but it kept backsliding afterwards. Yahweh would bring punishment to turn them around to Him, but they refused to stay the course (read the book of Amos). Finally they were taken away and dispersed through Assyria. Hosea prophesied about 22 years prior to this judgment.

Woe to them, for they have strayed from Me! Destruction to them, because they have transgressed against Me! And I Myself have ransomed them, yet they have spoken falsehoods against Me, and did not cry out to Me with their heart when they wailed upon their beds. For grain and new wine they assemble themselves; they turn away from Me, Hosea 7:13-4 TS.

We need to learn a lesson that Yahweh wants obedience and prayer from the heart. He doesn't want us just looking at the physical food we can eat, but rather the Spiritual food He offers, that is, His Word.

Going back to the Babylon captivity, there were those praying to Yahweh for mercy and forgiveness.

Then I set my face toward Yahweh Elohim to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed to Yahweh my Elohim, and made confession, and said, O Yahweh, great and awesome El, Who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments, Daniel 9:3-5 NKJV.

This is a powerful testimony and a powerful heartfelt prayer. One that Yahweh no doubt heard, as Daniel was one who strived to be obedient to Yahweh even under the most difficult of situations. He never gave up and never ceased to stop praying to the One Whom he knew could save him.

Choose Life

Sometimes we get worrying over different things, since many things are seemingly out of our control. Yet we do have control when we think about it. We are told throughout Scripture to choose life. So we can choose to not worry, but choose to trust and obey.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to Yahweh. And the peace of Yahweh, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Messiah Yahshua. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things, Philippians 4:6–8 NASB.

It's natural to have different feelings when certain things happen. Over time we see how Yahweh works things out in our lives and it should become easier to trust and to not be so anxious or troubled. Yahweh is in control of all things, including those things that we sometimes get concerned about.

We should think on things that are right and pure and good. In fact, when we think good thoughts, we are being more in line with Yahweh's Spirit. It allows us to pray in the Spirit more readily. This is the attitude we should have each day without ceasing. We can trust Yahweh and His promises.

O Yahweh, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear to vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror, Psalm 10:17–18 NASB.

Coming before Yahweh's throne in humbleness of heart and mind, knowing our own

weaknesses—and Yahweh's great unsearchable power—allows Yahweh to hear us more readily.

We can hinder our own prayers by having a wrong attitude, but if you come to Yahweh to help you correct a wrong attitude, then that is actually the right attitude. Yahweh knows what we need before we ask.

If the Spirit is leading us, then by default Yahweh is helping us to come before Him in the right attitude. After all, it's His Spirit. In this way He can strengthen us to help us overcome any obstacle that comes

our way. Yahshua is an example for us.

In the days of His flesh, Yahshua offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered, Hebrews 5:7–8 ESV.

Can we pray without ceasing as He did? If we're told to do so, then it must be doable, even to the point of learning obedience through suffering. Can we humble ourselves as Yahshua did, under such circumstances? We would certainly hope so.

Fast and Pray, the Right Way

It's easy to see when a person is not humble, but it is not always as easy for a person to see the error of their own way. A perfect example is the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee:

Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: "Elohim, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, "Elohim, be merciful to me, the sinner!" I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:10-14 NASB.

Yahweh not only helps our mind and heart to follow Him and worship Him correctly, He also can take care of those who are against us. Ultimately, we see this being fully accomplished in the Kingdom.

Sometimes fasting is needed along with prayer, as it humbles us and makes us aware of our mortality. It can also show Yahweh that we are seriously in need of His intervention.

When was the last time we fasted on an individual basis? Do we know what to do, and what not to do, when we fast?

Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; and your righteousness will go before you; the glory of Yahweh will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and Yahweh will answer; you will cry, and He will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness, and if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom will become like midday. And Yahweh will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail, Isaiah 58:6-11 NASB.

If we ever feel distant from Yahweh, we can pray and fast. If we are doing this correctly in the right attitude, and with the right actions, we are told He will hear and answer us.

Even husbands are given admonition of providing mercy and grace, so that their own prayers will not be hindered:

You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so

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that your prayers will not be hindered, 1 Peter 3:7 NASB.

We're to have an attitude of giving and helping and of serving. In this way, Yahweh's Spirit flows through us unhindered. In all of this, we cannot put our family in jeopardy by picking up any hitchhiker we see and going down to the homeless shelters and bringing someone into our home who may be a child molester, or worse, a murderer.

We can serve in various ways and help the poor and cover the naked, but we can do it in such ways that we do not bring unnecessary risk to our own families or ourselves. We lock our home doors at night, not because we don't trust Yahweh to protect us, but to keep people honest.

There are many ways to give, serve, and help that don't involve the risk of harm to oneself or others. Giving to a shelter, food, blankets, clothing, even volunteered time (if we have the extra time) or money (if we have the extra money to spend) are all ways one can serve their local community.

Our main goal today, however, is to get the Word of Yahweh out to people to help them spiritually. This should be a priority for us. If we fast and pray to do this, we'll be doing good and Yahweh will show us and provide for us anything that is still lacking.

Yahshua's Model Prayer

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Master, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." So He said to them, "When you pray, say: our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one," Luke 11:1–4 NKJV.

This is a model prayer, an example or basic outline, if you will. It is not meant to be repeated over and over verbatim as some do today.

It's interesting that prayer is not something that necessarily comes naturally, but can actually be learned. And we've already read that instruction, such as always giving thanks in prayer is a must.

In this model prayer, the Father's Name is to be lifted up and His Kingdom is to be kept in mind. It is also assumed in this model prayer that we've already forgiven (past tense) those who have done us wrong. One of the things that can hinder our prayers and Yahweh's forgiveness towards us, is if we hold animosity and hatred or unforgiveness toward others; a hard thing for our human nature to deal with.

We also understand that there is a devil, an evil one who seeks to devour us and cause us to forsake Yahweh. We're to pray for help to overcome him and our own sinful nature. This in itself will help our prayers to not be hindered.

And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight, 1 John 3:22 NKJV.

What is pleasing in Yahweh's sight? Keeping His commandments and living His way of life. It is written down in Scripture for us to know, and this is why it's important to study and know what Yahweh's Word says.

The Apostle John also points out, *By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Yahweh and keep His commandments. For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome,* 1 John 5:2–4 NKJV.

We Are Cared For

Do we want our name kept in the Book of Life? Do we desire that our needs be met? Do we want to be obedient children and pleasing to our Father? Of course.

We will be given the help we need. Ultimately, in this life, the promise is that our needs will be provided for. In fact, before the model prayer, Yahshua says in Matthew 6:5-9 NKJV, *And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father Who is in the secret place; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

The Apostle Paul agrees, saying, *And my Elohim shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory in Messiah Yahshua,* Philippians 4:19 YLT.

