



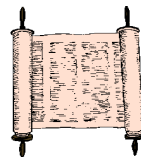
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in 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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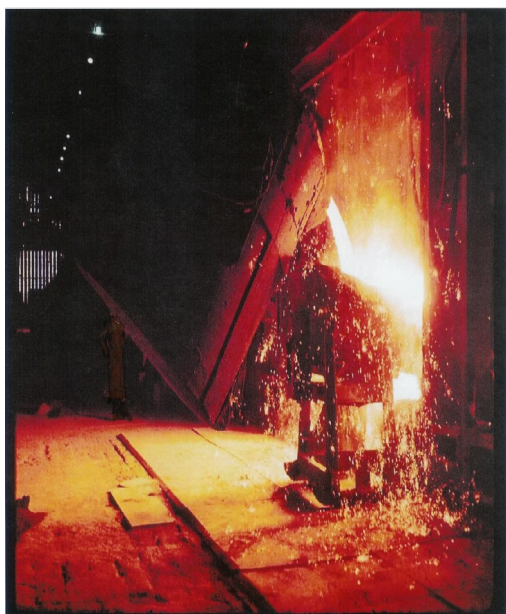
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OUR COVER: We have chosen the picture of a modern iron furnace in order to focus on the leading article entitled "The Iron Furnace" on page four of this issue. Yahweh's word deals with the past, present, and future. What has happened in the past is taking place in today's world, and will come to a head in the near future. We hope that this article will be very informative for those who will take the time to read it.

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THAT LOOKED FOR YEAR 2012 IS HERE!

2012 is the year of focus concerning the Mayan calendar. This is the year that that calendar ends. But just what is the deal here? In actuality, 2012 is the year that the Mayans calculated that the sun would be entering into alignment with the galactic equator. It will take about 36 years for the sun to cross the galactic equator, which supposedly also occurred 26,000± years ago. (This time period is questionable, by the way.) From various books and articles that this author has read, the Mayans believed that the earth would be entering into the mouth of the great cosmic serpent.

As in everything else, man has been deceived by the great dragon, that old serpent called the devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9). The 26,000± year cycle actually has to do with the vernal equinox and its precession through the various houses of the Mazzaroth (Zodiac). It takes approximately 26,000 years for it to begin at one point and travel through the various houses returning to that same point again.

But according to Julian/Gregorian calendar, the year 2011 is ending and 2012 is beginning (as I write this article). Think about these things: Yahweh's calendar begins in the spring when things are springing to life (about March or April), but man's calendar (from Rome) begins in the DEAD of winter. The first month is named January, which comes from the two-faced Roman god Janus. To be two-faced means to be deceptive. That's right folks! Whether you want to believe it or not, lies, deception brings on pain, suffering, and death.

February brings on Valentine's Day, but anciently it was a pagan Roman FERTILITY festival called the Lupercalia, which was celebrated on Feb. 13th-15th. This celebration was in honor of the she-wolf Lupa that supposedly suckled the infants Romulus and Remus, founders of Rome. The celebration also has to do with the Greek god Pan, and the Roman god Faunus. Today, the fertility part survives in Valentine's day wherein the males and females exchange valentines, or representations of advances for the purpose of fertility/fertilization.

In March-April another pagan fertility festival is celebrated with the fertility symbols of eggs and rabbits, along with pagan sun-rise worship, called Easter. Easter, in actuality, is the modern English term for the pagan queen of heaven named Ishtar/Ashtaroth. On this date fertilization takes place and 9 months later the pagan savior child is born on December 25th.

The whole calendar and its special observances is totally deceptive, and fallacious. There is no truth in it. Realize this, Satan does acknowledge that the Savior was born, but he has done his greatest work of deception by establishing a false birthday observance, at the wrong time of the year. December 25th was the birthday of the pagan sun god. (*Solis Invicti*) Furthermore, the birth of Yahshua as recorded in Luke 1 and 2, and the events of Matthew 1 are blended together in Christmas plays in order to create confusion. The events of Matthew 1 took place about 1-1/2—2 years after Yahshua was born. (Order our free booklet entitled *The Untold Story of the Savior's Birth*.)

Remember the chaos and confusion of the entry into the so-called year 2000? There was fear that the world was going to come to an end. Computer experts were putting out false information stating that the computers couldn't go into the 2000 dating system. The power grids were going to fail and we were going to be unprepared for the chaos and confusion that would result. (Didn't happen) Now the fear mongers have 2012 to create fear in the masses.

The fact of the matter is that days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, millennia, ages come and go. Thankfully, we have an all-wise great Creator Who is in charge of everything (believe it or not). When He declares the end of an age, the end of civilization as we know it, that is when the end will truly come. He does declare that His day, the Day of Yahweh, is going to come. Many nations and people are in the process of preparing for some kind of disaster.

Russia has built a great underground city in the Ural Mountains. There are great underground cities being built here in America and elsewhere. Maybe they don't completely understand why they are preparing, but I do know that the Scriptures say that the Heavens are soon going to depart as a scroll and all men will be scrambling for the mountains, the caves, dens, etc. in order to hide from the face of their Creator, which will be revealed at that time. (Rev. 6, esp. vv. 12-17)

We should prepare ourselves for this event, not by seeking some mountainous cave to hide in, store food, etc. but rather turn to Yahweh in repentance through Yahshua the Messiah. Embrace His calendar, observe His appointed Sabbaths, and festivals. This will help you to be prepared for the wedding of the Lamb to His bride. As a matter of fact, if you will turn, reject this world and embrace Him and His ways now, then you just might be invited to the wedding not only as a guest, but also as His bride. What a blessing that would/will be!

Just remember that man devises under the deceitful spirit of this world, the prince of the power of the air. This causes fear, chaos, and confusion. But to be in Yahweh is hope, faith, joy, peace, love, confidence, all of the good things. Yes, we do fear Yahweh, but we don't fear anything else as a result. May Yahweh greatly bless you.

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THE IRON FURNACE

Before Israel was delivered into the land of promise, Moses addressed them, reminding them of their deliverance out of Egypt, the covenant that they had made with Yahweh, their 40 year trek in the wilderness and their rebellions therein. These reminders, along with warnings of cursings for disobedience and rebellion and blessings for obedience are found in the book of Deuteronomy. Moses also made an interesting comment concerning Egypt which not only applied to that day and age, but other days and ages as well.

By Jerry Healan

Moses reminded Israel, “But Yahweh hath taken you, and brought you forth out of **the iron furnace**, even out of Egypt, to be unto Him a People of inheritance, as ye are this day,” Dt. 4:20.

Have you ever noticed that phrase? Have you ever noticed that Egypt was called the “iron furnace”? Moses is not the only one who has employed this term in describing Egypt. Solomon also utilized it in his prayer of dedication when the temple was finished at Jerusalem. He said, “If they sin against thee, that sinneth not, and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near; *Yet* if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; And *so* return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause, And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: For they *be*

thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of **the furnace of iron**: That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee. For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Yahweh Elohim,” 1 Ki. 8:46-53.

Toward the end of the kingdom of Israel Yahweh’s word came to the prophet Jeremiah saying, “Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the

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inhabitants of Jerusalem; And say thou unto them, Thus saith Yahweh Elohim of Israel; ‘Cursed *be* the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, **from the iron furnace**, saying, ‘Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your Elohim: That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day.’” Then answered I, and said, So be it, O Yahweh,” Jer. 11:1-5.

The words of Moses, Solomon and Jeremiah all testify that Egypt was the iron furnace. The question that we now must ask is, This certainly was

relevant to the children of Israel in their day of deliverance, but what is the relevance for today? Is it relevant for us today? Indeed it is! But, how is it relevant for us in this day and age?

TODAY’S ISRAEL

Yahweh inspired the prophet Isaiah to say, “Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and **are come forth out of the waters of Judah**, which swear by the name of Yahweh, and make mention of the Elohim of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. For they call themselves upon the Elohim of Israel; Yahweh of hosts is His name,” Isa. 48:1-2.

