



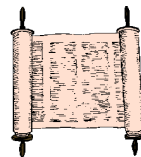
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in the name of Yahshua the Messiah (Acts 2:38), the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12), and receives the Holy Spirit must come to know Him as the Scriptures declare and witness of Him (Jn. 5:39-47). Peter encouraged, "But grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Sovereign and Saviour Yahshua the Messiah," 2 Pet. 3:18. We will, with Yahweh's help and the Spirit of Truth, seek to reveal a most wondrous Savior and Redeemer, a Savior and Redeemer that much of the world has spoken of, dreamed of, hoped for, but truly never known. While much of the world looks to a savior, the savior of whom they have been taught has become corrupted. Another has been substituted in the true Savior's place. Those who are called out of this world and given to Him are likened unto virgins. But in accordance with His own parable of those virgins, only five are wise while the other five are foolish. The five wise are able to enter into the planned marriage with the Messiah, but the five foolish have the door closed to them (Mt. 25:1-13). Let's be wise, remember our betrothal to the Messiah and the virginity to which He has restored us (2 Cor. 11:1-2), resist the wiles of the devil and look to and prepare for a joyous and glorious marriage that will endure for all eternity. HalleluYah!!!!

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OUR COVER: This picture was sent to us along with the first article concerning the death of love. Dr. Makow has written an excellent article that describes the death of love. A young bride such as this one should be saving herself for her husband. She should also be blessed with a good husband who would love and cherish her all the days of their lives. Sadly, the world has lost the ability to truly love, but we do look forward to the day that Yahshua will return and set all things in perfect order.

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PLEASE READ THIS FIRST!

I wanted to get a jump start in this magazine because I know the reaction that we will receive from certain people due to the first article that we have posted in this magazine. We already receive negative input from some when we slip up and overlook certain words in the Scriptures. We do utilize the King James Version when we quote Scriptures. We have the KJV on our computers, of course, and when we do quote Scriptures we simply cut and paste. Once pasted into the article we have to go back and make the necessary changes of certain words such as changing “the Lord” to Yahweh, God to Elohim, Jesus to Yahshua, Christ to the Messiah, etc., etc. However, we are human and we slip up every now and then. Please don’t think that we approve of these terms. We don’t. If we did, then we wouldn’t go about changing them.

The first article that we have in this particular magazine, however, does utilize the word “God” and we chose not to change it since the man who wrote the article doesn’t necessarily understand about the paganism of these words. At least, we have never seen where he understands that such is the case. But the article is a very appropriate one concerning the death of true love in today’s world. We sought his permission to run the article and he graciously gave his approval.

Reading his article stirred me to write the second article entitled *The Loss of Love*. It may not have turned out exactly as I first imagined it, but I trust that Yahweh was guiding my mind to write that article. We do live in a world that is so very critically short on true love. The reason for this is, as Dr. Makow pointed out, due to a subtle and skillful manipulation by certain elements in our society, and let’s also don’t forget the dark forces of the spirit world.

If people would only turn to their Creator, they would find the true path to love because He is love. Of course, we are to turn to Yahweh through Yahshua the Messiah. He is the door and the way to the very throne of the whole creation. Yahweh has revealed His love for us through Him. One day Yahweh is going to reveal Himself to all of mankind. That will be a most joyous occasion. At that time every knee will bow before Him and all will be worshipping Him and rejoicing before His throne for the marvelous mercy that He will reveal toward His people.

Brethren, there is a most marvelous and fantastic world that is coming. It is our prayer and hope that we will all be able to be to witness to the awesome wonders that are in store in the future for Yahweh’s creation. We can’t even begin to understand all of the great things that will be taking place forever and ever, but we do know that it will be so awesome! May that day come soon!

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Promiscuity & The Death of Love

Why women today are losing the ability to love, and how men must adjust.

by Henry Makow Ph.D.

Please see our editorial for comments concerning this article.

If a young woman today said she was saving her virginity for her husband, she'd be considered hopelessly old fashioned. She'd be treated with disdain, as polite society treated a whore 100 years ago.

This is a measure of the triumph of Satanism, the "religion" of the modern world, which lurks behind secularism. Not coincidentally, virgins also had to hide their purity in Bolshevik Russia.

The defining characteristic of civilization is the consecration of sex to marriage, or at the very least, love and courtship. Marriage and family are the red blood cells of a healthy society and the basis for procreation.

Satanists understand this very well. That's why they used "sexual liberation," to undermine humanity. As Giuseppe Mazzini said, "we corrupt in order to conquer."

They are like the devil. Corruption is a form of conquest. Enslavement takes the form of addiction, to sex or drugs or alcohol.

Any animal can have any-

mous sex. It is human to form a permanent loving bond and raise children properly. This is why Satanists use free love to attack marriage.

FREE LOVE IS AN OXYMORON

The more sexual partners a young woman has, the less she is able to love a man. A woman's love must be exclusive. It must be focused on her husband, the father of her children. She must preserve her soul for him. That's what her body represents.

For a woman, sex is an act of self-sacrifice and surrender.

The separation of sex from marriage, i.e. "sexual liberation," is one of the principle ways satanism has killed love.

By definition, it requires trust, i.e. love and devotion to one man. When she has casual sex, inevitably she is disappointed and feels used. She

starts to hate men and falls victim to feminism and lesbianism.

When men were required to get married in order to have sex, women were courted and loved. Later, they were honored for their contributions as wife and mother. Far from protecting "women's rights," feminism has left women twisting in the wind.

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Wanton sex has become a substitute for love. Young women now market themselves as sex partners, not wives and mothers. Men are also trained to seek sex.

"Homosexual rights" are designed to make heterosexuals behave like homosexuals. Very few homosexuals marry. Very few have children. This is the model the elite envisages for mankind.

The Illuminati want us to be isolated, alienated and tractable.

A woman who is saving herself for marriage should be commended. She is resisting social pressure (i.e. social engineering) and obeying her

instincts instead.

Through the mass media, the Illuminati brainwashes us to think romantic love and sex are a universal panacea that can replace religion (God.)

How many movies and songs are based on the assumption that some perfect person is going to give us our self? Woody Allen is 75 and he's still chasing this romantic chimera in his movies. This is arrested development.

People aren't meant to be loved as though they were perfect. No one is. Only God is perfect and that is where our love should be directed. As you know, I define God in terms of spiritual ideals such as truth, justice, goodness and beauty.

Especially now when fewer men and women are capable of love, we need to focus on loving God and, especially, on God's love for us.

The Illuminati have done a good job of discrediting God. He is the positive force behind Creation. He represents the inherent moral and natural design. By adhering to this design, we will be healthy and happy.

REALISTIC MARRIAGE

In olden times, men chose women for their worth as helpmates. Can she cook? Milk cows? Make clothes? They had no illusions about

"soul mates." Men need to look for women who are gentle and accommodating, who have skills, character, personality and make good mothers.

Avoid promiscuous women, feminists and women who are alienated from their fathers. Avoid bean counters (women who want everything to be "equal.")