PRAYER

1 Kings 8:22-55 - Soloman's dedication prayer

2 Chron. 7:14-15 - Humble yourselves & pray

Neh. 8:6 - With hands raised and heads bowed

Job 1:20-22 - Job on ground praised Yahweh

Lam. 3:31 - With hands raised and on face

Ezek 1:28, Matt. 26:39 - Fell on their face

Matt. 6:6-15 - Pray in secret to the Father

Mark 9:28-29 - Serious problems? Pray & fast

John 9:1 - He hears not sinners

John 14:13,15:16,16:23-26 - In Messiah's Name

Ephesians 2:18 - Access to the Father

Philippians 4:6 - Pray with thanksgiving

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Yahshua Himself says in Matthew 6:28–34 NKJV, *So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if Yahweh so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For after all these things the nations seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of Yahweh and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

It’s a promise. It’s a conditional promise. Which doesn’t diminish it’s worth, but we have to understand that we have a responsibility in all that Yahweh has and wants for us. He won’t forsake us, as long as we don’t forsake Him.

At the same time we need to pray that we’ll be able to complete the journey and stand fast through anything and everything that might come our way.

Again, Yahshua says in Luke 21:36 NIV, *Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.* This is, of course, talking about the tribulation that will come among the nations, upon the whole world because of its evil ways and non-submission to Yahweh’s ways of living and life.

We can pray without ceasing for one another and seek out help from above. *Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the assembly and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Master; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and Yahweh will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your*



sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins, James 5:14–20 NASB.

There is hope even for those “among us” who have “strayed from the truth.” But, how can we help them? Let’s not condemn them (for one thing), but let’s try to reach out and at least let them know that they can talk with us, and that they can pray with us, too, if they are willing to seek Yahweh. We can encourage them to pray to Him without ceasing.

We have to keep an open door, but when someone refuses to walk through it, there is not one of us that can force them. We know that “many are called,” but it is indeed “few who are chosen.”

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name He might give you, John 15:16 TS.

This was speaking directly to the disciples at that time, but it speaks to us today who are His current disciples. He’s working in us through the Spirit of His and our Father, Yahweh.

Come, Now is the Time!

How awesome is it to come before Yahweh in prayer together?

AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of Elohim's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Messiah Yahshua Himself being the corner stone, in Whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in Yahweh, in Whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of Elohim in the Spirit, Ephesians 2:17-22 NASB.

Anyone throughout history standing near the Temple of Yahweh, or even getting a glimpse

of it, would have been in awe. How much more should we be in awe when we come together in Yahweh's Spirit?

We come together in prayer with humble hearts before His throne, and it is awesome. Is it any wonder why we're told not to forsake the gathering together of each other in worship to Yahweh?

Even if though we're few in number, we know even Yahshua says in Matthew 18:20 NASB, *For where two or three have gathered together in My Name, I am there in their midst.* Yahshua is here with us today, in our midst.

Let's continue to pray without ceasing. There is a great reward for continuing to move forward. Praying without ceasing is a true blessing which helps both ourselves and others.

- Elder David Brett

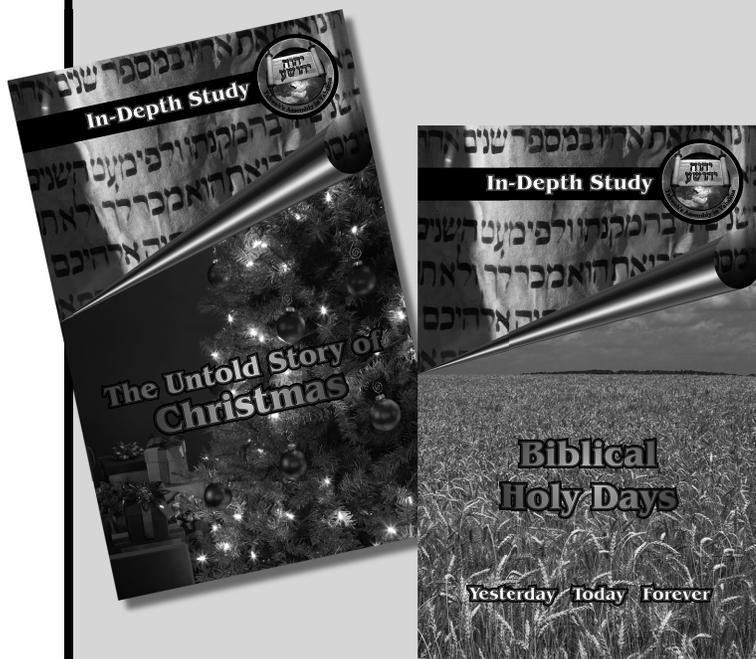
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OFFENCES? IMPOSSIBLE!

Then said He to His disciples, “It is impossible but that offences will come...” (Luke 17:1). None can excuse miscreant (wicked) speech or deed by appealing to that utterance which only Yahshua could say: *And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me*, Matthew 11:6. We may gather from these Sacred Words, that it was not possible that Yahshua could deliver an offense; that rather, it was that people took offense with what He had to say. In fact, from Scripture we understand Yahshua was born for that purpose, that except with but few, both He and His Word were intended to be received with offense: *Behold, I lay In Zion a stumblingblock and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed*, Romans 9:33; Isaiah 8:14.

It is written, *They that love Yahweh’s law have great peace, and nothing shall offend them*, Psalm 119:165. Most men, however, have a tribulation or persecution complex, so that regardless of what is spoken or what is done, they’ll take offense. Yahshua affirmed this truth:

But he that received the seed into stony places (the heart), the same is he that heareth the Word, and anon (immediately) with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth (endures) for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the Word, by and by he is offended, Matthew 13:20-21. We may conclude, therefore, there is perhaps far more people taking offense at words spoken and deeds done by another, than there is intent on the part of the speaker of words and the doer of deeds to tender an offense!

Indeed, may one but speak truth, and by some he will be counted as an enemy. In Matthew 15:11, for example, Yahshua had spoken words which, apparently, were offensive to Pharisees when He said, *Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man*.

But hours before His Passion, Yahshua foretold His disciples would that day of Passover, be offended in Him...and indeed they were, as one betrayed Him; another denied Him; and all forsook Him and fled (Matt. 26:31; 69-75; 56).

Now, let’s reiterate what was said earlier: there is perhaps far more people taking offense at words spoken and deeds done by another, than there is intent on the part of the speaker of words and the doer of deeds to tender an offense! But that doesn’t attenuate (modify or change) the fact there are plenty of offensive words and behaviors that are premeditated, and deliberately perpetrated in the hearts of men and delivered by them with malicious intent.

20-20 Vision

Most of us have 20-20 hindsight, attesting that we haven’t often learned from past mistakes, past offenses. But wouldn’t it be much better had we 20-20 foresight, like the prudent man who foresees trouble and hides himself (Pro. 22:3). We mean to say, we not only can’t see the forest for the trees, but we are so impudent and, perhaps even, so insolent of character at times, we can’t see the end of our matters from the beginning. We need not doubt whereunto mischief will grow because of those things which were recorded as happening to them which preceded us. And that is the reason the Scriptures are given us for our learning and for our admonition.

