

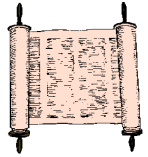
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in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

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OUR COVER: We chose the picture of a baby goat for this quarter's issue. This is to highlight the upcoming Passover in the month of March. Israel was commanded to take a lamb of the sheep, or a kid of the goats for the Passover sacrifice. It was to be kept in their household beginning on the 10th day of the month until the afternoon of the 14th when it was to be sacrificed. Such a young animal of the first year is sweet and innocent. It can quickly become a part of one's family. To sacrifice it would have been a difficult thing. This is only a small example of the preciousness of Yahshua's sacrifice.

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DO YOU LOVE TRUTH OR LIES?

Here we go again! We have just finished the Christmas season, and the beginning of Caesar's year. While I look about me, I see people decorating their homes, having a spirit called the spirit of Christmas, which does appear good in some cases, and then the observance of one year's end and the beginning of another. It was reported that there were 54 Christmas trees in the Whitehouse alone! But the point of the matter is that it is all based on lies. It is all based on man's fabrication under the influence of the prince of the power of the air (breath), the god of this world!

The truth of the matter is that December 25th IS NOT the anniversary of the birth of the Savior. Neither is January 1st the beginning of the Creator's annual cycle (year). People, themselves, perpetrate the lie to their young children by teaching them that there is a Santa Claus, a fairy tale figure who lives at the north pole and spends the whole year with elves busily making presents to be delivered on Christmas eve.

January is named after the Roman god Janus who was two-faced (deceptive). He was the god of thresholds or the entrance to homes. The true new year should begin close to the vernal equinox (spring).

The Apostle Paul writes, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of the Messiah is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called Elohim, or that is worshipped; so that he as Elohim sitteth in the temple of Elohim, shewing himself that he is Elohim. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thes. 2:1-12.

How strong is the delusion? Christmas is a lie, Santa Claus is a lie, January 1st is a lie, Caesar's calendar is a lie, the Savior's name was never Jesus, the Creator's name is not God, Easter is not Passover, Yahshua's death had nothing to do with a pagan goddess named Easter/Ishtar, bunny rabbits, colored eggs, Yahshua was in the grave for three days and three nights, not a day and a half, the seventh day Sabbath is Yahweh's day of rest, not Sunday, the day of the pagan sun god. The list goes on and on.

The fact of the matter is that these things point to the strong delusion. Yahshua said that Yahweh is spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). There is no truth to the things that I have just pointed out. They have to do with deceit, falsehoods, outright lies, but the world loves them because it can't believe the truth. As it says in another place, men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil (Jn. 3:19).

Iniquity has to do with lawlessness, living without law, or outside the law. The mystery of iniquity has to do with the Christian teaching that the law is done away. This is another great lie. The truth of the matter is that the New Covenant (New Testament) has to do with Yahweh's promise to write His law on His people's heart (Jer. 31; Heb. 8).

We have just revealed the difference between fact and fiction, truth and lies. We have just revealed many points of the strong delusion that Yahweh has sent so that those who love lies rather than truth will come under condemnation.

Scripture reveals that Satan has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9). If you practice the things enumerated above, then you have been deceived and are living a lie. The question now is, do you really love truth enough to change your way of living, repent of the lies and deception, embrace the truth, live in the way of truth, love the truth, and inherit Yahweh's kingdom?

Those who have read this commentary have been warned. Now, what are you going to do about it?

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THE TSAR

The Tsar? You might ask. What do you mean by this word? This is a Hebrew word that few people have looked into, but is mentioned throughout the Old Testament. It is very important to know just who, or what the Tsar is, and how this word should be applied.

By Jerry Healan

“The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; ²The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ³From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of Yahweh hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. ⁴And Yahweh hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. ⁵They said, **Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that Yahweh hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever: ⁶And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. ⁷Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith Yahweh; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt. ⁸Therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, ⁹Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith Yahweh, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy**

them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. ¹⁰Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. ¹¹And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. ¹²And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith Yahweh, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. ¹³And I will bring upon that

When they came into the land, they fell away from Yah-

land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. ¹⁴For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands,” Jer. 25:1-14.

Now you might say that this prophecy of Jeremiah only applied to the nation of Judah back in the ancient days. It has nothing to do with our world today. You will be so wrong in your assumption. Yes, it was for them back then, but take a look at the situation back then compared to today, and even further back. Wasn't Noah an 8th preacher of righteousness that Yahweh sent to the

world to warn the people before the flood to repent or be destroyed? According to the Biblical and geological record, the flood did take place. But the third generation after the flood had already fallen away from Yahweh. After all, they were born into a new world, and it was hard to believe that such things had taken place, so the people were deceived into following a great hero named Nimrod.

The children of Israel had been taken into slavery by the Egyptians. When Yahweh intervened and brought them out by fantastic miracles, they couldn't even follow Yahweh with a believing heart, but moaned, griped, and complained during the whole trek in the wilderness, even though Yahweh had to perform so many mighty miracles for them for their provision and sustenance.

When they came into the land, they fell away from Yahweh, and He had to send various judges to intervene and deliver them from various oppressors sent by Yahweh to get their attention. They were eventually amalgamated into a most powerful kingdom by the hand of King David, but his son Solomon turned away from Yahweh and the kingdom was divided between the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.

The northern kingdom fell away from the worship of Yahweh and were destroyed and removed from the land. Judah, the southern kingdom, saw what had happened to Israel, and continued to serve Yahweh for a while, but now....in Jeremiah's day....they had fallen away to the worship of the host of heaven, and

the works of their own hands.

What about our world today? Look about you. While the word of Yahweh has been preserved... somewhat....although man has changed it to take the true names out and give credit to other elohim.... (Hmmm.....isn't that what Yahweh was warning Judah about in their day?), the fact of the matter is that the word of Yahweh is a living, breathing word that applies to all generations. Our world today has principally forgotten the warnings of Yahweh upon His people. So many in our world today, turn a deaf ear to anything that the Scriptures say. Others who supposedly believe, will only embrace the New Testament Scriptures and relegate the Old Testament to having been completed, finished and just use it for history lessons if even that.

Will our world believe? Maybe a few, but most will continue on the road to oblivion, casting the Word of Yahweh and His faith aside for the falsehoods that they love to embrace. Let's face it, we live in a world of unbelief today, just as great as the unbelief of the Israelites who wandered in the desert until their carcasses fell there.

Let's see if we can work a thread through these Scriptures that will bring us down to our world today.

BABYLON

Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon who Yahweh warned would bring destruction upon Judah for their unfaithfulness. Israel had been established in Jerusalem as Yahweh's light for the rest of the world to see. During the first part of Solomon's reign, the blessings, greatness, and peace of the kingdom was breathtaking. The queen of Sheba said so herself, "And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of Yahweh; **there was no more spirit in her,**" 1 Ki. 10:4-5. Spirit in Hebrew is

ruach. The word ruach not only has to do with spirit, but breath, air, wind, etc. This is just another way to say that she had a breathtaking experience.

But now, because of their infidelity to their great Elohim, King, and Creator Yahweh, Judah, the remainder of the children of Israel in the land of promise, was going to have to be destroyed. The glory of the kingdom was gone.

Babylon now was to become the glory of the kingdoms of the world. Babylon had originally been the kingdom that Nimrod established after the flood. There had also been other great kingdoms, Egypt, Assyria, etc. But from the time that Israel was no longer to be a kingdom, a succession of kingdoms were going to arise to rule the Mediterranean world. Babylon was the first kingdom and she had a great master and king in the form of Nebuchadnezzar. Yahweh was eventually going to restore the kingdom to Israel, and still is, but in the meantime, four world ruling kingdoms would rise up whose history would be recorded in the Scriptures and focused

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on by the world. Nebuchadnezzar was shown this fact in a dream that had to be interpreted by the Hebrew prophet Daniel (Daniel 2).

He was shown a great image that had a head of gold (representing him and his kingdom of Babylon), breast and arms of silver (Medo-Persia), belly and thighs of brass (Macedonian-Greek), legs of iron (Rome), feet part of iron and part of clay (Rome-New Rome[Constantinople]), and toes part of iron and part of miry clay (Rome-The Third Rome [Moscow, Russia]). (Dan. 2:1-47) This would be the history of these world ruling kingdoms in a nutshell;

a thumbnail sketch of their greatness, characteristics, and corruption. I certainly don't want to leave out the part where a stone is cut out without hands that smites the image on its feet destroying the image and becomes a great kingdom that fills the whole earth. This kingdom, of course, is yet future (near future). This stone is not a part of the world's kingdoms, but is the much longed for and desired kingdom of heaven that will be ruled over by Yahshua the Messiah.

Babylon was not only the beginning of the power of these kingdoms, but she was a great kingdom of idolatry. Of course, the idols, and idolatry are nothing, empty, vain, only Yahweh is true, but since the Hebrews turned to idolatry, Yahweh sold them and the rest of the world into idolatry. Babylon worshipped a great medley of false gods including Nebo, Marduk, Bel, etc.

