

Pentecost

The Second Harvest Season



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Pentecost-Feast of Weeks-Feast of Firstfruits 3

Whatever the name is, it is one of seven all important Sabbaths we are commanded to keep. **by Elder Donald R. Mansager**





Pentecost - Yahweh's Way What is the meaning of Pentecost?

by Elder David Brett

Our Duty

As proclaimed followers of Yahshua, what is our duty?

by Elder Lionel Gets





Words

A picture is said to be worth a thousand words. But, how important are the words we speak? by Elder Roger G. Meyer

The Land of Canaan

After the exodus who were, and who were not, allowed to enter into the land promised to the Israelites?





What Should We Do?

When confronted with what is false doctrine, what must one do? by Elder Donald R. Mansager



In the Likeness of Elohim

Let the fundamental truth (Yahweh's Word - the Bible) speak out.

by Elder John Fisher

21

Number 3 **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.

© 2007 Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

Mail:

YAIY 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: a field of wheat is ready to be harvested - the second harvest.

Pentecost

Feast of Weeks

Feast of Firstfruits

As most know, the Holy Spirit was given in the New Testament - at Pentecost. But few understand the Old Testament importance of this day and the great significance it gives to Pentecost in the New Testament.

Yahweh's annual observances represent a covenant between Him and His people. Perhaps of all commanded memorials none characterizes the covenant relationship better than Pentecost. This observance—also called the Feast of Weeks—is one of three during which we are commanded to assemble. (The two others are the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles.)

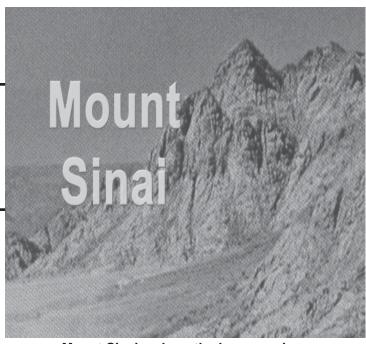
The covenant between Yahweh and Israel was ratified on Pentecost. At this time the law was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20) and expounded, chapters 21-23. Israel had agreed to observe it as Yahweh's chosen, 19:5, 8.

But Israel soon broke the covenant at Sinai and Yahweh promised to make a new covenant with man. About 1500 years later the new covenant was put into effect again at Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4. The New Testament (covenant) assembly of Yahweh's chosen was born that day, when the Holy Spirit was given. The physical sacrifices and ceremonies surrounding the old covenant law keeping had been abolished by Yahshua and the Holy Spirit was given to enable man to better keep the covenant law.

In Hebrews 10:15-17, Yahweh explains the nature of the law under the new covenant:

Whereof the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us; for after that He has said before, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith Yahweh; I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

How do we know when Pentecost occurs? Let's go back to Leviticus 23 where the holy days are mentioned in detail.



Mount Sinai - where the law was given

Lev. 23:4 instructs us, "These are the feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons." It should be noted here first of all that these are Yahweh's feasts, not Moses' feasts or Jewish feast days. Verse 11 reads, "And he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it." Here we find that the morrow after the sabbath is the wave sheaf to be offered to Yahweh, and it is also the day that we begin our count to Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks (Ex. 34:22). Verse 15 instructs, "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete."

Which Sabbath Starts The Count?

Now the Jews and some others contend that the sabbath day referred to is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is Abib 15—the first holy day of the year (Lev. 23:6-7). If this were true, would not Yahweh have given an exact date for Pentecost, as He does for Passover, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles? If the sabbath is the holy day starting the Feast of Unleavened Bread, your count for Pentecost would always end up on the 6th day of the third month, according to the Jewish calendar. Why give detailed instructions on how to calculate Pentecost when all you need do is to wait until the 3rd month and sixth day?

Verse 16 of Leviticus 23 goes on to say, "even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days." It is obvious that in having to count fifty days, Pentecost will vary within the third month. By giving us this method of calculating, Yahweh tells us that although the morrow after the weekly Sabbath (within the Days of Unleavened Bread)

may be a different date within Abib, we are always to observe Pentecost 50 days from that day.

Even though man does not always understand, Yahweh's Word has a purpose. Yahweh does not try to complicate or confuse those truly seeking to obey His commandments (1 Cor. 14:33).

It Is As Simple As 1-2-3

Clearly, we count from the day after the weekly Sabbath, or Sunday, seven sabbaths to the day after the seventh sabbath, which would be the first day of the week. When we tell our children to count from I to 10, do they begin

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23

Sabbath Keepers:

Why Not Keep ALL

The Commandments?

Many acknowledge the Bible as the Book of books, which contains the very words of our great Creator. But few fully pursue the deeper truth of His Word. Many are like the puzzling, would-be treasure hunter who was satisfied with just knowing which mountain contained the gold vein, but would not dig down to get the precious mineral it held.

Just as difficult to understand are those who are satisfied to stop short of digging out of Scripture the great treasure of salvation truths, believing that somehow these truths will all be given to them eventually, without any effort on their part. Yet the Bible tells us in Ephesians 4 that each of us is personally responsible to develop into a "perfect" (meaning complete and full-grown) individual in truth.

The Savior forewarned us in Luke 13:24: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24).

Stopping short of less than a sincere, complete effort is unacceptable to our Heavenly Father. He tells the lukewarm person, "I will spue you out of My mouth" (Rev. 3:16).

When it comes to the Ten Commandments, many will acknowledge a complete obedience. Pressing the issue, we discover otherwise.

Accepting the Fourth Commandment and Saturday as the Bible's true seventh-day Sabbath brings us into deeper Bible truth. Beyond that, though, how many understand, let alone take to heart, the commands of the preceding Third Commandment? This Commandment deals with our Creator's personal, revealed Name:

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Yahweh your Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain" (Ex. 20:7).

The most common interpretation of the Third Commandment is that one must not curse using the Father's Name. That is part of what the commandment enjoins, but its the lesser part. If we examine the Hebrew for the word "take" in this commandment, we find the word nasa, meaning to "lift" or "bring to." with number 1 or do they skip 1 and start with the number 2? Obviously, the number 1 is included. The same is true when we measure someone from head to toe. We measure both the head and the toe to get the correct height of that individual. So the word "from" includes the starting day.

If we were to begin the count the day after the high sabbath, rather than after the weekly sabbath during the feast, the 50th day could fall anywhere between the 2nd and the 7th day, and not on the first day of the week or the "morrow after the seventh Sabbath" as Scripture prescribes.

The word translated "morrow" is the Hebrew "mochorath", No. 4283 in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Hebrew Dictionary, and is translated in 25 other places as morrow, "day after." In the 15th verse we read, "and ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete."

In Hebrew reckoning—or true Scriptural reckoning—a week is complete as the Sabbath ends. The first day of the week, therefore, is the "morrow after the sabbath." Verse 15 also says that seven weeks or seven sabbaths of weeks shall be complete. Scripturally, the morrow after the weekly sabbath ("sabbath" is No. 7676 in *Strong's* which is the weekly sabbath, not No. 7677, shab-bathown, which is a special holiday or holy day) shows that we must count from the beginning of the first day through the seventh day for one full week.

Seven full weeks brings us to the 49th day, the seventh sabbath, and thus we arrive at Pentecost: "even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat [meal] offering unto Yahweh."

Numbers 28:26 reads, "Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meal offering unto Yahweh, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work." The word "out" means "on the eve of your weeks," which is another way of saying sunset, as the Sabbath

ends and the first day of the week begins. Compare Deuteronomy 16:9. In this manner of counting to Pentecost, one could not have arrived at any other day to offer the wave sheaf except on the first day of the week.

The Pharisees contended that the Sabbath mentioned here is the 15th or the first day of Unleavened Bread. Others, including the Karaites and the Sadducees, contended that it is the weekly Sabbath and that the rabbis changed the count.

We find that the Jews are in error in the day that they observe the Feast of Weeks even though they do use the Scriptural method of counting days. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (1911)

After Moses received the Law on two tablets of stone written by the finger of Yahweh on Mount Sinai, he became distraught when he saw the Israelites worshipping the golden calf.



edition), under "Pentecost," page 123, reads in part: "Hebrews numeration always included the day which is the terminus a quo [starting point] as well as that which is the terminus ad quem [ending point]."

The Jewish calendar has Passover on the wrong day (though the Seder service is on the fourteenth) in addition to not keeping Pentecost on the correct day. By missing them, the Jews do not receive the blessings and benefit of these days. They have rejected the Messiah as the Redeemer of Israel. Neither do they receive the

spiritual enlightenment of Pentecost. Therefore, they are not aware of the spiritual intent and meaning of Yahweh's plan of salvation embodied in His feast days.

The Sadducees were priests and before they were supplanted by the Pharisees they were the priestly house. Because the offices were inherited, the Sadducees represent an older, more biblical heritage. The Jewish Encyclopedia article on the Sadducees reads: "They [Sadducees] contend that the seven weeks from the barley sheaf offering to Pentecost should, according to Lev. 23:15-16, be counted from the day after the sabbath, and consequently that Pentecost should always be celebrated

on the first day of the week." In this they obviously followed the old biblical view.

New Testament and Pentecost

What does the New Testament say about the counting of Pentecost? It is possible to prove from the New Testament that the counting begins with the day after the weekly Sabbath.