We need to take the stardust out of our eyes and realize that the importance of sex has been grossly exaggerated in order to control us.

Men are attracted to almost all fertile women. So what? That's nature's way of making sure we procreate. We don't need to be controlled by that.

In marriage, we are looking

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for a life-long companion. Look at old TV shows to see the traditional picture of marriage. It's not heaven. Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez; Ralph and Alice Kramden were always comically at odds. It never gets boring.

Marriage is a mutual security pact. A woman accepts her husband's leadership in return

for his protection and love. Men want power; women want love. Marriage is the exchange of the two.

Your spouse is nothing like you. There's going to be dis-



Jackie Gleason and Audrey Meadows as Ralph and Alice Kramdon.

agreements. It's not necessary to think alike or feel love all the time. Many women are moody.

Just keep your bargain. Be loyal. Don't say things that will upset her. Play your part. And over time, with mutual trust, a strong bond grows.

And if you can't find a suitable companion, you may be in luck. Thoreau, a bachelor, said, "I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude."

The Loss Of Love

We truly appreciate Henry Makov's article entitled Promiscuity and the Death of Love. His observations are "right-on" with those of our own. He is right concerning his accusations of the Satanists. After all, it was the interruption of the glorious peace of the Garden of Eden by the serpent who is eventually revealed as the great red dragon, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan who has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:3, 9), that has brought about the loss of the ability of mankind to love.

The serpent was a deceiver and liar from the beginning, for when he entered into the garden, he met with the woman, contradicted Yahweh's warning, confused her causing her to begin to doubt and disbelieve, which led her to partake of the forbidden fruit; gave it to her husband who also ate of it, and presto, access to the Garden of Eden was denied.

Yahweh had just restored the earth from a state of darkness and destruction to that which was pronounced "very good." (Gen. 1:31). The English word "very" just doesn't accurately convey the Hebrew word that it is translated from. The Hebrew word is *meod*, and conveys the idea of vehemence! Vehemence is defined as

"having or characterized by intense feeling or strong passion; fervent, impassioned, etc. (*Webster's New World Dictionary*) So the earth was intensely, passionately, fervently good! If we were able to see it today, it would literally take our breath away because it was so awesomely beautiful! We have never seen, nor experienced such a thing.

The first man and woman were able to see, experience, and live in such a place, but they failed to live up to their side of the bargain (covenant) and were

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cast out. Since that time, men and women have tried to recapture the awesome, breath-taking, beauty of that original creation, but can never duplicate it.

MORTALITY AND CORRUPTION

Yahweh had warned that if they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, "thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 2:17) Again, the Hebrew conveys the idea of "dying, thou shalt die."

In other words, the death process would begin in the day that they partook of that fruit, they would begin to corrupt until some day in the future, they would die. Man had become mortal and corruptible (1 Cor. 15:53).

We must come to understand ourselves. We are the descendants of the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. They had the most amazing life and potential! They had a covenant with Yahweh wherein they could live in that awesome, breath-taking environment, and eat of every tree there, including the tree of life. All they had to do was obey the rules of the covenant, which included dressing and keeping (guarding) the Garden of Eden.

When they reached out their hand, taking of the forbidden fruit, the covenant was broken. Mortality and corruption entered not only into them, but all of their progeny, their posterity, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after

the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come," Ro. 5:12-14.

We, like our first parents, Adam and Eve, are full of mortality, and corruption. They, in effect, committed suicide, destroying an amazing and awesome life and potential. We, their children, do the same thing! We build, only to destroy. Yahweh cursed the earth because of Adam's transgression so that it would not bring forth its fullness, "cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return," Gen. 3:17-19.

We have a tendency to pierce ourselves with many thorns in life because of various fleshly pursuits that seem to be pleasurable, but end up causing great pain, grief, sadness, and sorrow. Take smoking, for instance. This author smoked back in his youth for about six or seven years. Smoking is a pleasurable sensation. The reality is that smoke and nicotine are addictive, and destructive. Most people are too weak-willed to give it up once the addiction has taken hold. The same goes for drugs, alcohol, and so many other things. Food can even be addictive and the flesh is weak. Sex can be addictive. I think it

is safe to say that just about anything can be addictive to certain people. We all have our strengths and weaknesses. The strengths are good, but the weaknesses are the things that do us in. That is because the flesh is mortal and corruptible.

We are born into this world as innocents, but the potential for evil is in us from the start. Of course, every newborn child is self-centered. After all, they were brought into this world knowing nothing. They must be taught everything that they learn. Children will be especially bonded to their parents. Their parents are their world. A child is helpless and needs someone to care for him/her. Their parents are their first love! But too many parents destroy that love. How? Through their own pursuits and desires. Too

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many parents, even though they may not mean to, neglect their

children. This neglect destroys love.

Abandonment is another process that destroys love. Separation, divorce, remarriage, etc. causes so many problems. It destroys the sense of family, togetherness, loyalty, belonging, etc. The percentage of broken homes and families in our society is overwhelming.

RICHES

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "...they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows," 1 Tim. 6:9-10.

We all would love the good life with a beautiful home, furnishings, property (-ies), transportation, resorts, vacations, plenty of money in the bank account (s), savings, etc. so we could have whatever our hearts, our flesh desires.

There is, of course, the concept called "The American Dream," which is presented as, "The **American Dream**, sometimes in the phrase "Chasing the American Dream," is a national ethos of the United States in which freedom includes a promise of the possibility of prosperity and success. In the American Dream, first expressed by James Truslow Adams in 1931, "life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with oppor-

tunity for each according to ability or achievement" regardless of social class or circumstances of birth. The idea of the American Dream is rooted in the United States Declaration of Independence which proclaims that "all men are created equal" and that they are "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights" including "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." (*Wikipedia*)

So many people around the world have believed in this concept that they have picked and moved to America so they can live this dream. Do you get that? It is nothing more than a DREAM! But many are willing to risk their lives in order to cash in on this dream, and many lose their lives trying to get to America.

We are now hearing things that we never heard before, such as, The End of America! Those living here in America are finding that their dreams that they have been living are quickly being eroded away. Why? How? Because of the pursuit of riches, because of the love of money. There are so many fraudulent schemes going on in this country that it absolutely makes a person sick to his stomach.

Look at the fraudulent schemes of our leaders alone! I remember reading in our history books and being taught about the fraudulent schemes that were perpetrated upon this country by the big rich men who were in league with our leaders. Nothing has changed. The same schemes

are still going on today, and have indebted our nation to the tune of over 14 trillion dollars. The pursuit of riches is in the process of destroying everything that we hold dear, and our values also.

The pursuit of riches has caused our people to forsake real values, true morality, steadfast principles. Now, we are coming to the point of questioning what marriage is, what family is. We can't even understand what truth is, and the problem is that people don't care for truth anyway. Our nation has corrupted from its original intent and purity, if there was such a thing anyway. What was the statement of Giuseppe Mazzini? He said, "we corrupt in order to conquer." Now we are learning the true tactics of the one called the devil and Satan!

