



Yahshua's Witness Magazine

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

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OUR COVER: This is a winter wilderness scene for our winter edition of the magazine. Yahweh's creation is so beautiful and scenic. I know that snow eventually gets very messy, but the beauty and serenity that it presents when it is falling and also right after a fresh snowfall is awesome. Sound generally gets muffled so that there is a peaceful atmosphere, and white also represents righteousness. So a good snowfall momentarily gives us a sense of peace and righteousness, two of the most important things we will experience in Yahweh's kingdom of heaven. Hallelu Yah!!!!!

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FROM THE EDITOR

ANOTHER VITAL LESSON FROM CHLOE

Michelle, our oldest daughter and Chloe's mother, has developed a pretty large following and a good number of friends because of her postings on Facebook about Chloe during her affliction. She continues to post so many of the things that happened as well as her own emotions and feelings that she and much of the rest of the family has been going through. Many people have been touched and many vital lessons learned and are still being learned. The following was sent from a friend about a vital lesson she was shown:

I was in the Walmart earlier and there was a lady and 2 kids behind me in the LONG line. One was a big kid, one was a toddler. The bigger one had a pack of Glow Sticks and the baby was screaming for them so the mom opened the pack and gave him one, which stopped his tears. He walked around with it smiling, but then the bigger boy took it and the baby started screaming again. Just as the mom was about to fuss at the bigger kid, he bent the glowstick and handed it back to the baby.

As we walked outside at the same time, the baby noticed that stick was now glowing and his brother said "I had to break it so you could get the full effect from it." I almost ran because I could hear Yahweh saying to me, "I had to break you to show you why I created you. You had to go through it so you could fulfill your purpose." That little baby was happy just swinging that "unbroken" Glowstick around in the air because he didn't understand what it was created to do which was "glow". There are some people who will be content just "being" but some of those of us that Yahweh has chosen, have to be "broken".

We go through things because, in those moments of desperation, Yahweh is breaking us, but when the breaking is done, then we will be able to see the reason for which we were created.

Chloe was a 'glow stick' to a lot of us. She was her brightest during her cancer. She had to be 'broken' for her to shine her brightest. If she hadn't had the cancer and her story was not put out there by you for all to read, her light and torch for Yahweh wouldn't have been as bright and shone so strong to so many of us. Don't ever forget that your sweet baby is missed by so many, touched so many, and 'glowed' for so many in a time when our world is at its darkest. When I read this, I thought of Chloe. You know we love you! (end)

For me, the point of this story is that Chloe loved her Creator more than life itself, and her life and death reflected that love. Yes, Chloe didn't want to die. Yes, Chloe trusted in Yahweh to heal her. Yes, Chloe desired that healing to take place every day of her affliction. But no matter. Her desire, her will was set to say, "Thy will be done." This is revealed not only by Yahshua's desire to do the Father's will whether He lived or died, but is also reflected by Job who declared, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him," Job 13:15 (first part).

Chloe understood that whether she was healed or not in this life, she would be raised up in the resurrection and be completely healed at that time.

This causes me to think back to Chloe's great, great grandmother who had such a love for her Creator. Even though she may not have known His perfect ways, she loved Him to her death. Yes, she was a Sunday church goer, but she was never taught the truth about the names, the Sabbath, the Holy Days, never-the-less, she was very fervent and avid in what she did believe and lived in accordance with what she understood about her Scriptural requirements.

She was a very poor widow woman but zealously supported the faith in which she was raised and taught. I have many of her letters that she wrote to my mother and they were all about things that were happening, had happened, and were going to happen in the church. You can read her letters and just feel the zeal and excitement she had. She wrote of numerous healings that took place in those meetings. When she was struck with pneumonia at the early age of 49 years, she put her trust in her Creator to heal rather than go to the doctors. She died trusting in her Creator to heal her in this life, or in the life to come.

We all can learn a great deal from the example of these two lives who certainly may not have been perfect, but still lived exemplary lives in the faith that they had. Let's be reminded of the time that is soon to be upon us which the Scriptures witness, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death," Rev. 12:11.

We have had two females in my family who set excellent examples of faith. My grandmother came down with pneumonia at the age of 49 (7 x 7) and died at 50 (the number for freedom, liberty, jubilee). The second, Chloe was thirteen, which equals to the numerical value of the Hebrew word for "love" (ahavah), and also the Hebrew word of "one" (echad)!

Neither one had a tremendous in-depth knowledge, but both were fervent and faithful in what they were given. Remember Yahshua said, "⁴⁷And that servant, which knew his master's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. ⁴⁸But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For **unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required**: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more," Lk. 12:47-48.

People like those of us who have been given much more understanding have much greater requirements on ourselves than those who had much less understanding, but were fervent, zealous, and excellent examples for what little they did have.

Therefore, I rejoice that I have had such tremendous examples in a grandmother, and a granddaughter, and I praise Yahweh for their example, and that any punishment they might receive will be far less than what might be meted out to myself. Let us all pray that we are faithful and zealous after their examples so we might also rejoice with them and hopefully suffer the lesser punishment (few stripes). Be blessed in Yahshua.

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YAHWEH'S LAW APPLIES TODAY

When people begin to love their Creator, they want to know what will please Him. The teaching of most Christian churches is that "God wants only your faith and adoration." How tragic it is that they ignore the many scriptures that tell us the truth! Our Father Yahweh has given a detailed set of instructions to His children. These instructions are called the Law of Yahweh or in Hebrew the Torah. Not only does it please Him when we follow this law, but Yahshua the Messiah explained that we cannot gain eternal life if we reject it (Matthew 19:17). This article will explain the most popular scriptures that are erroneously used to support the no-law doctrine. With a little research and common sense we can sort out all the problems.

By Elder Dave Ganton

A cursory reading of many scriptures seems to imply that the law was done away. Do these scriptures all add up to the ultimate conclusion that the law is truly cancelled? Could this vast majority of religions be mistaken? Could the numerous scholars who have studied this subiect and arrived at this conclusion be in error? Isn't it probable that the majority is right and the minority is wrong? Let's turn to Revelation 12:9 to find the answer to this question: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him," According to this scripture, the whole world has been deceived by Satan. This is the majority. Could this include the scholars and highly trained teachers?

TRUTH HIDDEN FROM THE WISE

The answer to this question is also in Yahweh's word. Matt.11:25 Yahshua says the deeper truths of Yahweh's word have been hidden from the wise and scholarly and have been revealed to babes. The word babe in Greek is nepios meaning unlearned, simple thinking people. Yahweh said that He would confound the scholarly and those who propose to be great. He tells us that the majority (including the scholarly) are deceived; they are mistaken. "But Elohim hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and Elohim hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," 1 Corinthians 1:27.

Keep this in mind during this study, you don't need to be a scholar or highly learned to understand the deep things of Yahweh. His truth has always been believed by the simple minority, which has been right, while the majority was wrong. To cite a few examples: Noah, who Yahweh said was righteous, Gen.7:1, was the minority but he and his family were right and the rest of the world was wrong and were destroyed on account of it. Lot was the only righteous one in two whole cities. Remember Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Eliyah, Elisha, the prophets and many, many others who were the minority in their time.

Let us not neglect to mention Yahshua, Who was the only right one in the whole world. His apostles who He taught were the minority. Yes, the majority can be mistaken. They can be deceived. With this in

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mind let us begin by understanding how the unlearned, simple thinking person can understand while the wise and scholarly cannot.

1 Cor. 2:1-16 answers the question to its fullest. The deep things of Yahweh are spiritually discerned. They don't come by the wisdom of man but are given us through the Spirit of Yahweh. The Holy Spirit

will lead us into all the truth if we are receptive, **John 16:13**. Through the Holy Spirit we have access to the mind of the Messiah and His Father. **1 Cor. 2:16**

Let us now allow Yahweh's Spirit to work in us as we begin to study deeper into the subject of the Law. It is commonly referred to as the law of Moses. This implies that the law originated with Moses. Let's clarify just where the law came from: "And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that Yahweh's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath Yahweh brought thee out of Egypt," Exodus 13:9. "Then said Yahweh unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no," Exodus 16:4.

THE LAW IN GENESIS

These and many other scriptures confirm that it is Yahweh's law. It originated and came from Him. No one will argue that point as it is self-evident. The setting of this groundwork is to show that these same laws that were given at the time of Moses were in force and known to the patriarchs and others even in pre-flood times and did not originate at the time of Moses. A careful study of the book of Genesis will reveal this truth.

A few of the more prominent scriptures on this topic start with Cain and Abel in Genesis, chapter four. Two things of note occur in this chapter. First, Cain and Abel both brought offerings to present to Yahweh. Abel's was accepted while Cain's was rejected. Cain was crestfallen over his rejection. He was an-

gry. Yahweh asked him why he was angry, then declared Cain would be accepted if he did right. If he did not do right, sin was crouching at the door.

1 John 3:4 states, sin is the transgression of the law. Yahweh told Cain he did wrong. If he did wrong, there of necessity had to be a law defining what was right in that situation. The presence of sin necessitates a law must have been broken, else it would not be a transgression. If Cain had not transgressed a law concerning offerings and what was acceptable, his offering would have been accepted. Yahweh expected him to know what was right and what was wrong. Knowing this, his offering was rejected.

Following this, Cain was furious. He tricked Abel into travelling into the wilderness where he killed him and buried his body. Cain knew this was wrong and he was punished because he knowingly killed his brother. For there to be a penalty there had to be a transgression or breaking of the law. Paul said that where there is no law there is no transgression. It follows that if there is no law there can be no sin and no penalty, Rom.4:15. Did Cain know of a commandment that said, thou shalt not kill? It is obvious that he did.

