

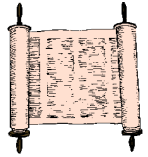


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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in 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: January and February are in the midst of winter. Winter, as the other three seasons, has its form of beauty. This mountain in the background declares the greatness, majesty and beauty of the hands of a great, marvelous and wondrous Creator Yahweh. Remember that His kingdom is also called a mountain. The earth will soon be more beautiful than we can begin to imagine when Yahshua returns to establish a rule that will purify and cleans the earth. May Yahweh speed that day!

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FROM THE EDITOR

CAN FRANKLIN GRAHAM SAVE AMER-

Believe it or not, this was a question that was recently asked by the Internet news service Newsmax.com. The first question that comes to my mind, of course, is Can Franklin Graham save himself? If you know anything about the Scriptures and the Savior, then the answer has to be an emphatic and absolute NO!!!! NEVER!!!!

Of course, Newsmax.com sells magazines and the question is asked in order to cause one to desire to purchase their magazine and read the article.

While I haven't read the article, certain points are brought out to which responses can be made. They point out that Franklin Graham's father Billy Graham is passing his legacy to his son. Newsmax thinks that Franklin will become America's next great evangelist. Franklin has called Islam a very wicked and evil religion, which has caused him to receive threats against his life. He is making waves in his denouncing of Islam and is seeking to transform America.

Well.....the truth of the matter is that even if he could transform all of America to his brand of religion he wouldn't be able to save America and Islam would still be a very present danger threatening the annihilation of the country. You see, it's because of Franklin Graham's faith and others like his that Islam was raised up in the first place.

As long as Franklin Graham and other faiths like his continue to champion Sunday rather than the Sabbath, pagan idolatrous holidays rather than Yahweh's commanded feast days, false names rather than the true names, etc., etc., etc., there will be no fear in the hearts of Islamic enemies or others to cease making preparations to ultimately destroy America.

Franklin Graham and his famous father Billy Graham both continue to champion the commands and desires of Constantine the Great, successive Caesars to him and Roman Catholic Popes, kings of the earth, etc., rather than the clear-cut commands of our heavenly Father Yahweh.

The only way for a person or nation to be saved is to repent of one's sins, come under the atoning sacrifice of the true Messiah Yahshua for the remission of sins and begin to walk in the paths of righteousness. People like Billy Graham, Franklin Graham and other evangelicals, ministries, etc., may speak out against sin, but as long as they refuse to allow the Scriptures to define what sin is, no one will ever know what to repent of. Let's see, is sin really card playing, dancing, drinking, etc., as espoused by various churches? Sin is the transgression of the law (1 Jn. 3:4). But people like the Grahams teach that the law is done away! If there is no law, then there is no sin. If there is no sin, then why the need for a Savior?

One of the commands of Yahweh is to remember the Sabbath day, but the Grahams are of the ilk that profess that the Sabbath has been replaced although there is no scriptural authority that declares such. While they do speak out against the abomination of homosexuality, why are they so meek to the point of being weak about fornication and adultery? What about all of the demonic movies, music, games, etc.? What about the extremely covetous? There are those who seek only to control and manipulate commodities and prices so that prices are exorbitant. Then there are those who are willing to buy out whole companies and corporations for billions only to close plants, jobs, etc. All of these things are called "good business." But these practices are only good for a select few who become exceedingly rich while the workers and common people lose their jobs and shirts. There is a commandment against covetousness Messrs Graham. But if that law is done away, then don't worry about it. Just continue to line your pockets along with others in the name of religion.

However a day of reckoning is coming and it may be closer than we all think. What about the Graham's stand on evolution? If they believe in a creation rather than a big bang, then why aren't they also utilizing their energies to discount evolution?

The article declares, "Graham has a media empire — literature, films, radio programs, Web site and TV specials." Great! Why not utilize it all for publishing the truth rather than the falsehoods that they now embrace!? Another great question is, since Billy Graham is far more famous than his son Franklin, what has he done for the salvation of America? If He had done his job properly, why would there be a question as to whether Franklin can do the job or not? Let them begin to publish the real truths and let's see how long their financial and media empire will last.

Franklin Graham will probably follow in the footsteps of his father. No matter how many great works his father has done, America is in a sorry state of affairs. We have enemies who hate us and desire our destruction. Franklin's activities will only fuel the flames of destruction rather than put them out. Only Yahweh can put fear in an enemy to cause them to have second and third thoughts before attacking America. Yahweh will only do that if we will truly repent and begin to serve Him. If Franklin could utilize his upcoming fame and fortune to accomplish the goal of causing our people to see their sins and to heartily repent before Yahweh, then we would be more than happy to join with him in that fight. Let's pray that America will see the light before it's too late!

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RESTORING THE SABBATH

It is amazing how even the secular world realizes that it needs a period of rest from the hectic frenzy of the world about us, but still refuses to acknowledge the Sabbath rest as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

By Jerry Healan

I have an article from the *USA Weekend* newspaper supplement dated April 2-4, 1999 entitled “Remember the Sabbath?” written by Wayne Muller. I have intended to utilize this article as a foundation for focusing on Sabbath importance for several years now, since this weekly publication met my eyes and caught my attention. It seems that Harvard President Neil Rudenstine collapsed after years of non-stop toil in an atmosphere that rewarded frantic overwork. Even *Newsweek* magazine got into the fray by putting his picture on the cover with the headline banner “Exhausted!”

This, of course, got Mr. Muller to thinking on the importance of rest, especially the Sabbath rest. Hence, his article that appeared in *USA Weekend* as well as a book entitled *Sabbath: Remembering the Sacred Rhythm of Rest and Delight*.

Mr. Muller made several excellent points in his article that should be shared and focused upon in order to reveal the importance of restoring the Sabbath as our Creator Yahweh originally ordained. His first point is that “In the relentless busyness of modern life, we have lost the rhythm between action and rest.” He stated that he has visited the wealthiest and poorest of homes and all decry the same thing, “I am so busy.” As we get older, it seems that life speeds up. This causes people to feel weary, overwhelmed and lost. As endless activity continues to pile upon itself, the experience of life melts into one enormous obligation. While this fervent activity causes us to have a feeling of self-importance, it causes us to be unavailable to our friends, family, and unable to enjoy many of the more spectacular things in life such as a simple sunset

or sunrise. To whiz through obligations without time to even take a breath has become the model of a successful life.

His second point is “**Because we do not rest, we lose our way.**” He says that we miss the compass points that show us where to go. We lose the nourishment that gives us succor, the quiet that gives us wisdom. We become poisoned by the hypnotic belief that good things come only through tireless effort. Thus, we never truly rest. This puts our lives in danger. A frenzied rushing world saturated with work and responsibility actually leave us bereft of joy and delight.

A third point is “Much of modern life is specifically designed to seduce our attention away from Sabbath rest.”

Rest is not just a psychological convenience; it is a spiritual and biological necessity.

The world seduces us with hundreds of TV channels via cable and satellite. Phones with multiple lines and call-waiting allowing us to speak with more than one person at a time. Computers, e-mail, fax machines, billboards, magazines, newspapers, radio, etc., all compete for our time, attention and energy. Buy me. Do me. Watch me. Try me. Drink Me. We are living in a modern world, which has been made into a horrific wonderland. A fourth point is “Sabbath time is a revolutionary challenge to the violence of overwork, because it honors the necessary wisdom of dormancy.” He utilized a surgeon as an example. Physicians are trained to work when

they’re exhausted, required to perform when they are sleep-deprived, hurried and overloaded. One man, a thoughtful physician admitted that the more exhausted he was, the more tests he would order for his patients. Because of his exhaustion, he could hear the patients describing the symptoms and could recognize their symptoms and formulate possible diagnoses, but simply wasn’t able to fit it all together. However, he discovered that when he rested, he could rely on his intuition and experience to tell him what was needed.

Of course, we have heard of the horror stories where mistakes were made on the operating table, or people were prescribed the wrong medicines. We don’t hear it all because the medical profession wants to suppress any negatives related to them.

