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

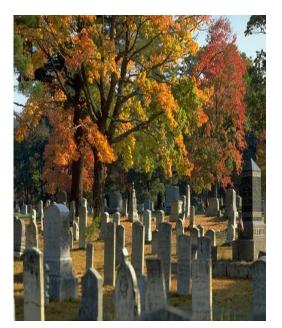
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**OUR COVER:** We have chosen the current cover in order to highlight and focus on our article entitled "Where Are The Dead?" Man has long believed that death is the separation of body and soul, not understanding exactly what the soul really is. We hope that the article will inform you concerning the truth as to the state of the dead.

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## **O AMERICA, AMERICA!**

Recently a man wrote to us condemning us for our lack of prophetic powers. He and others have written to us time and time again castigating us for not being followers of a certain element located in Abilene, Texas. Supposedly that is where the true end-time work is being done by the true end-time prophet and messiah.

One thing that we have learned in our history of dealing with various works and individuals is that so many of the leaders desire to be prophets and have prophetic powers. My wife and I were members of a work whose pastor general had continually pointed to nineteen year time cycles that his ministry had endured. The nineteen year time cycle that ended with 1972 was to be the beginning of the great tribulation. We were to be taken by aircraft to the Middle-East to a place named Petra where we were to watch as the end-time armies gathered against Jerusalem. When it didn't happen, it was explained to the dumb, faithful sheep that a ten year mistake had been made and 1982 instead of 1972 was the up-coming dreadful date. When that didn't occur, this author and wife still endured another six years as a part of that group until he was forcefully ejected for questioning some of that group's doctrines. What a travesty! This author believed in that group and its work so much that he couldn't bring himself to leave it and Yahweh had him banished from the group by its very leaders whom he had been blindly following.

What about William Miller? He had the whole country in great fear of the end-time activities that were to culminate in 1844. Didn't happen, but many of the group that followed him continued to do so in spite of his false warning, and they are still around today, making excuses for something that was prophesied, but didn't take place.

In the early to mid 1990's another man from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was going about the country proclaiming that the Savior was going to return at Passover around 1993 or 1994. The Lord (his lord, by the way) continued to tell this man these things and he stuck his neck out and proclaimed that if these things didn't occur then he was a false prophet. He further stated that if it didn't happen that he was going to shut down his ministry and go do something else. But, lo and behold, it didn't take place, he is exactly what he said he would be (a false prophet), and he still has his ministry going to-day. I think that he is in the process of proclaiming that the book of Hebrews is not viable and should not have been included in the New Testament.

I recently came across a letter from an inmate that used to meet with us on the Coffield Unit at Tennessee Colony, Texas. I try to go there on the first Sabbath of each month to hold meetings with the men there. This man was transferred to another facility and having come across and become influenced by the group in Abilene, he wrote me a letter telling me to mark the date September 12, 2006. That was the date that the ring-leader of the group in Abilene had prophesied that the final Nuclear war was going to begin. He didn't just proclaim it to his group there in Abilene, but also broadcast it on the airwaves of radio and maybe television. It didn't happen!!! When it didn't happen, this great prophet dreamed up the excuse that it was like an embryo and the event would take place nine months later. Hello people! When are you going to wake up, search the Scriptures out and believe what they say?!!!

Here is what the Scriptures say about such a false prophet, "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which Yahweh hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of Yahweh, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Yahweh hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him," Dt. 18:18-22.

The Prophet that we were to listen to, of course, was Yahshua the Messiah. But do you get this? These other men have prophesied things "in the name of the Lord, or Yahweh!" Those things didn't come to pass! What does Yahweh's word say is going to happen to them?

On the other hand, I want to reproduce what this author wrote in our YEA Newsletter of Mar.—Apr. 2004 (that's before we began to publish this magazine), "The printing of our money was placed in the hands of the U.S. government by the Constitution. However, President Woodrow Wilson and the Congress sold out this right to the international bankers in 1913. They were given the right to create our money by fiat, out of thin air, by simply printing it and then loaning it to us at interest.

Later, the bankers withheld money bringing about the so-called Great Depression. This Great Depression caused President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to declare the U.S. to be bankrupt. He tendered a "New Deal," which, of course, the real terms were covered up. But in this "New Deal," the bankers would own the U.S. lock, stock and barrel, so to speak. In other words, the land, people, property, everything, in reality, belongs to the international bankers.

This is why our armed forces are able to be shipped into hotspots like the Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq and other places at the behest of the international bankers. Our military forces are now mercenaries for them.

Much ado is being made about the hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens coming across our borders. Our military

# YAHSHUA'S FULFILLMENT OF THE OFFERINGS PART II

#### **II. THE MEAT OFFERING**

Leviticus chapter two covers what was called the "meat offering." This offering gives us another interesting view of the sacrifice of Yahshua. It was an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Yahweh, but instead of a life being required, an animal sacrifice with the shedding of blood, in this instance a substance of the earth, grain or corn was offered.

Life comes from Yahweh and belongs to Him. Yahweh formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils (Gen. 2:7). Yahweh is the Elohim of the living, not the dead (Mt. 22:32).

The grass, corn, herb, and fruit trees were food for animals and man, "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and every fowl of the air, and to **everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life**, I have given every green herb for meat:' and it was so," Gen. 1:29-30.