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YAHSHUA'S PROPHECY

Yahshua cautioned His disciples, "...because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," Mt. 24:12.

What is iniquity? Iniquity is defined as; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive case) wickedness. (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*) It is sometimes translated as

"transgression of law."

The Apostle John defines sin as transgression of the law, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law,**" 1 Jn. 3:4.

The Greek word for law is *anomia*. It comes from the Greek root word *anomos*, which is defined as; lawless, i.e. (negatively) **not subject to (the Jewish) law**; (by implication, a Gentile), or (positively) wicked. (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*)

The Jewish law is not really a Jewish law, it is Yahweh's law. It is His covenant law! When He made His covenant with Israel, He presented His law from Mt. Sinai, and Israel agreed to do all that Yahweh had commanded.

It is sin, transgression of the law, that brings about the destruction of, that brings about the loss of love. Basically, the first five commandments describe to us how we are to love our Creator with all of our heart. Yes, the fifth commandment has to do with honoring our parents, but Yahweh is our True Father, so that commandment also applies to Him. The last five commandments teach us how to love our neighbor equal to ourselves.

This is what Yahshua declared when a man asked Him which is the great commandment in the law? "Yahshua said unto him, Thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the

second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets,” Mt. 22:37-40. He was summarizing the ten commandments.

How can true love abound when the people are taught that the law is done away? If there is no law, then there is no stability.

We know and understand that the whole creation exists because of law. The laws of physics, chemistry, biology, aerodynamics, thermodynamics, etc. exist to bring about stability. For instance, we understand that the law of gravity is a wonderful law. Because of it, we are held firmly on the earth. But if we jump or fall from a twenty story building, the law requires a penalty to be paid.

Man understands that there must be laws, guidelines whereby we live or there will be nothing but anarchy. Every nation, state, county, province, and city has laws to deal with stability in an attempt to prevent lawless anarchy. When the laws are broken, penalties are incurred.

But when it is declared that Yahweh’s law is done away, which is a spiritual law, there will be nothing but spiritual lawless anarchy, which is the case.

LOVE WAXING COLD

Yahshua’s prophecy about love waxing cold because of the abounding of lawlessness (iniquity) is, of course, right on. Think about how cold our love

has become when a person/ persons choose to abort their own offspring!

In nature, the natural world, there is no love stronger than the love that a female has for her offspring. We see this in animals, but even for men and women in previous generations, abortion was absolutely forbidden, as was also homosexuality, and lesbianism.

In times past, if the act of fornication brought about a pregnancy, then the couple married in order to give the child a name, and a family. There was a sense of responsibility, duty, and love for one’s offspring. To terminate the life of a fetus was murder and unconscionable.

Today’s statistics are frightening! I received these statistics from Abort73.com.:

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- The abortion ratios by state ranged from a low of 43 abortions per 1,000 live births in Idaho to a high of 770 abortions per 1,000 live births in NYC.
- The abortion rate in the United States was higher than recent rates reported for Canada and Western European countries and

lower than rates reported for China, Cuba, the majority of Eastern European countries, and certain Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union (CDC).

- Nearly half of pregnancies among American women are unintended; about 4 in 10 of these are terminated by abortion. Twenty-two percent of all U.S. pregnancies end in abortion. (AGI).
- At least 80% of all abortions are performed on unmarried women (CDC).
- The abortion ratio for unmarried women is 510 abortions for every 1,000 live births. For married women it is 61 abortions for every 1,000 live births (CDC).
- 47% of women who have abortions had at least one previous abortion (AGI).
- Black women are more than 4.8 times more likely than non-Hispanic white women to have an abortion, and Hispanic women are 2.7 times as likely (AGI).
- 43% of women obtaining abortions identify themselves as Protestant, and 27% identify themselves as Catholic (AGI).

If we look at the above statistics we can determine certain factors that should alert and alarm us. Abortion is greater in a place like New York City. Therefore, the big city environment promotes the greater corruption and control. Love is being destroyed at a far greater pace.

Abortion is greater in Communist countries. Therefore, we can deter-

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mine that the socialist, Communist spirit promotes the greater corruption and control. Love is being destroyed in that system at a far greater pace.

Abortion is greater in unmarried women. Therefore, we can determine that the unmarried state brings in greater corruption, control, and a far greater pace in the destruction of love.

Understand this, the wages of sin is death (Ro. 6:23, first part). People partaking in promiscuous sex, fornication, adultery are committing sin and earning the wage of death for those sins. But through abortion the ones who are paying for the initial wage of death are the unborn!

As stated in Henry Makov's article, promiscuous sex destroys the real ability to love. As in Yahshua's words, because iniquity (lawlessness) abounds, the love of many is waxing cold. Abortion is outright proof of these statements!

RESTORING LOVE

What can we do to stop this downward spiral of the destruction of love? The Apostle Peter declares, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:38.

To repent means to stop sinning. To stop sinning means to stop breaking Yahweh's spiritual law.

We must go to the only One Who truly knows real love. That is our wondrous Creator and Heavenly Father Yahweh! Paul writes, "...Yahweh commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, the Messiah died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be

saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to Yahweh by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in Yahweh through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, by whom we have now received the atonement." Ro. 5:8-11.

This great love was spoken of and exhibited by the Father, and His only begotten Son Yahshua Who declared, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what

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reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," Mt. 5:43-48.

John writes, "...Yahweh so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever be-

lieveth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," Jn. 3:16.

He also wrote, "He that loveth not knoweth not Yahweh; for Yahweh is love," 1 Jn. 4:8.

If we are able to exhibit this love, we must go to the source of that love, understanding ourselves and our own failings and inability, confessing our sins so we can find the mercy and grace to help in time of need (Heb. 4:16).

John also writes, "Whosoever believeth that Yahshua is the Messiah is born of Elohim: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, **when we love Yahweh, and keep his commandments,**" 1 Jn. 5:1-2.

This is the real love that this evil corrupt world is keeping from you. But in the final analysis we can say that if we depend on man to maintain love it will be corrupted and destroyed, which is taking place in the world. But praise be to Yahweh who understands, has, and exhibits true love, it will never be destroyed, but rather endure forever, because Yahweh is love; Yahweh is eternal; HalleluYah!!!!!!

COUNTING PENTECOST

The appointed feasts of Yahweh are more important to Yahweh's people than the pagan festival dates observed by the world under Caesar's commands. You see, you either are in obedience to Yahweh's commands, or man's.

By Jerry Healan

Ever since Constantine the Great entered into the New Testament Assembly, commanding Sunday, and the observance of pagan festivals rather than Yahweh's commanded observances, the declared disciples of Yahshua have been following the guidance, direction, and commands of man rather than their Great Creator Yahweh.

Yahweh commanded the seventh day Sabbath; man (Caesar) commands the first day of the week, and man (Mohammed) commands the sixth day of the week, or others declare any other day rather than the Sabbath. Yahweh commanded annual holy days, but man commands either the pagan festivals of the Caesars, or Mohammed, or some other proclaimed great leader rather than Yahweh.