Let's go forward to another prominent case before the time of Moses where it is evident that the Ten Commandments were known to Joseph, Gen. 39:6-10. Joseph, after being sold as a slave into Egypt found favour with Potiphar, a captain of Pharaohs guard and was given charge over all Potiphar's possessions. Potiphar's wife desired to lay with Joseph, but he resisted her advances, saying he could not do such a terrible thing and sin against Elohim, verse 9.

How did Joseph know it would be a **sin** to lay with her? He was very familiar with the Commandment, thou shalt not commit adultery evidently taught by his forefathers. It was said of Abraham by Yahweh **Gen.26:5**, Abraham obeyed my voice and kept **my** charge, **my** commandments, **my** statutes and my laws. It was not just the Ten Commandments that were known to the pre-flood followers of Yahweh. Noah knew about clean and unclean foods, Gen.7:1-5. Tithing was also known and practised long before Moses, Gen.14:20; 28:22.

LAW ADDED DUE TO TRANS-GRESSIONS

There are many more scriptures to verify that the law as given by the Ten Commandments was known and obeyed before it was given to Moses at Mt.Sinai. But these will suffice for the purpose of this study. To come to a correct understanding as to whether the law has been done away, we first need to know what the law is and what it does and how Yahweh uses it. Let's go backward in time to Paul's day and examine a scripture that most think says that the law was given as a punishment for sin committed by the Israelites. This question arises from time to time on the meaning of Gal.3:19: Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions

Is it really correct to say the law was added as punishment? Yahweh gave Moses the law to give to the

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Israelites. Can you think of a good reason why a written code of laws was necessary at that time? Let's go back to the very beginning of mankind to find the answer. Yahweh instructed Adam fully when he was created. Paul said sin entered the world through Adam, Rom. 5:12 (more on this scripture later.) Since sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4) then Adam was fully instructed in the law of Yahweh. This law was handed down from father to son for many generations (as yet not a written code of ethics). Circumstances led Jacob (Israel) and his family to take up residence in Egypt.

Because of Joseph they found favour in the eyes of the Pharaoh. In due time a new Pharaoh came to power who did not know Joseph and was not disposed to be kind to the Israelites. They were forced into slavery where they remained for 430 years; they were not allowed to keep Sabbath, make offerings etc., to their Elohim. They gradually lost sight of who and what they were. They forgot Yahweh's laws, statutes, and commands, which their forefather Abraham had kept and handed down to his sons. Moses questioned who it was He was talking to at the burning bush, Exodus 3:16. The Israelites would demand proof of whom Moses was speaking for they had lost contact with and had little memory of the Elohim of their fathers, being residents of pagan Egypt over 400 years.

They were ecstatic to leave Egypt and finally be free. However, the joy soon turned to complaining as they encountered numerous problems and did not know the power and lovalty of Yahweh. This attitude continued throughout the journey to Mount Sinai. When Moses went up to Sinai to receive Yahweh's instructions for the Israelites, he was gone forty days. They were so accustomed to the false deities of Egypt that they told Aaron to make them a deity, something they could see, something they could look at. Aaron complied, Ex. 32:1-6.

Take special note of this: they did not realise they were sinning. This was the deity which brought them out of Egypt as far as they were concerned, verse 4. They were following the practices of Egypt where they had been for 430 years. That is why they were given the law, to identify sin for them, Gal. 3:19, not for punishment as some think, but to identify sin for the Israelites. The law was now written in stone to identify clearly what Yahweh's principles are. The law was etched in stone for Israel because of their sins, their transgressions.

This has not changed. The law still identifies sin, **Rom.3:20**, last part. Paul says, through the law comes the knowledge of sin. He says, also, (**Rom.7:12**) he didn't know he was coveting **until** the law identified it for him. He sees the law as a

Holy thing and the Commandment is Holy, just and good, **verse 12**. He agreed totally with Moses on this subject, **Deut. 4:5-8.** He saw the law as bringing wisdom to the Israelites. He saw the righteous concepts that the law teaches, **verse 8**.

Remember, the Israelites had been without law and any moral principles for hundreds of years while in Egypt. Yahweh could not in good conscience hold them responsible for their actions in this situation. Paul understood the concept, where there is no law there is no transgression Rom. 4:15. Yet he said in Romans 5:13: sin was in the world before the law was given referring to the written code given to Moses at Mount Sinai. Yahweh in His goodness and fairness could not impute a penalty without first outlining the transgression which He did through publishing and codifying the law.

PURPOSE OF THE LAW

Therein lies the purpose of the law. It instructs. It tells us the difference between right and wrong. The law does not make us righteous. It does not give us salvation. It guides. Let me qualify these statements. The law does not make us righteous. It has no power to do that. It instructs us in righteous behaviour. It does not give us salvation. It is a mirror, rule and guide. It monitors our behaviour. It establishes rules to live by. It instructs us in the righteous behaviour that leads to the salvation process. That is what the law does. It instructs. That is what it did for the Israelites and that is what it does for us. Let us proceed with the law in force and Yahshua not yet in the picture. The law defines sin. Sin is the transgression of the law, 1 John 3:4. The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6:23, first part. Therein lies the curse of the law. Gal. 3:13.

DEATH IS A CURSE

Death is a permanent condition that lasts for all eternity. There is no provision in the law for a resurrection. There is no provision in the law for eternal life. There are just temporal rewards pertaining to this life for obedience and a death sentence for disobedience, deatheternal. If we obey the law it is powerless in regard to us in that we are not under the penalty of death. We empower the law when we disobey. When we sin we give the law power over us, and it can now demand a penalty to be paid. That penalty (wages of sin) is our death, **Rom. 6:23.** This is eternal death from which there is no escape.

Remember, there is no provision in the law for a resurrection. If we have sinned but once, the death penalty stands against us. There is no provision in the law for our forgiveness. From that point on, if we obey the law to perfection the death penalty for that one infraction still stands against us. It must be paid before we are right with Yahweh. It requires us to be dead forever. That is the state we are in with the law and without Yahshua.

Dead for all eternity. What would we gain by paying the penalty for our own sins? We are dead forever and still separated from Yahweh. What would Yahweh gain from this? Nothing. Just billions of eternally dead people whose whole existence was pointless from both positions.

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Question: can the law make us righteous? Answer: no, it can only instruct us and demand a penalty if we fail to heed its instructions. Can you see how pointless it would be for us to pay the penalty for our sins? We would be dead for all eternity with no hope of living again.

Therein lies the curse of the law that Paul speaks about in Gal. 3:13: the death penalty that hangs over everyone. He said in Col. 2:13 that we were dead in our trespasses. Paul fully understood the condition of mankind without Messiah. In Col. 2:14 he talks about a cheirographon or legal bond which stands against us. This scripture has been translated in various ways:

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King James: handwriting of ordinances, New International: having cancelled the written code with its regulations, Revised Standard: having cancelled the bond which stood against us. All these phrases are translated from a single Greek word, cheirographon. It means a legal bond of indebtedness This cheirographon stood against us. This legal bond of indebtedness was the penalty that the law demanded to be paid, the death penalty for our sins. Yahweh held this bond that was against us. We could not pay this debt ourselves. We have already seen the futility in that.

SALVATION IN YAHSHUA

Enter Messiah Yahshua! He became cursed on our behalf Gal. 3:13. He paid the cheirographon or Bond that was against us and set us free from the law's curse. This cheirographon was marked paid and (symbolically) nailed to the tree with Messiah. Col. 2:14. Messiah accomplished what we on our own could not do. We are now justified before Yahweh. Rom. 5:9-10. We are reconciled to the Heavenly Father.

Take special note: This is not a completed salvation process! This is the beginning of the salvation process only! Give attention to the last part of verses 9 and 10. It says that now being justified or reconciled by the death of His Son we shall be saved by His life, 1 Cor. 15:17.

If Messiah has not been raised your faith is futile and you are still in your sins wrote the Apostle Paul. We are reconciled to the Father by the Death of Yahshua but we are saved by His life. Paul understood this and explains how this can be in Gal. 2-20. it is no longer I who live but Messiah lives in me. It is the resurrection and life of Yahshua that will save us. The salvation process began at the torture stake and the Savior continues that process in us throughout our lives. Now that Yahshua has paid the penalty the law demanded which began the salvation process in us, the law is still required to show us what is right in Yahweh's eyes. Those who love Yahweh still want to do His will after they are converted and baptized.

FORGIVENESS FOR BREAK-ING THE LAW

Yahshua saw that the law was an instructor. He saw that it identified sin for us. He saw that it was powerless if we obeyed it. We give it power over us if we disobey its instructions. We give it the power to demand our death. Is this still the case? Can we still come under the curse of the law?

To begin to understand our current relationship with the law let's use an example from our era. When Queen Elizabeth was coronated she granted pardons to many criminals. Some were convicted murderers with life sentences. They did not pay the penalty for their crimes. The Queen forgave them and set them free. They were under her grace.

Did she cancel the law that convicted them? No, she cancelled the penalty. Could the law possibly convict them again? Could they fall from the Queen's grace? Were they now free to do whatever they desired with no further consequences? Could the law no longer touch them? They remain under the Queen's grace as long as they obey the law. If they break the law, they fall from the Queen's grace and can once again be convicted by the law. The law still identifies criminal activities just as it did before the Queen was coronated. She cancelled the *penalty* not the law.

