



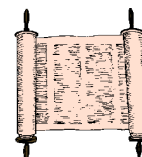
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He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water.

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

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OUR COVER: This beautiful picture is furnished by Brother Brick Parrish. It was taken recently on the banks of the Guadalupe River near New Braunfels, Texas during the baptism of Sister Betty Johnson. The picture brings to mind the words of Psalms 1 which says, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the lawless, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of Yahweh, and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." vv. 1-3.

Water is a type of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39). It is necessary for physical life just as the Holy Spirit is necessary for eternal spiritual life.

A tree by rivers of water is immovable, long living, fruit bearing and gives shade from the heat of the day. Such are those who love Yahweh, Yahshua, and their righteousness.

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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Illegal immigration has been a very hot topic on the newswires of late. Recently, I was sent an email, which contained pictures of the day of protest that took place around the first of May by the illegal immigrants. The signs utilized in their marches around the country said it all. They are proclaiming that they are the only indigenous peoples in the Americas. The white Europeans are the true illegal immigrants. They are even going so far as to say that smallpox was utilized as a weapon by the white Europeans, **purposely**, in order to decimate the population of the red men. The truth of the matter is that, while it may have been utilized as a weapon against the indigenous people of America, the Only One Who would have had the intelligence to utilize that weapon in order to clear the way for colonization was the Creator and Elohim of those people, Yahweh. (Even though they may have been ignorant of His name, they were also ignorant as to how to utilize a biological weapon of mass destruction at that time.)

Interestingly, the focus is only on the struggle for domination of North America. This is coming from a people who frankly, have never inhabited North America since well before the entrance of the white Europeans (Israel, by the way). The people who are now seeking to take over and push the white Europeans out of North America are indigenous to Central and South America. The Spaniards were the ones who forced their way into Central and South America (Except for Brazil, which was deemed a Portuguese possession by none other than the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.) I have read how the Spanish invaded the land of the Inca and Aztec, of course, seeking for gold, but decimated the populations by force of arms. Those who remained were not only enslaved, but forcefully converted to Roman Catholicism.

Yes, there were atrocities committed by the North American whites. But there were also atrocities committed by the red men (Indians). Do you remember the story of Israel? The Canaanites were already dwelling in the land, but their practices were not only idolatrous, but exceedingly immoral. Some of the Canaanites had appearances similar to those of the American Indians, specifically, the Philistines and the Sidonians. The Sidonians were called the Phoenicians by the Greeks which means purple or "red" men. The Sidonians were the inhabitants of Tyre from whence came Jezebel who married Ahab, king of Israel, and promoted the religion/faith of Baal in Israel. The Sidonians were great seamen of old. They ventured into areas of the world where few, if any, would follow. There seems to be a link to the American Indians and the Sidonians, which has been lost or forgotten by the world during the dark ages.

But the story goes deeper than this. I have just quite recently received an email from a man who goes by the name Maggid Ben Yosef. Actually, his name given him by his parents is Dell Griffin. He seeks to be a commandment keeper, but refuses to go by the name given him by his parents. Does this have anything to do with the fifth commandment? Hmmm... Anyway, Dell has written a short article entitled *Whose America?* He writes, "*Ancient ruling spirit gave land claimed during migrations to descendants of Hopi Xicano (Chi=Xi=Red, cano=People)* returning to the American Southwest have permission from the *ruling spirit* of this land, according to prophesies of the Hopi that predate anything 'American' by about a millenium.

Hopi tablets record the command of *Ma'asau*, variously called the *Guardian, Protector and Caretaker*. *Ma'asau* told the Hopi essentially the same thing that the God of Israel told Abraham. "*Everywhere the soles of your feet tread will be yours for a possession.*" Advised by *Ma'asau*, the Hopi divided into clans and embarked on 16 migrations, four toward the glaciers, four toward the Atlantic and Pacific and four as far south as they could go. Everywhere they traveled, the Hopi clans were directed to leave "migration marks," showing the number of the circuit and the direction plus a symbol representing the clan. But always, they were to be mindful to return.

Hundreds of such rock and cave drawings exist throughout the Americas, with the greatest concentration in the American Southwest. But just as Abraham's descendants did not have ownership of the land of Canaan until some 470 years after he began his sojourns, *Ma'asau* stipulated that the Hopi claim to the land they would stake was for the *Last Days* when all of the clans had returned to [Aztlan \(the Homeland\)](#).

A 'great' assimilated people

In a massive wave, the Xicano people are fulfilling the last migrations back to the Hopi Homeland. Legally, morally and spiritually, these *migration marks* -- with never more than four concentric circles in a spiral -- represent the *Hopi-Xicano* claim to not *just* the American Southwest, but to all of the U.S.A. The *petroglyphs* also appear in Mexico, Central America and South America. Save Canada, all of North America is staked with the evidence of the Hopi methodically and faithfully carrying out *Ma'asau's* directive.

For the past 2000 years, the command of *Ma'asau* has been not to get too comfortable in one place. Even a clan that remained in the South Country, which most believe became the *Aztec* people, coined the name *Aztlan* as the *Homeland* in the north that their descendants must never forget. If this latest wave from the South fulfills the migrations, there will exist grounds for legal, moral and spiritual challenges to the very sovereignty of the U.S.

PERSONAL NOTE: Spiritual princes over geographic regions have biblical precedent. Ma'asau's direction and guid-

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HOLY GROUND

What is holy ground? How is the ground made holy? Who, or what is holy? If we are to be holy, how has this come about? What do we make holy? All of the questions are answered in this thoughtfully researched and well written article.

By Dave Ganton

The original scriptures were not inspired to be written in our English. They were originally inspired in the Hebrew tongue. What we have today are translations from the original through other languages to English. Quite often, in this process with the purest of intentions, translators add or change words in an attempt to make the meaning clearer. Sometimes this changes or clouds the true meaning intended by Yahweh. However, Yahweh is wise beyond our understanding and when He wishes to teach us something from His word, there is no obstacle to prevent Him doing so. There are many bible study aids at our disposal today to help us get closer to the original language of the scriptures.

In this study we will examine one of these scriptures. It is found in the book of Leviticus and repeated by Peter in his first letter to the exiles in the dispersion. As we read it in the King James and some other versions, it appears to be a command. If it is truly a command then it is one we cannot obey.

In the various denominations it is understood in this way and usually passed over with little or no thought given to its real meaning. Let us not be guilty of taking any of Yahweh's inspired word lightly, as we are told to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh. **Deut. 8:3** As with all of the words of Yahweh, the scripture we are about to examine holds a wealth of information when understood in its proper light. It will reveal to us more clearly who and what we are and why.

Let us turn now to **Lev. 11: 44-45**. In verse 45 is Yahweh telling the Israelites to sanctify or purify themselves and then they will be Holy as He is Holy? This is what it is understood to say by the majority. Is this even possible? Can a person make

himself or herself holy?

Is Yahweh, instead, making a statement of fact that the Israelites never did fully grasp? The subject of this scripture was crucial to their relationship with Yahweh and it is crucial to our relationship with Him as well. It is also crucial to our relationship with our fellow man.

Peter repeats this scripture in **1 Peter 1:16**, and as it appears in the King James Version it is a command to be Holy because Yahweh is Holy.

Is it possible to obey a command such as this? Can anything we do make us holy? Does keeping the Sabbath make us holy? Does obeying all of the Ten Commandments make us holy? The answer, of course, is no. Mankind does not have the power to make anything holy. Mankind does not have the power to be holy.

***It is time now to understand
where this holy state we are
in originates.***

SEARCHING THE MATTER

As we search for true understanding let us examine some other scriptures that will begin to shed light on this subject. In **Ex. 19:6** Yahweh is telling the Israelites that they are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Were they holy because they were such wonderful, good living people? History proves that they were not. This being the case then, what made them holy? Yahweh does not lie.

In **1 Peter 2:9** we are told the same thing, that we are a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

The same question applies to us. How did this holiness come about? Is

it because we are such pious good living people? In **1 Cor. 1 26-31** Paul tells us that this was not and is not the case.

Many scriptures speak about the holiness of Yahweh. Let's look at a couple as we strive to understand our relationship with Yahweh and Yahshua.

Eph. 1:3-4 tells us that we were chosen before the world was even made to be holy and blameless before Yahweh. Since we had not yet lived, how could Yahweh be sure that we would be holy?

Paul tells us in **Col. 1:21-22** that even though we were once hostile to Yahweh, Yahshua will present us to Him in a holy blameless state. The fact that Yahweh's people are holy is inescapable. Many scriptures confirm this fact.

There can be no doubt that the Israelites were a holy nation, different from the nations around them. There can be no doubt that we, in the new covenant era, are also a holy nation, different from the world around us.

WHENCE COMES HOLINESS?

It is time now to understand where this holy state we are in originates.

In **Ex.3:1-6** we will find a story that we are all familiar with, the story of Moses and the burning bush. Yahweh told Moses to remove his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. It was dirt, rocks and brush on the side of a mountain. What made it holy? Sheep still pasture there today. Is it still holy ground? The answer is of course NO.

