

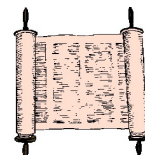
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in 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 is a picture of the modern Jewish Seder that is utilized for their observance of the Passover which includes the Jewish Messianics, and possibly even some churches and assemblies. The question is, Should we utilize this Seder in our observance of Passover? See the article on page 4 for the answer.

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## THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION

An imprisoned Scripture student wrote recently about Gen. 3:22 saying that he had 2 Sacred Name Bibles to aid in his study which was great, but when he looked at Gen. 3:22 he couldn't find the corresponding Hebrew word for "of us." The English reads, "...the man is become as one *of us*, to know good and evil."

I have a Power Bible program on my computer which is an excellent study Bible, but even it doesn't give the corresponding Hebrew word for "of us." But I do have the ISA Basic which is a Hebrew-English Interlinear that reveals the word as "mimenoo" (מִמֶּנּוּ). He was attempting to prove whether the correct translation was "of us" as rendered in all English Scriptures, or "of it" as we have been claiming for some time.

Yahweh warned the man Adam not to eat "of it" (מִמֶּנּוּ) when cautioning about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17). This same Hebrew word is repeated in Gen. 3:3 (of it), 5 (thereof), 11 (of), 17 (of it), and finally 22 (of us). How could it have been translated as "of us" when the man had eaten of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which had a tremendous impact on the man and the woman? You see, they had already been created in the image of Elohim, so they were like Elohim, so much like Elohim that they could stand naked in His presence and not be ashamed (Gen. 2:25). "Ashamed" can also be translated as "confused," "confounded," etc. You are what you eat. They had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and became like it.

Yahweh had warned that in the day Adam ate of it "dying thou shalt die." Amazingly, die, or death is translated from the Hebrew word mot/moot (מוֹת/מוֹת). Let's look at this in the Pictorial (†YMM). The *mem* (M) is a picture of water which, in this case, is a picture of chaos. The *waw* (Y) is a nail, tent peg, or hook, and the *tau* (†) being the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, represents the end, death. Thus, we get the idea "chaos (M) establishes/adds (Y) death (†)."

The word מִמֶּנּוּ needs to be analyzed through the eyes of the Pictorial Hebrew. The *mem* (M) also serves as a preposition (of/from) when placed at the beginning of a word. The *waw* (Y) serves as a suffix (he/him/his) at the end of a word. This is how the ISA Basic Interlinear translates the words in Gen. 2:17; 3:3, 5, 11, & 17 (from him). However, it also confuses the issue in Gen. 3:22 because even it follows the others in translating it as "from us." It should have been translated as "from him." But there is a deeper meaning to this word because the root מִנְּ hasn't been dealt with.

The ISA Basic reveals that the root is from #4480 in Strong's (מִנְּ) which is defined as; from, out of, etc. So from this we would get the idea of "from, from him." But if we look at the root word in the Pictorial another message is revealed because מִנְּ is MM in Pictorial. Remember that *mem* (M) is water which = chaos, and *nun* (N) = seed, heir, etc. So now we get the idea of from (M) chaos/chaotic (M) seed (N) him/his (Y), or in more accurate English "from his chaotic seed." It was his chaotic seed (fruit) that established death (†YMM)!

Yahweh is not the author of confusion! (1 Cor. 14:33) The author of confusion is the deceiving serpent (Gen. 3:1-13). Yahshua judged the people of His day, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, 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. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not," Jn. 8:44-45.

Doesn't this reveal where we are in this world today? People have been fed so many lies, deceits, untruths in this world that there is no love for the truth, nor can it be discerned! As a matter of fact, you can tell people the truth and you stand a chance of putting your life on the line because so many, many people can no longer recognize, nor care for it and the lies that they believe make the truth appear as a lie! They can or will violently attack anyone trying to tell them the truth.

Look at the chaos and confusion in our world today! Yahweh's word of truth is treated as if it is a lying myth while the lie of evolution, only a theory, is treated like it is truth. Yahweh's word of truth which teaches true worship and morality, is abandoned in favor of immorality and its harmful, deadly effects.

I saw a clip of Barak Hussein Obama while he was a senator and he was saying everything right! Marriage was between a man and a woman, the national debt was spiraling out of control and his objective was to cease mindless spending for the good of future generations, he wanted to serve the young so they would be better educated and have better opportunity for success in the world, and the older people who were no longer able to work so they could retire with dignity, and of course, jobs for the working people. After his election as president, nothing that went wrong was his fault, but rather he blamed all of the country's misfortunes on his predecessor President George W. Bush. He sold his Obamacare plan on lies. One man who worked on that plan for him admitted that the American people are stupid and gullible. They knew that they could sell it with lies and the people would fall for it.

President Donald Trump declared that what he has inherited in the office of president is a MESS! We know that this is true because while the national debt increased by one trillion dollars under President George W. Bush, it escalated to 20 trillion under President Barak Hussein Obama. When he declared that marriage could be between man and man, or woman and woman, things really got to be so chaotic that even the transgenders began to rise up. Now a person who is born a male, will feel like he should have been a female, and females feel like they should have been born as males. I have even just seen a person, I think it was a man, who is converting himself, itself to a sexless alien! How confused and chaotic is this?

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# SHOULD WE UTILIZE THE TRADITIONAL PASSOVER SEDER?

I have a couple of articles concerning the Jewish, and Messianic Jewish Passover Seders. We need to investigate them thoroughly to see if they would apply to our Passover observance in this day and age.

By Jerry Healan

For the Jewish people, the Sacred Name Assemblies, Messianics, and some Christian churches, Passover is a very important time of the year. It is one of the “appointed times” that Yahweh commanded His people to observe in the Torah.

Yahweh told Moses, “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 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 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.

The original Passover is revealed in Exodus chapter 12, “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. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And **they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened**

**bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.** Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is Yahweh’s Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am Yahweh. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be



Modern day Passover (Pesach) plate.

unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to Yahweh throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever,” vv. 1-14.

NOTE: “For ever” is translated from the Hebrew word “*olam*” which is defined as; “properly, concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; frequently, adverbial (especially with preposition-

al prefix) always.” (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*). It really has to do with an “age”. It doesn’t necessarily mean “forever, and ever” because there is a Hebrew phrase “*olam, olamim*.” *Olamim* is plural of *olam*. It would mean “forever and ever,” or the “age of ages.”

But notice that the only things commanded to be eaten was the lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs. There is no place in Scripture that adds other ingredients to that “memorial.”

## THE MODERN SEDER

Here is a description of the modern seder:

“The Passover Seder plate Hebrew: *ke'ara* (קערט) is a special plate containing symbolic foods eaten or displayed at the Passover Seder.

Each of the six items arranged on the plate has special significance to the retelling of the story of passover the exodus from Egypt, which is the focus of this ritual meal. A seventh symbolic item used during the meal — the three matzos — is not considered part of the seder plate proper.

The six traditional items on the Seder Plate are as follows:

Maror — a bitter herb, symbolizing the bitterness and harshness of the slavery the Hebrews endured in Egypt. In Ashkenazi tradition, either horseradish or romaine lettuce may be eaten in the fulfillment of the mitzvah of eating bitter herbs during the Seder. Sephardic Jews often use curly parsley, green onion, or celery leaves.

Charoset — A sweet, brown mixture representing the mortar used by the Hebrew slaves to build the storehouses or pyramids of Egypt. In Ashkenazi Jewish homes, Charoset is traditionally made from chopped nuts, grated apples, cinnamon, and sweet red wine

Karpas — A vegetable other than bitter herbs, which is dipped into salt water at the beginning of the Seder. Parsley, celery or boiled potato is usu-



ally used. The dipping of a simple vegetable into salt water, and the resulting dripping of water off of said vegetables visually represents tears and is a symbolic reminder of the pain felt by the Hebrew slaves in Egypt. Usually in a Shabbat or holiday meal, the first thing to be eaten after the kiddush over wine is bread. At the Seder table, however, the first thing to be eaten after the kiddush is a vegetable. This leads immediately to the recital of the famous question, *Ma Nishtana* — "Why is this night different from all other nights?" It also symbolizes the spring time, because Jews celebrate Passover in the spring.

Zeroa — Also called Z'roa, it is special as it is the only element of meat on the Seder Plate. A roasted lamb or goat shankbone, **chicken wing, or chicken neck**; symbolizing the *korban Pesach* (Pesach sacrifice), which was a lamb that was offered in the Temple in Jerusalem, then roasted and eaten as part of the meal on Seder night. Since the destruction of the Temple, the z'roa serves as a visual reminder of the Pesach sacrifice; it is not eaten or handled during the Seder. **Vegetarians often substitute a beet, quoting Pesachim 114b as justification; other vegetarians substitute a sweet potato, allowing a "Paschal yam" to represent the Paschal lamb.**

Beitzah — A roasted hard-boiled egg, symbolizing the *korban chagigah* (festival sacrifice) that was offered in the Temple in Jerusalem and roasted and eaten as part of the meal on Seder night. Although both the Pesach sacrifice and the *chagigah* were meat offerings, the *chagigah* is commemorated by an egg, a symbol of mourning (as eggs are the first thing served to mourners after a funeral), evoking the idea of mourning over the destruction of the Temple and our inability to offer any kind of sacrifices in honor of the Pesach holiday. Since the destruction of the Temple, the *beitzah* serves as a visual reminder of the *chagigah*; it is not used during the formal part of the seder, but some people eat a regular hard-boiled egg dipped in saltwater as the first course of the meal.