Indeed, there is nothing but what is common to all men. Solomon got it right:

- The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be.
- That which is done is that which shall be done.
- That which hath been is now.
- That which is to be hath already been.
- There is no new thing under the sun.
- And Yah requireth that which is past (Ecc. 1:9; 3:15).



So, let's make a few more observations of our species:

- It is not natural that a man should rule his own spirit.
- It is not natural that a man should exercise power over his own will.
- It is not natural that a man should bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah.
- It is not natural that a man should refrain from offending in word and therewith, bridle his whole body.

An Example of Sin's Increase

A man related to me, how that his son had verbally assaulted his mother. She called the police, and by the time of their arrival she'd had a change of heart and was not willing to press charges. The young man, however, became belligerent with the police officer and was subsequently arrested for misdemeanor assault, hauled off to the police station, booked, released on summons and stood in jeopardy of losing his job because of having to attend several consecutive weekends at the county jail taking mandatory anger management classes for violating terms of supervised probation from a previous charge.

We might conclude, in this case, that had the victim been anyone else but the young man's mother, violent words may have transitioned into bodily injury. That is ever the nature of sin, incidentally...like an unbridled tongue that is used for corrupt communication (2 Tim. 2:14). Sin will always increase to more unrighteousness. Sin, left without penalty, will always degenerate; always decline; always abound and wax worse and worse; always destroy and devour (Matt. 24:12; 2 Tim. 3:13; John 10:10; 1 Pet. 5:8). First, the tongue; secondly, the hand; thirdly, the clenched fist; fourthly, a weapon in hand or an implement (weapon) enclosed within the clenched fist.

The Help of Judgment

The Psalmist cried out, "Let Thy Judgments Help Me" but people don't like judgment

because judgment is set against the carnal mind, always at enmity against Yahweh (Psa. 119:175; Rom. 8:6).

Even in places thought to be a spiritual venue, some will urge the seer, "See Not;" and to the prophet, they will say, "Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits...good words, fair speeches... great swelling words of vanity" (Isa. 30:10; Rom. 16:18; 2 Pet. 3:19). They're like wicked King Ahab of Israel, who would make a league with King Jehoshaphat of Judah to war against Syria for the purpose of wresting from the latter's control, Israel's Ramoth in Gilead. The two kings had already consulted four hundred prophets of Baal which had unanimously tickled the ear of Ahab who resisted Jehoshaphat's requirement to enquire of a prophet of Yahweh to discern whether their enterprise should be successful. Ahab protested, on grounds that Micaiah, the son of Imlah, "doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil" (1 Kgs 22:1-8).



Truth! Offensive?

Now, oftentimes warranted reproof, correction, and rebuke is made to become an offense, rather than an opportunity to become convicted, contrite, confessing, and repentant. Some will become offended, defensive and look to bring an accusation against the one who brought the reproof, correction, and rebuke...to exact upon him some trespass which they then amplify and accentuate to shadow their own transgression.

Some sought to stone Yahshua, a man that had told them the truth which He had heard of His Father (John 8:40). The Apostle Paul, too, concluded of certain to whom he addressed an epistle, *Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth*, Galatians 4:16?

Truth Only Offends the Offended, and Only Hurts When it Needs To!

Nevertheless, do we live in a time when truth is fallen in the street and perished; equity, therefore, cannot enter, and is cut off (Isa. 59:14; Jer. 7:28)? And the result? Yahweh's pleasant portion is trodden under foot and made to

become a desolate wilderness (Jer. 12:10-12).

“Say what you mean, and mean what you say” is a contemporary adage but is often overshadowed by the four I’s—innuendo, inference, implication, and impression. How much better should we cut off the occasion of offense, if we would but “Plentifully declare the thing as it is” (Job 26:3).

Certainly, there will be times when what’s spoken, or what’s done, is not easily understood. But we should do well, not becoming hasty, to answer a matter before it is understood or even heard (Pro. 18:13); or to speak evil of such things not understood or known (2 Pet. 2:12; Jude 1:10); or to judge words before the time, drawing conclusions predicated on scant facts of speech or deeds (1 Cor. 4:5).

“Silence may be misinterpreted, but it will never be misquoted.” There is more hazard in another becoming swift to wrath, if you’re swift to speak when you should have been swift to hear (James 1:19). Beware, therefore, the hazard of reading between the lines!

Yet another area in which offence is germinated, is deliberately, like scribe and Pharisee, lying in wait, seeking to catch something out of another’s mouth...even urging him, no, provoking him, to speak of things wherewith he might be accused (Luke 11:53-54). But love does not seek to provoke another but is rather, easy to be intreated (1 Cor. 13:5; James 3:17). If ever there should be any provocation, let it be unto love and good works – and that’s Scriptural (Heb. 10:24).

Then said He to His disciples, “It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come,” Luke 17:1. In Matthew 18:7, we read the Evangelist’s parallel to his peer’s record: *Woe unto the world because of offences! For it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!*

“Through Whom ... By Whom”

“...Through Whom... By Whom...”—a subtle difference, but a difference, nevertheless—“... Through... By...” a change of preposition, but

understood as “Both” proceeding from the abundance of the heart. According to *Webster’s Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary*, the first definition of the word, “Through,” is: in at one side or point and out at another.

Quite, expressed another way, “garbage in, garbage out.” What is permitted entry into the mind, unrestrained by imagination and invention, will find its outlet from the heart, as in, “Out of the abundance of the heart...proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies...piercing even to dividing asunder of soul and spirit... these are the things which defile a man...” (Matt. 12:34; 15:19; Heb. 4:12; Matt. 15:20).

Consulting *Webster’s* for the meaning of the word, “By,” we find among several meanings, these words: through the agency or instrumentality of: with perhaps a more grievously irreparable outcome, like the

illustration cited earlier of the young man this time, “Through” his tongue, verbally assaulting his mother but if left unbridled, the next time “By” some agency : an open hand, a clenched fist, or an implement (weapon) enclosed within the clenched fist, or a weapon in hand, inflicting perhaps, a grievously irreparable injury.

The Conclusion of the Matter

We live in an angry, mean-spirited world that John in his first general epistle declared “lieth in wickedness” and it will take that one increment of the fruit of the Spirit called temperance (self-control) to successfully navigate through its rage (1 John 5:19; Gal. 5:23). But we can emerge unscathed from the world’s fury if we’ll keep in mind, that:

- We don’t have to answer every matter; there will be some times when we are appointed to silence. Like Yahshua Who did not answer the high priest, neither Pontius Pilate, nor yet Herod Antipas (Matt. 26:62; 27:14; Luke 23:9).