The first offering (the holocaust) in Leviticus chapter 1 was a sacrifice, a type of dedication, being totally consumed for and by Yahweh. This second offering was an offering for man, because Aaron and his sons were to eat of this offering after a **memorial** of it was burnt on the altar to Yahweh.

The first two offerings, the holocaust and the meat offering, appear to be a type of Yahshua in the fulfillment of the law, for when He was asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Yahshua answered and said unto him, "Thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself**. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets," Mt. 22:36-40.

The burnt offering revealed Yahshua's total dedication to Yahweh. It revealed His love for Yahweh with all of His heart. The meat offering continued that dedication with the portion that was totally consumed as a burnt offering, but the rest of the meat offering served for man's consumption, revealing the love He had for neighbor. Yahshua said, "This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," Jn. 15:12-13.

These very words were spoken during the Passover meal which Yahshua instituted as a memorial to His sacrifice...and He took bread, and

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gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me." Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you," Lk. 22:19-20. This "Passover" service was instituted as a "memorial" to be observed once a year at its appointed time to "show" the Master's death till He come. (1 Cor. 11:26).

The meat offering was also a "memorial." It consisted chiefly of flour or flour made into unleavened cakes, wafers, a fried flour tortilla, or, in the instance of firstfruits, it was to be of the whole grain itself.

These are all symbols of Yahshua for He said, "For the bread of Elohim is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.... I am that bread of life... This is that bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves saying, 'How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?' Then Yahshua answered them, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat (the meat offering) indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever," Jn. 6:33, 48, 50-58.

Is there any doubt then that the meat offering typifies Yahshua as the bread from heaven which is to be eaten at the Passover memorial each year? Is there any doubt that these first two offerings typify Yahshua in His fulfillment of Yahweh's royal law of love: love toward Elohim, and love toward man?

#### **FINE FLOUR**

The first class of the meat offering was to be of fine flour serving to show the evenness of Yahshua throughout, but also showing the deep suffering of the Holy One for it is the emblem of grain, ground to fine powder. Bread is the staff of life and Yahshua, our staff of eternal life, is here represented as the bruised one. The thought is one of bruising and grinding; of pressing, wearying trial.

The Messiah was not only tried by fire; Yahweh's holiness is not the only thing that consumed Him. In meeting the wants of man, His soul was grieved, and pressed and bruised continually. He lays Himself out for others; He spends Himself for others; but they cannot understand Him. His soul is grieved. His Spirit is bruised with the blindness of their hearts. Even His own close associates finally forsoke Him at His moment of deepest trial. He was stricken, smitten of Elohim and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed...He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth, Isa. 53:4-5, 7.

The fine flour represents the bruising, crushing, pressing, enduring trials the Messiah went through. Yet it is also the emblem of His evenness for He was able to endure it all without complaint.

#### OIL AND FRANKINCENSE

The next ingredient in the meat offering was oil. Oil in its nature is nourishing and healing, a constant emblem of the Spirit's actions. The Messiah had the Spirit without measure (Jn. 4:34). He was able to heal at will. Isaiah proclaims, "By His stripes we are healed," Isa. 53:5.

The third ingredient was frankincense, which is the most precious of perfumes, of delightful and enduring fragrance, an emblem of the sweetness and fragrance of Yahshua's offering.

Honey and leaven were not to be used because leaven sours and puffs up the flour and honey also sours or ferments and spoils under heat. But the full fragrance of frankincense is not brought out until submitted to action by fire. Fire is a symbol of fiery trial.

The Messiah was tempted by Satan,

debased, humiliated, mocked by men and smitten of Yahweh and afflicted (Isa. 53:4), and yet the closer to the fiery trials, yea even being cast into the fiery oven itself, He yielded the most fragrant odor which ascended before the throne of Yahweh, holy and acceptable. This should and must be proclaimed before men, a thing most holy, precious, and valuable.

Even though this meat offering was for man, to be his food, yet a portion of it was burnt upon the altar to Yahweh, witnessing that this offering was Yahweh's purpose, designed in heaven for the good of all men who will believe, the manna, true bread from heaven itself.

#### UNLEAVENED CAKES

The second class of the meat offering was to be baked in an oven, unleavened cakes of fine flour **mingled with oil**.

The flour and oil have already been discussed along with being baked in an oven as an emblem of fiery trial. The word "cakes" is interesting, however, for the Hebrew word actually means cakes as punctured or

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pierced, and that is exactly what happened to the Messiah. "They pierced My hands and My feet," Psa. 22:16. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced," Zech. 12:10. "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side," Jn. 19:34.

The second class of the meat offering consisted of the unleavened cakes or thin wafers, **anointed with oil**. A wafer must be rolled, mashed, pressed into its shape. Does not this represent the Messiah with all the sufferings and burdens that He had to bear, "For even hereunto were ye called; because Messiah also **suffered for us**, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps," 1 Pet. 2:21. "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder and a witness of **the sufferings of Messiah**," 1 Pet. 5:1.

He was anointed with the Holy Spirit as these wafers were anointed with oil, "How Yahweh anointed Yahshua of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power," Acts 10:38.