It is no different today with Yahweh's laws. Yahweh granted us pardon through the death of His Son Who paid the penalty in our place. The law remains as it was before. It is still an instructor and identifies sin. We are under Yahweh's grace. We remain in this state as long as we obey the law. Yahweh's plan is superior to the Queen's plan.

Yahweh has inserted a forgiveness clause in the new covenant. He will reapply Yahshua's blood as atonement for our sin if we do transgress the law. 1 John 1:9 also 1 John 2:1-2. If we do sin, transgress the law (1John 3:4), He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins. When sin exists, it needs to be forgiven and the law must also exist to identify it.

LAW DONE AWAY - NO SIN

As was stated in the beginning of this study, the general erroneous teaching of those religions professing Christianity is the law was done away and nailed to the stake. Let's take this concept to its ultimate conclusion. Assume for a moment that this is true, that the law is done away. 1 John 3:4 says sin is the transgression of the law. If, then, there is no law there can be no sin. Then there can be no penalty. Paul said, where there is no law there is no transgression, Rom. 4:15; 5:13.

Where does that leave us in relation to Yahshua and His sacrifice? If there is no law, then sin was cancelled at the stake. Since sin is the transgression of the law and it was cancelled, then every one born after that time has not sinned and has incurred no penalty needing forgiveness because there is no law.

Therefore, Yahshua did not die for your sins or mine as we haven't committed any, as we were born after He died and got rid of the law, and to this day we have not sinned,

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according to the "no law teachers." That is the ultimate conclusion to the law done away concept. In that case we are not under grace because it is not necessary. There can be no other conclusion. How does this concept square with scripture? 1 John 1:8 says, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. John wrote this statement some 50 to 65 years after the death of Yahshua. He also said sin was still in the world, (1 John 1:10) if we say we have not sinned we make Him a liar and the truth is not in

us. So what are we saying by the law done away statement? We are calling Yahshua a liar and the truth is not in us. Read the scripture again. That is what it says!!!

SIN IS STILL WITH US

What about the many scriptures that are quoted that seem to say the law was done away? Most of these scriptures are in the writings of Paul. The first thing we need to know is Paul's attitude toward the law. A good place to start is with Paul's own words in **Acts 24:14**: but this I admit to you, that according to *The Way*, which they call a sect, so I worship the ELOHIM of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the law or written in the prophets.

If you read the preceding chapter you will find that Paul was being accused by the Jews of preaching against the law, Acts 23:29. Isn't that what people say, even today, that Paul teaches against the law? Read again his response to this charge in Acts 24:14. In Acts 25:8. Paul says, neither against the law of the Jews nor against the temple nor against Caesar have I offended at all. Paul was innocent of the charges brought against him at that time and is still innocent of the same charge that is brought against him today by most of the Christian professing world. Paul taught the law is Holy and the Commandments are Holy, just and good. Rom. 7:12.

We have seen previously that Paul recognised that the law identifies sin. Rom. 3:20. Remember, Yahshua had died and was resurrected many years before Paul wrote this. But Paul said the law still identifies sin. It is still doing what it had done since creation, defining what sin is. It still instructs.

Notice especially that Peter warns us to be careful of Paul's writings: "As also in all his [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction," 2 Peter 3:15-16 AV.

YAHSHUA'S WORDS

Let's go now to the person who was supposedly the head of the Jerusalem assembly of believers. He is writing to the twelve tribes in the dispersion. In James 2:8-12, he discusses the royal law, you shall love your neighbour as yourself. That is the second part of the royal law. Let's turn to Matt. 22:35-40 to find the complete royal law. You shall love Yahweh your ELOHIM with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind verse 38. This is the first and great Commandment and the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself verse 40. On these two Commandments hang the law and the prophets. The first four of the Ten Commandments tell us how to love Yahweh and the last six tell us how to love our neighbour.

In James 2:8-12, we read in verse 10: if you break one point of the law you become guilty of it all. He adds that the one who said do not commit adultery also said thou shalt not kill. Can you see how the royal law we are to live by encapsulates each of the Ten Commandments? They are the full embodiment of Yahweh's law. James wrote many years after the death and resurrection of Yahshua. Even so, James is still talking about the law as being binding.

Let's go now to the Head of the assembly, Yahshua, [Eph. 5:23] and see what He has to say about the notion that the law was done away. It should be the only scripture needed to settle the subject. His words are clear and concise. However, in spite of the clarity, a garbled understanding has been wrung from it. That Scripture is Matt. 5:17: "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets, I have come not to abolish but to fulfil them." Through His Son Yahshua we have the Supreme ruler of the universe telling us not to think something.

PERVERTED UNDERSTAND-ING

Yet, in spite of that warning, that is exactly what the Christian thinking is today. Yahshua fulfilled the law so we don't have to! The word fulfil is understood in this way: I have fulfilled my duty so the duty no longer exists. It is understood in the sense of bringing something to an end. This is not the meaning it had in the old English of the 1611 translation of the King James Bible. At that time it meant to make replete or to cram to the fullest. In other words, to fill full. Fill to the brim.

This is an example of the way word meanings change over the centuries. Another example of this is 1 **Thes.** 4:15: for this I say unto you by the word of the Master, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Master shall not prevent them which are asleep. Notice the word PREVENT. In the King James Translation of the Bible it means to precede or go before. The word does not have that meaning in today's English. It means to stop something from happening or to stop someone from doing something. It is the same with the word fulfil.

MAGNIFIED THE LAW

Returning to Matt. 5:17, let us understand exactly what Yahshua said and meant by His statement.

In James 2:8-12, we read in verse 10: if you break one point of the law you become guilty of it all.

We must turn to the Greek language from which the King James was translated. The Greek word for abolish is "kataluo" It means to loosen down, to destroy, demolish. The Greek for fulfil is "pleroo" It means to cram full, to make replete, to level up. Yahshua said He didn't come to kataluo (to destroy) but to pleroo (build up or magnify) the law. He came to expand the law to encompass its fullest spiritual meaning. Isn't that just what He went on to do in verses 18 to 48? He took the law from thou shalt not do, to the spiritual thou shalt not WANT to do. Was it not to show that sin begins in the mind and heart? Yahshua magnified the law and made it honourable. **Isaiah** 42:21. Since Yahshua went on to expand the law to its fullest, should we honestly think that it was done away under the new Covenant? Was He not preparing the way for writing the law in the hearts and minds of His people? Heb. 8:8-10 quoted from Jer. 31:31-34. Something to note here is that the major difference in the old and the new covenant is where and how it is written. The old covenant was written on tables of stone by the finger of Yahweh and presented to Moses in person. The New Covenant is written in the hearts and minds of Yahweh's people by the Holy Spirit. One was a hand-to-hand presentation. The other was a mind-to-mind transfer from Yahweh's mind to ours through the Holy Spirit. Compare Ex. 31:18 and Jer. 31:31-34 and also Heb. 8:8-13 and Heb. 10:16-17.

The Old Covenant was obeyed from compulsion. The new covenant is obeyed from the desire to be close to and to please Yahweh and Yahshua. There are many other scriptures that are used in an attempt to prove that the law was done away. This is done mainly by changing the subject of a statement to something it is not. An example of this mindset is the attempt to do away with the Sabbath by using Rom. 14 and also Col. 2:16-17.

THE SABBATH QUESTION

First, let's examine Rom.14. The attempt is made to make the Sabbath the subject of this chapter when it is not. The subject of this chapter is judgment of those who are new to or weaker in the faith. The subject is set forth in verse 4. Those who were stronger in the faith and understood the deeper meanings of Yahweh's word were passing judgment by their actions and words on their fellow brethren. Some felt that it was okay to eat meat while those weaker in knowledge felt that they should eat only vegetables. Why would they think this? Why was it not right to eat meat?

To find the answer we must understand the pagan culture surrounding them. There were false gods by the hundreds. Every animal that was killed for food was routinely sacrificed to one of these false gods. The meat was then often sold in the meat markets. Some believed that it was wrong to eat meat that was sacrificed to idols. Those stronger in the faith understood that an idol is really nothing, just a figment of someone's imagination, 1 Cor. 8:4. As Paul said in verse 7 through 10, take care lest this knowledge causes a weaker brother to stumble as referred to in Romans 14.

Suffice it to say that the Sabbath was **not** the subject being discussed by Paul, for it is nowhere mentioned in this entire chapter. This is confirmed by **verses 5 & 6**. He is talking about the observance of a day for fasting, whether to eat or abstain from eating on it. Both were done in honour of Yahshua, so don't pass judgment on one another over such a trivial matter. **Verse 10**.

Turning to Col. 2:1-7 let us first note that it is not the Jews who are judging or condemning the brethren concerning the matters of food and drink, festivals, new moons and Sabbaths. The erroneous belief is that the Jews were telling the followers of Yahshua that they should be observing these things and Paul is telling them that it is not necessary, as they are only a shadow of things to come. Is this really the case? We will see very clearly that this is not the case at all. Col. 2:8 clearly sets the stage in stating, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition. The Sabbath, new moons and festivals are not meant here, for they are not from human tradition but from Yahweh's clear commands. Verse 18 will further prove that the Jews were not the instigators here. "Let no one disqualify you insisting on self abasement and the worship of angels." These are not Jewish beliefs or teachings. You will not find them either in scripture or in Jewish tradition. Verses 20-22 will verify that it is the pagan culture around them that is causing the trouble. Verse 21: "Do not handle. Do not taste. Do not touch. This is alleged to be referring to the clean and unclean foods mentioned in the books of the law, but is in error as **verse 22** will verify. The reference is according to human precepts and doctrines from the **mind** of **man** not Yahweh.