In John 20 Yahshua was speaking to Mary Magdalene after He rose from the grave. Take special note of verse 17, "Yahshua saith unto her, 'Touch Me not, but go to My brethren, before I ascend to My Father: and say unto

them, I shall ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My El, and your El.' "

From John 20:1 we see that it was dark and it was the first day of the week. The count toward Pentecost had begun. It was what we call Saturday night. Now notice that Yahshua had told Mary not to touch Him because He had not yet ascended to His Father.

As we move to the 28th chapter of Matthew, harmonizing the Evangel accounts, verse one tells us that it was still the Sabbath as Mary Magdalene

Yahshua the WAVESHEAF

and the other Mary came to look at the sepulchre. Beginning with verse 5 we learn that the Savior has risen, and that He would see them in Galilee. Verse 9 relates that they hurried to the disciples and were met by the Savior Himself. They took hold of His feet and worshipped Him.

In John's account, Mary is told not to touch Him. Yet Matthew reveals that later the same night (our Saturday night) they were allowed to touch Him. Obviously, the Savior had ascended to the Father on the beginning of the first day of the week to be accepted by Him. He was the Firstfruits, the wave offering.

Notice the following Scripture: "But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become the FIRST-FRUITS of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: MESSIAH THE FIRST-FRUITS; afterward they that are Messiah's at His coming" (1 Cor. 15:20 23). "... that He might be the FIRSTBORN among many brethren" (Romans 8:29). "And He is the Head of the body, the Assembly: Who is the

beginning, THE FIRSTBORN from the dead" (Colossians 1:18). His sacrifice fulfilled the symbolism of the wave sheaf.

Yahshua the First of the Firstfruits

Following His resurrection, Yahshua had to appear before the Heavenly Father to be accepted. In the same way the Old Testament high priest had to wave the sheaf of barley to be accepted of Yahweh before the Spring harvest could commence.

As the wave sheaf of grain was offered on the first day of the week, so was Messiah, our Wave Sheaf, offered to Yahweh on the first day of the week. After His ascension the disciples were permitted to touch Him:

Then saith He to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing," John 20:27.

As the Firstfruit, Yahshua portrays the first one ever to be born into the Elohim family of Yahweh by a resurrection from the dead.

Old Testament a Foreshadow

Leviticus 23:10-12 tells of the wave sheaf offered to Yahweh to be accepted for us. Yahshua ascended to be accepted by the Father and was right in His Holy presence, typified by the High Priest going into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement with the offering for himself. Upon His acceptance on the first day of the week, the Savior then could return to earth to be seen and touched by many people, 1 Cor. 15:5-7.

Now He is in the heavens interceding for us:

But every man in his own order; the Messiah the firstfruits; afterwards they that are the Messiah's at His coming, 1 Corinthians 15:23.

The offering of the wave sheaf was to begin the count toward Pentecost and was waved "on the morrow after the Sabbath," Leviticus 23:11. Yahshua fulfilled this prophecy and ascended the day (morrow) atter the weekly Sabbath. He could not have ascended to the Father the day after the high sabbath (which is the first day of Unleavened Bread) because He was in the tomb that day.

He had to be in the tomb three full days and three full nights, Matthew 12:40. The Hebrew idiom of day meaning any part of a day does not apply when the number of nights is included. When evening and morning, or day and night, are used together, a 24 hour period is denoted. (Companion Bible appendix 144).

Counting from the first day of the week (which is the morrow after the only Sabbath Yahshua could have fulfilled—the weekly Sabbath) brings us to another first day of the week 50 days later. Pentecost (or Firstfruits) always falls on the first day of the week, Sunday.

It should be clear that the harmony of the Scriptures teach that the morrow after the weekly Sabbath is the day to begin our count. To claim that Pentecost should not fall on the first day of the week because of pagan worship ties to that day should not affect our observance of this day in keeping with True Worship. After all, Sunday is no worse than Monday or any other. Yahweh set all the sabbath days according to His plan, not man's. If we allow this to keep us trom True Worship, we cannot be an effective witness against false worship.

The sabbath mentioned in Leviticus 23 is the weekly Sabbath. Yahshua, having risen at the end of the Sabbath, would not let anyone touch Him until He had ascended to Yahweh. Later Saturday night, on the first day of the week, He allowed His followers to touch Him. Following the Jews' teachings is erroneous because they rejected the Messiah and His example.

Some commentaries note that the Pharisees made the sabbath fall on Abib 15 so that they could partake of the new harvest earlier instead of waiting a few more days until the weekly Sabbath to present the wave sheaf. Lev. 23:14 says,

And you shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears. until the selfsame day that you have brought an offering unto your Elohim: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

The mention of bread, parched corn, and green ears refers to the fact that they were not to eat of any of the new grain harvest until after they had made the offering to Yahweh. They would, of course, have bread of the old

To obtain a printout of the following booklet go to page 23.



harvest to use for Passover and the first high day because we are commanded to eat unleavened bread beginning with Abib 15. To say it has to be the sabbath of Abib 15 so that there could be bread for the first day of Unleavened Bread is incorrect. If you wait until the new harvest, you will have nothing for the first high day and will break the command to eat unleavened bread seven days. They had to use their old grain at least until "the morrow alter the sabbath."

Count Can't Begin Abib 16

Joshua 5:10-11 has been a problem to some who would like to force an interpretation that Abib 16 was the day to begin the count toward the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost).

And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover. unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.

Because the Israelites ate of the old corn of the land on the morrow after Passover, some teach that this was the day of the wave sheaf offering commanded in Leviticus 23: 10-12. Supposedly, the Israelites could not eat of the new crop until the wave sheaf was offered. This wave sheaf was to be offered "on the morrow after the Sabbath."

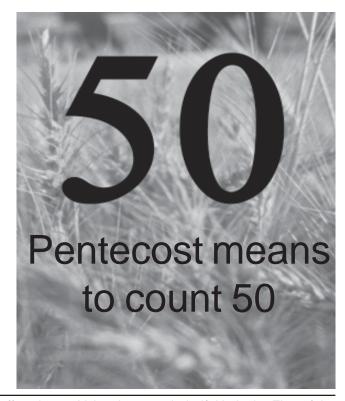
Closer scrutiny of these verses in Joshua reveals that they ate of the old corn. It does not say the Israelites ate of the NEW produce of the land. Obviously, they were able to obtain the old grain that was stored by the Canaanites and abandoned when the Israelites invaded the land. It is apparent Israel's crossing over of the dry Jordan terrorized the Canaanites, for instead of being on guard after invading enemy territory, Joshua circumcised the people-who obviously required time for recovery, Joshua 5:8.

Joshua 5:10 relates that Israel kept the Passover on the 14th day of the

<Pentecost see page 20>

Pentecost

Yahweh's Way



One of the most significant days in history is sorely remembered nor is observed by most. Ask anyone on the street and they generally won't even recognize what the Feast of Weeks is or what is more popularly known in the Greek vernacular as Pentecost.

They may have heard about it. But they really don't know what it is. The fact is, we should be traveling to attend this holy day of Yahweh as was done in both the Old and New Testament times by Yahweh's people.

What Pentecost Means

Pentecost is the Greek word for the number fifty. It is fifty days counted from the day after the weekly Sabbath that falls within the Days of Unleavened Bread. From a Sunday seven weeks forward to another Sunday. Seven complete weeks or Sabbaths are to be counted:

You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present new grain offering to Yahweh, Lev 23:15-16 NASU.

The wave sheaf offering or firstfruit offering (the first part of the harvest) of barley was given by the priest to Yahweh.

On the day after the Sabbath, the priest will lift it up before Yahweh so it may be accepted on your behalf, Lev 23:11 NLT.

The significance here is that we see the connection between the offering being made on behalf of the people as pointing toward our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, being offered on our behalf. Yahshua gave His life and allowed His Blood to be poured out as an offering. He was the Firstfruit offered up to Yahweh on our behalf. He is the First of the firstfruits,

But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah's at his coming, 1 Cor 15:23.

New Testament Times

It was after Yahshua ascended on the day of the wave sheaf offering that He kept His promise to send the Spirit of Yahweh (Holy Spirit) to abide in the people who obey the laws of Yahweh and keep their faith in Him. The account is given in Acts chapter 2.

Some of the marvelous acts of Yahweh's Spirit at work, such as speaking in different coherent languages, aren't seen today. The question is why?

The answer may surprise you. Look for the YAIY Mini-Study called "Tongues: Past, Present, and Future" available online in the "Biblical Explanations" section under "Free Literature."

The Apostle Peter, who was himself obedient to the law of Yahweh, preached strongly in Yahshua's name, proclaiming remission of sins through His name and that the Holy Spirit is available to those who are submissive to Yahweh:

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom Elohim has given to those who obey him, Acts 5:32 NIV.

The Messiah was a propitiation (offering) for our sins that we might be forgiven of the death penalty which sin (1 John 3:4) ultimately brings upon a person. We are all guilty of sin whether we know what the law says or not:

People who do not have the law and who are sinners will be lost, although they do not have the law. And, in the same way, those who have the law and are sinners will be judged by the law. Hearing the law does not make people right with Elohim. It is those who obey the law who will be right with him, Rom 2:12-13 NCV.

We can be justified by the death and shed blood of a sinless sacrifice. which Yahshua, the Anointed One of Yahweh, was. That is, if we get in step with what Yahweh says to do, and believe that His Son does have saving power within His Name,

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved, Acts 4:12.

Sign of the Times

If this all seems like a lot of information to digest or to try to explain to

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23

Mini = Study Must We Meet with Others for Worship?