This image that Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of was all one image meaning that these kingdoms are all the same body, just different parts, phases, and stages of the same system. Thinking about the head, this is where the eyes, ears, mouth, and brain are. It is the brain (in the head) that controls the rest of the body, therefore the spirit of Babylon has always lived on in the rest of the kingdoms.

Daniel chapter seven gives a beastly description of these four kingdoms. The first kingdom is like a lion with eagle's wings. The lion is king of beasts, while the eagle is king of birds. Nebuchadnezzar was told that he was a king of kings (Dan. 2:37). Thus, the first kingdom of Daniel seven is Babylon.

The wings of the eagle are plucked off, the lion is made to stand like a man, and a man's heart is given to it. What does Yahweh say about man's heart? "And Yahweh smelled a sweet savour; and Yahweh said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for **the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth**; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done," Gen. 8:21.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Jer. 17:9.

This is the beginning of the Gentile kingdoms. Even though Yahweh is the one who set them up, they are idolatrous, deceitful, evil, and desperately wicked.

The Babylonian god Bel, is identical to the Ba'al of the Canaanites, which the Israelites turned to worship in the process of turning away from Yahweh.

MEDO-PERSIA

The next kingdom after Babylon was the kingdom of the Medes and Persians. Their religion was basically Zoroastrianism. One of their chief deities was a sun god named Mithra (-s), whose special day of the week was the first day of the week (now called Sunday). His birthday was December 25th. This author has been able to associate him with Adam as he was born of a rock (Yahweh is the Rock). He was naked when he was born. Adam, of course, was created naked. He went to a fig tree and ate of its fruit and then CLOTHED HIMSELF WITH ITS LEAVES! (Information from *Encyclopedia Britannica* 14th Edition.)

Does this all sound familiar? We hope so, because it does show that the customs of Babylon, and its replacement Medo-Persia, are still in practice in today's world. Medo-Persia was the second kingdom, the kingdom represented by the breast and arms of silver. As our body automatically performs what our brain tells it to, the breast and arms of Medo-Persia followed the lead of its head, Babylon.

Do you not see that this has come down to our present world which uplifts Sunday, the first day of the week, as well as annually celebrates December 25th (Christmas) as the birth of the Savior, even though the Savior was not born on this day!

MACEDONIA-GREECE

The third kingdom to follow in succession was the Macedonian-Greek kingdom of Alexander the Great. They, of course, worshipped a pantheon of deities of whom Zeus was

the chief god. His headquarters was Mount Olympus. The Olympic games were dedicated to him, wherein the young athletes performed their various games, especially the marathons in the nude.

Zeus was the son of Cronus and Rhea. Cronus, in turn was a Titan, but he was also an agricultural god. The sickle was his emblem; in Rome, he was Saturn. Cronus utilized the sickle to castrate his father Uranus (the Elohim of heaven). Cronus, therefore, is none other than Cain who slew his brother Abel, of whom the Roman God Saturn is also a type. Both Cronus and Saturn were agricultural gods and the sickle was their emblem. Cain was a tiller of the ground, while Abel was a shepherd. When Yahweh banished Cain because of the murder of his brother, Cain declared that He would be hid from the face of Yahweh (Gen. 4:14). Interestingly, the Hebrew word for “hid” is *esater* (אָסַתֵּר). The numerical value for this word is 661, but if we place a *hei* (ה) in front of the word to make it say “the hidden” (הָאָסַתֵּר) then the word adds up to 666.

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If Zeus is the son of Cronus, Cronus being Cain, then Zeus is Cain's son Enoch. Cain was banished to Nod, the land of wandering, but in his defiance against Yahweh, he built a city and named it after his first son Enoch. Enoch means to “initiate.” Cain is the founder of the mysteries of freemasonry into which a person must be “initiated.”

According to *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, Enoch founded sun worship. But freemasonry has syncretized or blended Cain's wicked son Enoch, and the Scripturally righteous Enoch together into one person, so that the system appears to come from the antiquity of righteousness.

Cain's descendant Tubalcain was an artificer of brass and iron. He was a founder who manufactured weapons of war, and also most likely metallic idols and images. Brass and iron are the metals associated with the third (Greece) and fourth (Rome) world ruling kingdoms of the Mediterranean. The name Tubalcain is shown by *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* to have transpired into Vulcan, the Roman fire god, who was in a Trinitarian relationship with Jupiter, and Hesus.

ROME

Rome was to be the fourth world ruling kingdom, and this is true in both Biblical and secular history. There was a famous saying, “All roads lead to Rome.” This is not only true in the physical world, but also in the spirit realm. The religions of Babylon, Persia, and Greece were brought into the Roman Empire under the Caesars. When Rome defeated her enemies, she took their priesthods and gods and goddesses captive to Rome, either building temples for them, or inculcating those gods into the temples of existing similar Roman gods. The Arch of Titus shows the artifacts of Yahweh's temple in Jerusalem being taken into captivity to Rome upon the destruction of Jerusalem in 70CE.

As stated, the Roman God Saturn was associated with the Greek god Cronus, and the sickle tying them together with Cain who slew Abel, in effect, destroying the righteous line from the earth, and castrating the Elohim of heaven known as Uranus. It was the son of Adam, Seth, through whom the righteous line would now come. Seth means “substituted.” Yahweh substituted him for the righteous line instead of the line of Abel who was cut off from the land of the living.

Here is what Alexander Hislop says about the Roman god Saturn in his book *The Two Babylons*, “The name of the system is “Mystery” (Rev 17:5). Here, then, we have the key that at once unlocks the enigma. We have now only to

inquire what was the name by which Nimrod was known as the god of the Chaldean Masteries. That name, as we have seen, was Saturn. Saturn and Mystery are both Chaldean words, and they are correlative terms. As Mystery signifies **the Hidden** system, so Saturn signifies **the Hidden god**. *

To those who were **initiated** the god was revealed; to all else he was hidden. Now, the name Saturn in Chaldee is pronounced **Satur**; but, as every Chaldee scholar knows, consists only of four letters, thus--Stur. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666:--

S = 060

T = 400

U = 006

R = 200

The Hebrew letters for *Satur* would be סתור (*Stur*) with the exact numerical equivalents. Samek (ס) = 60; tau (ת) = 400; waw (ו) = 6; and resh (ר) = 200. 60 + 400 + 6 + 200 = 666.

Hislop traced the mystery religion back to Nimrod, a descendant of Noah's son Ham, who raised up the mystery religion after the flood, however, he failed to trace it all the way back to Cain and his descendants before the flood.

According to Ovid, Rome's original name was Saturn, or Saturnia.

The Roman Caesars became *Pontifex Maximus* over all religion (paganism). In other words, they were the priests, the mediators between heaven and earth.

THE TSAR

The Roman Emperors not only took the title Caesar in order to associate themselves with Julius Caesar, who was deified as god by Augustus, but they also preferred the title Augustus because it had to do with the worthiness of being worshipped as the "son of the god Caesar", and therefore, worthy of worship as god. The Emperors of the East (Constantinople, and later Moscow) also preferred the title of "TSAR."

Tsar, in Hebrew, is defined as; nar-

row; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in 6864); (transitive) an opponent (as crowding). It is variously translated as; **adversary**, afflicted(-tion), anguish, close, distress, **enemy**, flint, **foe**, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, **tribulation**, **trouble**, etc.

Let's take a look at what the Scriptures say about the Tsar, and how he has been the adversary, the enemy who brings in trouble and tribulation.

We started this treatise with warnings from the Prophet Jeremiah that Judah and Jerusalem would be destroyed if they didn't repent and turn to Yahweh in accordance with the covenant that He made with them. The book of Lamentations is the end result of their refusal to pay heed to Yahweh:

Lam. 1:1-22, "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! ²She weepeth sore in the night, and her

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tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies. ³Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. ⁴The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are af-

flicted, and she is in bitterness. ⁵Her adversaries (*tsars*) are the chief, her enemies prosper; for **Yahweh hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions**: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy (*tsar*). ⁶And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer. ⁷Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when **her people fell into the hand of the enemy (*tsar*)**, and none did help her: **the adversaries (*tsars*) saw her, and did *mock at her sabbaths**. ⁸ Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward. ⁹Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O Yahweh, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself. ¹⁰The adversary (*tsar*) **hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary**, whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation. ¹¹All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O Yahweh, and consider; for I am become vile. ¹²Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith Yahweh hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. ^{13**}**From above** hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day. ¹⁴The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, Yahweh hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up. ¹⁵Yahweh hath trodden under foot

all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: Yahweh hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress. ¹⁶For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed. ¹⁷Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: Yahweh hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries (*tsars*) should be round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them. ¹⁸**Yahweh is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment:** hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity. ¹⁹I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls. ²⁰Behold, O Yahweh; for I am in distress (*tsarar*): my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death. ²¹They have heard that I sigh: there is none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it: thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me. ²²Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.”

*NOTE: The adversaries (*tsars*) mock at her Sabbaths. This is exactly what the Tsar Constantine the Great did when he entered into the New Testament assembly, took over as *Pontifex Maximus* decreeing Sunday worship in lieu of the seventh day Sabbath. The Tsars, therefore, made a mockery of the Sabbath by substituting another day of worship.