The author surmised, “If certain plant species do not lie dormant during the winter, the plant begins to die off. **Rest is not just a psychological convenience; it is a spiritual and biological necessity.** Perhaps this is why, in most spiritual traditions, ‘Remember the Sabbath’ is more than simply a lifestyle suggestion. It is a commandment, an ethical precept as serious as prohibitions against killing, stealing and lying.”

Wow! What an observation!

A LIFE RESTORING RHYTHM

It is important to notice that the author mentions a “rhythm between action and rest” even inculcating the words “Sacred rhythm of rest” in the title of his book. This should be a key to help us to understand that our Creator Yahweh in making the earth as He did, instituted a rhythm of rest into the work of His hands. In Genesis chapter

1 and the first part of chapter 2 we find that He performed the acts of creation in six days, but rested on the seventh. Through the pouring out of the manna (bread from heaven) for the Israelite's sustenance in the wilderness (Ex. 16), Yahweh pointed out the true seven-day cycle to them. They were to gather the manna for six days. On the sixth day they would have twice as much as the previous five days. This double portion was for the sixth and seventh days so that the people could rest on the seventh.

Yahweh made the creation and man upon it. Our Creator knows how important the seven-day cycle is to His creation and especially for man. He wants us to work for six days and rest on the seventh, getting into a rhythm that will be most beneficial for us. Even though it is one of His commandments, He gave us that commandment because He made us and knows what is best for us. The problem is that we, His creation, think that we know what is better for ourselves than our very own Maker.

Here is an interesting excerpt from the book "Time and Space", pg. 80-81. "While daily and seasonal cycles have an obvious link to the sun, and monthly cycles appear connected to the moon, NOTHING, in nature is **clearly** responsible for a WEEKLY rhythm. Chronobiologists have discovered that seven-day cycles exist throughout nature, from bacteria and other simple forms of life to all species of mammals, including HUMAN BEINGS. For reasons that remain unclear, blood pressure, heartbeat, and body temperature have all been shown to have **weekly** as well as daily rhythms. The rise and fall of several body chemicals, including cortisol, the hormone that helps the body combat stress, also have weekly cycles. Most astonishing has been the discovery that the body's **immune system** seems to be vulnerable in seven-day intervals. Long before penicillin came into use, doctors were acutely aware that pneumonia and malaria patients were at greatest risk around the seventh day of their illness. Today, sur-

geons who perform organ transplants know that the immune systems of their patients are most likely to reject the new organs in seven-day cycles."

Some object to Sabbath observance because it appears to be something that is forced upon us and is legalistic. But for those of us who have dedicated our lives to our Creator and His instruction manual for us, it doesn't take long for us to begin to really appreciate the Sabbath and eagerly anticipate it at the end of every six-day work cycle. The Sabbath becomes a joy. It is a day for us to forget our worldly labors and leave them behind.

The Sabbath is established for peace and rest. While believers realize that their true peace and rest comes through the Messiah Yahshua, the fact of the matter is that we still live in this world physically, and our physical bodies need rest and relaxation. When we get into the rhythm that our Creator designed for us, both for physical and spiritual purposes, it has a life restoring effect.

THE COMPASS

The Sabbath cycle is a most wondrous guiding light!

Mr. Muller pointed out that when we don't rest on the Sabbath we lose our way by missing the compass points, which show us where to go. How true this statement is! The Sabbath cycle is a most wondrous guiding light! It truly is a compass directing us through the points of life. In the first place, the Sabbath is a memorial to creation and our Creator Yahweh. It should remind us that we are not here by accident irregardless of what the evolutionists want to make us believe. It should remind us of the greatness of our Creator and Elohim Yahweh. He speaks, He sends His word forth and things are created (Psa. 33:9). When we forget to rest, especially in

accordance with Yahweh's commanded rest, we become just as confused as the physician spoken of above. We forget about our Creator and the power that He possesses. We give ourselves over to those who are unbelievers and allow them to destroy faith by teaching us the fables of evolution.

Yahweh told His people Israel that the Sabbath was a sign between Him and them, that He was their Elohim Who sanctifies them (Ex. 31:13, Ez. 20:12). If we neglect His commanded Sabbath, then we become careless and confused. We forget that we are His creation. We forget that He has a wondrous plan and purpose, not only for the heavens and earth, but for us. We miss the mark, fall by the wayside and flounder around in hopelessness and meaninglessness.

Yahweh gives us a point to aim at every seven days. That point also directs us to His marvelous plan for creation. If we observe His commanded seventh day Sabbath, then we are not only reminded that we have a wondrous Creator Who is powerful and intelligent far beyond our understanding, but we are also reminded the point that He has aimed at. You see, a day to Yahweh is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day (1 Pet. 3:8). Therefore, we understand that Yahweh has allowed six one thousand year days wherein man has been allowed to work his own works, but that seventh one thousand year period will belong to Yahweh and His kingdom and rest will be taking place on this earth. Those who refuse to observe Yahweh's commanded Sabbath day rest lose the compass of understanding and will be unprepared for His soon coming intervention.

THE PLEA

The author makes a plea for renewed Sabbath-keeping. He states that, as a nation we can't live like this, endlessly rushing around in a desperate frenzy, never stopping to enjoy the blessings of family and friends, un-

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THE BLESSINGS OF THE DEW

The dew seems to be such a simple meaningless item, that is, until it is researched from the Scriptures. Research into such a tiny, seemingly insignificant, little item will yield information and meanings that are powerful to behold. May you learn, as we have, from this wondrous manifestation..

By Jerry Healan

Isaac blessed Jacob with the dew of heaven. (Gen. 27:28) Moses primarily blessed Joseph with the dew (Dt. 33:13-16), but in the end, he blessed all Israel with the dew. (Dt. 33:26-29)

What is it about this seemingly simple, insignificant common almost everyday item that caused it to be mentioned in these blessings?

Scripture proclaims, “Yahweh by **wisdom**ⁱ hath foundedⁱⁱ the earth; by **understanding**ⁱⁱⁱ hath He established^{iv} the heavens. By His **knowledge**^v the depths^{vi} are broken up^{vii}, and **the clouds**^{viii} **drop down**^{ix} **the dew**^x,” Prov. 3:19-20.

Notice the three important ingredients brought forth by these two simple yet very meaningful verses, 1. wisdom, 2. understanding, 3. knowledge.

How do we get wisdom? “The **fear** of Yahweh is the beginning of **wisdom**: and the **knowledge** of the Holy Ones (translated from qodeshim, a plural word, not singular as presented by the KJV) is **understanding**,” Prov. 9:10.

How do we get knowledge? The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of **knowledge**: but fools despise wisdom and instruction,” Prov. 1:7. “

“My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto **wisdom** (what the earth is founded on), and apply thine heart to **understanding** (by which the heavens are established); yea, if thou criest after **knowledge** (by which the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew), and liftest up thy voice for **understanding** (by which the heavens are established); if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt

thou **understand** the fear of Yahweh, and find the **knowledge** (by which the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew) of Elohim. For Yahweh giveth **wisdom** (what the earth is founded on): out of His mouth cometh **knowledge** (by which the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew) and **understanding** (by which the heavens are established). He layeth up sound **wisdom** (by which the earth is founded) for the righteous: He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of His saints. Then shalt thou **understand** righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When **wisdom** (by which the earth is

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founded) entereth into thine heart, and **knowledge** (by which the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew) is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, **understanding** (by which the heavens are established) shall keep thee: to deliver thee from the way of the evil (man or one), from the man that speaketh froward (perverse) things; who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths: to deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; which forsaketh

the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her Elohim,” Prov. 2:1-17.

Thus, we learn that the “fear” of Yahweh is not only the beginning of wisdom (what the earth is founded on), but it is also the beginning of knowledge (by which the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew). The Hebrew word for “fear” is “yirah” which has to do with reverence, morality, to be afraid of, dreadfully, fear, etc. A wise child loves and fears his father all at the same time. A normal child will love his father very deeply and respect his authority and the rules of his house. But he will also learn to fear his father by breaking his rules or going against his authority, because a good father will correct his child and sometimes that correction isn’t pleasant.