> How important is gathering regularly on Sabbaths?

When Yahweh offered His Covenant with Israel in Exodus 24:1-7, He promised them certain blessings and protection. Israel readily agreed to this covenant. Exodus 25 onward reveals Israel's responsibilities. They were to offer some of their "spoils" taken from the Egyptians so that a sanctuary might be constructed for Yahweh to dwell in and be among the people. Yahweh asked only for a portion of that which He had given them.

Precise instructions were given for building both the Tabernacle and the furniture, along with the required instruments to be used in a specific way in His worship. Similarly, Yahweh has given us guidelines that reveal how He wants to be worshiped today.

The Book of Leviticus deals with specific instructions for mankind in our worship of Yahweh. Chapter 23 gives us the seven Annual Holy Days and the weekly Saturday Sabbath, which are to be observed forever, we find. All Israel was to gather in holy convocation at these special times.

We Do Not Worship at Jerusalem

With the destruction of the Temple and the razing of Jerusalem in the year 70 C.E, worship could no longer continue at Jerusalem. Yahshua had alluded to this with the woman at the well in

someone, you may be right. It is difficult for many to understand due to not being brought up to regularly study the Bible, which regrettably happens to be the case with most people today.

There are also false teachings that have crept in and degraded everything from what Passover is and should be called, to what the true names of the Father and the Son are.

Many claim to be religious, but fail to study or read the Bible. Christianity, in general, has many adherents who attend services on a regular basis. If some do go out and purchase commentaries or other study aids, with studying the Bible in mind, they may pick up a liberal or minimalist's writings (writings which question the validity of historical accounts written in Scripture), which just confuses matters and can cause the little faith of some to evaporate completely.

There is much anti-Bible rhetoric in both Bible commentaries written and the so-called documentaries produced for cable or television that put a question mark on many of the historical accounts. "Did King David really exist?" "Was the Apostle Paul a real person?" "Did Moses actually write the first five books?" "How could there be 2 million during the exodus out of Egypt?" "Were there even any Israelites?" "Did a Messiah actually raise the dead?" "Could He have really sweat blood?"

And many other questions that are proposed of which the Bible, archeology, and even science time and time again keep answering in the affirmative, proving the Bible is a true and accurate account of both Old Testament and New Testament times of peoples and events.

The schools of modern theology do have professors who take the conservative view of literal interpretation and show from the Bible and many times from archeological finds and science, that indeed the Bible is true, reliable, and therefore trustworthy. However, there are just as many today, if not more, who take the liberal and negative viewpoint. For them there should be a warning on their door saying, "Student Beware."

Read and Obev

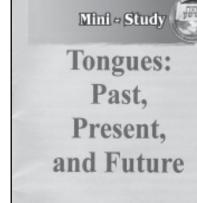
There are few people today that actually keep the day of Pentecost in reverence according to Scripture. Speaking of Feast of Weeks/ Pentecost, we are told by Yahweh,

On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live, Lev 23:21 NIV.

The Apostle Paul read and obeyed Scripture. He tells us, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Messiah." 1 Cor 11:1. He. like the Messiah, kept the day in reverence according to Scripture, "...for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost," Acts 20:16.

We know Yahshua kept the day of Pentecost holy since he was without sin (Heb 4:15) and also taught that we

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23



O ver the years many devoted and sincere people have thought and felt they were being empowered by the Spirit of the Heavenly Father. They thought they were given "witness," as is spoken of in Acts 2:4, (i.e., empowered to speak in tongues).

And many today feel, think, and act as if they too are being led to speak in "tongues."

Are they speaking in tongues as described in the book of Acts, or is it just an act? Or is it something else all together?

Let's go back in time to a period when fiery symbols and sounds came from heaven, when even wind filled the inside of a home. A time when human limbs were made whole; a time when someone who was born blind could be made to see; a time when someone who could hear nothing, could then hear the sweet sounds of birds and the simple sound of water being poured into a basin.

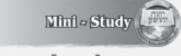
It was a time when Yahweh's Spirit was poured out in abundance, and it is a time still to are to obey His Father's laws, and if we don't there will be consequences:

...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahweh...Whosoever therefore shall one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven, Matt 4:4; 5:19 ASV.

Traveling to Pentecost

Paul traveled to Jerusalem to be with others on the day of Pentecost. Remember, it is a "holy convocation," (Lev 23:21) that is, a gathering with others of like faith (Acts 2:1) in

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23



Is the **KINGDOM** Here Now?

A popular televangelist, as well as many others, procleims that the "church" is the Kingdom. Is this true? Is the body of called-out ones the same as the Kingdom? Does Scripture tell us?

In the study of end-time events, the rulership of Yahshua upon His return to this earth is often referred to as the millennium. Several forms of millennialism or millenarianism (also known as chiliasm) are widely believed. These are found in three major views of the future thousand-year reign of the Savior. Variations are also found within each view

POSTMILLENNIALISM The teaching that the Second Advent of the Savior will occur after the thousand-year millennium. As a result of the preaching of the evangel by the "church," a period of righteousness would be established upon earth. Since World War II, many have become disillusioned with society's moral and spiritual decline. The day when the knowledge of Yahweh will fill the earth as water covers the sea has been but a dream.

PREMILLENNIALISM The most popular view held by many evangelicals wherein the Savior will literally rule over the earth. This concept dictates that Yahshua must appear before the millennial kingdom is set up. Premillennialists believe in the literal interpretation of Revelation and Old Testament

AMILLENNIALISM A symbolical interpretation of Revelation 20. It says Yahshua will return to set up His reign after the present earth is destroyed in judgment and a new heaven and earth is established. Rulership of Yahshua takes place upo

obedience to the Heavenly Father. All males are commanded to come before Him on this and at two other Feasts. but ideally the whole family should

Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering. which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before Yahweh Elohim, Ex 23:14-17.

The word "times" in verse 14 is translated from the Hebrew word "regel" (#7272) and holds the meaning of "foot," "leg or journey."

The word "times" in verse 17 is a different word, but holds a similar meaning, even clarifying further the other term in verse 14. It's the Hebrew word "pa'am" (#6471) and means, "footstep," "hoof beat," "strokes or steps."

In America there is the phrase or term called "hoofing it," which brings to attention that one is walking somewhere. These three Feast days are commanded sojourning Feasts. They are different from the other Holy Days of Yahweh in that you must travel to these if at all possible.

Paul's example, as previously mentioned, made an effort to travel to the Feast. He did travel to Jerusalem for the Feast(s), and some may say that is where we should go today, but today there is no Temple to meet at in Jerusalem.

Distinction Made

It is noteworthy that Yahweh seems to have clearly made a distinction of those being obedient and having faith in Yahshua, compared to those who may have only kept the law, such as the Pharisees, for example, worshiping at the Temple.

Those gathered together for Pentecost with Apostles Peter, John and others (Acts 1:13) had no doubt been planning to go to the Temple later (Acts 3:1), but received the Spirit outside of being in the Temple before they had the opportunity to enter.

There are some that think we still need to go by Jerusalem time, Temple or not, since that is Yahweh's Holy land. Listen in on the conversation between the woman at the well and Yahshua who explained in detail our situation today:

"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Yahshua said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is

< Fifty see page 20>

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23



saiah tells us the entire world will be honoring the New Moons and the Sabbaths as they worship Yahweh in the coming Kingdom. As students of Yahweh's word, we should be observing them now, becoming knowledgeable about New Moons as well as the Sabbaths that we might be able to help others along the way. Both New Moons and Sabbaths are to be observed in the Kingdom as we note in the following:

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith Yahweh. (Isaiah 66:23 AV)

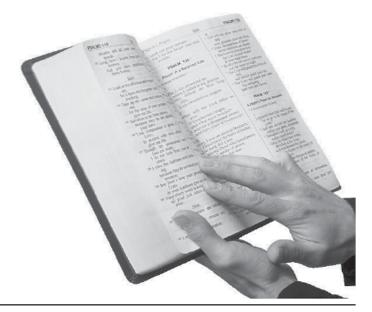
Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before Yahweh in the Sabbaths and in the new moons. (Ezekiel 46:3 AV)

The time may come that we will be isolated from the body of Messiah, but we are still obligated to keep His set times as an act of obedience. We are also told in the New Testament they are prophetic (Col. 2:16-17), that is, they foreshadow future events. The greater our understanding the greater is our responsibility to walk in His ways.

ANCIENT NEW MOON OBSERVANCES

In anticipation of the New Moon, Jewish moon watchers anciently were stationed on high prominences around Israel. When the moon was sighted, they would light a bright fire signaling to waiting Temple priesthood the New Moon had been seen and the new month has started. However, both the Samaritans and Botheans began lighting fires on other days to confuse the Jews. Runners were then

Our Duty



In general, people feel safe and secure belonging to a group or institution which thinks and does what they believe is correct and proper. This is mainly a result of their basic education, whether it be Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Communism, Socialism or any other religion, or order of human structure, of society, of which there are many hundreds in the world. This form of "conditioning" creates a set pattern in the minds of the people, tribe or nation, namely their traditions, or "way of life," which we could call a "preconceived idea." The trouble amongst us humans is that it automatically gives us a table to "judge" others who do not belong to our way of thinking. That "table" becomes the preconceived "set of judgments," and many will never budge from it! As Father's Word states, all this will end in death.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of Yahweh is eternal life through Yahshua Messiah our Master, Rom 6:23.