## VARIANTS/ADDITIONS

Orange — Some Jews include an orange on the Seder plate. The orange

represents the fruitfulness for all Jews when marginalized Jews, particularly women and gay people, are allowed to become active and contribute to the Jewish community. A common, though incorrect, rumor says that the tradition began when a man told Su-sannah Heschel that a woman has as much business on the bimah in a synagogue as an orange does on the Seder plate. In fact, the tradition began when Heschel spoke at Hillel at Oberlin College, where she saw an early feminist haggadah that recommended adding a crust of bread to the Seder plate as a sign of solidarity with lesbian Jews. Heschel felt putting bread on the Seder plate would mean accepting the idea that lesbian and gay Jews are as incompatible with Judaism as chametz is with Passover. At her next Seder, she used an orange as a symbol of inclusion for lesbians, gays, and others who are marginalized by the Jewish community.

Olive — In 2008, Jewish Voice for Peace proposed adding an olive to the seder plate to symbolise olive trees that have been uprooted in Palestine and this has now become a regular addition for some Jews. (*Wikipedia*)

## YAHWEH'S WARNING

*The lesbian's and gay's addition of leavened bread crust is a most critical error and sin!*

Don't get me wrong! It sounds good (except for the lesbian and gay part). But isn't there a principal recorded in the Scriptures that commands us not to add to His word, nor take away from it? "What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it," Dt. 12:32.

"Every word of Elohim is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar," Prov. 30:5-6.

"I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, Yahweh shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away

from the words of the book of this prophecy, Yahweh shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book," Rev. 22:18-19.

These Scriptures tell us that it's a pretty serious offence to add or take away from that which Yahweh has commanded.

## TYPES

The Passover lamb was instituted to cause Yahweh to pass over the homes of the children of Israel when He saw the blood so that the firstborn Israelites would be spared from death. It also served as an instrument of deliverance from bondage, but it was also a type of the future TRUE PASS-OVER LAMB YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH!

Paul writes, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," 1 Cor. 5:7-8.

The unleavened bread was also called "bread of affliction," "Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; (the Passover) seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life," Dt. 16:3.

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The unleavened bread pointed to the affliction that Yahshua would have to go through on our behalf. It also typified Him as having no sin since leaven typifies sin.

Leaven "puffs up" as Paul pointed out in 1 Cor. 5, "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in

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# LEAVENED VS. UNLEAVENED BREAD

*There is a great physical difference between leavened and unleavened bread. That's easy enough to see when they are placed side by side. But there is also a spiritual difference between the two that takes a little in-depth study to search these things out.*

By Jerry Healan

The Hebrew word for leaven, as well as the way leaven works in bread is very revealing. There are two key Hebrew words to deal with. The Hebrew word for leaven is *seor*, while the Hebrew word for leavened bread is *chametz*. A study into these words, their meanings, and application not only for bread, but everyday life is quite revealing.

*Seor* (the Hebrew word for leaven) is defined as; **barm** or yeast cake (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*). It is simply the agent utilized to cause bread (primarily) to rise. Barm means to surge up, whence FERMENT according to *Webster's New World Dictionary*. Thus, the leavening agent causes the dough to become "puffed up."

*Chametz* is the Hebrew term for leavened bread. It is defined as; **ferment**, (figuratively) **extortion**. (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* #2557) *Chametz* comes from the primitive root word *chamets* (#2556 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*). *Chamets* is defined as; a primitive root; to be **pungent**; i.e. in taste (**sour**, i.e. literally fermented, or figuratively, **harsh**), in color (**dazzling**). (Ibid)

The word "ferment" comes from *fervere* which means to boil or become agitated. "Agitate" is defined as; **1.** To move violently; stir up or shake up **2.** To disturb the feelings of – *vi.* To stir up support through speeches and writing so as to produce changes (*Webster's New World Dictionary*). So, we could say that those who create "unrest," who stir others up through words of anger, hatred, bitterness, etc. are in the process of "leavening" others. This disturbs, takes away peace.

To "extort" means to get (money, etc.) from someone by violence, threats, misuse of authority, etc. (*Webster's New World Dictionary*) The term *extortion* is often used metaphorically to refer to usury or to price-gouging.

To be "pungent" or "sour" has to do with being made acid or rank by,

or as by fermentation. Sour usually implies an unpleasant sharpness of taste and often connotes fermentation or rancidness (*Webster's New World Dictionary*).

A look into the word "harsh" is quite revealing; **Harsh** *adj.* [ME. *harsk*, akin to G. *harsch*, rough, raw < IE. base *\*kars*, to scratch, comb., whence L. *carduus*, **thistle**, *carrere*, to card (wool)] **1.** unpleasantly sharp or rough; specif., *a*) grating to the ear; discordant *b*) too bright or vivid to the eye; glaring *c*) too strong to the taste; bitter *d*) not smooth to the touch; coarse **2.** unpleasantly crude, abrupt, or strained so as to be offensive to the mind or feelings [*the harsh realities of death*] **3.** rough, crude, or forbidding in appearance [*beneath his harsh exterior*] **4.** excessively severe; cruel or unfeeling [*a harsh punishment*] – **SYN.** See ROUGH (*Webster's New World Dictionary*).

Finally, "dazzle" is defined as; **1.**

***Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?***

to overpower or dim the vision of with very bright light or brilliant qualities, display, etc. —*vi.* **1.** to be overpowered by glare. **2.** to arouse admiration by brilliant display (*Webster's New World Dictionary*).

Aren't these the techniques that modern day movies, musicians, advertisers, and even the media utilize to obtain and keep the attention of their viewers, listeners, etc., who could also be called their worshippers as many of them, especially the rich and famous are called icons, idols, etc.?

Here is how Yahweh utilizes leaven, "When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without. And they

consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face. They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. **They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.** In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorn-ers. For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me," Hos. 7:1-7.

The Apostle Paul writes, "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. **And ye are puffed up**, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Sovereign Yahshua. Your glorying is not good. **Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company

with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without Yahweh judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person,” 1 Cor. 5:5:1-13.

Yahshua utilized leaven to typify the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees, “The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? **A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas.** And he left them, and departed. And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Yahshua said unto them, **Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.** And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Yahshua perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that **ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?** Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of **the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees,**” Mt. 16:1-12

What did He call them? Didn’t He call them a wicked and adulterous

generation? Wasn’t the warning against the doctrine, the teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees? The Pharisees looked like they were righteous when, in reality, they weren’t. They still do so today! It is so amazing that so many of our people dreadfully fear the leaven of bread during the days of Unleavened Bread, but then go to the Jews to learn of their teachings, their doctrines which causes them to begin to doubt many of the veracities of the Messiah! Both should be avoided!

He warned, “In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, in-somuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy,” Lk. 12:1. (In Mark 8:15 He included the leaven of Herod.)

What is hypocrisy? It is defined as; a pretending to be what one is not, or to feel what one does not feel; esp., a pretense of virtue, piety, etc. (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*) The very word “hypocrite” itself comes from the Latin word *hypocrita* which means “an actor.”

Actors and actresses are hypocrites. They learn to actually become

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someone else in order to more perfectly play any role that they are chosen for. Once they learn the technique, they can act out any part at any time. Isn’t this like the angels who left their own habitation? “And the angels **which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation,** he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day,” Jude 6. Leaving their own habitation can be on a spiritual plane. The actors and actresses are encouraged to leave themselves and become someone else. This may be a profitable ability that suits this present evil world, but they become unauthentic, hypocrites, actors who say one thing

and do something else, also like our political leaders.

Mark includes the doctrine of the Herodians as leaven. The Herodians were politicians!

Leaven typifies sin. There is a law of sin in the flesh. The only way we can become unleavened is through Yahshua our Passover, Who is without sin. He begins our deliverance in holiness (typified by the first day of Unleavened Bread), and finishes it in holiness (typified by the last day of Unleavened Bread). The seven days of Unleavened Bread reveal completion because “seven” is the number for rest, blessing, holiness, the covenant, and the mark that Yahweh is our Elohim and we are His people. (This applies specifically to the seventh day Sabbath, but certainly can apply to the seven days of Unleavened Bread.)

Yahshua is the Author and Finisher of our faith, thus the first and last days of Unleavened Bread are holy days.

## UNLEAVENED BREAD

The unleavened bread is called the bread of affliction Dt. 16:3. Yahshua was afflicted for us so that we might become unleavened through Him.

It is called Matzah or Matzot. We will get into the Hebrew characters shortly.

Matzah/matzot is also called “flat” bread because it has had nothing injected into it (yeast/baking soda, etc.) to cause it to “puff up.” This would typify “humility.” People who are humble, don’t think of themselves more than they should. They are the type of people that Yahweh can work with because they understand their own shortcomings and look to Yahweh for their help.

But look at the most humble being of all, “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he hum-



bled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Phil 2:3-8.

This is why the matzah/matzot is a more perfect type of Him. Consider how great this man was. He was the Word of Yahweh. In the beginning He shared the power of being Elohim to the point that everything that was made was made by Him, and without Him there wasn't anything made that was made (Jn. 1:1-3)

He had eternal life. Sat beside the Father on the throne in heaven. He had riches, power, glory, honor, esteem unimaginable! Yet, He didn't cling to these things because of His own self importance, but was willing to empty Himself of them in order to fulfil the Father's will for all of us!

Contrasting Yahshua's spirit with that of Satan's is revealing! Satan was created as a marvelously beautiful cherub, "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 Adonai 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. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more," Ez. 18:11-19.