There is no difficulty in applying these verses to the kingdom of Israel of old, but how do they apply today? This can apply in several ways. We must remember that water is likened to the Spirit in Jn. 7:37-39. Thus, who or what has come forth from the spirit of Judah? It would be very easy to point out that modern day Judaism comes from the spirit of Judah, would it not? But, what does modern day Christianity call itself concerning the root of its beginnings? Isn’t the term Judeo-Christianity applied to it? According to the theory of “Replacement Theology” modern day Christianity has replaced the disobedient Israelites of old. Christianity is the new Israel under a new covenant.

There is also one other movement that surprisingly declares its roots from these waters (spirit) of Judah. That is modern day Islam. The Koran draws its beginnings from both the Old and New Testaments. Mohammed

taught from the Torah, the prophets, etc., but he also taught about the Savior and His apostles.

Notice that they swear by the name of Yahweh, and make mention of the Elohim of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. Such is the case with modern day Christianity. They swear, teach and preach concerning the Elohim of Israel, even going so far as to declare things “in the name of the Lord,” but most are ignorant of His true name while many of those who do know it refuse to believe that it is important and will not utilize it.

The Jews utilize the modern day term “HaShem” in reference to Yahweh, while the Moslems call Him Allah.

While this treatise is going to focus primarily on Christianity and how it has gone astray, the same thing will apply to Judaism and Islam.

The righteousness of Yahweh was revealed in His commandments, His law, which is proclaimed to have been done away by modern day Christianity.

Yahweh continues, “I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of My mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is as an **iron sinew**, and thy brow **brass**,” Isa. 48:3-4.

In this Scripture Yahweh has used a couple of words to describe the mental faculties of Israel that should alert us to other Scriptures. It is a Biblical and historical fact that both of the houses of Israel fell away from the true worship of Yahweh into idolatry.

THE CONSPIRACY

Yahweh reveals through Jeremiah that there was a terrible conspiracy committed by Judah, “And Yahweh said unto me, ‘A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem,’ Jer. 11:9.

The nature of the conspiracy is found in the succeeding verse, “They are

turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear My words; and they went after other elohim to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers,” v. 10.

Who were these forefathers that refused to hear Yahweh’s words? Wasn’t it the ones who were delivered out of Egypt into the wilderness? Weren’t they so obstinate and stiff-necked that they all had to fall in the wilderness? Didn’t Yahweh have to delay the entry into the land of promise until that generation all died?

Only 3 days after their deliverance through the sea Israel began to murmur against Moses because they had no water to drink (Ex. 22-24). A month later they murmured again, even wishing that they had died in Egypt (Ex. 16:1-3). Ex. 17:1-3 reveals that they were getting angry enough to stone Moses to death.

In the third month after their deliverance from Egypt, Yahweh and Israel entered into the covenant (Ex. 19, 20). Yet, within 40 days of

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making the covenant Israel had made the golden calf and were worshipping and serving it as the elohim that delivered them from Egypt.

Not long after this Moses sent 12 men as spies into the land of Canaan to see what the land was like and give a report back. But 10 of the 12 brought back an evil report. This caused much consternation, confusion and disheartenment in Israel. They were so worried about having to face a war that they decided to set up captains to lead them back into Egypt (Num. 14:1-4). Time after time Israel attempted to return to Egypt. Time after time they turned to worship other

elohim, especially an elohim called Baal (Num. 25:3-5, Psa. 106:28).

After apprehending the land by the hand of Yahshua son of Nun, Israel turned to worship Baal once again (Judg. 2:13). At the latter end of his life, even king Solomon began to build altars to the elohim of his many wives and to serve them (1 Ki. 11).

Jeremiah’s day was no different. There was a conspiracy among the kings, priests and prophets to lead and keep the people steeped in idolatrous Baal worship. Jeremiah cried, “Therefore thus saith Yahweh, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto Me, I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the elohim unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. For *according to* the number of thy cities were thy elohim, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to *that* shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense unto Baal...For Yahweh of hosts, That planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense unto Baal,” 11:11-13, 17.

Yahweh inspired Isaiah to declare that Israel was a transgressor from the womb, “Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that **thou wouldst deal very treacherously**, and was called a **transgressor from the womb**,” 48:8.

Thus, as stated, both Biblical and secular history reveal that Israel turned back to the worship of the idols of Egypt and other nations of the earth.

THE IMAGE OF IDOLATRY

Isaiah had been inspired to cry out that Israel’s neck was of **iron sinew** and her brow was of **brass**. This is

quite interesting since these metals are associated with the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

The prophet Daniel was called to explain Nebuchadnezzar's dream to him and also give its interpretation (Dan. 2:1-30). Daniel then began to explain that the king had seen a great image (v. 31). The Hebrew word for "image" is "*tselem*". It is #6755 of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as "**an idolatrous figure.**"

Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar, "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible. This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of **brass**, his legs of **iron**, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the **iron**, the clay, the **brass**, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth," Dan. 2:31-35.

What was revealed to Nebuchadnezzar in his dream was a thumbnail sketch of the history of the gentile nations as well as the history of idolatry. The image was a great idolatrous figure. It would begin as gold, but as time lapsed, it would tarnish and corrupt.

However, it also was a history of the great kingdoms which would rule the earth for Daniel was inspired to explain, "This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the Elohim of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of

gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another **third kingdom of brass**, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And **the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron**: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the Elohim of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

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Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great Elohim hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure," Dan. 2:36-45.

Secular and Biblical history prove that the succession of the kingdoms were Babylon (gold), Persia (silver), Greece (brass/bronze) and Rome (iron).

Isn't it becoming interesting to you

now that the final great kingdom to rule the world would be a kingdom of **iron**?

ANALYZING THE METALS

We know that Nebuchadnezzar was not only a very great, powerful king, but that he was also pretty stubborn. However, gold is a metal that is easy to work with because of the characteristic of being very moldable and pliable.

Nebuchadnezzar's nature is revealed herein, because when Yahweh would turn His hand to deal with him, Nebuchadnezzar would repent and embrace the truth. Look at his attitude in Dan. 2:46-49; 3:26-30; and 4:34-37.

The next kingdom to have world rulership was Persia which was represented by the silver. Silver is not nearly as valuable as gold, but it also has the characteristic of moldability which is revealed in the nature of Kings Darius and Cyrus (Dan. 6:25-28; Ezra 1:1-4).

Another interesting point is that both Babylon and Persia were involved in the worship of idols. Man embellishes his idols with gold and silver.

These were men that Yahweh could work with in order to cause His will to be done. They were not hardened to the point that they wouldn't listen.

One of Babylon's chief deities was Bel. He was known as Baal to the people of the land of Canaan. Baal means Lord. Even today, people refer to the Creator as "The Lord."

One of the chief deities of Persia was Mithras. His special day of the week was Sunday. His birthday was December 25th. Does this tell you anything about where we are in today's world?

The next world ruling kingdom would be Greece/Macedonia which was represented by the **brass/bronze**. Brass or bronze is a very hard metal. Its hardness reveals the hardened, obstinate attitude of the leaders of Greece toward the Elohim of Israel and His purposes. Who doesn't know of the efforts of the Greek leaders and

kings to completely overthrow the Hebrew faith and cause them to worship the Greek god Zeus?

Antiochus Epiphanes especially brought out this attitude more than any others. He entered Jerusalem, forced the people to denounce their Hebrew faith and their Elohim on pain of death, forced them to eat swine and other unclean things, sacrificed a swine on Yahweh's altar before the temple, boiled its flesh and spattered the broth all over the walls of the temple, placed a statue of Zeus in the holy of holies, etc.

If we take the Hebrew word used to represent this kingdom and search it to its origins we will discover something that is rather startling and amazing.

Brass is #5178 of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. It is the Hebrew word "n^ochôsheth." It is defined as; *copper*; hence, something made of that metal, i.e. *coin*, a *fetter*; fig. *base* (as compared with gold and silver). It is generally translated as; brasen, brass, chain, copper, fetter (of brass), filthiness, steel.

N^ochôsheth is a derivative of #5154 which is the Hebrew word "n^ochûwshâh. N^ochûwshâh is defined as; fem. of 5153; *copper*, being generally translated as; brass, steel.

#5153 is the Hebrew word "nâchûwsh" which is defined as; appar. pass. part. of 5172 (perh. in the sense of *ringing*, i.e. bell-metal; or from the red color of the throat of a serpent [5175, as denom.] when hissing); *coppery*, i.e. (fig.) hard. It is generally translated as; of brass.