It was holy at the time of Moses because of Yahweh's presence. Yahweh is holy and His presence ensures the holiness of the surroundings that He is in. Let's understand that fully. Yahweh is holy and His

presence ensures the holiness of His surroundings. In Ex.19:9-13 we find a similar case. The Israelites were not allowed to come near to touch the mountain because it was holy ground. Mt. Sinai is still in the same place today. People climb it and pasture its lower slopes. It is not holy ground today. It was holy then because of Yahweh's presence. Yahweh's presence ensures the holiness of His surroundings.

At this point let's examine the two scriptures that we read at the beginning. They reveal information that is crucial to our relationship to Yahweh. They will also help us understand our responsibility to our fellow man in our daily lives.

One important thing to note in **Lev:11:44-45** is that there is no *and* in Hebrew and no equivalent of it. *And* has been added to the English text in an attempt to make the meaning clearer. Sometimes this works, but at other times it only clouds the intended meaning. That is the case with this scripture.

In **verse 44** Yahweh tells the people to refrain from touching any of the unclean things mentioned in the previous scriptures. By obeying His command they would remain clean or pure of uncleanness. As it reads with the *and* in place it seems to say they would be holy (Hebrew, *Qadosh*) because of this purification. This is not the case. Let's investigate what is actually being said by Yahweh. He tells them to sanctify themselves. This word *sanctify* is from the Hebrew *Qadosh*. There is a lot of confusion as to the correct meaning of the English word sanctify. However the Hebrew meaning is much clearer. It means to dedicate, separate, and prepare.

Yahweh is telling the Israelites not to touch any of these unclean things, which would serve to defile them. They were no longer a common or unclean people. He says to be separate from these things. They were to dedicate themselves to Him and prepare to be in His holy presence. The Hebrew *Qadosh* means all of these things. Yahweh is telling them that because He is holy *Qadosh* they are

also holy because of His presence among them and must refrain from all unholy actions and affiliations. Yahweh's presence among them made them holy *Qadosh*. His presence ensures the holiness of His surroundings. He lived among the Israelites. They were a holy nation as a result of this. They were holy because He is holy.

In **1 Peter 1:15-16** Peter is repeating to us what Yahweh told the Israelites. He is telling us to refrain from all unholy conduct because the one who called us is holy, and as a result, we are also holy, not by our doing but by Yahweh's doing. **Verse 16** in the King James appears to be a command to be holy. We understand that we, on our own, can not cause holiness. Holiness comes from Yahweh so this scripture must be a statement of fact rather than a command.

OUR HOLINESS

In the Zondervan literal Greek to English **verse 16** reads; *Holy you are because holy I am*. This is not a command but a statement of a condition we are in because of the holiness of

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Yahweh. How did this condition come about?

Yahshua said in **John 14:23** that He and our Heavenly Father would come and make their home with us. The two holiest beings in the universe are living with us. But they are doing more than just living among us as they did the Israelites. Their relationship with us is much more personal and intimate than it was with the Israelites.

Paul tells us that the life he lives is no longer his life but the life of Yahshua the Messiah who lives in him. **Gal.2:20** How did this happen? It is crucial that we understand this.

Paul tells us in **Rom. 8:9-11** that not only Yahshua lives in us but that

the Father also lives in us. They live in us through the Holy Spirit. They have made their home with us just as Yahshua promised. More than that, they have made their home within us. This happened after our immersion into the name of Yahshua Messiah when we received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In **Rom. 11:16** Yahshua is represented as the dough offered as the first fruit.

Paul tells us that if the first fruit is holy the whole lump is holy. Paul goes on to say that if the root is holy so are the branches. The whole lump and the branches are we, Yahshua's true disciples, His assembly.

Something to keep in mind here is that the lump is holy because of the first fruit offered, Yahshua. The branches are holy because of the root Yahshua. This will never change. Yahweh and Yahshua are the source of all holiness.

THE TEMPLE

We are a temple, **Eph. 2:19-22**. We as the temple are built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets with Yahshua as the chief cornerstone. Together we are all built into a holy temple as a dwelling place for Elohim through the Holy Spirit. **THIS TEMPLE IS HOLY GROUND.** Let me repeat that. **THIS TEMPLE IS HOLY GROUND**

In **1 Cor. 6:19-20** we are told again that we are temples of the Holy Spirit of Yahweh and Yahshua. Paul reminds us that our actions should bring praise and glory to them. We are holy because of their presence within us. Their presence ensures the holiness of their surroundings. Our thoughts and actions must reflect that holiness. This is a concept that the Israelites never did grasp but we must understand it fully. Our relationship with Yahweh and Yahshua depend on it.

Yahshua tells us in **Matt. 5:14-16** that we are the light of the world. We are to illuminate the spiritual

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THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

What is the Mystery of Iniquity that Paul writes about in 2 Thessalonians? If it is a mystery, then it must be revealed! This article will reveal and declare just what this "Mystery of Iniquity" really is.

By Brick Parrish

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. (2Th 2:7)

What exactly is this "Mystery of Iniquity"? Let's dissect these words and see if we can reach some sort of conclusion. The word translated "**mystery**" is the Greek word *mustērion*, (Strong's # 3466) and is from a derivative of *μύω* *muō* (to *shut* the mouth). Thayer's Greek definitions give the meaning as "a hidden or secret thing, **not obvious to the understanding**".

The second word we will explore is the word "**Iniquity**". This word is from the Greek word "anomia" (Strong's #458) and means a "violation of law". "Anomia" comes from the Greek word "nomos" (Strong's #3551) which is translated "Law" nearly 200 times in the New Testament, **almost without exception speaking of the Law of Moses** in the "Old Testament.

So, this tells us that the mystery of iniquity is the "Mystery of Lawlessness" or the "Mystery of **Torahlessness**". John tells us in 1 John 3:4, that **the very definition of sin is the transgression of the law (torah)**. This puts things into a little more serious light, doesn't it?

Most Christians, when they read these verses have a tendency to gloss over them without really understanding what they are saying. They naturally assume it is not something they are guilty of or even have to worry about. But, is this true?

Yahshua warned us in his very first recorded Sermon on the Mount about this. **Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law**, or the prophets: *I am not come to destroy, but to*

fulfil. Fulfill does not mean to abolish or do away with. **Mat 5:18** *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.*

Are all things fulfilled now? Of course not! There are still many things that have yet to occur and besides, heaven and earth are still here. But, the main reason Yahshua cited the phrase "heaven and earth" is because Israel was warned 3 times in Deuteronomy that heaven and earth were called to witness against them what would happen if they did not keep the law (Deut. 4:26-27; 30:10-19; 31:26-29). In each instance, it is referring to keeping the Commandments of Yahweh, the law. The punishment for violating them was to be exiled from the

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land and be scattered into all the world (Deut. 4:27).

FALSE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

There are some serious implications to what Yahshua said. If the law is abolished as is commonly preached, then Yahshua lied. This would disqualify him from being the Messiah and we would still be in our sins. Thankfully for us, he did not lie. Yahshua warned us several more times that there would be false prophets arise who would teach that the law was abolished. Mat 24:11 *And many false prophets*

shall rise, and shall deceive many. Mat 24:12 *And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*

Here is that word "iniquity" (anomia) again which could be translated "lawlessness". Yahweh doesn't give a hoot about man's laws; what He is talking about here are **His laws**.

In Revelation 2 :14-15, Yahshua says he hates the doctrines of Balaam and the Nicolaitanes. Their doctrines were similar and from a careful reading of the story of Balaam, we find that the doctrine of Balaam was what he told Balak to do to get Israel to sin. That was to get Israel to ignore the teachings of Moses and the prophets, or in other words, to violate the law or Torah (Numbers 31:16). Since Yahweh had not allowed him to curse Israel, he revealed to Balak how to get Israel to bring a curse upon themselves.

Peter also warned of false prophets and shepherds that would contradict The Messiah and bring upon themselves destruction. And many would follow their pernicious ways, which would cause the way of truth to be blasphemed. Remember, the Torah is truth. (Psa. 119:142). They have forsaken the right way and are gone astray following the way of Balaam (2 Pet. 1-15). Also read Jude 4-13. The word translated "deny" can also be translated "contradict" and makes more sense here. He said the law would never pass away, they say it did.

You see this attitude with many Christians who regard only the New Testament as pertinent to them today. They follow after the doctrine of Balaam and disregard the laws and commandments of Yahweh, His Torah.

You think not, dear Christian? Do you keep the Sabbath? Do you keep the Feasts of Yahweh? Do you eat things Yahweh has declared unclean? Do you eat meat that still has the blood in it? These are all part of Yahweh's commandments, which have never been rescinded and are in fact, eternal.

