

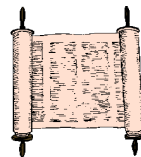
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in 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: Salmon are depicted concerning their arduous journey from the sea back to their spawning grounds. The determined quest of the salmon is so important to look to for vital lessons that we can learn from them. We also have a quest, a goal to accomplish and reach. If we look to the determination of the salmon, it may give us an insight into our own struggles that we face in our trek to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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THOUGHTS ON EVOLUTION

Our feature article is about the struggles of the salmon to survive. I recently viewed a news article on the pupfish that only exists in Devil's Hole at Death Valley National Park in Nevada. The news article is entitled "Miracle of Evolution Fights for Survival in Death Valley." As the headline reports, they write about the **miraculous evolutionary survival** of this little fish. Supposedly, it has survived for 60,000 years facing the bone-chilling extremes of the Ice Age, the blistering temperatures of the desert and an ever-shrinking habitat. They live in a pool that is only 150 meters deep and only a few meters wide.

Falling water tables, due to agricultural irrigation, caused alarm among the environmentalists who went to the Supreme Court and received a ruling against the farmers in 1976. Yet, in 1990 there were only 500 of the little fellows left and today the count is only an alarming 38! Great efforts have been made to preserve these tiny fish. After the court ruling, an eight foot high fence was built around the little water hole in order to protect the fish from man and animals. Diving teams descend into the pool twice annually checking to make sure that the water is properly balanced chemically.

One man is quoted as saying, "We don't have the right to play God, it's arrogant of us to think that as humans we can come in, and take away something that's not convenient."

Just think about this evolutionists, the fish has supposedly survived for 60,000 years without man's help. Is it possible that in the EVOLUTIONARY SCHEME OF THINGS, the little fish knows that it is time to bow out of existence because it has failed to evolve into something more adaptable? Isn't that what has happened to many other species that you find in the geological tables, yet are no longer around? You know, it's either put up or shut up. Evolve or devolve.

The next question is this; I thought that in the evolutionary scheme of things there is no God. The creation just created itself and has evolved into what we find today. So who is really playing God here? If a creature can't exhibit the ability to evolve out of its abysmal situation in order to better survive, then doesn't it deserve to go extinct? Shouldn't species that can't evolve into a superior situation, like man, let's say, then do they deserve the special care and treatment to keep them around just so we can feel good about ourselves? You may be impeding evolution, don't you know?

And think also about the term that was utilized to describe this little organism's ability to survive for somewhere in the neighborhood of 60,000 years. I'm talking about the word "miracle!" According to *Webster's New World Dictionary*, a miracle is an event or action that apparently contradicts known scientific laws and is hence thought to be due to supernatural causes, especially **to an act of God**.

So now the question is, if this little fish performed this miracle by surviving such extreme conditions for so long a time, then is it God? And if it is God, then why are you trying to preserve it? Don't you hate God and want anything that appears to make it look like God exists to be purged from the records? (Sorry for these term to the Yahwists, but sometimes we have to fight fire with fire.)

Evolutionists can ascribe events and struggles to survive as miracles. The creation therefore, is a miracle worker. But there simply isn't room for there to be a God Who miraculously created everything. The wondrous intricacies that are involved in the creation just simply can't be attributed to a miracle working Creator. But the creation can work miracles. So the evolutionists are deifying creation itself when they impute that everything just miraculously appeared and then evolved. The Apostle Paul had evolutionists perfectly pegged far, far before their time when he wrote, "Who (unbelieving man) changed the truth of Elohim into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature (creation) more than the Creator, Who is blessed for ever. Amen," Ro. 1:23.

How is it that we just read everything they say and write, and let these people get away with their doublespeak without any protest or challenge? I challenge their words that they have utilized here! If you don't believe in a Creator, then don't imply miracles, it's as simple as that. And don't play God by accusing us of being evil for bringing about extinction of a species when the facts are that if evolution is true, then extinction is a fact of evolution. The fact of evolution is evolve to a higher species or go extinct. You want to proclaim evolution and then when the reality comes you resist it's natural consequences. You try to play God yourself, by interfering with the natural consequences. Shame on you.

And another thing I would like to mildly touch on. You know how the insurance companies generally know how to fight and appeal to the legislators to get what they want when they want it. That's why we have to wear seat belts, put air bags in cars, develop superior framework in case of collision, etc., etc., at public expense. Many of the insurance companies get out of paying off by declaring an event to be an "Act of God."

Since they love to utilize this clause in order to cover their rears, why aren't they pushing the legislators, the Supreme Court, etc. into legislating that God really does exist? Why not force that on everyone? Don't they know that if the evolutionists have their way, then any reference to there being a God will eventually be forbidden? What will they do about their "Act of God Clause" then? I encourage the insurance companies to get into action now before it's too late! Make sure that the whole world knows that God exists so when a catastrophe happens you can blame everything on Him and save your burgeoning bank accounts. LET'S ROLL!!!

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CONSIDER THE SALMON

I recently spoke with a lady who is distressed concerning her son. He was born in the faith knowing the true names, the Sabbaths, the laws of Yahweh, etc. He commented that he was so tired of being in the minority. While he did appreciate the truths wherein he was born and simply can't turn his back on now, he wishes that he had been born into a large family, preferably Catholic, so that he would be ignorant of the truths that he has and go on to live life like everyone else, hoping that his chance for salvation and the kingdom and eternal life would come in the second resurrection.

By Jerry Healan

Any of us who are in the faith who have children, can understand this situation. Our children have been born into families who have the truth of the Scriptures to lead them. It does place pressures and situations on our children that others don't seem to face. Some do resent the family's calling into the truth and refuse to walk in it when they become adults. But let's face it, no matter where we have been born and in what condition, there are always problems to face.

Does being born in ignorance help? While large families may seem to be ideal and going along with the majority may seem to be like the way to go, the simple truth of the matter is that large families have their problems also. Pecking orders can be established. Jealousies can also come into play. Such was the case with Jacob and his twelve sons, is it not? Weren't they all so jealous of their younger brother Joseph that the older sons wanted to kill him?

Look at the jealousies that came into play between Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, the sons of Israel, etc. What about Cain and Abel? It would be better for us all to come to realize that we are born in a very imperfect world; that wherever we look, there are good things and bad things, righteousness and evil. We have a struggle on our hands no matter who we are.

Yes, it is difficult for minorities. Yes, it is difficult for children who are born into families of those practicing and embracing Biblical truths. Yahshua did say that many are called, few are chosen. The few must con-

tinue to realize who they are and live accordingly. Those who are called to the truths of Yahweh need to keep in mind that they are so tremendously blessed. They don't have to wander about in this world, being tossed to and fro on every whim. They don't have to wander around in the darkness living life in hopelessness.

I remember at a very early age wondering how I got here; where I came from; why I am here. I remember, as a young man, just wanting a job to work at to make money for sustenance and, of course, to become wealthy. I remember working on several jobs, and getting frustrated be-

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cause it seemed that I was getting nowhere. I remember thinking, is this all life is about? We are born in this world, mature to adulthood, go to work, work until retirement (if we live long enough), retire for a few short years and then die. Surely there is more to this existence than that! If evolution is true, that's all there is. Woe unto us!

But there is a Creator! He has, for some reason, blessed us by singling us out to come to know Him, to live differently than the average world citizen, to have faith in Him, and to eventually inherit His glorious kingdom! HalleluYah!!!!

As the song goes, Count Your Blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings, see what Yah has done! For those who don't appreciate our calling, they simply don't understand what we are called to. We are called to be a part of Yahweh's Kingdom. We are being called to nobility. We must understand that we are in training. We must understand that this life is hopeless and useless because no matter how great or wealthy or happy we may be in this life, it all perishes! As King Solomon proclaimed, "All is vanity."

No matter how rich we become; no matter how powerful we become; no matter how famous we become it will never be enough. Are the rich ever satisfied with what they have? Absolutely not! They always want to accumulate more and more riches. Are the powerful ever satisfied with what power they possess? Absolutely not! They always want more power. Are the famous ever satisfied with their fame? Absolutely not! You see, no matter how rich, how powerful, how famous you become, there is always someone else that is richer, more powerful and/or more famous than you. Besides, even if you reach the top, in this world, you must struggle to stay there because there are many, many challengers who will come up against you.

There are challenges to life. Nothing is really easy. Whether we are in the majority or in the minority, there are problems and troubles that we have to face. What we need to realize is that this life is for a purpose and if we don't fulfill that purpose that our

Creator has called us to, then we are failures. He doesn't leave us helpless. He is there to help in every time of need.

THE SALMON

There are many excellent examples for us to look to in Yahweh's great creation; examples of life, struggles, failure, success. One of those examples for us to learn valuable lessons from is that of the salmon. The salmon, of course, are hatched from eggs laid in a certain stream, creek, river, etc. The first stage in a salmon's life is that of a fry. A fry is a newly hatched salmon, just like we are a newborn baby when we first come into this world. The fry quickly develop into the next stage which is called "parr" just like our second stage is childhood.