#5172 is the Hebrew word "nâchash" which is defined as; a prim. root; prop. to *hiss*, i.e. *whisper* a (magic) spell; gen. to *prognosticate*.

Finally #5175 is the Hebrew word "nâchâsh" which is defined as; from 5172; a *snake* (from its *hiss*) and is generally translated as; serpent.

The Prophet Daniel was writing in the Aramaic language, however, and the Aramaic term that he utilized was *nachash*! Thus, the Aramaic and the Hebrew announce the entry of the serpent.

The kingdom of Greece (brass/bronze) is revealed as a hardened, unrepentant kingdom which is totally under the influence of the serpent.

Alexander, the first king of the Greek Empire, was proclaimed as the son of Zeus Ammon by the priest of the Oasis of Siva in Egypt during his tenure for the winter of 332-331 BCE (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Edition, Vol. 1, p. 568). Both Strabo and Josephus present Zeus as having been adored under the form of a serpent.

In the book entitled "*Speculum historiale*" the author Vicent De Beauvais writes that Alexander is found to be the son of Nectanebus, a fugitive king of Egypt and a great magician who had to flee to Pella in Macedonia. He established himself as an astrologer there and was visited by the childless Olympias, Phillip's wife. Nectanebus promised that Zeus Ammon would visit her in the form of a dragon which he, himself assumed. In due course Alexander was born, and Phillip's suspicions were overcome by a second appearance of the dragon (*Ency. Brit.*, 14th Ed., Vol.

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1, p. 571). Thus enters the Chtonian concept that the Greek leaders, and eventually the Roman leaders were sons of the serpent-god Zeus.

The fourth kingdom, Rome, was revealed to be just as hardened and unrepentant by its metal of iron.

Thus Yahweh's representation of Israel as having a neck of iron sinew and a brow of brass had to do with a rebellious, unrepentant attitude. They were stiff necked and hard headed. But it also has to do with their role in the latter two kingdoms. They would have a very important role in these two latter day kingdoms.

THE IRON AND CLAY

Yahweh had overthrown the supremacy of the Israelite and Jewish kings and kingdoms because of their unfaithfulness. He had given them and the whole world over to the rulership of Gentile kings. This rulership has continued down to our present day. However, with the introduction of the clay with the iron, a transformation was shown to occur.

The clay is said to represent the division of the empire as well as weakness (Dan. 2:43). True enough, the Roman Empire was eventually divided between east and west. This division began when the serpent and sun worshipper Constantine the Great built a second Rome at Byzantium, also named Constantinople and Roma Nova (New Rome).

The original Rome was a Latin kingdom, but when the division occurred the eastern half of the kingdom became more Greek in its influence. Eventually, the center of power and influence of the eastern kingdom shifted to Moscow, Russia, which became known as the **third Rome**. (Most people in our modern world are ignorant of this fact.)

Daniel prophesied, "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise," 2:40.

It appears that not only would this great kingdom break other kingdoms into pieces and bruise them, but that this final kingdom would also break into pieces and bruise and such is what has happened to the Roman Empire. It became the great world ruling kingdom, but has eventually broken into pieces itself and has been bruised. But the true fact of the matter is that today's world is still under the Roman scope of power, government, and influence whether we like it or not.

Our annual calendar is a Roman devised calendar. The holidays that are observed are the remnants of ancient pagan Roman festivals. Our govern-

ments are patterned after the governmental system of the Roman Empire. The Latin kingdom was a republic while the Greek kingdom was a democracy. Today, we proclaim that we are a democracy but our government is a republican form of government. The two main parties are Democrat and Republican who are always at odds with each other. This not only applies to the U. S., but also the European forms of government where Ancient Rome ruled.

Our religion (the overall preponderance) is based on the religion of the Roman Empire. The Christian world still follows the edict of Constantine the Great who appointed Sunday, the first day of the week, as the day of rest and assembly rather than the seventh day Sabbath which was appointed by Yahweh.

Even our love-life is patterned after the Roman type of love, for the last vestiges of the Roman Empire seeks after its style of love called "**romance**." People go crazy over "**romance**" novels. If a person is not able to be **romantic**, he is considered a dunce, a boob, a bore, etc.

Russia is the modern day inheritor of the eastern kingdom while western Europe is the inheritor of the western kingdom. When there were great differences between the two, a barrier was erected between them called the "Iron Curtain." Our world today is a world wherein there is the hardness of iron, yet the weakness and brittle characteristics of clay.

ISRAEL—THE CLAY

Yahweh cast both Israel and Judah out of the land of promise because of their infidelities. He declared that their neck was as iron sinew and their brow as brass or bronze. While the principal rulers of the latter kingdoms of Greece (the brass or bronze kingdom) and Rome (the iron kingdom) were non-Hebrew or Gentiles, Israel had been sown into these kingdoms in order to live in subservience to these rulers and peoples to teach them a lesson.

The clay of the fourth kingdom could also represent the amalgamation of Israel into this kingdom because the prophet Isaiah cried out, "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As *when* the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O Elohim, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And *there is* none

Russia is the modern day inheritor of the eastern kingdom while western Europe is the inheritor of the western kingdom.

that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. But now, O Yahweh, thou *art* our father; **we are the clay, and thou our potter;** and we all *are* the work of thy hand," Isa. 64:1-8.

The Israelites were likened to clay! Nothing has changed in the nature of modern day Israel. The former Israelites wanted to be just like the nations around them. They wanted a king over them like those nations. They wanted to serve the elohim of the nations around them. Their necks were as iron sinew and their brows like brass or

bronze. Yahweh has given Israel over to the things that they love. Israel has truly come to love the Greek and Roman philosophy, forms of government, worship, etc. Israel, the clay has been completely amalgamated into the fourth world ruling kingdom, Rome.

Jeremiah likens Judah and Israel to clay, "How is the gold become dim! How is the most fine gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. **The precious sons of Zion**, comparable to fine gold, **how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!**" Lam. 4:1-2.

While it appears that Rome is only a kingdom of the past, such is simply not the case. As pointed out, the kingdom thrives even to this very day. Such was prophesied by Daniel, "And **the fourth kingdom** shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. **And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided;** but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. **And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the Elohim of heaven set up a kingdom,** which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever," 2:40-44.

Notice that! It is in the latter days of the fourth kingdom, Rome, that Yahweh will set up His kingdom of Elohim. The fourth kingdom is shown undergoing changes from iron to iron and clay and then iron and miry clay. This is portraying a change in its nature.

ROME'S CHANGES

Rome is shown beginning as a kingdom of iron which breaks other city states and kingdoms into pieces with its iron handed tactics. At first, Rome was a city state. It began to branch out and overcome other city states and kingdoms. But its system of government, as already pointed out, was republican in nature. Rome was initially governed by a senate, a body of rich nobles who governed for the good of the republic.

Then, along comes Julius Caesar who desired to not only become king, but also to be worshipped as a god in like manner to the Greek leaders and other leaders or kings of the east. Julius paid for this ambition with his life, but Augustus Caesar was much more subtle than his uncle Julius. He deified his uncle as an elohim (god), built a shrine for him, proclaimed himself as Julius Caesar's adopted son, thereby taking the title "son of god." While shunning any attempts to be worshipped in the city of Rome and the Italian peninsula, he did have shrines built to his honor in the eastern provinces where he was worshipped as an elohim.

Herod the Great built the city of Caesarea in Augustus Caesar's honor which had a shrine or temple in it dedicated to him.

The essential point is that the Roman government underwent a change from a republican government to a dictatorship or monarchy. Augustus was quite subtle in his takeover, because he allowed the people to still think that they were a republican form of government, while the truth of the matter is that it had been converted to a dictatorship. The religion of Rome was an amalgamation of all pagan religions with Augustus Caesar established as the "Pontifex Maximus" (high priest) over them all.

Interestingly, it was during the time of Augustus, who proclaimed himself to be the "son of god" and was ruler of the then known world, that Yahshua, the true Son of Elohim was born Who was the One destined to be

the ruler of the world in Yahweh's kingdom. Yahshua raised up His body of believers sending them out with the message of the coming kingdom of Elohim which would be ruled under His own power and authority granted by the Heavenly Father.