BODY OF MESSIAH TO JUDGE

Let's now begin to understand what Paul is talking about in Col.2:16-17. Who is doing the judging and why? We have already established that it is the pagan culture around the brethren at Colosse who are being judgmental. For what reason? Let's come forward to the same situation that still exists today. Nothing has changed. As **Ecclesias**tes 1:9 wisely states: There is nothing new under the sun. A great many religions of this age wrongfully insist Yahshua is just one of many ways to salvation when scripture specifically says that Yahshua is the only way to salvation. (Acts 4:12) And there is salvation in no one else. for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.) He is only one of many mediators between the Almighty and man. Are you shocked that this would be said?

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There are many saints who supposedly intervene on our behalf with Yahweh. Angels are revered in many religions as having a part to play in our spiritual relationship with Yahweh. Penance and afflicting the body as in the days of Lent are said to enhance our standing with Yahweh. It is said that the Sabbath has been replaced with the Lord's day, Sunday. Yahweh's Holy days have been replaced by days of pagan origin. Has anything changed since Paul wrote to the Colossians?

What is said about those who believe that the law of Yahweh is still to be obeyed, including the Sabbath and Holy Days? Are we judged as doing wrong by those around us? The answer is evident every day.

This letter to the Colossians was written by Paul toward the end of his life some 60 years after the death of Yahshua and His resurrection. It is obvious that the culture around them was not observing the things mentioned in verse 16. Since Paul mentioned these things, it should be just as obvious that the Colossian brethren were observing them. Paul called these things a shadow or preview of things to come. He did not say a shadow of things that have come but a shadow of things yet to come, so he sees them as important. Col. 2:16-17 has been so butchered that it is not even recognisable when compared to the original statement of Paul.

From the literal Greek to English translation, it reads: therefore, Let no one judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of Sabbaths which are a shadow of things coming but the body of Messiah. Paul is simply saying let there be no judge but the body of Messiah. About what? Eating, drinking, new moon celebrations, festivals and Sabbaths. Why are these things important to followers of Yahweh? Because they preview things that are to come in the accomplishment of His plan. Those who study and know their Bible will comprehend the importance of clean food, improper imbibing, special Holy Days and Sabbaths.

PAUL WAS MISUNDERSTOOD

Paul said that all these other things being foisted on the Colossians by the Gnostics and Hellenists had the appearance of piety or holiness but were of no real value since they were from man and not from Yahweh. It is very difficult in a study such as this to expound to the fullest all of the scriptures that have been misrepresented as doing away with the law. It would take a large volume of books to do this. The purpose of this study is to begin to see the law from a positive viewpoint rather than a negative one. If a scripture is misrepresented then the true message is missed and one fails to understand what the Messiah and

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THE GATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS PART III

THE ESTIMATION

The omer of barley had a monetary value assigned to it. We read in Lev. 27:16, "And if a man shall sanctify unto Yahweh some part of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver."

If an homer of barley was valued at 50 shekels of silver, then an ephah of barley, which is one tenth of an homer, would be valued at 5 shekels for 5 is one tenth of 50. Thus, the omer of barley would have been valued as one tenth that of the ephah or .5 shekel (1/2 shekel).

The significance of this is understood from the following Scriptures, "And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto Yahweh, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. This they shall give, everyone that passesth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: is twenty gerahs: an half shekel shall be the offering of Yahweh. Everyone that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto Yahweh. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto Yahweh, to make an atonement for your souls. And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children

of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before Yahweh, to make an atonement for your souls," Ex. 30: 11-16.

The omer of barley carried the estimation of half a shekel which was the equivalent of the atonement money. The omer of barley typified the resurrected Messiah as the firstfruits from the dead. Thus the goat (שער) of atonement represented the atoning death of the Messiah and the omer of barley (שער) represented His ability to be resurrected, ascend into heaven and present Himself alive before Yahweh to be accepted as our atonement.

In this, Romans 5:10 is fulfilled as it says, "For if, when we were enemies, we were rec-

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onciled (atoned) to Yahweh by the death (the sin offering typified by the goat (ששיר) of atonement) of His Son, much more, being reconciled (atoned), we shall be saved by His life (resurrection from the dead typified by the omer of barley [קושׁע]).

Thus, the gate (שער), the goat

(שניר) and the omer of barley (ד) are inextricably linked to each other and the altar of sacrifice. Each one is a powerful witness, in its own right, of the Messiah Yahshua.

THE ONLY ENTRANCE

As stated previously, the entrance (sha'ar) into the compound of the tabernacle was in the East. It was the only entrance to the compound pointing to Yahshua, the only way to salvation. There was also only one entrance into the sanctuary and only one entrance in to the holiest place (holy of holies). Each of these entrances had their own specific name in their representation of Him.

Even though there was a different name or title given to each entrance, their colors remained the same. They were made of blue and purple and scarlet and fine twined linen (Ex. 26:31, 36; 27:16). Each of these colors represented a certain aspect in the Savior's make-up.

For instance, the fine twined linen was white in appearance. The book of Revelation reveals that the fine linen, clean and white was the dress of Yahshua's bride (Rev. 19:8). This fine linen represented the righteousness of the saints (same verse).

The Apostle Paul reveals that we are to be clothed with Yahshua, "But put ye on the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof," Ro. 13:14. "For as many of you as have been baptized into the Messiah have put on the Messiah," Gal. 3.27.

Paul also reveals that Yahshua is our righteousness, "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.

Thus, the bride of the Lamb is clothed with Yahshua the Messiah, Who is her righteousness and is her fine linen, clean and white. The fine linen of the tabernacle typified Yahshua our righteousness.

The entrance to the tabernacle must have been a dazzling array because the whole compound was surrounded by fine twined linen, but the entrance was composed not only of the fine twined linen, but also the blue, purple and scarlet colors. What would these colors be representative of?

The color blue signifies clarity, purity, strength and royalty. The sky or heaven above is blue. Water that is clear, when gathered into a large body will appear blue. When we speak of royalty, we call them a blueblood.

Yahshua came down from heaven (Jn. 6:32-33, 38, 50-51, 58). Yahshua is true royalty (Rev. 19:16). The blue represents Him in his capacity as Elohim and the Son of Elohim.

Red or scarlet is the color of our flesh and blood. No matter what color our skin is, cut it open and there will be the red or pinkish, scarlet color. Adam comes from the Hebrew word Adamah which means red clay. The red or scarlet represented Yahshua as Man and the Son of man.

Now any artist or person experienced with paints or colors will quickly be able to tell you that if you mix blue and scarlet together, the result will be purple. The purple represented Yahshua as the "Mediator" between Elohim and man, "For there is one Elohim, and one **Mediator** between Elohim and men, the Man the Messiah Yahshua, Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time," 1 Tim. 2:5-6.

It is through Yahshua that Yahweh is able to, "...gather together in one all things in the Messiah, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him," Eph. 1:10.

Yahshua is the perfect Mediator, the perfect arbitrator because He is the only One Who has existed as both Elohim and as Man. He is the gate of righteousness, the beautiful gate of entrance into Yahweh's glorious sanctuary.

JUDAH AND THE DALET (7)

Yahshua is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5). The name "Judah" consists of the

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Hebrew characters (יהודה) (yod [י], hei [ה], vav [۱], dalet [ר], hei [ה]). Remove the dalet (ר) and the result is (יהוה) which is the name of the Creator Yahweh. Hebrew characters not only are for letters, but they signify numbers and are also pictograms.

There are some important meanings to this Hebrew letter dalet (7) that must be explored. Rabbi Michael L. Monk

in his book The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet has this to say about the dalet, fourth letter, (7), has the shape of an open doorway and its name (דלח), dalet, is cognate with (דלת) [deles], door... *Maharal* expounds on the (¬), which with its numerical value of four, represents the physical world that extends in four directions- north, south, east and west. The shape of the (7) is like that of a door with its lintel spreading right and left, and its doorpost reaching up and down." (p. 78)

Robert M. Haralick adds more information in his book entitled The Inner Meaning of the Hebrew Letters. He writes, "the fourth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is (7), which is spelled (דלת). The word (דלת) is cognate with the word (דלת) which means door, gate, portal, or entrance... The gematria of (דֶלֶת) is 434. This is the gematria of the word (בֵּבִיתֵּדְּ) which means into your house...Through the door, we welcome guests into our house. That which is in our house we uplift and make sacred; we sanctify it and we hallow it. The word for to sanctify or to hallow is (לַקְרָשׁ), a word whose gematria is also 434... The biblical word (תלד) is the third person feminine future of the root (ילד) and it also has the gematria of 434 and means shall bear or shall give birth to a child." (pp.57-58)

The interesting thing concerning all of this is that when Israel dwelt around the tabernacle in the wilderness, the tribe of Judah was the main tribe which resided in the east before the entrance (door or gate) to the tabernacle (see Figure #1).

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel

of the Messiah: for it is the power of Elohim unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek....Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; but glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: for there is no respect of persons with Yahweh," Ro. 1:16, 2:9-11. Therefore, the tabernacle in the wilderness in conjunction with Paul's writings reveal that Yahweh has not changed concerning the importance of Judah as the chief tribe before His dwelling place.