But a foolish child will not submit himself to his father’s authority nor to his house rules. He will always be getting into trouble and many even disdain the correction received from their father’s hand. Such is the case with the Creator Yahweh and His people. Yahweh is a loving Father who has His own set of rules. Those rules are good for His people. They are not imposed to bring His people under a yoke of bondage. So many, many in this present evil age simply don’t understand this, even those who claim to be of His own household. Many teach that His laws are done away.

Let us properly fear, honor, respect, and reverence our Heavenly Father Yahweh so that we can glean wisdom, understanding and knowledge. Through this proper fear, we can glean wisdom from His word concerning how the earth is established. We can also unlock doors of under-

standing concerning the establishment of the heavens. Finally, we will be able to search into the depths and into the heights to glean knowledge. Let's apply these principles to the "dew" that the clouds drop down or distil.

THE PARABLES

The Proverbs, themselves, are riddles or parables that must be searched into in order to come to a true or an even deeper meaning to their sayings. As a matter of fact, the book of Proverbs begins thusly, "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity: to give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise man will hear, and will **increase learning**; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and **the interpretation**: the words of the wise, and **their dark sayings**," 1:1-7.

From these Scriptures we learn that proverbs are dark sayings which must be searched out in order to come to the proper interpretation. Therefore, proverbs and parables are somewhat equal in nature. What we must do is search them out, "It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter," Prov. 25:2.

When Yahshua spoke to the people of His day, He spoke to them in parables (Mt. 13:1-3). His disciples came to Him asking, "Why speakest Thou unto them in parables?" Mt. 13:10. "He answered and said unto them, 'Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is ful-

filled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, 'By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: for this People's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them," Mt. 13:11-17.

They are in error who teach that parables are simply little made up stories introduced in order to clarify something being presented. Parables, according to the Savior Yahshua, are given to keep the overall multitudes blinded to the truth. Their understanding is only given to a chosen few.

According to Hebrews 9:1-9, the first covenant with its ordinances of divine service, the tabernacle, the can-

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dlestick (menorah), the table, the shewbread, the veil, the holy of holies, the golden censer, the ark of the covenant, the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, the tables of the covenant, the cherubim of glory, the mercyseat, etc., were all parables (verse 9). The KJV calls them "figures" in verse 9, but the word "figures" is translated from the Greek word "parabole" which is the very same word utilized in Mt. 13.

The Apostle Paul declared, "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of Elohim

in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Sovereign of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Yahweh hath prepared for them that love him. But Yahweh hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Elohim. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of Yahweh knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Yahweh. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Yahweh; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Elohim. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned," 1 Cor. 2:6-14.

Therefore, we can deduct that the things given to Israel were for the purpose of blinding the overall majority of the people. This is confirmed in another place by the Apostle Paul who proclaims that except for the elected few, the overall majority of the Israelites were blinded (Ro. 11:7). This was done so that through Israel's fall, the door to mercy and salvation might also be opened to the Gentiles (non-Hebrews). (Ro. 11:11-12, 15, 19-20, 25).

THE MANNA

One of the items said to be a figure or parable in Heb. 9 is the golden pot of manna (v. 4). The introduction of the manna occurs in Exodus 16, "And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second

month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: and the children of Israel said unto them, 'Would to Elohim we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then said Yahweh unto Moses, 'Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law, or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.' And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, 'At even, then ye shall know that Yahweh hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: and in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of Yahweh; for that He heareth your murmurings against Yahweh: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?' And Moses said, 'This shall be, when Yahweh shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that Yahweh heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against Him: and what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against Yahweh.' And Moses spake unto Aaron, 'Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before Yahweh: for He hath heard your murmurings.' And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of Yahweh appeared in the cloud. And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, 'I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, 'At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am Yahweh your Elohim.' And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the

morning **the dew** lay round about the host. And when **the dew** that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground," (vv. 1-14)

Several things must be pointed out concerning the manna. We will not focus on these points in this treatise as our focus here is on the dew. Another treatise will be written to explain the points and significance of the manna. The points to focus on are:

1. The manna was called bread from heaven (Ex. 16:4) and the grain of the mighty ones (Psa. 78:23-25).
2. It was given to prove Israel whether they would walk in Yahweh's law or not (Ex. 16:4).
3. It was given for them to be able to see the glory of Yahweh (Ex. 16:7).
4. It was given for them to know Yahweh is their Elohim (Ex. 16:12).
5. It came with the dew (Ex. 16:13-14).
6. It was meted out or measured with an omer (Ex. 16:18).
7. It pointed them to the true seventh day Sabbath (Ex. 16:22-26).
8. The term "manna" means that

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Israel didn't know what it was (Ex. 16:15).

THE TRUE MANNA

The manna, however wondrous it was, was only a parable, a type, a model of something else. We find what it was a type of in the book of John, chapter 6, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath Yahweh the Father sealed.' Then said they unto Him, 'What shall we do that we might work the works of Elohim?' Yahshua answered and said unto them, 'This is

the work of Elohim, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent.' They said therefore unto Him, 'What sign shewest Thou then, that we may see, and believe Thee? What dost Thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Then Yahshua said unto them, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of Elohim is He Which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world.' Then said they unto Him, 'Master, evermore give us this bread.' And Yahshua said unto them, 'I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. 36. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen Me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. 38. For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him That sent Me. And this is the Father's will Which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him That sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.' The Jews then murmured at Him, because He said, 'I am the bread which came down from heaven.' And they said, 'Is not this Yahshua, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He saith, 'I came down from heaven?'" (vv. 27-42)

Notice the similarity. When the bread from heaven was given in the wilderness, the children of Israel called it "manna" because they didn't know what it was. The manna was a parable, a type of Yahshua, the true bread from heaven. When He tried to explain this truth to the people, they couldn't understand nor accept it. Once again, the term "manna" applies, because "manna" means "what's it?" or "what's this?" and that is what the

people of Yahshua's day were, in effect, saying, "And they said, 'Is not this Yahshua, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then (what is this?) that He saith, 'I came down from heaven?'" Jn. 6:42.

DISTILLING THE DEW

Going back to the book of Proverbs, the statement is made, "By His knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew." 3:20. The word "drop" is translated from the Hebrew word "ra'aph" which also is translated as "distil." The dew distils in the air (heaven) and drops down on the earth. It literally comes from heaven according to Yahweh's own word. Dew, therefore, would be the purest water.

Water, itself, is likened to the Holy Spirit, "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. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water.' (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.)" Jn. 7:37-39. Thus, the dew, the purest of water because it is distilled from heaven, would be a most acceptable type of the Holy (pure, clean) Spirit.

Yahshua was conceived by the Holy Spirit, "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from Yahweh unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Miriam. And the angel came in unto her, and said, 'Hail, thou that art highly favoured, Yahweh is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Miriam: for thou hast found favour with Elohim. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring

forth a Son, and shalt call His name Yahshua. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Sovereign Yahweh shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.' Then said Miriam unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy Thing Which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of Elohim," Lk. 1:26-35.

"Now the birth of Yahshua the Messiah was on this wise: When as His mother Miriam was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 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

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unto thee Miriam thy wife: for **That Which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.** And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Yahshua: for He shall save His people from their sins.'" Mt. 1:18-21.

Both accounts, Matthew 1 and Luke 1 witness that Miriam was a virgin, having known no man and that Yahshua was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Notice the similarity between the parable and the true. The manna (bread from heaven) came with the dew (waters distilled from heaven). The True Bread from heaven, Yahshua, was distilled or conceived by the waters from heaven, the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin

Miriam.

Many of our own people have problems believing that the Elohim Yahweh could become a man and suffer death for us, but Yahshua, Himself, said that He came down from heaven (Jn. 3:13-31; 6:33-51; 1 Cor. 15:47; Phil. 2:5-8).

Through the KNOWLEDGE of Elohim, Yahshua, the true bread from heaven, was distilled from heaven into the womb of the virgin Miriam in order to become the BREAD OF LIFE.

THE COVERING

The Hebrew word for "dew" is "tal." This word is #2919 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance's* Hebrew Lexicon and is defined as *dew (as covering vegetation)*. Now, this concept is most important to understand because the Scriptures declare, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of Yahweh, make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of Yahweh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken it.' The voice said, 'Cry.' And he said, 'What shall I cry?' **All flesh is grass**, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of Yahweh bloweth upon it: **surely the people is grass**. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand for ever.'" Isa. 40:3-8.