Here is one who is unwilling to humble himself. In fact, he sought to exalt himself above the stars, and even Yahweh, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, 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 Elohim: 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?" Isa. 14:12-17.

The leavened bread symbolizes the

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spirit of Satan, the spirit of the proud and high-minded, the spirit of those who think more of themselves than they ought to. The unleavened bread symbolizes the Spirit of Yahshua who isn't proud, high-minded, thinking more of Himself than He ought to. It symbolizes Him in suffering our afflictions, and deep humility as Paul revealed, and Yahshua's own actions verified.

It also symbolizes Him in His righteousness, His blemished free life,

as one who has not sinned. Not even Pilate, nor Herod could find a fault in Him, "And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him," Lk. 23:13-15.

Peter writes, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of the Messiah, as **of a lamb without blemish and without spot**: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in Elohim, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in Yahweh," 1 Pet. 1:18-21.

## THE HEBREW CHARACTERS

The prime Hebrew characters are מַצָּה (*matzah*) and מַצּוֹת (*matzot*). Let's take a look at them in the more ancient Pictorial Hebrew תַּרְמִם and תַּרְמִם. The *mem* מ is a picture of water symbolizing "spirit." The *tzaddi* צ pictures a righteous one, righteousness, etc. The *hei* ה has to do with revelation. Therefore, the Matzah reveals the spirit of the righteous one. The *tau* ט, in the instance of *matzot* would represent the covenant, and, or the name.

As for the leavened bread (*chamets*), which is spelled like this חַמֵּץ. The *chet* ח is the picture of a fence. Therefore, the leavened bread, *chamets*, fences ח one away from the righteous צ spirit מ.

Isn't that what sin does? "But your iniquities have separated between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear," Isa. 59:2.

As we approach the Passover and days of unleavened bread, let us keep the deep lessons of the difference between leavened and unleavened bread in the forefront of our minds. JH



# THE PASSOVER COUNTERFEIT CALLED EASTER

*Sunrise worship services, bunny rabbits, Easter eggs, Easter ham, hot cross buns, do these things honor the resurrected Savior? If we research into the way Easter is observed today, comparing it with the originally commanded Passover, what do you think we will find? Let's take a look to see.*

*By Jerry Healan*

Should a New Testament believer observe Easter or Passover? We know that the Jews observe the Passover, but that was part of the Old Testament. What does a New Testament believer have to do with the Old Testament? Isn't the Old Testament done away? If such is true, then why did Paul write, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even **the Messiah our Passover** is sacrificed for us?" (1 Cor. 5:7)

The evangel accounts reveal that Yahshua died on Passover day, the very day and afternoon that the Passover lambs were being slain. When they took Yahshua to the Judgment Hall to hand Him over to Pilate, the people wouldn't enter into the hall because they didn't want to be defiled and therefore not be able to eat the Passover (Jn. 18:28). Pilate customarily released a prisoner to the Jews on Passover day. He sought to release Yahshua, but the Jews called for His death and wanted one named Barabbas to be released instead (Jn. 18:38-40). When Pilate brought Yahshua forth to the people, it was the preparation day. The fourteenth day of the month was the day of preparation. This was the same day that Israel slew the Passover lambs in Egypt in anticipation of their deliverance out of the house of bondage (Ex. 12).

But one might say, Well, Easter is mentioned in the book of Acts, "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the assembly. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people," 12:1-4.

Hmmmm... If we just look at what is written here on the surface, not searching the matter out, then we

would have to admit, Sure enough! There it is! But if we go to the Greek word from which Easter has been translated, we find that the Greek word is *pascha*. A little further check will reveal that in every place where **the word Passover** appears in the New Testament, **it is translated from the Greek word *pascha***. Therefore, if you want your Scriptures to be consistent, you need to change the word Easter in Acts 12:4 to Passover. This was a blatant attempt to justify the observance of Easter by King James and his scholarly interpreters.

Easter is never mentioned in the Scriptures, neither Old Testament, nor New Testament, as a day or time to observe. The name Easter comes from a Germanic pagan goddess named Eostre, which is very similar to the forbidden pagan queen of heaven named Ishtar. Her name is shown to be pronounced as both Ishtar (eashter) and Istar (easter). The latter rendering

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would be perfectly equivalent to the modern day version Easter.

Ishtar's consort was her son, lover, husband Tammuz who died and rose annually as a vegetation god. (*Encyclopedia Britannica* 14<sup>th</sup> Edition, Volumes 12 and 21, articles Ishtar and Tammuz)

Yahweh condemned their worship. Yahweh told the Prophet Jeremiah, "Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other

gods, that they may provoke me to anger. Do they provoke me to anger? saith Yahweh: **do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?**" Jer. 7:17-19.

## THE SANHEDRIN

Furthermore, Ezekiel, who was among the captives taken to Babylon, was shown in vision what was going on in the Temple of Yahweh at Jerusalem (Ez. 8:1-3). He was shown the image of jealousy at the north gate, and then was taken to the door of the temple where there was a hole in the wall. Ezekiel was told to dig into the wall where he found a door. He was told to go in and behold the wicked abominations that were going on there. (vv. 3-9).

Ezekiel continues, "So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them **seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel**, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? For they say, Yahweh seeth us not; Yahweh hath forsaken the earth," Ez. 8:10-12.

These seventy ancients or elders of the house of Israel are nothing more than the Sanhedrin. They were the ones who were the supreme religious body of Israel. Yahweh had told Moses to choose out seventy men who were to accompany him, Aaron, and Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu into the mount to see the Elohim of Israel (Ex. 24:1, 9-11).

In Numbers 16 Moses had complained about the burden of Israel being on his shoulders, so Yahweh told him to choose seventy elders and bring them before the tabernacle of the congregation. He said that He

would take of the spirit of Moses that was on him and also put a portion of it on the seventy elders so they would also bear the burdens of the children of Israel with him. (Num. 16:16-17)

This body of elders had continued down to Jeremiah's and Ezekiel's day making important spiritual, or religious rulings for the kingdom of Judah. These men are shown to have greatly corrupted leading Judah to worship great abominations rather than Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel.

## TAMMUZ

Ezekiel continues, "He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of Yahweh's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz," Ez. 8:13-14.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* has this to say, "Tammuz, a Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian god, who died and rose annually...There are many titles of the youthful god, loved by his sister, the earth and heaven goddess, Innini (**Ishtar**), who descends yearly into Aralû (underworld) at the time of his death to bring him back to earth in her bosom...He is described as the shepherd who left his flocks, **as shepherds sat in fields wailing for Tammuz**...It is obvious that a cult which is **based upon the death and resurrection of a propitiating god**, and upon the love of a divine mother who wails for her son, has direct connection with the facts and the theological views based upon them, which gave **birth to Christianity**. But **the form of the cult which apparently most directly affected the origins of Christianity is that in which Marduk of Babylon was identified with Tammuz**. At the Nisan or new year festival at Babylon, Bêl (Marduk) was said to have been imprisoned in the lower world, and a priestess weeps at his sepulcher. A malefactor was slain with Bêl and they descend together to the land of darkness. Beltis, his wife, descends to hell to seek him, and Bêl's garments are given Ishtar (mother of Tammuz). Bêl was laid in a sepulcher, from which he soon comes forth...**That the cult had direct influence upon the origins of Christianity cannot be**

**denied**, and the Greek cult of Adonis owes its essential content to the Sumerian Tammuz." (14<sup>th</sup> edition, Vol. 21, pp. 776-777)

It says that this cult is based on a "propitiating god." To propitiate simply means to atone, or the atonement, the covering of sins. The obvious conclusion here is that Satan the devil, that old serpent that has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9), has done just that.

The women of Judah were sitting at the door of Yahweh's house weeping for Tammuz. The priesthood and Sanhedrin had become corrupted and were feeding the people falsehoods, false Babylonian religious ideals that venerated Bel of Babylon who is none other than Ba'al of the land of Canaan. Christianity has been deceived to follow these same teachings!

## SUNRISE SERVICES

Yahweh continued, "Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men,

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with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, **they put the branch to their (s/b My) nose**," Ez. 8:15-17.

The east, of course, is where the sun rises. Yahweh's tabernacle and temple were built so that the entrance into the temple was facing east which forced the worshipper to turn away from the east and face toward the west

(typifying repentance). The pagan sun worshippers always faced toward the east to worship because their false pagan religions, while filled with many abominable gods, were nothing more than the worship of the host of heaven making the sun and moon the primary objects of adoration. This practice of facing east for early morning prayer is practiced daily by modern day Rabbinic Judaism. The excuse is that they are praying toward Jerusalem, but one could just as easily face west to pray toward Jerusalem. In other words, nothing has changed since the days of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. The appearance is that they are being Torah observant when Yahweh reveals that such is simply not the case.

Notice that it says "they put the branch to their nose." This is dealt with in the writings of the prophet Isaiah who declares, "In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation. **Because thou hast forgotten the Elohim of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength**, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and **shalt set it with strange slips**: In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow," Isa. 17:9-11.

The Hebrew for the word "slips" is the exact same word that has been translated as "branch" in the above quotation from the book of Ezekiel. What Yahweh is saying is that the Israelites were going to serve strange branches of salvation. In the article from the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, look at all of the false pagan deities that represent Tammuz. There is Marduk, Bêl, Adonis. Then there is Ishtar, the female pagan goddess who represents Easter, Isis, Ashtaroth, Astarte, the queen of heaven and many other pagan female deities. Bêl represented the sun while Ishtar represented the moon, which reflects the light of the sun.

