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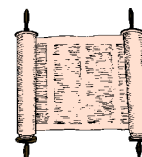
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in 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: We have chosen to utilize the picture of the Roman God Janus for our January cover which will not only complement the name for the Roman month January, but also our article entitled "The Mystery of the Year Revealed." If you read our article, you will find just how deceptive the current calendar really is and that the Roman God Janus, with two faces, has to do with being two-faced or deceptive. Such is the world wherein we live. As Scripture declares that "That old serpent called the devil and Satan has deceived the whole world." (Rev. 12:9) Soon that deception will be done away, but for now, deception continues to rule the world. And how great is the deceiver and the deception!

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FROM THE EDITOR



We have been receiving so many, many positive comments concerning our magazine, as well as the newsletter. Since our main objective is to declare the truths of Yahweh, Yahshua, the Word and the Kingdom, would you like to help? I know that many have told us how much they appreciate the work that we are doing. They go on to say that they would like to do something to get the word out, but they are limited as to what they can do. They receive the materials from us and others also, of course, but are not able to do anything because of a lack of funds, ability or whatever. I want to share some letters and comments with you and then suggest some things that you might do.

“Dear YEA, I pray this finds you all living in God’s blessings through His Christ! **I found one of your magazines in the day room** here, and I’ve been deeply blessed by reading it. So now I’m writing to ask you to put me on your mailing list. If you have a Bible study and other material that’ll help, please send them too. Oh yes, if it isn’t too much to ask, I’d love to have one of your Bibles with the names Yahshua and Yahweh in it, because after reading the magazine, I want to learn more about your beliefs. I’ll be looking forward to hearing from you all soon with a blessing for me. Truly Seeking! RSJ/MS.”

“Dear YEA, Greetings to you in the name of Yahshua. My name is S.... W..... And I am currently incarcerated in T.D.C.J. in TX. I am 45 years of age. I was raised as a Baptist and believed that that was the true religion. I’ve recently read your “*Yahshua’s Witness Magazine*” and a pamphlet “*What Is His Name?*” Now I have found what I’ve been missing. His NAME! I’ve always felt that it couldn’t be just God or Lord! Now I know! Thank you and I pray that Yahweh our Elohim will bless you with all you need and bless the works that you are doing in His name. Your pamphlet mentioned about a Mini-Bible study on the name of the Savior. Is this Bible study free of charge? (I don’t have any funds to send.) If so, how can I enroll in it? Could you also add my name to your mailing list? Thank you and I pray for you all in the name of Yahshua. SW/TX

I have a brother who is a barber and owns his own shop in the Shreveport, Louisiana area. Recently, he was visiting with us and I asked him if he would mind placing some of our magazines in his shop. He replied that he wouldn’t mind. I went to the office, found four or five different issues and brought them back to him. He began thumbing through them and declared, “This is a good product!” My own family has never been interested in our faith or what we are doing, but now I have a brother who is willing to help in distributing our magazines. Who knows, he may pick up one of our magazines, himself, and begin reading and learning the truths concerning Yahweh and Yahshua. I pray that such will be the case.

The Question is, how many, many people are there out there who, if they found one of our magazines somewhere, would pick it up, read it, and respond as the two examples above have? Here is what we would like to suggest. If you are one of those who would like to do something, but are in a quandary as to what you could do, you could take part in Yahweh’s ministry by placing our magazines in barber shops, beauty shops, libraries, doctor’s offices, hospitals, etc. In other words, anyplace where people pause or have to wait which have magazines available to read.

I found out from my brother that magazines and other publications will send their products to barber shops, beauty shops and other places free of charge in order to get exposure. All a person has to do is come in, pick up a magazine and read one article that hits home and presto!, they are **hooked**. Many will subscribe to the magazine so they can have such articles, etc., readily available to them at home. After all, aren’t we fishers of men? Yahshua told His disciples, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men,” Mt. 4:19.

You may ask, “What about the expense?” I will remind you that one of Yahweh’s names is Yahweh Yireh (Yahweh will provide). We don’t have to worry about the expense. Yahweh takes care of us if we are taking care of His business that He has given us to do. If we have His truths, then He has lighted a light for us and we need to hold that light up for all to see. Let’s don’t keep Yahweh’s truths hidden or out of sight. Let’s put them on exhibit before others and see what Yahweh will do with them. You never know what a carefully placed magazine, newsletter, etc., can possibly do, but we do know that some, as evidenced above, have come across them and have been greatly influenced by them. This could be you. Just placing a magazine before others might be one of the greatest things you could have ever done. It just might influence someone to turn, repent, embrace the truth and inherit the glorious coming Kingdom of Elohim. Just think, something so seemingly small and insignificant could turn out to be one of the greatest things ever done!

By the way, we would like for you to refer to the small section on page 23 entitled “READER’S COMMENTS” for more information concerning this opportunity to share with others.

Again, we ask, are you one of those who would like to be involved, but just don’t know what you could do? Here is your opportunity. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?**

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THE MYSTERY OF THE YEAR REVEALED!

Why do the inheritors of the Roman Empire begin the year with January 1st? Anciently, even in Rome, the year began around March-April. The beginning of the year had to do with the Spring Equinox and new moon observance. But this has been changed to the solar, 365 day, year. Why? Read this treatise to discover the truth of the matter.

By Jerry Healan

Those of us who observe the Sacred calendar of Yahweh have been restored to the truths concerning the Ten Commandments, including the original seventh day Sabbath, annual feasts, etc. This includes the use of a lunar calendar rather than a solar calendar. The Biblical calendar would begin around springtime when life is springing forth from the dead of winter. This calendar is generally based upon the occurrence of the Vernal Equinox. Some will disagree with this statement, which will reveal the confusion and disagreement concerning calendar observance among the Yahwists, but like it or not, the equinox is utilized to determine the beginning of the year. Besides, it is not the purpose of this treatise to go into the disputes concerning the Sacred calendar. It is the purpose of this treatise to reveal the mystery behind the Roman calendar cycle.

It is admitted by the Encyclopedia Britannica, 14th edition, Volume 4, **“The civil calendar of all European countries has been borrowed from that of the Romans.** At the time of Julius Caesar, the civil equinox differed from the astronomical by three months, so that the winter months were carried back into autumn and the autumnal into summer.

“Caesar abolished the use of the lunar year and the intercalary month, and regulated the civil year entirely by the sun. With the advice and assistance of Sosigenes, he fixed the mean length of the year at 365-1/4 days, and decreed that every fourth year should have 366 days, the other years having each 365. The first Julian year commenced with the 1st of January of the 46th before the birth of

Christ, and the 708th from the foundation of the city.” (p. 569)

JULIUS CAESAR

Who was Julius Caesar and what was the authority and power invested in him that he could do such a thing? The same volume of the Britannica has this to say about Julius Caesar, “His family was of patrician rank and traced a legendary descend from Iulus, the founder of Alba Longa, son of Aeneas, and grandson of Venus and Anchises. **Caesar made the most of his divine ancestry** and built a temple in his forum to Venus Genetrix....Caesar was at once marked out for high distinction, being created *flamen dialis* or priest of Jupi-

“...his statue set up in the temple of Quirinus with the inscription “To the Unconquerable God.”

ter...When Lucullus assumed the command of the Roman troops in Asia, Caesar returned to Rome, to find that he had been elected to a seat on the college of *pontifices* left vacant by the death of his uncle, C. Aurelius Cotta...By these means, and by the lavishness of his expenditure on public entertainments as aedile, he acquired such popularity with the plebs that he was elected *pontifex maximus* in 63 B.C. against such distinguished rivals as Q. Lutatius Catulus and P. Servilius Isauricus.

“But there are signs that in the last six months of his life he aspired not only to a monarchy in name as well as

in fact, but also to a divinity which Romans should acknowledge as well as Greeks, Orientals, and barbarians. **His statue was set up beside those of the seven kings of Rome**, and he adopted the throne of gold, the sceptre of ivory, and the embroidered robe which tradition ascribed to them. He allowed his supporters to suggest the offer of the regal title by putting in circulation an oracle according to which it was destined for a king of Rome to subdue the Parthians, and when at the Lupercalia (Feb. 15, 44 B.C.) Antony set the diadem on his head he rejected the offer half-heartedly on account of the groans of the people. **His image was carried in the *Pompa circensis* amongst those of the immortal gods**, and **his statue set up in the temple of Quirinus with the inscription “To the Unconquerable God.”** A college of Luperci, with the surname Iuliani was instituted in his honour and *flamines* were created as **priests of his godhead**. This was intolerable to the republicans, to whom it seemed becoming that the victorious commanders should accept divine honours at the hands of Greek and Asiatics, but unpardonable that Romans should offer the same worship to a Roman.” (pp. 523-524)

DANIEL'S REVELATIONS

According to Daniel chapter two four world-ruling kingdoms would arise (vv. 31-43). A prophetic vision was revealed to King Nebuchadnezzar, which could only be interpreted by the Prophet Daniel (vv.16-28). Nebuchadnezzar had envisioned an image, which had a head of fine gold, breast and arms were of silver, his

belly and thighs of brass, and his legs iron with his feet part of iron and part of clay (vv. 32-34).

There is much deep meaning to what is revealed here which we don't normally understand by simply reading the account. It requires much study to reveal the intricate details, but the simple fact of the matter is that Biblically and historically, the four world ruling kingdoms were Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Our world today is still under the greater dominion and influence of Rome with some flavorings of Babylon and Persia and much greater flavoring of ancient Greece. Daniel reveals that there is to be a fifth kingdom, which will be the kingdom of heaven (vv. 44-45).