It is also obvious that the Sovereign Yahshua sprang from the tribe of Judah (Heb. 7:14), and that He came proclaiming that He was 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.

Yahshua instructed the disciples, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you...And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ve shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full," Jn. 15:16; 16:23-24.

Yahshua declared the Fa-

ther's name to His disciples, "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them ME; and they have kept Thy word," Jn. 17:6. The Father's name is Yahweh (יהוה). Yahshua is the door (דלת), the entrance to Yahweh (יהוה) the Father. Yahshua is the Chief Son (the only begotten) of Yahweh (יהוה) and of the tribe of Judah (יהורה).

THE WORD

Furthermore, Yahshua is revealed to be the "Word of Yahweh." John writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory,

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the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth," Jn. 1:1-3, 14.

Amazingly, the Hebrew word for "word" is dabar (הבר). We may be able to visualize this better in the more ancient Pictorial Hebrew: השש. The dalet (ש) is the picture of a door, the beit (ש) is the picture of a house, tent, temple, or family, the resh (ก) is the picture of a head.

Yashua is the door ($\overline{}$) to the house's/temple's/family's ($\overline{}$) head ($\overline{}$) which, of course, is the Father. The Hebrew will not fail to tell us the truth.

THE LAW AND THE TESTI-MONY

Isaiah is inspired to proclaim, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them," 8:20.

The Hebrew word for law is "Torah." The Torah is the first five books of Scripture which were written by Moses, the man of Elohim. But what is the testimony?

When Yahweh commanded Moses to take an offering from the children of Israel in order to build the tabernacle and all of its appurtenances (Ex. 25:1-9), He told him, "And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee," Ex. 25:21.

Later, Moses was called up to Mount Sinai in order to receive more instructions. Moses was on the Mount for 40 days and 40 nights at which time Yahweh spoke with him. Finally, in Ex. 31:18 we read, "And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of Elohim." Again we read, "And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of Elohim, and the writing was the writing of Elohim, graven upon the tables," Ex. 32:15-16.

When Moses saw the idolatrous condition of the children of Israel upon his descent from the mount, he threw the tables of the testimony down breaking them (Ex. 31:19). Later, he ascended the mount a second time with another set of tables. Again, Yahweh communed with him and Moses wrote the commandments upon the tables of stone, "And Yahweh said unto Write thou these Moses. words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.' And he was there with Yahweh forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments," Ex. 34:27-28.

The testimony is the ten commandments! If your minister, church, assembly, etc. are not speaking according to the Torah and the testimony (the ten commandments) it is because there is no light in them! If they are teaching that the law is done away, it is because there is no light in them. If they label those who seek to obey the commandments as "legalists" it is because they themselves are illegalists! If your minister, church or assembly preaches a new covenant (testament) without the law, he is ignorant of what the true new covenant is! If your minister, church or assembly is preaching a messiah who does away with the law, then you are being taught to follow the FALSE MESSIAH, THE AN-TI-MESSIAH (ANTI-CHIRST)! There is no door, no opening, no gate of salvation or righteousness in such a messiah!

David cried out, "They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from Thy law.

Thou are near, O Yahweh: and all Thy commandments are truth," Psa. 119:150-151. "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is the truth," Psa. 119:142.

Do you get that!? Yahweh's commandments (the testimony) are the truth! Yahweh's law is the truth!

Furthermore, David reveals, "My tongue shall speak of Thy word: for all Thy commandments are righteousness," Psa. 119:172.

Yahshua, the TRUE MESSI-AH, said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill (to obey, perform, do). For verily I say unto you, 'Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he

The testimony is the ten commandments!

shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoso-ever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven' For I say unto you, 'That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven'," Mat.5:17-20.

THE NEW COVENANT

The prophet Jeremiah was inspired to write, "Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

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

The ark of the covenant, which contained the testimony (the ten commandments), was placed in the holy of holies or the holiest place wherein only one man (the High Priest) could enter once a year, not without blood for his own sins and for the sins of the people. This should present a true picture to anyone who has a mind to see. No man could truly approach, nor keep the ten commandments. They were contained within the ark of the covenant upon which Yahweh sat. Only Yahweh has the power to perfectly fulfill that perfect law.

When Yahweh gave the law from Sinai, He knew that Israel did not have the heart to keep His ways for He said, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear ME, and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!" Dt. 5:29.

In another place we read, "Yet

Yahweh hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day," Dt. 29:4.

The crux of the New Testament is that the law is not to be done away with, but the hardened and impenitent foreskin of the heart is what must be done away with. Yahweh now has the power to circumcise our hearts through the perfect life of the Savior, His death, burial and resurrection. Yahshua is the door of righteousness. He is our power to be able to enter into the law of righteousness and life.

The Testament New (covenant) includes this prophecy of Jeremiah, "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, 'Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when 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 when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not,' saith Yahweh. 'For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,' saith Yahweh; 'I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them an Elohim, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh': for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.' 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. 8:7-13.

Notice it! There was nothing wrong with Yahweh, nor was there anything wrong with the law. The fault was with "them", Israel. The Old Covenant is only done away to the extent that it is no longer in the power of Israel's promise, "All that Yahweh hath spoken we will do," Ex. 19:8... "All the words which Yahweh hath said we will do," Ex. 24:3... "All that Yahweh hath said will we do, and be obedient," Ex. 24:7.

Remember, the Old Covenant was only a shadow of heavenly things. The tabernacle of old was made by the hands of men. We are now able to behold the TRUE TABERNACLE, made by the hands of Yahweh and not by the hands of man. We are now able to come under a new priesthood exercised by the true heavenly High Priest

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and not by an earthly high priest who was corruptible and sinful. We are now able to come to the circumcision not made by human hands, to wit: the circumcision of the heart by Yahweh. We are now able to enter into the New Covenant relationship which was prom-

ised by Yahweh and not by men. We are now able to enter into the true heavenly tabernacle through the door, the gate that Yahweh furnished, which is Yahshua, and not through a physical linen product made by the hands of man.

Yahshua is the gate of righteousness. May Yahweh give you the wisdom and understanding to be able to approach His great heavenly throne through Him. HalleluYah!

TORAH

The Pictorial Hebrew reveals what the word Torah (ascribed to the first five books of Moses, generally called the law) means. It looks like this **\Particle*\Omega*\Omega*\Theta*** (†) is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet typifying the covenant, the Name, and/or the end. The waw (Y) is a nail, the reish (N) a head, man, son, etc., and the hei (P) means behold, reveal, etc.

Going Hebrew style from right to left we would understand: (The) covenant (†) establishing (Y) man/son ((R)) revealed ((R)).

Going left to right we would obtain: Behold ($\frac{9}{4}$) [the] man/son ($\frac{6}{1}$) nailed (Y) [to the] cross (†)!

This establishes the way, the door to salvation in by and through Yahshua the Messiah. This is the One of Whom Moses wrote! This is the One of Whom the Torah witnesses! *JH*

SCRIPTURAL NUMERICS

We know through science that the creation can be measured by numbers, formulas, words, etc. There is some of the most exciting, and awesome information available when we delve into Scriptural numbers.

By Jerry Healan heavens

For example, the book of Genesis states: "In the beginning Elohim cre-

earth." (Gen. 1:1) This tells us a lot

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in the English, but the Hebrew is so much more fantastic!

בּיָרָאשִׁית בַּרָא אֵלֹהֵים אֵת הַיּשָּׁמֵים וִיאֵת הַיּאָרִץ:

Each Hebrew letter has its own numerical value, its place in the alphabet, its own corresponding hieroglyph, picture.

Firstly, let's notice that there are seven (7) words, which is interesting because the original series of this specific presentation ends upon the establishment of the seventh day Sabbath rest (Gen. 1:1-2:3).

On top of this, verse one is only composed of twenty eight $(28 = 4 \times 7)$ letters. Isn't the number seven not only being focused on here, but also

throughout the Scriptures?

But that isn't all! The total numerical value of this first verse of Scripture is 2701. What does this mean?

Let's take a look at each letter and its value:

ם מואת הארץ ית בראא להים את השמ א ש 90 + 200 + 1 + 5 + 400 + 1 + 6 + 40 + 10 + 40 + 300 + 5 + 400 + 1 + 40 + 10 + 5 + 30 + 1 + 1 + 200 + 2 + 400 + 10 + 300 + 1 + 200 + 2 = 2701

Interestingly, 2701 is a product of 37 x 73 which would be a mirror image (decimal reflection). Furthermore, 37 is the 12th prime number while 73 is the 21st prime number which is another mirror image or decimal reflection! (A prime number is a number that is only divisible by one and itself.

Amazingly, 73 is the numerical value of the Hebrew word for wisdom (chokmah/חכמה) chet (ח) = 8; kaf (כ)= 20; mem (2) = 40; hei (3) = 5: 8 +20 + 40 + 5 = 73

37 is the numerical value for several important Hebrew words as enumerated:

1. lo, behold (aluw/אלו) aleph (א) = 1; lamed (5) = 30; waw (7) = 6: 1 + 30 + 6 = 37.

So we need to behold (37) wisdom (73) when we look at the awesome creation!: "Yahweh by wisdom hath founded the earth...," Prov. 3:19.

2. But also Yehowachaz/יהואחו (Yahweh seized) = 37: vod() = 10; $hei (\pi) = 5; waw (1) = 6; aleph (1) = 6$ 1; chet $(\sqcap) = 8$; zayin $(\dagger) = 7$: 10 + 5 + 46+1+8+7=37.

Yahweh seized (37) wisdom (73) in creating the heavens and earth.