The shepherds and the women wailed and wept for Tammuz because of his death. But around the vernal equinox they began to rejoice because the spring brought back the dead veg-

etation. Tammuz revived and they all faced the east in order to rejoice at the resurrection of Tammuz (Istar/Easter sunrise services).

## CONFUSION

Yahweh said that the children of Israel provoked themselves to the confusion of their own faces (Jer. 7:19). The Hebrew word for confusion is *bosheth* (tcb). It comes from another Hebrew word that is utilized in Genesis 2:25 which says, "And they were naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (*buwsh*/cwb). *Buwsh* is #954 in the Hebrew lexicon of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as: a primitive root; properly, to pale, i.e. by implication to be ashamed; also (by implication) to be disappointed or delayed. *Bosheth* is #1322 and is defined as: **from 954**; shame (the feeling and the condition, as well as its cause); by implication (specifically) an idol.

To practice idolatry brings one to shame. It confounds and confuses a person with half-truths, lies and deceit. You see, Idolatry always falls short of that which is true even though it may look like it is the real thing.

What people need to realize is the Satan is a deceiver. He is very, very subtle. He is able to deceive people into practicing something similar to, a counterfeit of that which is true. They think that they are practicing the truth but his ways are always counterfeit and false.

In the article on Tammuz from the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, a malefactor is slain with Tammuz, but there were two malefactors slain with Yahshua, the true Savior and Redeemer (Mat. 27:38). Satan's idolatrous paganism has fallen short.

Yahshua said that He would be in the grave three days and three nights, (Mt. 12:40), but the Easter worshippers have been confused to cut that time down to one day and two nights (order our article entitled *The Three Days and Three Nights* for more details). Once again, Satan's idolatrous paganism has fallen short of the intended goal.

Yahshua died in the afternoon of Passover day, was buried later that evening before sunset because the annual high day was drawing on (the 15<sup>th</sup> of Abib, which was to be ob-

served by rest in similar fashion to the Sabbath). The day that He died would have been on the fourth day of the week (a Wednesday to the modern day world). His resurrection would have occurred at the end of the Sabbath (in the evening, Hebrew days go from about sunset to sunset) not early in the morning on the first day of the week. This, once again, reveals the confusion of those who have been deceived to serve Tammuz and Ishtar (Easter), rather than the true Savior Yahshua.

Yahshua commanded His disciples to observe His death at the Passover annually as a memorial rather than His resurrection (Mt. 26:17-29; Mk. 14:13-25; Lk. 22:7-20). Since He became our Passover sacrificed for us (1 Cor. 5:7), we should follow the example that He set annually partaking of the unleavened bread and cup which represent His flesh and blood.

Rabbits and eggs were utilized by the idolatrous pagans to represent fertility. Easter bunnies and eggs are simply items to cause our children to partake in these idolatrous things. There is no place in the Scriptures that encourage, nor justify such practices. Yahweh told Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I

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am Yahweh your Elohim. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances... And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them," Lev. 18:2-3; 20:23.

Yahweh, through the Prophet Jeremiah, decreed, "Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain," Jer. 10:2-3.

It is stated, "For I am Yahweh, I

change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed," Mal. 3:6. "Yahshua the Messiah the same yesterday, and today, and forever," Heb. 13:8.

Yahshua came to do the Father's will, "Yahshua saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work...For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me...And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day," Jn. 4:34; 6:38; 6:40.

His followers should be following His example, not the practices of the idolaters.

Are you beginning to see the confusion that the world has been deceived to follow? For those who continue to follow the false idolatrous pagan ways, there is only confusion and shame of face. Satan, the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4), the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2) has, and is certainly fulfilling the Scriptures written about him! He began to lie and deceive in the Garden of Eden and He continues to fulfill those deceptive practices to this day (Rev. 12:9).

Are you following his deceptive, idolatrous, pagan, heathenistic practices? If you are observing Easter then you certainly are deceived by him, and doing so. We know that the great majority of today's world will deny what is written here and continue to observe his false, deceptive practices because they do not love the truth (2 Thes. 2:1-12, esp. verses 11-12). But this is written for those who will receive the truth and turn and embrace it to everlasting life. For those who continue in those things read the verses in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 again. Remember what happened to the pre-flood world. Remember what happened to Babel. Remember what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. Remember what happened to Israel, Yahweh's chosen people. We stand at the end of an age when the kingdom of heaven will soon appear. Prepare yourself by turning away from the prince and god of this world and his deceptive practices. Save yourselves from this untoward generation!

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# THE LEAVENED LOAVES

*We are of those assemblies and groups who observe the commanded annual holy days as found in the Scriptures. The annual holy days teach us so many, many things if we will choose to observe them and allow Yahweh's Spirit to guide us. Let's see what the Spirit of Yahweh teaches us about this annual observance this year.*

*By Jerry Healan*

The primary command for the observance of this annual holy day is found in the book of Leviticus chapter 23, "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, 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," v.v. 9-17.

Notice that there is a count of 50 days that must be done in order to reach this annual observance. The count begins with the offering of the sheaf of firstfruits (v.v. 10-11, 15). We have published articles that deal with the sheaf and the count. They are entitled "*The Sheaf of Firstfruits*" and "*How Should We Count To Pentecost?*" We will be very happy to provide these articles for you upon request if you desire or need a copy. But

the number fifty is a spiritually significant number because it represents jubilee, liberty, freedom.

We want to focus our attention upon the leavened loaves that were to be brought out of their habitations because all things that were done, were types for something else. For instance, we have revealed in our article that focuses on the sheaf of firstfruits that the sheaf represented the resurrected Savior from the dead. It was offered in the morning after the regular Sabbath that occurred during the days of unleavened bread (the first day of the week). Yahshua ascended to be accepted as the firstborn from the dead on that morrow after the Sabbath during the days of unleavened bread, "Yahshua saith unto her (Miriam), 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 Father; and to my Elohim, and your Elohim," Jn.

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The countdown to Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks or Feast of Firstfruits was begun on that very day and on the fiftieth day the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of liberty and freedom) was poured out upon Yahshua's disciples, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord

in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance," Acts 2:1-4.

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The sheaf of firstfruits that was offered on the morrow after the regular Sabbath typified the resurrected Savior. With His acceptance as the firstborn from the dead, the count was begun to Pentecost wherein the New Testament Assembly was raised up. The two wave loaves baked with leaven typified the New Testament Assembly. But why were there two loaves? Why were they baked with leaven? These questions and others must be answered.

The disciples understood that Yahshua was the promised Messiah, "When Yahshua came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim,**" Mt. 16:13-16.

They also understood that He, being the promised Messiah, had come to restore the kingdom to Israel, "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Master, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**" Acts 1:6.

Israel had been separated into two kingdoms after the reign of Solomon, son of David. The northern kingdom was begun to be ruled by Jeroboam, an Ephraimite of the tribe of Joseph. The northern kingdom retained the name Israel and her capital was at Samaria. They became known as the ten

tribes. The southern kingdom continued to be ruled at Jerusalem under the descendants of David, descendants of Judah. Thus, we have two kingdoms wherein the two loaves would represent.

The northern kingdom departed from Yahweh right away turning back to the abomination that Aaron and Israel committed by making the golden calf and worshipping it during Moses' forty day tenure in the mount wherein he was receiving instructions concerning the tabernacle, priesthood, etc. (Ex. 24 – 32) The Northern kingdom placed a golden calf in Bethel and in Dan. Yahweh sent His prophets to Israel to warn them to turn from their ways, but they refused and were cast out of the land by 721 BCE.

Judah continued to dwell in the land, but Solomon had erected temples to all of the deities of his foreign wives and the children of Israel under the Jewish kings were also committing abominations, "Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith Yahweh. But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because ye have done all these works, saith Yahweh, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim. Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee," Jer. 7:8-16.

In our article entitled "*What Leaven Represents*," (Yahshua's Witness

*Magazine*, Mar. – Apr. 2008) we revealed that leaven represents sin and false doctrine. While the leavened loaves could have represented both of the houses of Israel, they were brought forth on the Feast of Pentecost, which is the same day that Yahweh raised up the New Testament Assembly as revealed in Acts 2. The Apostle Paul reveals more concerning what the two loaves represent, "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without the Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Yahweh in the world: But now in the Messiah Yahshua ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Messiah. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto Yahweh in one body by the cross,

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having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh," Eph. 2:11-17.

The loaves, thusly, would represent both the Israelites who had been made the commonwealth of Yahweh through the Covenant of Moses, and the non-Hebrews, the non-Israelites who were excluded from that commonwealth through that same covenant. Both Israel and Judah were sown among the nations of the earth because of their unfaithfulness to the covenant.

#### **LEAVEN**

The loaves were leavened, which typifies the current state of the assembly. The Apostle Paul made this clear

in the book of Romans, "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of the Messiah; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto Yahweh. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Yahweh forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? Yahweh forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of Yahweh after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O

wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Ro. 7:4-24.

What is Paul saying here? The Messiah died so that our transgressions, our sin, our law-breaking might be forgiven. Once we are baptized and washed clean from our sins, then we are alive without the law. But Paul reveals that even though he was dead to the law, sin revived because there is a law of sin in the flesh. That law of sin is the leaven of the flesh and even though a person may be called and forgiven and has received an earnest of the Spirit, the problem is that the flesh does not stay dormant. Paul says that sin revives.

Sin is the transgression of the law (1 Jn. 3:4). John writes to us encouraging us that we sin not (1 Jn. 2:1). But in the very same sentence he says, "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Yahshua the Messiah the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world," 1 Jn. 2:1-2.