This was a Jewish movement. David, the king of Israel, was of the tribe of Judah. Yahshua was to inherit his throne and rule in a restored kingdom of Judah and Israel. Remember that Judah and Israel are likened to clay in the hands of the Potter.

While the movement was a Jewish movement, the Roman government didn't pay very close attention to this newfound faith. But when non-Jewish elements began to be attracted to the movement, Caesar, their king and god became incensed. The Roman beast government began to wage war on the believers in earnest. Thus, we had two kings, two sons of Elohim vying for power. The problem was that every time the New Testament body of believers were persecuted, instead of decreasing in numbers, they increased in numbers.

When Constantine the Great came on

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the scene, he realized the virility of this new found religion which had come to be called Christianity at this time. He faked repentance, entered into the corrupted remnants of believers, took over and began to dictate doctrine.

It was also by his building of the city of Constantinople or New Rome in the east which effectively divided the empire. Thus, the Caesar divided the empire, not only in a physical manner (east and west), but in a spiritual manner. He attempted to fuse the iron and clay together.

It seemed to work quite well as far as

empowering Constantine in the kingdom and in the assembly, but almost immediately a controversy arose through Arius which began to sow division. History reveals that quite a few conferences or councils were called in order to straighten out the confusion, but look at the division that has been created in the supposed body of believers which has served to cause the kingdom to be broken into many, many pieces over the centuries. This appears to be the true manner of the clay and iron mixture which continues today and will continue until the return of Yahshua.

Yahshua the true King and Son of Elohim will have power over both the civil and ecclesiastical branch of the kingdom. Caesar, the false king and false son of elohim administers over a "separation" of powers concerning the civil and ecclesiastical branches (separation of church and state). His administration is an administration of division, confusion and falsehood.

PAGANISM

As Rome defeated the city states and kingdoms of this world, they not only captured the inhabitants, selling them into slavery, but they also removed the pagan idols, images and priest-hoods, taking them to Rome and either building new temples for them or placing them into existing temples of their own elohim. Thus, Rome became the stronghold of all paganism.

When Augustus came on the scene and not only took the office of first citizen or dictator, he also assumed the title of "Pontifex Maximus" over all paganism. When Constantine came on the scene, he possessed the same titles. Upon entering into the corrupted remnants of the New Testament Assembly, he also became "Pontifex Maximus" over it.

Constantine immediately began to blend paganism into the faith. He declared the first day of the week, Sunday, to be the day of rest and assembly for worship rather than the 7th day Sabbath appointed by Yahweh. He

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also declared December 25th to be observed as the birthday of the Messiah which previously had been acknowledged as the birthday of Solis Invictis (the unconquered sun), Nimrod, Apollo, Horus, etc., etc.

Constantine's successors also continued his policies of this paganistic blending until the body of so-called believers in the Messiah have been remade in the image of the Roman Empire rather than the Kingdom of Heaven. This has caused the clay to eventually be termed "miry" clay in Dan. 2:43. Miry clay is a clay that is like mud. While mud sticks, it doesn't have the ability to be molded into a vessel. It is useless in the hands of a potter.

The interesting thing about this word "miry" is that it is translated from the Aramaic word טִינָה (*tiyn*) which comes from טִיט (*tiyt*) which is defined as; from an unused root meaning apparently to *be sticky* [rather perhaps a denominative from 2894, through the idea of dirt to be *swept away*]; *mud* or *clay*; figurative *calamity*. (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, Hebrew Lexicon #2916.)

The Psalmist cried out, "I waited patiently for Yahweh; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the **miry clay**, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings," Psalms 40:1-2.

Again we read, "Save me, O Elohim; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep **mire**, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me," Psalms 69:1-2.

The Hebrew word utilized for "miry" and "mire" is #3121 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. It is the Hebrew word "yaven" (יָבֵן) which is defined as, "from the same as 3196; properly, dregs (as effervescing); hence, mud."

The preceding word in *Strong's* is #3120, "Yavan" (יָוָן) which is defined as, "probably from the same as 3196; effervescing (i.e. hot and active); Javan, the name of a son of Joktan, and of the race (Ionians, i.e. Greeks)

descended from him, with their territory; also of a place in Arabia."

Notice that both words, "yaven" and "Yavan" come from the same root word which is #3196, "yayin" (יַיִן) which is defined as, "from an unused root meaning to effervesce; wine (as fermented); by implication, intoxication."

Thus, the Greek (*Yavan*) form of government and religion was the "miry" (*yaven*) clay (Also depicted elsewhere as brass/bronze). The Greeks love their serpent god Zeus and seek to inculcate it everywhere. It is a very intoxicating (*yayin*/wine) system.

LATTER ROMAN HISTORY

Now we can add to the Roman history for the Romans (iron) were the ones who originated the city of Rome and the powerful beast kingdom the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar began to wage war against the Celt, Goths and Gauls amalgamating them into the empire. There are historical books available which will identify these peoples as descendants of the northern

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kingdom of Israel.

Rome also gained power over the Jews in the land of Canaan. They eventually waged war against the Jews, defeated them, destroyed Jerusalem and amalgamated them into the Roman kingdom. This was the effect of the kingdom becoming part of iron (the Romans) and part of clay (the Israelites).

While some later tribes of the Goths did war against Old Rome and conquer it, the fact of the matter is that they generally also became blended into the remnants of the Roman Empire.

When Constantine came on the scene, he built Constantinople eastward in the Greek/Macedonian area of Byzantium. While Old Rome was Latin, the New Eastern half of the Ro-

man Empire became Greek in nature.

While the Old Roman style of government was republican in nature, the Greeks were democratic. Thus, in our own world today, we supposedly have a republican form of government, but we also declare ourselves to be a democracy.

Constantine's turning to the Greek form of government and religion in the east led to the status of the iron and miry clay depicted by the toes of the statue in Dan. Chapter 2.

Those who seem to prefer the Greek Scriptures over the Hebrew, as well as the Greek names, etc. apparently haven't focused on Psalms 40 and 69 along with Zechariah 9:12-13 which declares, "Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee: when I have bent Judah for Me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and **raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece**, and made thee as a sword of a mighty man."

The Greek system is the system of miry clay. It is a horrible pit. It has to do with "wine" (*yayin*). The woman in the book of Revelation chapters 17 and 18 is a woman with a golden cup in her hand full of abominations. She has caused the earth and its inhabitants to become drunk on her abominable idolatry and the blood of the saints.

Daniel reveals that when Yahweh intervenes to establish His kingdom in the latter days, the iron, clay, brass, silver and gold will be broken to pieces and become like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors and the wind will carry them away so that no place will be found for them (2:35). In other words, they will be swept away like dirt.

THE CURSE

Yahweh had warned Israel that if they refused to honor and obey Him, He would bring curses upon them (See Deuteronomy Chapter 28).

He warned them, "And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be **brass**, and the earth that is under thee shall

be **iron**,” Dt. 28:23.

In other words, Yahweh would give them over to worship the serpent (brass/bronze/nechushah/nachash). Their earthly religion and kingdom would be patterned after Greece (brass/bronze) and Rome (iron). They would have a spirit, but not the Spirit of Yahweh.

The Roman (iron) style of government was republican, while the Greek (miry clay) style was democratic. Thus, the style of government embraced by Western Europe and America today is republican democracy. Yahweh’s people, Israel and Judah are living under these influences today and absolutely loving it.

THE LESSON OF THE DUST

We learn from Job, “Iron is taken out of the earth and brass is molten out of the stone,” 28:2.

The Hebrew word for “earth” is “*aphar*.” “*Aphar*” is defined as, from 6080; dust (as powdered or gray); hence, clay, earth, mud. It is variously translated as, ashes, dust, earth, ground, mortar, powder, rubbish. (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*, Hebrew Lexicon)

This Hebrew word “*aphar*” is the same word utilized to describe the creation of Adam, “And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust (*aphar*) of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul,” Gen. 2:7.

After Adam had sinned and eaten of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Yahweh cursed him saying, “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 (*aphar*) thou art and unto dust (*aphar*) shalt thou return**,” Gen.

3:17-19.