The Salmon remain in the "parr" stage for about one to three years. They remain in the stream where they were hatched until they become large enough to enter into the third stage of their growth. This is much like our own nursery, kindergarten and elementary education.

The next stage is called the "smolt." This is the stage wherein they travel downstream to gather into brackish water in order to become accustomed to the salty seawater. They go through a phenomenon called "osmoregulation" which prepares their body for this change. This stage seems to be like our own teenage and young adult years wherein we go through high school and even college, which prepares us to enter into the working world.

Finally, they are adult enough to enter the salty waters of the great oceans where they feed themselves to final adulthood. In one to five years the salmon are ready to make their famous trek back to their place of nativity to reproduce in order to keep their species alive.

What is amazing about the salmon is that of the hundreds of thousands and maybe even millions that hatch

out, only about ten percent (10%) make it to the sea. Then an even greater number surely succumbs to the dangers of the sea itself.

THE CALLING

After about one to five years in the sea, they suddenly feel the call to return to their home. Even though there are great numbers of salmon that begin the trek back to their breeding grounds, just think about what has already happened to the majority that were originally hatched out! The majority of those hatched out never made it to the point of being called back to the hatchery, their home. If you were a salmon, what group would you rather be in? Would you rather be in the majority or the minority? I think that the answer is pretty clear. What about our own situation in today's world? Do you think that being in the minority might begin to have some benefits?

Just think about what Yahshua related, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and

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many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it," Mt. 7:13-14.

Boy! Doesn't that sound like the plight of the salmon? Many are hatched into this world, but only ten percent of those hatched make it down the stream and into the sea. And going downstream is the broad and easy way, isn't it?

Yahshua was asked, "Then said one unto him, Master, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen

up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Master, Master, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of Elohim, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of Elohim," Lk. 13:23-29.

This is our destiny. This is what we are born for. The Kingdom of Elohim is for those of us who have been called in this day and age and it is also for our children if they will resist the pulls of this world and resist going along with the majority taking the seemingly easy way out.

THE JOURNEY

The journey back to their place of birth is no picnic for the salmon. The journey to the Kingdom of Elohim is no picnic for the believer. But one thing that the salmon has that can be an inspiring example to us is their determination.

It is believed that the salmon can detect their place of origin through the sense of smell. For them and us, the sense of smell comes through the nose into which also we breathe the breath of life. Interestingly, the Hebrew word for breath is *ruach*, which is also the word for *spirit*. The Greek word for breath is *pneuma*, which is also the same word for spirit.

The salmon receives the calling and spirit to direct it back home. Yahweh calls us and gives us His Spirit in order to direct us to His kingdom, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy

Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call,” Acts 2:38-39.

The salmon searches and finds the entrance to his stream of nativity. We have a door that is opened to us and that door is 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. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Yahshua unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Yahshua unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep,” Jn. 10:1-7.

As the salmon begins its journey, one of the major things that it must do is travel upstream, going against the current. We have to do the same thing. Once we are called, we simply can't allow ourselves to be carried downstream along with the rest of society. We must buck the trends and go against the current.

A stream, creek or river flows downward, but the salmon must swim upstream always against the current. Sometimes there may be refreshing pools of water along the way that only issue a gentle pull, which can be a resting place, a respite, similar to the Sabbath and annual holy days. But there are also churning dangerous rapids and worse than that, there are waterfalls. The salmon has to find the strength and courage to not only force its way against the rapids and other areas where the stream flows hard, but it has to climb the waterfalls. Sometimes they have to make attempt, after attempt, after attempt before they

make it over the top.

What about us? We are not without our trials, problems, streams to swim, waterfalls to jump over, mountains to climb. The salmon has a big heart because it is determined to make it against all of the odds. Do we have the heart to make it? Not without Yahweh and Yahshua, of course! But when they are for us, what or who can be against us?

Yahshua told us, “If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you,” Jn. 14:15-18.

Everyone knows that if we keep Yahweh's commandments, we are setting ourselves up against the world, which not only doesn't keep His commandments, but hates, persecutes and spitefully uses those who do. But Yahshua said that He wouldn't leave

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us comfortless. He promised to send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, which will enable us to overcome.

Maybe Yahweh ingrained determination in the salmon just for us to see. Maybe He gave the salmon the spirit to take comfort each time it fails to make it over the top of a waterfall. Maybe the salmon just takes a momentary rest after each failure long enough to be comforted and encouraged to try it again, and again, and again because they just don't give up and neither should we.

OTHER OBSTACLES

If that isn't enough, there are other obstacles to overcome and endure. There are fishermen, bears and eagles who hungrily and eagerly anticipate the salmon run so they can eat their fill; so many of the salmon fall prey to these dangers.

But do the salmon cringe with horror at the fisherman's net or hook, or the bear's paw or fangs, or the eagle's claw? Absolutely not. Why? They have a great goal! The greatest goal for them is to make it back to their place of origin so they can reproduce. They don't turn tail and run. They are afraid of nothing! Their goal must be accomplished in spite of the consequences to many in their numbers.

What about our goals? What are your goals? Is your goal just to quit school and enter the job market so you can make money? I have known many who have done just that and I haven't found any of them who was proud or happy with what they did.

Is your goal just to get out of high school and make it into the job market with that minimal training? Whether you want to believe this or not, most of us hate knowledge and the work that it takes to acquire it. We have to read, study and cram our heads with facts and figures that we just don't see how those things will help us later in life. But they do!

Is your goal to go to college in order to receive advanced education and training for a special field? That is also well and good. Advanced education does better prepare one to live in this world.

But what happens when you have accomplished your goals, found a job, built a family, a house, a career, a life? Is there anything else that you need? Yes, absolutely! Whether you realize it or know it or not, you will need spiritual fulfillment and satisfaction.

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ASTROLOGY'S DECEPTION

Profanities, pornography, filthy programs on TV and on movie screens are occurrences we live with on a daily basis. Most of us find it vulgar and offensive. Our children are watching. We want Hollywood to stop polluting our culture.

Johnny R. McCarty

On the other hand, the New Age movement (NAM) with its Eastern-influenced moral relativistic metaphysical thought systems is a more subtle corrupting force than the “in your face” garbage we’re exposed to by the Hollywood elites. One of the more popular practices these New Age adherents promote is astrology. Many Christians are now “into” this occult art. Supposed followers of the Messiah can tell you everything there is to know about the sign of Taurus, but not a thing about Paul from Tarsus. They’d rather read a book on horoscopes than a book of the Scriptures.

New Age “spirituality” is corrupting not only the so-called Christians, most of whom have no clue that they’re partaking in sorcery but it is also exerting an influence even on the Assemblies. Astrology, “Christian yoga,” meditation to achieve an altered state of consciousness, calling on angels, and even some of the martial arts, falls under the category of sorcery. Such practices attract a large number of people, like moths to a flame.

Is it any wonder we’ve got a New Age pandemic in our society?

PROMOTION OF ASTROLOGY

You’d have to be blind not to notice all the ads promoting astrology. Go online and Google “horoscope” and in minutes you’ll have a “personalized reading” by a “famous astrologer.” Horoscope.com claims that it’s “The web’s most trusted and known source of astrology, daily horoscopes, love astrology, Chinese astrology, zodiac signs, compatibility, etc.” You get the picture.

Astrology is being promoted via email, on computer screens, television sets, newspapers, magazines; even internet cell phone users are blasted daily with daily horoscopes. From a True Believer’s perspective almost all of what the NAM espouses is evil.

Astrology was born in Babylon in the middle of the 2nd millennium BCE. Most false systems of religion had their roots in the land of pagans that worshipped a pantheon of phony gods. Astrology was all the rage with the Babylonians, especially amongst the priests who studied the “godlike science” of astrology.

In the Old Testament astrology is mocked. Speaking for Yahweh, Jeremiah said this, “Do not learn the

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ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the sky, though the nations are terrified by them” (Jeremiah 10:2).

There are several traditions of astrology. The traditions used by most modern astrologers are Jyotisha (Indian), Chinese, and Western. There are so many traditions and beliefs that I couldn’t begin to cite them all. Many esoteric (mystic) movements have links to astrology. Numerology, tarot cards, palmistry and Kabala are a few that are well known. The current trend in the West is “psychological astrology.”

For some, exposure to yoga, astrology, fantasy games, séances and other seemingly innocent practices may

lead to greater involvement in a very dangerous world. There is no way of knowing what the future holds for people who expose themselves to these so-called “harmless” practices.

YAHWEH’S WARNING

To avoid getting involved in the myriad of inherent dangers our society offers, you must listen to Yahweh! In Deuteronomy 18:9-13 He says, “When you enter the land Yahweh your Elohim is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to Yahweh, and because of these detestable practices Yahweh your Elohim will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before Yahweh your Elohim.”

More from Yahweh in Leviticus, “Do not practice divination or sorcery...Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am Yahweh your Elohim...Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am Yahweh your Elohim.” vv. 26, 28, 31.

Moving on to 2 Chronicles 33:6, “He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of Yahweh, provoking him to anger.”