In short, this is the mystery of iniquity. It is the idea that is taught in most churches that the Torah is no longer binding upon us and we are free to do as we please because we are now under grace. They have not heeded Peter's warning in 2 Pet. 3:16, that some of Paul's letters were hard to understand which unlearned men would twist to their own destruction. They don't understand that "to be under the law" is to be relying upon the law to save you. All of us have broken the law and therefore need the Grace of Yahweh to be saved. That is why he sent Yahshua.

DETECTING FALSE PROPHETS

Let's look into one more thing Yahshua said that should rivet our attention. Of course, many have read through the next few verses and have assumed it is talking about someone else. My comments are in bold letters. **Mat 7:15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. They will look like the sheep. They are called "chaff" in Jer. 23:28 as opposed to the wheat (true servants of Yahweh).

Mat 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **This is exactly how you will know them.** **Mat 7:17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. **Mat 7:18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Their fruit is false doctrine. Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not

forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **They (the chaff) have cast away the law (Isa.5:24; Hos. 4:6; Luke 3:17) Mat 7:20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

They teach that the law (Torah) was done away with and it is no longer necessary to keep all of Yahweh's commandments. You can just pick and choose which ones to obey, cafeteria style.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Yes, they will call him Lord, Lord (Baal), same as today. The one who will enter into the kingdom is the one who does the will of Yahweh. What is Yahweh's will? It is revealed in the Torah (law), which they claim no longer applies to us today. Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

The lie is also the Mystery of Iniquity, which is now being exposed.

We built big crystal cathedrals and super churches, we even said "Yea, thus saith the Lord...." and we even cast out demons in your name (a lie since they almost never use the name of Yahshua). We did all these wonderful things just for you. Notwithstanding, they seldom took the time to find out what his name is, much less proclaim it to the flock. Or they just didn't think it was that important.

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Very sad. There is the same word "iniquity" (anomia) again.

Yahshua professes to them that he NEVER knew them that work Torahlessness.

THE NARROW WAY

Yahshua also said in Matt. 7:13-14 to enter in at the strait gate. This is the narrow way that leads to life and sadly, only a few will find it. The broad gate is the easy way. It is the path that most are on. It is the one that leads to destruction. The path of most Christians cannot be the path that only a few find.

We see in Revelation 14:12: *Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Elohim, and the faith of Yahshua.*

They not only have the testimony of Yahshua, but they **ALSO** keep the commandments of Yahweh (Sabbath, Feast days, Clean Food laws, etc.).

And again in Revelation 22:14-15: *Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

The lie is also the Mystery of Iniquity, which is now being exposed. Most will not accept this message because they do not have a love for the truth. Therefore, Yahweh will send them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie (2 Thess. 2:10-11). He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that all repent of their evil ways. (Eze. 33:12)

Won't you turn to Him today and begin to obey and be a doer of the word and not just a hearer? His are the words of eternal life.

THE FIRST MONTH FOCUSES ON YAHSHUA

PART III

In the first two parts, we have learned how the Spring holydays are tied to Yahshua and His firstfruits assembly. There is a division between the Spring and Fall season. That division is called the heat and ensuing tribulations of His people until the beginning of the fulfillment of the fall festival season. The fall season, once again, witnesses to Yahshua, His people and His kingdom.

By Jerry Healan

We found that during the first month a count of fifty days began, which brought us to the Feast of Pentecost. But another count begins with the first month. That count has to do with a countdown to the seventh month. This number “seven” is so important and significant to Yahweh and His people! It will take another in-depth article to research and reveal the importance and significance thereof.

The Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread reveal Yahshua in His character as a meek, humble Lamb, slain without blemish. This character is continually portrayed of Him until the feasts of the seventh month begin!

When the trumpets of the seventh month begin to be blown, Yahshua’s nature will change into that of a LION! We can understand this concept by going to the book of Revelation chapter 5.

Yahweh, the Father, is sitting on His throne with a book in His hand, sealed with SEVEN seals. No one is found worthy to open that book except Yahshua. John weeps because no one is found worthy, but one of the elders before the throne of Yahweh tells John, “Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.” And I be-

held, and lo, in the midst of the throne of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having SEVEN horns and SEVEN eyes, which are the SEVEN Spirits of Yahweh sent forth into all the earth,” vv. 5-6.

Contained in the SEVENTH seal are SEVEN trumpets. The blowing of these SEVEN trumpets signifies the end of the age, the end of the rule of the beast kingdoms and the ushering in of the PROMISED kingdom of

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heaven.

Yahweh had commanded Moses, “Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, ‘In the SEVENTH month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbaton, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, and holy convocation,’” Lev. 23:24.

This feast of the first day of the SEVENTH month is the time when the SEVEN trumpets of the SEVENTH seal will begin to be blown.

Believe it or not, there are

twelve themes associated with this one feast day even though there are only three verses associated with it in the book of Leviticus. It takes a study of the complete Scriptures in order to distil these twelve themes.

#1—Memorial

The first theme of trumpets is found in Lev. 23:24, “In the seventh month, in the first of the month, shall ye have a sabbaton, a **memorial** of blowing of trumpets.”

The Hebrew for “memorial” is *zikrown*. Interestingly, Yahweh gave Israel three very important memorials before, during and after their deliverance from Egypt.

The first memorial was His name, given to Moses before He sent Him into Egypt to bring them out (Ex. 3, esp. vv. 13-15).

The second memorial was the Passover (Ex. 12, esp. v. 14), given to them during their deliverance.

The third memorial was the seventh day Sabbath (Ex. 16; 20: 8-11, esp. v. 8).

A search of the Scriptures reveals that the number seven is extremely important to Yahweh. The seventh day of the week was hallowed (made holy) and set aside as a rest day in the very beginning.

In Genesis 21 we find that the

number seven is associated with making and swearing an oath, a witness, and a covenant (esp. v.v. 23-24, 27-32).

The first day of the seventh month is found to be extremely important, because even though it is the fourth high day of the sacred calendar year, it begins the seventh month wherein the final four annual high days are contained and observed. That has to be very significant with Yahweh when the number seven is involved. The **seventh** month contains the fourth, fifth, sixth and **seventh** annual high days.

Interestingly, this first day of the seventh month is a "sabbaton," a rest day in like fashion to the seventh day Sabbath. This first day of the seventh month begins the month wherein the other feast days are contained which reveal the completion of Yahweh's plan of salvation. Yahweh will remember (zikrown) His oath to the creation. The word "zikrown" not only means "memorial," but it also means "to remember."

We have appointed a day that we call "Memorial Day." It is established so that we will "remember" all those who have served our country, especially those who have given their lives for it to preserve our freedom. But the Feast of Trumpets is a far, far, far greater "Memorial Day." The observance of this day reminds us that He will, sometime in the future, fulfill His word of promise to His creation to bring into reality the Kingdom of Heaven to this earth.

#2—The Hidden Day

The new moon of the seventh month is usually the most difficult new moon to spot. The Jews make this a two day feast because of this.

Before Yahshua ascended on

high, the disciples gathered to Him asking, "Master, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power,'" Acts. 1:6-7.

In the book of Mark, chapter 13, verses 31-37, Yahshua told His disciples that no one but the Father knows of that day and hour, not the angels, nor even Yahshua Himself.

Many men have made fools of themselves by trying to figure out when the Messiah will return to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This author was a member of a work, the Worldwide Church of God, which prophesied that 1975 would be the year of the appearance of the Savior. When this failed, a new study supposedly revealed that their figures were off about 10 years. But 1985 has come and gone and the Savior still hasn't appeared.

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Another man prophesied that Yahshua would return around Passover in the early to mid 1990's. He even went so far as to say if He didn't appear, then he would be found to be a false prophet. When one uses this own man's words against him, he is the one who is excoriated while the false prophet continues his work. The WWCG did the same. Excuses have to be made. The sheep are gullible and swallow the excuses hook, line, and sinker. The false prophets con-

tinue to flourish.

Yahshua explained that no one knows when He will appear. He explained that He would come as a thief in the night (see Mt. 24:36-42, 25:13; Mk. 13:31-37; Rev. 3:3, 16:15). The key is to be observant, alert, awake, vigilant, and ready at all times.

#3—The Day of Yahweh

Both Israel and Judah have turned away from their Creator, Father, and Husband Yahweh in accordance with the Scriptures. Their own History proves this fact. The Feast of Trumpets represents the intervention of Yahweh into not only the world's affairs, but to correct and chasten the Hebrews for their waywardness. The Feast of Trumpets represents the "Day of Yahweh."

Isaiah proclaims, "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of Yahweh, and for the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man (Adam) shall be humbled, and the haughtiness (Heb. = ruwm [Rome?]) of men shall be bowed down, and Yahweh alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of Yahweh of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty he shall be brought low: and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, and upon all the high (ruwm/Roman) mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, and upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. For the loftiness of man shall be bowed down and the haughtiness (Rome) of men shall be made low: and Yahweh alone shall be exalted in that day," Isa. 2:10-17.

Jeremiah calls this day "the day of Jacob's trouble (Jer. 30:7), but

he adds that he shall be saved out of it.