Now we know that we are made of the elements of this earth and our whole life consists of the physical, carnal, earthly being which eventually does return to the earth, to the grave and given time will deteriorate into dust again.

But such is also the story of the earthly kingdoms, especially the series of kingdoms depicted by Daniel’s prophetic vision. The kingdoms go from gold, to silver, to brass, to iron, and then iron and clay, and finally iron and miry clay.

Iron is a substance taken from the earth (*aphar*/dust). As soon as molten iron is formed and taken from the furnaces it begins to oxidize or rust. Unless steps are taken to prevent it, the iron will eventually rust away, return to the earthly elements from whence it came.

But is this prophecy also a prediction of the latter day descendants of Adam also turning to the doctrine of “humanism?” Humanism is defined as, “any system of thought or action based on the nature, dignity, interests, and ideals of man; specifically, a

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modern, non-theistic, rationalist movement that holds that man is capable of self-fulfillment, ethical conduct, etc. without recourse to supernaturalism.” (*Webster’s New World Dictionary*)

THE SERPENT’S FOOD

Upon Adam’s and Eve’s initial transgression committed under the deceptive influences of the serpent, Yahweh cursed the serpent saying, “Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust (*aphar*) shalt thou eat all the days of thy life,” Gen. 3:14.

Do you realize the significance of this

statement? Adam was made of the dust (*aphar*) of the ground, the earth. Yahweh appointed dust (*aphar*) as the serpent’s food. In other words, man was designated to be the food of the serpent. The first man, the man of the flesh is under the sway and power of the serpent. Just look at the history of man! There have been many powerful ancient kingdoms which have risen and fallen in the fashion of man who is born into this world, but returns to the dust of the earth. So many of these ancient powerful kingdoms only have a few remnants here and there. The anthropologists, archeologists and historians find remains of these kingdoms and try to picture what they were like, but they are no longer in existence. They have returned to the dust of the earth.

Paul reveals that the evangel is hid to the overall preponderance of peoples by the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). Only those who are called to the truth in Yahshua are able to be delivered from his deceptive blindness.

Satan is the god of this world also being called the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2). The air would denote the first heaven or the Earth’s atmosphere.

Thus, our heaven, according to the curse, has been made brass (serpent/Greek/Zeus worship, democratic government, etc.) while our earth has been changed to iron (Adam/Rome/humanism, republican government, etc.).

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THE CREATOR'S AWESOME NAME

PART II

THE MEMORIAL NAME

When Yahweh appeared to Moses, enlisting him in the service of bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt, Moses asked Him what His name was. Yahweh responded, "I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and **this is my memorial unto all generations**," Ex. 3:14-15.

He said that the name Yahweh is His memorial to all generations! What does memorial mean? Doesn't it mean to remember? Every year in America we observe Memorial day. Why? To remember those who have died in service to this country down through our generations keeping us free from tyranny.

The Hebrew word for "memorial" is *zeker*, which is defined as: memento, recollection, commemoration. It comes from the primitive root word *zakar*, which is defined as: to mark (so as to be recognized), to remember; by implication, **to mention**; also to be male.

Since His name Yahweh is a memorial to all generations, then shouldn't we mark it so we can recognize it? Shouldn't we do all we can to remember it to the point of mentioning it on a regular basis?

Don't we remember people by thinking about them? Don't we remember people by mentioning them from time to time? (Shouldn't be for gossip

though.) Don't we remember people by seeing, or marking them from time to time?

Aren't there people that we have known in the past that we eventually forget about them and their name because we haven't seen, or thought about them, or heard from them for quite some time? Then, when we see them, we might know who they are, but we can't remember their names? (chaos [see above]) Then we either have to listen closely to the conversation of others hoping against hope that we will hear someone say their name and then we can remember? Or we might have to slink around asking others what their name is. After all, we don't want to be embarrassed in front of them by telling them that we don't

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remember their name....right?

What about our Great and Awesome Creator? Shouldn't His name be important enough to us to not only know it, but to love it enough to never forget it?

The Psalmist declares, "Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations," Psalms 135:13. (*KJV; Power Bible*) This would better be translated as, "Yahweh, your name Yahweh is a memorial for generation to generation."

The Prophet Hosea is inspired to

write, "Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. Yahweh hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with El: Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us; Even Yahweh Elohim of hosts; **Yahweh is his memorial**," Hos. 12:1-5.

Our name is our memorial, our remembrance. We are known by our name. The proper noun Yahweh is the Creator's name, His remembrance, His memorial.

Finally, it is written, "But thou, Yahweh, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations," Psalms 102:12. This should read, "And you, Yahweh, dwell forever and your remembrance/memorial is for generations and generations."

Yahweh is eternal. He lives forever. His memorial name, the name by which He is remembered and known is also His forever! If all generations are to have mercy then they must come to know the name of mercy. It is the only way that we ourselves can endure eternally.

THE NAME OF SALVATION

The Prophet Joel is inspired to declare, "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and

the terrible day of Yahweh come. And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered**: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahweh hath said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call," Joel 2:30-32.

The Apostle Peter refers to Joel's declaration to the people of His day, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith Yahweh, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of Yahweh come: And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name Yahweh shall be saved**," Acts 2:16-21.

Even the Apostle Paul confirms this, "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Sovereign over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For **whosoever shall call upon the name of Yahweh shall be saved**," Ro. 10:12-13.

Joel utilized the name Yahweh in his prophecy. Both of the apostles, Peter and Paul, would have also utilized His name in their repetition of the Scriptures written by him. After all, they were all under inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The Savior, Himself, came in the Father's name, "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," Jn. 5:43.

Yes, Yahshua came in the Father's name, authority, character, honor, etc. But the first three characters in His name also match the first three char-

acters in the Creator's name. The first three characters of the Creator's name are the Hebrew *yod* (י), *hei* (ה), and *waw* (ו); to wit (יהו). The name Yahshua in the Hebrew is *yod* (י), *hei* (ה), *waw* (ו), *shin* (ש), *ayin* (ע).

This name Yahshua (יהושע) is the only name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved! (Acts 4:12)

But the deceiver never rests! Just as the name of the Creator, as revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures of the Old Testament, has been taken away from the people's knowledge, so has the true name of the Creator and Savior in the New Testament.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Paul, called to be an apostle of Yahshua the Messiah through the will of Yahweh, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the Assembly of Yahweh which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in the Messiah Yahshua, called to be saints, with all **that in every place call upon the name of Yahshua the Messiah our Sovereign**, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and peace, from

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Yahweh our Father, and from the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah," 1 Cor. 1:1-3.

The fact of the matter is that the Savior was never called Jesus during the whole time of His life on this earth! Yahshua was Hebrew, born to Hebrew parents, and was given a Hebrew name. It was the same name equivalent to Yahshua son of Nun who succeeded Moses (commonly called Joshua in today's world).

The fact of the matter is that there has never been a letter "J" in the Hebrew, nor the Greek, and there wasn't even a "J" in the English language until the 17th century. The first King

James Bible had no "J" in it from cover to cover, even though they still presented an erroneous name for the Savior.

Yahshua prayed for the Father to, **"....keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me**, that they may be one, as we are," Jn. 17:11. But that isn't all, He told the Father in that very prayer that He had declared His name to His disciples, "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. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world**: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. **Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name**: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled," Jn. 17:1-12.

Why did Yahshua have to declare the Father's name to His disciples? Because the practices of the Pharisees and Sadducees caused the people to forget Yahweh's name. Through the tenets of Freemasonry, the name of the Creator was deemed "ineffable," that is, unknowable, and unpronounceable. Freemasonry stems from Egypt and Yahweh warned that He would take His name out of the mouth of all who go into Egypt, "Therefore hear ye the word of Yahweh, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith Yahweh, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Sovereign Yahweh liveth. Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs," Jer. 44:26-28.

Why did Moses have to ask Yahweh what His name was? "And Moses said unto Elohim, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The Elohim of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?" Ex. 3:13. It is because Israel had gone into Egypt and while they were there they had forgotten Yahweh's name.

In the two to three hundred years before Yahshua's appearance, the practices of the Pharisees (Freemasonry) had caused the knowledge of Yahweh's name to be suppressed. Therefore, Yahshua had to declare His name to the disciples.