- 3. The heart = 37; lebah/levah(לבה). Elohim utilized the "heart (37) of wisdom (73)" to create the heavens and the earth. Yahshua is the wisdom (73) of Elohim. (1 Cor 1:24)
- 4. Gadol (גדל) is the Hebrew word meaning "great". It was with "great (37) wisdom (73)" that He created the heavens and earth.

Yahshua died on the 14th (2x7) day

of the first month. 14 = 10 + 4. 10 =the yod (') while 4 = the dalet (7) which is the Hebrew word for hand. "That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Yahweh hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it." Isa. 41:20. The more ancient Pictorial Hebrew is more revealing. The yod looks like this \rightarrow . The hand and arm were considered as one and the same. Thus, Isaiah also reports, "Who hath believed our report?

Seventeen is the number for victory and resurrection.

And to whom is **the arm** of Yahweh revealed?"

Isa. 53:1. John reveals that Yahshua is the arm (→) of Yahweh, "37But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: ³⁸That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Yahweh, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of Yahweh been revealed?" Jn. 12:37-38.

Yahshua, the hand (Yad/די = 14) of Yahweh was crucified on the 14th day of the month. The dalet (7) is the picture of a door. Yahshua is the hand (10/ $^{\circ}$) Who is the door (4/ $^{\circ}$ /Jn. 10). The name Yahweh \(\frac{\psi}{2}\psi\) in Pictorial Hebrew means "Hand (→) revealed (북) nail (Y) revealed (북).

It is most interesting that the number fourteen occurs 26 times in Scripture. Twenty six is the number that the name Yahweh equals to יהוה; $\pi = 5 + 1$ = 6 + 7 = 5 + 7 = 10 = 26. The feminine Hebrew word for "love" (ahavah/ אהבה) = 13. Love toward Creator = 13, and love toward neighbor = 13. 13 + 13 = 26. Yahweh is love! (1 Jn. 4:8, 16)

Fourteen is the number for deliverance and salvation. Israel's deliverance came with the sacrifice of the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month (moon). With that sacrifice, the door was opened for their deliverance. They left Egypt on the fifteenth day of the month.

SEVENTEEN

Yahshua was resurrected on the 17th day of the first month. Seventeen is the number for victory and resurrection.

Ed F. Vallowe writes. "SEVENTEEN is a very well-marked number in Scripture. It is the SEV-ENTH prime or indivisible number, and therefore we might expect that it would bear a special significance in Elohim's Word," (Biblical Mathemat*ics*, p. 115)

We have done our own research concerning the number seven and have discovered so many, many important Scriptural and spiritual facts in relation to it. First and foremost it is the number of completion (it completes the seven day week), rest, sanctification, and blessing (Gen. 2:1-3). It has to do with an oath (Gen. 21), the

seventh day Sabbath which is one of the ten commandments, a sign, a covenant, a witness, spiritual perfection, etc. (See our booklet entitled *The Wit*ness of the Number Seven)

Ed Vallowe continues, "SEVENTEEN, being the SEVENTH prime number, and SEVEN is the number of completeness and spiritual perfection, we should expect to find SEVENTEEN bearing some relation to that meaning, and that is exactly what we do find, for all through Elohim's Word, both the Old and New Testaments, SEVENTEEN is revealed as bearing the significance of VICTORY, complete VICTORY in Yahshua the Messiah.

It is a number usually compounded in Scripture of the numbers SEVEN and TEN. Now SEVEN signifies COMPLETENESS and TEN signifies TESTIMONY, so the two combined have the deeper significance of the TESTIMONY OF COMPLETENESS or VICTORY that is found in the Master," (*IBID*, p. 115...please note that I am replacing certain words that he has utilized with the correct terms, example; God/Elohim, Lord/Master, Jesus/Yahshua, Christ/Messiah, etc.).

He continues... "Our Master was crucified on the occasion of the celebration of the Passover, which came on the FOURTEENTH day of the month. (Lev. 23:5) Luke tells about our Master eating the Passover with His disciples the same night that He instituted His memorial supper. (Lk. 22:13-20) He was taken that night after Judas betrayed Him before the High Priest. The next morning He was taken before Pilate and was delivered up to be crucified. (Lk. 22:47 - 23:33) Remembering that Elohim reckoned time from one evening to the next evening (Gen. 1:5), then it was still the FOURTEENTH day of the month when the Messiah was the Lamb slain on the altar. While the Jews were observing Passover, the Messiah, the Passover Lamb was already slain and in the tomb. He was dead THREE days and nights. (Mt. 12:39-40) These THREE days added to the FOUR-TEENTH day would bring it to the SEVENTEENTH day of the month. (*IBID*, p. 118)

Yahshua's resurrection occurred on the seventeenth day of the month which not only gave Him victory over the serpent's power of death, but for everyone who believes in Him, they also obtain the victory!

Seventeen = 10 + 7. Ten is the hand, seven in Pictorial Hebrew is a harvesting instrument, a mattock, (\checkmark) while in Modern Hebrew it is a sword (\dagger). Yahshua will harvest (\checkmark) His seed into His barn (Mt. 13:30), and destroy His enemies with the sword (\dagger). (Rev. 19:11-15)

17 is the seventh prime number! It is a very special number! In the spiritual sense it has to do with spiritual perfection and completion that leads to VICTORY!

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE

"After these things Yahshua shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. ²There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. ³Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. ⁴But

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when the morning was now come, Yahshua stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Yahshua. ⁵Then Yahshua saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. ⁶And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Yahshua loved saith unto Peter, It is the Master. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Master, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. ⁸And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. ⁹As soon then as they were come to

land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. ¹⁰Yahshua saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. ¹¹Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. ¹²Yahshua saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Master. ¹³Yahshua then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. ¹⁴This is now the third time that Yahshua shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead," Jn. 21:1-13

Everything Yahshua said and did was for a purpose. All of Yahweh's word is for a purpose. What is the purpose for 153?

Ed F. Vallowe writes, "We now come to a number that perhaps exhibits in a more striking manner than any other number, the use which the Holy Spirit makes of arithmetic in Elohim's Word to teach deep spiritual lessons. It confirms in a marvelous way the fact of the Elohim-breathed nature of the Word, for no human mind could possibly have devised such a means of binding the whole of the word together, and proving beyond the shadow of a doubt in any but a willfully blind heart, that whole of the Bible is the work of a Supreme Master Mind, the work of One Who alone 'searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Elohim'....In the gospel of John we note that all the miracles recorded are called 'signs,' that is, that there is a hidden prophetic meaning lying behind each one, and when we come to the only one recorded there as performed by the Master after His resurrection, we find a mention in it of this special number, for in John 21:11, we read (about the 153 great fishes).

The fact that the number of fishes mentioned was not a round one, such as 150 or 200, early attracted the attention of Elohim's saints, and it was clearly seen that there must be some special spiritual significance hidden in the careful way the exact number of fishes is detailed.

Augustine seems to have been one of the first to find the key, though even he does not seem to have seen what spiritual significance is attached to it. He noticed, however, that if you put down all the numbers from one upwards in a perpendicular line so as to make an addition sum of them, and if you stop when you have put down seventeen, and then draw a line and add them up, the addition comes to exactly 'ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THREE.' Thus, this special number is the sum of all the digits from one to that very number, SEVENTEEN, which we have seen stands for VICTORY, and is so frequently used by the Holy Spirit throughout the whole of Yahweh's Word....

The sphere of life in which Elohim has placed us is to be used as a Gospel net to win the precious souls, with whom we come in contact, for the Saviour. Obedience to the Saviour's slightest work as it comes from the Heavenly shore is the first supreme lesson for the Master's people to learn. Though the Saviour has left this earth. He still walks here in His sanctified people's hearts, and when His Word is obeyed, the result is a net full of fishes. Thus is the perfection of spiritual order wrought out in the world by the work of the Holy Spirit and VICTORY is assured in the hearts of believers.

But there is more in the picture than this, for as another of Elohim's saints points out, this number 153 is 17 multiplied by 9. Now NINE is the number of THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, and so this number 153 signifies the VICTORY brought about IN BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT in our lives.

Note also the net is full, and is drawn to land. Thus we are given a beautiful picture of the VICTORY obtained by the saints of Yahweh as we BEAR FRUIT FOR Him in this life." (*IBID*, pp. 216-219)

The nine fruits of the Spirit are enumerated by Paul in Galatians 5, "²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law," vv. 22-23.

Therefore, we have VICTORY (17) multiplied by FRUIT (9) which equals to 153 or VICTORY through the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT because if we are able to bear the nine fruits of the Sprit, then no law can prevent us.

Of course, none of us are an island

to ourselves. Without Yahshua we can do nothing as He told us, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, **the same bringeth forth much fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing," Jn. 15:5.

WORDS THAT EQUAL 153

With this knowledge in hand, we can now search the Scriptures There are several words that equal 153 when their letter numbers are totaled. These words each give us a picture of the Messiah and an office that He fulfills. They are each inspiring in their own light.

1. The Passover

The Hebrew term for "The Passover" is HaPesach ($\Pi D D \Pi$). For any Hebrew student of the Scriptures they would understand that $HaPesach = 153! \ \Pi = 5 + D = 80 + D = 60 + \Pi = 8 = 153$. It was the original Passover sacrifice through which Yahweh delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt from the house of bondage (Ex. 12; 13) That Passover sacrifice was a picture, a forerunner of Yahshua as "our Passover sacrificed for us," 1 Cor. 5:7.