But even among Yahweh's people there is disagreement, contention, and confusion as to how and when to observe Yahweh's commanded days. One of those principal times of confusion is the manner in which the count to Pentecost should be done. Even Judaism is in disagreement as to how to count to Pentecost. There is the manner in which Orthodox Judaism counts, and then there are the Karaite Jews.

I received an email from an elder who stated that the count began on Abib 16th, which is the morrow after the Sabbath, meaning the day

after the first day of Unleavened Bread. When I replied that this is an error, he replied with the account in Josephus which states, "From Antiquities of the Jews 10:5: The feast of the Unleavened Bread succeeds that of Passover and falls on the 15th of the month and continues 7 days wherein they feed off unleavened bread on every one of which days 2 bulls are killed and one ram and 7 lambs. Now these lambs are entirely burnt beside the kid of the goats which is

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added to all the rest for sins, for it is intended as a feast for the priest on everyone on these days. BUT ON THE 2ND DAY OF THE

UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHICH IS THE 16TH DAY OF THE MONTH, THEY FIRST PARTAKE OF THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH FOR BEFORE THAT DAY THEY DO NOT TOUCH THEM and while they suppose it proper to honor Yahweh from which they obtain plentiful provision in the first place, they offer the first fruits of the barley.

Clearly when Josephus, who was on no one's side in particular, recorded that the first fruits were eaten on the 16th of Abib, KNOWN AS THE 2ND DAY OF THE UNLEAVENED BREAD, We know that produce/grain/lechem could not be eaten until they were presented for the wave offering. If first fruits were celebrated and eaten on Abib 16th the day of Chag Matzoth, which Josephus called the 2nd day of Passover then the wave sheaf had already been waved and offered to YAHWEH earlier that same day." (end of quote)

This brother does also write concerning the contention between the Pharisees, and Sadducees, which continues between Orthodox Judaism, and the Karaite Jews to this day. We will touch on that later in this article.

However, if we are going to get down to the crux of the matter, then we must see first what Yah-

weh says, and then how it is fulfilled in Yahshua the Messiah because both the Passover lambs and the wavesheaf offerings were fore-runners, types, even parables of Him.

BETWEEN THE EVENS

The original Passover lamb was to be kept until the fourteenth of the month and slain “at even.” (Ex. 12:6) The actual Hebrew for “at even” is *biyn ha erevim*, which would be better translated as “between the evens.”

Many people have erroneously determined that this period of time is between sunset and total darkness. This cannot be since there are a couple of other factors to take into consideration.

The first factor is the fact that Yahweh placed the sun in the heavens to rule the day, and the moon and stars to rule the night. (Gen. 1:16) The Jewish encyclopedias themselves will admit that night doesn’t begin until two or three stars appear in the heaven. The sun simply doesn’t relinquish his rule until that event occurs. It begins its rule early in the morning at the reverse of the nighttime. When only two or three stars can be seen in the early morning, then the sun has begun his rule. As said, its rule is not over until the time that two or three stars are visible in the evening sky. Therefore, the day is not over at sunset. The sun of the day is continuing its rule after sunset until those stars are seen.

The second factor is revealed in the daily sacrifice. There were two lambs that were to be slain every day. (Ex. 29:38-42) The first lamb was slaughtered in the morning while the second lamb was to be slaughtered “at even” (The Hebrew for verses 39 and 41 is *biyn ha erevim*, or between the evens.)

Notice that this is the **second lamb of the day**, and that this second lamb is slaughtered at the exact same time as the Passover lamb was designated to be slaughtered, that is, *biyn ha erevim*.

When is the first even? The sun is in the state of rising all morning long, from the time that the first rays of light break the darkness of the night until high noon. At high noon, the sun is at its apex. In its ascent, the sun, of course, is in the eastern sky. Once it reaches and passes the apex it enters into the western sky, which is called *ma-erev*. This is the first *erev*. It has begun to descend or go down. The second *erev*, or the end of *erev* is when the stars appear. Thus, *biyn ha erevim* is mid-afternoon, specifically the ninth hour.

Yahshua said that there are twelve hours in a day. So many people think that it was around equinox time when He said this, but people didn’t have wrist watches, or other

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such clocks back then as we do today, they utilized instruments such as sundials to tell time. Therefore, all days had twelve hours in them from the longest day of the year to the shortest day of the year. In the summer, the hours were longer, of course. In the winter, the hours were shorter. They weren’t

metered out to seconds, minutes, etc. as ours are today.

Mid-morning at that time was about the third hour; noon was the sixth hour; mid-afternoon was the ninth hour. Yahshua was crucified the third hour. The hour that Yahshua breathed out His breath and died was the ninth hour, the same time that the daily sacrifice was being slaughtered and the Passover lambs were beginning to be slain.

Biyn ha erevim the time of the second sacrifice of the daily sacrifice, and the time of the Passover sacrifice is mid-afternoon, the ninth hour, for those who can receive it. (I know that there are those who will still resist this truth.)

YAHSHUA’S INTERNMENT

Yahshua told His disciples that He would be in the grave, the heart of the earth, for three days and three nights. (Mt. 12:40) The Christian world proclaims that Yahshua died in the afternoon of the sixth day of the week, being resurrected early in the morning of the first day of the following week. But there is no way to count three days, and three nights during this period of time. He was buried at the close of the day, when the day ended. Therefore, only one period of daytime and two nights can be counted in this scenario. (Falsehood always falls short of truth.)

The truth is that Yahshua died at mid-afternoon of the fourth day of the week (Wednesday to today’s world). He was in the grave for the day and night portion of the fifth, sixth, and seventh days of that week, being resurrected late on the Sabbath day during the period when the Sabbath was ending (sunset) and the first day was beginning (the night was drawing on; Hebrew days end and begin as

stated above).

Yahshua died in the afternoon of the fourteenth day of the month, and was buried just before the fifteenth day began. The fifteenth day was a commanded high day wherein no servile work was to be done (Lev. 23:6). But that high day was never called a Sabbath day in the Torah. Look the Scriptures up for yourself. (Ex. 12:16; Lev. 23:6-8; Num. 28:18-25) The only day in Scripture termed "the Sabbath" (ha Shabbat) is the seventh day Sabbath, and one other day, that is, the day of Atonement which occurs on the tenth day of the seventh month.

The other days of the seventh month were called sabbatons (rest days), but never Sabbath days. Furthermore, the high days of the spring (the first and seventh days of Unleavened Bread, and Pentecost/shavout) are not even called sabbatons in the Torah, even though they are in the New Testament.