NOTE: **From above comes from the Hebrew word *marowm* (מָרוֹם), which could, or probably should have been interpreted as “from

Rome”! The Latin word for Rome is Roma, which is similar to the Hebrew *ramah* or high place. Rome (originally Saturn, or Saturnia [city of Saturn]), or Roma is the high place and high city of the Roman empire, which is in the line of successors to the Gentile kingdoms that would rule over the Middle East. It was the Roman general Titus who burned Jerusalem and Yahweh’s temple with fire in 70CE. But it was the Tsar Constantine (emperor of Rome and Constantinople [*Roma Nova*]) who cast fire into the assembly (Yahweh’s spiritual temple) by taking over decreeing Sunday worship and attributing salvation to Jesus (Hesus) who was in a Trinitarian relationship with Jupiter and Vulcan, the Roman fire god. Sunday is worship of the sun and fire. I know that these may be things that are difficult to understand, but we must remember that the prophets prophesied warnings not only to people of their day, but to all ages. Yahweh knows the future. It is men who, in interpreting the Scriptures, do not, and cannot understand the deep spiritual implications without the Spirit of Yahweh. Therefore,

Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

things become hidden and must be searched out.

Psa. 74:1-11, “O Elohim, why hast thou cast us off forever? Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture? ²Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. ³Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary. ⁴Thine enemies (*tsarar*) roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ***ensigns

for signs. ⁵A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees. ⁶But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. ⁷**They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. ⁸They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of Elohim in the land. ⁹*****We see not our signs:** there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long. ¹⁰O Elohim, how long shall the adversary (*tsar*) reproach? ¹¹*****Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?** ¹¹ Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? Pluck it out of thy bosom.”

***NOTE: The words “ensigns, and signs come from the Hebrew word *owth* (אוֹת), which were the seventh day Sabbath and annual Sabbaths. Again, the Roman Emperors from Constantine onward, replaced the Sabbath with Sunday, and the annual holy days with pagan holidays.

****NOTE: The world simply does not understand, but the names Yahweh and Yahshua have been replaced with “the LORD,” “God,” “Jesus,” etc. This is, in effect, the blaspheming of the names, or in other words, introducing names of blasphemy.

Psa. 89:38-51, “But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. ³⁹**Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant:** thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground. ⁴⁰Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin. ⁴¹All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours. ⁴²******Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries (*tsar*);** thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice. ⁴³Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle. ⁴⁴ Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground. ⁴⁵The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast cov-

ered him with shame. Selah. ⁴⁶How long, Yahweh? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire? ⁴⁷Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? ⁴⁸What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah. ⁴⁹Yahweh, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth? ⁵⁰Remember, Yahweh, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people; ⁵¹Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Yahweh; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.”

*****NOTE: The right hand of Yahweh is Yahshua, His salvation. The right hand of the Tsar is one named Yesus, Jesus.

The succession of the Roman Empire was legs of iron, feet part iron and part potter’s clay, toes part iron, part miry clay. This promotes the idea of division, and sure enough Rome was divided. Old Rome would have been represented by the legs of iron. But then came along New Rome (*Roma Nova*) situated at Constantinople. This would be the iron and potter’s clay. But a third Rome was raised up which was located in Moscow, Russia headed by the infamous Russian Tsars. This would be the iron and miry clay.

The western half of the Roman Empire was Latin, but the eastern half was Greek. Of course, the third Rome (Moscow) was Russian. It is interesting to note that the Aramaic word for “miry clay” is *tiyn*, but the Hebrew word for miry is *yaven*. “*Yaven*” is #3121 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as; **from the same as 3196**; properly, dregs (as effervescing); hence, mud.

Yaven consists of the very same characters as *Yavan*, which is #3120 in *Strong’s*, being 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 terri-

tory; also of a place in Arabia.

Yaven (יָבֵן) is a Hebrew word for “miry”, while Yavan (יָוָן) is the term for Greek, Greece. Both come from Hebrew word #3196 which is *yayin*. *Yayin* is defined as; from an unused root meaning to effervesce; **wine** (as fermented); by implication, intoxication.

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THE WINE CUP

I started this treatise by quoting Jeremiah 25:1-14, but let’s continue in Jeremiah now to see what he was told to do, “For thus saith Yahweh Elohim of Israel unto me; **Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.** ¹⁶And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. ¹⁷Then took I the cup at Yahweh’s hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom Yahweh had sent me: ¹⁸To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to

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make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day; ¹⁹Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; ²⁰And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod, ²¹Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, ²²And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea, ²³Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners, ²⁴And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the min-

gled people that dwell in the desert, ²⁵And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, ²⁶And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them. ²⁷Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. ²⁸And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Yahweh of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink. ²⁹For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith Yahweh of hosts ³⁰Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, Yahweh shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. ³¹A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for Yahweh hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith Yahweh. ³²Thus saith Yahweh of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. ³³And the slain of Yahweh shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground,” Jer. 25:15-33.

Again, Jeremiah writes, “Babylon hath been a golden cup in Yahweh’s hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad,” 51:7.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

The very name Nebuchadnezzar tells us a lot when we explore into its make-up and meanings. Nebuchadnezzar in Hebrew = נְבוּכַדְנֶצְצַר

This name can be broken down into four (4) distinct Hebrew words. The first is נְבוּ (Nebu), which is #5015 in Strong's and is defined as: probably of foreign derivation; Nebo, the name of a Babylonian deity, also of a mountain in Moab, and of a place in Palestine:--Nebo

The next Hebrew word is כַּד (kad), which is #3537 in Strong's and is defined as: from an unused root meaning to deepen; properly, a pail; but generally of earthenware; a jar for domestic purposes:--barrel, pitcher.

The next Hebrew word is נְאִצַּ (nets/na'ats), which is #5006 and is defined as: a primitive root; to scorn; or (Ecclesiastes 12:5) by interchange for 5132, to bloom:--abhor, (give occasion to) blaspheme, contemn, despise, flourish, X great, provoke.

And finally צַר (tsar) which is #6862 and is defined as: or tsar {sawr}; from 6887; narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. trouble); also a pebble (as in 6864); (transitive) an opponent (as crowding):--adversary, afflicted(-tion), anguish, close, distress, enemy, flint, foe, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, tribulation, trouble.

Putting it all together in the Hebrew, we would get the idea that he is the vessel of the abominable Babylonian god Nebo who is the adversary bringing distress and tribulation.

However a visit to several online dictionaries also yielded these definitions:

1. (Old Testament) king of Chaldea who captured and destroyed Jerusalem and exiled the Israelites to Babylonia (630?-562 BC)

2. A very large wine bottle holding the equivalent of

20 normal bottles of wine; used especially for display.

A very large wine bottle holding the equivalent of 20 normal bottles of wine!? Isn't this interesting as well as eye-opening? Notice that the word **tsar** is also incorporated into his name. From beginning to the end of Babylon, the world has been imbibing the wine of idolatry.

THE HARLOT

Do you think that we can read Revelation 17 with a little more clarity and understanding? "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: **2With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.** **3**So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy,** having

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seven heads and ten horns. **4**And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, **having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:** **5**And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYS-TERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** **6**And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Yahshua: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration," Rev. 17:1-6.

All nations and peoples have drunk, and are drinking of the cup

of this wine of fornication. Yahweh judged His own city and temple to be destroyed twice because of their idolatries. He has said that since He has judged her in that manner, He will also judge the rest of the earth likewise.

The harlot Babylon has continued to promote her idolatrous gods and ways throughout history. She continues to do so today. The kings of the earth and the harlot have been working together to keep the world bound in idolatry. The kings demanded that the people practice their faith on pain of torture and death. People even had to flee the wrath of the king of England to the new world of America. But they still only practiced their own brand of idolatry.

THE ADVERSARIES

There is a spiritual adversary and there is a physical adversary. The spiritual adversary, of course, is Satan the devil. He is the prince of the power of the air and the god of this present evil world. The word Satan means adversary.

But then there is the physical adversary, the Tsar. Both Hebrew words (Satan and Tsar) have to do with an adversary. The Tsars have lived in an adversarial relationship against Yahweh, even while they look like they are His servants to their people and the people influenced by them.

There is the Latin Rome, Greek Rome, and Russian Rome. They have been the seats of Christianity after the Tsar Constantine came into the assembly and began to dictate the rituals of worship and belief.

THE FALL

It is proclaimed, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. **2**And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,** and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean

and hateful bird. ³For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies," Rev. 18:1-3.

Did you know that this has happened? Do you know when it happened? Germany ended up having the authority of the western half of the Roman Empire under the Kaiser. Kaiser is the Latin and German way to say Caesar. The Russian Czar (also called the Tsar) had the power and authority of the eastern half of the Roman Empire. Czar is the Russian word for Caesar. Both the eastern and western halves of the Roman Empire fell at the close of World War I. Thus, the glory of Rome (Babylon) came to an end. But it also says that they became the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

What rose out of the ashes of WWI was the doctrines of Socialism, Humanism, and Communism. Look at the evil inflicted in World War II not only by the Germans, but by the Russians, Communist Chinese, and the Japanese. During WWII the Germans and Japanese were very cruel and heartless. In the aftermath of WWII the Russians and Chinese slew as many of their own people as perished in the war.