Now to the New Testament, Acts 7:42-43, “But Yahweh turned away

and gave them over to the worship of the heavenly bodies. This agrees with what is written in the book of the prophets: " 'Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the desert, O house of Israel? You have lifted up the shrine of Molech and the star of your god Rephan, the idols you made to worship. Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.' "

Did you notice that Yahweh did not say, "Please?" He said, "Do not." In other words, No! Yahweh was provoked to anger over it. When Yahweh is angry, "the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure His wrath" (Jeremiah 10:10).

Well, now, is what some charlatan tells you your future is going to be so important that you're willing to get Yahweh angry with you? Is consulting an astrologer so important that you'd take the chance that Yahweh will turn away from you?

Scripture tells us that only pagans practiced astrology. No self-respecting Believer in The Way would dare involve himself in something Yahweh opposed for fear of being struck dead. And yes, Yahweh has been known to strike people dead on the spot for their blatant defiance. Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and wham! Yahweh killed them both.

Some argue that the Magi referred to in Matthew's gospel were astrologers. Not according to a respected expert on the customs of the early Believers: "The use of astrology is clearly outside the worldview of Matthew as he penned his gospel. It seems woefully inconsistent for Yahweh to use astrology to herald the incarnation and birth of His Son into the world."

CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGERS

So why do millions of people hand over their lives to fortunetellers, even knowing that astrology is bogus and not supported by the scientific community? Moreover, why are self-professed "Christians" immersing themselves in occultism? One "Christian" website offers a forum for

the "magickal and mystical Christian":

"Here you will find "Christians" who study esoteric sciences such as mysticism, Christo-paganism, witchcraft, astrology, occultism, tarot, Western Mystery, Kabbalah, alchemy, divination and shamanism. The forum is a friendly place designed by a Christian magician for magickal Christians. "We welcome anyone who wishes to join but please remember this is a pro-magick Christian haven. Negativity has no place here."

This is nothing more than Satan masquerading as an angel of light. Hell-o-o-o-o-o! The Scriptures say, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." It does not say, "Occultism is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." This is just one more example of how completely deceived this modern world is.

At one time, I knew a group of men who were faithful, practicing "Christians." They never missed a Sunday morning service. They carried their Bibles around with them and cornered anyone they could and "preached the Devil out of him and

Satan will do his level best to keep you tangled up in his web of deception.

the Gospel in"; as one of them was fond of saying. Yet every Sunday night, these same men gathered to play Dungeons and Dragons! This "game" involves every kind of sorcery, witchcraft, and astrology there is! Needless to say, they refused to listen when I tried to explain to them what the Scriptures had to say about these practices. Not to mention their total disdain for the Sabbath and Sacred Names.

A pseudo "Christian" I know is into astrology (Christiology?). He was telling me that he and a friend share the same astrological sign. And, wouldn't you know, they're like two peas in a pod! I mentioned that I went to school

with twins that were born under the sign of Gemini and came into this world 2 minutes apart, and are peas from an entirely different pod. Then I went on to explain the Scriptural view of astrology. He listened politely with only a couple of eye rolls. When I was through, he suddenly remembered he had something to do and dashed from the room. Incidentally, Isaac and Rebecca's sons, Jacob and Esau, were also twins who were born practically in tandem. (Read Genesis 25-35.) The two were nothing alike either, yet they had the same parents and were born under the same sign of the zodiac. But I digress.

Many will argue that astrology can be scientifically proven. It can't. But that's irrelevant. Yahweh's Written Word, the Holy Scriptures, clearly teach that True Believers are to have no part in stargazing or any other occult practice. No horoscopes, Ouija board games, palm reading, séances or psychics. Tarot cards are prohibited, so is casting Runes, conjuring magic potions and charms and any other form of witchcraft. Avoid the esoteric New Age movement; stay away from anyone that advocates spiritual astrology, divination, blessings, and, finally, those who appeal to angels for intervention.

WHAT TO DO

Keep your guard up! Don't make the mistake of thinking you're going to escape all the temptations that besiege you, because you're not going to. Don't get me wrong. If you're a child of Yahweh, Satan can do you no harm (unless Yahweh allows it for reasons we mere humans are not privy to). Still, Satan will do his level best to keep you tangled up in his web of deception. Sounds grim, doesn't it? All the same, it's true. Satan's one mean machine, so the Brethren must be armed to the teeth and be prepared to battle the "Prince of Darkness." There's only one way to protect against the darts and arrows the enemy fires at you. **Put on the full ar-**

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YAHWEH OF THE ISRAELITES

In this study we will explore some aspects of following Yahshua our Messiah that will be disturbing to some. We will use the term common to the people of this world's religions, Christian. The vast majority of these people believe that they are gentiles. They also believe that the promise of grace and forgiveness and the new covenant was made with them.

By Dave Ganton

In this world there are gentiles and there are Israelites, or as they are commonly called, Jews. The Jews are from the tribe of Judah, which is only one of the tribes of Israel. Because of a separation at the time of Solomon's son, Rehoboam, ten tribes moved to the north with Jeroboam as their king. Judah and Benjamin remained with Rehoboam as their king. They were now two kingdoms that the bible calls, Judah and Israel. You can read about this separation in 1 Kings 11:43 to 1 Kings 12:1-33. Keep this separation in mind as it will be important to help us understand who the new covenant was made with.

As stated previously, Christians believe that they are gentiles and that the new covenant was made with them. They shy away from anything Jewish in their worship. They believe that there is the Jewish religion, which began at the time of the exodus from Egypt and the giving of the law at mount Sinai, the old covenant. Then there is the Christian religion begun at the time of the Messiah's sojourn on earth, the cancelling of the law and the coming of grace, the new covenant incorporating the promise of eternal life.

The common Christian belief is that for one to come under the new covenant of grace, forgiveness and eternal life one must give up everything Jewish and basically become a gentile. This will offend some but keep on reading and we will discover together that this is exactly the opposite of what the Scriptures say on the subject.

All will readily admit that the old covenant was made with Israel at Mount Sinai. A point that is seldom

heard is that gentiles could become a part of that covenant by joining Israel. They could only do this by accepting circumcision, accepting their Elohim, and by obeying the laws, statutes, and commandments given to Israel. There were not two different sets of laws; one for the Israelites and one for the gentiles. (Ex.12:49; Lev. 24:22; Num. 9:14; Num. 15:15-16; Num. 15:29). All who joined Israel were bound by the same laws as were the Israelites. Take special note here; this has not changed under the new covenant, which actually predates the covenant made at the time of Moses.

THE NEW COVENANT BEGINS

Search the scriptures and you will discover that Yahweh made no covenant with the gentile nations.

The covenant of grace and eternal inheritance did not actually begin at the time of Yahshua's sojourn on earth. It began with Abraham. You can read about this beginning in Gen. 17:1-14. This covenant was to be with Abraham and his descendants forever, V 7. (Psa. 105:8-10) This covenant was reaffirmed with Isaac and with his son Jacob (Israel). This was a covenant of eternal inheritance by a promise from Yahweh to Abraham because he believed Yahweh and it was counted to him as righteousness. (Ro. 4:3-9 Notice what Paul says about this. (Gal. 3:17-18) Paul tells us that this covenant of eternal inheritance, eternal life could not be an-

nulled by the written law that came hundreds of years later.

So the promise of eternal life was given to Abraham and his descendants forever. This promise made, one thing remained to make it all happen. The Scriptures tell us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. (Ro. 3:23; Ro. 5:12) Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were no exception. The penalty of sin brings death (Ro. 6:23).

Yahweh knew, already, when He made the promise, that Yahshua would come to sojourn on this earth and pay the penalty in our stead by His holy blood making the final fulfillment possible. Yahshua came to confirm this covenant of promise. This will all become clearer as we study further. It will also become clear that the promise of grace and eternal inheritance is still open only to the descendants of Abraham by Sarah. These descendants would be through his son Isaac and through his son Jacob, (Israel). The promise of eternal inheritance is to Israel only. More on this shortly.

NO COVENANT MADE WITH GENTILES

Search the scriptures and you will discover that Yahweh made no covenant with the gentile nations. (Eph. 2:11-12) Paul confirms this when he says they, the gentiles were strangers to the covenants and without Elohim in the world. Paul also tells us that the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship and the promises belong to the Israelites. He says the Messiah also belongs to them. (Ro. 9:4-5) Don't

become discouraged, there is good news for gentiles. (Jn. 10:16) Gentiles are the other sheep that are not of this fold that Yahshua shall bring to Himself so that all shall have one Elohim. More on this gathering soon.

NEW COVENANT DISPENSATION

Modern Christianity claims to be under the new covenant while also claiming to be gentiles. Thinking this, they shun away from anything that resembles Judaism. This includes the Sabbath and the Holy days as commanded by Yahweh in the Old Testament in the books of the law which they say is done away, nailed to the stake with Yahshua. Some even claim that the ten commandments are done away and replaced by two new ones. Love G_D and love your neighbour. They do not realise that these two commandments are also in the books of the law (which they say is done away) of the Old Testament and aren't new at all. (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Mk. 12:30-31)

NEW COVENANT NOT MADE WITH GENTILES

Modern churchianity fails to realise that the new covenant was to be made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jer. 31:31-34; Jer. 32:40; Heb. 8:6-13) Notice who is the mediator of the new covenant. It is Yahshua. He was a Jew from the tribe of Judah. He came to His own people, the Jews. Some did not accept Him, but those that did, He gave the power to become sons of Elohim. (Jn. 1:11-12)

Note this carefully. The New Testament assembly was a Jewish assembly. Yahshua was a Jew. The apostles were Jews. When Yahshua sent out the apostles to preach, He sent them to the people of Israel and told them not to go to the gentiles. (Mt. 10:5-6)

At this point let's take a few minutes to understand the Old Covenant given at mount Sinai and why it was temporary until the time of Messiah.