Paul reveals in Romans 7 and Galatians 5 that we must struggle against the law of sin in the flesh. Sometimes it is so frustrating because it seems like a losing battle, and that is when, in his frustration, he cries, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Ro. 7:24). The answer comes immediately, "I thank Yahweh through Yahshua the Messiah our Sovereign," v. 25. (first part) But notice how he finishes verse 25, "So then with the mind I myself serve the law of Yahweh; but with the flesh the law of sin."

He reveals elsewhere that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption," 1 Cor. 15:50. Thus, the two loaves baked with leaven represent the current state of the assembly, the body of the Messiah. We only receive an earnest of the spirit, which is a down payment to hold us until the day of redemption. In this state, we are still subject to the sin that is in the flesh and must resist it with the power of the Spirit through obedience to the commandments.

## THE WITNESS

If you will read Revelation chapters 2 and 3, you will find a thumbnail sketch of the history of the New Testament Assembly. Only two assemblies have nothing bad said about them. One, the Smyrna Assembly is persecuted and martyred to the grave. The other, the Philadelphia Assembly, does not deny His name. This can mean many things. The first, of course, is exactly what it says, His name was Yahshua, not Jesus. But above that, the very word "name" in Hebrew also means authority, honor, character, etc. The flesh with the law of sin contained therein is corruptible and mortal. It is filled with leaven and is not suitable for the kingdom of heaven. We must be resurrected or changed from that which is mortal and corruptible to that which is immortal and incorruptible.

Our current mission is not to declare ourselves, but to be subject to the Spirit of truth, which witnesses of Yahshua and how He is spoken of in the Scriptures. He declared to the people of His day, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that

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ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of Yahweh in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from Yahweh only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For **had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?**" Jn. 5:39-47.

He told His disciples, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **Even the Spirit of truth;** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you....But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you," Jn. 14:15-17, 26. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me.**" Jn. 15:26. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.** All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you" Jn. 16:7-15.

Thus, our witness must be about Yahshua and His fulfillment of the Scriptures.

## FIRSTFRUITS

The leavened loaves that were brought forth were called "the firstfruits unto Yahweh" (Lev. 23:17). The Hebrew word for "firstfruits" is *bikkuwrim* (בִּכּוּרִים). It is defined as the first-fruits of the crop (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*) and is generally translated as first fruit, hasty fruit, etc. It stems from another Hebrew word which is *bakar* (בָּקַר) which is defined as; to burst the



womb, i.e. (causatively) bear or make early fruit (of woman or tree); also (as denominative from 1061) to give the birthright. (*IBID*)

The firstfruits assembly was raised up on the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples. We have come down through almost two thousand years now while the firstfruits are being sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Yahshua, Himself, said that many are called, but few are chosen (Mt. 22:14). During this period of time, the leavened loaves have applied to the New Testament Assembly. But the day is coming, as Paul wrote, when the mortal and corruptible will be resurrected or changed to immortal and incorruptible. This will take place sometime in the near future on another annual holy day, the next holy day to be fulfilled.

The book of Revelation speaks of the first resurrection, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and **I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yahshua, and for the word of Yahweh,** and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with the Messiah a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of Yahweh and of the Messiah, and shall reign with him a thousand years," Rev. 20:1-6.

Another time of great persecution is going to come upon Yahshua's disciples. This is revealed in the fifth seal of chapter 6, "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the

altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of Yahweh, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Sovereign, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and **it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled,"** v.v. 9-11.

They will all be resurrected at the sound of the trumpet of Yahweh, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: **for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

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The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to Yahweh, which giveth us the victory through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Sovereign, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in Yahweh," 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

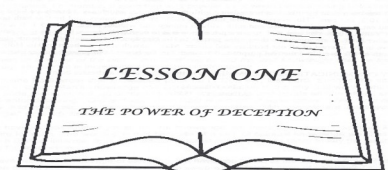
There will no longer be any leaven in their bodies, for they will have been resurrected with new incorruptible and immortal bodies. These resurrect-

ed firstfruits are revealed in Revelation fourteen, "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto Yahweh and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of Yahweh," vv. 1-5.

These are the ones represented by the leavened loaves of Pentecost. They are the firstfruits unto Yahweh. They are the first to be redeemed and born from the sons of Adam into the power, honor and glory of the kingdom of heaven. They will be kings and priests forever and ever, serving under Yahshua the Messiah Who is King of kings and Sovereign of sovereigns. He also is the heavenly High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Have you been called and sealed to serve in this great capacity? Their redemption and appearance will serve to the further salvation of all peoples of the earth. May that day come soon!

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## THE HEBREW ALPHABET

THE REISH

The Reish is the 20th letter of the Hebrew Alphabet. Only two more remain, and while we can claim that our study will be complete when we finish the 22nd and last letter, the truth of the matter is that we can study into these things for an eternity and eternally learn so many new things. We are excited about this 20th letter and the revelations that will come about for us as we are none but children who must continue to learn more and more exciting things about our awesome Creator and His wondrous revelations.

By Jerry Healan

The Reish looks like this ר/א/ה in Pictorial, Paleo, and Modern Hebrew respectively. As we can easily see, it is the picture of a head. It is spelled רִישׁ/אֵשׁ, however, the Hebrew word “head” is spelled ראשׁ/רֹשׁ (rosh).

It is equivalent to the number 200 which makes it the “numerical” center of the alphabet, because the first letter, *aleph*, = 1, and the last letter *tau*, = 400, even though it is near the end of the alphabet.

Isn't our own head at the upper extremity of our body, but encapsulates the brain which is the control center of the body, and the center of our thoughts and desires? The body follows the head's direction.

Robert M. Haralick writes, “The twentieth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the letter ר, spelled רִישׁ. It means both *poverty* and *head* or *principal*. It has the numerical value of 200, and its energy intelligence is *cosmic container*. The other letter energy intelligencies having to do with container are ב, which has the numerical value of 2 and the energy intelligence of container or vessel archetype, and כ, which has the numerical value of 20 and the energy intelligence of container projected into physical existence.

The cosmic container is a container of contexts. At the cosmic level, every action, every expressed statement, every thought has simultaneous multiple valid contexts. Each context provides for the possibility of our inner movement, a movement that chooses a context by which we interpret any situation. And whatever the dimension one wants to measure this on, these simultaneously valid multiple contexts permit interpretations that can range from one extreme to another. The inner movement permitted by the cosmic container is our freedom, our freedom to give our situations a

context and by this means an interpretation. From the letter energy intelligence of ר, we learn that each situation as we experience it does not have its context in it. The situation does not contain its limitation. Rather its context comes from within us. It is internally generated, something we each do as an exercise of our free will.” (*The Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters*, p. 283)

We can understand this by looking at several recorded events. The instance of Abraham and Sarah going into Egypt because of the famine taking place in Canaan, looked like the thing to do, but Sarah was taken into the house of Pharaoh and except for Yahweh's intervention, would have been limited by defilement.

Later, another dirge came upon the earth, but Pharaoh, through Joseph, invited the Hebrews to Egypt and

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gave them the best of the land. This looked good at the outset, and was for the preserving of their lives, but another Pharaoh rose up who didn't know Joseph, and enslaved the Hebrews.

The name Egypt is *Mitsraim* coming from *matsowr* which means to “limit” or “hem in.” Once again, Yahweh had to intervene to deliver His people back to the land of promise.

But Israel, instead of honoring and obeying their Elohim, exercised their own “freewill” and were again brought into the bondage of sin and destruction.

### ADAM AND EVE

Adam was the “first” man. The Hebrew for “first” is *rishown* (רִישׁוֹן). Notice the first three letters. They are the letters ראשׁ = head.

He was placed in the Garden of

Eden, being forbidden to eat of the tree of the “knowledge of good and evil.” However, the serpent appeared to the woman (Adam's wife), and lied to her about the effects of the tree. Then when she saw the tree, she looked at it as if it would be something to make her wise. She took and ate of it, and her husband with her ate of it also, and because they exercised their own selfish free will, they not only brought pain, suffering, corruption, sin, and death upon themselves, but upon all of their posterity.

Look at where we are at the end of the age. Men and women are leaving the natural use for one another turning to lesbianism, and homosexuality. The sins of adultery and fornication are so rampant, that the sins have hardened the hearts of the people so much that they want to destroy their own unborn children. People love the riches of the world, but are spiritually impoverished!

Many have now become so confused that they want to deny their birth gender, males desire to be females and vice versa. This is all confusion, impoverishment (spiritually speaking).

The final assembly/church age is that of Laodicean who are described as, “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked,” Rev. 3:17.

Laodicea means *Lao* (people) *dicea* (judge, justice, right, judgment, etc.). Therefore, it means people who judge (rule) as in Democracy. It can also mean people of right (-s); aren't so many demanding their “rights” in today's world? But it can also mean “people of judgment!” In too many instances, the assembly/church has become like the world around them. Isn't this exactly what happened to Israel?

What does Yahshua say about this assembly/church age? <sup>15</sup>“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue (vomit) thee out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: <sup>18</sup>I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. <sup>19</sup>As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup>Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup>To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. <sup>22</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches,” Rev. 3:15-22.

Did you notice that Yahshua has to stand at the door and knock instead of them standing at Him (the door) and knocking to be let in? Yahshua said, <sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: <sup>8</sup>For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened,” Mt. 7:7-8.

The Laodiceans have become so rich and comfortable with the present evil world, and themselves, that they can't see that they are spiritually wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked!

## FREE WILL

Everyone wants to exercise their own free will, but the problem is “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death,” Prov. 14:12; 16:25.