- We don’t need to, and in fact are charged not to, meddle in matters of strife not belonging to us. Lest we know not what to do in the end thereof: “Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins...” (Pro. 26:17; Psa. 19:13).

- We may often in our time have to suffer ourselves to take wrong and be defrauded, even of brethren, for the sake of endeavoring to pursue peace: *For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward Yahweh endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when, ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with Yahweh (1 Cor. 6:7; 1 Pet. 3:11; 2:19-20).*

- Mark, avoid, note, withdraw from, have no fellowship or company with those who walk disorderly, who cause divisions and offences. Because their evil communications and your

associations with them will corrupt your good manners (Rom. 16:17; 2 Thess. 3:14; 6; Eph. 5:11; 1 Cor. 15:33).

- All things may be lawful, but all things are not expedient...all things edify not: *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (1 Cor. 10:23; Rom.14:19).*

May Yahweh bless you. Let us strive to walk unto all pleasing.

- Elder John W. Reece

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THE SECOND COMING

The disciples 2,000 years ago asked, at the beginning of Mathew chapter 24, what would be the sign of the Master's coming (i.e., the second coming). They were told, as we are today: *And concerning that day and the hour no one hath known—not even the messengers of the heavens—except My Father only*, Matthew 24:36 YLT.

“That day,” is not just speaking of Yahshua's return, but the end of the age and all it means. Yahshua goes on to say that it will be as in the days of Noah. Everything seemed alright to the majority of mankind, then all of a sudden, the torrential rains came and flooded the earth destroying the inhabitants. The inhabitants, by the way, had their minds on evil all the time (Gen. 6:5, 11). Yahweh's decision was to clean the slate and start anew with Noah and his family, along with every kind of animal on the earth.

Historical Records

Historically we have a record of mankind from Adam. Scripturally, we can see the timeline out from Adam to about 2,400 B.C.E. with the years of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ending this initial record.

Beyond this, we can count the years of the Judges and then the Kings and empires,

along with other genealogies, up to the time of Yahshua and the Temple in the 1st Century C.E. From that time, we have about 2,000 years to our current 21st Century. In all, about 6,000 years.

When we think of 6,000 years, we might think about the creation week taking at least that long, but the word for “day” there appears to be quite literal, as a 24-hour day, since the evening and morning are mentioned each day.

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh Elohim made earth and heaven. Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for Yahweh Elohim had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground, Genesis 2:4–6 NASB.

Here, right after creation, the shrubs and plants haven't even had time to grow. Interestingly, like a terrarium, is the idea of a canopy covering the earth (Gen 1:7; 2:6). The earth's status would have had ideal weather conditions.

Evil Influence

Then mankind was created. We understand Satan influenced (deceived) man, but Revelation

speaks of his end. It also gives us another time period to consider.

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season, Revelation 20:1–3 KJV.

Some translations say a “little while” and others a “short time.” Though it’s not specific, it’s enough time to deceive some of those who grow up during the 1,000-reign. Their end is destruction and then Satan will himself will be thrown into the lake of fire to be destroyed.

Our Time Period

The main point, however, is a millennial Kingdom will be established. The King of it is Yahshua Who returns to this earth. This Kingdom will have no end. But is that time close? When will Yahshua’s second coming occur?

Considering the numbers that we’ve already looked at, we can get an idea of the time period we’re in.

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ He promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” But they deliberately forget that long ago by Elohim’s Word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the unrighteous. But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With Yahweh a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day, 2 Peter 3:3–8 NIV.

The phrase, “the earth was formed out of water and by water” is interesting. It’s also very insightful. As when Noah’s flood came, the account speaks of fissures of the deep opening

up. In other words, there was water in the earth. Some scientist believe it was just under the surface, and breaking the surface could have certainly brought it forth. That, along with the rain for 40 days, would have flooded the earth.

The original Pangea (land mass) is theorized to have broken up at that time. It had spread out the continents as we see them today, with oceans of water in between left over in various areas around the earth.

Getting back to the question of what time period we are in, it’s interesting we hear of actual scoffing today. There are songs, that sing about an “absent Landlord” and make light of creation, as if it were folklore. They’ve actually put what the Apostle Peter prophesied about, concerning the last days, to music.

Besides the music, these types of world views points, and attitudes of living life to the fullest, (i.e., living in debauchery and evil), exist in our time right now. It is becoming more prevalent as time moves forward.

The closing of what Peter says is “With Yahweh a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.” If we think of approximately 6,000 years having past since creation, and 1,000 years coming of Yahweh’s Kingdom rule of righteousness, and relate it to the time of creation and the day of rest, being the 7th day. Could we be looking at Yahshua’s return in our lifetime? The evidence is adding up to that conclusion.

Coming into Prophecies

But you, Dani’el, hide the words, and seal the book until the time of the end. Many shall diligently search and knowledge shall increase, Daniel 12:2 TS.

Daniel, as emphasized by notes in *The Scriptures*’ version means, “My El is Judge.”

“Seal the book until the time of the end.” Is this book slowly being unrolled like a scroll to us today? As we gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for events unfolding today, do we see the signs of the times?

Along with unfolding events, such as the major realignment of powers in the Middle East, there will be an increase in knowledge and seeking of it. The problem is, most don’t seek Yahweh nor His knowledge. If they did, there would be less trouble in the world.



Just prior to this verse in Daniel, it speaks of distress and trouble coming upon the world. It is something that has to take place before the second coming.

Before Yahshua Returns

At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book, Daniel 12:1 ESV.

At what time? The end-time, though, specifically the verses prior to this speak of the King of the North and the King of the South and events surrounding them and the Man of Sin.

It mentions here in verse 1 that there will be safety for those found written in the book, as in the “Book of Life.” Some have attempted to promote a “Place of Safety,” for everyone, but Scriptures talking about fleeing to the

mountains are talking to Judah in Israel. It’s not talking about those in other countries.

The place of safety, possibly in the area of Petra, is for Judah, not the rest of us. And, specifically, Messianic Judah is the one who will know what the New Testament says. When the Abomination of Desolation is set up, they are to head for the hills (Matt. 24:15-16). Others will no doubt follow them, as likened to the first exodus.

Tribulation overall, is suggested by some to be 7 years, since it is a number with meaning of completion. But a closer look shows certain passages could only mean the so-called peace process. It will be agreed upon, and it will be seven years. The actual tribulation appears to be only 3 ½ years. The Day of Yahweh (Joel 1:15; 2:1-2) is a terrible time yet ahead of us.

Time of Trouble

A striking little piece of the puzzle is found in Revelation 9.

Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened

by the smoke of the pit. Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of Elohim on their foreheads. And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them. Revelation 9:1–6 NASB.

This is a small point, but with big implications showing 3 1/2 years of tribulation, rather than 7 years. Notice “five months,” in the fifth trumpet blast. 7 times 5 is 35. 1 year is 12 months, 3 times 12 is 36 months. The math doesn’t work out exactly to 3 1/2 years, but it’s closer than to 7 years that some point to.