DEALING WITH ERRONEOUS ARGUMENTS

This brother continued with his reasoning concerning when the wavesheaf, a type of Yahshua, was to be offered: "Regarding the biblical commandment to offer the 'omer' on the morrow after the Sabbath"(ib verse 11), the Rabbis maintained that "Sabbath" here means simply a day of rest and refers to passover. The Sadducees disputed this interpretation, contending that sabbath meant Saturday. Accordingly they would transfer the count of seven weeks on the morrow of the first Saturday in passover, so that the Pentecost would always fall on Sunday. The Sadducees advanced the argument because Moses as a friend of the Israelites, wished to give them an extended holiday by annexing Pen-

tecost to the sabbath. Johanan then turned to his disciples and pointed out that the law purposely fixed the interval of 50 days in order to explain that the 7 weeks, nominally do not necessarily begin from Sunday.

Some claim that this controversy was the reason for the substitution by the Talmudists of Aeret for Shabu'ot or weeks, on which the Sadducees, and later the Karaites of the geonic period, based their adverse contention. Another reason might be to avoid confusion with Shebo'ut=oaths. The Septuagint translation (on the morrow of the first day) confirms the rabbinical interpretation. The Karaites accepted the Sadducees' view. They claim to have advanced arguments at the time of Anan. In this discussion, they say, against the contention of the Karaites and claims that as all other holy days have fixed days in the month, it would be unreasonable to suppose that Pente-

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cost depended on a certain day of the week." (end of quote)

There are some critical errors made in this dissertation. Error #1: It is mentioned that the Septuagint confirms the rabbinical interpretation. The problem is that the Scriptures were inspired in the Hebrew and not the Greek. Therefore, the Hebrew must be utilized to establish the proper manner to observe the count rather than the Greek.

Error #2: Also it is said that

"'Sabbath' simply means day of rest and refers to Passover." The Passover was never a rest day. The Passover sacrifice always took place on the 14th day of the month. The first high day (rest day) was commanded on the 15th. Remember also, that the high days of the spring (unleavened bread and Pentecost) are never called Sabbaths nor sabbatons in the Torah.

Error #3: A third critical error is to reduce the word "Sabbath" to simply mean "a rest day." The seventh day Sabbath was much more than just a rest day. It was a memorial to creation, yes, a memorial to the day that Yahweh rested, but He also "blessed, and sanctified" (made holy) that day. It was a "sign" between Yahweh and His people that He was their Elohim, and they were His people (Ex. 31:12-17).

As stated above the term for the Sabbath (ha Shabbat/השבת) is only utilized for the seventh day Sabbath, and the Day of Atonement. In Leviticus chapter 23 where **the instructions are given to the priesthood**, the first instructions are given concerning the seventh day Sabbath (שבת) in verses 1-3. Then the subject of Passover and the days of Unleavened Bread is addressed. Here is how it reads:

"These are the feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even (*beyn ha erevim*) is Yahweh's passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto Yahweh: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made

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by fire unto Yahweh seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein,” Lev. 23:4-8.

Notice that even though there is a command that no servile work be done on the first day of unleavened bread (the 15th day of the month), and the seventh day (the 21st day of the month), they are not called Sabbaths, or even sabbatons.

However, in verse three where the Sabbath is addressed, it is called a Sabbath (שבת) of rest (שבתון), “Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath (שבת) of rest (שבתון), an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath (שבת) of Yahweh in all your dwellings,” Lev. 23:3.

THE COUNT

The next commandment in Leviticus 23 is the count to Shavout or Pentecost, “And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto Yahweh. And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto Yahweh for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim: it shall be a statute for ever

throughout your generations in all your dwellings. And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath (ha Shabbat/השבת), from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven (sheva/שבע) sabbaths (shabatot/שבתות) shall be complete (tamiymot/תמימות): Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath (haShabbat/השבת) shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh,” Lev. 23:9-16.

Now let’s analyze this further. From Leviticus 23:1-16, the only day that is termed Shabbat (שבת) is the seventh day Sabbath. Furthermore, the Sabbaths are commanded to be complete (tamiymot/תמימות). This Hebrew word (tamiymot) has to do with being perfect, flawless, blemish free. It is the same word that is utilized for the sacrificial animals which had to be perfect, complete, flawless,

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blemish free, because those sacrificial animals were types of Yahshua in His perfect sinless state. A flawless, blemish free Sabbath, or week (shabuwa) was a week that began with the first day and ended with the seventh day Sabbath. The count to Pentecost had to be a perfect, flawless, blemish free count of seven Sabbaths.

The types here are very deep because of the Sabbath and the number seven.

THE OATH

A deeper meaning of the number seven is revealed in an incident with Abraham. Abimelech and his chief captain came to Abraham acknowledging that Elohim was with him so they wanted him to swear that he wouldn’t deal deceitfully with him and his son, “Now therefore swear unto me here by Elohim that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son’s son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned,” Gen. 21:23.

Abraham replied, “And Abraham said, I will swear,” v. 24.

The interesting thing about this is that the Hebrew word for “swear” is shaba/sheba (or shava/sheva depending on which dialect is speaking the Hebrew), which means to seven one’s self. They made a **covenant** between themselves (v. 17). Then Abraham did something else, “And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant. And Abraham set **seven** ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these **seven** ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? And he said, For these **seven** ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a **witness** unto me, that I have digged this well. Wherefore he called that place **Beersheba**; because there they **swore** both of them. Thus they made a **covenant** at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines,” vv. 27-32.

Thus, we find that the number seven has to do with swearing an oath, making a covenant, and es-

tablishing a witness.

The original seventh day Sabbath had to do not only with rest, but a covenant (it was included in Yahweh's covenant law, the ten commandments, at Sinai), a witness (that Yahweh is the Creator), and swearing an oath (when Yahweh could swear by no greater, He swore by Himself).

Thus, the seven perfect Sabbaths have to do with swearing an oath, making a New Covenant, raising up witnesses, etc. The count to Pentecost is seven times seven perfect Sabbaths, or seven multiplied, which when fulfilled, would bring forth a new people, for a new covenant, for new witnesses, for a new heavens and new earth.

THE FIFTIETH DAY

On the fiftieth day, that is the morrow after the seventh Sabbath, they were to bring forth a new meat offering, "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: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto Yahweh," Lev. 23:15-17.

The Hebrew term for week is shabuwa (שבוע), but it doesn't say on the morrow after the seventh week. It says on the morrow after the seventh Sabbath (ha Shabbat/השבת).

Yahweh worked Yahshua's sacrifice out so that it perfectly fulfilled the count that began on the first day of the week (the morrow after

the Sabbath). Miriam Magdalene went to the sepulcher finding that Yahshua was gone, but two angels were standing in it, one where His head had been and one at His feet, "And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Master, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Yahshua standing, and knew not that it was Yahshua. Yahshua saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Yahshua saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Yahshua saith unto her, **Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Fa-**

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ther; and to my Elohim, and your Elohim," Jn. 20:13-17.

Yahshua was to ascend to the Father to be accepted by Him as the wavesheaf, that is, the firstborn from the dead, "And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the assembly: who is the be-

ginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence," Col. 1:17-18.