Remember this covenant did not annul the covenant of promise made to Abraham. (Gal. 3:17) The people of Israel, after being in Egypt for so long were sinning and did not realise it. The law was written down to rectify this situation. This was a temporary thing to remind people of their sins until the time when the true and perfect sacrifice would be offered by Yahshua in His own blood. (Heb. 9:8-10) In this old covenant, Yahweh did not initially require sacrifices. (Jer. 7:21-24; Gal. 3:19) These were added because of the unfaithfulness of the people. (Heb. 10:1-4) They were a constant reminder of their sins. Yahweh asked for only obedience and love. (Hos. 6:6) Is this not what He also asks of us?

The old covenant in its original form was a good covenant. It was the people who were the problem. (Heb. 8:7-8) They were unfaithful to the agreement they had made. This covenant failed because of the people. Yahweh asked them to be obedient as their father Abraham had been. If they had been they would have been under the Abrahamic covenant of eternal

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inheritance and grace.

They were called to be a nation of kings and priests. (Ex. 19:6) They were to be a royal priesthood. They would evangelize the world. Instead of this they adopted the gods of the nations around them and were unfaithful to their calling. We now have that same calling. (Rev. 1:6; Rev. 5:10) Will we be faithful to our calling?

There was something lacking in the people of Israel, not in the covenant. Yahweh makes no mistakes. He did not make a bad covenant with Israel. He did not make bad laws. His commandments are righteous. (Ro. 7:12) The Israelites lacked faith. (Heb. 4:2) They lacked spiritual love

for Yahweh. That is why they did not obey the terms of the covenant. Mankind can not naturally do what is right. What seems logical and right to mankind is usually harmful and sinful. (Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23) They could not obey the terms of the covenant because they depended on their own logic and reasoning.

NEW COVENANT WRITTEN ON HEARTS AND MINDS

There is something to take note of here. The old covenant was written on tablets of stone by the finger of Yahweh. (Ex. 31:18) They were clearly visible. The new covenant is written in our minds and hearts by the Holy Spirit of Yahweh. (Jer. 31:31-34; My wife mentioned one time that the first two broken tablets could symbolize the breaking of the covenant by the Israelites and the second pair that were unbroken could symbolize the covenant of forgiveness and grace that has not been broken. I thought this was a very deep observation.) These laws will be within Yahweh's people. We no longer need physical things to remind us to be obedient. We respond to the urging of the Holy Spirit. Yahweh's true followers will be constantly meditating on and studying His word. We have the very mind of Yahweh and Yahshua to help us. (Ro. 8:26-27; 1 Cor. 2:7-16) Notice verse 16. He has also given us the love that we need to serve Him. (Ro. 5:1-5) That is the difference between the old and the new covenant.

Now back to who the new covenant is made with. (Jer. 31:31-34) Notice that the new covenant is to be made with the house of Judah and the house of Israel. There is no mention of gentiles here. (Some scriptures will be repeated here but read them again to fully understand the subject) Yahshua was a Jew from the line of King David. He was born to a Jewish maiden named Miriam (Mary). He lived in perfect obedience to the Jewish (actually Yahweh's) law. Most of churchianity believes that He did away with that law as part of the new

covenant. We have His own words to tell us this is not true. (Mt. 5:17) He said, "Think not that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets." Yet this is exactly what the world's religions think and teach. He came to magnify the law as was prophesied by Isaiah (42:21).

Yahshua came to the Jews with a new covenant, or the Abrahamic covenant of forgiveness, grace and eternal life reaffirmed and sealed in His blood. The word "new" in the promise concerning the covenant to be made with Israel and Judah means; to rebuild, repair or refresh. Where this scripture is repeated in the Greek Heb.8:8 the word used means basically the same thing. This covenant of forgiveness and grace was not a new thing made up by Yahweh at the time of Yahshua. It was the same covenant that was made with Abraham who knew that it would take the blood of Yahshua to finalize it. (John 8:56)

The main part of the Jews did not accept Yahshua as the Messiah and the mediator of this New Covenant. Did Yahweh then annul the covenant with Israel and make a different one with the gentiles? Absolutely not! The promises and the covenant was first made with Abraham the forefather of the Israelites. (Gal.3:15-16) Because he was faithful, the covenant was ratified for all time to come, and to be administered at the time appointed, by Abraham's seed or descendant Yahshua. Paul tells us that the Jews have not been rejected so as to be lost. (Ro.11:1)

Their condition is temporary. They are and always will be Yahweh's chosen people. We will explore this further soon. Because of this unfaithfulness, salvation has come to the gentiles. Not by a different covenant without the law but the very same covenant incorporating all that it did at the time it was made with Abraham, including the laws, statutes and commands which Abraham obeyed. (Gen.26:5)

This temporary fall does not mean that Yahweh has rejected His people totally. (Ro.11:1-5) Notice that

the day is coming when they will be fully included again. (Ro.11:12) Why then this temporary exclusion of the main body of Israelites? This is so the gentiles could be included. Does this mean that the assembly is suddenly a gentile assembly? Has everything now changed? Not one thing has changed. Yahshua is still the Messiah of Israel. The apostles are still Israelites. This being the case, what then has happened?

GENTILES GRAFTED INTO ISRAEL

Paul explains what has happened by using an olive tree as an example. (Ro.11:1-36) Yahweh is the root. Yahshua is the trunk. Israel is the branches. Israel is Yahweh's beloved because of the faithfulness of their forefathers. Paul says the gifts and the call of Elohim are irrevocable. (Verse 28-29) So the promise to Abraham and his descendants concerning forgiveness, grace, and eternal inheritance (eternal life) can not be changed.

The branches of the olive tree are Israel. Some were broken off because

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of unfaithfulness.

These branches have not been thrown away or burnt. (Verse 23) If they repent they will be grafted in again. (Isa.59:20) They were broken off so that others could be grafted in their place. This was prophesied to take place. (Isa. 49:6) The wild branches grafted in are gentiles. Paul tells us that these branches do not support the tree. They are supported by the trunk Yahshua who in turn is supported by the root, Yahweh. The tree is Israel. They are grafted into Israel. This grafting remains permanent only through obedience and faith. (Verse 20) There is no room for boasting.

The gentiles must not become

proud (Verses 18-20) This is what has happened. They believe that Yahweh has rejected His people in favour of them. They have discarded everything that is Jewish even down to the Messiah's true Hebrew name, Yahshua. (Which means Yahweh is salvation) They have forgotten a very important fact. If they are followers of the true Messiah, Yahshua, they are Jews. (Ro.2:28-29) Being a Jew is not a matter of nationality, it is a matter of the heart. (Ro.9:6-8)

It is the seed of Abraham who is considered as Israel. It is those who accept and live by the covenant made with Abraham and reaffirmed in Yahshua that is true Israel.

Take special note of this; Yahweh called Abraham (the father of the Israelites) to walk with Him and a blessing would come to all of the people of the earth through him. (Gen.12:1-3) Yahweh reaffirmed this call to the Israelites (Abraham's descendants) to be a special people to Him as a nation of kings and priests. (Ex.19:6) Yahweh sent Yahshua, an Israelite, to His people Israel as the Messiah to deal with sin and reaffirm the covenant and the call. When He returns, He will be returning to Israel (Zech.14:4-9) to begin Yahweh's kingdom which will be headquartered in Israel's capital, Jerusalem. (Isa.9:6-7, 2:3)

There is something also that I would like you to notice in the book of revelation that a very wise elder once pointed out to me. It is concerning New Jerusalem and it shows that Yahweh has not changed His mind about Israel. (Rev.21:9-14) Notice there are twelve gates. Each gate has the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. One must enter the city through one of these gates.

You enter the New Jerusalem the city of Yahweh through Israel. There is no other way. Notice also that the city has twelve foundations and on each the name of the twelve apostles. These are also Israelites. The way to Yahweh is through Israel. There is no other alternate route.

Make no mistake, our Messiah

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DUMB, GREEDY DOGS

Are you a minister, or do you desire to be one? Do you understand the tremendous responsibility that is to be laid on the shoulders of those who desire to feed the flock of Yahweh? It would behoove you to read this treatise and take special warning.

By Brick Parrish

Isa 56:8 *The Master YHWH which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.*

Isa 56:9 *All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.*

Isa 56:10 *His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.*

Isa 56:11 *Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.*

Who are these dumb, greedy dogs? We are told in these verses that they are the watchmen of the outcasts of Israel. The “outcasts of Israel” is a term that is used to describe the 10 tribes of the Northern kingdom of Israel that have been scattered throughout the world. These verses also tell us they are Israel’s shepherds who are supposed to look after and care for the flock. They are the pastors, preachers and ministers who teach a false gospel. They are shepherds of no understanding, nor a love for the truth, to be able to warn the sheep when danger is near. They are literally asleep at the helm.