YAHWEH IDENTIFIES MODERN BABYLON

Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against Yahweh. ¹⁵ Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of Yahweh: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. ¹⁶**Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest:** for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his

own land....**How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken!** how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!" Jer. 50:14-16, 23.

Remember that the sickle is the emblem of Cronus, Saturn, Cain. The hammer and sickle is the emblem of Communism, especially the Communism that pours forth from Moscow, Russia. The spirit of Cain is in the land of the Tsar. In these last days, he has and will continue to slay the righteous of Yahweh in order to try to castrate the Heavenly Father again.

If you have read anything at all about the tactics of the Humanistic, Socialistic, Communists, then you know that they are very deceitful (a tactic of the serpent Satan). They eliminate any resistance, or suspected resistance through false accusations, imprisonment, torture, and death. They utilize the tactics of terrorism in order to obtain and maintain their control.

There is yet to be another rise to power of a great scarlet colored beast and false prophet who will be

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defeated by the return of the true Heavenly King of Kings Yahshua the Messiah. He is the stone cut out without hands Who will smite the image on its toes.

YAHWEH'S VENGEANCE

Yahweh decrees His vengeance against Babylon. Most people have misunderstood the book of Daniel chapters 7 and 8. Chapters 2 and 7 reveal the succession of the world ruling kingdoms after the fall of Judah. Babylon is the first kingdom (head of gold in chapter 2; lion with eagle's wings in chapter 7). Babylon is succeeded by Medo-Persia (chest and arms of silver in chapter 2; bear with three ribs in chapter 7). Medo-Persia is succeeded by the Grecko-Macedonian (belly and thighs of

brass in chapter 2; leopard with four wings and heads in chapter 7). Then comes the fourth and final kingdom Rome (legs of iron in chapter 2; the great and terrible beast of chapter 7). But the fourth kingdom goes through the phases of iron, iron and potter's clay, and iron and miry clay.

While miry clay in Aramaic is *tīyn* (miry) *chacaph* (clay), in the Hebrew miry clay would be *yaven* (miry) *tiyt* (clay). As David cried out, "I waited patiently for Yahweh; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. ² He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry (*yaven*) clay (*tiyt*), and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings," Psa. 40:1-2.

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

This is important to understand because the word *yaven* (miry) is associated with *Yavan* (Greek/Greece). What Daniel chapter 8 is revealing is the transfer of the power of the fourth kingdom, the iron kingdom, the dreadful and terrible kingdom, to the second Rome, *Roma Nova* by the emperor Constantine the Great (the little horn of Daniel 8). Constantine moved the power of the empire from old Rome to Constantinople, which is in the territory of Macedonia/Greece. Thus the kingdom was converted from iron to iron and clay (Roman/Greek).

It is also interesting to note that the Hebrew words *yaven/Yavan* are associated with the Hebrew word *yayin* (wine). Constantine supposedly converted to the faith of the Messiah, but in reality, he entered into the corrupted remnants of the faith, took over as the *Pontifex Maximus* (high priest) and converted the faith to pagan sun worship. This would be the transfer to iron and clay of the feet.

The power of the eastern kingdom was transferred one more time when the Ottoman Turks captured and destroyed Constantinople in 1453

CE. The power was transferred the Czars/Tsars of Moscow, Russia (the iron and miry clay). The Russian Orthodox Church is just an offshoot of the Greek Orthodox Church. Almost all Bible scholars uphold the belief that the New Testament was originally written in Greek, but the truth of the situation is that the Scriptures were first written in Hebrew and then converted to the Greek, Latin, Aramaic, etc. However the Greek spirit (*Yavan/yaven*) continues to this day.

Chapter 8, of course, follows chapter 7 in chronology, but so does the change from iron to iron and potter's clay, and this is what chapter eight is focusing on. Chapter 7 reveals a little horn that comes up among 10 horns which plucks up three of the horns by their roots (Dan. 7:8). This reveals the change of the Roman Republic to an empire under the hand of the Caesars. Augustus Caesar is this little horn. He speaks blasphemies because he is exalted to the position of the son of god, therefore the successive Caesars were all declared to be god.

Interestingly, Yahshua, the true Son of Elohim was born during the reign of Augustus, the imposter son of god. The Caesars from Augustus were all declared to have the right of divinity through the office of Augustus. It was the agents of the imposter son of god who slew Yahshua.

Now, let's get to some of the prophecies that reveal Yahweh's wrath against the fourth kingdom, which has inherited the power of Babylon.

"Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee. 15 Why are thy valiant men swept away? they stood not, because Yahweh did drive them. 16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the **oppressing** sword. 17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but

a noise; he hath passed the time appointed. 18 As I live, saith the King, whose name is Yahweh of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. 19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant," Jer. 46:14-19.

"Oppressing" in the above verse is translated from the Hebrew word *Yonah*, but it is spelled יונה in Hebrew. The Septuagint (LXX) translates this word as "GRECIAN!" Why would they translate it as Grecian? This is not revealed in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, but it is revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures; the spelling is yod (י), waw (ו), nun (נ), hei (ה). The Hebrew characters (ינה) has caused them to translated it as Grecian. The last letter hei (ה) simply makes it feminine.

Again, Jeremiah records, "Jer 50:6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they

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have forgotten their restingplace. 7All that found them have devoured them: and their **adversaries** (*tsar*) said, We offend not, because they have sinned against Yahweh, the habitation of justice, even Yahweh, the hope of their fathers. 8**Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans**, and be as the he goats before the flocks. 9For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall re-

turn in vain. 10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith Yahweh. 11Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls; 12Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. 13**Because of the wrath of Yahweh** it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. 14Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against Yahweh. 15Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of Yahweh: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. 16Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the **oppressing** sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land," Jer. 50:6-16.

Also, once again the word "oppressing" is translated from the Hebrew word *Yonah* (ינה), which is translated as GRECIAN in the Septuagint (LXX).

The prophet Zechariah also deals with this time of Yahweh's wrath, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. 10And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth. 11As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no

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A COMPARISON OF THE COVENANTS

Some are proclaiming that the New Covenant is not a New Covenant at all, it is just a renewal of the Old Covenant. They even go so far as to proclaim that if there is a difference between the Torah and the New Testament writings, e.g. circumcision, the Torah must be followed. Are the covenants the same? If there is a difference, which takes precedence? We will compare the covenants in this treatise in order to come to a final conclusion.

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I know that many who read this treatise are going to lift up their voice to high heaven and once again proclaim that Jerry Healan is a false minister. It won't be the first time, nor will it be the last. But then, I suppose I will be in the finest of company since many speak out so vehemently against Paul and his writings. But Paul isn't the only one who is vilified. I have known many to completely turn away from the New Testament writings, embracing only the Old Testament as credible. But then, there are also others who have not only questioned and discarded the New Testament writings, but have also questioned and turned away from the Old Testament. It would be facetious to think that I can reason with any of these people to change their minds in any way. Yahweh is the only One Who can do that. But I must do what I can to speak out against error. I must do what I can to present Yahshua the Messiah and His wondrous covenant that He has made available to His people.

Problems and differences are coming up in the assemblies, the body of the Messiah, which are breaking the body apart when it comes to the understanding concerning the principles that we are to live by in these days before Yahshua appears to usher in His wondrous and glorious kingdom. These understandings range from marital relations, divorce and remarriage, in effect, how we are to live and what we are to do under the New Covenant in this present day and age. This is leading to confusion and misapplication of the Scriptures in the lives of many.

Some have said that if there is a conflict between what is written in the Torah and the New Testament writings then the Torah rules supreme. The differences are imputed to have crept in through "Hellenistic" thinkers and writers who would not live by the law and wanted it to be destroyed.

I know men who are going about proclaiming that we must live by the law, the Torah. They proclaim themselves to be ordained elders and rabbis and seek to force everyone to live by the strictest application of the Torah. Many of these men have been divorced and remarried. Being an ordained minister, elder, or rabbi in the

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body of the Messiah actually puts one into the priesthood under our Heavenly High Priest Yahshua the Messiah. There were principles that the Levitical priesthood had to live by under the Old Covenant. They either had to take a virgin from the daughters of Israel or they could marry the widow of another priest. I wonder why many of these men don't force this rule of the Torah upon themselves since they are quick to force the rules of the Torah on others.

I remember sitting in on a Bible study (actually a Bible discussion) wherein

one man brought up the idea that since we were to live by the application of the Torah, why didn't we have silver trumpets made in accordance with the command found in Numbers 10:1-2? These trumpets were blown in various manners so that the children of Israel would know when only the leaders were to assemble with Moses and Aaron at the tabernacle, or when all of the tribes were to assemble. Blown in another manner the Israelites knew when to strike camp and continue on their journey. Blown in an alarm meant to arm and prepare for war. If we are to apply the strictest measures of the Torah, then this was a very good question, just as it's a good question concerning whether a minister, elder or rabbi was married to a virgin of the daughters of Israel or the widow of a priest. If many of these men (ministers, elders and rabbis) have not applied these principles in their lives, then they should abdicate their positions and allow someone to take their office who actually has fulfilled it. (Fat chance of that!) It would probably be a great aid in straightening out much of the confusion in the assemblies and synagogues, however.