Yahshua never sought His own will, “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because **I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me**....For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that**

**sent me,”** Jn. 5:30; 6:38.

In the night that He was betrayed, He prayed, “He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, **thy will be done,”** Mt. 26:42.

Paul wrote, “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is the Messiah; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of the Messiah is Yahweh,” 1 Cor. 11:3.

Consider the sacrifice that Yahshua made, <sup>4</sup>“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. <sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in the form of Elohim/Yahweh, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim/Yahweh: <sup>7</sup>But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross,” Phil. 2:4-8.

Yahshua is revealed to be the One Who created all things (Jn. 1:1-14). In order to fulfill His Father's will, Yahshua was willing to empty Himself of the power, glory, and honor

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that He had as Elohim, Creator, become a man, dwell among us, greatly suffer, and die. Had He sought His own will as men seek their own will, He would never have been willing to take the form of the most perfect of servants.

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## BEREYSHIYT (בראשית)

The very first word of Scripture is *Bereyshiyt*. It has been interpreted as “In (the) beginning.” But there is so much more to this word than meets

the eye, in the Hebrew.

The first letter is the *beit* (ב/בּ) which is the picture of a house, tent, temple, family, etc. (This is the reason that it is a container.) As a preposition, it has to do with our English word “in.”

The next three letters are “*rosh*” (רֹאשׁ/ראשׁ) which is the word for “head.” So now we get the idea of “In (the) head.”

The last two letters (יָהּ/יה), which in reality, make up another Hebrew word, *self, entity*, etc. Now, we get the idea of “In (the) head entity!”

But there is more! If we single out the first two letters (בָּר/בר) we have the secondary Hebrew word for “son” which is “Bar.” The next two letters are אֵשׁ/אשׁ which is the Hebrew word for “fire!” Now, we get the idea of the Son (בָּר) fire (אֵשׁ) entity (יָהּ). It is written, “For **Yahweh thy Elohim is a consuming fire**, even a jealous Elohim,” Dt. 4:24, and “For **our Elohim is a consuming fire**,” Heb. 12:29. If we have seen Yahshua, then we have seen the Father. The Father is a consuming fire, so also is the Son!

But there is more! The last four letters of *Bereyshiyt* make up another revelatory word, אֵשׁ יְהוָה/אשׁ יהוה which is the Hebrew word for “framework!” (*Dictionary of the Targumim, Talmud Babli, Yerushalmi, and Midrashic Literature* by Prof. Marcus Jastrow, p. 128)

This has to do with the Son (בָּר/בר) Who is the foundation/framework (אֵשׁ יְהוָה/אשׁ יהוה) of Creation, <sup>1</sup>“In the beginning was the word, and the word was with Elohim/Yahweh, and the word was Elohim/Yahweh. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with Elohim/Yahweh. <sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made....<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and his own received him not....<sup>14</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and **truth**,” Jn. 1:1-3, 10-11, 14.

Notice that this word (אֵשׁ יְהוָה/אשׁ יהוה)



(אשית) begins with the *aleph* א/א and ends with the *tau* ת/ת which are the first and last letters of the Hebrew Alphabet. The Hebrew word for truth, *emet* (אמת/אמת), also begins with the *aleph* and ends with *tau*. Furthermore, the very first sentence of Scripture is only composed of seven Hebrew words, “*Bereshiyt bara Elohim et* (אשר/אשר), *ha-shamayim ve-et ha-erets*. (see image below)



Notice that the *aleph tau* (אשר) is the center (trunk) of the menorah. We read, “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. <sup>8</sup>I am **Aleph and Tau, the beginning and the ending**, saith the Master, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. <sup>9</sup>I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Yahshua the Messiah, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of Yahweh, and for the testimony of Yahshua the Messiah. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Master's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>Saying, **I am Aleph and Tau, the first and the last**: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. <sup>12</sup>And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; <sup>13</sup>And in the **midst** of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup>And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as

the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup>And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength,” Rev. 1:7-16.

Yahshua is the beginning and ending, first and last, Aleph and Tau, Who is in the midst of the seven assemblies! Our focus must be on Him and His witness, not ourselves!

He is the One Who upholds and sustains us and the whole creation, “Elohim/Yahweh, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds**; <sup>3</sup>Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; <sup>4</sup>Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they,” Heb. 1:1-4.

## LIGHT

The Hebrew word for light is *owr*

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(אור/אור). Looking at this word in the Pictorial, we see that there is the *aleph* (א), which is a head, denoting that which is first (*rishown*), chief, head, strength, etc. Then we have the *reish* (ר), which is another head. In this instance, this is a combination of father (*aleph*) and son (*reish*) because the *waw* (ו) has them “hooked, nailed” together.

The Father and Son, together, produce the brightest, most brilliant of light!

Yitzchak Ginsburgh writes, “The word ‘charity’ (צדקה) equals 199.

The upper limit of charity, 200, is thus the secret of ראש, ‘poor man’ (רש) with an *alef* (א), i.e. no

longer poor but a ראש, ‘head,’ in control of his worldly affairs. This is hinted at in the verse ‘the thousand is to you, Solomon, and two hundred to the keepers of its fruit.’ The ‘thousand’ (האלש) is the secret of the letter *alef*; in its source—one, which completes (Solomon, שלמה, means ‘completion’) the 200 to become a ‘head’ worthy of keeping the fruit of the garden—i.e., responsibly attending for the nature of the Worlds.

When the *alef* of Solomon is joined to the *reish* of the ‘keepers’ by the connecting force of the letter *vav*, the word אור (‘light’) is spelled. Initially the thousand are the secret of the ‘thousand lights’ which shine inwardly to the ‘completed’ self. The two hundred, the ‘fifth’ of the thousand, are those lights which shine outwardly to the other. In the word אור, ‘light,’ the two, opposite ‘vector’ forces of light combine, the inner drawn down to augment the outer.

At the level of Worlds, ‘lights,’ אורות, means fruit (and vegetables) in Hebrew. This is an obvious allusion to the phenomenon of photosynthesis, where physical sunlight is transformed into the life force of vegetation. This relates to the phrase שמש צדקה, ‘the sun is charity.’ The essence of the sun first consummates the 199 (= צדקה) to become 200 (ר), and then joins the 1,000 (its own inwardly shining light) to the 200 (outwardly shining lights), in the full secret of the word אור, ‘[sun] light’.” (*The Alef-Beit*, p. 305)

Robert M. Haralick writes, “But in our darkest moment, the sun shines. For there are always trustworthy and righteous people, chiefs and masters, who with God’s help can make us aware that we have fallen into the illusion and help lead us to freedom. But if we do not listen to them?”

Poverty and shame come to him who refuses instruction: but he who heeds reproof shall be honored. (Prov. 13:18).

So bathed in the sunshine, in the holy instruction of the Torah, we can leave enslavement and enter freedom. We can go beyond whatever limitation the appearance of our situation seems to have.

Because the context of a situation

is not connected to the situation, the light that is always present is concealed. What light we each can reveal comes about by choosing a context for each situation and responding to the situation by thoughts, words, and actions in accordance with the interpretation of the situation in the chosen context. It is this way that we each have complete responsibility for the motivation behind whatever we do.

How do we know that there is light that is always present? We know that because the gematria of רֵיֵשׁ is 510 and this is the gematria of the word תּוֹקֵד, which means shall be kept burning and occurs exactly three times in the Pentateuch. Rabbi Schneerson teaches that three is associated with the concept of תּוֹקֵדָה, a threefold sequence with strength and permanence.

Each of the three occurrences of תּוֹקֵד is in reference to the fire that shall ever be burning on the altar in the temple. (Lev. 6:2, 5, 6)

The full gematria of רֵיֵשׁ is 890 (רֵיֵשׁ יוֹד שֵׁין). The word תְּמִימָה, which mean *complete* or *full*, has the gematria of 890. It is used in the passage telling us about the counting of the omer. (*The Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters*, pp. 285-286)

The *omer* he is speaking about was the wave sheaf offered on the morrow after the Sabbath during the days of unleavened bread that was offered to begin the count to Pentecost which was a type of the resurrected Messiah. (Lev. 23:9-16)

It was named “*omer reyshiyth*.” There’s that word “*reyshiyth*” without the preceding *beit* as in Gen. 1:1. This wave sheaf or “*omer reyshiyth*” (omer of firstfruits, or omer of beginnings) typified Yahshua in the resurrection ascending into heaven to be accepted as the firstfruits from the dead, “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 Father; and to my Elohim, and your Elohim,” Jn. 20:17.

Paul wrote, “<sup>12</sup>Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light (אֹר): <sup>13</sup> Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: <sup>14</sup>In whom

we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: <sup>15</sup>Who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn of every creature: **“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:”** <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and by him all things consist (*held together*). <sup>18</sup>And he is the head (רֹאשׁ) of the body, the assembly: who is the beginning (רֵאשִׁית), the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence,” Col. 1:12-18.

The fruit (אֹרֶת) that we bear from his light (אֹר) is the nine fruits (אֹרֶת) of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

## THE OMER

The Hebrew term that Moses wrote for the “*omer*” was עֹמֶר רֵאשִׁית אֶת. Notice that it is preceded by the *aleph-tau* (אֶת)!

The *ayin* (ע) is the picture of an eye (עַיִן). The *alef-tau* (אֶת) not only represents Yahshua (the beginning

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and ending, first and last), but when we look at the word “*omer*” in the Pictorial (אֹמֶר) we get the idea of “see (עַיִן) the spirit’s (רוּחַ) head (רֹאשׁ)! Followed by *reyshiyth* (רֵאשִׁית) = (the) head (רֹאשׁ) entity (אֶת)!”