The outcome is very apparent when we look around and see the history of man. Need I go into the statistics of its results, from petty crime to all-out international wars?

Man does not know the way to peace nor ever will, as long as he is without the Almighty Father's Spirit.

Their feet run to do evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction is in their path. The way of peace they know not, and there is no judgment in their goings, they have made themselves crooked paths: whoever follows therein shall not know peace, Isaiah 59:7-8.

And the way of peace they have not known, Romans 3:17.

Read also Ezekiel 13:16, and Matthew 10:34.

Many of these groups which I have mentioned profess to have one guiding "line" or "table of conduct." They even have it resting on a shelf besides them, or even set upon the altar of their place of worship. Yet, when they read this "Table of Conduct" they seem to find many contradictions, and that could be because of their basic teachings, or "preconceived ideas." I am referring to one of the most

publicized, and the most translated set of Writings in the world, the Sacred Scriptures, the BIBLE! I have no doubt anyone reading this possesses a copy of the Bible, maybe they have two or three translations of it in their own home.

With all this in mind, a question arises. How can so many have so many different answers, or come to so many different conclusions, when they say they are applying Scripture, and what is the duty of the individual to overcome this predicament?

The answer to the first part of the question is that Scripture is Spiritually discerned, and it is not being revealed to the human mind without the mind being opened to that understanding by our Creator's Spirit,

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned, 1 Cor 2:14.

He only reveals His Spirit to whom He, The Almighty Father, calls.

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day, John 6:44.

When the worldly read His Word, they, with their natural human character, tend to either read words into, or out of, the text to suit a particular thought or doctrine they have in mind. Even though there are contradictions to that doctrine in Scripture, man will cling to it as long as his mind is not open to the Almighty Father's Spirit, therefore breaking a law which is written in Deuteronomy 4:2, in Jeremiah 26:2 and is repeated in the last book of the Bible in Revelation 22:19, which also places a condemnation on those who do such a thing.

Secondly, our first duty is to seek, be after, follow, go gunning for, go in pursuit (quest) of, hunt, inquire after, look for, search for, aim for, aspire to, endeavor, strive towards, try, entreat, or request the Kingdom of Yahweh. And everything else which is of far less importance will be granted unto you in the Almighty's time,

But seek ye first the kingdom of Yahweh, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you, Matt 6:33.

Our only physical tool at this age for seeking the Kingdom is by reading the Words which have been preserved by the power of Yahweh within the pages of the Bible, with a mind of meekness and a willingness to change (repent) when we obtain correction through His Word. Very few understand the Biblical meaning of being meek, and it is far from being fragile, coward like or a doormat, or even a weakling. No! It means to be easily guided into knowledge of the Truth, an ability to receive instruction on how to worship and pray to the Almighty, and have a willing mind to learn in humility and patience.

Did you not know Moses was meek, and he was far from being a weak character? (Numbers 12:3, Psalm 22:6, 25:9, 37:11, 76:9, 147:6, 149:4, Isaiah 11:4, 29:19 and 61:1)

Matthew 11:29 says, Take my yoke upon you and learn of me....

Matthew 21:5 says Messiah was regarded as meek, being submissive to law.

1 Corinthians 2:16 tells us, For who knows the will of Yahweh, that he may be instructed? But we have the mind of Messiah.

We gain this through the study of His Word.

By the reading of His Word we learn to know His law; by applying the Word, we know His promises to His people shall always stand firm; and by doing so we will begin to know Him. But those who say they know Him, and do not apply His law, the Scripture points out that they are liars, and the Truth of Yahweh is not in them. Read 1st John 2:4 and Matthew 28:18-20.

Messiah's instruction to us is that we are to speak out to all nations of the world and teach them to observe all things which He has commanded us, including news of the kingdom which Yahweh shall set up, and to baptize those who come forward in repentance under the authority of the Son's Name.

There is nothing wrong for Yahweh's people to have goals in life. After all, He encourages us to strive to obtain that which He has set before us, claiming all the wonderful promises He offers His people.

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in good health, even as you prosper in life, 3 John 2.

But we dare not approach His throne unless we go to Him in a true repentant attitude, applying His commandments as carefully as we can, constantly improving as "New Truth" is revealed to us. This truth is "New Truth" because it is only "new" to us as we get rid of our preconceived, or deeply ingrained ideas, and receive Yahweh's Truth into our minds and hearts. That Truth, The Sacred

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23

Mini = Study

Why Biblical Law?

A lesson from the Potter

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

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

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

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

We in the Hands of the Maker

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

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

We are clay in the hands of the Master Potter. He can mold of us whatever He wills. We are all individuals, each different from all others. We are unique beings on this earth,

Scriptures, has always been there! Keeping in mind Messiah's Words in Matthew 5:18,

For truly I say to you. Till heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Note: the earth and the heavens are still in existence, are they not?

Nowhere in Scripture does it command you, or I, to join a church, or organization. But we, as His people, who are like minded, are instructed to assemble together at His appointed Feasts.

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some. but exhorting one another, and so doing much more, as you see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the Truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. How much sorer punishment do you suppose you shall receive by treading upon the sacrifice of the blood of the covenant offered by the Son of Yahweh, by which he cleanses us, and then you consider It with disdain and have ignored the Spirit of grace (free pardon) which was given to you? (Hebrews 10:24-29)

This includes the Sabbath day, especially as we see the Day approaching. Read Leviticus 23.

Finally, I shall use the words of a king whom Yahweh inspired to be the wisest ruler ever to govern over His people of Israel, David's son, Solomon.

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

Elder Lionel Gets

Words



What's in a word? Words are used in sentences to convey thoughts to others verbally or in written form.

Yahweh is my shepherd; I shall not want, Ps 23:1.

The word "shepherd" is translated from the Hebrew ra` ah (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to tend a flock; i.e. pasture it; intransitively, to graze (literally or figuratively); generally to rule; by extension, to associate with (as a friend). (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

Before we leave to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall, we lived in the world. And this world contains trials and temptations for us which can be instigated through events or in our contact with those who do not think and believe as we do.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. Matt 10:16-19.

We must be on guard against such wolves which can appear as sheep.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves, Matt 7:15. Barne's Notes explain this verse as:

"[Who come in sheep's clothing] The sheep is an emblem of innocence, sincerity, and harmlessness. To come in sheep's clothing is to assume the appearance of sanctity and innocence, when the heart is evil.

"[Ravening wolves] Applied to the false teachers, it means that they assumed the appearance of holiness in order that they might the more readily get the property of the people. They were full of extortion and excess." (from Barnes' Notes, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1997 by Biblesoft)

What property are they trying to obtain – our lives.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but

inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean, Matt 23:25-26 NIV.

And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself. As the truth of the Messiah is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. Wherefore? because I love you not? Yahweh knoweth. But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of the Messiah. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works, 2 Cor 11:9-15.

As 2 Tim 2:12-15 says,

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before Yahweh that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto Elohim, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Yes, we must be able to discern truth from falsehood. We have to be careful of the words we choose to speak. Maybe some of us are not as eloquent speakers as others as we may not have been given such a gift. This was true of Moses, as we read in Ex. 4:10-15.

And Moses said unto Yahweh, O my Sovereign, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And Yahweh said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I Yahweh? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my Sovereign, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. And the anger of Yahweh was

kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

Thus, Yahweh will speak unto Moses, who was to speak the same words to Aaron, who was, then, to speak to the people.

Just as it was for Moses, who said he was not an eloquent speaker, so it is for us if we feel the same way. What remedy do we have?

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their

synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you, Matt 10:16-20.

But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Spirit, Mark 13:11.

As part of a verse of a song we sing "WHEN TROUBLES SURROUND YOU," one should remember these words that Yahweh's Spirit will guide us.

But Yahweh hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things

of Yahweh. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of Yahweh knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Yahweh. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Yahweh; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Yahweh. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned, 1 Cor 2:10-14.

Discerned comes from the Greek #350 in Strong's anakrino (an-ak-ree'no), which means properly, to scrutinize (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

When we speak we must speak to be understood as 1 Cor 14:9 says,

So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Here it seems that if one speaks words above the intelligence of another than those words will float away in the

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Messiah; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Yahshua Messiah, unto the glory and praise of Yahweh. But I would ye should

> understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the evangel; So that my bonds in Messiah are manifest in all the palace. and in all other places; And many of the brethren in the Master, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear, Phil 1:9-14.

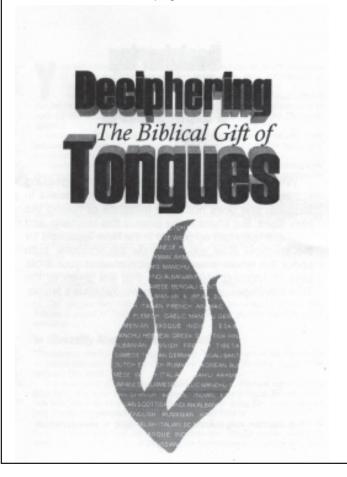
> For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak, Eph 6:20.

> Even if we feel more confident in speaking we must still discern or scrutinize our thoughts before we say things.

> Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of Yahweh, James 1:19-20.

> Swift comes from Strong's #5036 tachus (takh-oos'); figuratively meaning to be ready. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew

To obtain a printout of the following booklet go to page 23



Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh, Luke 6:45.

A matching verse is Matt. 12:34-37,

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

We are responsible for everything we say and do. Eccl. 12:13-14 tells us just that.

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

So, we will be held responsible for everything we say and do.