The term “dogs” or “kelabim” is not a flattering one according to scripture. It is also a Hebrew euphemism for a homosexual male temple prostitute, so called because of their preferred method of copulation.

Deu 23:17 *There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.*

Deu 23:18 *Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of YHWH thy Elohim for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto YHWH thy Elohim.*

The Hebrew word for the female temple prostitute is “q’dashah” and that of the male temple prostitute is “q’desh”. Many will recognize these words relate to the Hebrew word “Qadash” which means to be “set apart”. They were set apart for heathen worship rituals in pagan temples. They were set apart to Satan, not Yah-

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weh. The male prostitutes of this time were likely worshippers of Ashtarte and had emasculated themselves just for that purpose. They donated their earnings to the temple of the gods they worshipped. This was the price of a dog mentioned in verse 18 above. Israel was not to do as the pagans did as this act was an abomination to Yahweh. “To’ebah” (abomination) is the strongest word in Hebrew to indicate an absolute abhorrence or hatred of anything.

If we put these passages of scripture from Deuteronomy and Isaiah together, we see they are equating the dog, a male temple prostitute, with the

blind watchmen of Israel, who are their pastors or shepherds. These shepherds also believe they are “qadash” or set apart for a special calling. Most will say they were called of “God” to preach the gospel, not understanding that they are preaching a false gospel.

Their main concern is for their own bellies. They have forsaken the right way and have gone astray following the way of Balaam who loved the wages of unrighteousness. Many of them preach a prosperity gospel in which the only ones to actually prosper are themselves by fleecing the sheep.

Peter warned of them in 2 Peter 2:1-2:

2Pe 2:1 *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 the Master that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

There will be false teachers among us preaching damnable heresies, even “contradicting” the Master that brought them. The Greek word translated “denying” is *arneomai* and should have been translated “contradicting”. How do they contradict our Master? They say the law was abolished at the crucifixion stake whereas Yahshua said in Matt. 5:18 that it would stand as long as heaven and earth remained. Preaching that the law is done away is a damnable heresy as it leads the sheep to disobey Yahweh.

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2Pe 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2Pe 2:3 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.

They profit from this false gospel with their books and tapes. Billions of dollars are made on these pseudo messages that bring a false hope and comfort to the sheep. Their damnation will not sleep even though they like to.

Jud 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Korah (Core) led the rebellion against Moses and Aaron. He wanted to do things his way and not the way Yahweh had declared.

Jud 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Jud 1:13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Yahweh sees them no different than the male temple prostitutes who prostitute themselves for hire in preaching a false Torahless gospel.

Jeremiah spoke of these false pastors:

Jer 23:1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith YHWH.

Jer 23:2 Therefore thus saith

YHWH Elohim of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith YHWH.

Jer 23:3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

Jer 23:4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith YHWH.

Yahweh will gather His sheep from the nations where He has scattered them. This is to be done at the return of Yahshua, our great shepherd. He will give us shepherds after his own heart. He is even now restoring shepherds who will properly feed His sheep, who preach the whole counsel

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of scripture and rightly divide the word of truth.

Jer 50:4 In those days, and in that time, saith YHWH, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek YHWH their Elohim.

“In those days and in that time” is a phrase meaning at the return of Yahshua and the beginning of the millennial kingdom. The children of Israel and Judah will realize they have been lied to by their pastors and teachers.

Jer 16:19 O YHWH, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

Jer 16:20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?

We have many false gods that we and our fathers have created.

Jer 16:21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is YHWH.

They will then understand that Yahweh's name is NOT the “Lord”.

Jer 50:5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to YHWH in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

This is the covenant that is to be written upon our hearts as per Jer. 31:31 and Heb. 8:8.

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

They go from Church to Church seeking someone to tell them the truth. They realize deep down that something is missing.

Jer 50:7 All that found them have devoured them: and their

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adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against YHWH, the habitation of justice, even YHWH, the hope of their fathers.

All the beasts of the field came to devour them. (Isa. 56:8) Are these the brute beasts spoken of in Jude chapter 1 and 2 Peter 2. They follow after the error of Balaam, which is to be Torahless. They have forsaken the way. They are ministers for hire. They are dogs who return to their own vomit. (2 Pet.2:22)

Eze 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Master YHWH unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

Eze 34:3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

Eze 34:4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

Eze 34:5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

Eze 34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

Eze 34:7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of

YHWH;

Eze 34:8 As I live, saith the Master YHWH, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

Eze 34:9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of YHWH;

Eze 34:10 Thus saith the Master YHWH; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

These false shepherds and pastors will be held accountable for how they tended His sheep. They will be judged according to what they did or did not

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Eze 34:11 For thus saith the Master YHWH; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

Eze 34:12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Eze 34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to

their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Eze 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Eze 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Master YHWH.

Eze 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Yahweh Himself will seek out His sheep from everywhere they have been scattered and bring them back to the land of Israel to the heritages He had given to them for an everlasting possession. Yahshua said "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." His mission was to seek out and save that which was lost.

Eze 34:23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

Eze 34:24 And I YHWH will be their Elohim, and my servant David a prince among them; I YHWH have spoken it.

Eze 34:25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

The law will be written upon their hearts and the false pastors will be

eliminated. They will no longer have to worry about being taught a false gospel message.

Eze 34:26 *And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.*

Eze 34:27 *And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am YHWH, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.*

They are the false pastors who fleeced the sheep for their personal gain.

Eze 34:28 *And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.*

The beasts of the field (the false prophet, pastor, shepherd or teacher) will no longer devour them.

Eze 34:29 *And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.*

Eze 34:30 *Thus shall they know that I YHWH their Elohim am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith YHWH Elohim.*

Eze 34:31 *And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your Elohim, saith YHWH.*

Yahshua told us how we could identify the false shepherds and prophets.

Mat 7:15 *Beware of false proph-*

ets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

They will look like the sheep.

Mat 7:16 *Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

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.*

Mat 7:19 *Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

Mat 7:20 *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

Their fruit is a false gospel that denies that the law is still in effect. They lead men away from the truth. They teach that the Sabbath and the Feasts of Yahweh are no longer required to

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be observed. They teach a gospel that has been syncretized with paganism. They teach a different gospel that would not be recognized by the early first century believers.

What is to become of these false shepherds, pastors and teachers that Yahweh equates with temple prostitutes or dogs? This should be a warning to all of those who aspire to be teachers of the gospel. We will receive the greater judgment if we teach error.

Mat 7:21 *Not every one that saith unto me, Master, Master, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the*

will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 *Many will say to me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

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

The word translated “iniquity” is the Greek word “anomia” which means a violation of the law or Torah. They are the teachers of a Torahless gospel, which is no gospel at all. They will profess that they built big crystal cathedrals, mega churches, gave to charities, wrote many books and articles and even held services on Wednesday night, all in his name. Of course, this is also false as they don’t even use his true name. They did all of these wonderful things, yet they lacked one thing. They did not preach the true gospel. They did not feed the sheep that were entrusted to them. They did not even teach the true definition of sin.

1Jo 3:4 *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

Sin is the transgression of the Torah. The dumb, greedy dogs have become temple prostitutes of a false gospel.

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mor of Yahweh!

For anyone involved in an occult practice, in obedience to the truth, and to honor Yahweh, you must give it up now. Repent of your sins. Ask for forgiveness. Yahweh will forgive you because He loves you.

THE WITNESS OF THE NUMBER SEVEN

The number seven is an extremely important number to understand. Hopefully, this treatise will be a powerful witness, not only for the body of the Messiah, but for those who do not embrace Him in the spirit of truth in today's world.

By Jerry Healan

The first two verses of Holy Scripture read thusly, "In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters," Gen. 1:1-2.

There is something peculiar about the way the Hebrew Scriptures read in verse one because there is a Hebrew word that the translators didn't know how to interpret, therefore they just left the word out. The Hebrew would read thusly, *Bereshiyht bara Elohim ET ha-shemayim ve ET ha-erets*. Translating in the English word for word; *Bereshiyth* (In the beginning) *bara* (created) *Elohim* (the English translates this as God) *ET* (no translation) *ha-shemayim* (the heavens) *ve* (and) *ET* (no translation) *ha-erets* (the earth).

Notice that the *ET* is not translated. The Hebrew characters for *ET* are the first and last letters of the Hebrew language the aleph (א) and the tau (ט). Various Jewish books written about the Hebrew alphabet declare that when the aleph and tau (אט) are utilized before a certain noun, it means that whatever they precede is perfect from aleph (א) to tau (ט). Thus, the use of the aleph and tau in this manner would be similar to an Englishman saying something is perfect or complete from A to Z.

In verse two we read, "And the earth **was** without form and void. Interestingly, this same Hebrew word translated here as "was" is translated elsewhere as "became." For instance, in the chapter describing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and Lot's deliverance out of it, Gen. 19:26 reads, "But his wife looked back from

behind him, and she **became** a pillar of salt."