Are you beginning to understand this concept now? All flesh is as grass. All flesh (man) needs to be covered because all flesh has sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. The dew covers vegetation. Grass is vegetation. Therefore, the dew is a type of the covering that Yahweh has provided for the grass, that is, all flesh (all men who will believe)!

Notice what it says again, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand for

ever” (v. 8). Who or what is the word? “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with Elohim and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life: and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not....And the Word was made flesh (conceived by the Holy Spirit), and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace** and truth,” Jn. 1:1-5, 14.

Notice that...“full of grace!” “The king’s (Yahweh’s) wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but His **favour** is as **dew upon the grass**,” Prov. 19:12.

The Hebrew word for “favour” is “ratsown” which comes from another word “ratsah” which means “to satisfy a debt!” Isn’t that the message of the New Covenant? Isn’t that the message of the grace, the mercy, the favour that comes from Yahweh to man through our Sovereign and Savior Yahshua? Doesn’t He have the power to redeem us, buy us back from sin, death, the grave?

Psalm 102 is a prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and pours out his complaint before Yahweh, “My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like **grass**. But Thou O Yahweh, shalt endure for ever; and Thy remembrance unto all generations. Thou shalt arise, and have **mercy** upon Zion: for the time to **favour** her, yea, the set time, is come,” vv. 11-12.

“As for man, his days are as **grass**: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the **mercy** of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him and His righteousness unto children’s children; to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them,” Psa. 103:15-18.

The Apostle Paul writes, “Who (Yahshua) was delivered for our of-

fences, and was raised again for our justification. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with Elohim through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah: by Whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of Elohim. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of Yahweh is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time the Messiah died for the unrighteous. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But Yahweh commedeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, the Messiah died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to Yahweh by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but

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we also joy in Yahweh through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, by Whom we have now received the **atonement**,” Ro. 4:25; 5:1-11. “Atonement” comes from the Hebrew word “kippur” which means to COVER!

YAHSHUA, OUR BREAD

Yahshua, the true bread from heaven, was conceived in the womb of the virgin Miriam by the Holy Spirit. When the time came for His birth, Yahweh had brought about conditions which would cause Joseph and Miriam to be in Bethlehem, “And it came to pass in those days, that there

went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mariam his espoused wife, being great with child,” Lk. 2:1-5.

Bethlehem is a combination of two Hebrew words, “bayith” and “lechem.” Bayith means house, temple or family. Lechem means bread. Yahshua, the true bread from heaven was born in Bethlehem, the house, family or temple of bread!

Furthermore, “And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and **laid Him in a manger**; because there was no room for them in the inn,” Lk. 2:6-7.

The Greek word for “manger” is “phatne” which is defined as “a crib (for fodder). It comes from another word “pateomai” which means “to eat!” In other words, a manger is a crib from whence animals are fed. Thus, Yahshua, the true bread from heaven, was born in the house or temple of bread and lain in a crib from which animals are fed.

In both the Old and New Testaments Yahweh’s people are called sheep! “For thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; ‘Behold, I, even I, will both search **My sheep**, and seek them out. **As a shepherd** seeketh out **His flock** in the day that **he is among his sheep** that are scattered; so **will I seek out My sheep**, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and

upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Sovereign Yahweh. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat (gross) and the strong (impudent); I will feed them with judgment,” Ez. 34:11-16.

“Then said Yahshua unto them again, ‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door of the sheep.** All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. **I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. **I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep,** and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and **I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have,** which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and **there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd,**” Jn. 10:7-16.

Both Testaments (Old and New) reveal Who the Shepherd is. Yahshua is the Shepherd.

FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF YAHSHUA

Moses cried out, “Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak^{xi}, and hear^{xii}, O earth, the words^{xiii} of my mouth^{xiv}. My doctrine^{xv} shall drop^{xvi} as the rain^x

^{vii}, my speech^{xviii} shall distil^{xix} as the dew, as the small rain^{xx} upon the tender herb^{xxi}, and as the shower^{xxii} upon the ^{xxiii}grass: Because I will publish the name Yahweh: ascribe ye greatness unto our Elohim, the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a El of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he,” Dt. 32:1-4.

Moses links his words (dabar) with the word speak (emer/amar) as well as doctrine (leqach). He also links the dew with rain and showers upon the grass. Moses’ doctrine, his speech and writings are recorded for us in the Torah. He publishes the name Yahweh in the Torah ascribing mighty, powerful greatness to Yahweh Elohim. He says that His words are as the “dew.” He says that His words distil as the dew because He will publish the name Yahweh, the Rock and El of truth.

Yahshua said that Moses wrote of Him, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not

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

As I have shown, when Moses wrote of the manna, the bread from heaven, he was writing in parabolic

language about Yahshua the Messiah, the true bread from heaven. What about the dew? Isn't the dew also a type of Yahshua?

In another parable that Yahshua gave in John chapter ten, Yahshua reveals that He is the door of the sheep (verses 1-9). But He also reveals in this same parable that He is the good Shepherd (verses 11-16). One other item that Yahshua reveals is that there is a porter who opens. We find in Revelation that Yahshua has the key of David who opens and no man shuts and shuts and no man opens (Rev. 3:7-8). Therefore, Yahshua is also the Porter. In this one parable, Yahshua is the Door, the Shepherd and the Porter.

We can conclude, therefore, in the parable of the manna, that Yahshua is not only the manna, but also the dew that brings the manna. The Prophet Hosea is inspired to write, “O Israel, return unto Yahweh thy Elohim; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to Yahweh: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our Elohim: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. **I will be as the dew unto Israel:** he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of Yahweh are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein,” Hos. 14:1-9.

Isaiah prophesies, "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead," 26:19. All flesh is as grass. The dew of Yahweh will revive the grass, especially Israel, bringing them forth from the grave.

Who revives from the grave? "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him," Jn. 5:21-23.

Yahshua told Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" Jn. 11:25-26.

"These words spake Yahshua, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true Elohim, and Yahshua the Messiah, whom thou hast sent," Jn. 17:1-3.

Yahshua, as the dew, has the power to cover all flesh that will believe in Him and the Father. He will be their manna, their bread of life for all eternity.

Through the KNOWLEDGE of Yahweh, Yahshua was distilled as the dew from heaven. Through the KNOWLEDGE of Yahweh, the DEPTHS ARE BROKEN UP (the grave will yield its dead in resurrection back to life.

FEEDING THE SHEEP

The third time that Yahshua showed Himself to the disciples and

interesting discourse occurred between Yahshua and Peter, "So when they had dined, Yahshua saith to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these?' He saith unto Him, 'Yea, Master; Thou knowest that I love Thee.' He saith unto him, 'Feed My lambs.' He saith to him again the second time, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?' He saith unto Him, 'Yea, Master; Thou knowest that I love Thee.' He saith unto him, 'Feed My sheep.' He saith unto him the third time, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?' Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, 'Lovest thou Me?' And he said unto Him, 'Master, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee.' Yahshua saith unto him, 'Feed My sheep," Jn. 21:15-17.

Here was Yahshua, the true bread from heaven, distilled by the Holy Spirit, the heavenly dew, admonishing Peter to feed His sheep. Of course, that food with which the sheep are to be fed is Yahshua, Himself.

Before His death, Yahshua had a final meal with His disciples. During this meal, "Yahshua took bread, and

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blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body,' Mt. 26:26. Paul writes, "For I have received of the Master that which also I delivered unto you, That the Sovereign Yahshua the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, 'Take, eat, this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me,'" 1 Cor. 11:23-24.

The sheep of Yahweh are to be fed with Yahshua, the true bread from heaven that was distilled from the heavenly dew, the Holy Spirit.

Peter had denied Yahshua three times, thus, when Yahshua asked him

if He loved Him three times, Peter was sorely grieved because of his denial. Later, Peter wrote, The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of the Messiah, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: feed the flock of Yahweh which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being sovereigns over Yahweh's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away," 1 Pet. 5:1-4.