#### PANCAKE OR GRIDDLE CAKE

The third class of the offering was to be baked in a pan. The Hebrew actually means a flat plate or griddle. To us it would be a pancake or griddlecake. It was to be mingled with oil, then parted in pieces and oil poured thereon (Lev. 2:5). Does not this symbolize the Messiah's own words, "Take, eat, this is My body, which is broken for you," 1 Cor. 11:23.

#### FRIED CAKES

The fourth class of the meat offering was to be fried in a frying pan, made of fine flour with oil. Does not the fryingpan represent the most intense heat and fiery trials? Would it not be fitting here to point out the time of His praver when He sweat blood? (Lk. 22:44). Psa. 22 gives an account of His suffering, "I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax: it is melted in the midst of My bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death," verses 14-15.

It is interesting to note the different roles of the oil, for it was poured, mingled, anointed, mingled and poured, and in the case of the frying pan, with. This would typify the workings of Yahweh's Spirit with the Messiah for He received it without measure. It was, therefore, upon, in and with Him and He was begotten of the Holy Spirit and so He was also of or from it.

There was one more class of meat offering. It was called the meat offering of the firstfruits, green ears of corn or grain dried by fire, beaten out of full ears. Oil was put on it and frankincense. It was an offering made by fire. The grain represents the seed, the true seed of Elohim, the Son of Elohim. The drying by fire represented the fiery trials He would have to face. It was beaten representing His broken, pierced, beaten body. The green ears symbolize His being cut off in the years of His youth before even reaching the age of 40. The oil represented the Holy Spirit adding to Him the power to endure trials, sufferings, and remain Holy unto Elohim, the frankincense yielding the sweet smelling savor before Yahweh.

#### THE MANNA

The meat offerings were from the grain, especially barley and wheat, typifying Yahshua as the "true bread from heaven." Therefore, we must interject here that the manna in the wilderness was also a type of Him as the "true bread from heaven."

The Apostle John records, "After these things Yahshua went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Yahshua went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Yahshua then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Yahshua said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Yahshua took the loaves: and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Yahshua did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Yahshua therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Yahshua was not come to them," Jn. 6:1-17.

### The manna was given to Israel for several different reasons.

Here is an account of Yahshua performing a miracle of sustenance as great or greater than the one that Eli-Yah the Prophet performed with the oil and meal (flour) in his day (1 Ki. 17:1-16).

John says that the time was around Passover. Barley is the grain that is associated with the Passover and days of Unleavened Bread.

Many of the people that he had fed also crossed the sea and found Him and His disciples in Capernaum. When they approached Him inquiring how and when He came there, He responded by advising them that they sought Him out not because of the miracles that He had performed but because they had eaten the bread and had been filled thereby (Jn. 6:25-26).

He then began to advise them that He was the true bread from heaven, that their forefathers ate of the manna in the wilderness and were dead, but whoso eats of His flesh as the true bread from heaven and drinks of His blood would have eternal life (v.v. 31-58).

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- 1. To prove them whether they would walk in Yahweh's law or not (Ex. 16:4). Yahshua the Messiah came to prove His people whether they would walk in the light of Yahweh's word.
- 2. That they would know that Yahweh had brought them out of the land of Egypt (Ex. 16:7). Knowing Yahshua the Messiah delivers us from the present evil world of which Egypt was a type.
- 3. That their murmurings were against Yahweh (Ex. 16:8). Yahweh's people Israel continue to murmur and complain to this day.
- 4. To behold the glory of Yahweh (Ex. 16:10). Yahshua came to reveal the glory of Yahweh (Jn. 12:28, etc.).
- 5. That they would know that Yahweh was their Elohim (Ex. 16:12). Yahshua was Yahweh in the flesh. When Thomas saw the imprint of the nails he proclaimed, "My Sovereign and My Elohim," Jn. 20:29.
- 6. That Yahweh is the One Who provides for them (Ex. 16:15). Yahweh has provided Yahshua the Messiah, the true bread from heaven Who is unleavened (no sin) and the living manna for those who believe in and on Him.
- It would lead them to the seventh day Sabbath and rest (Ex. 16:22-23). The Sabbath is a type of the coming seventh millennium when Yahshua will rule in the kingdom of heaven as King of kings and Sovereign of sovereigns bringing in peace and rest.

#### **III. THE PEACE OFFERING**

Leviticus, chapter three, covered the third and final offering of the sweet savor category. It was called the "peace" offering. It differs from the burnt offering in that it could consist of a male or female of the herd or flock. The burnt offering was to be male only. There is also no mention of turtledoves or young pigeons in this offering, the reason which is obvious in the ensuing explanation.

The peace offering was to be shared by all. There was the portion for Elohim, the fat and inwards burnt upon the altar so that it might ascend before Him as a sweet savor. The priests were to receive the breast as a wave offering and the right shoulder as a heave offering. The offerer with his family received the rest. All were fed by this offering. All had communion at the table. All were satisfied.