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

"Vain" is translated from the Hebrew word *tohuw*. This is the same Hebrew word that is translated as "without form" in Gen. 1:2. *Tohuw* is defined as; to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), i.e. desert; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*). Yahweh says that He didn't create the earth in this state, it became that way.

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THE REBELLION

The Prophet Ezekiel is inspired to write, "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of Elohim; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the

anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of Elohim; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of Elohim: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty**, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more," 28:12-19.

Let's see if we can figure out who this being is. Notice that he was in Eden, the garden of Elohim. Only four living beings are revealed to have been in that garden. They are Yahweh, Adam, Eve and the serpent. Notice that it says that this being was created and is covered with precious stones. Adam and Eve were created, but they were naked (Gen. 2:25). Besides, by the time of Ezekiel Adam and Eve had been dead for quite some time, probably two thousand years or more.

We know that it isn't Yahweh; He is

the One inspiring the Scriptures to be written. The only other entity that this can be speaking of is the serpent revealed in the book of Revelation to be that old serpent called the devil and Satan that deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9). It was the serpent who began the deception of mankind in the first place (Gen. 3).

The Prophet Isaiah is inspired to write, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will ascend into heaven**, I will exalt my throne above the stars of El: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the Most High**. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, 'Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?' All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet," 14:12-19.

Lucifer, of course, is another term for Satan the Devil. It is a Latin name meaning "light bringer." The original Hebrew word for Lucifer is *heylel*. It is defined as; (in the sense of brightness); the morning-star. It comes from another Hebrew word *halal*, which is defined as; a primitive root; to be clear (orig. of sound, but usually of color); **to shine; hence, to make a show, to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish**; to rave; causatively, to celebrate; also to stultify.

Notice that in Ezekiel 28:17 this being's heart was lifted up because of his beauty. Because of his desire to exalt himself, he sought to exalt himself over his own Creator Yahweh.

He was in the mountain of Elohim which means Yahweh had placed him in his government. He was made a covering cherub. (Ez. 28:14). Many think that he was one of the cherubs that covered the throne of Yahweh in heaven, but this is a mistake. Why would he have had to ascend into heaven to exalt himself above the throne of Elohim if this is the case? (Isa. 14:14)

Jude writes, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day," v. 6.

Peter writes, "For if Yahweh spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment," 2 Pet. 2:4.

Yahshua told His disciples that he had beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven (Lk. 10:18). When had this event taken place? This had to have occurred at the time when the earth came to desolation and destruction!

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THE ASTEROIDS

The scientists continually speak of craters found all over the earth due to its having been struck by huge comets or asteroids. They continually speak of the dinosaur age having come to an end due to these great impacts. Dinosaur means terrible or dreadful lizard. A lizard is a reptile. Very large lizards are called monsters and dragons. Serpents are reptiles. Satan is called both a serpent and a dragon. He had to have been the covering cherub over the earth in the mountain of Elohim during the reign of the reptiles and serpents, the world of the dinosaur.

Furthermore, the word "asteroid"

means "star-like." Satan is not only referred to in Isaiah as the "shining star of the dawn", "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" Isa. 14:12 (son of the morning can be translated as morning star or shining star of the dawn), but he is able to present himself as an angel of light, "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," 2 Cor. 11:14.

Yahweh is described as a Rock, "Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name Yahweh: ascribe ye greatness unto our Elohim. **He is the Rock**, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: an Elohim of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he," Dt. 32:1-4.

Furthermore, the deities of the nations are also called "rocks" in this same chapter, "For **their rock is not as our Rock**, even our enemies themselves being judges. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: **Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps**," vv. 31-33.

Their wine would be their teachings. Those teachings are nothing more than falsehoods, which lead to death and destruction. Lies kill. Yahshua told the people of his day, "If Yahweh were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from Yahweh; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it**," Jn. 8:42-44.

It was that old serpent Satan the devil who lied to mother Eve, deceiv-

ing her to take of the poisoned fruit and eat causing death to come upon her, her husband and her posterity, which includes you and me.

The point is that Satan is a deity with great powers given to him by Yahweh when he created him. He and his demonic angels with their poisoned lies and false worship are likened to rocks. When they left their former habitation to ascend into heaven seeking to exalt themselves and especially Satan over the throne of Yahweh, they were cast back down to the earth, like asteroids, bringing chaos, darkness and destruction to it.

CREATION AND REST

We don't know how long the earth remained in its state of waste and emptiness, but we do know that Yahweh recreated it in six days bringing man forth to rule over it in the sixth day (Gen. 1).

While Yahweh finished the physical creation in six days He wasn't finished with it all until He rested on the seventh day, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day Elohim ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made," Gen. 2:1-2.

Furthermore, verse three continues, "And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which Elohim created and made."

Let's notice what is now associated with this seventh day. The first thing associated with it is rest. The Hebrew word for "rest" is *sabath* (שבת/שַׁבָּת). It is defined as; a primitive root; to *repose*, i.e. *desist from exertion*; used in many implied relations (causative, figurative or specific).

Yahweh also blessed this seventh day of rest (*sabath*). The Hebrew word for "blessed" is *barak*. It is defined as; a primitive root; to kneel; by implication to bless Elohim (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit).

Do you get that? He rested on the

seventh day and then blessed it so that it could be utilized as a day to worship or adore the Creator Yahweh, which if a man will do so, he surely will also be blessed and benefited.

Yahweh also "sanctified" the seventh day. "Sanctified" comes from the Hebrew word *qadash*, which is defined as; a primitive root; to be (causatively, make, pronounce or observe as) clean (ceremonially or morally).

Through the observance of this day we can become ceremonially and morally clean. Thus, what we find is that in the beginning, the seventh day became associated with rest/Sabbath, blessing, and sanctification or holiness.

THE COMMANDMENT

When Yahweh gave the commandments to Israel, He included the seventh day rest in them, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of Yahweh thy Elohim: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son,

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nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Yahweh blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it," Ex. 20:8-11.

"Remember" is translated from the Hebrew word *zakar*. It is defined as; a primitive root; properly, to mark (so as to be recognized), i.e. to remember; by implication, to mention. Yahweh wanted Israel to mark, to memorialize, the seventh day Sabbath so that it would be easily recognized. In other words, they were to never forget it.

Interestingly, in the account in Gene-

sis Yahweh rested or *sabathed* on the seventh day. Now He gives it its name Sabbath. "Rested" comes from the Hebrew word *sabath*. It is #7673 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as; a primitive root; to *repose*, i.e. *desist from exertion*; used in many implied relations (causative, figurative or specific).

The word *Sabbath* or *Shabbat* comes from this root word. Sabbath is #7676 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as; **intensive from 7673**; intermission, i.e. (specifically) the Sabbath. "Intensive" means to increase or cause to increase in degree or amount (*Webster's New World Dictionary*). We can understand this along the lines of hospital care. Someone who is in "intensive" care is given much more special attention than just a regular patient. Naming the day of rest (*sabath*) the Sabbath meant that more special care and attention was to be given to this day than the other days of the week.

Exodus chapter thirty one reveals this more intensive aspect that was to be given to this day, "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to Yahweh: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed," vv. 15-17.

Do you begin to understand how much more intensive care was to be given to it? Any who worked on this day was to be put to death! By the way, Paul says that the wages (penalty) of sin is death (Ro. 6:23). The definition of sin is found in 1 Jn. 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." In other words, Yahweh's commandments, specifically the Ten Commandments are so vital and important to Him that for us to go contrary to His command-

ments is sin, which works death in us!

Paul writes that even though we are saved by grace, we are still to uphold the commandments (Ro. 3:31). We are not supposed to go on sinning (transgressing the law), "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries," Heb. 10:26-27.

Israel was to "observe" the Sabbath. "Observe" is translated from *shamar* which is defined as; a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.

Notice that! It was to be hedged about as with thorns! People who live in African hamlets would understand what is meant here. They hedge their hamlets about with thorns in order to keep the wild animals, especially lions, outside at night. No one wants to go through a hedge of thorns. Those who are protected inside won't go near the hedge because if they do they will be pierced by the sharp thorns. Protection is to stay within, inside the hedge. Many dangers lurk outside that hedge! Observing the seventh day Sabbath according to the command establishes a special relationship with our Creator Yahweh. It provides blessings, benefits, morality, and ceremonial cleanness and purity. Failure to "observe" the Sabbath day to Yahweh pierces us with thorns! To go outside that protective hedge brings death!

MORE SABBATH REVELATIONS

One of the most important things to also understand about Exodus 31:15-17 is that the Sabbath was given to Israel as a "sign." The Hebrew for "sign" is *owth*. It is the same word that was utilized on day four of creation when Yahweh brought the sun, moon and stars forth for "signs" (Gen. 1:14-15). Since the seven day week was begun before the sun, moon and stars were established for their "signs," then there is no way that the moon can have any effect concerning the seven day weekly cycles as some claim. In other words, the lunar cycles cannot determine the seventh day Sabbath because the week that produced the original Sabbath sign was not determined by the moon, since that week was already in progress before the moon was brought forth.