While those Passover lambs were

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utilized to deliver the whole house of Israel out of Egypt, it only had the power to deliver the living Israelites out of Egypt. The dead were left behind in their graves. But Yahshua our Passover has the power to not only deliver the living, but also the dead from their graves, "25Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of Elohim: and they that hear shall live. ²⁶For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; ²⁷And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹And shall come forth; they

that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation," Jn. 5:25-29.

Jeremiah declares, "14Therefore, 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; 15 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. ¹⁶Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Yahweh, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks," Jer. 16:14-16.

This is a prophecy concerning Yahweh's deliverance of the house of Israel, a far greater deliverance than that of the Egyptian deliverance. This deliverance began after Yahshua' Passover sacrifice whereupon He sent His disciples out to "fish" for men out of this world to become His virgin bride, but He will continue this deliverance when He returns by first resurrecting His saints from their graves, and instantaneously changing those living, "49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. ⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to Yahweh, which giveth us the victory through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be

ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Master, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Master," 1 Cor. 15:49-58.

The Torah (law) reveals where the strength of sin and death was initiated, which was through the serpent's deception in the Garden of Eden. Through his lie and deception of mother Eve (Chavvah), and the first man Adam's following her in partaking of the forbidden fruit, death has come upon us all, "12Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ¹³(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come," Ro. 5:12-14.

The penalty/wages of sin is death (Ro. 6:23), but through the sacrifice of Yahshua as our Passover Lamb, we are delivered from death's sting, "15But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of Yahweh, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Yahshua the Messiah, hath abounded unto many. ¹⁶And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. ¹⁷For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Yahshua the Messiah.) ¹⁸Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. ²⁰Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: ²¹That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Yahshua the Messiah our Sovereign," Ro. 5:15-21.

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Paul is addressing here is "Torah!" The first five books of Scripture are known as the Torah. Our sins are initiated in the Torah. Also, in the Torah a list of commandments, judgments, and statutes are revealed that even more aggressively establish our unrighteousness! But the Torah also reveals our hope and grace by revealing and pointing to the sacrifice that was going to be required to cover our sins.

The very word TORAH itself in the more ancient Hebrew reveals our hope. TORAH is $\Re \Im \Upsilon \uparrow$ in Pictorial Hebrew. The tau (†) is the very last letter in the Hebrew alphabet. It has to do with an end, covenant, name, mark, etc. The waw (Y) is the picture of a nail, tent peg, or hook with which something is nailed together, nailed down, pegged to uphold, establish, or hooked together. The resh (\Re) is the head of a man, who generally is a son, while the hei (\Re) has to do with lo, behold, reveal, etc.

When we look at this word the Hebrew way, right to left, it tells us (the) covenant/name (†) establishing (Y) man/son (N) revealed (P). We can also read it from left to right wherein we obtain, behold (P) (the) man/son

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Also, the first book of the Torah reveals the name of mercy which is the name Yahweh (אַריהוד). I have posted the name in Modern Hebrew and secondly, in the more ancient Pictorial Hebrew. The Pictorial declared the hand/arm (>) revealed (२) nail (१) revealed (२) which when Yahshua appeared to the disciples after His resurrection, He first showed them His hands and side (feet also) to reveal who He was (Jn. 20:19-28). Thomas even exclaimed "My Master and my Elohim!" The Hebrew would have been "Adonai ve Elohi!"

The Savior's given name was Yahshua (באלינעבים/יהושע). He told the people of His day, "³⁷In the last

day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified)," Jn. 7:37-39.

It wasn't until after Yahshua was crucified as the fulfillment of all of the sacrifices and offerings commanded to be presented before Yahweh (including the Passover) that the Holy Spirit was poured out on His disciples/apostles on the day of Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) as revealed in Acts 2. He is the One He was speaking of that "out of His belly would flow rivers of living water." His name verifies this. Once the nail (Y) is revealed (A) to be driven through his hand (> [-s]), then we can drink (\(\mu\)) of the fountain (\(\inft\)) of living waters.

The *shin* (\sqcup) is a picture of teeth through which we eat, drink, consume foods and liquids. The *ayin* (\bigcirc) is a picture of an eye, well, fountain. All of these things have been incorporated into the names Yahweh and Yahshua as only Yahweh knows how to do.

He is "The Passover" Who sits on the right hand of the Father Yahweh in heaven Psa. 110:1-5; Mt. 22:44; Mk. 12:36; Lk. 20:42; Acts 2:34; Heb. 1:13; 1 Pet. 3:22.

He is the One Who delivers us from enslavement to the king, the god of this world, the deceptive serpent (Rev. 12:9).

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2. Bezaleel

"And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. ³And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, ⁴And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, ⁵And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, ⁶Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, ⁷Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in

the breastplate. ⁸And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them," Ex. 25:1-8.

Yahweh was now going to live among His chosen people. He needed a sanctuary wherein He could live among them.

Yahweh chose Bezaleel (בצלאל) to build His tabernacle in the wilderness, "And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri (my light), the son of Hur (white linen/righteousness of the saints), of the tribe of **Judah** (praise Yahweh/ Yahweh inhabits the praise of His people): And I have filled him with the spirit of Elohim, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee: The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do. (Ex. 31:1-11)

Bezaleel = 153;
$$\dot{\Rightarrow} = 30 + \dot{\varkappa} = 1 + \dot{\Rightarrow} = 30 + \dot{\varkappa} = 90 + \dot{\varkappa} = 2 = 153$$

Bezaleel means "In the shadow of El." He was a shadow of Yahshua Who created the heavens, where Yahweh's throne is, and earth, where man dwells, by the power of His word! Isaiah writes, "²I Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: ²³That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity," Isa. 40: 21-23.

Yahshua, the Word, is the One

who stretched the heavens and spread them as a tent, "Rejoice in Yahweh, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. ²Praise Yahweh with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. ³Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise. ⁴For the word of Yahweh is right; and all his works are done in truth. ⁵He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of Yahweh. ⁶By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth... For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast," Psa. 33:1-6, 9.

The Apostle John confirms that Yahshua is the Word of Yahweh, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that

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$$5 = 30 + 4$$

 $x = 1 + 5 = 30 + 2 = 90 + 4$
 $z = 2 = 153$

all men through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹He came unto his own, and his own received him not," Jn. 1:1-11.

The tabernacle, Levitical priesthood, and sacrifices were shadows of the Melchizedek Priesthood, "1Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which Yahweh pitched, and not man. 3For every high priest is ordained to offer

gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. ⁴For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: ⁵Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of Yahweh when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount," Heb. 8:1-5.

The TRUE HEAVENLY TABER-NACLE is revealed to have been built, made by the power of the Word of Yahweh Who became Yahshua the Messiah of Nazareth!

Yahshua told His disciples, "¹Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in Elohim, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," Jn. 14:1-3.

Bezeleel was a shadow, a type of Yahshua the Messiah. He was given the spirit of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in order to build, prepare the habitation, the tabernacle for Yahweh's residence among His people. Yahshua has built the heavenly tabernacle for the Father and is preparing an habitation for those who belong to Him upon His return. He is the great builder that we must look to.

Bezaleel is another witness of the 153 fishes which were caught!

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THE SIN OF SIMONY!

Have you ever heard of Simony? Do you really know what it is? It is practiced by so many religious institutions in the world today. Some groups may not even know or have considered that they are doing such. Let's find out where it came from and what it means.

By Jerry Healan

Webster's New World Dictionary defines "simony" as; the buying or selling of sacred things, as church pardons, offices, etc.

Wikipedia begins its dissertation by saying, "Simony is the act of selling church offices and roles.

Both identify the originator to be Simon Magus who is mentioned in the book of Acts chapter 8, "5Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached the Messiah unto them. ⁶And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. ⁸And there was great joy in that city. ⁹But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of elohim. ¹¹And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. ¹²But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of Elohim, and the name of Yahshua the Messiah, they were baptized, both men and women. 13Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. ¹⁴Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of Yahweh, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: ¹⁶⁽For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Sovereign Yahshua.) ¹⁷Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was

given, he offered them money, ¹⁹Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit. ²⁰But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of Elohim may be purchased with money. ²¹Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of Elohim. ²²Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray Elohim, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. ²³For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. ²⁴Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to Yahweh for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me," 5-24.

Simon's sin was that he thought that he could purchase the free gift of the Holy Spirit with money. But that probably isn't all. With his heart and desire set on purchasing it with money, then wouldn't he have desired to

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enrich himself by offering to sell it to others in order to enrich and empower himself?

Wikipedia continues, "The term extends to other forms of trafficking for money in "spiritual things....(it) is defined to be a deliberate act or a premeditated will and desire of selling such things as are spiritual, or of anything annexed unto spirituals, by giving something of a temporal nature for the purchase thereof; or in other terms it is defined to be a commutation of a thing spiritual or annexed unto spirituals by giving something that is temporal."

Would this not apply to the things that are published in order to "teach, inform, educate, etc." such as magazines, pamphlets, even books, CD's, DVD's etc., etc.?

Yahshua never charged for the service that He provided for us except that we should repent and follow Him. He told His disciples, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: **freely ye have received, freely give**," Mt 10:8.

Paul writes, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**" Ro 8:32.

We are instructed to "Buy the truth and sell it not," Prov. 23:23.

THE POOR

When this author first began his trek into the truth about the Sacred Names, there was (and is today) a ministry that published a magazine which indeed was sent free of charge for the first year. In this magazine there were various ads about books the primary author of that group had written which were advertised for price. I remember the ads saying that the books had information that was necessary for salvation.