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, Matt 15:18-19.

As the mouth speaks of the feelings of the heart, so the parts of the mouth used in speech are also important. The major parts are the teeth, the lips, the tongue and the roof of the mouth.

Teeth

Arise, O Yahweh; save me, O my Elohim: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone: thou hast broken the teeth of the unrighteous, Ps 3:7.

Teeth are important. Barnes' Notes speaks of the phrase [Thou hast broken the teeth of the unrighteous] to render them harmless. (from Barnes' Notes, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1997 by Biblesoft)

There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men, Prov 30:14.

Hear my voice, O Yahweh, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words, Ps 64:1-3.

The tongue is related here to the teeth - each can be as sharp as a sword.

Lips

Lips can have a bad connection when they infer lying.

Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous, Ps 31:18.

Yahweh does not like lips that lie. Take heed of the following Scriptures:

Lying lips are abomination to the YAHWEH: but they that deal truly are his delight, Prov. 12:22.

Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the riahteous. Ps 31:18.

An unrighteous man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire. Prov 16:27.

Yet, lips can also be associated with good meanings.

The lips of the righteous feed many, Prov 10:21.

> The word feed comes from the Hebrew ra' ah (rawaw')(Strong's #7462); a primitive root; to tend a flock; by extension, to associate with (as a friend). (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

> The last part of Prov. 14:3 says "the lips of the wise shall preserve them." Preserve come from the Hebrew shamar (shawmar')(Strong's #8104) generally meaning to protect, attend to, etc. (Biblesoft's Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

Tongue

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love

To obtain a printout of the following booklet go to page 23

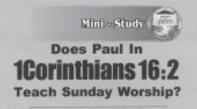


it shall eat the fruit thereof, Prov 18:21.

In this Scripture we find out how powerful the tongue is. Secular sayings have been made about the tongue which indirectly has its basis the Scriptures:

- The tongue is, at the same time, the best part of man, and the
- Give not thy tongue too great liberty, lest it take thee prisoner.
- A wound from the tongue is worse than a wound from a sword; for the latter affects only the body, while the former the spirit.
- A fool's heart is in his tongue; but a wise man's tongue is in his
- We can not control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them.

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23



It was in early January when I finally went along with my neighbor to worship services on Sunday. After listening to the liturgy and hearing a simple sermon on faith and belief, all members were asked to go by a table in the rear of the sanctuary and pick up their box of envelopes for the new year These were easy enough to find, all arranged alphabetically

Enroute home in their auto, one of the youngsters tugged at my sleeve and handing me a pastel envelope from the box, asked, "Asen't these pretty?" They were indeed colorful. Written in bold letters were the words, "Stewardship Envelopes for Every Sunday of the Year.'

Obviously they were offering envelopes intended for each Sunday's collection plate. On each envelope was written the following verse: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as [Yahweh] has prospered him, that there be no collections when I come, 1Corinthians 16:2.

Upon noting my examination of the envelope, my friend quipped, "That makes it pretty plain, doesn't it, that we are to gather on the first day of the week?" With that my friend stopped at the curb and upon exchanging pleasantries, let me out.

As he drove away I pondered the meaning of the verse. It did not establish the first day of the week as the day of worship at all. Yet, many churches assert that because this verse seemingly commands that an offering be given on the first day of the week, that Sunday is to be a day of worship.

Here is an example of "proof-texting," where a doctrine is first established and then after a search, a verse is presented to prove the hypothesis. Let us proceed to examine this passage that is used to show Sunday as the New Testament Sabbath.

Scriptures give us some admonitions concerning our speech patterns:

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile, Ps 34:13.

Some examples of how the Hebrew word ra' (translated here as evil) is translated are adversity, affliction, calamity, displeasure, distress, misery, evil. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

Some examples of how the Hebrew word mirmah (meer-maw')(here translated guile) are deceitfully, fraudulently, falsely, treacherly. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief, Prov 24:1-2.

Roof of Mouth

Generally, using the roof of the mouth is to make reference to the act of remaining silent.

As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of Elohim was upon my tabernacle; When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street! The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up. The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth, Job 29:4-10

Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of Yahweh stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go,

shut thyself within thine house. But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house, Ezek 3:23-26.

Conclusion

Saying: If wisdom's ways you widely seek, five things observe with care: of whom you speak, to whom you speak, and how, and when, and where,

One must also remember that words, once spoken, can never be recalled.

Elder Roger G. Meyer

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23



20:7? A close look dispals this popular belief and ses important days for observing today.

A MOST CONTROVERSIAL AND DEBATED POS sage in the entire New Testament is found in Acts 20:7: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the mor-row; and continued his speech until midnight."

Often cited as proof that the early disciples had

been instructed by the Savior to observe Sunday, this verse supposedly shows that they were indeed now keeping the first day of the week instead of

observing the day we know as Saturday.

Certain translations of this passage render it the same as the King James Version, namely, "the first day of the week." However, other translations render it Saturday night (New English Bible, Good News for Modern Man). How are we to understand this enigmatic passage? Churchianity's understanding of this passage is

divided. Those who worship on Sunday insist this is a powerful passage in support of Sunday-keeping, and is a paramount verse used to show that the Apostle Paul was now keeping Sunday as a day of

But Sabbath-keepers contend that it is indeed a Saturday evening message Paul preached that lasted into the night, into the first day of the week that begins at sunset (known to us as Sunday). They cite verses 8 and 9 to substantiate that it was evening and that there were many lights in the upper chamber. The evidence indicates that this latter understanding provides a clearer explanation. Biblical days d with sunset as well as start at sunset.

The Land of Canaan



Just before the end of Israel's 40-year wandering through the wilderness of Zin we read in Num. 20:1-13 that, because of a shortage of water, Yahweh told Moses, in the presence of Aaron, to speak to the rock in front of the congregation, and they would get all the water that was needed. But Moses smote the rock with his rod. Because of his smoting the rock, and not just speaking to it, water was still given to the Israelites, but both Moses and Aaron lost their privilege of entering into the promised land.

Historical Perspective

In Genesis, chapter 12, we find that Canaan was the land promised to Abram and his seed. When Abram entered into Canaan it was the first time the people of Yahweh entered into the promised land.

With the passage of time there was famine in the land and Abram, his wife, Sarai, and his brother, Lot, took all their belongings and traveled into Egypt. This is the first time Yahweh's people enter into the land of Egypt, which typifies sin.

Fearing for his life, Abram told the pharaoh that Sarai was his sister, thus giving the pharaoh the illusion that he could take her as his wife if he desired.

Yahweh intervenes with plagues so that the pharaoh tells Abram to leave Egypt and go home. This is the first occurrence of plagues being used to release Yahweh's people and the second occurrence of Yahweh's people entering into the land promised to Abram and his seed.

The Time of Joseph

In the ensuing chapters of Genesis we remember how the promise given to Abram(Abraham) was passed unto Isaac and Jacob, along with the story of Joseph, being sold into slavery and going to Egypt.

While Joseph was in Egypt, the pharaoh had a dream of 7 fat cows and 7 lean cows, where the 7 lean cows did eat

up the 7 fat cows. His dream continued where 7 fat ears of corn were followed by 7 thin ears of corn and the 7 thin ears devoured the 7 fat ears of corn. This dream was interpreted by Joseph to mean 7 years of plenty to be followed by 7 years of famine. This famine also included the land of Canaan, where Jacob lived.

Because of the interpretation of the dream, Egypt prepared for this famine with Joseph being set in charge of storing grain during the seven years of plenty and for dispensing the grain during the seven years of famine.

When the seven years of famine began Jacob sent 10 of his remaining sons to Egypt for corn, leaving the youngest, Benjamin, at home, for Jacob didn't want anything to happen to him, which would cause his lineage to be broken.

When Joseph's brethren arrived in Egypt, Joseph recognized his brothers but his brothers did not recognize Joseph. Desirous to see his youngest brother, Benjamin, Joseph accused his brothers of being spies. Because of this he placed them in jail, telling them to select one to return to Jacob and bring back Benjamin.

After three days in jail Joseph released all but Simeon, telling the other nine to return to Jacob and bring back Benjamin. Returning home the nine brothers told Jacob everything and when they opened their sacks of corn they also found the money they had taken to buy the corn. This made all of them afraid.

When the second year of the famine began in Canaan and they had consumed the corn they brought back from Egypt, Jacob agreed to allow Benjamin to accompany his other nine sons back to Egypt to buy more food. He reluctantly did this even though he not only feared for Benjamin's life but also he remembered that the money used to buy the corn on the previous trip had been restored and he didn't know what might happen upon their return to Egypt. To help relieve Jacob's mind, Judah promised Jacob that he would be a surety for Benjamin.

Upon arriving in Egypt, Joseph had his men fill their sacks with corn while instructing them to restore the money and to place the wine-serving cup into Benjamin's sack. After this was completed Joseph's eleven brothers began their journey back to the land of Canaan.

Shortly after leaving Egypt they were overtaken by Joseph's men in search of the wine-serving cup.

When the cup was found in Benjamin's sack Joseph's brothers were forced to return to Egypt.

When Joseph confronted his brothers he told them that Benjamin will have to remain in Egypt because the cup was found in his sack. Judah pleaded with Joseph to allow him to remain in Egypt and allow Benjamin to return to Jacob because Judah had promised Jacob that he would be a surety for Benjamin.