Ezekiel speaks of the end that is coming. Yahweh says that he is going to pour His fury out upon the land of Israel because the rod of violence and pride has budded and blossomed into a rod of wickedness. The trumpet will be blown, but none will go to battle because of the wrath of Yahweh that will be poured out upon the multitude (Ez. 7).

Zephaniah declares that the day of Yahweh is a time of the trumpet and alarm (1:16). It is a day of wrath, trouble, distress, wastness, desolation, gloominess, clouds and thick darkness (1:15). The blood of men will be poured out like dust and their flesh will be as dung (1:17). Yahweh will make a speedy riddance of all who dwell in the land (1:18).

Zechariah declares that all nations will come against Jerusalem to battle. The city will be taken, the houses rifled, the women ravished with half of the city going into captivity.

These along with many other places in the prophets declare the wrath and fury that Yahweh will pour out upon the earth because of the waywardness of man. He will begin His judgment upon the houses of Israel and then will turn upon the non-Hebrew nations. But He will eventually deliver Israel out of it.

#4—The Opening of the Gates

Yahweh had warned Israel that if they refused to obey Him, He would make their heaven as brass and their earth as iron (Dt. 24:23). He also declared that Israel's brow was brass and their neck iron (Isa. 48:4).

Interestingly, Yahweh overthrew Israel placing them under the power of world ruling governments which were gold (Babylon), silver (Persia), brass

(Greece) and iron (Rome) in succession.

The Greeks were democratic in governmental form, while the Romans were republican. Does this ring a bell with you? Isn't that the form of our government and most governments in Europe and other parts of the world to this day?

Furthermore, the Christian religion is Greek (brass) in nature. Thus, the prophecy of turning their heaven into brass has also been fulfilled. The Greeks hated the Hebrews and anything associated with Yahweh, because they wanted to exalt their supreme deity, Zeus! Christianity has been deceived to do this very thing. They are, therefore, shut up behind the gates of brass and iron to this day.

It is prophesied, "Thus saith Yahweh to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, **to open before him the**

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two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: **I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:** And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, Yahweh, which call thee by thy name, am the Elohim of Israel. For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I

have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me," Isa. 45:1-4.

Cyrus was the king of Persia who overthrew Babylon. While Persia was in succession with the metallic kingdoms of Daniel chapter two, it was during the time of the reign of the Persian kings that a contingency of Hebrews returned to the land to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. Thus, Cyrus is a type of the Messiah Who will intervene in world affairs in the latter days to overthrow the last two metallic kingdoms of Greece and Rome. The kingdoms of brass and iron.

All of the people of the earth have been shut up behind the gates of brass and iron. The brass and iron are typology of the governments and religions of Greece and Rome. Soon, Yahweh is going to open those gates and set the people free through the true Messiah Yahshua.

The book of Psalms proclaims, "Oh that men would praise Yahweh for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder," Ps. 107:15-16.

When these gates of brass and iron are finally broken asunder, then the gates of righteousness will be opened, "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will Elohim appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in Yahweh for ever: for in Yah Yahweh is everlasting strength," Isa. 26:1-4.

How can we achieve this righteousness spoken of here in

Isaiah? Through the true door to righteousness, Yahshua the Messiah, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep....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. 10:1-2, 7-9.

"And to the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name," Rev. 3:7-8.

It is also in the book of Revelation that a trumpet is sounded and a door is opened (Rev. 4:1) to reveal things that should take place hereafter. The sounding of a trumpet on the day of Trumpets will break asunder the leaved gates of Babylon the Great; the gates of brass and iron, setting the people free to enter into the door, the gate of righteousness.

#5—Yowm HaDin—the Day of Judgment

Each month was attributed to one of the tribes of Israel. The seventh month was attributed to the tribe of Dan. Dan means to judge.

Peter writes, "But there were false prophets also among the

people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying Yahweh that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not...Yahweh knoweth how to deliver the righteous out of temptations, and **to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished,**" 2 Pet. 3:1-3, 9.

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of Sovereign and Saviour: Knowing

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this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of Yahweh the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store,

reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of unrighteous men," 2 Pet. 3:1-7.

A day of judgment is coming at the end of this age. That judgment is specifically to be trumpeted in against Babylon and its successors, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear Elohim, and give glory to him; for **the hour of his judgment is come:** and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication," Rev. 14:6-8.

The Babylonian system will fall. This system is filled with the merchandising of a great overburdening political and religious system. The kings and merchants of the earth are especially involved in this great system. While Babylon began as a head of gold, its latter end is shown to be filled with devils, foul spirits and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird (Rev. 18:1-10).

Her judgment, when it comes, will come swiftly, in one day, the day of trumpets. Her judgment will come in one hour. (Rev. 18:10)

While Yahweh's people must live under this system until the appearance of the kingdom of heaven, they must not take part in its political and religious evils.

#6—Trumpets Signify Revelation

Yahshua began to reveal things to the Apostle John through the sound of a great voice as of a

trumpet (Rev. 1:10).

The book of Revelation is composed of seven seals, seven trumpet plagues and seven vials. Yahweh will reveal His judgment on the Babylonian systems of this world and also reveal who His people are during this period of time.

Paul writes, "For the Sovereign himself (Yahshua) shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first," 1 Thes. 4:16.

Interestingly, the word "voice" in the above verse is translated from the Greek word "phone" (fo-nay). It comes from another Greek word "phaino" and promotes the idea of "disclosure" (revelation).

This voice is the voice of the archangel or "chief messenger." All of the writings of Moses, the Psalms, Prophets and Apostles focus on the "chief messenger" of Elohim, to wit: Yahshua the Messiah. This will be revealed in its entirety in that day of trumpets when the last or seventh trumpet is blown in heaven.

#7—Trumpets Signify War

Trumpets not only signify the judgment of the great whore, Babylon, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto Yahweh our Yahweh: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand," Rev. 19:1-2, but they also war against her seed, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness

he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of Yahweh. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty Yahweh. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGN. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great Elohim; That ye may eat the flesh of

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kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received

the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh," Rev. 19:11-21.

Zechariah is inspired to write, "Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. And Yahweh shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Sovereign **Yahweh shall blow the trumpet**, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. Yahweh of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar," Zech. 9:12-15.

Please notice who will be making war against whom. Of course, the head over it all will be Yahweh, but His people are Zion who will be raised up against Greece. Shouldn't this tell us something about those who want to continue to promote the Grecian names and faith?

In Zechariah 14 we find that the feet of Yahweh will stand upon the Mount of Olives in that day of trumpets, judgment and war. This is the very place from whence Yahshua ascended into heaven. The disciples watched Yahshua ascend until a cloud received Him out of their sight (Acts 1:9). He will come again to the Mount of Olives with the sound of a great trumpet and

with the clouds of heaven (Rev. 1:7) to make war against the kingdoms of this earth.

#8—Trumpets signify Resurrection

Paul writes, “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory,” 1 Cor. 15:50-54.

Again, he writes, “For Sovereign himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with **the trump of Elohim:** and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Sovereign in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Sovereign. Wherefore comfort one another with these words,” 1 Thes. 4:16-18.

The Jews call the Feast of Trumpets “Rosh HaShanah.” “Rosh” means head, chief, first, etc. “Ha” is simply the Hebrew letter “hei” which generally stands for the article “the” when placed at the beginning of a word. “Shanah” has various meanings. It can mean a year, or the beginning of a year. It can mean to alter or change. It also

means to fold, i.e. duplicate or transmute.

Because of this term “Rosh HaShanah,” the Jews begin the civil year on the feast of trumpets. However, in the spiritual realm of things, it would signify “the first (rosh) resurrection (shanah).”

This is one of the most important themes of the Feast of Trumpets.

#9—Trumpets Signify Coronation

Trumpets were blown when the kings of Israel were anointed to their position (1 Ki. 1:39, 2 Ki. 9:13, etc.).

The Feast of Trumpets signifies the coronation of Yahshua as King of Kings and Sovereign of Sovereigns.

Yahshua told Pilate that He was born to be King of the Jews (Jn. 18:33-37). But He told His disciples that He had to go away into a far country (heaven) to receive His kingdom and then to

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return (Lk. 11:15-19).

In Revelation 5, the Heavenly Father is sitting on His throne with a scroll sealed with seven seals. Yahshua, as the Lamb of Elohim comes and takes the scroll out of His hand and begins to remove the seals from the scroll. Yahshua is, at this time, functioning as the Lamb of Elohim, but has not yet been coronated.

In Revelation 11 we read, “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world are become the king-

doms of Yahweh and His Anointed (Messiah); and He shall reign for ever and ever.’” (v. 15)

This is when Yahshua will be coronated as King of Kings and Sovereign of Sovereigns. After the seventh trumpet is blown, He is shown with a crown on His head and a sickle in His hand (Rev. 14:14). He reaps the earth (vv. 15-16). He then descends upon the white horse with His heavenly armies following Him to take His power and rule over the earth (Rev. 19:11-16).