While Daniel chapter two deals with a metallic nature of the kingdoms, Daniel chapter seven deals with a animal nature. Just as the fourth kingdom of chapter two is followed by the kingdom of heaven, even so, the fourth kingdom of Daniel chapter seven is followed by the same (Dan. 7:21-22). The Roman Empire is the great and dreadful beast of Daniel chapter seven. So many people continue to look for a great beast kingdom to arise in the latter days, but the dreaded beast kingdom has been ruling for quite some time now.

Notice that a little horn arises in the midst of the Roman state which overthrows three horns and then proceeds to speak blasphemies.

How can this be explained? A horn represents kings. Notice in the above statement that Caesar's statue was set up beside the seven kings of Rome. There were seven foundational kings who were considered to have raised up the Roman Republic. They were Romulus, Hostilius, Ancus Marcus, Titus Tatius, Numa Pomphilius, Tarquinius Priscus and Servius tullius. Toward the end of the Republic, a triumvirate (three horns) of Pompey, Crassus and Julius Caesar were established to rule Rome. These were the ten horns alluded to in Daniel chapter seven. Julius Caesar overthrew the triumvirate (three horns) and also the

republican system, establishing a dictatorship. This changed the nature of Rome from a republican state to an empire. Thus, the little horn overthrew the three horns and the system they were upholding. This little horn then began to speak great words exalting himself as a deity to be worshipped. He proclaimed himself to be "The Unconquered God!"

Due to the weakness of the flesh, man dies. Thus, it is difficult for many to understand the nature of the "little horn." Julius Caesar was the "little horn." Yes, he perished, but the office of the "little horn" (Caesar) has continued throughout the history of the empire. Latter day versions of this "little horn" were the German "Kaiser" (Latin for Caesar) and the Russian Czar (Russian for Caesar).

This "little horn" thought to change **times** and **laws**. Times, generally in Scripture, have to do with the calendar. Yahweh commanded Israel, "Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto Me in the year," Ex. 23:14. Yahweh also commanded Israel to keep His law (Ex. 20:1-17). However, the "little horn" (Caesar) has instituted his



An ancient Abraxas amulet. Notice the serpent on a pole as well as the "ankh" in his right hand. The "ankh" was the ancient Egypt symbol for life. The serpent on the pole declares the serpentine nature of this deity. But especially notice the IAW on the amulet. It appears that this would represent the word YAO or even YAU (YAHU).

own calendar, times and laws.

With the above history provided, we can determine that Julius Caesar believed that he was a divine being who, because of his capacity as a priest of Jupiter in the office of *Pontifex Maximus* had the power to appoint times and laws in accordance with his own reasoning. It is now up to us to figure out how he came up with the appointed year as it stands today.

THE UNCONQUERED SUN

Anyone with even a mild understanding of ancient history with its paganism understands that all of the **major** deities of the nations were first and foremost sun gods. Mithraism was a religion, which was passed from Persia to Rome via the Roman General Pompey. Mithras was the sun god of the Persians, but before this he was the sun god to the pagans of India. According to the **Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology** Mitra and Varuna were brothers. Mitra was the sun while Varuna was the moon. The Indian Mitra, of course, coincides with the Iranian Mithras (p. 343).

Interestingly, when the name Mithras is converted to the Grecian language, the letters with their mathematical equivalents add up to 365. M = 40, E = 5, I = 10, Θ = 9, P = 100, A = 1, Σ = 200 = 365. (**Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry**, p. 9)

There are two other ancient pagan sun deities whose names also add up to 365. They are *Abraxas* of the Basilidians and *Belenus* of the Gauls.

Mackey has this to say about *Abraxas*, "Basilides, the head of the Egyptian sect of Gnostics, taught that there were seven out-flowings, emanations, or aeons, from the Supreme God; that these emanations engendered the angels of the highest order; that these angels formed a heaven for their habitation, and brought forth other angels of a nature inferior to their own; that in time other heavens were formed and other angels created,

until the whole number of angels and their respective heavens amounted to 365, which were thus equal to the number of days in a year; and, finally, that over all these an omnipotent Lord – inferior, however, to the Supreme God – presided, whose name was *Abraxas*. Now this word *Abraxas*, in the numerical force of its letters when written in Greek ΑΒΡΑΞΑΣ, amounts to 365, the number of the worlds in the Basilidean system, as well as the number of days in the year, Α, 1..., Β, 2..., Ρ, 100..., Α, 1..., Ε, 60..., Α, 1..., Σ, 200 = 365. The god *Abraxas* was therefore a type or symbol of the year, or of the revolution of the earth around the sun. This mystical reference of the name of a god to the annual period was familiar to the ancients, and is to be found in at least two other instances. Thus, among the Persians the letters of the name of the god *Mithras*, and of *Belenus* among the Gauls, amounted each to 365.

The word *Abraxas*, therefore, from this mystical value of the letters of which it was composed, became talismanic or magical. This was frequently inscribed, sometimes with and sometimes without other superstitious inscriptions, on stones or gems as amulets. Many of these have been preserved or are continually being discovered, and are to be found in the cabinets of the curious.” (Ibid)

Furthermore, Mackey reveals, “*Belenus*, the Baal of the Scripture, was identified with *Mithras* and with *Apollo*, the god of the sun.” (Ibid, p. 130). *Abraxas*, *Mithras*, *Belenus* and *Baal* are all the same deity! Their difference in names simply comes from various cultures wherein they were worshipped.

This makes it obvious that Julius Caesar’s chief deity was the sun. Therefore, to make the change from the lunar calendar introduced by *Yahweh* to the solar calendar of *Abraxas*, *Belenus*, *Baal* and *Mithras* was no problem for him. After all, Psalm 2 reveals the nature of the kings and rulers of the earth, “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a

vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against *Yahweh*, and against his anointed (Messiah), saying, ‘Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us’,” vv. 1-3.

Even the children of Israel and many of her kings (both Israel and Judah) had no problem turning to serve and worship the sun god *Baal*.

THE NEW MONTHS

Julius Caesar’s calendar, while appearing to be very stable, with the additions made by Pope Gregory (who was another *Pontifex Maximus*, by the way), is deceptive in nature. In the first place, the word “month” in all languages including the English is derived from the word “moon.” A month is simply a lunar cycle which begins with the new moon each month and waxes and wanes from visible crescent to conjunction. Caesar’s months have nothing to do with the moon at all. The lunar cycles, which *Yahweh* commanded to observe, are completely disregarded.

Janus was a god of beginnings and doorways in Rome.

Another case in point is the very first month of Caesar’s year. It is named January after the Roman god *Janus*. *Janus* was a god of beginnings and doorways in Rome. The Encyclopedia Britannica states, “The beginning of the day, month and year were sacred to him....All gateways, house doors, and entrances generally were under his protection; and indeed all beginnings; hence his title *Consivius*, “sower,” that being the beginning of farm-work. In his capacity as porter or doorkeeper he holds a staff in his right hand, and a key (or keys) in his left; as such he is called *Patulcius* (“opener”) and *Chusius* (“closer”)...In late times he is both bearded and un-

bearded; in place of staff and keys the fingers of his right hand show the number 300 (CCC.), those of his left show the number of the remaining days of the year 65 (LXV.)” (14th edition, Vol. 12, p. 893).

Yahshua declares that He is the One Who has the keys. He is the One Who opens and no one can shut and shuts and no one can open (Rev. 3:7). *Yahshua* proclaims that He is the Door (Jn. 10:7). All must enter in through or by Him (Jn. 10:9). As a matter of fact, the Apostle John writes that *Yahshua* is the beginning (Jn. 1:1-14), which *Yahshua*, Himself, declares (Rev. 1:8; 3:14; 21:6; 22:13). This makes *Yahshua* the Door, the Porter, the Opener and Closer, the Protector, the Holder of the keys, the One Who begins the day, the month, the year, etc., etc.

With all this in mind, we must declare that Julius Caesar, and all Caesars along with all who hold the office of *Pontifex Maxumus* and their pagan deity *Janus* and all pagan deities and their calendars to be thieves and robbers (Jn. 10:1, 8, 10).

The Roman god *Janus* was always depicted with two faces. Webster’s New World Dictionary declares that to be *Janus-faced* is to be two-faced; **deceiving!**

THE MYSTERY

Yahweh has declared His calendar and his seasons. His calendar and seasons outline His plan of salvation from beginning to end, but what about Caesars? Julius Caesar was a priest and sun worshipper. His calendar promotes the seasons of paganism. The very beginning of his calendar, January 1st, declares its *Janus-faced*, two-faced deception.

Pagan sun worship was steeped in the worship of false deities, idolatry and fertility rites. The next special day in paganism is February 14th. Originally Feb. 15th was the *Lupercalia*. It had to do with the she-wolf that supposedly nursed *Romulus*, the founder

of Rome and his brother Remus. It was a day wherein virgins were purified. Later, the day was switched to the 14th and renamed Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day represents the approach of boys and girls, men and women for the purpose of love.

The next important day in paganism is Easter. Easter is the English name for the Celtic goddess of fertility Eostre who originally was Ishtar. Ishtar annually went to the underworld in order to bring her son/lover /husband, Tammuz back to the surface. Tammuz was a vegetation god who annually died and was resurrected. The Caesars (specifically Constantine the Great), in the office of *Pontifex Maximus*, syncretized the observance with that of the death, burial and resurrection of Yahshua. Tammuz was also a sun-god.

The event of Ishtar/Easter was celebrated with the worship of the sun as it arose on Ishtar/Easter morning. The day was observed with colored eggs and rabbits, pagan fertility symbols. This represents the fruition of the advances between male and female, which began on the Lupercalia or Valentine's Day. A child is conceived and is born on the next important day of the year, December 25th.

December 25th is generally nine months after the occurrence of Ishtar/Easter, the day of fertility. December 25th was set as the birthday of the sun around the winter solstice. All of the pagan sun-gods were supposedly born on this day, especially Mithras, Nimrod, Apollo, Horus, etc.