The question is, Do the strictest commands and measures of the Torah apply? Does the Torah rule over the New Covenant (Testament) when there seems to be a contradiction. Is there a difference between the two covenants? Let's do our comparison between them to see which rules over the other and hopefully to find out what applies and where.

PASSOVER (OLD TESTAMENT)

We know that the children of Israel had gone down into Egypt upon the bidding of the patriarch Joseph who was sent there not only for the preservation of the family of Israel but for the preservation of Egypt itself. Isn't it amazing that Joseph was hated and scorned by his own brethren, sold into slavery by them, sent to Egypt, imprisoned there by the Egyptians, and at the right time was delivered from prison so that he could not only save those who had incarcerated him, but save the families of the very brethren who had hated, rejected and sold him into slavery in the first place! It seems that the Scripture, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner," (Psa. 118:22) applies in this situation. The builders of the families of Israel and the builders of the families of Egypt refused Joseph, but when verse 23 comes into play (This is Yahweh's doing) things change and they change dramatically.

But the time came when a Pharaoh was raised up who didn't know Joseph and couldn't remember what he had done for the kingdom of Egypt (Ex. 1:8). This Pharaoh became alarmed at the growth of the families of Israel and worried that the Israelites might join forces with an invading army and take over the kingdom (v. 10). So Pharaoh dealt subtly with the children of Israel bringing them into harsh and cruel bondage (vv. 11-14).

Moses was another rejected stone who became the head stone of the corner. We know the story of Moses and what his mother did to save his life; that he was adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter and became a mighty man in Egypt until the day that he slew an Egyptian for abusing an Israelite brother and had to flee the kingdom for 40 years. But once again, Yahweh had a plan that included the one who was rejected. He called Moses (Ex. 3) and sent him on a mission to deliver the children of Israel out of the house of bondage to Egypt in order to bring them back into Canaan, the land of

promise.

After 9 grievous plagues which all but devastated the land of Egypt, Yahweh brought one last plague, a 10th plague which would bring about the release, the deliverance of the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, "And Yahweh said unto Moses, 'Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence together,'" Ex. 11:1.

The plague spoken of was the plague of the death of all the firstborn in the land of Egypt from the throne of Pharaoh to the least of his subjects. It even included the animals (Ex. 12:12). But Yahweh made preparation for the salvation of the firstborn of the children of Israel through the killing of Passover lambs. They were to slaughter them in the afternoon of the 14th day of the month, brush their blood on the lintels and sides of the doors of their dwellings. Then they were to roast the flesh of the lambs and eat them during the ensuing night (Ex. 12).

The Israelites were delivered out of

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the house of bondage that very night. They were set free to begin their journey back to the land of Canaan which had been promised to their forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel). Israel was commanded to remember that day of deliverance through a re-enactment of killing a Passover lamb every year along with an observance of seven days of unleavened bread (Ex. 12:14-20, 13:3-10; Lev. 23:4-8; Dt. 16:1-8).

PASSOVER (NEW COVENANT)

The Apostle Paul writes, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us," 1 Cor. 5:7. What?

Do you mean that there has been a change? Is the Passover of the New Covenant different from that of the Old Covenant? ABSOLUTELY!

Here is what the Prophet Jeremiah wrote, "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that **it shall no more be said**, 'Yahweh liveth, That brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;' but, 'Yahweh liveth, That brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them:' and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers," Jer. 16:14-15.

Furthermore, to add emphasis to what is already spoken, Yahweh made the statement again, "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Yahweh that **they shall no more say**, 'Yahweh liveth, Which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;' but, 'Yahweh liveth, Which brought up and Which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land,'" Jer. 23:7-8.

Do you notice that the focus will no longer be on the Egyptian deliverance? Why? Because He has driven the overall preponderance of the children of Israel into the north country and also scattered others into all countries around the world. Now why did He do that? Isn't it because of their failure to obey Him?

It has been reported and I know for a fact that there are those who are now killing an animal (sheep or goat) in observance of the Passover every year. That was the requirement for the deliverance from the land of Egypt and for the purpose of bringing them under the first (old) covenant. But the reality of the deliverance under the second (new) covenant is that there will be a greater deliverance requiring a greater sacrifice and that sacrifice provided for us is Yahshua the Messiah.

THE LAMB OF THE NEW COVENANT

When John the Baptist saw Yahshua he proclaimed, "Behold, **the Lamb of Elohim**, that taketh away the sin of the world! (ASV)," Jn. 1:29. A second time he witnessed, "and he looked upon Yahshua as he walked, and saith, Behold, **the Lamb of Elohim!**," v. 36.

Peter writes, "And if ye call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judgeth according to everyman's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of **the Messiah, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot**: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in Elohim, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in Yahweh," 1 Pet. 1:17-21.

The prophet Isaiah witnessed beforehand, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: **He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter**, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken. And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant

justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors," Isa. 53:6-12.

In the book of Revelation we read, "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and

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of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim sent forth into all the earth**. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before **the Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof:

for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to Yahweh by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing**. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto **the Lamb** for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever," Rev. 5:1-14.

One man who slaughters an animal every year at the Passover told me that he didn't see anywhere in Scripture that the original Passover lamb slain in Egypt had any association with sin, but he is wrong! While Egypt was a vessel of physical bondage, it did serve the purpose of typifying our bondage to sin, corruption and death. However, such was the weakness of the animals slain in Egypt! They did have power to deliver the living first-born from the power of the death angel, but they had no power to deliver anyone from sin nor the eventual reality of death! Nor did they have the power to deliver those already dead from the grave.

However, Yahshua, our Passover Lamb has the power to not only deliver us from our sins, our transgressions, our iniquity, to also deliver us in the future from the north country and from all other countries where we have been scattered, but He also has the power to deliver us from death and the grave, "I am He That liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for

evermore, Amen; **and have the keys of hell and death,**” Rev. 1:18.

The animal that was slain in Egypt didn't have the power to do these things! The Egyptian deliverance didn't last! Israel (both Israel and Judah) sinned, corrupted and disobeyed so terribly that they had to be cast out of the land of promise! Our Passover Lamb has the power to deliver us back into the land of promise at the future date that Yahweh has chosen, the power to cleanse us from all of our sins, transgressions, rebellions, iniquities and even open the door of death and the grave for that very purpose of restoration! Our Passover Lamb was slain and then resurrected! The Egyptian Passover lamb was slain, but is still in death. Which Passover is better? Which lamb is greater? You can't have both. It's one or the other. The first has passed away because it was only a type of the second greater Lamb. When the greater is come, when that which is perfect is come, you no longer need the imperfect one.

Are we beginning to see that there is a difference between the two covenants? Multiple animals were slaughtered for the Passover every year under the first covenant which served the Egyptian deliverance, but the second covenant has a Passover Lamb that was slaughtered once for all time and that Passover Lamb is still living today. As a matter of fact, our Passover Lamb is not only a Lamb, but He is also the Lion of the tribe of Judah! While animals, especially sheep, and lions don't get along very well in the physical earthly realm, in the spiritual heavenly realm, we have One Who is both Lamb and Lion! What power!!! What strength!!! What honor!!! What glory!!! No wonder the heavenly host mentioned in Rev. 5 fall down before Him and worship Him, vv. 8, 14!!! How about you?

THE COVENANT (OLD TESTAMENT)

Israel came into the wilderness of Sin in the third month of their wilderness ordeal (Ex. 19:1). Moses went up unto Yahweh Who said, Thus shalt thou

say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; 'Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.' These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.' And Moses came and called for the elders of the People, and laid before their faces all these words which Yahweh commanded him. And **all the People answered together, and said, 'All that Yahweh hath spoken we will do.'** And Moses returned the words of the People unto Yahweh," Ex. 19:3-8.

Moses gathered the people at Mount Horeb (Sinai) and Yahweh descended declaring His commandments to the People (Ex. 20). After hearing the commandments, the People withdrew and Yahweh gave His statutes and judgments to Moses (Ex. 21, 22, 23), "And Moses came and told the People all the words of Yahweh, and all the

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judgments: and **all the People answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words which Yahweh hath said will we do.'** And Moses wrote all the words of Yahweh, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto Yahweh. And Moses took half of the blood, and put

it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the People: and **they said, 'All that Yahweh hath said will we do, and be obedient.'** And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the People, and said, 'Behold the blood of the covenant, which Yahweh hath made with you concerning all these words," Ex. 24:3-8.

Did you notice that the People promised three times that they would do and be obedient to Yahweh's words and His covenant? The first time all the elders of the tribes of Israel made the promise, but the second and third times all the People made the promise. The first (Old) Covenant was based on the promises of Elohim (Yahweh) and man (the children of Israel). But the Scriptures (the Torah, the Prophets, the Psalms and the New Testament) witness to the unfaithfulness of the children of Israel to their own word, their own promises.