THE SHEPHERDS

When Yahshua, the true bread from heaven, was born at Bethlehem, the house/temple of bread, there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night (Lk. 2:8). "And lo, the angel of Yahweh came upon them, and the glory of Yahweh shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is the Messiah Yahweh. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising Yahweh, and saying, 'Glory to Yahweh in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.' And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which Yahweh hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Miriam, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all they that heard it wondered at

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IS THE LAW DONE AWAY?

Controversy rages concerning what the Scriptures say. The over-all majority of Christianity proclaims that the law is done away, upholding the writings of Paul as the foundation of their proof. There are some smaller Christian groups, Orthodox Judaism and Yahwists who proclaim the exact opposite, using both Old and New Testament Scriptures as their authority. Many in the latter groups reach the point of extreme Pharisaism, fulfilling the law to the letter. Many in the former group have an "anything goes" attitude. Why all the confusion? What do the Scriptures really say?

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The Apostle Paul is the most misunderstood of all the apostles. Through his writings, Christianity has developed its teaching that the law (Torah) is done away. He is exalted to a very high place by them for that very reason.

On the other hand he is hated, despised and rejected by Orthodox Judaism, and many others who have a tendency to be rather Pharisaical in their outlook and approach.

Yet, neither group has truly understood Paul's writings. The Apostle Peter wrote, "But the day of Yahweh will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and righteousness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of Yahweh, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Sovereign is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and*

unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction," 2 Pt. 3:10-16.

There are those, even in the Yahwist movement today, who are suspicious of Paul and his writings, but as revealed here, there was no disharmony nor suspicion between Peter and the other apostles as to his writings. Peter gives them credence!

Notice that Peter says Paul's writings are "...hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they also wrest the other Scriptures unto their own destruction."

LAW DONE AWAY?

Paul wrote, "Knowing that a man is

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not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Yahshua Messiah, even we have believed in Yahshua Messiah, that we might be justified by the faith of Messiah, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified...For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto Yahweh...I do not frustrate the grace of Yahweh: for **if righteousness come by the law, then Messiah is dead in vain,**" Gal. 2:16, 19, 21.

Paul's writings here and elsewhere certainly appear to overthrow the law of Yahweh. In fact, so much so, that Christianity teaches that the law is done away in Messiah.

Look at what else Paul wrote, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Yahshua Messiah hath been evidently set forth, impaled among you? This only would I learn of you, **Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law**, or by the hearing of faith?...For **as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse**: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that **no man is justified by the law in the sight of Yahweh**, *it is evident*: for, the just shall live by faith. And **the law is not of faith**: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them. Messiah hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:...For **if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise**: but Yahweh gave *it* to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but Yahweh is one. *Is* the law then against the promises of Yahweh? Let it not be: **for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.... Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. Which

things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; **the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.** For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, *thou* that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now. Nevertheless what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free....Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Messiah hath made us free, and **be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.** Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Messiah shall profit you nothing. For **I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Messiah is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace,**" Gal. 3:1-2, 10-13, 18-21; 4:21-31; 5:1-4.

"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before Yahweh. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight:** for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. **But now the righteousness of Yahweh without the law is manifested,** being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of Yahweh *which is* by faith of Yahshua Messiah unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of

the glory of Yahweh; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Messiah Yahshua: Whom Yahweh hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Yahweh; to declare, *I say*, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Yahshua. Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. **Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law,**" Ro. 3:19-28.

When one reads these and other Scriptures written by the Apostle Paul, he certainly does get the general and overall idea that the law is no longer functional, that the law is done away, doesn't he?

LAW NOT DONE AWAY?

The next question to ask is, "Is Paul actually in contradiction with Yahshua?" Yahshua, Himself, said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not

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come to destroy, but to fulfil," Mt. 5:17.

The word *fulfil* is translated from the Greek word πληρωω (pleroo). *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* gives its definition as: to *make replete*, i.e. (lit.) to *cram* (a net), *level up* (a hollow), or (fig.) to *furnish* (or *imbue, diffuse, influence*), *satisfy, execute* (an office), *finish* (a period or task), *verify* (or *coincide* with a prediction), etc. It has generally been translated in the English as: accomplish, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

But now, let's go to *Webster's New World Dictionary* and see what

definition he gives concerning the word "fulfil": **1.** to carry out (something promised, desired, expected, predicted, etc.); cause to be or happen **2.** to do (something required); obey **3.** to fill the requirements of; satisfy (a condition) or answer (a purpose) **4.** to bring to an end; complete —**SYN.** see **PERFORM** —**fulfil oneself** to realize completely one's ambition, potentialities, etc.

Notice that both definitions (*Strong's* and *Webster's*) have given the meanings: *to end, bring to an end, expire, etc.*, which would mean, in essence, to overthrow, do away with, or destroy, but Yahshua plainly said that such WAS NOT His purpose! His purpose was to *obey, satisfy* the requirements of, *perform, or verify* the law.

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

Peter openly admits that Yahshua fulfilled the requirements of the law setting an example that we should follow Him, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: **Who did no sin,** neither was guile found in His mouth: Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed *Himself* to Him that judgeth righteously," 1 Pt. 2:21-23.

The chief priests, elders, scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees could find no fault in Yahshua. Therefore, they sought false witnesses to bring an evil report against Him and still could find no two false witnesses that could agree in their accusations, "Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Yahshua, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of Elohim, and

to build it in three days," Mt. 26:59-61.

Neither Pilate nor Herod could find any fault in Him, "Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, **I find no fault in this Man.**' When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Yahshua, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see Him of a long *season*, because he had heard many things of Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned with Him in many words; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought, and mocked *Him*, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves. And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Said unto them, 'Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, **I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse Him: No, nor yet Herod:** for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto Him,'" Lk. 23:4-15.

Even Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Yahshua into the hands of the Jewish leaders, declared His innocence, "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, **I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.** And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself," Mt. 27:3-5.

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Yahshua's innocence. He was without fault, without sin, without blemish. He perfectly fulfilled the requirements of Yahweh's law, setting the example for us.

SELF CONTRADICTION?

The next question to ask is, "Does Paul contradict himself?" He certainly seems to do so when he writes, "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; for not the hearers of the law *are* just before Yahweh, but **the doers of the law shall be justified,**" Ro. 2:12-13.

"Do we then make void the law through faith? Let it not be: yea, **we establish the law.**" Ro. 3:31. *Establish* comes from the Greek word *histemi* which also means: to stand, abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, hold up, present, stand by, etc.

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be **dead indeed unto sin** (Note: sin is the transgression of the law), but alive unto Yahweh through Yahshua Messiah our Sovereign. **Let not sin**

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(transgression of the law [Torah]) **therefore reign in your mortal body**, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. **Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin** (transgression of the law [Torah]): but yield yourselves unto Yahweh, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto Yahweh. For **sin shall not have dominion over you:** for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? **shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? Let it not be.** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his

servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But Yahweh be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.** I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death. **But now being made free from sin,** and become servants to Yahweh, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life," Ro. 6:11-22.

Here is what Paul admonishes, "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for **he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.** For this, **Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet;** and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law,**" Ro. 13:8-10.

What Paul has enumerated here is the last five of the ten commandments that Moses received on Mount Sinai. Haven't we just read that Mount Sinai engenders bondage? Moses received the commandments on two tablets of stone. Each tablet would have contained five of the ten commandments, just like the two hands that we all have with five fingers on each hand. The second tablet, containing the five commandments just enumerated by Paul are summed up as "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

When asked about the first commandment of all, Yahshua said,

“And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Yahshua answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh: And **thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.** And the second *is* like, *namely* this, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** There is none other commandment greater than these,” Mk. 12:28-31.

Therefore, the first tablet of stone with its five commandments are summed up as “Love toward Yahweh.”

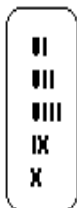
This leads us to a very interesting concept for the major Hebrew word for love is “ahavah” which in Hebrew looks like this: אהבה. Each one of these Hebrew characters also stands for a number. א = 1, ב = 2, and ה = 5. Now let’s do a little simple arithmetic which will allow us to see a marvelous thing, certainly and most positively the Apostle Paul had knowledge of.