Let's understand, once again, that Julius Caesar and most of the Caesars that followed him were priests of the pagan idolatrous sun worship systems. Therefore, they understood certain mysteries, which were not revealed to their subjects. The subjects simply followed their lead into the worship of their deities.

Numbers are important to Yahweh as well as paganism. Numbers 1-10 are specifically important as well as 12, 13, 15, 17, 30, 40, etc, etc. If we

count from December 25th to the 31st, we will count seven days. January 1st is the eighth day. Remember that the eighth day was important to the Israelites because the male babies were all circumcised on that day.

The mystics teach that "eight" symbolizes man's ability to transcend the limitations of physical existence. It represents that which is on a metaphysical, divine plane. (**The Wisdom of the Hebrew Alphabet** by Michael Monk, p. 112) It has to do with **divine essence in physical reality**. (**The Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters** by Robert m. Haralick, p. 71)

This is exactly what Julius Caesar thought of himself and also his nephew and adopted son Octavian (Augustus) who followed him. As a matter of fact, Octavian deified his uncle/adopted father Julius Caesar so that he, himself, could be proclaimed to be the son of god!

The number eight also represents a new beginning. Thus, Caesar counted from the day of the birth of the sun-god on December 25th, seven days, and then began the new year (a new

December 25th was set as the birthday of the sun around the winter solstice.

beginning) on the eighth day or January 1st.

CONCLUSION

Julius Caesar is the "little horn" of Daniel chapter seven. He considered himself to be of divine origin through birth. He was a priest of paganism of the college of *pontifices* and held the office of *Pontifex Maximus*. He worshipped the sun as his chief deity. He rearranged the calendar, changing the times (Dan. 7:25). He did away with the originally inspired 12 month (in some years 13) lunar calendar, replacing it with the 365 day solar calendar in order to honor his great sun god.

The calendar that he initiated is still employed (with some minor adjustments made by Pope Gregory) in today's so-called modern world. It is not only employed on a year-to-year basis, but it is also employed to project backward and forward in time. It may be in-genius in certain aspects, but it is very deceptive in its employment and use.

The fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven was said to be dreadful, and terrible and strong exceedingly (v. 7). "dreadful" is translated from the Aramaic word "dechal." It's Hebrew equivalent is "zachal." Zachal has to do with a poisonous serpent (Dt. 32:24). "Terrible" is translated from the Aramaic word "emtaniy," which means to be burly, well-loined, mighty, etc. "Strong exceedingly" is translated from "taqqiyph yattiyr" meaning to be "powerfully **redundant**." This has been the character of the Roman Empire. It is under the influence of the serpent. He has been one of the strongest of kingdoms or empires outlasting the first three by millennia. It has been powerfully redundant. So has its calendar.

Because of its great popularity, even those of us in the assemblies who have gone back to the annual Lunar calendar observance and the worship of Yahweh in the seasons He declared, have to utilize it in order to pinpoint the days of Yahweh's calendar. Doubtless, this will change when Yahshua, the Stone which is cut out without hands, will smite the kingdoms of this world, ushering in the kingdom which will eventually fill the whole earth (Dan. 7:34-35). May Yahweh speed that day!

IN THE BEGINNING CONT.

YAHSHUA'S OWN WITNESS

Yahshua, Himself, witnesses that He is the beginning (resheet/arche), "And unto the angel of the assembly of the Laodiceans write; 'These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, **the beginning of the creation of Elohim**,'" Rev. 3:14.

Here is Yahshua declaring that He is the beginning (resheet/arche) of the creation. Aren't we supposed to believe His words? "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, 'A Prophet shall Yahweh your Elohim raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; **Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the People**,'" Acts 3:22-23.

Again, Yahshua witnesses, "It is done, I am Aleph and Tau, the Beginning (resheet/arche) and the End. I will give unto him that athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely," Rev. 21:6. "I am Aleph and Tau, the Beginning (resheet/arche) and the End, the First and the Last," Rev. 22:13.

Yahshua is THAT PROPHET like unto Moses. He has declared that He is the BEGINNING (resheet/arche) of the creation of Elohim. Peter declared that He is THAT PROPHET who is like unto Moses. If we will not hear His voice then we will be destroyed from among the people. Yahshua declares twice more that He is the BEGINNING (resheet/arche). That is at least three times for emphasis.

HOW YAHWEH CREATES

In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). The

Hebrew for "create" is "bara" (בָּרָא). Bara is #1254 in the Hebrew Lexicon of Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. It is defined as, a primitive root; (absolutely) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes).

Generally speaking, what a word is also translated into also gives another defining effect. Bara is variously translated as, choose, create (creator), cut down, **dispatch**, do, **make (fat)**.

I would like to focus on these translated words in order to cause us to have a little better understanding as to how Yahweh creates.

The Prophet Isaiah is inspired to ask, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a meas-

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ure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of Yahweh, or being His counsellor hath taught Him?" Isa. 40:12-13.

Do you get that? Yahweh says that He measured the waters in the hollow of His hand. He has also measured and weighed the dust and mountains in a balance. Now, notice that "bara" has been translated as "dispatch" and also "make fat."

Don't our modern day scientists proclaim that the creation that we see with our eyes today, began (were dispatched) from some small origin or point in time? Don't they say that the

heavens have expanded to their modern-day proportions and are expanding (making fat) even today?

Didn't Yahshua say that the Father is an husbandman (another way to say farmer)? "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman," Jn. 15:1.

Yahshua utilized various analogies in order to describe or get His point across to His disciples and others. In this instance in John 15, He characterizes Himself as a vine. In another place He likens Himself to a grain of wheat (Jn. 12:24). In other places He is likened to a Lamb, etc. The word of the kingdom is also likened to seeds (Mt. 13).

A farmer, anciently, sowed seed by hand. Can we understand that the heavens and earth were originally seeds which Yahweh took in His hand and simply cast them forth (bara—dispatched) to expand (bara—grow, make fat)? After all, He does say that He has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and has weighed the dust of the earth and the mountains in balances doesn't He? While I do understand that His hand can be as large as He wants it to be or as small as He wants it to be, the simple fact of the matter is that even according to the scientists, it all started from some local place and expanded, grew or exploded out from where it was to where it is today.

The Psalmist decrees, "Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created (bara): and Thou renewest the face of the earth," Ps. 104:30. It is the Spirit of Yahweh that not only creates, but gives life.

Psalm 33 adds, "Rejoice in the Yahweh, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise Yahweh with harp: sing

unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

4 For **the word of Yahweh is right; and all his works are done in truth.**

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of Yahweh.

6 **By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.**

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear Yahweh: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For **he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast,**" vv. 1-9.

When it says "he commanded," the Hebrew word for commanded is "tsavah," which is defined as, primitive root; (intensively) **to constitute**, enjoin, but is variously translated as, appoint, (for-)bid, (give a) charge, (give a, give in, send with) **command**(-er, -ment), **send a messenger**, put, (set) in order, etc.

What does Psalm 104 say? Doesn't it say that He sends forth His Spirit and they are created? Doesn't Psalm 33 add more clarity? He speaks and the combination of His Spirit and Word creates. He sends His Word, sends it (Him) as a messenger by the power of His Spirit and all things are done decently and in order. His Word loves the truth, loves righteousness, and is full of the goodness of Yahweh.

The disbelieving and the wicked may even appear to look righteous. They may set themselves to appear to love Yahweh, His word and His law, but when confronted by His Word of Truth, they will seek every way they can to circumvent His Word of Truth. When all fails, they will seek false witnesses, utilizing falsehoods, lies in order to overthrow and destroy that Word of Truth.

Yahweh sends forth His Word and Spirit and new things are not only created, but He also renews, rebuilds that which can be renewed and rebuilt.

Yahshua, the Word (Jn. 1:1-3, 1 Jn. 1:1-3), Who is also the truth (Jn. 14:6), is always, has always and will always be the One Whom the Father sends to do His creative works and works of renewal.

Yahshua was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Miriam which caused Him to have the spirit of Yahweh as a possession throughout His life and when He was baptized by John, He received even more of the power of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:16-17, Mk. 1:9-11, Lk. 3:21-22).

CYMATICS

Cymatics is the study of the shape of sound.

The pioneering work of **Ernst Chladni** (1756 - 1829), showed that **sound affects physical matter**. Chladni drew a violin bow across the edge of metal plates which were

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sprinkled with fine sand. Different rates (frequencies) produced certain geometrical patterns.

In the 1960s **Dr. Hans Jenny** investigated sound vibration, inventing a machine he called the tonoscope. This allowed him to view the physical image, or "dimension" of various sounds, including human vowels and tones. He named this research **cymatics**. His work has been republished recently in one English volume with many beautiful photographs.

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"sacred" languages, **that have the power of shaping reality.**

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He observed that the shapes and moving 3D formations produced on the cymatic instrument had great similarities to natural forms, such as various cells from animals, plants and minerals. **Perhaps there is an "underlying vibration" in nature, acting as a template to structure the physical world - but the vibration is the reality, not the physical form.** This finding is very much in tune with the ideas expressed over centuries by Eastern philosophy - all we see is illusion.

Jenny also found that water could be shaped and exhibited an anti-gravity effect when vibrated by sound. Since our bodies are mostly water, sounding will effectively re-structure the cells of our bodies. (Taken from the Cymatics Internet site.)

The science of Cymatics is proof that the physical world is being held together by something greater than itself. That Something greater is Yahshua the Messiah, as the book of Hebrews reveals, "Who (Yahshua) being the brightness of His glory, and UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY THE **WORD OF HIS POWER!**" (Heb. 1:3)

The Jewish teachers continue to maintain that the entire creation was created utilizing the Hebrew alphabet. Notice again what is said about sacred texts and vowels, "This suggests that **by sounding sacred texts, by singing sacred vowels**, our cells resonate into a more "coherent" shape, in which our energies are synchronised with those of [Elohim] / Universe / Source."