Yahweh's plan is revealed in these first three offerings for the burnt offering, the first of these offerings satisfies only Yahweh. He is first. He always has been in existence. All things were made by Him and for His purposes. The second offering, the meat offering, was shared by Elohim and man, specifically Aaron and His sons, the high priest and the priests. The second part of Yahweh's plan and holy days is called the firstfruits, revealing to us the firstfruits assembly which will serve as kings and priests under the High Priest, Yahshua, The third part of Yahweh's plan, the feast of ingathering reveals the final step of salvation, the millenial rule and day of judgment. It reveals the great spiritual harvest of Yahweh which will complete His great plan of salvation, reaping subjects into His kingdom and complete His kingdom as far as the first three requirements or stages are concerned, for a kingdom must have a king, government, subjects and territory. He, Yahweh, will be Elohim and King. The firstfruits will be the government, kings and priests under Him. Those of the ingathering will serve as the subjects. When this is done, then Yahweh will bring forth a new heavens and earth fulfilling another requirement, for a kingdom must also have territory.

The peace offering was also to be blemish free representing Yahshua, Who did no sin, for He is the One that is able to bring all of Yahweh's plans to fruition. He is the One Who is able to instill peace between Elohim and man, and between man and man. "For He is our peace (offering), Who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even (against) the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that He might reconcile both unto Yahweh in one body by the stake, having slain the enmity therby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off and to them which were nigh. For through Him we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit unto the Father," Eph. 2:14-18. This Scripture shows the peace we all can have with the Father and between ourselves.

Paul also writes, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered

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us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the assembly: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made

peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the evangel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of the Messiah in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the assembly: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of Yahweh which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of Yahweh; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom Yahweh would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is the Messiah in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in the Messiah Yahshua." Col. 1:12-28.

Don't these Scriptures verify the mystery of the offerings, especially the peace offering? He suffered and died that all men might find peace between themselves and the Father in heaven through Yahshua the peace offering!

Peter declared to Cornelius and his group, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that Yahweh is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which Yahweh sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Yahshua the Messiah: (he is Sovereign of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How Yahweh anointed Yahshua of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for Yahweh was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him Yahweh raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of Yahweh, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of Yahweh to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins," Acts 10:34-43.

Yahshua declared to His disciples, "These things I have spoken unto you, **that in me ye might have peace**. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world," Jn. 16:33.

An interesting incident happened during the time Yahshua was being battered and bruised in preparation for the sacrifice. Pilate had sent Him to Herod, who, with his men of war, set Him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe and then sent Him back to Pilate. That same day Pilate and Herod made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves (Lk. 23:11-12). Here we have an instance of the Messiah, the peace offering, making peace, friendship between enemies on the very day of His death! Both Pilate and Herod were rulers in the Roman Empire, the great and terrible fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven. They were enemies of the Hebrews and Yahweh! Look at the power of Yahshua's peace offering!

The Messiah fulfilled all the requirements of the peace offering. It is now possible for us to have peace and communion with Yahweh. We live in a world that does not know peace, but we can seek peace and have it through Yahshua.

#### IV. THE SIN OFFERING

We now come to the last two categories of the offerings that most people are familiar with, the sin offering and the trespass offering. In the first three offerings sin has not been the total focal point, rather we have seen Yahshua, as He has satisfied Elohim, man, the commandments, Yahweh's plan, and purposes, His government and kingdom. But sin and trespasses must be dealt with for, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of Yahweh," Ro. 3:23. Sin must come to be seen as exceedingly evil before Yahweh. Yet it is also shown to have been perfectly met by sacrifice, perfectly borne, perfectly judged, perfectly atoned for.

The first three offerings show Yahshua in His perfectness offering Himself to Yahweh without sin. The last two show Him, still in perfectness, but as a representative for sin. The first offerings were for acceptance, the last for expiation.

## Israel was the wife of Elohim, the Elohim Who became the Messiah

The sin offering was for a sin through ignorance (Lev. 4:1). The first person to be dealt with is a priest, the second is the whole congregation of Israel, specifying elders, third a ruler, fourth a common person.

What is the meaning of sin through ignorance? The Hebrew word "sin" in this instance is "chata" and means: "to miss" or "lead astray." The word for ignorance is "shegagah" or "shagah" which means: "to stray," "to wander," in "ignorance" or "deceit." In other words, being deceived into sinning, sinning unwittingly, straying ignorantly, caused to wander unawares.

How could this happen to those who had Yahweh's laws and

commandments; especially the priests, elders and rulers who were to teach Yahweh's ways and also judge the people according to them?

The answer is interesting and revealing. Israel was Yahweh's wife, "Turn, O backsliding children," saith Yahweh, "For I am Married unto you," Jer. 3:14. "Behold, the days come," saith Yahweh, "that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, which, My covenant they broke, although I was an husband unto them," saith Yahweh, Jer. 31:31-32.

Israel was the wife of Elohim, the Elohim Who became the Messiah. "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ve should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Messiah," 1 Cor. 10:4. They were, in effect, the wife of the last Adam, and so it is written, "The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit," 1 Cor. 15:45.

Do you begin to see the pattern developing? Satan, the serpent or dragon, deceived the first woman, Eve, the wife of the first Adam (Gen. 3:13, 1 Tim. 2:14). Satan has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9). Israel, the wife of Yahweh. Who became the Messiah, the last or second Adam was also deceived into sinning and had to suffer a type of death and destruction which was accomplished in stages beginning first in 722-721 BCE, secondly, 604-585 BCE, and thirdly, 69-70 CE. The amazing thing is that Israel's sin through deceit did its destructive work on her husband, just as Eve's did on Adam. We all know that in order to buy us back, to redeem, and deliver us from the deceitful grips of sin, Elohim had to

empty Himself of the power and glory that He had, be born as a man and suffer death, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, Yahweh sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh," Ro. 6:12-21.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua:

6 Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim (see Jn. 1:1-3): But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore Yahweh also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua the Messiah is Sovereign, to the glory of Yahweh the Father," Phil. 2:5-11.