#10—Trumpets Signify Marriage

Adam’s bride, Eve, was made from a rib which was taken from his side while he was asleep (Gen. 2:21-22). Sleep is a type of death (Jn. 11:11-14). Yahshua is the second Adam (1 Cor. 15:45-47). He was put to sleep (death), a spear pierced His side (Jn. 19:34), from whence came blood and water. Blood is for atonement. Water is a type of the Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39).

Adam’s wife was made flesh and blood. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven (1 Cor. 15:50). Yahshua’s (the second Adam) bride is to be made Spirit.

When we are called, repent of our sins and are baptized; we become espoused (engaged, betrothed) to Yahshua (2 Cor. 11:1-2). In our world, an engagement ring is given as a token of the upcoming marriage. During the wedding ceremony the wedding ring is added to the engagement ring as a final seal that the wedding is complete.

Those who are called to become Yahshua’s bride are given an earnest of the Spirit, “That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in the Messiah. In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the

word of truth, the evangel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory,” Eph. 1:12-14.

Upon the resurrection or change from physical, mortal corruptible flesh to spiritual immortality and incorruption, the marriage of the Lamb to His bride will take place wherein they will receive the Holy Spirit of Yahweh without measure, “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto Yahweh our Elohim: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped Yahweh that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our Elohim, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundrings, saying, Alleluia: for Almighty Yahweh omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they

which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of Elohim,” Rev. 19:1-9.

#11—Trumpets Signify Shouting

The day of Trumpets is called in the Hebrew “yowm teruah.” This day not only has to do with the sound of trumpets, but it also has to do with shouting with voices. This day signifies the overthrow of the kingdoms of this world and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven.

Those being overthrown will be shouting in grief, pain, sadness and sorrow because their world will be ending. Those inheriting the kingdom of heaven will be shouting for joy and rejoicing because their reign will begin. They will be full of praises for Yahweh.

There will be the mournful, painful shout of those who will be losing their lives. But there will also be the joyful, rejoicing, praising shouts of those who are

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loosed from the bands of death and the grave into everlasting life.

There will be the sad and mournful shout of Satan, the god and king of this world, and his followers, as he is deposed, bound and cast into the abyss (Rev. 20:1-3). But there will be the joyful shouts, praises and rejoicing of Yahshua’s people as their Great King is coronated—**LONG LIVE THE KING!!!!**

There will be the shouts of war,

and finally, there will be the mourning of the great whore as her dark, idolatrous ways are exposed and destroyed, while the saints of Yahweh’s kingdom will be rejoicing because of the marriage made in heaven and the great light that will be shining forevermore.

#12—Trumpets Signify the Kingdom of Heaven

When the seventh angel sounds his trumpet there will be great voices in heaven saying (shouting), “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Yahweh, and of His Messiah; and he shall reign for ever and ever,” Rev. 11:15.

While the day of trumpets will be filled with a great commotion, great voices, thundrings and lightnings, war, sadness and mourning for some, it will be filled with great joy and rejoicing for others, the truth of the matter is that once finished, it will serve to bring in peace and rest to this earth that has not been since the Garden of Eden.

The Prophet Isaiah declares, “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yahweh’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into

pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Yahweh," Isa. 2:1-5.

Micah also declares almost the same thing as Isaiah, "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Yahweh of hosts hath spoken it," Micah 4:1-4.

Again, Isaiah is inspired to write, "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of Yahweh: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious," Isa. 11:1-10.

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THE SHADOW

It is declared in the book of Colossians, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body of the Messiah," 2:16-17.

Many people refuse to observe the feasts of Yahweh in today's world. But the feasts reveal Yahshua along with Yahweh's plan revealed in Him. The Feast

of Trumpets is a shadow of things yet to come. There are tremendous and significant themes associated with this day. Observing this day annually reminds us, that it is a memorial, of a coming event. As we observe it, we learn so much more about Yahshua and the good news of the kingdom of heaven.

These twelve themes of the Feast of Trumpets can be expanded upon in much greater detail. So much more than an article in a magazine can provide. We have given you a base, a foundation upon which you can expand in your own studies of Scripture. If we will repent and begin to observe the days that Yahweh commanded for our admonition, won't they help us to be more prepared for that which is to come? Won't they also teach us about our Great Messiah, Yahshua?

Remember that the news of this world and its history are of events that have already past. But Yahweh's news, while it may be about things that are past, it is also about future events which He will usher in at the time of His choice. Let's observe this most important day as well as the other commanded days so we can be reminded of that which will take place in the near future.

May Yahweh bless you to see these things. HalleluYah!!!!

FAITH IS...

There is an interesting phenomenon that is readily observable when we study the word “faith” and look for references in the TaNaK (Torah/Law, Nebi'im/Prophets, and Kethubim/Writings). Surprisingly the word faith [itself] is used only twice, whereas in the Messianic Scriptures (The New Testament) it has widespread usage.

By David Douglas

In the Hebrew language and mindset, “faith” was directly related to “truth,” “truthfulness,” and “trustworthiness.” (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*, Hebrew Lexicon - #529, #530) So in their culture and usage that dual relationship was their normal mindset. In my experience, most people who talk about “faith” today, DO NOT equate the word “faith” directly with “truth” at all. Modern “faith,” often somewhat ‘mystical,’ is understood as an act or work of faith that is based on human choice and understanding.

In the past, I have made a very clear distinction between natural and supernatural, flesh and spirit. When this distinction is ignored, the definition of [many] words can get very confusing. What I specifically mean regarding “faith” is: “human faith” does not equal “spiritual faith” (supernatural faith). And that is the topic I wish to share in this article.

The writer of Hebrews says faith is: “...the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1). Okay...we’ve heard that many times...BUT what does that mean to you and me? How do I apprehend simple “faith,” and where does “faith” come from? And again, in my experience, English speaking people DO NOT make the Hebrew language connection of: “faith/truth, truthfulness, trustworthiness”... is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Therefore, a quick thought when we hear “faith” comes from our personal experience, knowledge, and understanding...which is “usually” based on a definition involving something we “do” or “have.” But “true faith” is based on things that are NOT seen. The Talmud offers a

wise insight into “what we see.” “We do not see things as they are; we see things as we are.” So how we “see”...or how we “think” about “faith” plays a big part in our talk and walk.

In our daily life, faith must have a down-to-earth connection/foundation in order to be useful. It cannot be so “super-spiritual” that it flies around up in the clouds somewhere...but never lands! It must be readily available or we completely miss the point! And faith cannot be based on human understanding and choice ONLY...or else it would be a “human work,” and we know “works” cannot earn the Spirit! And faith cannot focus on itself; faith must recognize the “source.” That identifies “true faith.”

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Here is the key that I wish to share. “Faith”...true faith...is a “fruit of the Spirit.” (Gal. 5:22-23) Ponder that a moment. In the Hebrew culture and mind...faith = faithfulness = truth = truthfulness = trustworthiness. If faith is a “fruit of the Spirit” like Gal. 5:22-23 says...then only the Spirit can produce it! So “human faith” does not equal “spirit faith.” Man cannot produce “true faith”...only the Spirit of Yahweh (Our) Elohim can. Now we have the “Source” identified correctly.

While this may be hard for the human mind to accept...we must carefully consider if it is the “TRUTH.”

We know that Yeshua is the “TRUTH”...John 14:6. We have just learned that in the Hebrew culture and mindset...faith = truth. Since they are connected, then “true faith” must be a product founded in the “truth,” i.e. originating from Yeshua the Messiah, and must be a product of the Spirit, which can never be separated from Yeshua!

Stated another way...if you don’t have the “true Yeshua,” if you don’t have the “true Spirit of Yahweh,” then you can’t be producing “fruit of the Spirit” – (one of which is “faith”)! It would be a logical impossibility to think otherwise!

Paul taught the same message in his letter to the Galatians. (Ref.” Gal. 2:20) “...and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of Elohim...” He plainly stated it was Yeshua’s faith he [Paul] lived by! The power and ability and presence of the Spirit produced the “faith” in Paul...i.e., the “fruit of the Spirit”...empowering him to walk in the truth...i.e., walk in the Messiah! HalleluYah! And the same process applies to us! Without the Spirit, without Yeshua, we are powerless to produce “fruit of the Spirit”...and that includes “true faith!” Therefore, if the Spirit of Life/Spirit of Truth is not in us...we are not producing “spiritual fruit,” i.e., “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.” (Gal. 5:22-23) Fruit bearing is always connected to the manifestation of a personal relationship, i.e., “being in,” Yeshua HaMashiach. (Ref.: Jn. 15:1-5)

Consider the scripture...”faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Yahweh Elohim” for a mo-

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POWER TO THE POPE?

Does the Papacy have the "Primacy of Peter" as claimed? The Papacy seems to be somewhat powerless in today's world. Such has not been the case in the past. What about today's appearances? Is it possible that there is more than meets the eye concerning this seeming powerlessness? This article explains who really has the "Primacy" as well as reveals some things going on behind the scenes with the Catholic Church.