The Hebrew word for "beginning" is reyshiyth, which is what the wavesheaf was actually called. It was termed "omer reyshiyth" in the Hebrew because it was the measure of an omer of grain, which when offered or waved, began the count to shavout/Pentecost.

Yahshua's acceptance began the countdown to Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on His disciples. His offering as the wavesheaf, the firstborn from the dead, occurred on the first day of the week (the morrow of the Sabbath), and the Holy Spirit was poured out on the fiftieth day, on the morrow after the Sabbath according to the command, and according to the Torah.

This began a new era, because it raised up His New Testament/New Covenant body of believers who were His witnesses of these facts.

THE NEW MEAT OFFERING

On the fiftieth day, the day of Shavout, or Pentecost, the priest was to bring forth a new meat or grain offering, "Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto Yahweh," Lev. 23:17.

The Hebrew for "firstfruits" here is bikkuwrim. It comes from a primitive Hebrew root word "bakar" which means "properly, **to burst the womb**, i.e. (causatively) bear or **make early fruit** (of woman or tree); also (as denominative from 1061) **to give the birth-right**." (*Strong's Exhaustive Con-*

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HOW SHOULD WE OBSERVE A DAY?

We recently received a note from a subscriber who asked how a day should be observed. It seems that there is a group in Arkansas that teaches that the Sabbath is to be observed only from sunrise to sunset. Is this true? What can we discover from the Scriptures?

By Jerry Healan

In our societies that are governed by the commands of the Caesars, who were the heads of the dreadful and terrible fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven, the day is observed from midnight to midnight. The Scriptures have never given credence to this manner of observance.

Of course, traditional Judaism observes the day from about sunset to the next sunset. I say "from about" because their encyclopedias will declare that one day ends and the other begins when two or three stars are seen in the sky.

Therefore, we need to study out as to whether the nighttime is considered a part of the day, or how a day is to be observed.

In the beginning, there was nothing but darkness, which is described as being chaotic, and desolate, "In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters," Gen. 1:1-2.

Out of the darkness Elohim declared, "Let there be light: and there was light. And Elohim saw the light, that it was good: and Elohim divided the light from the darkness. And Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day," Gen. 3-5.

Wait a minute! Elohim divided be-

tween the light and the darkness. He did call the period of light day, and the period of darkness night. Then He says that the even, which leads to darkness because even is when the light is descending in the western sky, and morning, which is the time that the light is rising out of the darkness in the east, was the first day. Therefore, the whole day consists of the light and the darkness. This is also basically how we observe a day in our world today. The portion of light we call day, and the portion of darkness we call night, but we also call both the daylight and the dark portions as a day.

Furthermore, Yahweh placed the

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sun, moon, and stars in the sky on the fourth day, "And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And Elohim made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give

light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and Elohim saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day," Gen. 1:14-19.

Notice that the greater light, which is the sun, rules the day. There are other Scriptures that confirm this:

"O give thanks unto Yahweh; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the Elohim of elohim: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Sovereign of sovereigns: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. **To him that made great lights:** for his mercy endureth for ever: **The sun to rule by day:** for his mercy endureth for ever: **The moon and stars to rule by night:** for his mercy endureth for ever," Psa. 136:1-9.

"Thus saith Yahweh, **which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night,** which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; Yahweh of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith Yahweh, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever; Jer.

31:35.

Also, the end of the work day is described in Nehemiah chapter 4, “So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning **till the stars appeared**, v. 21.

In accordance with Nehemiah 4:21 and the Jewish encyclopedias, we can declare that the sun rules the day until 2 or three stars are seen in the evening sky. Once this occurs, the sun has relinquished his rule and the night has begun. One day has ended and another day has begun.

There are those who want to declare that the daylight is the first part of the day and the night is the last part, but the Scriptures are written in types and parables. To put the night, the darkness as the end portion of the day actually is declaring that Yahweh’s period of light comes, but then darkness comes and takes it all away. However, if we utilize the darkness as the first portion of the day, then the light, our understanding is that we are now living in darkness and the light of Yahweh’s kingdom will be dawning next (soon). Remember that a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as one day.

We know that the world sits primarily in chaotic spiritual darkness until the seventh millennium when the kingdom will be established, of which there will be no end.

PORTIONS OF THE DAY

Darkness/night/layil = moon and stars ruling.

Shachar = first rays of the sun breaking through the darkness. (Still night/darkness)

When only two or three stars can be seen in the morning (Hebrew

=Boqer)the sun has begun its rule and is in its ascension.

Zohar = high noon, the sun at its apex. Morning is ended.

Ma-erev = sun in the western sky, the sun has begun to descend. The first erev is immediately after zohar.

The last or second erev is when the stars begin to appear. The sun has relinquished his rule. The daylight portion of the day, as well as the 24 hour portions of night and day have ended. Another day has begun.

There are also those who end the day at sunset, but this can’t be since the sun is still ruling. The sun begins its rule around twenty minutes or so before it crosses (sunrise) the eastern horizon and continues that rule until around twenty minutes or so after it crosses (sunset) the western horizon.

The last or second erev is when the stars begin to appear.

THE HOURLY DIVISIONS

Yahshua said that there were twelve hours in a day, “Yahshua answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world,” Jn. 11:9.

He was speaking, of course, of the daylight portion of the day. However, this can be confusing to people in today’s world. Recently I read where one man wrote that

Yahshua said this at the equinox because the equinoxes are the only times when there is equal twelve hour day and night portions.

In our modern day technical world we lose sight of the situations in the ancient past. You see, we have clocks and watches in today’s world that divide the whole day into twenty four hours with equal increments. An hour equals sixty minutes. A minute equals sixty seconds, etc. But they didn’t have the convenience of clocks and watches in the ancient world. They had sundials, hour glasses, etc.

A sundial always broke a day down into twelve hours no matter how long or short a day was. The longest day of the year only had twelve hours in it, and the shortest day of the year had twelve hours in it. The hours were longer in the summer time and shorter in the winter time, but all days always had twelve hours, while the night was divided into four divisions called watches. (The sun dial doesn’t work too well at night.)

Mid morning was the third hour of the day. Noon was the sixth hour of the day. Mid afternoon was the 9th hour of the day, etc.

BIYN HA EREVIM

With this in mind, we can better determine when the period of time in the Scriptures termed biyn ha erevim occurs. Many in today’s world believe that biyn ha erevim occurred between the time of sunset and the night occurred, attributing that time to the beginning of the new day.

Biyn ha erevim means “between the evens.” As stated above, the first even occurs when the sun enters into the western (ma-erev) sky. One of the Hebrew terms for the

west is ma-erev. The final erev, or the end of erev takes place when two or three stars are seen in the evening sky. Therefore, biyn ha erevim is mid-afternoon, or the ninth hour.

Yahweh told Moses how Israel was to take a lamb and slay it for the original Passover, “And Yahweh spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening (biyn ha erevim),” Ex. 12:1-6.

He repeated this in His instructions to the priesthood in the book of Leviticus, “These are the feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month **at even** (biyn ha erevim) is Yahweh’s Passover,” Lev. 23:4-5.