This is the story of the sin offering. The sin offering was offered for sins of ignorance, sin brought upon a deceived people, similar to Eve's sin. The serpent had beguiled Eve. The wife, Israel, of the second Adam, Yahshua, was also deceived bringing death upon herself and her husband.

Notice that in Lev. 4, a priest's sins are dealt with first and required the highest class of offering, a bullock (v. 3). The reason for this would be that the priest is closest to Yahweh, serving in the tabernacle itself, deeming the necessity for the highest type of offering or sacrifice. According to the Prophet Malachi, the Levitical priesthood had failed in its commission to lead, guide and teach the people (Mal. 2).

The sin offering was also different from others in that only the fat, the caul above the liver and the kidneys were burnt upon the altar, the rest of the sacrifice, its skin, flesh, head, legs, inwards and dung were carried outside the camp to a clean place where the ashes of the altar of burnt sacrifice were poured out and it was there burned to ashes upon wood. This was a forerunner of the Messiah's being impaled outside the city of Jerusalem (Heb. 13:10-12), and then being buried in a tomb where no other dead body had been laid, a clean place (Jn. 19:41).

The fat as well as the caul above the liver represented the increase, wealth, health, and vitality of an individual. Yahweh gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:7) as well as life. The wages of sin is death, therefore, sin removes from us the very things Yahweh has given to us, life and increase.

The requirement of the kidneys, in this instance seems to be linked with the mind for the kidneys were associated with the reigns and, in the Hebrew, were a figure of the mind.

The offerer would lay his hands on the animal, in essence, transferring his guilt, his sin to the animal and then slay it. In the case of the priest's or the whole congregation of Israel's sin of ignorance, the blood was sprinkled before the vail of the sanctuary seven times, seven being Yahweh's number

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for completion or perfection. Some of it was placed on the horns of the altar of incense and the rest was poured out at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering, all symbols of the Messiah's blood which would be poured out for the sins of the whole world.

A lower class of animal was required for a ruler. He would offer a kid of the goats, a male without blemish. The priest would take its blood and smear some of it on the horns of the altar of burnt sacrifice and pour the rest at the bottom of the altar. Only the fat was to be burnt.

If any of the common people sinned through ignorance they were to take a female kid of the goats or a female lamb.

Another distinction of the sin offering was brought out in Lev. 5. It is mentioned that if a person should hear the voice of swearing or touched any unclean thing then he was to bring a female lamb or kid, but if he was not able to do so then he could provide two turtledoves or young pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. But if he was not able to do even this then he was allowed to bring a tenth of an ephah of flour. The priest would take a handful and burn it on the altar of burnt offering, the rest of it would belong to the priest as a meat offering, but no oil nor frankincense was allowed with it for it was a sin offering and Yahweh's Spirit cannot dwell with sin and neither is sin a sweet smelling odor nor savor to Yahweh.

One more thing about the sin offering, it was an offering for sin of ignorance. The sinner committed a sin or sins in ignorance, unwittingly, unknowingly, but when the person came to realize that he had sinned then he was to offer the sin offering. It has been said that a deceived person doesn't know that he has been deceived. How true this statement is. The world has been deceived by the devil, but at the proper time, the time of Yahweh's choice, it will be revealed, and then the sacrifice that the Messiah made for this sin will be applied. Today, Yahweh is calling many, but electing, choosing only a few (Jn. 6:44; Mt. 20:16).

#### V. THE TRESPASS OFFERING

We now come to the fifth and final offering, the trespass offering (covered in Lev. 5 & 6). It covered various things. The first mentioned is if one heard the voice of swearing or touched some kind of uncleanness or if one swore to do good or evil, he had committed trespass and had to bring a female of the flocks or two turtledoves or young pigeons or an ephah of fine flour.

How many trespass offerings would have to be offered for the swearing and cursing that goes on in this world today? There is also so much

uncleanness in today's world. What a lesson it would be if each time a person was caught swearing or touching some unclean thing a trespass offering would have to be made. What kind of an attitude would people develop if they had to make a sacrifice each time they swore or cursed or touched some uncleanness? If it began to get to one's pocket book, they would then learn some lessons. Maybe there would also be some changed attitudes. But if one would learn lessons and change attitudes because of harm to one's pocket book, then how much more important do men consider their pocket book than the Blessed and Precious Yahshua?

The second trespass mentioned was to sin through ignorance (being deceived) concerning the holy things of Yahweh. The sacrifice in this instance was to be a ram without blemish out of the flocks with an estimation by shekels of silver. He was to provide the ram plus twenty percent of the ram's estimated value for offering and atonement.

The third trespass mentioned is if one **purposely** trespassed and, through a lie, attempted to keep something that a neighbor had given into his hands for safekeeping, or if he had **violently** taken something, or if he had found something that was lost, and lied in order to keep it, etc. The item was to be restored to its rightful owner plus 20% of its estimated value and he was also to offer a trespass offering out of the flocks to the priest. This offering covered trespasses which were purposely committed.