It will be a merciful thing to not have the tribulation go on beyond 3 1/2 years. And we’re told, for the elect’s sake, it will be cut short. Otherwise, no one will remain alive (Matt. 24:22).

Another point to notice is, those sealed in the forehead are protected during this time. The saints (i.e., elect, bride, those to be firstfruits, etc.) are sealed by Yahweh’s Spirit (Eph. 1:13; 4:30) and by His Name (Rev. 14:1), no less. Request your free in-depth booklet called, *The Mistaken J.*

Why Tribulation?

With the knowledge of prophecies describing a worldwide fiery destruction, the question may arise as to why? Scripture gives the answer: “I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity,” (Isa.13:11a ESV).

As hard as this may be for people to comprehend, the whole duty of man is to obey Yahweh.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For Elohim shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13–14 KJV.

Does the idea of a doing away with the law—often heard from churches today—make any sense? Especially, when Scripture tells us

judgment is coming for those who break His Law?

The good news is that the Good News will still be able to be preached before this time. It doesn’t mean it won’t be without trials though. Speaking to the disciples, Yahshua said:

But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes, Matthew 10:23 NASB.

Cities of Israel

The cities of Israel? How many would that be? Won’t the message of the Kingdom be preached in all nations before Yahshua returns (Matt. 24:14)?

Consider what the cities of Israel are today. Israel was actually dispersed throughout the nations through Assyria. With this, we may have a better grasp on what Yahshua is saying in the following verse: *Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.* Matthew 24:34 NASB.

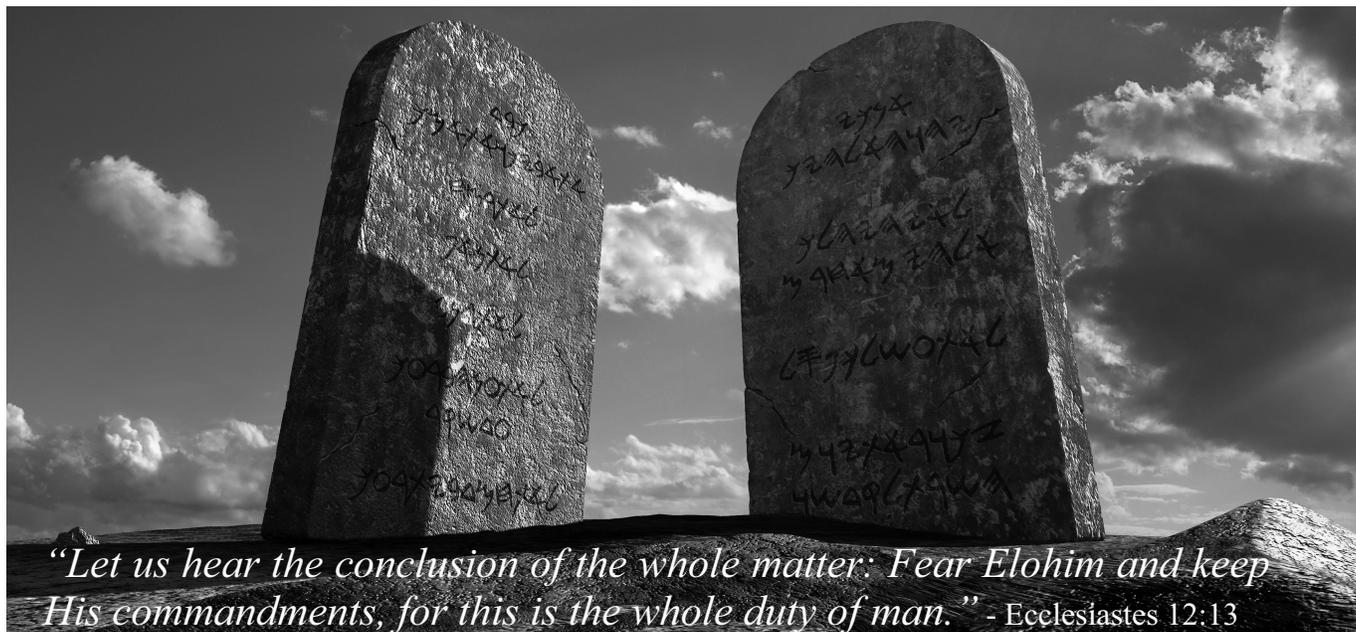
A note is highlighted in the NASB saying “generation” can also be defined as “race.” We could then just as well have said, “this tribe (Israel) will not pass away.” He could readily say that due to the promises given to Abraham. Read our mini-study called, *The Hope of Israel.*

Nevertheless, in all of this, when Yahshua returns, it won’t be done in a covert way. There won’t be any “secret rapture” as is taught by some today.

Coming Back in the Same Manner

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Yahshua, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven,” Acts 1:9–11 NKJV.

Simple and to the point. The same way He went is the same way He’s coming back. Of course, there are a few more details we have when considering the rest of Scriptures. He’ll be placing His feet on the Mount of Olives, He’ll be coming back with all glory and honor,



“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.” - Ecclesiastes 12:13

and a great trumpet blast. But, again, He’ll be coming from above and everyone will see Him. It could very well be a 24-hour period in which the first sign of His coming will be seen.

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha (Aleph) and the Omega (Taw),” says Yahweh Elohim, “Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to come, the Almighty,” Revelation 1:7–8 NASB.

With all of these witnesses and descriptions from Scripture, it’s no surprise that we get the following description and also warning not to be deceived.

So if they say to you, “Look, He is in the desert!” do not go out; or “Look, He is in the inner rooms!” do not believe. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines to the west, so also shall the coming of the Son of Adam be, Matthew 24:26–27 TS.

Out here in the Bible Belt (Midwest) of America we do see some pretty remarkable lightning shows, at times. Some of the most spectacular ones are when the lighting crosses from one end of the sky to the other. When Yahshua returns, there will be no mistaking it.

Scripture confirms itself, especially when it comes to prophecy. We don’t, nor are we to have, a private interpretation of it (2 Pet. 1:20). Some things will need to come about fully, before we completely understand.

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. Matthew 24:30–31 NASB.

There has been some question as to what the sign is, which will be seen. The reality is, it’s referring to Yahshua. The sign is the Son of Man coming in the sky (reread verse 30).

Everyone is going to know it’s Him. Why? Because the Kingdom of Yahweh is going to be preached in every nation before He returns. He is the coming King of kings. Everyone will know it is Him. Even the Two Witnesses will have confirming witnesses overhead, as the angels proclaim truth from Yahweh (Rev. 14:6–13).

The second coming of The Anointed One (The Messiah) of Yahweh is at hand. But before this comes tribulation, such as like the world has never seen before. Why? Because it has refused to humble itself before the Almighty, The Holy One of Israel. The nations refuse to give honor to His Name, as well. Therefore, they will be punished before His Son is sent back to receive those who will, even now, honor both the Father and the Son.