It is impossible for this sacrifice to take place at the beginning of the fourteenth day of the month because that day didn’t begin until two or three stars were seen in the evening sky.

Furthermore, the daily sacrifice also dispels the idea that the Passover could be slain prior to the nighttime portion of the fourteenth day (as many believe), “Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually. The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even (biyn ha erevim): And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering. And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even (biyn ha erevim), and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto Yahweh,” Ex. 29:38-41.

The *King James Version* keeps calling the second lamb, the other lamb, but the Hebrew term is sheniy, which actually means SEC-

Yahshua came to fulfill the Torah (Mt. 5:17), and its sacrifices, and He did so!

OND! Notice that this is the second lamb of the daily sacrifice, and it is to be sacrificed at biyn ha erevim, which means that it is to be sacrificed at mid afternoon, specifically the ninth hour of the day!

YAHSHUA’S SACRIFICE

Yahshua’s sacrifice, whether you believe it or not, fulfilled all of the sacrifices that the Levitical priesthood had to offer, and then some, because that which is physical can

be a type, but the most perfect is that which is spiritual. That’s the reason why His sacrifice was one sacrifice for all. Once His sacrifice was offered, there is no more need for physical animal sacrifices, grain, and drink offerings.

Yahshua was nailed to the cross (or stake, or tree, whichever you prefer) at the third hour, or mid morning, which fulfilled the morning portion of the daily sacrifice, “And it was the third hour, and they crucified him,” Mk. 15:25.

It was dark from the sixth hour (noon) to the ninth hour (mid afternoon), “Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour,” Mt. 27:45 (see also Mk. 15:33; Lk. 23:44).

Yahshua died at the ninth hour (mid afternoon/biyn ha erevim) at the same time that the second lamb was to be slaughtered, and also the beginning of the slaughtering of the Passover lambs, “And about the ninth hour Yahshua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My El, my El, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Yahshua, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost,” Mt. 27:48-50.

Yahshua came to fulfill the Torah (Mt. 5:17), and its sacrifices, and He did so!

JOHN EXPLAINED

This leads us to the book of John

and his mention of the sixth hour, which has mystified people from time immemorial. Pilate had scourged Yahshua, his soldiers plating a crown of thorns, dressing Him in a purple robe, mocking and striking Him. He then brought Yahshua forth to the people saying, "Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Yahshua forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of Elohim. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Yahshua, Whence art thou? But Yahshua gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Yahshua answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Yahshua forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. **And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour:** and he saith

unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar," Jn. 19:4-15.

What John was really saying here is that it was about six hours to the preparation of the Passover by slaying the lambs. Notice that he says "about." The third hour of the day was drawing near when Yahshua was to be crucified. From the third hour to the ninth hour is six hours! John is actually in compliance with Mark who declared that Yahshua was crucified at the third hour.

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Are you beginning to see how it all fits in, it all ties in together? Going back to the observance of the day at the beginning of this article, If the first day of the week begins

with the dark period, followed by the daylight portion, then every day of the seven day week is preceded by the period of darkness including the seventh day Sabbath. Those who declare that the Sabbath only begins with the daylight portion are in error.

Those who proclaim that the daylight portion following sunset to nighttime as the beginning of the next day are also in error. The sun rules the day in the beginning and doesn't relinquish that rule until the nighttime, with the two or three stars becoming visible.

The daylight portion was divided into the most early rays of light breaking through which is called shachar in Hebrew. There were always twelve hours in a day no matter how long or short that day was. The day had its major divisions of the beginning when only two or three stars were visible, mid morning (the third hour), noon (the sixth hour), mid afternoon (the ninth hour/biyn ha erevim), and the end when two or three stars were visible.

In its ascension the sun was in boqer (morning). At its apex it was in zohar (noon). Its descent began immediately after zohar which was erev. This is truly how we should observe our day.

The daily sacrifice was to be slaughtered at mid morning, and mid afternoon (biyn ha erevim). Yahshua was nailed to the cross at the third hour (mid morning), darkness ensued from the sixth to the ninth hour (mid afternoon/biyn ha erevim) at which time Yahshua breathed out His final breath.

May Yahweh be magnified, and may your eyes be opened to see the truth of the matter. HalleluYah!!!!

THE DEATH OF DEATH

What a title....you might say! But it is an event that the whole world is looking for. Death itself must die! How can death die? The message was sent at the time of Yahshua's sacrifice. Did you catch it? Let us clarify.

By Jerry Healan

Sin, corruption, and death entered the world when Eve reached out, took of the forbidden fruit, ate of it, and gave to her husband who also ate of it, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat," Gen. 3:6.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come," Ro. 5:12-14.

Whether we like to admit it or not, we are all born into this world destined to die. We are like the walking dead. We are as good as dead even while we live.

Let's face it, death is the antithesis of life. Death is our enemy. People have developed so many beliefs because of the fear of death and denial that we can die. However, death is a reality. It is cessation of life. Death has power over us! We have no power to escape it of ourselves.

POWER OF DEATH

Who has the power of death? Well, we could say that Yahweh has the power of death and life, and we would be right, but there is a sinister, subtle serpent who has power

over death. He is revealed as a great red angry dragon called Satan and the devil in the book of Revelation 12:3 & 9, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads...And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Here is the one who deceived the woman in the beginning and in doing so became the liar and murderer, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the begin-

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ning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it," Jn. 8:44.

Satan has the power of death over us. He is the father of death. He is the one who enticed the woman to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which if one ate of that tree they would surely die! There were two trees in the midst of the garden that were singled out to Adam. One was the tree of life, and the other was the

tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which a better rendering would be the "tree of death."

The serpent and the tree made death to be attractive and appealing. The Scriptures continue to speak of two primary ways or paths. One is the way that leads to death which is the broad and easy path, and the other is the narrow and strait path of righteousness. None of us can really follow the path of life without the Prince of life guiding and directing us. Yahshua is that Prince of life, "And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The Elohim of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the Elohim of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Yahshua; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the **Prince of life**, whom Yahweh hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses," Acts 3:12-15.

Satan, the prince of death is so powerful that even the Prince of Life had to come and do battle with him and die so that He could obtain power over death.

The Prophet Isaiah is inspired to declare, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Heb. = Heylel), son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast

said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of El: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; **that opened not the house of his prisoners?**," 14:12-17.

Satan imprisons his kingdoms, cities, people of the world in the prison of destruction and death, and he will not let them go.

THE GREATEST BATTLE

The history of this world is a history of war. Battles have always been fought between people, tribes, clans, cities, nations, kingdoms, etc. The greatest epics of modern history were World War I and World War II. These wars destroyed so many, many lives in such a short period of time, with some of the most devastating armaments. The scenes are continually played and replayed in movies, on TV, etc. as if they were the most important wars and battles that have ever been fought.