The Hebrew alphabet begins with the aleph (א) and ends with the tau (ט). Rabbi Michael Munk writes, "In the popular idiom, something that is

Yahshua upholds all things by the WORD OF HIS POWER! You are presently being upheld by the WORD OF HIS POWER! The world around you is being upheld by the WORD OF HIS POWER!

Do you realize what this means? Many times when I go to prisons and speak to the men, I ask them, What are you doing here? Don't you understand that you were conceived in the womb and brought forth into this world by Yahweh in order to fulfill His purposes in you and for you?

The problem with man is that once delivered from the womb, when we mature, we take our lives and live them in accordance to our own purposes and desires. Sadly, we make a mess of our own lives because we fail to subject ourselves to the One Who made us in order to live our lives,

Furthermore, Yahshua proclaimed, “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. **Elohim is Spirit**: and they that worship Him must worship Him **in**

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BORN AGAIN??!!

There is a topic that keeps surfacing concerning statements that Yahshua made to Nicodemus regarding being “born again”. People spend endless hours debating and arguing about just when this rebirth takes place. Much time is spent trying to decide the meaning of the Greek words Gennao, Anagennao, and Anothēn. One will say that Gennao means conception and the gestation time, another will argue that it means the actual birth. Let’s look at a couple of scriptures, without wasting a lot of time, to see who is correct.

By Dave Ganton

Matthew 1:20, “But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of Yahweh appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is **conceived** (*Gennao* #1080) in her is of the Holy Spirit.” Note that Yahshua was already conceived, and in the gestation period when the messenger came from Yahweh to Joseph.

Let’s look at another scripture to shed more light on this, **Matthew 2:1**, “Now when Yahshua **was born** (*Gennao* #1080) in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.” Notice that this is the same Greek word as was used for conceived yet this is talking about the time of Yahshua's actual birth into this world. It can mean both.

The words “begat” and “begotten” have caused some confusion in their meaning. They are old English words used in the 1611 *King James version* of the scriptures. They mean “To produce or generate”. They are used in both the old and new testament to denote both the gestation period and also the actual birth. *Yalad*, the Hebrew word usually translated “begat” can also mean the gestation period, the birth, and can also mean the time of travail accompanying birth, that we would know today as being in labour.

There is one more word that we will briefly investigate. It is the word translated again in **John 3:3** from the Greek “*anōthen*”. It is used 13 times in the new testament. It is translated 3 times as “again.” **John 3:3, John 3:7, and Gal. 4:9**. The other ten times it translated, “from above” 5 times,

“top” 3 times, “from the first” once, “from the beginning” once. Check the following scriptures. **Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38, Luke 1:3, John 3:31, John 19:11, John 19:23, Acts 26:5, James 1:17, James 3:15, James 3:17.**

Since we can tell from the context of Yahshua's conversation with Nicodemus that what had to take place for one to enter the kingdom of Yahweh is generated from Yahweh's throne, it is safe to assume that the meaning of Yahshua's statement “*Gennao anōthen*” is “born from above.” We will understand this more clearly as we go through this study.

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should be studying these scriptures deeply and receiving the message that Yahshua intended. The initial statement of Yahshua is; **John 3:3**, “Yahshua answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, (*Gennao anōthen*) he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim.” Nicodemus thought that Yahshua was talking about literal, physical birth. Yahshua however, was giving spiritual instruction. This statement seemed strange to Nicodemus

because what Yahshua said could not be understood from a physical perspective. Paul sheds light on this concept in **1 Corinthians 2:14**, “The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of Elohim, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” We need not have this block if we allow Yahweh's Spirit to lead us.

Let us go ahead now and receive the full significance of what Yahshua told Nicodemus.

TWO BIRTHS

Within this conversation that Yahshua had with Nicodemus there is a point that the majority fail to see. There are two births from above (*gennao anōthen*) mentioned by Yahshua that are required before one can enter into Yahweh's kingdom. **John 3:5** Yahshua answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water** and **of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim.

Did you notice that one must be born of water and of the Spirit? I have been told that this all takes place at the time of water baptism and the receiving of the Holy Spirit and that it really means conceived or begotten. I won't debate this point because Yahshua says this isn't the case, so we will let Him explain. **John 3: 6**, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

Notice that Yahshua said that one who is born (*gennao*) of the Spirit **IS**

Spirit. There need be no confusion as to what He meant because He elaborates on the condition of one born of the Spirit. **Verse 8**, “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” Yahshua is saying that those who are born of the Spirit are like the wind, invisible, coming and going without detection.

Since we are still visible and our whereabouts can easily be seen, this birth of the Spirit cannot have taken place at the time of our baptism and receiving of the Holy Spirit. However, when one has repented and been immersed into the name of Yahshua there is a rebirth that takes place. This is the first birth that Yahshua spoke about, being born of water. As with everything in Yahweh's plan for mankind, there is a sequence of events that take place in a set time order.

BORN OF WATER

Let's understand this time order. Notice that born of water comes first. Without first being born of water one will have no hope of being born of the Spirit. This birth of water is the precursor of the birth of the Spirit.

Before being born of water there are steps that must take place in the proper sequence. The initial step is taken by Yahweh. He must call us to service. **John 6:44**, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.” Once this call has been issued our participation begins. We must answer that call and respond to His spiritual urging. When we do there is a step we are required to take before we can be born of water. **Acts 2:38** Repent. Without heartfelt, sincere repentance the other sequence of events cannot take place. One must fully come to recognize the condition one is in prior to the intervention of Yahshua. **Ephesians 2:1**, “And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins.” **Romans 3:23**, “since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of

Elohim.” “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away,” **Isaiah 64:6**. Even our pre-conversion righteousness was as filthy rags compared to that of Elohim. Until we come to this realization, repentance is not complete. We were all in line to receive our wages, death eternal. **(Rom.6:23)** Yahweh would rather give us a gift, eternal life. This gift comes not all at once but in stages. I will qualify that statement as we go through this study.

Once we have taken this initial step of repentance we are now required to do something that symbolizes our death. We must be completely immersed in water in the name of Yahshua the Messiah. Why completely immersed? It symbolizes our death and burial with Yahshua. **Colossians 2:12**, “and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of Elohim, who raised him from the dead.” **Romans 6:3**, “Do you not know that all of us

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who have been baptized into Messiah Yahshua were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Notice that following baptism we will be walking in newness of life. This is the “born of water” Yahshua spoke about. **2 Corinthians 5:17**, “Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” This is what Yahshua meant when He told Nicodemus that

one must be born of water. This is definitely a new birth. The old sinful self was put to death and reborn as a new and spotless creature properly cleansed to receive the Holy Spirit. **1 Peter 1:3**, “Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah! By his great mercy we have been born again (*Anagennao*) to a living hope through the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah from the dead.” **1 Peter 1:23**, “You have been born again, (*Anagennao*) not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of Elohim.”

This is not a literal, physical new birth as Nicodemus thought. This is a spiritual rebirth. The old sinful nature has been put to death in baptism and born again to no longer walk in the flesh but in the spirit. **Romans 8:9**, “But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of the Messiah does not belong to him.” Being “in the spirit” merely means that we no longer respond to the urges of the flesh, our carnal nature, but we now respond to the urging of Yahweh's Holy Spirit. We can do this in our new state because of the His Holy Spirit within us.

Titus 3:5, “He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit.”

This receiving of the Holy Spirit is the initial stage of receiving Yahweh's gift of eternal life. After the burial in baptism with Yahshua we receive Yahweh's Spirit. We do not receive this Spirit in full as did Yahshua. We receive a small portion as a down payment, or earnest toward what we will receive in full at the time we are born of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:22, “Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” **2 Corinthians 5:5**, “Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is Elohim, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.” **Eph.1:13**, “In whom ye also

trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the evangel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

LIVING WATERS

This earnest or down payment of Yahweh's Spirit is the living water that Yahshua spoke about on the last great day of the feast of Tabernacles **John 7:37**, “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.)” This is a wonderful analogy, which we will explore further at the end of this study.

This initial portion of Yahweh's Spirit will empower us to live in the way that He has told us we must. We can no longer live in the way that we once did. **Romans 6:6**, “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” **Colossians 3:9**, “Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices 10 and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

1 Peter 4:3, “Let the time that is past suffice for doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry.” (RSV)

Have no doubt, at baptism you became a new person. You have been spiritually reborn. **Eph.4:22**, “Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and put on the new nature, created

after the likeness of Elohim in true righteousness and holiness.”

As we walk in this newness of life guided by the Spirit of Yahweh and Yahshua we begin to develop within our minds their thought patterns. **Gal.5:22**, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.” This is Yahweh's mind revealed to us. This is what we are to be developing from the time of our spiritual rebirth until the time of our literal rebirth as spirit beings into Yahweh's kingdom.

We are still flesh and blood and we are told; **1 Corinthians 15:50**, “I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.” As you can see, in the physical state that we are in we cannot enter into the kingdom of Yahweh. The spiritual rebirth at baptism is the initial step we must take to enter into that kingdom.

BORN OF THE SPIRIT

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as we can see by the following. Yahshua made a very plain statement to Nicodemus. **John 3:6**, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” Yahshua explains what one born of the Spirit is like. **John 3:8**, “The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.” Those in the final rebirth will be spirit beings in Yahweh's kingdom. Just as we cannot see spirit at this time so we too will be invisible to hu-

mans that are left during the millennium. We will be able to make ourselves visible to them if we wish just as Yahshua did to the apostles following His resurrection and glorification.