Joseph could not retain himself about his true identity and he professed to his brothers who he was. He told his brothers to return to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan and tell him not only that Joseph was alive in Egypt but that Joseph wanted Jacob, along with his family, to return to Egypt because there was yet 5 years of famine ahead.

Isreal Returns to Egypt

In Gen. 46 we read that Jacob is instructed by Yahweh to go to Egypt, along with all of his descendants. While there Yahweh promises to make a great nation and to bring them out again. Jacob, along with his household, which totaled 66 people, travels to Egypt to live in the land of Goshen. This was the second occurrence that Yahweh's people went into Egypt because of famine in the land of Canaan.

In the last 4 chapters of Genesis we read that Israel grows in number and possessions, Gen 47:27. Jacob dies in Egypt, Gen 49:33, and Joseph takes his father's body back to the land of Canaan to be buried with his forefathers. Gen 50:13. Israel

continues to grow, even till the time when Joseph died, Gen. 50:26.

The Exodus

Exodus 1 tells us of the time when a new pharaoh reigns in Egypt who did not know of Joseph and who placed the Israelites in great subjection.

We should remember in Exodus that Yahweh sent plagues upon the Egyptians in order that Yahweh's people could be released from the hold the Egyptians had on them. This is the 2nd time that Yahweh used plagues to cause His people to be released.

This brings us back to the beginning where Moses would not be allowed to enter Canaan because he smote the rock with his rod. What is the significance of this rock from which came water to quench the thirst of the Israelites and their animals? I Cor. 10:4 says that Yahshua was that rock from which the Israelites drank the spiritual drink.

In the remaining chapters of Numbers and all of Deuteronomy we read of the travelings of the Israelites before they finally came to rest by the river Jordan, in the land of Moab, near Jericho.

Knowing that the inheritance of the faithful shall be the entire earth, the wandering of the Israelites before they crossed over the river Jordan can be equated to the wandering people do on this earth now before they come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Entering into Canaan

In Deut. 34:1-7 Yahweh shows Moses the land of Canaan but will not allow Moses to enter because he smote the rock with his rod.

Under Joshua's leadership Yahweh's people now enter the land of Canaan, physically, for the third time. Joshua 1:1, 2 and 11. Acceptance of the truth and being immersed into the Name of Yahshua is an illustration of the Israelites crossing the river Jordan and entering into the physical land promised to Abraham and his seed.

Overcoming the Land

Upon entering the land of Canaan, the Israelites encountered warlike people who resisted them at every corner. The Israelites, under Yahweh's guidance and protection, first conquered the central region, Joshua 6 - 9. Chapter 10 tells us of Israel's conquest of the southern region and chapter 11 tells us that the northern region of Canaan is overcome.

In Joshua 11:23 we read how Israel finally overcame the entire land of Canaan: "So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that Yahweh said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes."

Just as the Israelites had to overcome and endure the hardships the land and the people dwelling there gave them, we, also, have to overcome the hardships that life presents us with and endure until the end. See I John 5:4, 5.

Occupying the Land

The last half of Joshua tells us of the Israelites occupying the physical land promised to the Israelites. The occupation of the earth as it is meant to be occupied is yet to come for those who are chosen to reign with Yahshua.

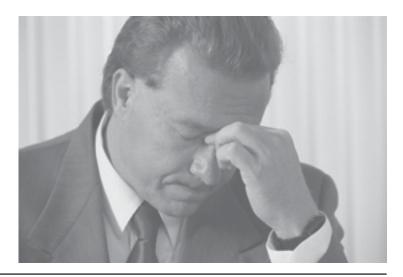
The book of Revelation is full of instances where plagues will be used during the end times against the evil forces of mankind. This is the third time plagues will be used to free Yahweh's people from the influences of satan and his followers.

To the Israelites, Canaan, the land promised to Abraham and his seed, represented three things: a rest from over 40 years of wandering; a place of plenty where they would not have to worry about their needs; and a place of triumph over the evil forces of the inhabitants of the land.

To us, Canaan represents the earthly inheritance promised to Abraham and his seed. But we should look at Canaan on a global scale, representing the entire earth, for the

<Canaan see page 20>

What Should We Do?



Standing in a crowded line awaiting the next elevator car going up to the hospital ward fourth floor, I noted the calmness and sobriety each visitor exhibits. They apparently await the reports of the earlier morning surgery. Suddenly the group shifts as one to the open elevator door now with a blinking signal light.

Fourteen hospital visitors crowd into the elevator car and the self-appointed operator calls out, "Are we ready?" "Not yet," is the reply. "We will go ahead and try to close the door," says the last boarder," and he adds, "Hah, I am the last one in; but I'll be the first one out. *The last shall be first and the first last.* I read about that somewhere," he said as he hurried off. He soon was lost in the crowd and my opportunity for a discussion vanished.

Obviously the man was referring to the words of our Savior Who is quoted in Matthew, Mark and Luke as He and the disciples were going to Jerusalem for the Passover and the days of Unleavened Bread. A study of the following chapters wherein the enigmatic words of the Savior that "the first will be last and the last first," reveals the Savior was speaking of the coming heavenly kingdom and who will be in that kingdom.

Yahshua was reaching back in time to the calling of Abram [exalted father] beginning in Genesis 12 where we learn he was called to leave his clan, relatives and neighbors and go to a new land. The entire book of Genesis then centers on the chosen progeny of Abraham, and the twelve-tribe people of Israel.

Abraham [now father of a multitude] was the first one to be called out of the world as Yahweh's witness and was obedient to the point of being willing to offer up his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice (Genesis chapter 22). The Scriptures reveal others who are also called to be a witness such as Moses, David, Joseph, along with many others in the Old Testament. These are a special class of people Yahweh has called to be the firstfruits or overcomers (also the elect), who have answered the call and, like Abraham, are willing to do whatever they can to qualify as a child of the King. Their station in the kingdom was the topic the disciples were discussing as they walked toward Jerusalem, not realizing the Savior would lose his life in a few hours.

The following verses taken from Matthew, Mark and Luke (KJV) reassure us they hold an involved truth about the events surrounding the resurrection to teach us more about the return of Yahshua and help clarify this puzzling situation:

But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first, Mat 19:30.

But many that are first shall be last; and the last first. Mark 10:31.

And behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last, Luke 13:30.

Some Untrue Teachings

Christianity in general teaches that upon the Messiah's return, there will be a resurrection of all the dead who have ever lived and will come to life and go to either heaven or hell. The teaching is that upon death one will go immediately either to heaven and live a glorious life of ease, or they will go to the fires of hell and burn forever. The Catholics usually include the concept of a purgatory, a cleansing state by which one can get to heaven. This nonsense is not found anywhere in the Holy Scriptures!

Yahweh's Word says nothing about a death meaning that one's soul lives on. It says the opposite, the soul that sins it shall die (Ezek 18:4, 20). Soul is from the Greek nephesh which means "life." News articles often report a boating accident in which a number of "souls" were lost, meaning simply human beings died.

More Than One Resurrection?

The New Testament teaches there is more than one resurrection, and the first resurrection is the goal all true believers should seek after, for it opens to the Spirit Realm. That is, those who are made alive or changed when Yahshua returns will be made spirit beings, no longer flesh and bone, but will have spirit energy flowing through their veins and thus will be immortal.

Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and they shall reign with Him a thousand years, Rev 20:6.

At the return of the Savior, the first resurrection takes place. A thousand years later follows the second resurrection. This second is a resurrection to the physical world. Are we being told it will take those already made spirit working a thousand years to get the world back in shape as when first created? This seems to be what the Scripture says a thousand years later: there comes the general resurrection and Satan is allowed to have power returned to him.

How does the following passage fit in this scheme of things? Yahweh does the calling of those who will be given opportunities to become the firstfruits of this first resurrection group

To obtain a printout of the following

mini-study go to page 23

Mini = Study

Is That

in the Bible?

and church doctrines. We were not encouraged to go very deeply into the Scriptures, but were expected to be content with the accepted church literature and the 20-minute sermon each week.

puzzled me. One that especially bethered me was this: how could the Savier be in the grave three days and there mights, as He promised in Matthew 12-40, if he were buried late Friday afternoon only to rise the following Sunday morning? I never was

My sister was contending with another problem. If Sunday is the Sabbath (Biblically the 7th), as the church taught, then why did her wall calendar show that Sunday is the first day of the week?

ncies between what the denomination was teaching and what the

Bible plainly said. They brought these questions to the minister at Wednesday night Bible studies. He no doubt was hoping they

would stop raising all these discrepancies that he was having such a difficult time explaining.

We eventually left the church and finally found the answers to our questions after a long search and thorough study of the

Scriptures.

Maybe you, too, are bothered by certain teachings that just

don't harmonize with Scripture, or even contradict what you read in the Bible. No one you ask soms to have the answers. Your

minister's best responses seem only half right and difficult to prove from the Word. You are left with nagging doubts.

Rest assured that you aren't alone. Many serious seekers of

truth are wrestling with the same dilemma. Much of what is passed off as Scriptural is, in fact, a gradual development from centuries

of human tradition and not what the Bible teaches at all. The Apostles, not to mention the Savier Himself, would be shocked to

see how their clear statements have been twisted to fit false

The "faith once delivered to the saints," spoken of in Jude 3,

My parents had been struggling with these and other in-

given a satisfactory answer

ot, even at the young age of 12 there were questions that truly

hen I was a boy, my family be-

longed to a large church denomination. I went faithfully with them to church every Sunday.

In Sunday school class we studied church history

and become spirit beings, which is to say be made immortal!