It is the same in our world today. Freemasonry is practiced by the world's leaders. America herself was founded by Freemasons. The symbols of Freemasonry are evidenced on the back of our one dollar bill. The depic-

tion of the great pyramid of Giza with the all-seeing eye of their sun god Horus should alert us to the fact that we are under ancient Egyptian influence. Therefore, the world has forgotten the name of its Creator and His name, the name of salvation, has to be declared over, and over again, and again.

BLOTTING OUT ONE'S NAME

Yahshua warns that there is a book of life from which a person's name can be blotted out, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels," Rev. 3:5.

Even the book of Psalms speaks of blotting out people's names, "Hear me, O Yahweh; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies. Thou hast known my

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reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee. Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents. For they persecute him whom

thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded. Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. **28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous,**" Psa. 69:16-28.

The book of Revelation reveals a day of judgment, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before Elohim; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works**. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire**," Rev. 20:11-15.

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But here is the situation. The God of this world, called the devil and Satan has sought to have the name of our Creator, the name of salvation, the name of mercy blotted out of His own book, which is the book that teaches us how to live and to inherit eternal life. Why? Because he has sought to ascend into the heavens to be worshipped as the Most High Elohim, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High," Isa. 14:12-14.

He is the one who has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9) into disbelieving Yahweh's word, leading so much of the world to disbelieve the Scriptures and cast them aside. But for those who do desire to maintain faith in a Creator, faith in an Elohim, he has caused the religious leaders to conjure up a false worship, with false names, false ways, etc.

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

ror, and **never shalt thou be any more**," Ez. 28:11-19.

Just as the book of Revelation shows that the wicked will be cast into the fire, which is called the second death, not life in an ever burning hell, this great being will be cast into the lake of fire, will be reduced to ashes and never exist anymore. It is his name that will be blotted out of the book of life forever, and also the names of those who will not repent of their evil works, as the book of Malachi proclaims, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Yahweh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. **But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And **ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this**, saith Yahweh of hosts," Mal. 4:1-3.

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THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

We hope that at this point you are beginning to understand the importance not only of a person's name, but especially the name of our Awesome Creator. As the book of life is mentioned in Psalms and Revelation, Malachi speaks of a book of remembrance, "Then they that feared Yahweh spake often one to another: and Yahweh hearkened, and heard it, and **a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon his name**. And they shall be mine, saith

Yahweh of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him," Mal. 3:16-17.

"Remembrance" is translated from the same Hebrew word that "memorial" is translated from. Yahweh will memorialize, remember those who feared Him and thought on His name.

But let's take a look at the Hebrew word that the English word "thought" is translated from. That Hebrew word is *chashab*, which is defined as; to think, regard, **value**, compute. We are not only to think on His name, but to highly value it.

The third commandment states, "Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

Of course, this has to do with the misuse of His name, but it also has to do with regarding His name as unimportant, or valueless.

This author made a study of the book of Psalms years ago, and marked all of the places where they speak of Yahweh's name, and how they encourage us to value it. I have made a comprehensive list of these places below. I was a member of a church years ago that just about all of their songs came from the book of Psalms. So many of the Scriptures below were incorporated into their song book. They sang the praises to His name, but never considered it important to know or value His name. That church no longer exists in the form of understanding and worship that it once had. We would encourage you to look up each of the Scriptures below and take them to heart as did the ones who were spirit inspired to write them.

We are to:

Love His Name Psa. 5:11; 69:36

Sing praise to His Name Psa. 7:17; 9:2; 18:49; 44:8; 48:10; Psalms 54:6; 61:8; 66:2; 66:4; 68:4; 69:30; 74:21; 92:1; 99:3; 113:1-3; 138:2; 142:7;

145:2; 148:5, 13

His Name is excellent Psa. 8:1, 9

Know His name Psa. 9:10; 91:14

Call upon His Name Psa. 18:3; 88:18;
99:6; 105:1; 116:All

His name defends us Psa. 20:1

Set banners in His name Psa. 20:5

Remember His name Psa. 20:7;
119:55; 135:13

Declare His name Psa. 22:23

Give glory to His name Psa. 29:2;
86:9; 86:12; 96:8; 105:2; 115:1

Trust in His name Psa. 33:21

Exalt His name Psa. 34:3

Wait upon His name Psa. 52:9

Be saved by His name Psa. 54:1; Psa.
79:9; 124:8

Fear His name Psa. 61:5; 86:11;
102:15

Lift up our hands in His name Psa.
63:4

Bless His name Psa. 72:19; 96:1;
100:4; 103:1; 145:1, 21

His name endures forever Psa. 72:17;
135:13

His name is great Psa. 76:1

Rejoice in His name Psa. 89:16

Declare His name Psa. 102:21

Holy and Reverend is His name Psa.
111:9

Give thanks to His name Psa. 122:4;
140:13

Bless others in His name Psa. 129:8

MEANINGS OF THE HEBREW

The Hebrew language is a most wondrous language. I am not necessarily speaking of the modern Hebrew, but rather the original Pictorial Hebrew, and the later Paleo Hebrew. You see, the Hebrew alphabet not only serves as letters for words, but they are also

numbers, and hieroglyphics (pictures).

The Hebrew letters in the name of our Creator, and also our Savior will tell us a story if we will allow them to do so.

I will present the name Yahweh in the Pictorial Hebrew (𐤎𐤍𐤏𐤍), and describe the story that it tells us.

The first letter in Yahweh's name is the *yod* (𐤎), which is an hieroglyphic of a hand (which also includes the arm). The second and fourth letters are the *hei* (𐤍), which is an hieroglyphic of the very word that it sounds like i.e. HEY! It has to do with revelation, to behold, lo, etc. The third letter is the *waw* (𐤏), which is an hieroglyphic of a nail, or tent peg. Thus, we get the idea of hand (𐤎), HEY! (𐤍), nail (𐤏), HEY! (𐤍), or in effect, Behold the hand, behold the nail!

Now, this identifies to us Who the Savior truly is! He is Yahweh just as the Father in heaven is Yahweh! After His crucifixion (nails having been driven through His hands) and resur-

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rection, He appeared to the disciples which announced His resurrection from the dead. However, the Apostle Thomas wasn't with them and when he was told that the other Apostles had seen Yahshua, he declared, "...Except I shall see (𐤍) in his hands (𐤎) the print of the nails (𐤏), and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe," Jn. 20:25.

Yahshua appeared again eight days later and said to Thomas, "...Reach hither thy finger, and behold (𐤍) my hands (𐤎); and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing," Jn. 20:27.

What was Thomas' response? "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Sovereign (Adonai) and my Elohim," Jn. 20:28. Thomas knew the hieroglyphic meaning of the name Yahweh! He now knew Who He was!

Yahweh had inspired the Prophet Jeremiah to write, "Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith Yahweh. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken **me the fountain of living waters**, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water," Jer. 2:12-13.

Again, He wrote, "O Yahweh, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Yahweh, the fountain of living waters," Jer. 17:13.


The Psalmist wrote, "How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O Elohim! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For **with thee is the fountain of life**: in thy light shall we see light," Psa. 36:7-9.

The Apostle John wrote of an incident that occurred between Yahshua and a woman of Samaria, "Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Yahshua therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Yahshua saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Yahshua answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of Yahweh, and who it is that saith to thee, Give**

me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Yahshua answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of **the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life,**" Jn. 4:5-14.

On the Last Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles Yahshua declared, "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.

Once Yahshua was lifted up, crucified, then Yahweh made the Holy Spirit available to His people who truly believed on Him. The Holy Spirit, living waters from heaven, was poured out on His disciples on the Feast of Pentecost as is described in the book of Acts chapter two.

The name Yahshua describes this very thing! Yahshua's name is  in Pictorial Hebrew. Again, the *yod* (י) is a hand, the *hei* (ה) means HEY! The *waw* (ו) is a nail. The *shin* (ש) has to do with teeth while the *ayin* (ע) is a picture of an eye, well, or fountain. We eat, or consume, with our teeth, or liquids pass through them. Therefore, once the nails were driven into the hands, those who believe on Him are able to drink of the fountain of living water!