The first tablet which Moses received contained the first five of the ten commandments which are summed up as LOVE (אהבה) toward Yahweh. The second tablet contained the last five of the ten commandments which are summed up as LOVE (אהבה) toward neighbor.



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Yahweh’s name in Hebrew is יהוה.
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The Apostle John tells us, “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of Yahweh; and every one that loveth is born of Yahweh, and knoweth Yahweh. He that loveth not knoweth not Yahweh; for **Yahweh is love,**” 1 Jn. 4:7-8.

Yahweh’s name is the sum total of the commandments. It is He Who has complete and total power over this law of love. He is the One Who is able to faithfully fulfil it. Paul, being a Jew and having been taught at the feet of Gamaliel would certainly have known of this concept.

There must be another answer as to why Paul could seemingly, on the one hand, appear to be anti-law (Torah) and, on the other hand, be pro-law (Torah). What is the answer?

THE LAW OF SIN

The major key to understanding the writings of the Apostle Paul is found in the book of Romans, chapter 7. Paul reveals that he is being subjected to an inner struggle, “For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that

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do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, **I consent unto the law that it is good.** Now then **it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.** For I know that in me, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me,**” v.v. 15-20.

Paul begins to reveal that when he

determines to do good, to do that which is prescribed in the law (Torah), evil is present with him. He begins to get frustrated because of his helplessness to perform the good rather than the evil. Why?

“**I find then a law,** that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For **I delight in the law (Torah) of Elohim** after the inward man: But **I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind,** and bringing me into captivity to the **law of sin which is in my members,**” v.v. 21-23.

Paul was the Sir Isaac Newton of his day! Paul discovered and revealed that there is a law of sin in the flesh. This law of sin in the flesh is powerful and sure. It is just as powerful and sure as the law of gravity and other laws of physics, chemistry, biology, etc. that this physical creation is (thankfully) subject to.

Paul reveals elsewhere, “*This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For **the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh:** and these are contrary the one to the other: so that **ye cannot do the things that ye would.** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law,” Gal 5:16-18.

This is the key to understanding the writings of Paul, as well as the spirit and intent of the New Covenant based upon better promises. There is a law of sin in the flesh. No manner of SELF IMPOSED law (Torah) keeping can deliver us from its consequences. Look at what else Paul wrote, “What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: **for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;** As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after Yahweh.** They are **all** gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.** Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips:

Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of Elohim before their eyes...For **all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim,**” Rom. 3:9-18, 23.

All have sinned. All have been subject to the consequences of the law of sin in the flesh. No man can escape its destructive power unless he has been called and chosen by Yahweh to come under His grace through the atoning sacrifice of the Messiah, “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank Yahweh through Yahshua Messiah our Sovereign,” Ro. 7:24-25.

Our deliverance is through Yahshua. No manner of law keeping (Torah observance) can earn it. Look at what else Paul says, “So then with the mind I myself serve the law (Torah) of Yahweh; but **with the flesh the law of sin.**” (Last part of Ro. 7:25.)

Paul says that he continues to serve the law of sin with the flesh, an amazing statement! This should be a statement that would humble each and every man, but too many begin to impose the Torah on the flesh and, consequently, become high-minded and self righteous. It is too easy in that state of mind to trust in one’s own abilities, one’s own self.

THE LAW OF SIN’S ORIGIN

Where did this law of sin come from? How was it introduced into the flesh? Paul’s writings are not incomplete. He also reveals how and where this law of sin comes from.

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

When Adam took of the forbidden fruit, the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the law of sin and death entered into the flesh. The law of sin and death passed on all men through inheritance from Adam.

Let’s simply take some excerpts from the rest of chapter five to prove the point, “...For if through the offence of one many be dead (v. 15)...for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation (v. 16)...For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one (v. 17)...Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation (v. 18)...For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners,” (v. 19). We can add to these excerpts from 1 Cor. 15, “For since by man came death (v. 21)...For as in Adam all die,” (v. 22).

The inheritance through the first man, Adam, was misery, corruption, sin and death. No man has been able to escape this sentence, this law, this inheritance, except the Man, Yahshua, Who was not conceived by a son of Adam, but was conceived by the Father Yahweh, through the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin

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Miriam. Yahshua was the One Man Who did not have the inheritance of corruption, sin and death in His members, but rather the heavenly inheritance of the law of life. Therefore, through the power of Yahweh living in Him, He was able to perfectly fulfil the Torah; no sin, no fault having been found in Him by the Jews, the Romans, His disciples, the accusers, nor the Father Yahweh.

THE FIGURE OR TYPE

Paul writes that Adam was a *figure* of Him That was to come (Ro. 5:14). The word *figure* comes from the Greek word *tupos* from which we

derive our English word *type*. In other words, we could say that Adam was an *anti-type* of Yahshua for each man has an inheritance, but that inheritance is actually in opposition to one another.

Let’s look at the excerpts in Ro. 5 concerning the inheritance that comes through Yahshua, “But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift....much more the grace of Yahweh, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Yahshua Messiah, hath abounded unto many. (v. 15)...but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification. (v. 16)... much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by One, Yahshua Messiah. (v. 17)...even so by the righteousness of One *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. (v. 18)...so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous,” (v. 19). In 1 Cor. 15 we also read, “...by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. (v. 21)...even so in Messiah shall all be made alive,” (v. 22).

We find, therefore, that our forefather Adam has caused us to inherit the law of corruption, sin and death; which brings condemnation to judgment. But through faith in Yahshua we can be resurrected to the inheritance of the law of the Spirit of life.

Another important key to understanding the types is the principle of; that which is first is natural, physical, fleshly while that which is second is spiritual and heavenly. Paul reveals this concept in 1 Cor. 15, “**But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:** And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*: But Yahweh giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another

of birds. *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another. *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory. **So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.** And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.** Howbeit **that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Sovereign from heaven.** As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly,” v.v. 35-49.

Such is a concept to always keep in mind when reading and studying the Scriptures. There is a pattern by which Yahweh works. The first of all things is physical, natural, corruptible, earthy. Adam was made of the dust of the ground. He was made of the earth, earthy. But we must understand that initially, Adam did not have the law of corruption, sin and death in his members. He was made and pronounced with the rest of the creation as “good” (Gen. 1:31).

Adam was given dominion over the creation and was placed in the garden of Eden. Adam was the master, the sovereign of the earth. His act of disobedience not only subjected his posterity to the law of corruption, sin and death, but it also brought the creation into the bondage of corruption. Yahweh terribly cursed the earth after Adam’s act of disobedience, “And unto Adam He

said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake**; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return,” Gen. 3:17-19.

Because of this introduction of the law of corruption, sin and death into the flesh, also bringing the creation into bondage, Paul reveals that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim (1 Cor. 15:50).

But now, the deliverance through the second Adam, of Whom the first Adam is a type (anti-type), must become obvious.

THE INHERITANCE

Paul writes, “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last

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trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? **The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.** But thanks *be* to Yahweh, which giveth us the victory through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. Therefore, my beloved

brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of Sovereign, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Sovereign,” 1 Cor. 15: 51-58.

We must receive another body that is being prepared for us in heaven if we are to inherit incorruption, immortality, and Yahweh’s kingdom. It is IMPOSSIBLE to inherit it in the flesh! When this resurrection occurs, then the creation will also be delivered from its bondage, “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of Elohim. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of Elohim. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body,” Ro. 8:19-23.

ISRAEL’S BLINDNESS

When Yahshua appeared in the flesh to fulfil the requirements of the law (Torah), there was a sect of people who were basically in control of the land under the hand of the Romans. These people were the Pharisees. There were other sects of belief also such as the Sadducees, Herodians, Zealots, Essenes, etc. But the Pharisees were, by far, the most popular and numerous of them all. It was the Pharisees, specifically their leaders, who caused Yahshua so many problems. Yet, Yahshua said, “For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven,” Mt. 5:20.

The scribes and Pharisees were so zealous for the Torah (law) that they had imposed so many do’s and don’ts

that the Torah (law) of Yahweh had become a tremendous burden, "Then spake Yahshua to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers," Mt. 23:1-4.