The first grain of the year was the barley. This is why so many go to Israel in March-April to see if the barley is ripening in order to confirm which new moon will begin the sacred year.

The omer of barley had to be the very first omer able to be reaped in order to properly typify Yahshua, the

head, the firstborn from the dead. The omer of barley was estimated to be one half (1/2) shekel, which was equivalent to the “atonement” money required for each man, “<sup>11</sup>And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup>When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a **ransom** for his soul unto Yahweh, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. <sup>13</sup>This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, **half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary:** (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of Yahweh. <sup>14</sup>Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto Yahweh. <sup>15</sup>The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto Yahweh, **to make an atonement for your souls.** <sup>16</sup>And thou shalt take the **atonement money** of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a **memorial** unto the children of Israel before Yahweh, to make an atonement for your souls,” Ex. 30:11-16.

Amazingly, “the sum” is translated from אֶת-רֹאשׁ (the aleph-tau head)! They were counting the heads of the men who were to be under the strong covenant (אֶת)! “Ransom” is translated from kopher (כֹּפֶר), which is also translated as “atonement” in these same verses!

Paul continues, “<sup>19</sup>For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; <sup>20</sup>And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to **reconcile** all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. <sup>21</sup>And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he **reconciled** <sup>22</sup>In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: <sup>23</sup>If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; <sup>24</sup>Who now rejoice in

my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of the Messiah in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the assembly: <sup>25</sup>Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of Yahweh which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of Yahweh; <sup>26</sup>**Even the mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: <sup>27</sup>To whom Yahweh would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is the Messiah in you, the hope of glory: <sup>28</sup>Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in the Messiah Yahshua: <sup>29</sup>Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily," Col. 1:19-29.

The omer was offered up to Yahweh on the morrow after the Sabbath that occurred during the days of Passover and unleavened bread, which began the countdown to shavout, the feast of weeks, which is better known today as Pentecost. The count to the Pentecost wherein the Holy Spirit was poured out on Yahshua's disciples raising up the New Testament assembly, was begun upon His ascension to be accepted as the firstfruits (*omer rey-shiyth*) from the dead!

## DIVINITY

Yitzchak Ginsburgh writes, "Though the *reish*—the 20th letter of the *alef-beit*—is the 'beginning of the end,' nonetheless, numerically, its value is the halfway point between that of the *alef*, one, and that of the *tav*, four hundred. As a circle can be seen to begin from its center, the 'circle' of the *alef-beit* (whose diameter equals  $400 = \text{ת}$ ) 'begins' (*ריש*—*ראש*) from its middle-point, the *reish*, 200. (In addition, since the *reish* is the 20th letter, the circle of the *alef-beit* can be seen to be a square of its center,  $20^2 = 400$ .)

We are taught that the *tzimtzum* of the Infinite Light took place in its 'middle point,' leaving over an impression of 'dark' light within the vacuum-point of the *tzimtzum*. ('impression,' *reshimu* [רשימו], begins with the syllable *reish*; the *mem* of the root *רשם* is one of the 'non-essential' let-

ters *האמנותי*, and thus not an essential part of the root.) To speak of a 'middle point' within infinite expanse is itself a paradox. The secret of the middle point is the 'Kingdom of the Infinite' (*מלכות דאין סוף*), the point through which the Creator 'emerges' into His Creation as King ('head') of the universe. This 'emerging' of the King is represented by the word 'King,' *מלך*, evolving in three stages beginning from its first letter: *מל* → *מלך* → *מלך*, which together equal 200, *reish*. The two letters of the second stage of 'emergence,' *מל*, combine numerically to become the letter *ayin* (=70), which then links, backwards to the *mem* of the first stage to spell *עם*, 'people,' in the secret of *עם* *אין מלך בלא עם*, 'there is no king without a people.' First the people are potential in the root of the Being of the King. Thereafter they become an external reality which bows down, on the first day of *Rosh HaShannah*, to coronate the King and ultimately to become one with Him, in the secret of *עם* (people) + *מלך* (King) = *מל* + *מלך* = *ר*, *reish*. (*The Alef-Beit*, p. 307)

He also writes, "The unknowable, superconscious head of the first day of

our Sages understand to refer to the ten days of Teshuvah in general and to the first day of Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur in particular.

The spiritual service of the first day of Rosh HaShannah is to coronate the King by our total subdual and bowing of head to accept the yoke of heaven. Thereby our own head is actually elevated to a level absolutely higher than our previous state of consciousness. The knowable head of Souls is lifted into the unknowable head of Divinity. 'Your thoughts,' when totally subdued to the Will of G-d, are lifted into 'My thoughts' and 'your ways' into 'My ways' (the *mitzvot* of Torah, the ways of G-d).

This is the secret of 'lift up the head of the Children of Israel.' The root 'to lift up' in Hebrew, *avn*, means the power to bear opposites, the Divine paradox of the unknowable head. When the letters *ראש*, 'head,' are 'lifted' to the next letters of the *alef-beit*, they become *שבת*, Shabbat, the secret of the Primordial One, as explained above. (*IBID*, p. 304)

We have understood for many years that *Rosh HaShannah* (Feast of Trumpets) will be the day of the coronation of Yahshua the Messiah as King of kings and Sovereign of sovereigns. It is also the day of the resurrection of Yahshua's saints from corruptible and mortal to incorruptible and immortal (1 Cor. 15:51-54).

As for the letters *ראש* becoming *שבת*, he is speaking of the fact of the *shin* (*ש*) that follows the *reish* (*ר*), the *beit* (*ב*) that follows the *aleph* (*א*), and the *tau* (*ת*) that follows the *shin* (*ש*).

Thus if we follow and yield ourselves to our head (*reish/ריש*) Yahshua the Messiah, then we will enter into His rest (*Sabbath/שבת*).

## THE WICKED

Michael Monk writes, "The *ר* represents *רשע*, a wicked person. Noting the juxtaposition of *ר* to *ק*, which stands for *קדוש*, the Holy One.

Why is the face of the *ק* turned away from the *ר*? [The wording of this phrase is euphemistic. Actually *ק* does not turn its face away, but stands behind the *ר* as it were (*Rashi*).] The

***Thus if we follow and yield ourselves to our head (reish/ריש) Yahshua the Messiah, then we will enter into His rest (Sabbath/שבת).***

*Rosh HaShannah* is the secret of 'for My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,' says G-d; 'for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.' These two verses precede the verse: 'Seek G-d while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. The wicked shall forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and he shall return to G-d, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our G-d for He will abundantly pardon,' which



Holy One, Blessed is He, says, ‘I cannot bear to look at the wicked one.’ And why does the crown of the ק turn toward the נ? The Holy One, Blessed is He, says, ‘If he repents, I shall bind upon him a crown like My own’ (*Shabbos 104a*).

The question arises: Since [Yahweh] is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and easy to pacify, He pardons iniquity and overlooks transgression (Exodus 34:6), why should He refuse even to face the evil person?

It is true that God is merciful, indeed, even to sinners. He does not turn His back to those who have sinned inadvertently or carelessly, nor is He aloof to those who have been unable to resist severe pressure and temptation. The wicked person from whom God turns away is one who willfully abandons the Torah and denies the sovereignty of God, one who intentionally becomes a non-believer.

One of the Four Sons of the Haggadah is such a person. Unlike the children of other categories who **inquire** of their parents for enlightenment [יִשְׁאַלְךָ בְּנֶךָ, when your son will **ask** (Deuteronomy 6:20)], those in this grouping derisively **tell** their parents יֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיכֶם בְּנֵיכֶם, when your sons will **tell** you (Exodus 12:26)] of their attitudes in a way that demonstrates their unbelief in the Pesach commandments, and their unwillingness to participate in them. In effect, this means that they deny God’s miracles of the Exodus. By belittling the laws of Pesach and removing themselves from the community, they forfeit the chance to rise above their sins, and shoe the pernicious stubbornness that characterizes their wickedness.

This degree of wickedness marks the sinner as a רָשָׁע, yet a spark of goodness slumbers in every person’s heart. (*The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet*, p. 200)

L. Grant Luton writes similarly, “Though *resh* (ר) appears near the end of the alphabet, mathematically it stands at the very center. By this I means that *resh* (ר) with a numerical value of 200, stands mathematically halfway between נ (which equals 1)

and ת (which equals 400). *Resh* (ר) does not dwell at the actual center of the alphabet, only at its mathematical/ logical center. Actually *resh* is located very near the end of the alphabet between the letter *kof* (ק) and *shin* (ש), which together spell שִׁקֵּר (*sheker*, ‘falsehood’). If we try to live according to human reasoning we will be prone to deception because our lives are revolving around a false center. The tendency to enthrone human logic at the core of our being around which all of our decisions and actions revolve, is very common today. This is *not* the way God designed us to operate—and attempting to live our lives in this way will lead to emptiness and frustration.

Do not misconstrue what I am saying—in no way should we denigrate God’s gift of reasoning. (I have used reason to prepare this book and you must use reason to comprehend it.) However, we must appreciate that our powers of reason are limited. They should never be a substitute for faith in God and His word, but used to augment it. Proverbs makes this clear:

Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and *lean not on your own*

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*understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Prov. 3:5-6)*

Notice that it does *not* say that we should never use our understanding; it says only that we should not ‘lean’ upon it, we are certain to fall. The purpose of our God-given power of reason is to enable us to appreciate what He *has* done, rather than try to determine what He is going to do. This is why *resh* (ר) appears near the end of the alphabet. Reasoning makes a wonderful caboose, but it is a poor locomotive. Just as ר follows ז and ק,

so logic (ר) must follow righteousness (צ) and holiness (ק), for it is unable by itself to lead us to them. (*In His Own Words*, p. 202).