In verse 13 of Exodus chapter thirty one, Yahweh reveals that the Sabbath was given as a "sign" to Israel so that they would know that Yahweh was the Elohim who sanctifies them. This seven day Sabbath cycle was given to them as a "perpetual covenant!" Therefore we begin to see that the

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Sabbath has to do with Yahweh's covenant. (More about this shortly.)

Another interesting observation is found in verse 17 of this same chapter, "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and

was **refreshed**."

It says that He was "refreshed!" Refreshed comes from the Hebrew word *naphash*. It is defined as; a primitive root; to breathe; passively, to be breathed upon, i.e. (figuratively) refreshed (as if by a current of air).

This brings up another interesting concept. To keep the Sabbath rest is like a breath of fresh air, but more than that; Adam, the father of mankind was made a living **soul**. (Gen. 2:7) The Hebrew word for "soul" is *nephesh*! Look at the play on words *naphash* and *nephesh*. To keep Yahweh's seventh day Sabbath as a memorial to His great creative powers will help cause us to breathe in a different spirit than the spirit of the world. Of course we only receive the Spirit of Yahweh through Yahshua the Messiah (Who is truly our rest), but the seventh day Sabbath was given as a sign for us to know Yahweh Who sanctifies us. If we truly know Him then we will repent of our own works and rebellions and turn to serve Him by observing and treasuring His commands! We will become a soul (*nephesh*) who receives the spirit of refreshing (*naphash*).

The Hebrew term for Sabbath is שבת/שַׁבָּת. Since the letters are also hieroglyphics, we can also get another special message from them. The shin **W** is an hieroglyphic for teeth or to consume. The beit **9** is an hieroglyphic for house or tent. The tau **X** is an hieroglyphic for mark or name. Thus, we get the message that the Sabbath is a special time to have a meal in the house of the name. Whose house? Yahweh's, of course.

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³Ps 83:18 ("That men may know that THOU, whose Name alone is YAHWEH...")

⁴Ex 9:16; Ps 22:22; Jn 17:26

⁵Ps 44:20-21, 79:6; Jer 23:27; Mal 2:1-2

⁶2 Sam 7:26; 1 Chr 17:24; Ps 34:3, 69:30

⁷Ps 34:3; Is 12:4

⁸Ps 138:2

⁹Josh 9:9; 1 Kin 8:41-43; 1 Chr 16:8-10; 2 Chr 6:32-33; Ps 45:17, 66:4, 91:14; Mal 1:11

¹⁰Jer 17:5

¹¹Ps 9:10, 83:16; Jer 29:13

¹²Recorded 6,823 times in The Old Testament. Replaced by L O R D.

SEEING THEY SEE NOT

By David Douglas

Ref. Jer. 5:21; Isa. 6:9-10; Ez. 12:2; Mt. 13:14; Jn. 12:40; Acts 28:26; Ro. 11:8

Can a blind man see? A logical, linear, secular, western mind-set, i.e. a Greek trained thinker, will automatically say “NO.” This man relies totally on his five senses to “see,” “hear,” “touch,” “taste,” and “smell.” Could Shaul (Paul) “see” after he was blinded on the road to Damascus? Because Shaul was a Pharisee, a Hebrew of Hebrews, he absolutely knew about the Messiah in the Scriptures. But he did not personally KNOW the Messiah **of the Scriptures!** He needed a three (3) day seminar with Yahshua and during his three days of blindness – NOT SEEING, he “saw” and “heard” Yahshua. After he “saw” and “heard,” what did he preach? “Immediately he preached the Messiah in the synagogues, that he is the Son of Elohim...proving that this is the Messiah.” (Acts 9:20 and 22) Even though Shaul’s physical eyes and natural mind were blinded, his spiritual mind and eyes could still “SEE.” How? By the power of Yahweh...the Spirit of Truth...Ruach HaKodesh. Shaul later told the Corinthians, “...the natural man receiveth not the thing of the Spirit of Elohim: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Cor. 2:14)

What did Elisha’s servant “see” in II Kings 6:15-17? At first...only the armies of the enemy. Then...Yahweh opened the eyes of the young man, and he “saw.” “...and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around about Elisha.” The army of Yahweh was greater...and

more powerful...**and just as real**...as the physical armies! But it was revealed by the Spirit of Yahweh. So how do we “see?” By the work and will of Yahweh. We can only “see” correctly and more completely **IF** the Spirit shows us! Here is a point to meditate on: The Spirit of Yahweh is not a gift **FROM** Yahweh. That is to say, it is not a duplicate or copy **OF** the Spirit. It is the Spirit **OF** Yahweh...and the very same Spirit is placed within us **to reveal** the One True Elohim...and Who He is...and not just what He can do!

Previously the nation of Israel had been looking to see the Messiah come. But...“Seeing they did not See!” Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel all foretold this phenomena. For almost 1500

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years they had heard about the Messiah in the Torah, through Moses, in the Psalms, and through the words of the prophets. So why couldn’t they “see?”

Seeing with our natural eyes does not necessarily reveal the truth. While the physical realm is tangible, it is temporary, but the spirit realm of Yahweh is eternal. (See: II Cor. 4:18) Remember that “Truth” is eternal...and eternal truth affects but cannot be affected. [Trivia: To “affect” is to influence. To “effect” is to cause] Yahshua said: “I am the Truth...” (Jn. 14:6) And we all desperately need to “see” the true Yahshua...but our natural eyes are not sufficient to get the job done! That is the same problem

the Hebrews had. “Seeing” with their natural eyes and leaning on their own understanding, they tried to make Yahshua fit into their ideas of what and who He was; when they really needed to simply accept Him by faith regarding who and what He was! Just like we need to do today! So today we still find many people that “See...but do not See!”

Yahshua’s message was very simple and direct. Repent, for the kingdom of Yahweh/kingdom of heaven is at hand. Two thousand years ago the people wanted that kingdom right now. That was not the plan. First the sinless sacrifice for the sins of the whole world – Messiah Ben Joseph, was needed to provide the remedy (payment) for mankind’s disobedience, unbelief, unrighteousness, wickedness, i.e. their sins. The kingdom of Yahweh is not going to be filled with sinners. It is a place prepared for those made righteous by a sovereign work of Yahweh as they “put on Messiah,” i.e. as they accept Him as Savior, Redeemer, and King! So Yahshua is the Way: the key to everything. And obedience to the instructions of Yahweh, the Torah, the Word of Yahweh, i.e. Yahshua is the only “Way.” A person can only see and understand the plan of Yahweh by looking into the “Author and Finisher,” the Aleph and the Tau, the beginning and the end...**and OBEY HIM!** And that means **ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS/ TORAH**, because the Torah is not a smorgasbord wherein we select what we “like” and ignore the rest!

That is why Acts 5:32 is so critical to know and understand. The Spirit of Elohim, Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit...is **only given to them that**

THE WORST TRAGEDY

The Creator's Name, was replaced in vain;
To honor a Commandment,¹ that was falsely explained.
In the Hebrew text "shav," rendered as vain;
Means do not make 'desolate,' therefore *proclaim!*

For as knowledge increases,² men's old traditions will die,
That men may know that **YAHWEH**! IS THE MOST HIGH!³
For this cause HE raised Pharaoh, that HIS NAME be *declared!*⁴
Anything but stifled, silenced or spared.⁵

Does this not make sense? This Commandment mistaken?
When Scripture says magnify!⁶ Exalt!⁷ The Great Name we've forsaken.
For THOU has magnified THY Word, above all, THY NAME!⁸
Yet we have minimized The One Thing, most dear to YOUR Fame.⁹

Cursed be the man, that trusteth in man,¹⁰
For The Great Lie has been believed, throughout all of the land.
Let all the world repent, for not seeking to find:¹¹
THE ONE called **YAHWEH**,¹² THE FATHER of mankind.

-Robert Gregory

¹Ex 20:7; Deut 5:11
²Dan 12:4

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obey. Obey what? The true instructions of Yahweh. The instructions He revealed through righteous men as the Spirit gave them utterance...and NOT as men later (mis) translated some parts of Scripture to manipulate the masses. Yes...men have tampered with some of the true instructions! But that does not change the FACT that when you and I obey the instructions, revelation of the truth comes. When a person disobeys the true instructions...revelation stops! And "Seeing...They See Not!"

Because of Israel's collective disobedience, the prophet Isaiah told them Yahweh would "choose their delusions, and bring their fears upon them: because when I (Yahweh) called, none did answer; when I (Yahweh) spake, they did not hear." Why? They did evil, that which was right in their natural eyes. They chose that in which Yahweh delighted not! (Isa. 66:4)

The message and method is clear. "Seeing" into the Spirit realm; hearing, understanding and obeying the Spirit of Yahweh Elohim is just and important today as it was back then. "Today if you will hear his voice,

harden not your heart..." (Heb. 3:7, 15; 4:7) Shaul told the Romans: "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (v6) For to be carnally [secular] minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (v14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of Yahweh, they are the sons [and daughters] of Yahweh." (Ro. 8:5, 6, 14) Brethren...make no mistake, the Spirit of Yahweh Elohim is speaking today. Are you listening? Are you "seeing" the true Yahshua? Are you discerning the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error?