Many people use these verses to impute that Yahshua empowered the scribes and Pharisees over His own followers, but such is not the case. There is no space to explain the concept conveyed here in this treatise, but it will be addressed at another time. The main point is that the Pharisees were binding heavy and grievous burdens on other men's shoulders while they considered themselves to be excluded from those same burdens.

Yahshua made this point with them, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the **outside** of the cup and of the platter, but **within** they are full of extortion and excess. *Thou blind* Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is within* the cup and platter, that the **outside** of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful **outward**, but are **within** full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also **outwardly appear righteous** unto men, but **within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity**," Mt. 23:25-28.

Applying what we have already learned, we can see that the Pharisees were taken up with making the exterior, the flesh to appear as if it were able to be righteous. But they were inwardly full of hypocrisy and iniquity because of the law of sin that was in them. Paul revealed that it was the inward man which delighted in the law of righteousness. But it is the inward man that is fashioned after

Yahshua and has the Spirit of Yahweh in him.

Notice that Yahshua stated that the Pharisees were blind in verses 16, 24 and 26 of Mat. 23. Paul was inspired to record that Israel was blinded, "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded...For I would not, brethren that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in," Ro. 11:7, 25.

Paul further reveals, "What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. **But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.** For they stumbled at that stumblingstone," Ro. 9:30-32. "Brethren, my heart's desire and

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prayer to Yahweh for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of Elohim, but **not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of Yahweh's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness**, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of Yahweh," Ro. 10:1-3.

Doesn't it become more and more obvious? Yahweh gave the **first** covenant (contained in the Torah) to Israel. The Gentiles were excluded from that first covenant. But Israel was blinded concerning its true purpose and meaning. Instead of allowing the Torah to reveal the law

of sin in the flesh, thereby "teaching" (Torah also means *teaching*) them that they were helpless in its fulfillment and needed deliverance from their weakness in the flesh; they went about seeking to establish their own righteousness by observing the Torah under the power of sinful flesh. All they accomplished was SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS! That self-righteousness was so devious and deceitful that, when the true righteousness of Yahweh was revealed in Yahshua, they were blinded to it and condemned Him to be worthy of death Who had done no sin, neither was there any blemish in Him nor guile in His mouth!

Too many people who turn to the Torah, today, fall under the same spell that the scribes, Pharisees and the overall majority of Israel did. They go about to establish their own righteousness. They become blinded to the reality of Yahweh's righteousness apart from, or without the law (Torah).

A PARABLE

Parables are given in order to keep meanings hidden. Yahshua came speaking in parables so that the people of His day might not understand His words, "And His disciples came, and said unto Him, 'Why speakest Thou unto them in parables?' He answered and said unto them, 'Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand,'" Mt. 13:10-13.

The book of Hebrews declares that the worldly sanctuary and its ordinances of divine service were "figures." (Heb. 9:9) But the Greek word that has been translated as "figures" is "paraboles." "Paraboles" is the very same word that is trans-

lated as “parables in Mt. 13. In other words, the tabernacles, its appurtenances, Aaron’s rod that budded, the tables of the covenant, the priesthood, the sacrifices, etc. were figures or parables (Heb. 9:1-9).

Let’s understand the situation with Moses and the children of Israel for this also was a parabolic situation.

Yahweh had made a marriage covenant with Israel giving them His commandments (Ex. 20), statutes and ordinances (Ex. 21, 22, 23). Yahweh promised blessings and greatness if they would obey, but cursings and destruction if they disobeyed. Israel agreed to Yahweh’s covenant (Ex. 19:8; 24:3, 7).

Yahweh called Moses up into the mount where he was with Yahweh for forty days and nights receiving instructions concerning the tabernacle, priesthood, etc. He also received the tables of stone upon which were inscribed the ten commandments by Yahweh’s own finger (Ex. 25-31).

While Moses was in the mount, the people encouraged Aaron to make a golden calf to represent the Elohim Who delivered them. Israel had quickly transgressed the covenant that they had made with Yahweh. When Moses came down from the mount, he had the two tables of the covenant in his hands, but when he saw the idolatrous orgy that was going on, he threw the tables down breaking them.

Moses later ascended into the mount in order to receive a new set of tables of the covenant whereupon were written the ten commandments (Ex. 34, esp. v. 28).

The tables of stone were placed inside the ark of the covenant (Ex. 40:20). This action was a figure, a parable that the people did not understand. The ark was Yahweh’s throne. Moses placed the tables of the covenant containing the ten commandments inside the ark of the covenant and then covered it with the lid or mercy seat. This represented the place, the One Who had the true power to fulfill the covenant of promise. Israel did not have the power to fulfill their part of the bargain. Only

Yahweh had the power to do so.

Israel, their priesthood, their kings, etc. were unfaithful to the covenant. Aaron, the first high priest of the Levitical priesthood, revealed the true spirit of that priesthood. They would please the people rather than Yahweh. Read about the high priest Eli and his sons Hophni and Phineas. Read about the unfaithfulness of the Levitical priesthood in the book of Malachi, chapter 2.

The book of Hebrews declares, “If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the People received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being **changed**, there is made of necessity a **change** also of the law,” Heb. 7:11-12.

“Changed” is translated from the Greek word “*metatithemi*.” which is defined as, to transfer, transport, exchange, change sides, etc. The priesthood has been changed, transferred, transported, exchanged, changed sides from the Levitical to the Melchisedec

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Priesthood.

But what about the law? It says that there is made of necessity a change also of it! The Greek word used for “change” is “*metathesis*.” It is defined as, transposition, i.e. **transferral (to heaven)**!

There you have it! The power to keep the law of commandments is no longer left in the hands of the flesh. The flesh was given the opportunity to perform it and it failed miserably. Why? Because of the law of sin in the flesh. The power to perform it now comes from Yahweh Himself through Yahshua the Messiah.

THE NEW COVENANT

The Prophet Jeremiah was inspired to write, “Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yahweh: But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith Yahweh, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know Yahweh: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Yahweh: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more,” 31:31-34.

The book of Hebrews repeats this text from the prophet Jeremiah in chapter 8:8-12. Hebrews also says, “For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the **second**. For **finding fault with them...**,” 8:7-8 (first part).

The fault was not with Yahweh, the covenant or Torah, but with them (Israel). Why? Because their heart still had the foreskin of the flesh attached. The FIRST covenant was made with a people (man or men) of the flesh (remember 1 Cor. 15). The flesh could not fulfil the Torah. The SECOND covenant is made through the last (second) Adam, the Sovereign from heaven. It is the covenant that has the power of the Spirit behind it, not the weakness of the flesh.

Paul reveals that Israel was purposely blinded and cast away for the reconciling of the world, “I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? Let it not be: but **rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles**, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of

the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are my flesh*, and might save some of them. **For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?**" Ro. 11:11-15. Israel became a sacrifice for the reconciliation of the rest of the world.

Paul is inspired to promise, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away unrighteousness from Jacob: For this *is my covenant unto them*, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the evangel, *they are enemies for your sakes*: but as touching the election, *they are beloved for the fathers' sakes*. For the gifts and calling of Yahweh *are without repentance*. For as ye in times past have not believed Yahweh, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For Yahweh hath concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all," Ro. 11:26-32.

Paul's writings correspond to and are in agreement with the writings of Ezekiel. Ezekiel also writes of the graves of all Israel of both of the houses of Israel, Judah and Ephraim, being opened and the people being resurrected from the dead. Yahweh promises to put His Spirit in them at that time (Ez. 37:14). They will no longer be defiled by the paganistic Gentile religions and they will be cleansed from all of their sins (v. 23). Yahweh's covenant of peace will be made with them also at that time (v. 26). Then shall Israel and the Gentiles know Yahweh and He will place His tabernacle in Israel forever more (v.v. 27-28).

The righteousness of Yahweh will then be fully realized by all, for they will then understand that their righteousness came not by their own

fulfillment of the law (Torah), but from the Right Hand and Holy Arm of Yahweh, Yahshua Messiah.

Isaiah prophesied, "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established in the top of the mountains*, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Yahweh," 2:1-5.