By Johnny McCarty

Matthew 16:18 is the sole authority on which the Catholic Church bases its legitimacy and the Pope's authority. "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My assembly, and the gates of hades [the grave] shall not prevail against it." They claim that Peter was the first bishop of Rome and that all Roman bishops (later Popes) are in a direct line of succession from Peter. Does this passage really support this theory?

First, look at the subject of the entire chapter and the context of verse 18. The subject is the Messiahship of Yahshua. The Pharisees and Sadducees had asked Yahshua for a sign from heaven to prove He was the Messiah. He rebuked them and then warned His disciples against the false and hypocritical doctrines of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Later, He again brought up the subject of His identity as "the Messiah, the Son of Yahweh."

"When Yahshua came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' (Matthew 16:13). Here, He is asking His disciples who the people of Judea think He is. They respond, 'So they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'" (Matthew 16:14).

From their answer, it is obvious that most of the people think He is a messenger from Yahweh but are not sure of His exact identity. Now Yahshua asks His disciples who THEY think He is. "He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'" (Matthew 16:15).

Peter answered for the disciples. "And Simon Peter answered and said,

'You are the Messiah, the Son of Almighty Yahweh'" (Matthew 16:16). Peter correctly states the identity and position of Yahshua. In His next statement, Yahshua reveals that He had never told the disciples that He was the Messiah. At the same time, He explains how they came to this knowledge.

"Yahshua answered and said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven'" (Matthew 16:17). Yahshua states plainly that Yahweh the Father supernaturally revealed this information to Peter. Notice that during this entire exchange, Yahshua, the Messiah is the subject of the conversation and lesson.

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Examine carefully the next statement of Yahshua. Remember, Peter had just identified Yahshua as the Messiah. "And I also say to you that you are Peter [Greek - *petros*], and on this rock [Greek - *petra*] I will build My assembly, and the gates of the grave [*hades*] shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

The Greek "*petros*" means a small fragment of rock, whereas "*petra*" means a large projecting rock or crag. The difference is significant. From the context, Yahshua's use of the word has two meanings. First, He is referring to Himself as the large rock and secondarily to the knowledge revealed by His Father to Peter. He pointedly calls Simon "*petros*" or a small rock in comparison to Himself.

A more meaningful translation might therefore be, "And I also say to you that you are a small rock and on this Great Rock the Father has revealed to you, I will build My assembly, and the gates of the grave shall not prevail against her." Peter echoes this idea in his later writings. "Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by Yahweh and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Yahweh through Yahshua Messiah. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone' and 'A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense'" (1 Peter 2:4-8). Paul confirms this identification of Yahshua. "Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua Messiah Himself being the chief cornerstone." (Ephesians 2:20). The true and only foundation of the Congregation of Yahweh is Yahshua Messiah.

There is absolutely no evidence in Scripture or secular history that Peter had any type of primacy among his peers. Peter himself makes no mention of it in any of his letters. Significantly, none of the other three evangelists mentions Yahshua's statement to Peter. And remember, it is possible that Luke's account of the evangel was related to him by Peter. See also Luke 22:24-26; Acts 15:6-22 and Galatians 2:11-14 for examples that Peter (nor anyone else) had supremacy over any

of the others.

There is no proof of any kind that Peter was ever in Rome, let alone was bishop of Rome or of any other congregation. While he was in Jerusalem, he was just one among many equals.

Among the early congregations that accepted direction from the apostles and elders in Jerusalem was the congregation in Rome. Like any other congregation of the Followers of Yahweh, it had elders who served as a body of overseers. These overseers served with equal power and status, none of them having supremacy over the others. Without doubt, none of these overseers in the Roman congregation was viewed by their contemporaries as bishops or as a "pope," since the monarchical episcopate at Rome had not yet developed.

The title "pope", from the Greek *pa'pas* meaning "father," was not used during the first two hundred years of the Assembly. The former Jesuit, Michael Walsh has this to say on the subject, "The first time a Bishop of Rome was called 'Pope' seems to have been in the third century, and the title was given to Pope Callistus ... By the end of the fifth century 'Pope' usually meant the Bishop of Rome and no one else. It was not until the eleventh century, however, that a Pope could insist that the title applied to him alone." (*An Illustrated History of the Popes*).

One of the earliest bishops of Rome to impose his authority was Pope Leo I (pope 440-461 A.D.). Walsh goes on to explain, "Leo appropriated the once pagan title of Pontifex Maximus, still used by the popes today, and borne, until towards the end of the fourth century, by Roman Emperors" Leo I based his actions on the Catholic interpretation of Yahshua's words in Matthew 16:18-19. He declared (with no Scriptural authority) that since Peter was the first among the apostles, then Peter's church (at Rome) should be accorded primacy among the churches. With this declaration, he exercised supreme spiritual power over the Western Roman Empire. This power assumed by the bishops at Rome was pointedly

illustrated when Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in 800 A.D.

It is interesting to note that the kingdom over which the popes rule is not the "Kingdom of Yahweh," but the "**Holy ROMAN EMPIRE.**" Nothing more than the old pagan, Believer and Jew persecuting power that has donned the mantle of a sheep. Messiah Himself, warned of such things. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:15-20).

And further, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Messiah. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel

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of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

The pope is not now, never has been, and never will be the head of Yahweh's Kingdom or even its representative. Any power or authority he may possess is based on a purely secular assumption of power and on the spilled blood of innocent people, "Christians" and non-Christians alike. Messiah will demand recompense for that shed blood. Woe be to those upon whose head it falls.

The Roman Empire has never ceased to exist from its founding. It has never changed its goal. It has never changed its methods of operation or form of organization. It has only put on a masterful disguise. It has succeeded in deceiving almost the entire world. It thinks it has succeeded in destroying the true evangel of the Kingdom of Yahweh, as preached by Yahshua Messiah. This is its great error. Messiah, at His Second Coming in Power and Glory will reward them "according to their works."

THE DANGER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Most Protestants today view the Roman Catholic Church with much more favor than in times past. More and more, the pagan doctrines and practices of the papists are being looked upon as "not that different" from those of the traditional Protestant religions. It is hard for people today to imagine the feelings of contempt and distrust that the original Protestants and Reformers felt (justifiably) toward the Romanists. This is very unfortunate for the Protestants and, indeed, for the liberty of modern nations everywhere. However, it's to be expected since the Roman church is the "mother of harlots" (Revelation 17:5) and the traditional Protestant churches her daughters.

The defenders of the papacy declare that the church has been maligned, and the Protestant world is inclined to accept that statement. Many feel that it is unjust to judge the church of today by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign up to 1788. They excuse her horrible cruelty as the result of the barbarism of the times and plead that the influence of modern civilization has changed her sentiments. Actually, it was the Catholic church that caused and nourished those barbarous times!

Have we so soon forgotten the claim of INFALLIBILITY claimed for 800 years by the presumptuous popes? The Romanists have NEVER abrogated this claim! On the contrary,

it was AFFIRMED as late as the 19th century. The "church never erred; nor will it, according to the Scriptures, ever err." (*Institutes of Ecclesiastical History*, John L. Von Mosheim, book 3, century II, part 2, chapter 2, section 9, note 17). Think about it, if they feel they are incapable of making mistakes, then ALL other religions MUST BE WRONG!

The Romanists will never relinquish their claim to infallibility. Everything they have done to persecute and destroy those who reject their dogma, they feel to be just and proper. Make no mistake, if the restraints imposed by the various secular governments were removed and Rome were restored to its former power, the tyranny and persecutions they took so much pleasure in would be very quickly restored.

"There are many who are disposed to attribute any fear of Roman Catholicism in the United States to bigotry or childishness. Such see nothing in the character and attitude of Romanism that is hostile to our free institutions, or find nothing portentous in its growth. Let us, then, first compare some of the fundamental principles of our government with those of the Catholic Church.

"The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberty of conscience. Nothing is dearer or more fundamental. Pope Pius IX in his Encyclical Letter of August 15, 1854, said: 'The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error - a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state.' The same pope, in his Encyclical Letter of December 8, 1864, anathematized 'those who assert the liberty of conscience and of religious worship,' also 'all such as maintain that the church may not employ force.'

"The pacific tone of Rome in the United States does not imply a change of heart. She is tolerant where she is helpless. Says Bishop O'Connor: 'Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into

effect without peril to the Catholic world.' ... The archbishop of St. Louis once said: 'Heresy and unbelief are crimes; and in Christian countries, as in Italy and Spain, for instance, where all the people are Catholics, and where the Catholic religion is an essential part of the law of the land, they are punished as other crimes.'...

"Every cardinal, archbishop, and bishop in the Catholic Church owe allegiance to the pope, in which occur the following words: 'Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said lord (the pope), or his aforesaid successors, I will to the utmost persecute and oppose.'" (*Our Country*, Josiah Strong, chapter 5, paragraphs 2-4).