We are to be the royal priesthood spoken of in **Rev.5: 9**, “And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for Elohim from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our Elohim, and they shall reign on earth.” Priests teach. We will be the teachers of those people who come through the great tribulation and live on into the millennium. We will be seen by those we teach if it is required. **Is.30:20**, “And though Adonay give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. 21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.” Just as Yahshua was Yahweh's representative on earth so we will be His representative with Yahshua following the first fruit harvest of mankind.

Yahshua is the high priest and we will serve under Him to teach, direct and correct those who have not yet come to know our true Elohim. **Heb.5:8**, “Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by Elohim a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.”

This rebirth at the return of Yahshua will be a total and complete change to a different state. **1 Cor.15:44**, “It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.” **Romans 6:5**, “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” **1 Cor.15:51**, “Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a mo-

ment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality.”

CHILDREN OF ELOHIM

This will be a glorious and awesome change to be and to look like our loving Elohim. **1 John 3:1**, “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of Elohim; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are Elohim’s children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears **we shall be like him**, for we shall see him as he is.” Yahweh and Yahshua are glorious spirit beings that dwell in a realm of all engulfing light. **1 Tim.6:14**, “I charge you to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our master Yahshua Messiah; 15 and this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and master of masters 16 who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.”

This is our destiny, to be born into this glorious spirit realm as true sons of Yahweh. Born into His very family. If one returns to the original creation of mankind in **Gen.1:26**, “Then Elohim said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ 27 So Elohim created man in his own image, in the image of Elohim he created him; male and female he created them.”

If you will notice in the creation account, verses 24-25 Yahweh created cattle after the cattle kind, birds after the bird kind, etc. But notice something breath taking. In verse 26-27 we were created after the Elohim kind.

We were created to have the same general shape that Yahweh and Yahshua have. This similarity is because we will one day be members of Yahweh's very family. Family members resemble each other.

He also did something else at that time which is very significant. He created within our minds a human spirit, **1 Corinthians 2:11**, “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the *spirit of man* which is in him? even so the things of Elohim knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Elohim.” **Proverbs 20:27**, “The *spirit of man* is the candle of Yahweh, searching all the inward parts of the belly.”

He did this so that at some time He could make a mind-to-mind connection with us. This He does through the Holy Spirit at the laying on of hands following baptism.

This is the spring of water we read about earlier in **John 7:37-39**. Just as a spring of water that comes from within the earth will at some point come gushing to the surface, so this earnest of Yahweh's Holy Spirit will one day grow to the point that it will completely envelope us at the return

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of Yahshua. **John 4:14**, “But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Phil.3:20 But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Master Yahshua Messiah, 21 who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. **1 Thes.4:15**, “For this we declare to you by the word of the master that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Master, shall not precede those

who have fallen asleep.16 For the Master himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call, and with the sound of the trumpet of Elohim. And the dead in the Messiah will rise first; 17 then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air; and so we shall always be with the Master.”

This is truly being born again. One can debate and argue endlessly about word meanings to the extent that the real message intended in the scriptures is lost. There is such simple beauty in the meaning of Yahshua's statement to Nicodemus that there is no need for debate. There is a spiritual rebirth at baptism, born of water and a literal rebirth at Yahshua's return, born of the Spirit.

There is definite instruction in Yahweh's word in the steps required to be born into His kingdom. **1)** Repent, **2)** be baptised, **3)** receive Yahweh's gift of the Holy Spirit. There is one final step that is required. **4) Matthew 24:13**, “But he who endures to the end will be saved.” **Hebrews 3:14**, “For we share in the Messiah, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.”

As we persevere in this way of life to which we have been called let us treasure the gift of Yahweh's Spirit within us and let it grow to the point at Yahshua's return when our physical will no longer be able to contain it at which time we will be born from above into the very family of Elohim. **Revelation 22:20**, “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Master Yahshua!”

HalleluYah!!! May Yahweh bless your studies. *Elder Dave Ganton*

GRACE FOR ALL

It seems that grace is a topic that we don't hear a lot of in the modern day body of the Messiah. We hear a lot about the Torah and Torah observance, but very little is said of this subject of "grace." Yet, it is by His grace that we are saved, not by our own Torah observance. Shouldn't we examine this subject of grace a little more thoroughly?

By Jerry Healan

The Apostle John wrote, "And of his fulness have all we received, and **grace for grace**. For the law was given by Moses, **but grace and truth came by Yahshua the Messiah**," Jn. 1:16-17. What does this mean, "grace for grace?"

I recently heard a dear brother speak of John's statement in these passages in a rather disparaging manner. He said, in effect, I hear Christianity speaking about John 1:16 and grace as if it never existed before. But grace was around before the Messiah and so was the truth. So what is the big deal?

His statement grievously disappointed me and also caused anger and indignation to well up in me. It seems as if the more Torah observant we become, the less we focus on grace. It's almost as if this grace that is extended through Yahshua is a one-time deal similar to baptism. We have repented of our sins, been baptized, had grace extended and now it's up to us to be observant to the commands of the Torah for the rest of our lives.

Yahweh's grace is something that we need every precious moment of our lives. If we utilize the Torah properly, it will bring us to the Messiah causing us to realize our need for Him and His mercy always. The Torah will continually reveal to us how far short we fall in its daily application in our lives. It will reveal our constant need for "grace" if we are to inherit the kingdom of heaven and eternal life. The apostles knew this and wrote about it. We must not neglect the wondrous salvation that has been extended to us; neither must we neglect this wondrous grace!

WHAT IS GRACE?

The word "grace" utilized primarily in the Greek of the New Testament is "charis." It is defined as; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude). (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*) It is generally and variously translated into the following words;

acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy).

"Charis" (grace) comes from another Greek word "chairō," which is defined as; a primary verb; to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well. (*ibid*)

The main Hebrew word for "grace" is "chen" (pronounced "khane") and is defined as; from 2603; graciousness, i.e. subjective (kindness, favor) or objective (beauty). (*ibid*) It is generally and variously translated as; favour, grace(-ious), pleasant, precious, (well-)favoured. (*ibid*)

As in the Greek, so in the Hebrew; the Hebrew word for "grace" (chen) is derived from another primitive Hebrew word "chanan" (pronounced "khaw-nan"), which is defined as; a primitive root (compare 2583); properly, **to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior**; to favor, bestow; causatively to implore (i.e. move to favor by petition). (*ibid*)

Thus, Yahweh purposely named John the Baptist who was to go forth preparing the way for Him that was to come (Yahshua). The name

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"Yahshua" means "the salvation of Yahweh" or "Yahweh the Savior." The name "John" comes from "Yehowchanan" which means "Yahweh's grace" or "Yahweh's favor," etc.

Isn't this interesting that a

man named John (Yehowchanan; Yahweh's grace) is prepared beforehand to announce and prepare the way for a man named Yahshua (Yehowshua; Yahweh's salvation)!

Grace has to do with mercy, kindness, favor. It has to do with being gracious and merciful. It has to do with the ALMIGHTY YAHWEH bending or stooping in kindness to we who are inferior, in order to bestow mercy, and salvation to us. Otherwise, we will die and remain so forever because we have all sinned and come short of the glory of Yahweh (Ro. 3:23). Sin earns the penalty of death (Ro. 6:23). But grace, mercy, favor, forgiveness and wondrous salvation to eternal life are extended to us through Yahshua the Messiah (same verse)!

OLD TESTAMENT GRACE

The first place that the word “grace” appears is in the book of Genesis, chapter 6. The descendants of Adam had become so wicked and evil that Yahweh was greatly saddened that he had made man. Therefore, He decreed that He was going to destroy every living thing that lived and moved upon the face of the earth (Gen. 6:5-7). But Noah found “grace” in the eyes of Yahweh (Gen. 6:8). Only one man and his family, eight persons, came under the “grace” of Yahweh at that time. Their lives were spared while all others were destroyed.

Later, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah became exceedingly wicked in the eyes of Yahweh. He determined to completely destroy them, but one man, Lot and his family found “grace” in the eyes of Yahweh and were spared the destruction that was rained upon the cities and the plain whereon they were built. (Gen. 19)

Still later, the patriarch Joseph, who was hated and despised by his brothers, being sold into slavery in Egypt, experienced the “favor” or “grace” of Yahweh to the point of being raised to second in the kingdom of Egypt immediately under Pharaoh the king.

The Israelites came under bondage to the Egyptians and at the proper time, Yahweh, through His “favor” or “grace,” delivered them from the land of Egypt with a mighty and uplifted hand (Ex. 3:21; 11:3; 12:36, etc.) Moses found such “grace” in the eyes of Yahweh that Yahweh revealed the hindermost parts of His glory to him (Gen. 33).

Ruth, the Moabitess, experienced “grace” to be able to be married into the Hebrew lineage wherein one of her descendants, David, became king over all Israel, out of whose loins the King of Heaven and earth would also issue forth.

Hannah, in the bitterness of her soul, experienced the grace of Yahweh to be able to conceive Samuel the prophet who later replaced (temporarily) the lineage of Aaron as high priest over the tribes of Israel.

David, the shepherd boy, experienced the grace of Yahweh to eventually be

exalted as king over Israel from whose loins the Messiah, the true Anointed One would issue forth.

Yes, the “grace” that we see being experienced in the Old Testament is truly a tremendous “grace,” “mercy,” and “favor” that should cause us to respect and honor with joy and thanksgiving.

NEW TESTAMENT GRACE

But what does Peter mean when he writes, “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the **grace** that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of the Messiah which was in them did signify, when it testified before hand the sufferings of the Messiah, and the glory that should follow,” 1 Pet. 1:10-11.

Do you get that? The prophets, even though given the prophecies of the “grace” and salvation, which they were moved by the Spirit to proclaim, were searching diligently, constantly as to exactly when this “grace,” this salvation would appear. They didn’t have a clue! The prophets were in-

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spired to prophesy of a greater and more glorious “grace” than what had been experienced in the days of old!