THE COVENANT (NEW TESTAMENT)

The failure of the children of Israel to be faithful to their own word opened the door for a New Covenant to be made which was based upon a better promise, "Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yahweh: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith Yahweh, **I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts;** and will be their Elohim, and they shall be My People. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh:' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Yahweh: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin

no more,” Jer. 31:31-34.

Notice that the New Covenant is based on the faithful words and promise of Yahweh and not on the unfaithful words and promises of man (whether Israel, Judah or Gentile). The book of Hebrews makes this point, “For if that first (covenant) had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. **For finding fault with them**, He saith.... (then Jer. 31:31-34 is quoted)...In that He saith, ‘A New (covenant),’ He hath made the first old. Now **that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away**,” Heb. 8:7-8, 13.

Hasn’t something changed here? Hasn’t something been eliminated in going from the Old (first) to the New (second)? Isn’t it different and being different, isn’t it far, far, far greater and better than the first? ABSOLUTELY!!! That which is unfaithful, that which cannot be fulfilled is eliminated, which is based on the promises of man! Now we have a covenant that cannot and will not fail because it is based on the faithful Word of Yahweh!!! HalleluYah!!!

THE MEDIATOR (OLD TESTAMENT)

The Old Covenant had a mediator to whom so many, many of the children of Israel still look today. That mediator was Moses. When Yahweh descended upon the mount to declare His commandments the People couldn’t bear Yahweh’s presence as it is written, “And all the People saw the thunderings and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the People saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said to Moses, ‘Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not Elohim speak with us, lest we die.’ And Moses said unto the People, ‘Fear not: for Elohim is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.’ And the People stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where Elohim was,” Ex. 20:18-21. However, the sight was so fearful

that Moses, himself, said, “I exceedingly fear and quake...,” Heb. 12:21.

Paul writes, “Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator,” Gal. 3:19. Actually, this verse should say, “It (the law) was added for the sake of defining sin.” Such is the purpose for law.

The law was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. The mediator is Moses. The angels are simply messengers. In this case it applies to the men who represented the law, e.g., the priesthood, kings and prophets, especially the priesthood (which we will touch on later).

Now the Scriptures do say that Moses was faithful in all his house (Heb. 3:2), but Moses did fail in one seemingly simple thing that Yahweh told him to do. Just before Israel entered into the promised land Yahweh brought them once again into the desert of Zin. There was no water there and the people began their usual complaining. Earlier in their wilderness

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trek Moses had been commanded to smite a rock with his rod in order to bring forth water to the people (Ex. 17). This time he was commanded to only speak to the rock and the water would come forth (Num. 20:2-8). But Moses became impatient with the people and struck the rock twice with his rod (Num. 20:10-11). Yahweh told Moses, “Because ye believed Me not, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them,” v. 12.

Moses is credited with having written the overall preponderance of the first five books of Scripture (the Torah). Moses was the mediator of those

Scriptures, including their covenant, and he was the personification of them. But Moses failed to be able to bring the children of Israel into the promised land. He did bring them up close to the boundary, but he didn’t have the power to deliver them into it. That power was transferred to another man, Yahshua, the son of Nun.

THE MEDIATOR (NEW COVENANT)

Yahshua Ben (son of) Nun was a type and forerunner of the Savior Yahshua the Messiah. They both had the same name Yahshua which means “the salvation of Yahweh” or even “Yahweh the Savior.” “Nun” means “perpetuity.” “Perpetuity” means eternal, forever! It also means to “resprout” or “propagate by shoots.”

Read the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy. Even before the children of Israel were delivered into the land, Yahweh prophesied that they would eventually turn to the worship of other elohim, seeking their own way and not His. He declared that He would hide His face from them and would move to destroy them (v. 23-26) and that their day of calamity would come (v. 35-38). But He also promises to restore them in His own given time (v. 43).

His promise was that He would make a New Covenant with the houses of Israel and Judah and would restore them at the end of days. The New Covenant would be administered in the hand of a new Mediator and that Mediator is Yahshua the Messiah, “For there is one Elohim, and one Mediator between Elohim and men, the Anointed Man Yahshua,” 1 Tim. 2:5. “But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the Mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises,” Heb. 8:6. “And for this cause He is the Mediator of the new testament (covenant), that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament (covenant), they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance,” Heb. 9:15.

Take a look at this better covenant again! **The New Covenant provides for the redemption of transgressions committed under the Old Covenant.** It is a much better covenant because it is not only based upon better promises (Yahweh's Word alone), but it is eternal. The first covenant was based upon the Word of Yahweh, but it was also based upon the word of man which made it conditional. The first covenant was mediated by Moses who was unfaithful in only one point, but that one point was a contributing factor to its decline. The New Covenant is based upon the faithful and beloved Son of Elohim, Yahshua the Messiah. He lives forevermore and His covenant continues forevermore!

This New Covenant is exactly what it says it is, **NEW!** It is not a **RENEWED** covenant as some like to proclaim, because a renewal would cause us to be put right back under the terms and conditions of that first covenant. That covenant was mediated by Moses, but this covenant is mediated by Yahshua. That covenant had the seeds of destruction contained therein, the New Covenant does not!

MT. SINAI (OLD COVENANT)

The children of Israel were brought to Mt. Horeb in the Sinai wilderness in order to make their covenant with Yahweh, "In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount," Ex. 19:1-2.

"Horeb" is #2722 in the Hebrew Lexicon of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as; **from 2717**; desolate. #2717 is the root word from whence Horeb is derived and it is defined as; to parch (through drought) i.e. (by analogy,) to desolate, destroy, kill.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye

not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born **after the flesh**; but he of the freewoman was **by promise**. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar," Gal. 4:21-24.

What is this bondage? It is bondage to their own word, their own promises. They promised three times that they would obey and do all of Yahweh's word. They trusted in their own ability to fulfill the law and they failed miserably. They went about to establish their own righteousness. Paul writes, "What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; as it

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is written, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to Yahweh for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of Elohim, but not according to knowledge. **For they being ignorant of Yahweh's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of**

Yahweh. For the Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth," Ro. 9:30-33; 10:1-4.

Don't we still see a people today who declare themselves to be the covenant people, yet they have stumbled at the stumblingstone and are in denial of the Messiah Yahshua? I am speaking specifically of those who embrace Judaism, especially the Orthodox. But there are also many in the assemblies named after Yahweh who become blinded to Yahshua and have turned to establish their own righteousness. Isaiah warns, "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," 64:6.

MT. ZION (NEW COVENANT)

If you and I had been with Israel in the wilderness, we would have made that same covenant with Yahweh for it was the only covenant available at the time. But those things were only types and examples of the New and better covenant and promise that was yet to come. But the promise of the New and better Covenant has now come and is offered to us through the faithful Mediator Yahshua the Messiah.

The book of Hebrews says, "For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, and if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: and so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, 'I exceedingly fear and quake:')

But ye are come unto mount Zion..." Heb. 12:18-22.

Peter writes, "Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I

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THE HEBREW ALPHABET

THE Dalet

The dalet is the fourth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It is equivalent to the English letter D. It looks like this (ד/ד/ד) in the more ancient Pictorial Hebrew, Paleo Hebrew, and Modern Hebrew respectively. In its position as the fourth letter, it also serves as the number four. This is important to explore.

By Jerry Healan

The previous letter that we focused on was the *gimel*, which serves as the number three. In the second verse of Genesis the earth was revealed to have become in a state of chaos, destruction, darkness, etc. Elohim began a series of six days of re-fashioning and remolding the earth for habitation. On the first day light was commanded to come forth. On the second day, Elohim created the firmament by dividing the waters, and on the third day the earth was brought forth from the waters so that plant life could appear.

Plants, as we know, are so important to the earth's ecosystem. They breathe in carbon dioxide and emit oxygen, for one thing. They are important for food. This life form of plants on the third reveal something else very interesting. They are rooted in the earth and have no freedom to move about. This is typical of man's introduction into the world. We are essentially bound to the earth. Though many dream of traveling to and colonizing other heavenly bodies, there is no freedom to do so.

It is interesting that we live in a three dimensional world, which does give us width, length, and height. However, there were still certain restrictions on the earth for Yahweh had to go through another series of three days of creation in order to bring forth the land animals and man.

On the fourth day, Yahweh put the sun, moon, and stars above the earth. This, in essence, established another dimension beyond the earth's three dimensional world. On the first day of creation Yahweh brought forth light. That light was a powerful primordial light that existed by the power of the word of Yahweh to give light on the earth. On the fourth day, He established the heavens above the earth, that is, brought them into focus by bringing forth the two great lights (the sun and moon) that were to rule the day and night (the stars also). On the second day of restoration/creation, He divided between the waters creating a firmament or heaven.

On the fifth day he created the creatures that would fly through the heaven, and those that would live in the waters below. On the third day, He brought forth the earth and plant life, while on the sixth day He brought forth the land animals, and man.