The Apostle Paul writes, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But Yahweh, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with the Messiah, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in the Messiah Yahshua: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through the Messiah Yahshua. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in the Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Yahweh hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ve were without the Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Yahweh in the world: But now in the Messiah Yahshua ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh

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by the blood of the Messiah," Eph. 2:1 -13.

These are the five offerings, given by Yahweh for the purpose of administering mercy and grace. They were all fulfilled and satisfied by the sacrifice of Yahshua in His one sacrifice, "For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for **this he did once**, when he offered up himself," Heb. 7:26-27.

"But Messiah being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to Yahweh, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which Yahweh hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Messiah is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Yahweh for us: Nor yet that He should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must He often have suffered

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There is a great deal of confusion concerning what happens when we die. I have been to funerals where even the most evil individuals have been preached into heaven. But what is the truth of the matter? What is death? What do the Scriptures say happen to us when we die?

Do we have an immortal soul? The ancient philosopher Plato taught that death was nothing more than separation of body and soul. His idea was that the body is temporary, but the soul is immortal and existed before entering into the body. Upon death, the soul separated itself from the body leaving it behind. The pagan religions of this world believe this concept, but many people in Christianity also believe in this. That is why the ministers preach everyone into heaven. The belief is that the body dies and the soul goes to heaven to be with the heavenly Father.

Of course, there is also the concept of an ever burning hellfire. Everyone is either to go to the eternal bliss of heaven, or the very wicked, evil and unsaved will burn forever in hellfire. This comes from the immortal soul idea.

But is this what the Scriptures say? What do the Scriptures say about life, death and immortality? You need to know.

One of the problems we have about the Scriptures is that they have been interpreted to say certain things that rather confuse us unless we study into the original Hebrew language to find out the truth about the matter. Also, Peter warned, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation," 2 Pet. 1:20.

Isaiah also warns, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye

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may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of Yahweh was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken," 28:9-13.

Notice what is required here. One must be weaned from the milk and drawn from the breast. In other words, one must be ready to be able to eat a full course spiritual meal which includes meat that an infant can't eat. There must be a spiritual maturity and knowledge of the Scriptures that leads us to be able to go from Scripture, to Scripture, to Scripture in order to be able to assimilate understanding. If we fail to do this and begin to privately

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interpret each and every Scripture, then we will fall backward, be broken, snared and taken. We will fall backward in error.

While Plato may have tendered many famous quotes and sayings, he knew nothing of Yahweh and His word of truth. Plato was a Greek philosopher. The Greeks hated the Hebrew language and certainly cared nothing for the Elohim of the Hebrews. He was a man, living with the spirit of man in him. Paul writes of this condition, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of Yahweh knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Yahweh. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Yahweh; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Yahweh. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned," 1 Cor. 2:11-14.

Therefore, no matter how brilliant or important Plato was as a man, he simply was ignorant when it came to true spiritual things. His words may hold weight with mankind to this day, but they are foolishness to Yahweh and those who have the Spirit of Yahweh, which is the Spirit of truth and understanding.

#### **BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT**

What is life? What is the body for? People talk about the body, soul and spirit, but do they understand what they are saying or what it all means?

What is life? Life is vitality, awareness, the ability to live, breathe, move, work, communicate, think, plan, etc.

What is the body for? The body is a vessel wherein we live. It is our tabernacle, our tent, our primary dwelling place.

What would be the soul? The general Greek word for soul is *psuche*. We get the English word psyche from the Greek word *psuche*. Psyche is defined as; **1**. the human soul **2**. the mind; esp., *Psychiatry* the mind considered as a subjectively perceived, functional entity, based ultimately upon physical processes but with complex processes

of its own; it governs the total organism and its interactions with the environment. (*Webster's New World Dictionary*) Therefore, the soul is your awareness, your intellect through which you learn via the five senses. We learn through hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting, and feeling. The soul is not only your intellect, your intelligence, but it also is your character. The soul is what governs or controls the body.

What is the spirit? The general overall Hebrew word for spirit is *ruach*. The general overall Greek word for spirit is *pneuma*. Both words can also be translated as breath. You see, we must all have a body wherein is breath (*ruach/pneuma*) so that we can be a living soul (*psyche*) that is able to live, move, walk, talk, work, think, plan, etc., etc., in a physical body.

The Hebrew word for soul is *nephesh*. "And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living (*chayah*) soul (*nephesh*)," Gen. 2:7.

Yahweh formed the body of Adam from the dust of the ground and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a soul that lives. Thus there are three requirements for our life, (1) we must have a body, (2) we must have breath, spirit, and (3) we become a soul that is alive.

Interestingly, in accordance with the English translation, when we die, we become a dead body as is translated from the Hebrew, "And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead (muwth) body (nephesh) of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead (muwth) body (nephesh) of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of Yahweh in his appointed season among the children of Israel?" Num. 9:6-7.

If we are alive, the translators have determined to translate *chayah nephesh* as "living soul," but if dead,

they have chosen to translate *muwth nephesh* as "dead body." If a *chayah nephesh* is a living soul, then a *muwth nephesh* is a dead soul. But the translators, because of the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, chose to take the same word (*nephesh*) and in the instance of living, translated it as soul, but in the instance of death, translated it as body. This seems to be a purposeful effort to confuse.