- Elder David Brett

THE SIXTH DAY

Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Master as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, 2 Peter 3:8. Word expositors have used this verse to support a 6-day, or what some would call, a 6-period creation activity. That is, to divide the historical narrative in the Bible into three, approximate 2,000 year periods: from the creation of Adam to Noah's death; from Noah's death to Yahshua's birth (incarnation); from Yahshua's birth to the present time.

Of course, these events of creation, Noah's death, and Yahshua's birth but roughly mark these divisions of time. Most scholarly time lines will position the flood at c. 2350 B.C.E., or 1,650 years from Yahweh's creation of Adam. Noah lived another 350 years after the waters of the flood assuaged (subsided), Gen. 9:28. His death, therefore, marks the approximate end of the 2nd millennium.

Before proceeding, let's define what is meant by Yahshua's incarnation. There are numerous evidences in the *Tanach* (the Old Testament), Yahshua was present and interactive with the patriarchs. Andrew Gabriel Roth has identified no fewer than 26 instances in which Yahshua was, in appearance a *Malak* (Messenger). "I AM," you will recall, can be Whoever or Whatever, He chooses to be. Yahshua's birth, c. 3 B.C.E. Perhaps the best way in which to understand Incarnation is to find its place in the Evangel of John 1:1-3: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh, and the Word was Yahweh. The Same was in the beginning with Yahweh. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ...*"And the

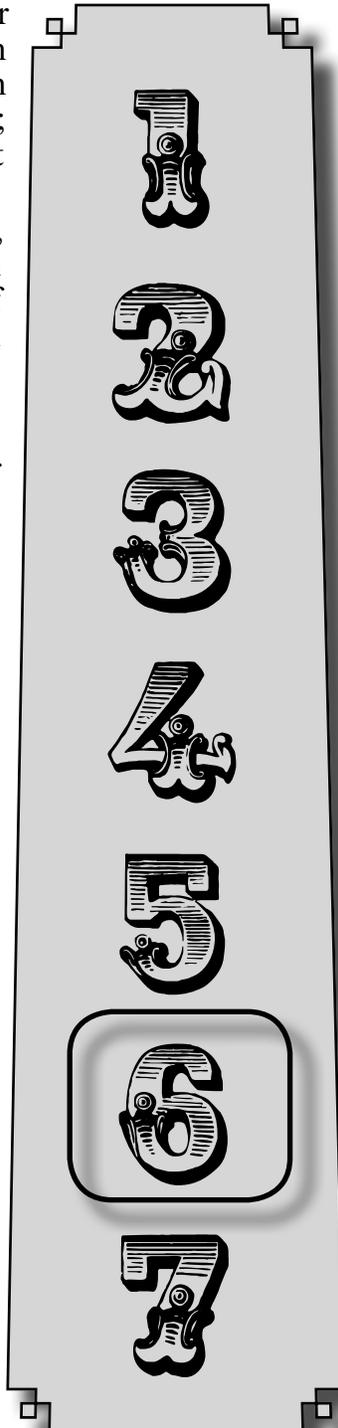
Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." verse 14.

Though some engage themselves in the study of one or the other of the bi-millennial records in the *Tanach*—either, creation to Noah's death or, Noah's death to Yahshua's birth, they should do well to focus their attention rather upon the life that now is, and the promise of the life which is to come (1 Tim. 4:8).

Times and Seasons, Reserved to Yahweh's Knowledge

We acknowledge, Of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father, Mark 13:32. Also, we know the 2,000th anniversary of our Savior's nativity has long past, perhaps as much as 21-22 years ago. And the 2,000th anniversary of the next momentous event. Namely, His ascension as recorded in Acts 1:9 and the subsequent notable Pentecost (*Shavuot*) of Acts 2:1-4 which occurred ten days later, is anticipated.

While perhaps not precisely heralding the end of the 6th Millennium, nevertheless, if time endures for its occurrence, then our attention should be drawn to its anticipation as perhaps a marker of the inaugural of the 7th Millennium. And if we suppose that Yahshua's return is imminent, then perhaps the most of humanity which are living today, will witness that notable event and making it imperative. Therefore, the King's business (our salvation), should require haste (1 Sam. 21:8). Yahshua's postulation (self-evident state-ment) in Matthew 16:28, that *There be some standing here, which shall not taste of*



death, till they see the Son of man coming in His kingdom, while considered foretelling of that notable *Shavuot* may be thought prophetic of us who anticipate His return at an appointed time during this dusky 6th day.

For there may well be an actualization of Matthew 25:1-13. In which, five of the ten virgins were readying themselves for the advent of the Bridegroom while the others were wasting the substance of their lives running to an excess, musing among themselves, *Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation, Luke 15:13; 1 Peter 4:4. It is toward that end, therefore, that now in this 6th Day—“...In an accepted time... Behold, now is the day of salvation... For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed”*—we are seeing the sealed words of the prophet Daniel being opened, and lest Yahweh’s people opportune themselves toward inquiry (at their own selfish convenience), they shall be among the number of them which shall also perish for want of knowledge (2 Cor. 6:2; Dan. 12:4; Hos. 4:6).

It is now, toward the dusk of the 6th day and the dawning of the 7th Sabbatical millennium, that we need to understand the significance of the dusky 6th day, as it relates to these present, last days and perilous times (2 Tim. 3:1). And why? Because these present, last days and perilous times are markers for the inaugural of the 7th Sabbatical millennium. As Yahshua, Who yielded Himself to wicked men come into Gethsemane’s garden to seize Him, declared of them, *This is your hour, and the power of darkness, Luke 22:53. It is no less so, today!*

It is no wonder then, that commensurate with the increase in lawlessness which He said should abound and wax worse and worse, that Truth Seekers, in hungering and thirsting after righteousness and seeking **first** the Kingdom, should also come to increase. For in receiving from Yahweh Whose glory is to conceal a matter, the honor of having searched out and found both secret and mystery and by which, and because of which, they take to themselves the whole armor of Yah, they might withstand **now**, in this, the evil day, and having done all, to stand, then, to stand therefore (Matt. 5:6; 6:33; 24:12; 2 Tim. 3:13; Pro. 25:2; Eph. 6:13; 14).

On the Sixth Day, Twice as Much

Not many days ago, this author was having conversation with a brother who brought to his understanding a most striking revelation from a well-known verse in Exodus 16:4-5: Then said Yahweh unto Moses, *“Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My Torah, or no. And it shall come to pass, that **on the sixth day** they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be **twice as much** as they gather daily.”*

“...On the sixth day...twice as much...”—Peculiar words, these...written for a peculiar 6th day people. But we may not appreciate who we are; neither, the 6th day in which we live.