So the last will be first, and the first will be last; for many be called, but few chosen, Mat 20:16.

Yahweh's Word reveals that since Abraham's time Yahweh has continued to call people out of this world promising a wonderful world to come to those who will diligently follow in the footsteps of His Son and be baptized into the name Yahshua. Yahweh does the calling of this special group, and He determines the tasks and the station each of us will have in the Kingdom. You may well have a feeling Yahweh is calling you as you consider this truth.

Walking Down the Same Path

Just as the Jews were eager to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem, after an exile of 70 years, our group feels the same way. We of Yahweh's Assembly In Yahshua feel a sense of urgency in our desire to make up for the time lost in successfully resisting attempts to force us to agree with false doctrine. We are thankful many patiently waited and thankfully some continued their support with funds during this trying time. We know Yahweh is in charge and we continually seek His guidance

It does seem a bit strange that it has been over 56 years since Israel was made a nation in May of 1948 and there still is no Temple today for the Jews to worship. Prophecy buffs are convinced there must be a Temple of some kind in Jerusalem to fulfill prophesies in the book of Revelation. Might it be that Yahweh is giving the Jews more time to turn to Yahshua?

Where is the Temple?

the coming of the Holy Separated Spirit

Don't you know that you yourselves are Elohim's Temple and that Elohim's Spirit lives in you? (1Cor 3:16 NIV)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you whom you have received from Elohim? You are not your own, 1 Cor 6:19 NIV.

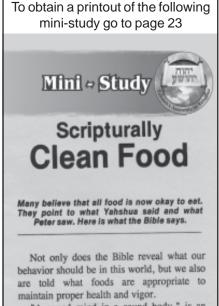
The Scriptures show us that not all who respond to Yahweh's call will remain dedicated to their calling, and many will drift away.

That is the constant theme of the Bible, once you have put your hand to the plow, don't look back but keep your mind and thoughts on things above.

So the last will be first, and the first will be last; for many be called, but few chosen, Mat 20:16.



Without a temple there is no special place where the Jewish priest might be found to call for Yahweh's help. The New Testament book of Acts tells of on the day of Pentecost to the believers gathered there. Since then the Spirit remains on earth and resides in those who have been baptized into Yahshua's saving name. Take note:



"A sound mind in a sound body," is an

ancient cry of the Greeks that holds true today. If our body is in good health, we feel good, our vigor is improved, our thinking is clearer, and our disposition more pleasant.

Food has a direct bearing on our health and well-being.

The food we eat is the fuel needed to keep us going just as gasoline is needed to fuel the engine of an automobile and provide needed power. Water, kerosene, milk, or orange juice, won't work in a car. The human body also requires the right foods for good health.

Good Nutrients Removed

Food processors have educated many through their advertising programs of the better nourishment in eating whole grains. White bread sales continue to fall as shoppers become aware of the wholesome virtues of whole grains. In the past the wheat germ was removed from the flour because it

What is likely meant by the term "first" is those who initially answered the call (like Abraham) to be followers of Yahweh, obeying Him in all things. The problem is they will not yet be made immortal. Not until Yahshua died for our sins at Calvary could the Holy Spirit remain on earth as revealed for us in the book of Acts chapter two telling of happenings on the day of Pentecost.

Those who are alive at the Savior's return or have died this side of Calvary are the **last** to be chosen as firstfruits, but will be the **first** to be made immortal at Yahshua's return. We have the advantages given us on Pentecost being made immortal and Satan will be bound for a thousand years! The next resurrection following Yahshua's return will be a thousand years from hence.

May we all be faithful stewards of whatever Yahweh has given us.

Elder Donald R. Mansager

<Pentecost from page 6> month. Verse eleven says they ate of the "old corn" on the morrow AFTER the Passover. That is, they ate of the produce of the land on the 15th, which is a high Sabbath: the first of the Days of Unleavened Bread.

If we try to say that it was necessary to have a wave offering before the old corn could be eaten, then they could not have partaken of the produce of the land on the High Sabbath, because the wave sheaf was offered AFTER the Sab-bath. Proponents who begin the count toward the Feast of Weeks with the 16th of Abib will have to admit this impossibility.

The manna ceased once they had eaten of the old grain of Canaan. They were no longer in the wilderness. They were now in the land promised to them, the land "flowing with milk and honey." There is nothing that says Israel was to enjoy the Days of Unleavened Bread with the new harvest. They had to use the old grain to make the unleavened bread for the 15th of Abib, because in the wilderness there was no apparent sowing and reaping of crops.

We are told in John 5:39 to search the Scriptures and in I Thessalonians 5:21 to prove all things; hold fast that which is good. We cannot follow the calendar and dates established in contradiction to Yahweh's laws.

Elder Donald R. Mansager

< Fifty from page 9>

coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. Elohim is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth," John 20-24 ESV.

Based on Scripture, just as we find we don't need to worship in Jerusalem today, we also don't find a need to observe Jerusalem time to distinguish how the Feasts are to be kept.

For further study of this important subject please refer to "New Moons and Jerusalem Time," a YAIY Mini-Study available online in the "Biblical Worship" section under "Free Literature."

Making a Choice

Yahweh places His name where His laws are upheld along with the faith in His Son. One has to decide who is keeping His laws accurately, and who is not, according to Scripture. Otherwise one may find himself or herself unwittingly committing sin by means of false worship.

It is becoming more and more serious for the Bible student of today to discern the whole truth since there are more and more Assemblies being formed that hold foundational truths from Scripture, but miss the mark in certain areas, some even setting dates for Yahshua's return which we are told no man knows, Matt 24:36; 25:8; Acts 1:7.

Remember Yahshua's admonition in Matt 5:19; 7:21-23 and make the

decision to follow Yahweh's word by traveling to an Assembly that keeps and teaches the whole counsel of Flohim

In the strength of the Spirit the Apostle Peter spoke boldly and plainly, saying,

"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as Yahweh our Elohim will call." And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Acts 2:38-40 NKJV.

We need to draw close to our Heavenly Father through Yahshua. We need to walk according to the truth and the Spirit. We need to travel to the Feasts of which one is the day of Pentecost.

Elder David Brett

< Canaan from page 17>

earth will be the inheritance of mankind when Yahweh's kingdom is established.

Until we accepted Yahshua's shed blood we most certainly did wander. Now we must rely on Yahweh El Shaddai as the one who will supply all of our needs today, including protection from satan's influence.

When the time comes when death and the grave are cast into the lake of fire it will surely be a time of rest, a time when there are no more tears, no more pain, no more sorrow - for these things will have passed away. It will also be a time when Yahweh will provide us with all of our needs. It will also be a time when Yahweh's people will live in freedom, knowing that Yahweh has prevailed and triumphed over satan and released us from the curse placed upon mankind when man was first placed on this earth and decided not to follow Yahweh's instructions.

Elder Roger G. Meyer

In The Likeness Of Elohim

Note the following Scripture:

Then Elohim said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule [#7287, which means "to tread down" or "subjugate"] over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So Elohim created man in his own image, in the image of Elohim he created him; male and female he created them. Elohim blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground," Genesis 1:26-28.

The phrase "own image" is the translation of the Hebrew tselem (tseh'-lem); meaning to shade; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion [an impression, appearance], resemblance [similarity, having a relationship]; hence, a representative figure [an envoy, delegate or agent], especially an idol [an icon, statue].

The word "likeness" is the translation of the Hebrew *demuwth* (dem-ooth'); from OT:1819; meaning resemblance; concretely, model, shape; adverbially, like. While the Hebrew OT:1819 *damah* (daw-maw'); means to compare; by implication, to resemble, liken, consider.

Now, I find it interesting that Elohim created mankind in His image, but He commanded us that we should not make an image of Him – or anything in Heaven, or upon the Earth or under the sea,

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below, Ex 20:4-5 NIV.

And especially, we should not worship any image. It seems that there are a lot of character traits that we demonstrate that are just like the Father's. However, some of those character traits are forbidden for us to express.

One of the characteristics of both Yahweh and man is jealousy.

You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Yahweh your Elohim, am a JEALOUS El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, Exodus 20:5;

For you shall not worship any other el, for Yahweh, whose name [whose character] is JEALOUS, is a JEALOUS El, Exodus 34:14.

What IS jealousy? Synonymously, it is envy, covetousness [greed, acquisitiveness, avarice, selfish, meanness, miserliness], resentment, protectiveness, suspicion, distrust.

In the Old Testament jealously is the translation of *qanna*, to be zealous, i.e. (in a bad sense) JEALOUS, envious or angry.

In the New Testament jealous is the translation of *zelo'o*; to have warmth of feeling for or against, heat, "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one, JEALOUSY,

as of a husband [figuratively, of Elohim], or an enemy, malice); to be hot, i.e. (figuratively) be fervid (earnest).

Let me paint a picture of jealousy that may be closer to home so we can understand some of the dynamics of this emotion. You remember when you were a teenager? Remember the first person you fell in love with? How you shared your deepest – and most cherished thoughts – with them? How you bore your soul to them about things that were important to you? How you fantasized about marrying this person? About devoting your whole life to this person? About raising a family. About all the plans to go to college, get a good job, play with your kids? Did you ever do that? What excitement we felt! Just thinking of our "one and only" brought a warm feeling.