Does that sound like an organization that would tolerate the Freedom of Religion we claim under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution? Absolutely not! People of today are closing their eyes to the very real dangers represented by the rising popularity of the papacy. The Romanists are vying for more influence in both national and international politi-

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cal affairs. The Truth of the Scriptures and the truth of history are the only means to stir the people to resist the most dangerous threat to their civil and religious liberties.

Many people are attracted to Catholicism for its splendid pomp, pagantry, and grandeur. Its cathedrals are, for the most part, exceedingly beautiful edifices, virtual works of art. They are designed to impress the masses with whose money, blood, and sweat they were built. Its music is unsurpassed in its ability to awe and inspire. Its ceremonies relieve, if only temporarily, the drudgery of everyday life.

This physical beauty serves only to

hide the core of darkness and corruption that is Romanism. Unfortunately, too many of today's Protestant churches are doing their best to emulate the physical grandeur of the Catholics. The results are the same, also. They too, have become mere shells of outward piety while their core is dark, corrupt, and worldly.

The Catholic Church claims the sole right to pardon sin on earth. They assert that no other Christian religions have this power. The scriptures state that only Yahweh, through the grace of Yahshua Messiah, can pardon sin. By usurping this authority, it gives the members of the Catholic Church the feeling that they may sin with impunity. After all, they merely have to confess to a priest and their sins are immediately forgiven. Nothing else is required. They don't have to repent, and change from their sinful ways. They can return to their sinful ways feeling fully "forgiven" and "sanctified."

This practice of "confession" to a mere fallible, sinful man places a barrier between Yahweh and man. It also is in direct contradiction to the Word of Yahweh. The Word of Yahweh says, "For there is one Elohim and one Mediator between Elohim and men, the Man Messiah Yahshua." (1 Timothy 2:5). However, man finds it easier to confess and debase himself before other equally sinful men than to submit himself to the will and law of Yahweh. It frees him to sin again. The related practice of calling their priest "Father" is also condemned by the Word of Yahweh. "Do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your Father, He who is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9).

The Catholics give a great outward show of piety and respect for the sacrifice and suffering of Messiah on the stake. Everywhere you look there is a cross or crucifix. Indeed, one could say they go too far in depicting a weak, defeated, dying Messiah. At the other end, the Romanists depict Messiah as a small helpless babe held and nourished by His mother. They com-

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ANSWERING LETTERS AND READER'S COMMENTS

Hello, Mr. Jerry Healan,

A friend gave me one of your magazines, *Yahshua's Witness Magazine*, Jan.-Feb. 05. I am studying Wicca at this time, and some things you say are very close to our teachings, so I have a question for you. In some places you use a different alphabet. Is it Greek or Hebrew? What I am asking is could you please send me a copy of this alphabet, if you don't mind?

Sir, there is one other question, if you please. Preachers all over say magic is of evil, Satan. Then why did Jesus, and Moses use it to their advantages? To feed the masses, staff into a snake, part the Red Sea, and so forth. I ask you this sir, because as I said, some things are very close to Wicca. Thought you may give a straighter answer than some others. Thanks for your time.

ME/NM

Dear ME,

Thanks so much for your inquiry. The seemingly odd alphabet that we generally like to utilize is termed the "Paleo Hebrew Alphabet." As far as we can tell, it is the most ancient alphabet that was utilized by the Hebrews in the days of Moses until Judah was carried into captivity in Babylon. While in Babylon, the Jews began to utilize what is called the Babylonian Script, of which modern Hebrew is a derivative.

As for "wicca," I have researched the term out in times past and have found that it is associated with witchcraft, paganism and heathenism. As a matter of fact, the term "wicked" comes from the word "wicca." I have visited several sites on the internet which speak of and introduce the religion of "wicca." It is made to appear harmless, but it is anti-Scriptural and against what Yahweh and Yahshua stand for.

Magic is practiced by witches, sorcerers, wizards, etc. What Moses and Yahshua employed were the supernatural powers of the Creator Yahweh, not magic, sorcery or wizardry. I am sending you an article entitled "The Rod of Moses." Hopefully, it will explain the significance of the rod to you. We are also sending you a copy of our latest newsletter, which has the Paleo Hebrew Alphabet in it.

Yahweh commanded Israel to not suffer a witch to live, nor sorcerers, enchanters, etc., "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live," Ex. 22:18. "When thou art come into the land which Yahweh thy Elohim giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto Yahweh: and because of these abominations Yahweh thy Elohim doth drive them out from before thee, Dt. 18:9-12.

*In the New Testament the Apostle Paul has this to say about witchcraft, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, **witchcraft**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of Elohim," Gal. 5:19-21.*

If you persist in the works and teachings of "wicca" then you will not inherit the coming kingdom of Elohim when Yahshua returns to rule upon this earth. Therefore, we urge

you to repent of such works and turn to the One Who upholds the whole creation, including yourself, by the power of His word (Heb. 1:3), Yahshua the Messiah.

Elder/Evangelist Jerry Healan

Greetings to all of you in Yahshua. I received the three back issues of "*Yahshua's Witness Magazine*," the pamphlets and the calendar. I want to thank you for sending me these items. Also you mailed me lesson #1 of the Correspondence Course. I have never read a MAGAZINE with such authority and power than *Yahshua's Witness Magazine*. I am memorizing each and every lesson within the magazines. I've read several magazines from different groups, but none like *Yahshua's Witness*. The lessons "In the Beginning" by Brother Jerry Healan are totally inspired by Yahweh. He brings out the truth of Yahshua's Pre-existence in a way I've never seen done by anyone. I really appreciate this magazine and I hope to receive a subscription from YEA.

In 1998 a guy in prison had witnessed to me about Yahshua. It took about a week, but I finally accepted the truth. I grew up a Pentecostal and had never observed the truth. Actually, I wasn't raised Pentecostal, I was only in the Pentecostal Church. It was just something my family did once a week. The remaining 6 days my parents fought like cats and dogs. I grew up in a violent family. My life took a bad turn at 13 years of age. I began a life of crime, drugs, alcohol, and total rebellion to everything of authority. I was raised in a KKK town in Mobile, Alabama and eventually became a racist skinhead. I ended up going to Juvenile detention five times, youth prison once, and adult prison four times. I am serving a life prison sentence under the California strike law.

I've been incarcerated since 1996. I am really upset about my past life and have nothing to be proud of. I have repented of my sins and I seek baptism into Yahshua's name. I have the approval from the chaplain to have someone come into this prison to perform baptisms but have yet to find any one. Do you have an out-reach prison ministry that travels to prisons to perform baptisms? I really desire to be baptized and have hands laid on me by an elder who is filled with Yahweh's Holy Spirit. I'm sure you want to know me first and that is fine. I will complete your correspondence courses no matter how long it takes. There are two other brothers who desire baptism. I am witnessing to both of them. They are brand new in the faith. If you do have a traveling ministry in compliance with Matthew 28:19-20, I will leave the Chaplain's name and Phone # to make possible arrangements. This prison is located just south of Fresno, California. Please let me know your feelings on this? I will close for now. I love you all and have a great/blessed Passover and Unleavened Bread feast.

Sincerely, MEB/CA

Dear Brethren at Yahweh's Evangelical Assembly. Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah!

A couple of days ago I went to empty my trash can, and lo and behold, I found two issues of *Yahshua's Witness Magazine* lying on top of the trash bin. Well, at first I thought this must be a magazine put out by an Ex-Jehovah's Witness who had discovered the Sacred Names. But I soon discovered they were not. To my delight they were spiritual food sent from Yahweh Himself! HalleluYah!

Well, needless to say, I am asking you to place me on your mailing list to receive *Yahshua's Witness Magazine* along with your *Bible Correspondence Course*. I would like to receive the *YEA Newsletter*.

Thank you for your time and thank you for supplying the word (food) of Yahweh to us who sincerely need it.

PB/MI

I would like to express my gratitude for your benevolence in the inspira-

tional material you send to me and to many other prisoners in Texas and elsewhere. Many cannot afford to purchase this material and I would like to thank the entire assembly for their efforts to inspire and educate. Thank you. Your article in *Yahshua's Witness Magazine* concerning pronouncing Yahweh or Jehovah was excellent and I would like to request about a dozen or so of the tracts so that I may continue to spread the truth. Again, thank you for everything. JJ/TX

Greetings,

It was a real blessing to receive your wonderful magazine. I really learned a lot. Your in-depth understanding of Yahweh's word is amazing.

JR/MO

Would you please place me on the mailing list for your excellent magazine, "Yahshua's Witness?" I had an opportunity to read your March/April issue and was happy to find meat, rather than milk.

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pletely fail to present Him as the Resurrected, Living, All-Powerful, Glorified, High Priest that He, in fact, is at this present time. To do so would be an admission on the part of the Romanists that they have less power and authority than Messiah. This they will never do.