The timeless Word says, *Surely Yahweh Elohim will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets, Amos 3:7. Indeed, in their day, the 4th day: 1000 BCE—the nativity of the incarnate Yahshua: Yahweh, at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke unto the fathers by the prophets who also, inquired and searched diligently what, or what manner of time (this 6th day) the Spirit of Messiah which was in them did signify and testify, of the glory that should follow and which also, the angels desired to look into (Heb. 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:10-12).*

The inaugural of the 5th day (five being the number of grace) witnessed the nativity and ministry of Yahshua the Messiah. And now, toward the conclusion of this, the 6th day, that which the prophet Amos spoke, finds significance to us today. Through the dispensation of the Evangel provided the Apostles, our Master declared, *Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Master doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you, John 15:15.*

In the *Torah*, Moses affirmed that, *“The secret things belong unto Yahweh Elohim: but those things which are revealed belong unto us...”* (Deut. 29:29). Indeed, and how much more should the dispensation of what is revealed (but concealed to most) be accorded us upon whom the ends of the world are come (1 Cor. 10:11)?

It is in season, therefore, that we give heed to

the instruction Moses gave to Israel: "...go out and gather...on the sixth day...twice as much..." (Ex. 16:4; 5). This 6th day is the day of primogeniture...the day of double portion; the day on which we, as Elisha, receive the double of what was conferred upon EliYah (2 Kgs 2:9).

"Occupy Till I Come"

In Yahshua's parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-27), the first two of the three of the master's servants doubled what had been entrusted to their stewardship. In Luke's parallel account in 19:11-26, the first of three gained 10 times more than what had been delivered him, and the second of three, 5 times. In both narratives, the third of three was assigned to ignominy (disgrace) because he failed to occupy until the Master's return (Luke 19:13). That it is required of stewards to be found faithful, is apparent (1 Cor. 4:2). Moreover, that the Master should, upon His return, have found His stewards occupying, and that which had been committed to their care remaining and abounding, is also apparent (John 15:16; Phil. 4:17).

This 6th day is the day during which we take His yoke and learn of Him (Matt. 11:29). This 6th day is the day during which we have freely received to freely give to whomever, we have inquired is worthy (Matt. 10:8; 13). This 6th day is the day during which we have been charged to occupy; to build upon the Rock until the Rock's return (Luke 19:13; 1 Cor. 3:10). This 6th day is the day during which Yahshua is preparing a place for us, and for those who likewise believe on Him through hearing the Word of our testimony (John 14:1; 17:20). This 6th day is the day He left us power to execute greater works than He did (John 14:12). This 6th day is the day in which the Set-apart Spirit is present to:

- Teach us all things (John 14:26).
- Bring all things spoken, into remembrance (John 14:26).
- Guide us into all truth (John 16:13).
- Show us things to come (John 16:13).

Chronologically, and spiritually, the 6th day precedes the 7th day. What about the 7th day?

The 6th Day, Preparatory Toward the 7th

The 7th day is His, the day of His ingathering; the day of our rest...and of our reward.

Commensurately, commended to the degree each of us has, because the days are evil, redeemed his time (Eph. 5:16). Presently, during our 6th day, we

- sat at His feet, hearing His Word (Luke 10:39);
- studied, to show ourselves approved to Him that we, too, might rightly divide and speak the truth as an oracle (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 4:1);
- earnestly contended for, defended and confirmed the faith (Jude 3; Phil. 1:7; 17);
- with good conscience toward Yahweh, but void of offense toward man...patiently, suffered wrongfully (Acts 24:16; 1 Pet. 2:20);
- emerged from the trial of fire, purged of all that is vile & all that defiles (1 Cor. 3:13-15).

Yes, the 6th Day,

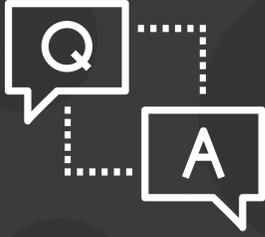
- It's much, much more than having come to visions and revelations (2 Cor. 12:1);
- It's much, much more than having more understanding of all mysteries than all your teachers (Psa. 119:99);
- It's much, much more than having faith to remove mountains, bestowing all your goods to feed the poor, and giving your body to be burned (1 Cor. 13:2; 3);
- It's much, much more about, when experiencing infirmities, reproaches, necessities, persecutions, distresses for Messiah's sake, holding fast the integrity of your heart and not charging Yah foolishly, (2 Cor. 12:10; Job 2:3; 1:22).

In Conclusion

If during this 6th day, and before the end of your mortality, you have not (like Job) shown yourself fearing (honoring) Yahweh and eschewing evil, then the firstborn's right of primogeniture; Elisha's double portion; Sha'ul's (Paul) visions and revelations, and all the rest of what is read in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, has but profited you as "bodily exercise...a weariness of the flesh" (Job 1:1; 1 Tim. 4:8; Eccl. 12:12). You'll present before Him, as little more than "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal" (1 Cor. 3:1).

The 7th day is reserved for the man who during his 6th day strove (lawfully, 2 Tim. 2:5) for the mastery, but is not yet crowned!

- Elder John W. Reece



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q Where did Cain and Abel get their wives when the law forbids incest?

A It is interesting to note when this particular law was added (Lev. 18:6-18), as it could not have been considered law before that time. Adjustments in laws do occur. Originally only fruits, seeds (grains), and vegetables were for human consumption (Gen 1:29). After much time and a worldwide flood, Yahweh allowed meats of certain animals to be eaten (Gen. 9:3). Science has shown that originally, with a pure gene pool, there would not be a risk of birth abnormalities as there is today. Yahweh, in His wisdom, forbid incest type relationships at the right time in mankind's history of which Eve is the original mother of (Gen. 3:20).

Q How can we be in the image of Yahweh?

A Having been made in the image of Yahweh (Gen. 9:6.) is an interesting claim from Scripture. To wrap our heads around it can take some doing. It may help to think in terms of attributes. For example, to plan and create as man has done is an attribute of Yahweh. We could say that we are in his image, in that sense. The Hebrew is a flowery language which nuances and idioms aren't always clear to us, but Yahshua Himself said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). Interesting. He was not the Father, but the Son. Still, He was the exact and express Image of the Father (2 Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3).

Q I'm concerned for my wellbeing, as I'm about to be released from prison. Not sure if I can find a job. I was baptized while incarcerated. Can you give me some pointers and help?

A Greetings in Yahweh's Name. Thanks for contacting us and sharing your concern. I do believe that Yahweh can and will open the doors for you as you stay dedicated to Him in all things. It is often not an easy road, and we do not always see the dramatic changes as we would like after baptism. The reality is we press forward in grace towards eternal life, enduring suffering and testing at various times. I don't believe Yahweh is going to give us the kind of power and glory promised, unless we are approved (Heb. 9:10). It is doubtful that He is interested in having a repeat of Satan again.