Remember when you saw your "one and only" flirting with someone else? Remember being turned down for a date because he or she was ... "busy"? Remember getting that "Dear John" letter? Remember that warm feeling that preceded those dangerous thoughts? THAT's jealousy. But, what exactly was going on in your mind? Were you not imagining that you were losing someone very valuable to you? Was it not a catastrophe for you? When we imagine any catastrophe, what do we FEEL?

I remember seeing the images on the TV on September 11, 2001. What a catastrophe! Seriously, I began to pack my belongings to head for the hills. I felt afraid. Does Yahweh ever feel afraid? Are we valuable to Him? Would it be a catastrophe for Him to lose us? Isn't jealousy the fear of losing someone you love? Why should it be any different for the One who created us in His image?

Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me [a treasured possession] above all people: for all the earth is mine, Exodus 19:5.

For Yahweh's portion is His people; Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance, Deuteronomy 32:9 NASU.

Blessed is the nation whose Elohim is Yahweh, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance, Psalm 33:12 NASU.

Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; Yahweh of hosts is His name, Jeremiah 10:16 NASU.

Many nations will join themselves to Yahweh in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent Me to you. Yahweh will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem, Zechariah 2:11-12 NASU.

He also delivered His people to the sword, and was filled with wrath at His inheritance. Psalm 78:62.

For Yahweh thy Elohim is a consuming fire, even a jealous Elohim, Deuteronomy 4:24.

Thou shalt fear Yahweh thy Elohim, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other elohim, of the elohim of the people which are round about you; (For

Yahweh your Elohim is a jealous Elohim among you) lest the anger of Yahweh your Elohim be kindled against thee. and destroy thee from off the face of the earth, Deuteronomy 6:13-15.

When Yahweh chose His People for His own BRIDE, and they vowed to honor Him, to keep His covenant, to be FAITHFUL to Him; and then they flirted with other peoples and made covenants with them and took up their ways; and they abandoned their first love and broke His covenants, was Yahweh angry? Now, was He JUST angry? Or, did He imagine LOSING His inheritance? Was He catastrophizing? Did He feel betrayed? Discounted? Is it reasonable to believe that Yahweh FEELS? Afraid? Powerless? ... Yahweh?

Remember when YOU felt afraid, powerless, discounted and putdown ... and even ashamed - when the one you loved said, "Good-bye, I no longer love you, my heart belongs to another"?

I remember a couple who came in for marriage counseling. They came

To obtain a printout of the following mini-study go to page 23 Mini - Study 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:

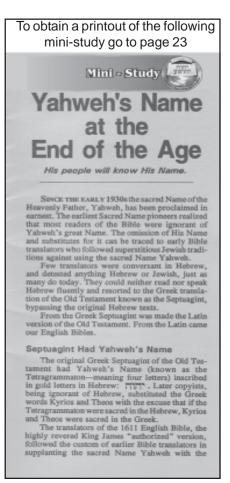
"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of G-d Almighty [El Shaddai] but by my name [YAHWEH] was I not known to them" Some Bible expositors contend that this passage shows that Yahweh had not revealed His Name to the patriarchs. That even Moses did not know that His Name was Yahweh, but knew Him only as Elohimor El Shaddal. This notion is false, as we see ents three chapters prior to this verse. The Memorial Name Yahweh 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 in together; she sat next to him; she had bruises on her arms, neck and face; a split, swollen lip. I knew what happened, nevertheless I asked them the obvious and inevitable question, "What happened?" I knew what had happened, which they proceeded to explain; but I knew something that they didn't know - the answer to which their very presence in my office was begging, "Why did this happen?" It happened for the same reason that Yahweh brought down destruction onto His own People. Why? Because He LOVED them! How similar we are to our Creator!

"I AM! ... angry with you, My Bride, because I LOVE you, because I CARE about you; if you weren't SO important to me, if you weren't My treasure, I wouldn't be so upset! But, when you promised to love Me, when you said with your mouth that you will obey Me; and then you abandoned Me and rejected Me, I felt disconnected from you, and alone. When you disobeyed Me, I felt powerless. When you left me for another and committed adultery, when you had union with another who pretended to care for you, it looked to Me like I was not important to you and that you were not in My LIFE, and I felt worthless and ashamed. It looked to me like I didn't MATTER to you, and I felt discounted. And, when I thought that you would never be in My life again, I felt afraid to think that I am losing you forever. And, I'm still angry! But, I'm not angry to push you out of My life. LISTEN! I'm angry at you so you know how important you ARE to Me, so you will come back to Me, so you will once again set your heart to obey Me and honor the vows you made to Me, so we can be One, again; and live forever in the home which I have prepared for Us. And, I'm acting out My anger so that My anger will come to an end - so that I do not destroy you completely; so that, when you finally have nowhere to go but to return to Me, you will embrace Me. Only then will I feel hope for the intimacy I long for. Then, I will feel hope to be honored and found worthy in your sight. Then will there be hope for peace between us. Then will I want you with Me."

When I spoke these words to the couple sitting in front of me, as the husband to the wife, they realized WHY the husband had done this horrible thing to his wife. ... And they cried for a while, understanding that they did love each other. They began to feel a sense of hope - to RENEW their vows and RESPECT each other. I cried, too, knowing the task now set before me. For, I knew that there would be set-backs. I knew they had a lot to learn about themselves, who they were, what a relationship requires, how to express anger so that the relationship is not destroyed but raised up. Now, did they live happily ever after? No. Did they continue to work on their relationship, discovering ways they could express their anger, openly and honestly, out of mutual respect, accepting the other's right to think and feel according to their own process? Yes, they did. They came to realize that love is not an idealized sense of happiness and not a sense of infatuation that exists in the beginning



of new relationships. Love is to act in such a way that one's partner feels safe and secure, satisfied, innocent, worthy, empowered, courageous and bonded. These are the feelings of love.

The keys to the creation of these feelings are HONESTY and ACCEPTENCE. Honesty requires an understanding of how we create our feelings, especially our anger – to the extent that we simply cannot blame others or hold others responsible for it. Honesty is the process of describing to others how we are creating our anger at them.

Acceptance of another person comes from understanding ourselves. Once we know that others don't make us angry, we come to understand that we don't upset others, either. If someone is angry with me, it is invariably something going on for them. Now, does that mean we can be as mean as we want to others and thereby avoid any responsibility for their pain? Yahweh forbid! We are commanded to sacrifice for others.

Then Yahshua said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake [or, figuratively, 'expose himself to death'], and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works," Matthew 16:24-27 NKJV.

Honesty and acceptance are the two rules or qualities of good communication. Bad communication, contrarily, is filled with dishonesty and rejection; lies and judgment; threats and discounts; and pride and silence. Honesty is manifested when we can display our anger without that fleshly NEED to cause the other to feel afraid, guilty, ashamed, disappointed, powerless, disconnected or guilty. In other words, honesty must be devoid of blaming, threatening, judging, shaming, commanding, demanding —

or removing the right for another to think, feel and act according to their own desires.

Acceptance is manifested when we can listen to another, no matter how judgmental, threatening, blaming, sarcastic or demanding they may be acting – and NOT take it personally. I know. That's asking a lot. But, is this not the ultimate respect we can pay to someone?

It's interesting to me that we were created in the image of Yahweh. I see that we have all the same feelings and character of our Creator. His character was manifested in His Son, Yahshua, and we are commanded to love others to the degree that He loved us. I mean, He died for us! What on earth could be so important that we find ourselves making the lives of others miserable so that we can have OUR way? When we fight to have our ways, are we not saying that "Getting what *I* want is more important than eternal life"? In my professional opinion, that's crazy!

He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal, John 12:25.

In addition to the prohibition of making anything in the image of anything in heaven or on earth, there is another characteristic of Yahweh

To obtain copies of our free literature do one of the following:

- 1. Go to our website: www.yaiy.org
 - a. navigate to Free Literature
 - click on the literature of your choice
 - c. print it out; or
- Email us (Beacon@yaiy.org) your choice of literature and we will reply with your choice as an attachment; or
- Use our toll-free line (1-877-642-4101) to order (maximum of 3 pieces by regular mail without charge)

that we have been given, but are forbidden to display. And, that characteristic is Judgment, in the form of condemnation or, if you will, vengeance.

For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says Yahweh. And again, "Yahweh will judge His people." (Hebrews 10:30-31 NKJV)

And, here we are, mankind puffed up with the leaven of jealousy, pride, envy, anger and fury, standing before Yahweh, set-apart as His inheritance. Tell me! Just how merciful and longsuffering is our Elohim?

After all the destruction He brings upon us, His people, there is yet hope.

Therefore thus saith the Almighty Yahweh; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole House of Israel, and will be JEALOUS for my holy name, Ezekiel 39:25.

Then will Yahweh be JEALOUS for his land, and pity his people, Joel 2:18.

Elohim is JEALOUS, and Yahweh revengeth; Yahweh revengeth, and is furious; Yahweh will take vengeance on his adversaries, and He reserveth wrath for his enemies, Nahum 1:2.

For I am JEALOUS over you with Elohim-like JEALOUSY: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to the Messiah, 2 Corinthians 11:2 [Paul speaking to Believers].

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of Yahweh; and every one that loves is born of Yahweh, and knows Yahweh. He that loves not knows not Yahweh; for Yahweh is love. In this was manifested the love of Yahweh toward us, because Yahweh sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved Yahweh, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if Yahweh so loved us, we ought also to love one another, 1 John 4:7-11.

Praise Yahweh. In the name of His Messiah, Yahshua, HalleluYah!

Elder John Fisher

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!