Those who had experience the “grace” of Yahweh during those times still perished. That “grace” only endured for a moment in time! That “grace” was similar to all “types” that foretold of, or typified the Messiah. The reality that is found in the Messiah Yahshua is so much greater than the type that foretells.

Moses was shown the glory of Yahweh which was so great that his face shown for a good while afterward. He had to place a veil upon his face when he walked among the Israelites so that they couldn’t behold it. But that glory that shown from Moses’ face was to be done away or abolished (2 Cor. 3:7, 13), even as the covenant that was

made through him must yield to the far greater covenant which is made with us through Yahshua the Messiah. Paul declares, “But Yahweh, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with The Messiah, **(by grace ye are saved;)**

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in The Messiah Yahshua:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his **kindness** toward us through The Messiah Yahshua.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast,” Eph. 2:4-9.

The grace of old was generally extended because of the righteous works of those who received it. Noah was perfect in his generations. Lot was a righteous man. Joseph was righteous. The Israelites came under bondage through subtilty. Ruth was selfless and obedient. Moses was obedient. Hannah was unjustly persecuted by her husband’s second wife due to her own childlessness. David was a man after Yahweh’s own heart, etc., etc.

But look at this wondrous and precious “grace” which is extended to us through Yahshua the Messiah. It is a free gift. We have earned death. Yahweh is extending mercy, “grace” to us out of His own free will and love that He has toward us even when we are yet His enemies!

GRACE FOR GRACE

John says that we have received “grace for grace.” The Greek reads thusly, “charis **anti** charis.” Notice the Greek word “anti.” This Greek word “anti” is defined as; a primary particle; opposite, i.e. instead or because of (rarely in addition to). (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*) “Anti,” in the Greek, carries the same basic meanings that our English word does. It means to be opposite, against, hostile to, or reverse. For instance, Messiah : Anti-Messiah, or Christ : Anti-Christ.

Under the auspices of the New Testament, we are able to receive grace offered through Yahshua the Messiah instead of the grace of the Old Testament. It is a far greater grace for it endures for all eternity.

Paul writes, "For the grace of Yahweh that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying unrighteousness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and piously, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great Elohim and our Saviour Yahshua the Messiah;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," Titus 2:11-14.

Surely, when we receive this wondrous grace, we should treasure it so much that we will yield unto it and allow it and Yahweh's Spirit to bring about great changes in our lives. We should walk in newness of life, not in the old sinful nature, but a nature that now causes us to esteem Yahweh, His Son and His ways above all else. We should seek to walk in His righteousness, specifically and especially in the commands of the golden rule which are: to love Yahweh with all our strength, soul, mind and might, and our neighbor as ourselves. In other words, we should walk in the commandments, of Yahweh, especially the ten commandments.

Paul encourages Timothy, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Sovereign, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the evangel according to the power of Elohim;

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, **not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in the Messiah Yahshua before the world began,**

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Yahshua the Messiah, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality

to light through the evangel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles," 2 Tim. 1:8-11.

How wondrous it is that this grace was already spoken of as factual even before the world began! But the Messiah has walked upon the earth in the last days in order to bring that which was spoken before, into reality.

I think that we can guarantee you that the grace that was experienced by those of old will most happily and gladly be exchanged by them for the wondrous grace that is now extended to us through Yahshua the Messiah.

TAKE WARNING

The grace that is extended to us at this time is most wondrous indeed! We are cautioned to continue in this grace and faith to which we have been called, for the Scriptures do reveal that we can quench the Spirit, "Quench not the Spirit," 1 Thes. 5:19. How can we do this? Through neglect, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

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2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Sovereign, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 Yahweh also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will?" Heb. 2:1-4.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery," 1 Thes. 4:14.

We must be careful not to fall away from the truth, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of The Messiah, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward Yahweh,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this will we do, if Yahweh permit.

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 And have tasted the good word of Yahweh, and the powers of the world to come,

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of Elohim afresh, and put him to an open shame," Heb. 6:1-6.

Again, we are warned, "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of Elohim, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith Yahweh. And again, Yahweh shall judge his people," Heb. 10:26-30.

We must maintain the faith and grace that has been extended to us. We must continually be renewed by it.

LOOKING AT THE TYPES

The "types" of grace do teach us of the true grace, which comes through Yahshua the Messiah. Only Noah and

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FORGIVENESS

By David Douglas

I WANT TO FORGIVE...BUT I CAN'T

Forgiveness is a double-edged sword...and it cuts both ways. Both aspects need to be considered. Human beings try...and try...and try to forgive, but find that in the end...they fail! Why? Because they are **human**! Humanity lacks something. The missing element has been lacking since the "fall of mankind," and the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.

The need to be filled, i.e. to be restored/completed again, can only be fulfilled through surrender, submission, and submersion "into" the Messiah. And forgiveness is one of the "effects"...not the "cause." Yahshua the Messiah is the cause; He is our Savior and Redeemer; He is the object of and supplier of our faith.

Forgiveness is just one of the "Divine Attributes" of Yahweh/Yahshua and unless we allow the Messiah to come in and abide with us...and in us...we can't forgive. As humans, we often make the mistake of thinking our "human attributes" are "Divine," but they are not! Yahshua alone made forgiveness through faith available. So...in truth...forgiveness begins and ends in Yahshua. "I am the beginning and the end..." (Rev. 1:8; 1:11; and 1:17-18)

In the title above, how the word "I" is understood controls. "I" alone without Yahweh/Yahshua means something entirely different than "I" in Messiah. The Apostle Paul knew and taught the difference in Gal. 2:20, "I am executed (crucified) with the Messiah: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but the Messiah liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of Elohim, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Word of Yahweh – 2000) (Emphasis mine).

Shaul (Paul) is declaring Yahshua, who rose from the dead and is alive

forevermore, as his Head, Master, Husband, and King. Shaul submitted willingly, knowingly, and intentionally to Yahshua, and Kingdom Citizenship, i.e. Kingdom of Yahweh. The life he now lives is NOT after the flesh (kingdom of the world), but after the Kingdom of Yahweh. And he (Shaul) is able to do it through the "faith" of the Messiah..." which he has taken on. This "faith of Messiah" was made available because Yahshua "took on himself" the sin (s) of the whole world. He paid the price sin demanded – death.

Then...and only then...could Shaul "take on" Messiah, and walk as He walked... in life! Shaul is boldly declaring he is no longer "without/outside" Messiah, but "in Messiah," that is [he says] "the Messiah liveth in me." Messiah **completed** Shaul; He filled Shaul up...in body, soul, and spirit. And TODAY...**KNOW THIS:** It is Messiah

"I" without Yahshua am powerless to forgive.

who supplies the power and ability...including forgiveness...as He works "in" and "through" us!

"I" without Yahshua am powerless to forgive. That is why "I" alone fail...every time. But "I in Messiah" prevail, and the Messiah works "His forgiveness" through me, (or you, or whoever). Only Yahweh/Yahshua have the power and ability to forgive.

So...do you understand why the statement "I want to forgive...But "I" can't" requires revelation? Only Yahweh/Yahshua can truly forgive; and unless they are "in" you...you can't.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE FORGIVEN?

1 Jn. 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our

sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Forgiveness is only given to those who confess their "need" to be forgiven. Yahweh is faithful to do His part, (1 Jn. 1:9), but we must do our part. Admitting we have violated the instructions of Yahweh, i.e., the Torah, and "missed the mark" ...sinned...means facing the truth. The truth is: WE ALL NEED FORGIVENESS! But not everyone will "ASK" for it. Why? Because they have not, or will not, submit to the Headship of Yahshua the Messiah. He alone is the "Way" to the Father. His own words say: "I am the Way..." (Jn. 14:6). And the truth is: A person is either "In" Him...or they are not "In" Him! (It is similar to saying woman is "partly" pregnant...not so...either she is or she is not!) Consider this: "In" Him carries the meaning of "In agreement with Him"... (and ALL He says). Two cannot walk together unless they agree (Amos 3:3).

The person who doesn't know he/she needs forgiveness, or the person who won't admit he/she needs forgiveness...has an "I" problem! They are saying, in essence, "I" disagree with Romans 3:23 – "For all have sinned..." Their self-centered pride says "I" have **not** sinned, and therefore "I" have no need of forgiveness!

Why do some people get this backwards? Because they don't understand "cause and effect." We do not worship the "effect"...we worship the "cause," the one who give it...Yahweh, Yahshua...right? The simple cause of our problem is "being human"...and WE ALL ARE! So humanly we fall short. This is the exact reason (this present) Flesh-and-blood (as we see it) will not inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh. Something has to be changed, and only Yahweh/Yahshua

can change us...restore/complete us. For that to happen WE MUST ADMIT OUR NEED (for forgiveness) AND ASK! Then...and only then...will the Father and the Son enter and abide with us, and They will empower us to overcome the works of our flesh...which, if we practice them, will keep us from inheriting the Kingdom of Yahweh. (Gal. 5:21)

The Apostle Peter spoke as a “human being” when he asked “How many times shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? (Mt. 18:21-22) What Peter needed was “How” and NOT “How many times” because Yahshua basically said endlessly! Yahshua was trying to teach Peter the “forgiveness” was “Love in action,” which is Elohim in action because “Elohim is Love” (1 Jn. 4:8, 16). And know this: This action can only take place in us when Elohim is in us...and Yahweh/Yahshua come in when we ask for forgiveness! Now we have the Cause and Effect right.

HUMAN VS. DIVINE FORGIVENESS

The topic of forgiveness is more complex and involved than meets the eye, i.e. human understanding. “Human forgiveness” is not “Divine forgiveness.” Humanly...we can forgive a “trespass” or a “debt” against us...but we do not forget. We keep a record [mentally] of it. Then we use that memory as a scale to choose whether we will forgive again or not...right? So when someone asks humanly, it becomes a “yes” or “no” question. And, in general humanly, we have trouble with discerning the “motive” behind the asking...right?