I wrote to the author and head of that group protesting his sale of the books that he stated were NECES-SARY TO HAVE FOR ONE'S SAL-VATION. I protested that the books were expensive; what about the very poor who couldn't afford to purchase those things? He responded that he had to charge in order to recover expenses so that the supply would be replenished.

I had previously been the member of a work that never charged for any publication. They continued to thrive and even grow without charging a penny for any of their publications (that organization no longer exists, by the way. It eventually was extinguished after the primary founder died.)

Here is what is going to exist in the future, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.

We know that publishing is expensive, very expensive! But we do know if Yahweh wants this work to continue, then He will provide for it! If we no longer are pleasing Him, then He will cause this ministry to be shut down and there is nothing we can do about it.

One of the extensions of His name is Yahweh Yireh which means "Yahweh Provides." This name was revealed through our forefather Abraham during the time that he was commanded to take his son Isaac and sacrifice him on Mount Moriah.

When it looked like the very son's life, through whom the inheritance of the covenant promises were to continue, was to be snuffed out, Abraham only trusted in Yahweh that He would work the whole thing out (Gen. 22), and He did!

In reality, greater works of faith are performed without the benefits of silver and gold. Peter told the lame man at the entrance of the temple, "⁶Then Peter said, **Silver and gold have I none**; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Yahshua the Messiah of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising Yahweh," Acts 3:6-8.

Both Abraham and Peter had the faith that simply can't be purchased with silver, gold, or any other kind of money.

Listen....if we are doing this work in order to physically enrich ourselves then we simply are not of the right spirit.

ANOTHER TESTIMONY

I found the following testimony on the internet recently which is also revelatory and pertinent to this dissertation:

A number of years ago, I had the privilege of teaching at a school of ministry. My students were hungry for [Elohim], and I was constantly searching for ways to challenge them to fall more in love with [Yahshua] and to become voices for revival in the Church. I came across a quote attributed most often to Rev. Sam Pascoe. It is a short version of the history

of Christianity, and it goes like this:

"Christianity started in Palestine as a fellowship; it moved to Greece and became a philosophy; it moved to Italy and became an institution; it moved to Europe and became a culture; it came to America and became an enterprise."

Some of the students were only 18 or 19 years old, barely out of diapers, and I wanted them to understand and appreciate the import of the last line, so I clarified it by adding, "An enterprise. That's a business." After a few moments Martha, the youngest student in the class, raised her hand. I could not imagine what her question might be. I thought the little vignette was self-explanatory, and that I had performed it brilliantly. Nevertheless, I acknowledged Martha's raised hand, "Yes, Martha." She asked such a simple question, "A business? But isn't it supposed to be a body?"

I could not envision where this line of questioning was going, and the only response I could think of was, "Yes." She continued, "But when a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?"

The room went dead silent. For several seconds no one moved or spoke. We were stunned, afraid to

"But when a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?"

make a sound because the presence of [Elohim] had flooded into the room, and we knew we were on holy ground. All I could think in those sacred moments was, "Wow, I wish I'd thought of that." I didn't dare express that thought aloud. [Elohim] had taken over the class.

Martha's question changed my life. For six months, I thought about her question at least once every day. "When a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?" There is only one answer to her question. The answer is "Yes." The American Church, tragically, is heavily populated by people who do not love [Elohim]. How can we love Him? We don't even know Him; and I mean really know

Him.

...I stand by my statement that most American Christians do not know [Elohim] ~ much less love Him. The root of this condition originates in how we came to [Elohim]. Most of us came to Him because of what we were told He would do for us. We were promised that He would bless us in life and take us to heaven after death. We married Him for His money, and we don't care if He lives or dies as long as we can get His stuff. We have made the Kingdom of [Elohim] into a business, merchandising His anointing. This should not be. We are commanded to love [Elohim], and are called to be the Bride of [the Messiah] ~ that's pretty intimate stuff. We are supposed to be His lovers.. How can we love someone we don't even know? And even if we do know someone, is that a guarantee that we truly love them? Are we lovers or prostitutes?

I was pondering Martha's question again one day, and considered the question, "What's the difference between a lover and a prostitute?" I realized that both do many of the same things, but a lover does what she does because she loves. A prostitute pretends to love, but only as long as you pay. Then I asked the question, "What would happen if [Elohim] stopped paying me?"

For the next several months, I allowed [Elohim] to search me to uncover my motives for loving and serving Him. Was I really a true lover of [Elohim]? What would happen if He stopped blessing me? What if He never did another thing for me? Would I still love Him? Please understand, I believe in the promises and blessings of [Elohim]. The issue here is not whether [Elohim] blesses His children; the issue is the condition of my heart

Why do I serve Him? Are His blessings in my life the gifts of a loving Father, or are they a wage that I have earned or a bribe/payment to love Him? Do I love [Elohim] without any conditions?

It took several months to work through these questions. Even now I wonder if my desire to love [Elohim] is always matched by my attitude and behavior. I still catch myself being disappointed with [Elohim] and angry that He has not met some perceived need in my life.. I suspect this is something, which is never fully resolved, but I want more than anything else to be a true lover of [Elohim].

So what is it going to be? Which are we, lover or prostitute? (*Lover or Prostitute?* By David Ryser)

While this author disagrees with Rev. Sam Pascoe, the faith has been prostituted everywhere in the world, this article is certainly pertinent to the idea of "Simony," and "prostitution." As Paul writes, "For the love of money is (a) root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows," 1 Tim. 6:10.

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I suppose the question would now be, Is your church/assembly set up as a body or a corporation? A corporation is a business! Even a non-profit corporation must file tax returns to the government (Caesar).

The corporation becomes the body/business which is under men's governmental control, rules and regulations, of which few, if any, are

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our Heavenly Father are telling us.

In this study we will cover one more misrepresented scripture because it has been quoted many times. First we will see the inconsistency of the argument against the law, Rom. 10:4, For Messiah is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. This is misinterpreted as saying that Yahshua brought an end to the Law. The word in Greek translated end is "telos"

Let's look at another scripture that uses the same Greek word when talking about Yahweh in the days of Job. James 5:11, Behold, we count them happy that endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of Yahweh: that Yahweh is very pitiful and full of tender mercy. Both use the same Greek word "telos" If end means the law has been brought to an end then the other means that Yahweh has been brought to an end. Is this really the case? Has Yahweh been

Scriptural.

A corporation is itself set up as an entity (a false person). It becomes the body wherein the people become its members. We are to be the body of the Messiah, not members of a business corporation.

It was Constantine Caesar who exempted the churches/assemblies from service in the armed forces and also taxes.

He did these things in order to exercise his control over them all as their *Pontifex Maximus* (High Priest).

The point of this article is not to point a finger of condemnation at anyone or any assembly in particular, but rather for us all to begin to think about where we all truly stand.

Are we doing a work for our Creator through which we provide "spiritual materials," however we are demanding "payment" for services provided? That is "SIMONY!"

Are we an incorporated business? According to Martha (interesting name right?) we are a prostitute!

Let's think about who we are supposed to be and what we are supposed to be doing!

Have we become desensitized by

brought to an end? What a silly concept! The truth is, neither has been brought to an end. The Greek word telos does not mean end in the sense of stopping or bringing something to its final conclusion. Telos means goal, purpose or aim. Paul says that Messiah is the goal, purpose or aim of the law. James says we saw the purpose or aim of Yahweh in His dealings with Job.

How then is Yahshua the Messiah the aim or purpose of the law? Remember, there is no clause in the law that offers eternal life. There is no provision in the law for forgiveness. The death penalty hung over us all apart from Messiah. The curse of the law is the penalty demanded by it that we can never pay. The writings of the prophets tell of One Who would pay that penalty demanded under the law on our behalf. The Jews missed it. That is why Paul is lamenting his people. They were attempting to achieve righteousness and a reconciliation to Yahweh through their own efforts

the world and its ways? We live in a nation of great prosperity. Have we become like the Laodiceans; rich and increased with good and have need of nothing, yet (spiritually) are poor, and blind, and naked?

Again, I'm not writing these things necessarily in condemnation of others, but for my own contemplation as to where I stand!

We publish our materials free of charge, however some people have called desiring hundreds of our publications in order to share them with others desiring to at least cover the publishing and shipping costs. We have obliged them, but we can't put a price on things that are inspired by the Holy Spirit. The things of Yahweh's Holy Spirit are freely received, so we must make them available free of charge and simply trust in Yahweh to provide (Yahweh-Yireh) our needs.

After all, it is more blessed to give than to receive. This was credited as being said by Yahshua by the apostle Paul in the book of Acts (see 20:35).

May you be blessed in Yahshua and your studies about Him.

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and could not see the futility of their human works. They could not see that reconciliation and forgiveness comes only through the atoning sacrifice of the Messiah. The prophets tell of the Messiah.

MESSIAH THE END OF THE LAW

Therefore, the Messiah is the goal, objective, purpose, intention, reason, hope, desire, aim of the law so that all who will accept His atoning sacrifice on their behalf will be reconciled and justified before the Father. What a beautiful scripture when properly understood! See how misrepresenting such a scripture conceals its true message? What a sad thing to do.

I pray this study will help in beginning to see the law as Paul really did from a positive perspective.

Rom. 7:12, So the law is Holy and the commandment is Holy, just, and good.

May Yahweh bless your studies. Elder David Ganton



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- Feast of Trumpets-Sept. 11th.
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