If we do not have the Hebrew documents to prove these things, we would never know the better. But praise Yahweh, the Hebrew documents are made available and the examination of these documents reveals the truth of the matter.

#### WHAT IS DEATH?

Death is the cessation of life. *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines death as; **1.** the act or fact of dying; permanent ending of all life in a person, animal, or plant. **3.** the state of being dead **4.** any ending resembling dying; total destruction *[*the *death* of our hopes*]* **5.** any condition or experience thought of as like dying or being

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What do the Scriptures say about death and the dead? The Psalmist David declares, "O Yahweh, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Yahweh; for I am weak: O Yahweh, heal me; for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O Yahweh, how long? Return, O Yahweh, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" Psa. 6:1-5.

What!? In death there is no remembrance of our Creator Yahweh? Who, in the grave, can give Him thanks!? Doesn't this fly in the face of the idea that the soul flies off to be with the Creator in heaven?

"Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath (*ruach*) goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day **his thoughts perish**," Psa. 146:3-4.

These verses here are certainly interpreted correctly in the English. In the day of one's death, he breathes out his breath from the body and in that very day, even in that instant, his thoughts perish.

"All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath. This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun." Eccl. 9:2-6.

What Solomon is saying in Ecclesiastes is the same thing that is stated in Psalms 146:3-4 and 6:5. In the day of one's death, their soul, their psyche, their thoughts, their memory has perished. Whatever they loved, hated, envied or even desired is no longer important because their awareness has ceased, their thoughts, their personality, their character has ceased to exist.

"The dead praise not Yahweh, neither any that go down into silence," Psa. 115:17. Oh, but I thought that the soul went into heaven to be with "the Lord." If the soul is in heaven with "the Lord," then shouldn't there be awareness? Shouldn't that soul be able to praise Yahweh? Not according to the Scriptures that we have examined, but there is yet more to examine.

#### **MORE ON DEATH**

King Hezekiah was sick unto death and wrote this when he recovered, "I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years. I said, I shall not see Yah, even Yah, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world. Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me. I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me. Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O Yahweh, I am oppressed; undertake for me. What shall I say? He hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul. O Yahweh, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live. Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth," Isa. 38:10-19.

The dead can't celebrate their Creator Yahweh, nor can they praise Him. Only the living have the ability to do that.

King Solomon also declared, "I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that Elohim might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?" Eccl. 3:18-22.

Interestingly, Solomon asks here, "Who knoweth the spirit (*ruach*) of man that goeth upward, and the spirit (*ruach*) of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?," because in chapter 12 and verse seven he states, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit (*ruach*) shall return unto Elohim who gave it." This Scripture could be one of the places where men have come up with the idea that the soul goes to heaven to be with "the Lord." But remember that

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the Hebrew word is *ruach*, which simply means breath. What is required for life, awareness and intellect are the three things, body, soul, and spirit (breath).

Previously, he stated in Ecclesiastes chapter twelve, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern," vv. 1-6.

This is speaking of one growing old with the eyes (windows) weakening, instead of firmness, the limbs begin to tremble, one's strength has weakened, the teeth have worn down or are missing, the hearing (doors) is practically gone and everyone has to shout to be heard, fear of heights, etc. Also the silver cord is loosed or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, etc. This would have to do with a stroke, or heart attack, or other bodily catastrophe.

Think of it as a light bulb. The light bulb has a body composed of metal (the part that goes into the apperture) and glass. Inside there is a filament. When energy (electricity) is added, then the bulb is energized and works. This would be similar to our body (the bulb), soul (filament) and spirit/breath (electricity). But when the bulb burns out, the filament, the silver cord, is broken, then the bulb is dead. Or if the glass (the body, or golden bowl) is broken, then the bulb is dead. Of course, when electricity is withheld, then the bulb is dead, just as we, without the breath, are dead.

#### **PETER'S WITNESS**

On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Yahshua's disciples, Peter received empowerment that he simply didn't have before. He boldly stood before the masses declaring Yahshua. He (Continued on page 14) stated, "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Yahshua of Nazareth, a man approved of Elohim among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which Yahweh did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of Elohim, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom Yahweh hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw Yahweh always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that Yahweh had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne: He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of the Messiah, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption," Acts 2:22-31.

Now let's understand what Peter has declared to them and us here. He says that because Yahweh showed David certain things that his flesh would rest in hope. Okay, so that means that his body is still resting in the grave. As a matter of fact, Peter did go on to say that David was both dead and buried and his sepulcher (grave) was with them unto that very day that Peter was speaking to them. But notice what he said about Yahshua, "...his soul (psuche) was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption." This imputes that both David's body (flesh) saw corruption and that his soul

(psuche) was still in the grave.

King David was declared to be a man after Yahweh's own heart (Acts 13:22), yet he hadn't ascended into heaven up to the day of the apostles. Neither is there a place to show that he has ascended into heaven. The one who has ascended into heaven is the same one who descended from heaven, Yahshua the Messiah.

Ezekiel is inspired to declare, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: **the soul** (*nephesh*) **that sinneth, it shall die**," Ez. 18:4.