In Yahweh’s eyes, He **KNOWS** “what you are asking” and “why you are asking it.” In all His **KNOWING** He is still faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us if we truly confess [agree with Him that we sinned] and admit our **NEED to be forgiven**. Yahweh does not make mistakes...but humans can...and do. (Ref. 1 John 1:9)

Many people truly confess and ac-

cept help and forgiveness from Yahweh. And they are sincere (at that moment). But later, being human, if they allow themselves to become tired, hungry, lonely, weak...they fall short (again). Did they plan to? Not necessarily, but they did. Hence, through the plan of Yahweh, His grace and mercy is available through Yahshua the Messiah, to whom we can go in time of need. (Heb. 4:16) The need: **Divine forgiveness!**

In the verses just prior to this message, Hebrew 4:12-15, the writer whom many think is Shaul, was very explicit about our High Priest – Yahshua, and how He **KNOWS** what we are going through because He went through it **ALL** Himself! He does **KNOW** what it feels like to be human because He set aside His “Divinity” and came in the likeness of human flesh. (Phil. 2:6-8; John 1:14) People often forget, or maybe they just don’t know or understand, that **Yahshua truly does know!** Yahshua is Elohim.. He is “One” with the Father. **They have “One” plan!** Everything They do agrees! (The real question is: Do we agree with Them?)

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This very point was put forth in the wisdom of Yahweh revealed to Solomon. Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in Yahweh with all thine heart and lean **NOT** to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

Human understanding...and human forgiveness...are always incomplete. Natural man simply cannot comprehend the things of Yahweh. (1 Cor. 2:14) Human understanding is always wanting to change the plan and instructions of Yahweh. **Major No No!!** We cannot “add to or...take away from” His instructions...His Torah! We must follow His plan...confess our sin(-s) and admit our need...and

ask for His Divine forgiveness.

And remember...Only Yahweh/Yahshua can forgive sin! We all need the Spirit of Yahweh, the Spirit of Yahshua the Messiah, “Ruach HaKodesh”...so we can truly forgive. Without the Holy Spirit we Can’t forgive, it is humanly impossible! Why? Because humans keep score, and true love does not! (1 Cor. 13:4-8a)

Now here is the double-edged sword of forgiveness: The “condition,” until you are forgiven by Yahweh/Yahshua you are not “cleansed of unrighteousness.” (Ref. 1 Jn. 1:9 again) If you are not cleansed [first]...the holy, righteous, true, pure Spirit of Yahweh/Yahshua will not inhabit and unrighteous vessel! (Do you honestly think the Spirit of Yahweh wants to live in a “trash can”?)

Without the Spirit, the power of Yahshua “in” you, you will not achieve the true and complete forgiveness of Yahweh toward others. It is absolutely true we must forgive others...but it is also true, we have to be empowered to do so. First things first! So we can see that “human” ability alone cannot accomplish forgiveness. It would be exactly like trying to overcome sin on our own...It cannot be done! It requires Yahshua “in” you to be done.

The importance of humbly submitting to Yahweh/Yahshua and “asking” Him for forgiveness “FIRST” is critical! This all starts with recognizing the need to be forgiven. We cannot change the order because this is the plan of Yahweh. He has always wanted us to come to Him (as our Father) and ask for help in time of need. (Heb. 4:16) And the “Way”...is through Yahshua! Jn. 14:6)

Remember the old saying: “To err is human...but to forgive is Divine!” Well...I rest my case. Human forgiveness does not equal divine forgiveness. May the Shalom (Peace) of Yahshua abide in you this day...Brother David Douglas

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. I have a question for you please. Just a question, not second guessing you. You told me when I asked you about Tzitzim that we no longer need reminders now that we have the Ruach HaQodesh. Well, what is the reason for keeping Sabbath to remember and honor our Creator Yahweh? What is the purpose for Passover? To recall the exodus and saving of the nation of Israel from Mitzrayim. What about the death of the Messiah? Isn't it to redeem those of us who apply his dominion? What is the purpose for the feast of Unleavened Bread? To remind us to clean all leaven which puffs up from our lives. All these practices we keep are reminders.

A. Here is my answer to this situation. The command for the Tzitzits was given in order to be a reminder for the Israelites to remember their covenant that they had made with Yahweh. Yahweh had promised that if they would promise by their own word to obey Him, then He would greatly bless them. He commanded them to make Tzitzits in order to remind them of their promise. Did it work?

"But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.**

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when **I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:**

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because **they continued not in my covenant,** and I regarded them not, saith Yahweh.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Yahweh; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them an Elohim, and they shall be to me a people:**

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know Yahweh: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more," Heb. 8:6-12.

Notice that the fault was with them because they continued not in His covenant.

Israel and Judah no longer can make the promise. The Tzitzits were given to remind them to keep their own part of the covenant. They were to remind them of their own promise. Their promise is not a part of the New

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Covenant, nor is ours. The New Covenant, the Second Covenant is based upon better promises, because Yahweh is faithful and it is based upon only His promise.

How is He going to fulfill His own promise? He is going to put His own Spirit into them and then they will keep His covenant by the power of the remembrance of the Spirit and not something that is made by the hands of man. This is supported by the prophecy written by Ezekiel, "Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Behold, O my people, I will

open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I am Yahweh, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 **And shall put my spirit in you,** and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I Yahweh have spoken it, and performed it, saith Yahweh," Ez. 37:11-14.

In that day, the covenant between Yahweh and His people Israel will be fulfilled by the power of Yahweh in them. It will not be fulfilled by the worthless spirit of man, nor the faithless promise of man, nor by the hand of man. This is the essence of the New Covenant.

As for the Sabbath, Yahweh commanded it into existence. The seven day week culminating in the Sabbath rest is a reminder of the power of Yahweh's own word and Spirit. What He has commanded and established will continue. It is one of the ten commandments. He sent His Spirit forth, He commanded and the creation stood fast (Psa. 33:6-9, 104:30).

The Passover and Unleavened Bread were given to remind the people of the power of Yahweh, not to remind the people of their own promise and power. He delivered Israel from Egypt without their own help. What He did was open the door by His own power and greatness, with awesome plagues, and all they had to do was walk out, free from the bondage to slavery.

He did command them to slaughter a Passover Lamb, which was a type of Yahshua. The Passover Lamb was to be sacrificed until the appearing of the true Passover Lamb, Yahshua. Since that time, we no longer offer sacrifices made by the hands of man because they were only foreshadows of the one sacrifice of Yahshua.

The Levitical priesthood was a

priesthood of carnal ordinances, washings, sacrifices, things made by the hands of man. The Melchizedek is a spiritual priesthood. It is a priesthood that works on the heart through the Spirit and not a physical, carnal priesthood performed through the works of the spirit of man and hands of man.

Israel tried many times to go right back into Egypt. With their own spirit in man, they simply couldn't trust in Yahweh to deliver them, provide for them, sustain them. Therefore, no one with only the spirit of man will be able to enter into the kingdom of heaven, nor the New Covenant. It requires the Spirit of Yahweh. Let's look to Him, trust in Him and His work and cease trying to work things out for ourselves. When we try to work things out for ourselves, we always get in His way. Let's let Him do the work and we can stand aside and watch and give Him the glory. Of course, we are to walk in His paths, but we walk in those paths through the guidance of His Holy Spirit (Ruach haQodesh). Then we can glorify Him exceedingly.

Q. What is the interpretation of Luke 23:43 (today you will be with me in paradise)?

A. You asked what the interpretation of Luke 23:43 is. Luke 23:39-43 states, "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be the Messiah, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear Elohim, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Yahshua, Master, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Yahshua said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

In order to understand what Yahshua means here, we must review some

other Scriptures. In Matthew 12 we read, "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth," vv. 38-40.

Yahshua declared that He would be dead, in the heart of the Earth for three days and three nights. He expired on a Wednesday afternoon, was subsequently entombed, and on the evening between the Sabbath and first day of the week He was resurrected back to life again. He ascended into heaven as the sheaf of firstfruits, the firstborn from the dead in the morning of the first day of the week (Jn. 20:1-18; Lev. 23:9-14; Col. 1:18). His acceptance as the sheaf of firstfruits, the firstborn from the dead, began the countdown to the Feast of Weeks or

When we try to work things out for ourselves, we always get in His way.

Pentecost (Lev. 23:15-21), bringing forth the new meat (meal or grain) offering which was to be the firstfruits of the kingdom (Acts 2:1-3).

Notice that on the night that He was taken, he told His disciples that He was going away and that His disciples couldn't follow Him at that time, but would be able to follow Him in a future time (Jn. 13:33-36). We know that Yahshua was to ascend into heaven and prepare a place for His people. Once that place is prepared, He will return so that those who are His will be able to follow Him wherever He goes. The disciples couldn't follow Him into heaven when He ascended (Acts 1:1-11). Peter declared on the Feast of Weeks that even the Patriarch David, a man after Yah-

weh's own heart, hadn't ascended into heaven, but was still in the grave (Acts 2:25-36).

The Scriptures make it clear that Yahshua didn't ascend into heaven until the first day of the week to be accepted as the firstborn from the dead. This was on the fourth day after His death and the death of the man to whom He made the promise (Lk. 23:43).

Let's look at Lk. 23:43 as rendered in the *Interlinear Bible* as directly translated directly from the Greek into the English, "And said unto him Yahshua, Truly I say to you, Today with Me you will be in Paradise." The above research has revealed that something is wrong with this sentence or there is a contradiction. But with the knowledge that we have gleaned, let's change one simple little thing which will change the sentence. Let's place the comma that falls between you and Today and place it between Today and with, "And said to him Yahshua, Truly I say to you today, With Me you will be in Paradise."