THE CREATOR

Scripture reveals that everything was created by Elohim (Gen. 1). The name Yahweh is revealed in the second chapter of Genesis, which is the name of mercy. The One through Whom all things were created was made flesh and dwelt among us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh, and the Word was Yahweh. The same was in the beginning with Yahweh. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.... He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of Elohim, even **to them that believe on his name:** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Elohim. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth," Jn. 1:1-3, 10-14.

Paul writes, "And to make all men

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see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in Elohim, **who created all things by Yahshua the Messiah,**" Eph. 3:9.

Again, it is written, "Yahweh, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being

made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they," Heb. 1:1-4.

The Psalmist proclaims, "**By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.** He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear Yahweh: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast," Psa. 33:6-9.

These Scriptures reveal that it was Yahshua, the One Who emptied Himself of the power, honor, authority, and glory that He had as Elohim, to come down from heaven to this earth and perform the necessary sacrifice so that we could have life. They also reveal that He is the Word of Yahweh, the One Who spoke everything into existence.

Yahweh is the name of mercy. Yahshua literally means Yahweh the Savior. He came to His creation and His creation recognized Him not. He came to His own people and His own people received Him not. But for those who can receive Him and believe in Him, they have the right to have their names recorded in Yahweh's book of life.

We encourage you to learn about Yahweh, the name of mercy, the name of salvation. Learn about Yahshua the Messiah. Learn to love the name Yahweh and become one who has his own name recorded in the book of life of the Lamb.

Yahweh has this to say about those who "think" on His name, "And they shall be mine, saith Yahweh of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him," Mal. 3:17.

The Passover Counterfeit Called Easter

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

By Jerry Healan

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

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

But one might say, Well, Easter is mentioned in the book of Acts, "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the assembly. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in

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prison, and delivered him to four quarters of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people," 12:1-4.

Hmmmm... If we just look at what is written here on the surface, not searching the matter out, then we would have to admit, Sure enough! There it is! But if we go to the Greek word from which Easter has been translated, we find that the Greek word is *pascha*. A little further check will reveal that in every place where **the word Passover** appears in the New Testament, **it is translated from the Greek word *pascha***. Therefore, if you want your Scriptures to be consistent, you need to change the word Easter in Acts 12:4 to Passover. This

was a blatant attempt to justify the observance of Easter by King James and his scholarly interpreters.

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

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

Yahweh condemned their worship. Yahweh told the Prophet Jeremiah, "Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. Do they provoke me to anger? saith Yahweh: **do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?**" Jer. 7:17-19.

THE SANHEDRIN

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

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

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

In Numbers 16 Moses had complained about the burden of Israel being on his shoulders, so Yahweh told him to choose seventy elders and bring them before the tabernacle of the congregation. He said that He would take of the spirit of Moses that was on him and also put a portion of it on the seventy elders so they would also bear the burdens of the children of Israel with him. (Num. 16:16-17)

This body of elders had continued

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

TAMMUZ

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

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* has this to say, "Tammuz, a Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian god, who died and rose annually...There are many titles of the youthful god, loved by his sister, the earth and heaven goddess, Innini (**Ishtar**), who descends yearly into Aralû (underworld) at the time of his death to bring him back to earth in her bosom...He is described as the shepherd who left his flocks, **as shepherds sat in fields wailing for Tammuz**...It is obvious

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that a cult which is **based upon the death and resurrection of a propitiating god**, and upon the love of a divine mother who wails for her son, has direct connection with the facts and the theological views based upon them, which gave **birth to Christianity**. But **the form of the cult which apparently most directly affected the origins of Christianity is that in which Marduk of Babylon was identified with Tammuz**. At the Nisan or new year festival at Babylon, Bêl (Marduk) was said to have been imprisoned in the lower world, and a priestess weeps at his sepulcher. A malefactor was slain with Bêl and they descend together to the land of darkness. Beltis, his wife, descends to

hell to seek him, and Bêl's garments are given Ishtar (mother of Tammuz). Bêl was laid in a sepulcher, from which he soon comes forth...**That the cult had direct influence upon the origins of Christianity cannot be denied**, and the Greek cult of Adonis owes its essential content to the Sumerian Tammuz." (14th edition, Vol. 21, pp. 776-777)

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

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

SUNRISE SERVICES

Yahweh continued, "Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, **they put the branch to their nose**," Ez. 8:15-17.

The east, of course, is where the sun rises. Yahweh's tabernacle and temple were built so that the entrance into the temple was facing east which forced

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

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

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

pagan female deities. Bêl represented the sun while Ishtar represented the moon, which reflects the light of the sun.

The shepherds and the women wailed and wept for Tammuz because of his death. But around the vernal equinox they began to rejoice because the spring brought back the dead vegetation. Tammuz revived and they all faced the east in order to rejoice at the resurrection of Tammuz (Istar/Easter sunrise services).

CONFUSION

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

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ashamed; also (by implication) to be disappointed or delayed. *Bosheth* is #1322 and is defined as: **from 954**; shame (the feeling and the condition, as well as its cause); by implication (specifically) an idol.

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

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

but his ways are always counterfeit and false.

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

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

Yahshua died in the afternoon of Passover day, was buried later that evening before sunset because the annual high day was drawing on (the 15th of Abib, which was to be observed by rest in similar fashion to the Sabbath). The day that He died would have been on the fourth day of the week (a Wednesday to the modern day world). His resurrection would have occurred at the end of the Sabbath (in the evening, Hebrew days go from about sunset to sunset) not early in the morning on the first day of the week. This, once again, reveals the confusion of those who have been deceived to serve Tammuz and Ishtar (Easter), rather than the true Savior Yahshua.

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

Rabbits and eggs were utilized by the idolatrous pagans to represent fertility. Easter bunnies and eggs are simply items to cause our children to

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The Hebrew Alphabet

Much interest has been generated in the Hebrew Alphabet as it should be. After all, all of the Scriptures, with the exception of portions of Daniel, Ezra, and Nehemiah were originally written in Hebrew while the above named versions were written in the Hebrew sister language of Aramaic. Many have written to us requesting the Hebrew Alphabet, and are also requesting that we teach them the Hebrew language.

Although this author has taken a course in the Hebrew language, he is far from being proficient in its pronunciation, and enunciation. However, we can publish articles on the Hebrew Alphabet utilizing information learned, and also that which is offered by others. Therefore, we hope to focus on each letter in the Hebrew Alphabet, one at a time, for however many issues of the magazines it takes to complete the process. There are 22 (twenty-two) letters in the Hebrew Alphabet, so there will hopefully be an article in the next 22 issues of this magazine.

We have several books that stress the importance and meanings of the Hebrew alphabet and these authors will be continually referred to. Here is what Rabbi Michael Munk has to say in the beginning of his book entitled *The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet*, "In Jewish thought, the Aleph-Beis is unlike any other alphabet; it is not merely a haphazard collection of consonants whose order was determined by convention, but that could have been—or still could be—changed without loss of content. The individual letters, their names, graphic forms, gematriaos [numerical equivalents], and respective positions in the Aleph-Beis are Divinely ordained." (Prologue, p. 33)

Our own studies of the Hebrew alphabet, both from Rabbis, scholars, and Scripture confirm this view.

He continues, "In the popular idiom,

something that is expressed or analyzed in its entirety is said to be covered מֵאֵלֶף וְעַד תַּיִת, *from aleph to tav*. Since the very order of the letters represents profound halachic and philosophic concepts, this expression is not parallel to "from A to Z" or "alpha to omega." (ibid, p. 34)

The Hebrew alphabet begins with the aleph (א) which corresponds with our English letter A, but its last, or ending letter is the tau (ת), which corresponds to our English letter T.

The point also is that there are acrostics in the Hebrew Scriptures, as well as many other hidden messages that simply can't be revealed when translated into other languages.

He continues: "The definite article is expressed in Hebrew by prefixing the letter ה to a word. Often, for extra emphasis, the word אֵת (or אֶת) is employed in addition to the prefix. Com-

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prising the first and last letter of the *Aleph Beis*, אֵת alludes to completion and perfection. Thus the Torah uses the emphatic article in describing the beginning of Creation:

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ:

In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). This usage alludes to the fact that the universe was created in complete perfection, "from aleph to tav." (ibid, pp 34-35)

Do you get that? The aleph and tau (א-ת) preceding the words "הַשָּׁמַיִם" (the heavens) and

"הָאָרֶץ" (the earth) attest to the fact that the heavens and earth were created perfect. This is the statement of Genesis 1:1!