The *resh*, in applying it to the Messiah, reveals His greatness, but when applying it to man, it reveals his weakness/failures.

The first man, Adam, was created and placed here to be the sovereign/master of the earth, but instead of leading, he followed his wife Eve/Chavvah into partaking of the fruit of good and evil. Before partaking of the fruit, they were naked and not ashamed (also confused), but afterward they were so confused that they sought to cover their nakedness with the works of their own hands, foolishly choosing to make aprons of fig leaves.

They had no death working in their bodies until they partook of the tree of death, for Yahweh had told the man that in the day that he ate of it, dying he would die.

The Hebrew word for death is *moot* (מוֹת). The Pictorial Hebrew look like this מוֹת. The *mem* (מ) is a picture of the waters of chaos/confusion; the *waw* (ו) is the picture of a nail, tent peg, or hook, the *tau* (ט) is the picture of a cross, in this instance indicating the end, death.

This, of course, makes what Paul wrote much more clear, “<sup>6</sup>Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: <sup>7</sup>But we speak the wisdom of Yahweh in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory: <sup>8</sup>Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Sovereign of glory. <sup>9</sup>But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Yahweh hath prepared for them that love him. <sup>10</sup>But Yahweh hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Yahweh. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. 2:6-14.

We are born into this world breathing the breath/spirit of Adam, the natural man, but we are not given the Holy Spirit in order to be able to understand spiritual. It is Yahweh's own prerogative to call us and grant us His Holy Spirit in order to begin to understand His mysteries that are hidden in His Son, the Head (*resh/ראש*)!

## PERMUTATIONS

Robert M. Haralick writes, "The letter r is related to the word *ראש*, which means *head*. One permutation of the letters *ראש* is *אשר*, which is the noun meaning *happiness*. Another word beginning with the letter *ר* is (*רצון*) which means *will, wish, desire, or volition*. One permutation of the letters of *רצון* is *צנור*, which means *pipe or channel*. Putting this all together we learn that when we use our head, *ראו*, to have the will *רצון*, to live in happiness *אשר*, in all our circumstances, because we know that each circumstance, no matter how difficult, is a blessing from God, we create a channel connecting the upper world to the lower world, through the *cosmic container*, which opens the gates of heaven and showers the lower world with the light of God. And this is the

meaning of the first line of the afternoon prayer beginning with *אשרי*, *happy*.

*אשרי יושבי ביתך* (Happy are those who dwell in your house.)

We have already mentioned that the letter *ר*, spelled *ריש*, means both *poverty* and *head* or *principal*. The word *רש* means *poor* or *beggar*. Thus the energy intelligence of *ר* spans both the high and the low. The word *רב* has the meaning of *rabbi, teacher, minister, officer, and master*. Also it means *archer*, and it means *enough*. In addition, it means *numerous, many, great, and much*. As a prefix, it has the meaning of *poly* or *multi*. The root *רב* is the verb to *quarrel* and the word *רב* means *most, majority, multitude, abundance, plenty, or plethora*.

The root *רם* means to be *infested* with *maggots* or to be *infested* with *worms* as well as meaning to *rise* and *be exalted*. The word *רע* means *bad, inferior, worthless, dangerous, malignant, evil, wicked, unkind, noxious, displeasing, repugnant and slim*. The word *רע* means *evil, wickedness, harm, injury, trouble, calamity, misfortune, woe, and wrong*. The word *רע* means *malice wickedness, badness, and vice*. However, the word *רע* means *friend, comrade, fellow companion, neighbor, amicable* as well as *thought, idea, or meaning*. When we choose to receive for our self alone, we engage in an act of deceit and betrayal. This is the bad and the inferior. When we choose to receive for the sake of sharing, we establish a close affinity to the Creator. We establish ourselves on a high ground. This is the friend.

The root *רעע* means to be *bad, worse, to feel distress* and it also means to *break, crush, or shatter*. The word *רשות* means *authority* and it also means *poverty*. The root *רתק* means to *join, bind, hold, to knock, and to moor* as well as to be *disconnected* or *un-chained*. The root *רכס* means to *fasten, bind, button, tie up, or clasp* while it also means to *trample, stamp, or tread*. The root *רמה* means to *throw, cast, hurl, or shoot*, while *רמה* is also the root meaning to *deceive, cheat, bamboozle, swindle, beguile, or betray* and *רמה* means *height or high place*.

Each context we choose for a situation creates a vessel that has within it the script by which our chosen role is played out. That role can range anywhere from trampling and disconnecting by choosing to receive for ourself alone or binding and connecting by choosing to receive for the sake of sharing. Let us learn to choose to receive for the sake of sharing. (*The Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters*, pp.290, 292)

There is so much to learn about Yahweh, Yahshua, their Word, their Kingdom. The Hebrew letters, just like the Scriptures, reveal so many powerful concepts, ideas, truths, etc.

One of the key lessons learned here is that the *reish*, as it applies to Yahshua our head, is a letter of dynamism, power, honor, esteem, glory, etc. while as it applies to man, it reveals his poverty, and wickedness if he denies the Creator and turns to his own devices which always end up in chaos, confusion, destruction and death. Let's look to Yahshua, our Head, our Reish so our lives will be marvelously fulfilled and complete.

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President Donald Trump is supposedly trying to restore America and her people to greatness, but his efforts are being thwarted by the Democrat party. They had rather expose the American people to the dangers of terrorism, and the government, and consequently the country, to failure than to see him enact any program of protection, or programs that would stem the foolish spending programs and possibly help the economy.

America has been the stabilizing

influence in the world, but in the past several years, this country has itself become unstable. If America fails, the world is going to become steeped in turmoil and unbelievable chaos and instability!

All nations are arming themselves for war! Joel prophesies, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong," 3:9-10.

Look at North Korea, South Korea, the Middle East, Central America, South America, Africa, Europe! There is a major movement of troops and military equipment that isn't being published in the lame stream media! NATO and America have sent heavy military equipment all along the border between Russia and Europe from the Ukraine to Norway.

The Psalmist David encouraged and revealed, "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou

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body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Adon Yahshua the Messiah, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Adon Yahshua the Messiah, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Adon Yahshua. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" vv. 1-6.

If we review the modern day "traditional" Jewish Seder (order), can't we see the "leaven of the Pharisees" that has been added to it?

### THE NEW COVENANT PASSOVER

Yahshua instituted His own Seder to be a "memorial" to His sacrifice as our Passover, but first Paul writes, "When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Master's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? **have ye not houses to eat and to drink in?** or despise ye the assembly of Yahweh, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not....And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come," 1 Cor. 11:20-22, 34.

Paul is saying that if anyone is hungry before partaking of Yahshua's symbols, they should eat at home.

But he reveals the "Seder" of Yahshua's memorial, "For I have received of the Master that which also I delivered unto you, That the Adon

Yahshua the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Master's death till he come," 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

What Paul reveals here is in line with the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John adds one more detail, that of washing one another's feet (Jn. 13).

The point is that once Yahshua had fulfilled the Passover sacrifice that had been an annual prophetic announcement of His first coming and death, there was no longer a need for the Passover lambs/goats to be sacrificed. Yahweh confirmed the end of the sacrificial system by having the temple at Jerusalem destroyed.

The Jews understand that no animal should be sacrificed because of the destruction of the temple and Levitical priesthood. Yet, they still include the shank bone of a lamb or goat, and some utilize chicken bones, of all things. Don't the bones attest to the fact that something still has to be slain/sacrificed?

When Yahshua died on the cross as our Passover, the "*olam*" spoken and written about had come to an end.

You can read about how Yahshua commanded us to observe His Memorial in Mat. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:15-20.

### PASSOVER CEREMONY

The following is the Passover cere-

the noonday. Rest in Yahweh, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon Yahweh, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit

many guidelines. Some Scriptures are suggestive only, but the Scriptural references in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John should be mandatory.

### Opening prayer

Ex. 1 Israel's enslavement.

Ex. 3 Yahweh calls Moses

Ex. 4-11 (paraphrase)

Ex. 12 All

Ex. 13:1-16

The Passover Lamb in Egypt was a type of Yahshua the Messiah

1 Cor. 5:7

Jer. 16:14-16

1 Pet. 1:18-20

Lk. 22:1-14

Mt. 26:1-20

Mk. 14:1-21

Mt. 26:21-25

Lk. 22:15-19

Mt. 26:26

Mk. 14:22

(BREAD)

Mt. 26:27-29

Mk. 14:23-25

Lk. 22:20

Heb. 10:19-25

(CUP)

Lk. 22:21-24

Jn. 13:1-11

WASH FEET

Lk. 22:25-30

Jn. 13:12-38

Lk 22:30-38

Jn. 13:38 – 17:26

Mt. 26:30

Mk. 14:26

Sing Hymn, final prayer, dismiss JH

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envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in Yahweh, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in Yahweh; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto Yahweh; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as

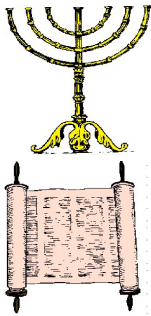
the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace," Psa. 37:1-11. Satan's, the author of confusion, days are now numbered and few!

We are nearing that time! Pray for Yahweh's kingdom and the glorious appearing of our Sovereign, King and Savior Yahshua the Messiah!

Have a great Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread, and Pentecost!!!!

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