This freedom of movement is a type of a future life wherein man will no longer necessarily be bound to the earth.

The fourth day reveals Yahweh going beyond earth's atmosphere in order to establish a dimension, a heaven that governs the earth when it comes to establishing a calendar, that is, the day, the month, a year, etc. Of course, the sun's light and the gravitational pull of both the sun and moon serve the most important purposes also. Four is $3 + 1$. The fourth through sixth days were another cycle of three

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days in creating a more elaborate form of light, and life forms that weren't rooted into the earth like plants, but rather had freedom of movement. The second cycle of three days of creation were followed by another day established for spiritual, and heavenly growth, and rest, that is $6 + 1$, or the seventh day Sabbath.

With three lines, we can form a triangle, but we must have four to form a square, or rectangle. There are four major compass points, north, south, east, and west. According to the sages, the physical creation is composed of four main elements, earth (which is nourished by nitrogen), water (whose major component is hydrogen), air (mainly oxygen), and fire (active combustion producing carbon). The atomic number for nitrogen is 7, hydrogen is 1, oxygen is 8, and carbon is 6. When

added together ($7 + 1 + 8 + 6$), the result is 22, which corresponds to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

Nature is revealed in man, animal, vegetable, and inanimate. There are four major forces known to modern physics, gravity, electromagnetism, and the strong, and weak nuclear force.

THE DOOR

The name of the fourth letter, *dalet*, is that of a door. That is also what it pictures. In the name Adam (אָדָם), we have the *aleph* (א/א/א), *dalet* (ד/ד/ד), and *mem* (מ/מ/מ). The *aleph*, of course is the picture of the head of an ox, which indicates that which is the head, first, foremost, chief, number one, strength, etc. The *dalet* is the picture of a door, while the *mem* is the picture of water. Yahshua likened water to spirit (Jn. 7:37-39). Spirit (*ruach* in Hebrew) is also likened to breath.

There are two major Adams presented by the Scriptures. The first Adam was/is utilized as a door (*dalet*) to bring us into this world. The second Adam, Yahshua, is our door (*dalet*) to enter the world to come. (1 Cor. 15:45-49)

Yahshua proclaimed with authority that He is the door, "Then said Yahshua unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door of the sheep.** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. **I am the door:** by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture," Jn. 10:7-9.

There is no other way to the Father, nor to the life in the world to come. The tabernacle in the wilderness had only one opening (door/gate) through which one could enter into the courtyard to present his gift, his sacrifice to Yahweh on the altar. There was only one door (opening) into the sanctuary, and only one door (opening) to the holy of holies (*qodesh ha qodeshim*).

Each one of these openings consisted of a hanging/curtain of fine twined linen that was dyed blue, and purple, and scarlet (see Ex. 26:31-37; 27:16).

The blue is the color of heaven and typified Yahshua as Elohim, and the son of Elohim. (Mt. 14:33; 27:53; Mk. 1:1, etc.) The scarlet is the color of the earth, especially man's flesh and blood. It typified Yahshua as the son of man. (Mt. 9:6; 11:19, etc.) The purple typified Him as the mediator between Elohim and man. (1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24) (Note: when blue and scarlet are mixed together, the result is purple.) Thus, Yahshua is the only one Who has existed as both Elohim and man and is able to mediate between the two, as well as mediate the New Covenant.

The fine twined linen was white typifying Him as being righteous, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Yahshua the Messiah the righteous," 1 Jn. 2:1.

He is our righteousness, "Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, Yahweh OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS," Jer. 23:5-6.

"Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, Yahweh our righteousness," Jer. 33:14-16.

The Apostle Paul writes, "But of him are ye in the Messiah Yahshua, who of Yahweh is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in Yahweh," 1 Cor. 1:30-31.

The book of Revelation reveals, "And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our Yahweh, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunder-

ings, saying, Alleluia: for Yahweh Elohim omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for **the fine linen is the righteousness of saints**. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of Yahweh," Rev. 19:5-9.

THE PILLARS

The entrance (door) to the courtyard was supported by four pillars. Men can be pillars. Paul wrote that James Cephas and John seemed to be pillars (Gal. 2:9). Yahshua said, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohim, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my Elohim, and the name of the city of my Elohim, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim: and I will write upon him my new name," Rev. 3:12.

The gate to the courtyard was supported by four pillars, which was the beginning (Genesis) of one's trek toward the holiest place of Yahweh. Of course, only one man was allowed to go all the way in only

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once a year on the day of Atonement while that tabernacle and the following temple stood. But the four pillars of Genesis would be Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel, and Joseph.

Why Joseph? Joseph was utilized as a tool to save the then known world from the dirge that was coming upon the earth. Pharaoh of Egypt named him "Zaphnath-paaneah" which means "revealer of secrets" or "savior of the land (or age).

The word of Yahweh (Dabar-Yahweh) made his covenant with Abram/Abraham by the power of His own word, unlike the covenant that He made with Israel under Moses, which was based upon two promises, that of Yahweh's Who is always faithful to His word, and that of Israel, sons of Adam, who were never truly faithful to their word. But the covenant made with Abraham passed on to Isaac, and Jacob, who became Israel, and Jacob

passed it on down to the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh.

The door to the sanctuary was suspended on five pillars which would correspond with the first five books of Scripture, the Torah. One pillar for each book.

But the number four is a square of 2 (2²). Two or three witnesses were required to establish a thing (Dt. 19:15). The veil of the holy of holies was suspended on four pillars. The veil was revealed to be a type of Yahshua's flesh in the book of Hebrews, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Yahshua, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is to say, his flesh**: And having an high priest over the house of Yahweh; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water," Heb. 10:19-22.

These four pillars would be represented by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John who were witnesses of Yahshua in the flesh and wrote their evangels accordingly. These are the 2² (2 x 2) witnesses, which are more than the requirements established by Yahweh.

THE POOR MAN

The first two letters of the word *dalet* (Heb. = דַּלֵּת) are the *dalet* (ד), and lamed (ל) which, together, form the word *dahl* (דַּל). The definition of the word *dahl* is weak or thin, and has also been variously translated as "poor man." It is extended into another word *dalah* (דַּלַּל), which, among other things, has to do with being impoverished.

If a *waw* (ו) is placed in the word *dalet*, e.g. דַּלוּת, the resulting word *daluwt* has to do with poverty or leanness.

If we go back to the beginning of the alphabet and progress forward (ד ג ב א ←) we have the *aleph* (א) which represents Yahweh, the *beit* (ב) His house, and the *gimel* (ג), which is coming out of the house and approaching, or standing before the *dalet*/door (ד).

The rabbis teach that the *gimel* with its leg and foot extended toward the *dalet* (door) expresses the running of the rich man to bestow goods upon the poor man.

Since we are looking at the letters as they apply to Yahshua, Who is the *aleph* and

tau (the complete Hebrew alphabet), the situation teaches this author what is written in the book of Philippians, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," Phil. 2:4-8.

Yahshua had all of the powers, glory, esteem, honor, riches, etc. of Elohim, but emptied Himself of all that to become a man and impoverished Himself for you and me. At the end of His life He had nothing but His life, His breath, the Spirit of Yahweh. He hung on the cross (tau = † = Pictorial Hebrew depiction of the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet), beaten, mangled, humiliated, naked, and suffering because of our sins, not His, for He had no sin. He had to pour out His life, His breath, the Holy Spirit, and Blood! He even had to be forsaken by the Heavenly Father.

The door of eternal life was shut to us. We were living in abject spiritual poverty. He became the door through which we can enter into an incorruptible, and immortal existence. As a camel (*gimel*) bears burdens, He bears our burdens as He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light," Mt. 11:28-30.

The Apostle Paul reveals, "For ye know the grace of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich," 2 Cor. 8:9.

Yahshua was rich, powerful, glorious, but He impoverished Himself, so that He might bestow upon the poor, the impoverished, the most wondrous riches!

THE CLOSED DOOR

The great problem is that the great overall preponderance of the people of this world have closed their door of understanding to the truths about Yahshua. Even those who proclaim to be His own people have

closed that door. It is revealed in the book of Revelation, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me," Rev. 3:20.

What has caused them to shut the door of understanding to Yahshua? "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; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked," Rev. 3:14-17.

Let's explore here so that we can understand a little better, or maybe a lot better. The word Laodiceans should provide a vital key to aid us in understanding. This word is a combination of two Greek words; *laos*, and *dike*. *Laos* is defined as "people." *Dike* is defined as; right (as self-evident), i.e. justice (the principle, a decision, or its execution).

Are you beginning to understand what this means? Laodicea is another way to

The door of eternal life was shut to us.

say "DEMOCRACY," or "RULE OF THE PEOPLE!" Democracy is defined as; 1. A system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives. 2. A state governed in such a way. 3. government by the people; *especially*: rule of the majority. 4. a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections. (*online definitions*)

Furthermore, the Greek word Laodicea is variously translated as; judgment, punish, vengeance (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*). Thus, those who take the power of government, the power to rule, bring upon themselves judgment, punishment, vengeance.