We know that false apostles, deceitful workers, servants of HaSatan are in the world today. (II Cor. 11:13-14) We have been warned that they are teaching "another Yahshua," "another spirit," and "another good news." II Cor. 11:4) So we cannot use ignorance as an excuse!

Beloved brethren...obedience is the key to "Seeing!" Obedience brings blessing and peace (Dt. 28:1-14); disobedience brings cursing, punishment, and delusions (Dt. 28:15-62; II Thes.

2 :10-12) Your actions choose what you will receive...because obedience is a personal choice! And our life-style will reflect our choice.

If I want to "See" and "Hear" and be healed, then I must utilize the only remedy: accept Yahshua and all that He did and taught. (Acts 1:1) I must diligently hide the Word of Yahweh in my heart, that I might not sin against Him. (David's declaration in Psa 119:11) If you have done...and are doing this, you are already "Seeing!" But if you have not...then "Seeing You See Not!"

Is this a hard saying? Well...sometimes hard-headed and stiff-necked people need hard lessons! I've had my share! Have you? Repentance, healing, and forgiveness can be yours if you humbly and sincerely turn away from sin. Yahshua REALLY is the Truth, the Way, and the Life. (Jn. 14:6) He has already done His part...and now He is waiting to see if you'll do yours. May Yahweh truly open your eyes to "See" the true Yahshua. Amen.

THE TRUE ASSEMBLY OF YAHWEH

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KEY VERSE: “Who serve unto the example and the shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of YAHWEH when he was about to make the Tabernacle: for, see, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mount” Hebrews 8:5

Accordingly the prophet Moses was shown the temple of Yahweh in heaven at Mount Sinai, to which he was commanded to make the earthly one. If YAHWEH wants us to do things, as we would desire he would not have made known to Moses his Temple. The heavenly temple is the only pattern all the assemblies of YAHWEH are to fashion their beliefs and ministry after. For there is no other foundation beside the Holy one shown unto the man of YAHWEH. Please understand the Temple shown to Moses is the Religion of YAHWEH and the true worship that must be observed by all people who have found it. It is the glorious sanctuary service.

Q1. When and where did YAHWEH establish his holy assembly, what covenant did the abba (Father) make with them? Acts 7:23-38, Nehemiah 9:13-14

The assembly of YAHWEH was established at Mount Sinai when Yahweh and our fathers made the covenant that YAHWEH gave them; the Testimonies, even the Ten Commandments. He also gave them His sanctuary service and His dietary regulations. YAHWEH repeated the promise He gave to Adam, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to his established Religion.

The everlasting covenant, the sanctuary service, the dietary law, and other

social ordinances, make the members of the assembly of the Living YAHWEH very different throughout the dispensations.

Q2. What is the sanctuary service and how is YAHWEH to be worshipped? (1 Chronicles 23:24-32; 2 Chronicles 8:11-14)

The sanctuary service is the way the almighty Yahweh is worshipped in heaven and on the earth. This was shown to Prophet Moses in the wilderness at Mount Sinai. YAHWEH directed that his created beings should worship him daily, on the Sabbaths, New Moons, during the Feast of Unleavened bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of tabernacles.

Under the Old Testament, animals were sacrificed during the worship-

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ping acts, but in the New Testament YAHWEH has made his son, YAHSHUA the MESSIAH the sacrificial Lamb to replace the numerous innocent beast sacrifice on the religious days. Read Psalm 50:1-5; 40:6-8; Hebrews 10:1-14. In Daniel 9:24 we are told of the everlasting righteousness which shall be established after the enthronement of YAHSHUA as the divine appointed High Priest, so that YASHUA shall become the righteousness of the assembly of the Living YAHWEH.

Q3. Prophetically, how is the assembly of YAHWEH described?

(Revelation 12:1-5, Psalm 89:33-37)

The Beautiful and Glorious Woman is the representation of the assembly of the Living YAHWEH. This is the bride of YAHSHUA, which keepeth the Testimony of YAHWEH in all history of the assembly on earth.

The sunny nature represents the everlasting righteousness of the bride of YAHSHUA. The moon also signifies the assembly's firm foundation and faithful witness on earth before YAHWEH. The stars symbolize the Old and New Testament ministry, the prophetic and apostolic gifts.

The pregnancy and the Man child represents the Messianic expectation of the Jews and that YAHSHUA the Messiah is the man child. The Great Red dragon is Satan and his chosen Gentile Kingdoms, which shall persecute the assembly of the Living Yahweh.

Q4. What makes the Bride of YAHSHUA very different among the brides of Satan? (Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Isaiah 8:11-22)

The bride of YAHSHUA MESSIAH is set apart, that her husband is the Creator of heaven, earth, and sea. He has given to his bride good and perfect statutes, and that his bride is the Assembly that has his favour on earth and that He has prepared a glorious place for her.

Among the nations on the earth are found the children of the Bride of YAHWEH; they are different because their Adonai is the Father of Israel. They are made especially different by the keeping of the Decalogue and the sanctuary service, and also the Clean

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Yahshua cautioned, "From that time forth began Yahshua to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Master: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of Elohim, but those that be of men. Then said Yahshua unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mt. 16:21-26.

Look at Yahshua's example! He had a set goal in mind. That goal was to do the will of His Father, to call certain ones out of this world and teach them the good news of the kingdom of heaven, to suffer for it and for us and to return where He came from victorious!

Yes, what if you abound so much that you gain the whole world! A very rich, powerful and prosperous man is so taken with his possessions, his fortune, etc., that he has little time for anything else! He has no time to focus on the Kingdom of Heaven.

What about us? Are we so taken with our daily lives, our daily activities that we lose our focus on the thing that is most vital to us? Our purpose is to follow in Yahshua's footsteps proclaiming the Kingdom of Elohim. Our purpose is to make ourselves ready for the greatest position that any person born of women could ever have or hold!

Let's focus on the life and determination of the salmon. Let's learn the vital lessons from them and the suffering that they must go through in order to triumph and get the victory. Let's also focus on the life of our Savior, King, and High Priest, Yahshua the Messiah! He never allowed anything to deter Him from His goals. He suffered and died for them!

Is your life important? Is your calling important? Are you willing to suffer and die for it? Are you willing to be one of the few, or do you want to be of the many? The many don't make it in the salmon's world nor in the world of our calling. If you have been called or if your parents have been called, don't run around with a woe is me attitude. That which you have been called to is far too precious. It is worth giving your all. May Yahweh bless you to understand!

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was a Jew. The Jews have preserved the word of salvation sent from Yahweh in the Holy Scriptures. Yahshua is returning to the homeland of Israel to set up a world ruling government

and kingdom in Jerusalem. In the very end Yahweh the Father is coming with the New Jerusalem. (Rev.21:1-4) If we wish to be a part of all of these beautiful things, we must be Abraham's seed or descendant, nationally

or spiritually. Either way, we must be as our Saviour was, an Israelite.

May Yahweh bless your studies.
HalleluYah!

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and Unclean Dietary Law. They do not join the lawless children of Satan in all things. The bride is very wise and chooses the best of work (less in wages) and does so with the blessing of her Bridegroom. She is prepared free from sins of the present age.

Q5. Who is the Head of the Assembly of the Living YAHWEH? (Acts 5:30-32; Matthew 16:13-19; Colossians 1:18)

Our Savior YAHSHUA MESSIAH is the Head of the assembly of the Living YAHWEH. He died for the Assembly and purchased her salvation with his own Blood. Yahweh has therefore appointed Him the highest place in heaven and earth, that both heaven and earth should worship the Son, and that the Son shall also atone

for the inhabitants of the earth and be glorified by the Angels of YAHWEH in heaven.

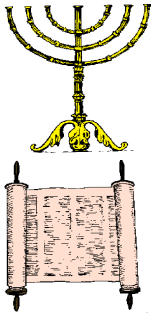
In Ezekiel 34:22-23 YAHSHUA is called the Prince David, and by his inspiration the Assembly of YAHWEH is kept alive in the world. He is the Archangel Michael in Daniel 12:1-2, and the Glorious king of Kings and Adonai of Adonai's in the book of Revelation. He defeated Satan and took from him the key of death and hell. Those who have seen him are blessed and shall find compassion in him.

Q6. What special wages await the Children of the Woman in Revelation 12? (Revelation 3:7-13, 22:14; Isaiah 58:13-14)

The message the Savior YAHSHUA

the MESSIAH taught his followers in Matthew chapter 5:1-12 is the reward for following the Bridegroom. The kingdom of YAHWEH, the tree of life, and the thousand year Sabbath in the Holy court of Yahweh is the faithful promise the Father has made to his chosen Assembly on earth.

They the members of the Bride shall gain victory over the image, the mark, the Name, and the Number of the Beast. YHWEH has promised to give them his protection in the last days, when the three unclean frogs shall be ruling the earth and persecuting those who worship the King of glory. YAHWEH Almighty the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob shall be the reward of the children of the Revelation 12 Assembly.



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