If we rearrange the KJV rendering, this is what Yahshua truly said, "Verily I say unto you today, You shall be with Me in Paradise."

Obviously, someone misplaced the comma, which caused a contradictory statement to be made. It has also caused a great deal of confusion in the Christian world. This has caused erroneous teachings to be declared that Yahshua really didn't die. Only His physical, fleshly body died. It also causes people to believe that when they die, the body and spirit separates with the body going to the grave and the spirit into heaven. If this is true, then why does there need to be a resurrection of the dead? Why would anyone wish to have a physical fleshly body again?

Hopefully, this will help you to grasp the real truth concerning Luke 23:43.

Q. Where is it written that Cain and Able were twins?

A. While the English version fails to

pick up on it, the *Interlinear Bible* renders Gen. 4:1-2 thusly, "And the man knew Eve his wife. And she conceived and bore Cain and said 'I have gotten a man (with the help) of Jehovah.' And she **continued** to bear his brother Able."

Such is the way twins, triplets, quadruplets, etc., are born. The mother goes into labor and brings forth her first child, but she **continues** in the labor pangs of birth until the next child is also brought forth, and the next, etc. Clearly, from the way these scriptures are rendered in the *Interlinear*, Cain and Able were twins. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this out once the correct wording is discovered.

Q. Do you have some literature on Black African Jews?

A. Sorry, but no we don't. We do understand that Emperor Haile Selassie (sp?) claimed to be a descendant of Solomon through the Queen of Sheba. We certainly wouldn't dispute this and this would make it possible for there to be Black African Jews. Of course, the Scriptures, while primarily declaring that Yahweh disbursed Israel to the north and west, also says that they were disbursed throughout the world. In many, many instances, there has been an intermingling among the nations. Therefore, many people in other nations possibly have

some Israelite blood in their veins.

Q. Was the Virgin Mary born Jewish or Greek & Latin?

A. According to Scripture, Miriam was of the lineage of King David (Lk. 3:23-38). In verse 23 we read, "And Yahshua Himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph which was the son of Heli." E. W. Bullinger's *Companion Bible* makes this notation for verse 23, "**as was supposed** = as reckoned by law. Gr. *Nomizō* = to lay down a thing as law; to hold by custom, or usage; to reckon correctly, take for granted. See Matt. 20:10. Luke 2:44. Acts 7:23; 14:19; 16:12, 27. Joseph was begotten by Jacob, and was his natural son (Matt. 1:16). He could be the legal son of Heli, therefore, only by marriage with Heli's daughter (Mary), and be reckoned so according to law (Gr. *Nomizō*). It does not say 'begat' in the case of Heli."

Both Joseph and Miriam, being descendants of King David, would be of Jewish (Hebrew) lineage. Miriam was also Elizabeth's cousin. Elizabeth was descended from Levi through Aaron. Therefore, Miriam must have also had part of her lineage through Levi.

The problem that we have in today's world is that the overall preponderance of scriptures available principally to the western part of the world are written in either Greek or Latin or

are translated therefrom. This causes people to become confused attributing the Savior to be either of Greek or Latin lineage.

The simple fact of the matter is that the overall preponderance of the New Testament scriptures would have been written in Hebrew or Aramaic, but because of the denial of Yahshua by the Jews, the Jewish Rabbis sought to destroy all Hebrew documents. This fact is recorded in the Talmud where the Rabbis discussed how to destroy the writings since they contained the sacred name therein. Then when Constantine entered into the remnant of the assembly, he commanded that all Hebrew documents be destroyed and also anyone who was found possessing such documents should be tortured and put to death. Constantine had fifty copies of the scriptures written in Greek and distributed to the great churches in Constantinople. These two groups effectively destroyed the Hebrew documents. However, the eastern assemblies were able to preserve the scriptures in the Aramaic language.

Those who declare that it isn't important whether the New Testament was written in Greek or Hebrew simply don't understand the implications there. When we begin to convert many of the phrases and words found in the New Testament into Hebrew, new light always shines forth.

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his family experienced the original grace because of his righteousness and perfection. The same thing applies to Lot and his daughters. It is through the righteousness and perfection of Yahshua that His family will be able to experience the greater grace extended through Him.

Joseph was a righteous and faithful man to the point that he was raised to be second in power over Egypt. Only Pharaoh was greater in scope and influence. Joseph was a type of Yahshua who is second in power in the kingdom of Heaven. Only the Father Yahweh is greater in scope and influence. Joseph's brethren sacrificed him by

selling him into slavery (a type of death). But Yahweh utilized the situation in order to save not only Israel, but much of the rest of the world. Thus, the grace we find in Joseph is a glorious type of the greater grace found in the Messiah. Yahshua came to confirm Yahweh's word that He promised to the fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) concerning the family of Israel, but non-Israelites, non-Hebrews can be grafted into the family of Israel also.

CONCLUSION

The grace that is extended to us under the New Covenant is far, far greater and much more precious and won-

drous than the grace that existed in ancient times before and under the Old Testament. The prophets understood this, prophesied about it and searched diligently as to when this much greater grace would come about. Those who experienced grace in olden times, experienced it only for a short period of time, but those who experience the grace offered through Yahshua the Messiah will experience it for all eternity. This is what John meant when he wrote that we have received grace for grace. May Yahweh bless you to be able to experience this awesome and wondrous grace. HalleluYah!!!!

READER'S COMMENTS

I am a commandment obeying believer who has just seen the light concerning the names of our Father Yahweh and His son and our savior Yahshua. I was given one of your newsletters and magazine as well as some of your pamphlet studies. It was amazing to me how all of my beliefs were confirmed by Y.E.A. There is so much "MEAT" to your teachings, that

I haven't stopped studying and reading since. And Jerry Healan in the May-Aug. YEA Newsletter wrote with an authority that impressed me beyond measure. Please if at all possible put me on your mailing list and sign me up for the correspondence scripture lessons. I would be most honored and privileged to be a part of Yahweh's Evangelical Assembly. I

write these things in the name of our Messiah Yahshua.
RB/TX

I have found your newsletters and pamphlets to be very informative and spiritually inspiring.
BB/TX

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spirit and in truth," Jn. 4:23-24.

Yahshua would have been speaking Hebrew and would have utilized the Hebrew word "emet" (XW4). It is the Spirit (water, mem, W) that leads us into all truth.

Amazingly, the aleph (4) is a pictogram for the head of an ox. The ox was an acceptable animal for sacrifice upon the altar of Yahweh. Upon the sacrifice (4) of Yahshua, the Holy Spirit (water, mem, W) was made available to His disciples as is presented in Jn. 7:37-39 and other Scriptures.

While He hung on the tree, His side was pierced and water and blood poured from it (Jn. 19:34). This water typified the Spirit that was to be given to His disciples, while the blood typified the atonement that we receive through that sacrifice. When one accepts the true sacrifice of Yahshua, repents and is baptized, he is then given the Holy Spirit (heavenly waters) so that He can begin his walk in the truth (XW4). Yahshua is the truth being also the Author (4) and Finisher of our faith (X). He is the BEGINNING (resheet) of a **new creation** in us!

The water (W), the Spirit, will lead us into all truth (XW4) from beginning to end.

The Greek word for "truth" is "aletheia." While "aletheia" begins with the "alpha" (α), it also ends with the "alpha." It simply doesn't carry the same power or character that the

Hebrew word for truth does.

The final letter of the Hebrew alphabet is tau (X). The final letter for the Hebrew word truth (XW4) is the tau (X). The Tau is a pictogram for a sign, seal, mark or name. Michael Munk says that it is the symbol of truth and perfection. When we accept the sacrifice of Yahshua for our sins (4), repent and are baptized, then we are sealed with the Holy Spirit (W) which marks and or seals us with Yahweh's name (X).

Truth never changes. The Prophet Malachi testifies, "For I am Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed," Mal. 3:6. The book of Hebrews testifies, "Yahshua the Messiah the same yesterday, and to day and for ever," Heb. 13:8. (See also Heb. 1:11-12 again).

The aleph and tau (X4) symbolize completion and perfection. Yahshua is the TRUTH (Jn. 14:6). We are COMPLETE in Him (Col. 2:10). We are made PERFECT in Him (Col. 1:28).

Paul writes that Yahweh has made some apostles, and some, prophets; and some, evangelists, and some pastors and some teachers, for the **perfecting** of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of the Messiah, till we all come in the unity of the faith, AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF ELOHIM, UNTO A **PERFECT MAN**, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of the Messiah... (Eph. 4:11-13).

If we have Yahshua, we have the

TRUTH (XW4). If we know Yahshua, then we know the TRUTH (XW4) and the TRUTH (XW4) will set us free. HALLELUYAH!!!

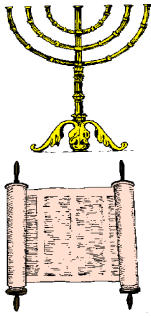
CONCLUSION

Yahshua is now, has always been and will always be the BEGINNING (resheet) of Yahweh. He was in the BEGINNING (resheet). He is the WORD OF YAHWEH Whom the Apostle John says was eternal life manifested in the flesh. He made all things, is the head of all things and upholds all things by the WORD of His power. By Him all things consist.

He is the TRUTH. It is through, in and by Him that we will be able to be completed and perfected so that we can enter into the throne room and stand before the Heavenly Father Yahweh.

The Scriptures are written to reveal Him to us. If we submit ourselves to Him, He will be the Author and Finisher of our faith. In Him, we will never fail.

If you are able to understand this article (some will, others won't), then you need to submit yourself to the truths contained in Yahshua in order to come to the complete and perfect man. He will BEGIN a work in you and will also FINISH it if you will only endure in Him to the end. HalleluYAH!!!!



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