Rather than teach the Evangel of the Kingdom of Yahweh as Messiah commanded, they substitute the pagan inspired traditions of man. "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." (Matthew 23:4). The lay members of the Catholic Church are told to sacrifice all for the glory of the church; to live in poverty if need be. Yet, the officials live in splendor and dress in grand manner where even their drinking cups are silver and gold. "But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge

the borders of their garments." (Matthew 23:5).

Probably one of the most heinous practices is their overt, unabashed worship of idols, images, relics, and dead "saints." Closely related to this is their exaltation of the pope as "Yahweh on earth." The Word of Yahweh condemns this practice, also. "I am Yahweh your Elohiym, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other elohim before me. You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them." (Exodus 20:2-5).

To whom do you give honor, praise, glory, obedience, and allegiance? If it is to ANY man, be he Pope, Reverend, so-called modern day Apostle, or Elder, then you need to REPENT of this and follow only Yah-

weh and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah! If you blindly follow and obey some human leader, then you are no better off than those who blindly follow the Pope.

We must not fall into the same error as the Papist and unquestioningly follow some man simply because he is the current leader of the group or assembly of which we may be a member. Listen carefully to what these leaders say and write and then compare it to the Word of Yahweh. If it does not follow the clear commandments of Yahweh, then you must follow Yahweh's Word rather than that man. Any man that intentionally teaches ANYTHING that is contrary to the plain Word of Yahweh is not truly following Yahweh but is placing himself above the Word of Yahweh.

Pray always for help and guidance from Yahweh. HALLELUYAH!

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ance have continued for more than a millenium, proven by the ensign raised for the movement, AZTLAN. That any vision would endure over a millenium or more attests to the reality of the Return to Aztlan in the soul of the Xicano. It also marks the Xicano as a great people. The prince of such an 'ohmmm gah-dohl (great people) is well able to carry out the Creator's plan. Any government -- which is considered the people in America -- should think twice and pray before opposing the Xicano return on any claim of sovereignty. The Sovereignty for this movement is from Above as pre-supposed because of who the Xicano are." (End of article)

In another article on his web-site, he relates that many of the Xicanos have a double Y chromosome linking them in DNA with the Levitical priesthood.

I responded to his articles, "Shalom Dell Griffin,

I call you by that name, because that is your name given by your parents. If you are a commandment keeper, as you claim, then you will honor your father and mother by utilizing the name given through them.

I know that you study quite deeply in order to come to truth, but in reading your dissertation concerning the Chicanos, I think you are stretching things quite greatly. It is interesting that you are taking sides with and honoring a spirit of a people, which you are trying to establish as Hebrew.

Here is what I see just from part of your message. Remember that there were two brothers in Scripture? Remember that one was "red" being called Edom, but given the name Esau? Since Xicano = "Red" People and their spirit is Ma'asau, what does that tell you? It tells me that they are the spiritual descendants of Esau, following the spirit of Esau.

Esau has been dispersed throughout the earth just as has Jacob. Esau hated Jacob and vowed to slay him. This vow has been delayed until *the last days* (if you have a proper understanding of Scripture), specifically

until the times of Jacob's troubles.

Even if these people are priests, their priesthood is the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, which is the priesthood of Esau (Rome, in Rabbinic literature). If you will remember, the "Red" men sold their birthright to Jacob. Esau/Edom, the "red" man, sold his birthright for a bowl of red lentils. The American "red" men sold their birthright for about \$24.00 worth of trinkets and blankets, specifically Manhattan Island, which was the cornerstone of the foundation of this country.

You are aiding and abetting Esau, Dell. Wake up and smell the coffee.

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The question is, when did we begin to have problems with this illegal immigration? It was during the Reagan administration. Remember that they extended amnesty to about two million illegals through a bill which also promised to strengthen border security. Today, we are facing another amnesty bill for about 12 to 20 million.

The question is, when did we begin to have problems with this illegal immigration?

But think back. What event occurred before the Reagan Administration? Didn't President Jimmy Carter give the Panama Canal, a U.S. built canal through U.S. money and lives, to the Panamanians? This was, of course, after the 99 year lease that the U.S. had with the Panamanians, but we had the legal right to make another contract for the canal. The Panamanians, in turn, leased it to our enemies, the Communist Chinese. It is no secret that the Communist have been at war with the U.S. for quite some time. Their aim is to either convert or destroy us.

Believe it or not, the Communist doctrine is a doctrine promoted by the

spirit of Esau. They love that delicious "red" spiritual food fed to them by descendants of Jacob. (Marx and Engels were Jewish.)

The Communist doctrine is a result of Humanism. Humanism teaches that man is quite able to work out and solve his problems on his own, without any supernatural intervention, thank you.

The only ones who are standing in the way of Communism is the white European Christian, especially, the United States.

The Communists, headed by the Spirit of Satan, have been working hard to weaken the spirit and resolve of the U.S. They have been employing many tools of the trade, so to speak, to cause us to tire and just cave in to their demands.

Today, they are utilizing professors in our universities. They are utilizing various civil rights movements. They are even utilizing the Muslim insurgency. You see, the spirit of the Muslims is the spirit of Ishmael, who hated Isaac. Esau took a wife from Ishmael and both work together in seething hatred for Jacob.

Now, they are utilizing the Xicanos by sending them across our borders with the intent to take back the birthright that they sold to Jacob. That is what the whole struggle is in these latter days, believe it or not.

Ishmael wants to take the birthright away from Isaac. Esau wants to take the birthright away from Jacob. Satan, of course, wants to take the glory, esteem and honor from Yahweh.

Isaiah speaks of the enemy coming in like a flood (Isa. 59:19). Joel speaks of armies of palmerworms, locusts, cankerworms and caterpillars coming in to eat up all of the increase of the land. These armies are likened to a nation that is strong and without number that will come against Israel in the last days.

How can we avert this? Turn to Yahweh and His word of truth, declare fasts and pray for Yahweh's deliverance.

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darkness of this world with the aim of bringing praise and glory to Yahweh and Yahshua. What is the source of this light? Is it from us?

1 John 1:5 and John 1:6-9 tell us that Yahweh and Yahshua are the true light that shines in the darkness. Darkness cannot be where light is. Light overcomes the darkness and reveals what the dark was hiding. That light that comes from them is their great holiness.

We are the light of the world. The light that emanates from us is that of the Holy Spirit of Yahweh and Yahshua. It is the light of their holiness that shines from us. It is their light that we reflect to others. Yahweh

and Yahshua illuminate us and we reflect that light to the world. We must always remember that this light that we reflect is not our own. This light and this holiness comes from Yahweh and Yahshua.

This light is not a harsh blinding light. It is a soft warm glow that should attract others to it. Yahweh and Yahshua are loving, kind and gentle and this is what we are to reflect to those we encounter in our daily lives.

We are holy because Yahweh is holy and dwells within us. Yahweh's holiness ensures the holiness of His surroundings. The Israelites did not reflect the holiness of Yahweh. Our thoughts and actions must. We are holy because Yahweh is holy. We

carry holiness with us everywhere we go, to the workplace, shopping, school and anywhere else we may go. We are holy ground, sacred space. We are Yahweh's Temple! Yahweh's temple is holy ground. Yahweh is within this holy temple. Yahshua is within this holy temple. This temple is holy because they are holy.

There is no place within us for uncleanness or evil. We are filled with the glorious light of the holiness of Yahweh and Yahshua. Let us reflect that holy light to those we encounter throughout our lives. We are holy because Yahweh is Holy. Let us prove it by the purity of our lives. HALLE-LUYAH.

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ment.(Romans 10:17) In the Hebrew mindset..."faith," i.e., truth, i.e. fruit of the Spirit," comes from "hearing, i.e., hearing, understanding, and obeying," and "hearing, understanding, and obeying" [comes] by the Word of Yahweh, i.e., by Yeshua. This kind of "faith" DOES NOT come from the mind of man! If your mind explains it differ-

ently...then you need to decide exactly what...and Who...the TRUTH is! (And that decision is strictly between you and the Truth/Yeshua!)

In conclusion...this message is honestly intended to encourage everyone to think about the "source" for their "faith." If it comes from the mind of man/woman ONLY...and in ONLY "human faith"...apart from Ruach Ha-

Kodesh (The Holy Spirit)...we "might be" deceiving ourselves! We all need "true faith"...fruit of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

Beloved brethren and readers...be obedient to the true instructions of Yahweh...and be blessed! Shalom...

COME TO THE FEAST!

YEA is once again hosting the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles. We have made arrangements to utilize the Bluegrass Festival campgrounds that we utilized last year. We will have more information available in the YEA Newsletter, which should be published shortly. Come rejoice with us before Yahweh and His Beloved Son Yahshua the Messiah. If you do plan to come observe the feast with us, please fill out the form below and mail it to YEA, P. O. Box 31, Atlanta, TX 75551

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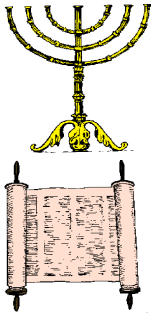
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