America's republican/democratic form of government may have helped to cause the people to become powerfully enriched

with wealth, goods, etc. to the point that they have much physically, but are extremely impoverished spiritually. Also, democracy has become a worldwide phenomenon. This is the final nail in the coffin of this present evil age.

Notice that Yahshua stands at the door and knocks. But in John 10 He proclaims that He is the door. This can only mean that this country and age (world) has closed the door of truth to their eyes, ears, minds, and hearts. They have chosen another door, a false messiah, which has shut the door to the true Messiah, the true witness. Therefore, He has to stand at the closed door and knock

JUDAH

During the day of Moses, and the days of the tabernacle in the wilderness, the tribe of Judah was the major tribe in the east, which was before the only door, the only entrance to the tabernacle. The name Judah is quite revealing. It is יהודה in modern Hebrew, while it is יהודה in Pictorial Hebrew. Notice that the name contains a *dalet*. Judah's mother Leah named him such because when she brought forth her **fourth** son she said, "Now will I praise Yahweh," Gen. 29:35.

"Praise" is translated from the Hebrew word *yada* (יָדָה/יָדָה). She, in effect, combined the Hebrew word for praise (יָדָה/יָדָה) with the name Yahweh (יְהוָה/יְהוָה) forming the name Judah/Yudah.

Therefore, Judah/Yudah (יְהוָה/יְהוָה) has to do with the door to Yahweh. Yahshua had to be born of Judah because he is the lion of the tribe of Judah, the door to Yahweh's heavenly tabernacle. It is through Yahshua that we are able to truly praise Yahweh. Yahweh inhabits the praise of His people Israel (Psa. 22:3).

THE WORD

It was the Word of Yahweh by which all things were created, "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.

The Apostle John agrees for he writes, "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. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.... He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.... 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. 1:1-4, 10, 14.

John further witnesses, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of **the Word of life**; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that **eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us**;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Yahshua the Messiah," 1 Jn. 1:1-3.

The book of Hebrews agrees, "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**," Heb. 1:1-2.

The Hebrew word for "word" is *dabar* (דָּבָר/דַּבַּר). Notice that the word begins with the *dalet* (ד/ד) followed by the *beit* (ב/ב) and then the *resh* (ר/ר). The *dalet*, as we already know, is the picture of a door. The *beit* is a picture of a house, tent, temple, family, etc. The *resh* is the picture of the head of a man. This tells us that Yahshua, being the word (*dabar*) is the door of the house's, tent's, temple's, family's head.

Yahshua is the word of Yahweh (יהוה-דָּבָר)! The word *dabar* can also be looked at in another light. The *beit* (ב/ב) and *resh* (ר/ר) together make up the Hebrew word *bar* (בָּר/בַּר), which is another word for son. Thus, this declares that Yahshua is the son (*bar*) who is the door.

THE WAY OR PATH

Yahshua proclaimed that He is the way, "Yahshua saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," Jn. 14:6.

Doesn't this fit in with what we have just discussed concerning Yahshua being the Word?

The Hebrew word for "way" is *derek* (דֶּרֶךְ/דַּרְכָּה). Once again we have the *dalet* (door), and *resh* (head). The third letter is the *kaf* (כ/כ), which is the picture of an open hand, or the sole of a foot. *Derek* is defined as; a road (as trodden); figuratively, a course of life or mode of action. Therefore, the way (*derek*) is the door (*dalet*) through which the head (*resh*) leads the foot/feet (*kaf*).

We must understand that we are all the sons of Adam who took of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Being the sons/children of Adam, we naturally follow in his way which is the way of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, "And Yahweh Elohim said, Behold, the man is become as one from it (the tree), to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever," Gen. 3:22.

Man (Adam) was originally made in the image and likeness of Elohim (Gen. 1:26-28). The serpent deceived the woman into thinking that she needed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to become like Elohim (Gen. 3:1-5). You are what you eat. She took of the tree of the knowl-

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edge of good and evil and ate and gave it to her husband and he ate. Suddenly their lives were changed forever and they then knew that they had sinned and needed a covering for that sin so they covered themselves with fig leaves.

The Apostle Paul reveals that all men have inherited the way of sin from the first man Adam (Ro. 5:12-21). Furthermore, Yahweh introduced the law (Torah) in order to cause the offences to abound even more, but it is the grace through Yahshua that will lead us in the true path, the true way to life (vv. 20-21 again).

"Therefore Yahweh Elohim sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life**," Gen.

3:23-24.

No man has the power to walk in the way of the tree of life unless, or until he follows Yahshua the Messiah!

Yahweh led the children of Israel in a pillar of a cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night in order to keep them in the way (Ex. 13:21). But during Moses' absence they quickly turned aside out of the way, made a molten calf declaring it to be the Elohim that delivered them out of Egypt (Ex. 32:8). Israel's history has always been that of turning aside out of the way.

It is reported twice in the book of Proverbs, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death," Prov. 14:12; 16:25.

The Psalmist cried out, "Teach me thy way, O Yahweh; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name," Psa. 86:11.

We must go to Yahweh, asking Him to teach us, lead us, guide us, feed us. It is Yahshua who set the example for us, "For even hereunto were ye called: because the Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls," 1 Pet. 2:21-24.

Yahshua is the DOOR, the DALET. Yahshua is the WORD, the DABAR. Yahshua is the WAY, the DEREK. Keep your eyes focused on Him, for He is also the TRUTH, the LIFE, the RIGHTEOUSNESS. He is the One Who Israel was following in the wilderness, "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was the Messiah," 1 Cor. 10:1-4.

Our baptism is greater, for Moses wasn't able to deliver them into the promised

land. He brought them to the edge, but one named Yahshua Ben Nun, a type of Yahshua the Messiah was the one whose hand delivered them over the Jordan. The spiritual food they ate was only a type of Yahshua, our Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7). They ate the manna, a type of Yahshua

the true bread from heaven (Jn. 6:28-56). They drank water of the rock, but through Yahshua the true drink, the true water, the Holy Spirit is given.

Do not be a Laodicean! Do not shut the door to Yahshua! He is the DOOR, the

DALET. We must be seeking, asking, knocking on His door, keeping our heads focused on Him so that our walk, our path, our way (derek) will be after His footsteps.

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water. ¹²Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; ¹³When 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 the sword of a mighty man. ¹⁴And Yahweh shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and Adonai Yahweh shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁵Yahweh of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar. ¹⁶And Yah-

weh their Elohim shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. ¹⁷For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids," Zech. 9:9-17.

Do you see that!? Do you understand that this event will take place when Yahshua returns on the day of Trumpets? Who does He identify as the enemy, the adversary, the Tsar? Isn't it Greece? Babylon was transferred from Babylon to Medo-Persia, to Greco-Macedonia, to Rome, to Constantinople, to Moscow, Russia. The eastern half of the Roman Empire was Greek, not Latin. The adversary, the Tsar ruled over the

eastern half of the empire.

The Tsar Constantine has caused all people to descend into a pit or mire (*yaven/Yavan*). If you are following the edicts of Constantine and his successors, then you are sunken deeply into the miry pit! The adversary's (Tsar's) edicts go directly against the edicts, commandments of Yahweh. You must either pay heed to the adversary (Tsar) and suffer the consequences, or Yahweh and be delivered from the miry (*yaven/Yavan*) pit.

Today, Yahweh decrees, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. ⁵For her sins have reached unto heaven, and Yahweh hath remembered her iniquity

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lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.' Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the Stone Which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed," 1 Pet. 2:6-7.

Scripture reveals that Israel and Judah were disobedient and had to be destroyed and cast out of the land of promise. Many of their descendants in today's world seek to uphold and obey the Torah, but if they are in denial of the Stone Yahweh has laid in Zion, their attempt at obedience is futile. Peter cried out to those of his day, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the

Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call," Acts 2:38-39. Peter's words are written also for all in our world today.

Under the covenant made at Mt. Sinai (Horeb), the people were only allowed to approach the gate of the courtyard of the tabernacle and the later temple with their sacrifices which were to be offered on the altar. Only the Levites were allowed to enter the sanctuary and only one man was allowed to enter into the holiest place of all and that only once a year on the day of Atonement.

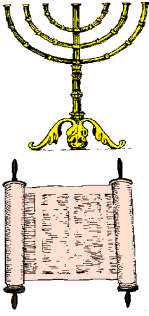
Under the New Covenant, which is Zion, we are encouraged to boldly come before the throne of grace, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need," Heb. 4:16.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood

of Yahshua, by a new and living way which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; And having a High Priest over the house of Yahweh; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful That promised)," Heb. 10:19-23.

Which mount is better, Mt. Sinai or Mt. Zion? The people feared to approach Mt. Sinai. Even Moses quaked and feared exceedingly. Mt. Sinai engendered bondage. Mt. Zion engenders faith, confidence, boldness, mercy, freedom, etc., etc. Mt. Sinai allowed only one man to enter into the very presence of Yahweh, but Mt. Zion allows us all to boldly approach His throne of grace through Yahshua the Messiah.

Is there not a change here? Hasn't there been a change from Mt. Sinai to Mt. Zion?



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