The English translators didn't know what to do with the aleph-tau (אֵת) in Genesis 1:1, so the simply disregarded the fact that it was there.

Yahweh, Himself, declares, "For thus saith Yahweh that created the heavens; Elohim himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am Yahweh; and there is none else," Isa. 45:18.

Therefore, Genesis 1:2 should be translated as, "And the earth **became** without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters."

PERFECT WORDS

There are certain Hebrew words that begin with the aleph and end with the tau. One of the chief words in this category is the Hebrew word for truth, which is *emet* (אֱמֶת). Truth in the Hebrew begins and ends with the first and last letters of the alphabet. There is nothing that can come before the aleph, and also nothing that can come after the tau. Truth is all inclusive and can't ever change.

The middle letter is the mem (מ), which is a picture of water. The Pictorial Hebrew, and also the Paleo Hebrew reveal this characteristic of water. The Pictorial Hebrew's mem looks like this "𐤌" and the Paleo Hebrew mem is similar "𐤂". Interestingly, it is also the middle letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

Yahshua likened water 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.

Therefore, the truth is perfect from aleph to tau. Truth is the spirit (נ) of the aleph (א) and tau (ת). Truth is strong from beginning to end. Truth is first, chief, enduring forever. However, lies are only for a moment, “The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment,” Prov. 12:19.

Satan is the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). He is the father of lies (Jn. 8:44). This world is built upon Satan’s lies, but thankfully, this world is but for a moment. Yahshua is the truth (Jn. 14:6). Yahshua is light, Satan is darkness. When the Yahshua, the truth and light comes, then the liar, the darkness will flee away.

The first letter of the Greek alphabet is the alpha, which is equivalent to the Hebrew aleph, and the English A, but the last letter of the Greek alphabet is omega. The Greek word for truth is alethia. Look at other languages words for truth: English = truth; Spanish = verdad; Latin = veritas. None of these languages, including the Greek that so many dearly love in today’s world, convey the power of the word as does the Hebrew language!

Yahshua declares that He is the aleph and the tau, “I am Aeph and Tau, *the beginning and the ending*, saith the Sovereign, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty,” Rev. 1:8.

(NOTE: we have italicized “the beginning and the ending” because it is omitted from the texts that are extant. However, it is stated in Revelation 22:13.)

FAITHFULNESS

Another Hebrew word that begins with the aleph and ends with the tau is faithfulness (אמונת). This word is only utilized as a description of Yahweh. It can only be found in Psalms 36:5; 40:10; 88:11; 89:1; 89:5; and Isaiah

33:6 (translated as stability).

Looking at this word, we have the characters for the word “truth” (emet/אמת), the Hebrew word for faith (amen/אמן), and the word for faithful (emuwn/אמונ).

Yahshua is the faithful witness, “And from Yahshua the Messiah, who is the **faithful witness**, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,” Rev. 1:5.

Yahweh is the faithful witness, “Then they said to Jeremiah, Yahweh be a true and **faithful witness** between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which Yahweh thy Elohim shall send thee to us,” Jer.42:5.

The Hebrew word that is translated as “faithful” in Jeremiah 42:5 is eman (אמן), which are the same characters for the English word amen. Yahshua says that He is the amen/eman, “And unto the angel of the assembly of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the **Amen**, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of Elohim,” Rev. 3:14.

Yahshua is the aleph and tau (את).

Amen in Hebrew would be אמן, faithful in Hebrew would be אמן, true in Hebrew would be אמת (truth).

Yahshua is the Word of Yahweh (Jn. 1:1-14). All things were created by the Word of Yahweh, “By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear Yahweh: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,” Ps. 33:6-8.

I will sing of the mercies of Yahweh for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness (emuwnat/אמונת) to all generations. For I have

said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness (emuwnat/אמונת) shalt thou establish in the very heavens,” Ps. 89:1-2.

Understand this; Yahshua is the Word of Yahweh (דבר־יהוה in Hebrew). Yahshua is the aleph and tau (את). All of the other letters of the Hebrew language fall between the aleph and tau. As we study the Hebrew alphabet, we must see how each of these letters relate to Yahshua.

Yahshua is the faithful (אמן) witness of truth (אמת). All His works are done in faithfulness (אמונת). He is the truth (אמת), He is the aleph and tau (את); truth never changes, Yahshua never changes, “Yahshua the Messiah the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever,” Heb. 13:8.

THE SIGN

Another perfect word to focus on is the Hebrew word for “sign” which is owth (אית).

The Pictorial Hebrew of this word is quite revealing. It looks like this: תצ. The aleph is the head of an ox, the tau looks like a cross. The letter in the middle is a waw which is the picture of a nail, or tent peg. The waw (ו) is also a conjunction, the letter which adds or connects, thus in one instance it gives us the idea of that which the aleph (א) and tau (ת) establishes (ו).

Yahweh told Israel that the seventh day Sabbath was a sign (owth/תצ) between Him and them, “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a **sign** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am Yahweh that doth sanctify you....It is a **sign** between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed,” Ex. 31:13, 17.

What isn’t revealed in our English Bibles, or any other except for the Hebrew, for that matter, is the fact that the seventh day was branded with

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partake in these idolatrous things. There is no place in the Scriptures that encourage, nor justify such practices. Yahweh told Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am Yahweh your Elohim. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances... And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them," Lev. 18:2-3; 20:23.

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

It is stated, "For I am Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed," Mal. 3:6. "Yahshua the Messiah the same yesterday, and today, and forever," Heb.

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the aleph and tau, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day Elohim ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the (אָ) seventh day from all his work which he had made," Gen. 2:1-2.

Isaiah prophesied that Yahshua would be set up as an ensign (נִסָּא = banner, flag, etc.) for the people. (Isa. 11:1-12) The serpent on a pole that Moses set up in the wilderness was branded with this term נִסָּא (nec). Yahshua said that He had to be lifted up like that serpent on a pole (Jn. 3:14).

When the infant Yahshua was taken to the temple, Simeon proclaimed, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign (owth/אוֹת) which shall be spoken against," Lk. 2:34.

According to the Jewish Rabbis, the aleph represents Yahweh. The aleph also represents the head of an ox,

13:8.

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

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

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

which was the greatest and priciest sacrifice on Yahweh's altar, because the ox was not only an animal from which food, clothing, shoes, etc. could be made, but it was also a most important work animal in the farming community.

Yahshua, Who was Yahweh before His human birth, was lifted up on the tau (†), nailed (Y) to it, being lifted up in order to bring all peoples unto Himself, and therefore to the family of Yahweh Elohim.

Yahshua is the aleph and tau (אָ in modern Hebrew, and אָ in Pictorial Hebrew). He is our banner (נִסָּא = modern Hebrew; אָ in Pictorial Hebrew) Who was lifted up as a sign (אוֹת) for all peoples.

Remember that the Sabbath is branded with the aleph and tau. The Sabbath is a type of the seventh millennium when there will be peace, rest, holiness and blessings on the earth. This thousand year Sabbath will be

continues to fulfill those deceptive practices to this day (Rev. 12:9).

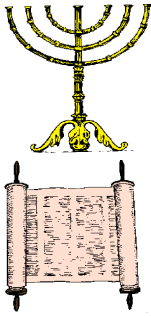
Are you following his deceptive, idolatrous, pagan, heathenistic practices? If you are observing Easter then you certainly are deceived by him, and doing so. We know that the great majority of today's world will deny what is written here and continue to observe his false, deceptive practices because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

branded by the aleph and tau, because Yahshua, the true aleph and tau will usher it in.

The aleph and tau represent completion and perfection. There is no completion, nor perfection without Yahshua the Messiah.

He is certainly the banner (נִסָּא) of this ministry. That is why we continue to publish this magazine as a witness to/of Him.

It is our prayer that we will be able to present a cohesive and understandable series of articles on each individual letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and especially reveal how each letter is representative of Yahshua the Messiah in its own characteristic way.



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