Satan will try to discourage you; to blind side you; to devour you (1 Pet. 5:8). But overcome him, which you can (James 4:7), and you will see him eventually destroyed (Rev. 20:10). Stay strong as Yahshua the Messiah Himself said. "In the world you [will] have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b).

It is Yahweh that will finish the good work He has started in you (Phil. 1:6). You just need to stay the course and work on overcoming, never giving up on Him nor yourself. Help is available through Yahweh's Spirit, as we submit (surrender) to Him in all things. He will not give us more than we can handle. May He bless, guide and direct your steps.

Q Could you tell me why in Isaiah 7:14 we are specifically told to call Him Immanuel, and in Matthew 1:23 also Immanuel, but in Matthew 1:25 it says Yahshua. That's not what we were told to do. Please explain why we don't call Him what the Father said to? Thank you so much for your time.

A "Immanuel" is technically a title (meaning "El with us") rather than a proper noun. "Name" (shem) in Hebrew can mean character/attributes or a proper name. Calling the Savior Immanuel would be similar to calling Him Wonderful, Father of Eternity (He is the One bringing us into eternity), etc. Yahshua, as you've pointed out, is the Proper Name given. In the future He is said to be called "Yahweh our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6). The depth of His Name now is that the Father's Name is within ("Yahweh is Salvation" or "Yahweh's Salvation"). It also parallels with the name of Joshua (Yahshua) the son of Nun and the high priest mentioned in Zechariah 3:1. It's significant, given what they did, compared to Who Yahshua is now as a High Priest, and what He will do bringing the first fruits into the Promised Land. The prophecy has been confirmed. He was recognized as "El with us" (John 20:28). We also continue to sing songs with lyrics containing such thoughts and usage of Immanuel. We also have studies which show Yahshua had the fullness of Spirit within Himself and also pre-existed with the Father. Please see our free in-depth booklet called, *Did the Savior Pre-exist?*

Q Are not Gentiles exempt from needing to keep the Commandments, since they are unbelievers?

A We would disagree, because Yahweh's Word says that the Commandments are for all mankind (Exod. 12:49; Eccl. 12:13-14). New Testament writings confirm this (Rom. 2:11-15; 1 Tim. 1:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Word is going forth today, calling all sinners to repentance (Acts 17:30). This was also the message of John the Baptist, Messiah and the disciples now down to our own day.

Q Shrimp has both fins and scales, why do we not eat them? Thank you.

A Fish are technically the only creatures which have scales and fins, but some have only fins (e.g., catfish, crayfish, etc.). Shrimp and other crustacean type creatures have exoskeletons (not scales). They tend to be the vacuum cleaners of the waters and are not for human consumption according to Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. We also have a deeper study available, which is called, *Yahweh's Food Laws*. It also provides lists of clean versus unclean sea life.



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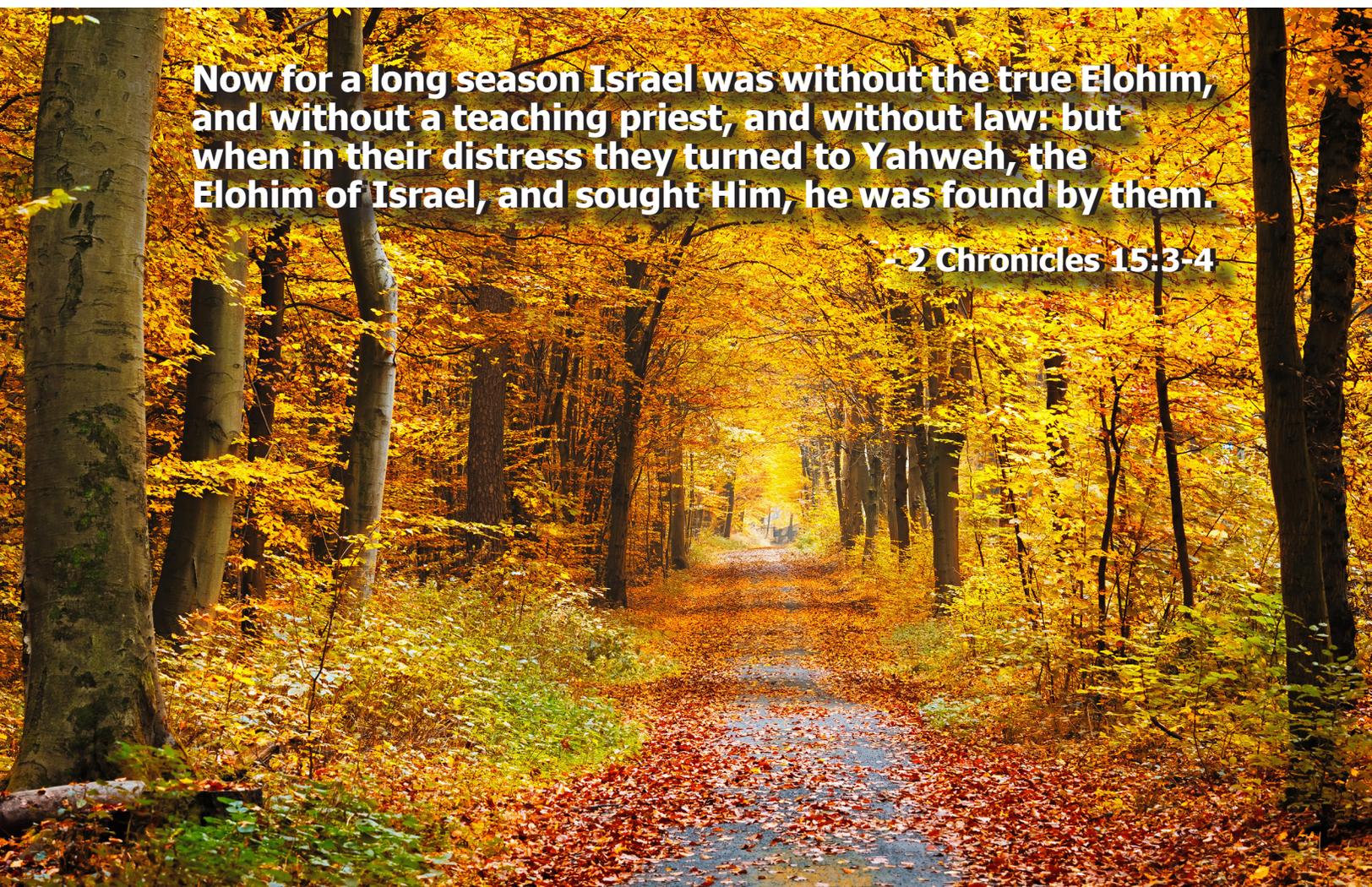
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**Now for a long season Israel was without the true Elohim,
and without a teaching priest, and without law: but
when in their distress they turned to Yahweh, the
Elohim of Israel, and sought Him, he was found by them.**

- 2 Chronicles 15:3-4