Adolf Hitler has been made to appear as the most evil person that has ever lived. However, men just as evil as Hitler were also sending their armies against his for the purpose of defeating him. But the most evil architect of the fracas was the spirit that was behind them directing them like puppets on a string. All we have to do to identify this most evil character is look into the inspired Scriptures.

The greatest and most important battle that has ever been fought during the history of this world is the battle that Yahshua, the Prince of Life, had

with Satan, the prince of death as is recorded in the New Testament (Covenant).

Yahshua came to John the Baptist to be baptized, "Then cometh Yahshua from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Yahshua answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Yahshua, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," Mt. 3:13-17.

Yahshua was immediately led into the wilderness by the Spirit where He fasted for forty days and nights. (Mt. 2:1-2)

The tempter, Satan, came to Him

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and said, "If thou be the Son of Elohim, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Elohim. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of Elohim, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Yahshua said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt Yahweh thy Elohim. Again, the

devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Yahshua unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship Yahweh thy Elohim, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him," Mt. 4:3-11.

Whether you want to believe this or not, this was the most important battle that has ever taken place in the history of this world since its beginning, and will be the most important battle that has taken place forever. Once Yahshua had defeated his temptations through use of, and obedience to the Scriptures, the Word of Yahweh, then the devil had to obey Him and leave.

Even though Satan was defeated, he still has great power over this world and mankind. He is still the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), and the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2) until the time that Yahshua returns to take His power and rule in the kingdom of heaven which will be established on this earth.

YAHSHUA'S SACRIFICE

After Yahshua completed His ministry, he knew that he had to die, "Now before the feast of the passover, **when** Yahshua knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end," Jn. 13:1.

In actuality, the word "when" should not have been introduced into this sentence. It should have been translated as: "Yahshua knowing that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father."

We know the story how He was

taken, brought before the priests, and then Pontius Pilate, who sent Him to Herod before being sent back to Pilate. In each instance Yahshua was treated shamefully, was mocked, spat upon, beaten, whipped, made sport of by soldiers, etc. The whole episode was exhausting, draining Him of His strength, His energy.

Finally, He was taken to be crucified. He started out carrying His own cross beam, but fainted so it had to be laid on another, but He finally ended up at the place of crucifixion which was called Golgotha in Hebrew, and Calvary in the Greek. Both Hebrew and Greek mean the place of the skull. (Mt. 27:33; Mk. 15:22; Lk. 23:33; Jn. 19:17)

Satan has always been worshipped through Trinitarian idolatry. For instance, the greatest god/goddesses of Egypt were Osiris, Isis, and Horus. In Babylon Nimrod, Semiramis, and Tammuz were a trinity. The Roman's greatest trinity was Jupiter, Vulcan, and Esus (pronounced Hesus).

The point is that a skull is a symbol of death. Yahshua was hung on a tree, stake, cross, with two others who were malefactors. That means that three crosses, a cross for each member of the false pagan Trinitarian deities, was driven into the skull of death. They looked like swords or daggers piercing into the skull. This represented the complete destruction of death, and the destruction of the prince of death.

Yahshua, at His weakest moment, even in death, was far greater than the serpent Satan who has the power of death, who is the prince of death! HalleluYah!!!!

CRUSHING SATAN

The Apostle Paul wrote, "And the Elohim of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of

our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah be with you. Amen," Ro. 16:20. The term "bruise" literally means to crush.

What is yet to happen? We know that the book of Revelation declares that when Yahshua returns Satan will be bound for one thousand years, but after that he must be loosed for a little season. (Rev. 20:1-3)

He then will go about doing his work of deception again to deceive those who belong to him. These have truly been blessed by the rulership of the kingdom of heaven under Yahshua but they really don't appreciate it. Remember that there is a seed of the serpent and a seed of the woman spoken of in the book of Genesis chapter three. He will gather a massive army which will attack Jerusalem, but they will be destroyed by fire that will come down out of heaven. (Rev. 20:7-9)

Satan, himself will be cast into the lake of fire, "And the devil that de-

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ceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever," v. 10.

The Prophet Isaiah continued concerning Lucifer/Heylel, "All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; **as a carcase trodden under**

feet," Isa. 14:18-19.

What will take place? Ezekiel also prophesies concerning this wicked one, "Moreover the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of Elohim; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of Elohim; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of Elohim: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; **therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee,"** Ez. 28:11-18.

Malachi also speaks of these ashes, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly,

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What does this all mean? These two loaves baked with leaven could never be burnt on the altar because of the leaven that is in them. But Yahshua is their sacrifice. He is the One Who served as the holocaust sacrifice. Leaven represents sin (we have other articles to prove this.) Paul declared that while he was striving to do all things lawfully, he still had a struggle with sin that was in his physical body. This is the condition of the New Testament Assembly in their present worldly state. They hate the sin that so easily besets them, but look unto Yahweh

through Yahshua the Messiah for forgiveness and the ability to continue on to perfection. Therefore, they don't trust in their own ability to fulfill the requirements of the law, but look to and trust in Yahshua the Messiah.

But they are able to declare the New Covenant based on better promises. They are Yahweh's true witnesses concerning His plan and what He is doing. They have the birthright to the Kingdom of Heaven, and will be the first to be resurrected into that heavenly realm at the resurrection.

CONCLUSION

There is much confusion concerning the annual holy days, the count

to Pentecost, etc. We must go to the Hebrew, the original language that the Scriptures are inspired to be written in, if we are to come to understand the correct manner in which to observe Yahweh's commanded holy days.

Yahshua perfectly fulfilled the daily and Passover sacrifices in accordance with their timing. He began the countdown to Pentecost in accordance with the Torah. The New Covenant Assembly of witnesses was raised up on the first day of the week in accordance with the Torah's witness. May Yahweh bless you to understand and embrace these things. HalleluYah!!!!

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shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Yahweh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for **they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet** in the day that I shall do this, saith Yahweh of hosts," Mal. 4:1-3.

Satan will not burn forever and ever, rather he and all of the wicked will be reduced to ashes which will be trodden under the feet of the righteous. This is how Satan will be crushed under the feet of the saints! HalleluYah!!!!

THE DEATH OF DEATH

Finally, the book of Revelation reveals, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before Elohim; and the books were opened:

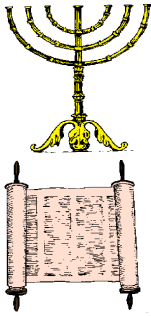
and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And **death and hell were cast into the lake of fire**. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. 20:11-15.

Of course, all of the wicked are cast into the fire to be reduced to ashes, but death and hell (the grave) are also cast into the lake of fire. This means that death itself will die, will no more have any power. All that is left is that which is life, that which is living. The tree of life will be available, but there will no longer be a tree of death, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the

river, was there **the tree of life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Sovereign Yahweh giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever," Rev. 22:1-5.

Yahshua declares, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death," Rev. 1:18. This is the Prince of Life. He is the tree of life. Where death has had power over life on this earth, life will have the power over death forever and ever. Death shall perish and be no more! HALLELUYAH!!!!



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