When Christianity reads this Scripture, it understands that

Then shall Israel and the Gentiles know Yahweh and He will place His tabernacle in Israel forever more (v.v. 27-28).

Yahweh's kingdom is to be ushered in through the Messiah. Yet they have stumbled at the law (Torah) in proclaiming that it is done away with since Isaiah does say that the law (Torah) will go forth from Jerusalem.

The Jews also have stumbled over this verse because they could see that the law (Torah) is not to be done away with as proclaimed by Christianity. Yet, they have failed to understand the righteousness of Yahweh.

The Apostle Paul was putting everything into the proper perspective, yet, as Peter stated, his writings were

hard to understand which the unlearned and unstable were wresting to their own destruction.

THE HOPE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Paul wrote that if anyone has repented and been baptized in the name of Yahshua, then that person has "put on Yahshua." (Gal. 3:27). Furthermore, he writes that they are sealed with the "earnest of the Spirit" (2 Cor. 1:22, Eph. 1:13-14). He also says that it is the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph. 1:13). The Holy Spirit imparts the Messiah in us, the HOPE of glory (Col. 1:27). Through the Spirit we wait for the HOPE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Gal. 5:5). Paul also reveals that we are saved by HOPE, but hope that is seen IS NOT HOPE (Ro. 8:23-25).

Under the Old Covenant, there was a law of circumcision of the flesh made with the hands of man. Under the New Covenant there is still a law of circumcision, but it is the circumcision of the heart made WITHOUT hands.

Under the Old Covenant, there was a law of animal sacrifice made by the hands of man. Under the New Covenant, there is a law of sacrifice made personally by Yahweh through Yahshua and not man.

Under the Old Covenant there was the law of dress concerning phylacteries, tallits, borders of garments, etc. Under the New Covenant there is a law of dress, but it is not clothing made by man, but rather Yahshua is our dress.

The point is that the flesh cannot be rehabilitated. Men who seek after righteousness by the hands of man have and will fall short of the New Covenant and its hope and promises through Yahshua.

If we have received the Spirit of Yahweh, then we ARE NOT righteous because of the flesh, but have received the hope of righteousness which IS TO COME.

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those things which were told them by the shepherds," Lk. 2:9-18.

After hearing the message of the Savior's birth and then going to witness such for themselves, the shepherds went to the people declaring what they had seen and heard. While Yahshua is the chief and true Shepherd, those whom have been called out of this world to declare His message are to be even more faithful shepherds than the ones who witnessed His birth. After all, they were shepherding animals, but the shepherds serving under Yahshua are to be faithful in declaring the message of truth to the sheep of His pasture, His people.

Yahweh indicts the unfaithful shepherds, "And the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, 'Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh unto the shepherds; 'Woe be unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, My flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh; as I live, saith the Sovereign Yahweh, surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not

My flock; therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh;' Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; 'Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them,'" Ez. 34:1-10.

Isaiah was inspired to write, "Woe be unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! Saith Yahweh. Therefore thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh of Israel against the shepherds that feed My People; Ye have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith Yahweh. And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith Yahweh," 23:1-4.

Those who are set up as leaders of groups, churches, congregations and assemblies that teach and believe in the Messiah should pay very special attention. Whether they are priests, prophets, preachers, teachers, etc., they should be feeding the sheep of Yahweh's house with the proper diet. The Apostle Paul cautioned, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Yahweh, which He hath purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to Yahweh, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build

you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Sovereign Yahshua, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,'" Acts 20:28-35.

And so now all shepherds, are you leading the sheep of Yahweh's pasture to the true food? Are you serving the body of the Messiah with the true bread from heaven which has been distilled from the blessed heavenly dew, the Holy Spirit? Let's not seek to exalt ourselves one above the other, nor seek to make ourselves rich at the expense of the sheep, but let's work together to serve, feed and lead the sheep of Yahweh's pasture to the One true Anointed, Yahshua the Messiah, the true bread from heaven Who was distilled (conceived) by the true waters from heaven, the Holy Spirit.

Again, Isaiah cries out, "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, 'Behold your Elohim!' Behold, the Sovereign Yahweh will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young," Isa. 40:9-11.

This is the message from the Scriptures that we must be proclaiming concerning Yahshua the Messiah!

Part II will enable us to trace Israel through the blessings of the dew. It will appear in our May-Jun issue.

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able to taste the fruits of life. However, he resists a return to some forced, legalistic Sabbath such as the seventh day Sabbath commanded by Yahweh, as well as the Sunday rest originally imposed by Constantine and Christianity. Therefore, he encourages a revolutionary change in our selves to set aside just one day, or maybe an afternoon or just one hour wherein we might repose from our hectic schedules in order to be refreshed; in order to drink from the fountain of rest and delight.

The sad thing about the article that this man has written is that he begins proving a need for rest. He reveals that if we continue to push ourselves to the brink of exhaustion, we lose our efficiency. This has been known by business and enterprise for quite sometime. After so many hours and days of work without rest, efficiency suffers, quantity and quality suffers, safety suffers, etc. He went a long way in proving that there is a seven day cycle in practically all life forms, yet he fell short in encouraging a review of what our Creator established and commanded for our own benefit. He even made the statement, "Much of modern life is specifically designed to seduce our attention away

from Sabbath rest." What a statement!

However, we can't be so shortsighted! We can realize that the Sabbath rest was given and commanded by a Creator Who cared for the works of His hands. A Creator Who knew what was, what is best for us. A Creator Who left instructions for us so that we could rest, be refreshed and not only drink from the fountain of rest and delight, but also from the fountain of salvation. You see, Yahweh gave us primarily Ten Commandments to live by. These commandments define what sin is. The Apostle Paul wrote, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Yahweh forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet,'" Ro. 7:7.

The Apostle John wrote, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law," 1 Jn. 3:4. Both Paul and John have defined sin for us in these verses.

How many ministers, how many churches teach against sin? How many give powerful sermons against sin, but never define exactly what sin is? How many of those ministers are sermonizing against sin and are giv-

ing those sermons on the first day of the week and not on the commanded seventh day Sabbath?

The commandments forbid murder, theft, idolatry, adultery, deceit, fraud, etc. To break one point of the commandments is to break them all, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all," Jas. 2:10. The seventh day Sabbath command is one of the Ten Commandments. Yahweh never changed it, man has!

Our plea is that you come to realize that the seventh day Sabbath command is just important as the other nine commandments. Our plea is that you come to realize that our desire should be to live a life without purposeful sin. Our plea is that you recognize your Creator and begin to inculcate His commanded seventh day Sabbath rest into your lives. Yes, the world does all that it can to thwart the commanded Sabbath, but you can take control of your own life with help from your Creator. Pull yourself away from the cares of the world for one day a week. Make it the day that your Creator set aside for you and for His creation in the beginning. Begin to drink from the true fountain of rest and delight!

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SUMMARY

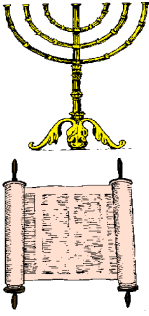
The writings of the Apostle Paul have long been misunderstood by the Christian and Jewish world. The Christians have had a tendency to forsake the law (Torah) while the Jews have forsaken the writings of Paul and the New Covenant. Paul was writing in "mysteries" which only the elect can understand through the Spirit, "But we speak the wisdom of Yahweh in a **mystery**, *even the hidden wisdom*, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have impaled the

Sovereign of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Yahweh hath prepared for them that love Him. But Yahweh hath revealed *them* unto us **by His Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Elohim. 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. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Elohim; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Elohim," 1 Cor. 2:7-12.

Paul reveals that there is a "law of sin" in the flesh. Therefore, no man can be declared righteous, no matter how much law (Torah) observance is employed. It is not our Torah observance, but rather, our faith in the last Adam, the Sovereign from heaven that delivers us from death into life.

The New Covenant promise is that Yahweh's law (Torah) will be personally written in our hearts by the power of His Spirit given through Yahshua the Messiah. The Torah is not done away, but neither can we earn salvation through its observance.

May Yahweh bless you to see His Great Light.



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