The fact of the matter is that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. (Ro. 3:23) Therefore, we all die and see corruption. Our physical, fleshly body corrupts and returns to the dust of the ground. The soul (*nephesh*) is also left in the grave. The breath (air/spirit/*ruach*) will be breathed out into the air (*ruach*), the thoughts, memories, desires, understanding, ability all perishes.

#### THE SHADOW

The book of Job witnesses concern-

### Now let's understand what Peter has declared to them and us here.

ing the death process. It states, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not," Job 14:1-2.

Have you ever thought about that? Our physical, fleshly, carnal life is like a shadow! Is there any real substance to a shadow? Absolutely not! A shadow is defined as a shade cast upon a surface by a body intercepting light rays. (*Webster's New World Dictionary*) It is further defined as something without reality, or substance. That's what Solomon meant when he said all is vanity. Vanity has to do with emptiness and worthlessness. The Psalmist decrees, "My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass," 102:11. Again, the Psalmist decrees, "Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away," 144:4.

The Apostle James is inspired to write, "Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If Yahweh will, we shall live, and do this, or that," Jas. 4:13-15.

When Yahweh created man (Adam and Eve), he said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So Elohim created man in his own image, in the image of Elohim created he him; male and female created he them," Gen. 2:26-27.

The Hebrew word for "image" is *tselem*, which is defined as; **to shade**; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure, especially an idol.

Let us consider what was done here. As long as man was obedient to Yahweh, he was established in his own likeness and resemblance. But when man disobeyed Yahweh, breaking His covenant, then he turned to the vanity of idolatry. Death entered and caused man to become a shade, a shadow, a phantom, an illusion, even an idol.

#### GRASS

When Adam and Eve disobeyed their Creator, then they became like the grass of the field, "Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth," Psa. 90:3-6.

The Psalmist also writes, "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth," Psa. 103:15.

The Prophet Isaiah was inspired to proclaim, "The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of Yahweh bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand for ever," Isa. 40:6-8.

The Apostle Peter quotes Isaiah in order to remind us of our own temporariness, "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of Yahweh endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you," 1 Pet. 1:24-25.

James wrote to the rich in order to remind them that they were like the grass, "Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways," Jas. 1:9-11.

The lesson of the grass is that it is a tender vegetation. Grass appears with moisture. Moisture, water is likened to the spirit (Jn. 7:37-39). When the sun arises and its heat begins to dry out the grass, removing the life giving moisture from it, then the grass withers and dies. Yes, the root generally remains, which would be similar to going to sleep or death. When moisture returns, the grass revives, springs up and comes forth. This will be addressed a little later under the heading of resurrection.

#### MORTAL

The Apostle Paul wrote, "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural: and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Sovereign from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the

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kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saving that is written. Death is swallowed up in victory," 1 Cor. 15:41-54.

Paul says that we are not only cor-

ruptible, but that we are mortal. He had written the epistle of 1 Corinthians years after he had been called, given the Holy Spirit and been ordained as an apostle. He still said that he was mortal. For one to be mortal simply means that he will eventually die. This flies in the face of the teaching of the immortality of the soul, but then so do the words of Yahshua Who said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," Mt. 10:28.

Yahweh can destroy both body (Gk. = soma) and soul (Gk. = psuche). If the soul can be destroyed, then that means that it is not immortal, but rather mortal.

#### THE GRAVE

There are two key Hebrew words that are translated as grave. They are *qeber* and *sheol*. *Qeber* generally refers to the grave or sepulcher. *Sheol* not only refers to the grave, but to hell.

Psalms 49 declares, "Hear this, all ve people; give ear, all ve inhabitants of the world: Both low and high, rich and poor, together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp. Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to Elohim a ransom for him (-self): (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption. For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. Nevertheless man

being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish. This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah. Like sheep they are laid in the grave (*sheol*); death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling, vv. 1-14.

The Greek is similar to the Hebrew and English in that there is more than one word for grave and hell.

When Lazarus died, he was in the grave (*mnemeion*) for four days before Yahshua came on the scene to resurrect him. (Jn. 11:17) The other Greek word is *hades* as is utilized by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 15:55, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave (*hades*), where is thy victory?

The dead are interred in their sepulcher or grave and according to the Scriptures, they remain there until the day of their resurrection.

#### RESURRECTION

Again, Paul writes, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yahshua will Elohim bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of Yahweh, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Sovereign shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Sovereign himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Sovereign in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Sovereign," 1 Thes. 4:13-17.

Some people get confused because it says that Yahshua will bring those who are asleep in Him with Him. But what does this really mean? Notice that it says that they **sleep** in Yahshua. That sleep is the same sleep that Yahshua was referring to in John concerning Lazarus. It was the sleep of death. Yes, He will bring them with Him because when Yahshua begins to descend from heaven, the dead in Him will be raised, resurrected from death to life. Those who are alive will be instantaneously changed and all will rise to meet Him in the clouds, but they will descend back to the earth with Him as he will be descending upon the Mount of Olives, "Then shall Yahweh go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south," Zech. 14:3-4.

This is the glorified Yahshua Who is returning to the earth. Remember that He ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives and the disciples stood there gazing until a cloud re-

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ceived Him from their sight (Acts 1). They were told that He would come in like manner as they saw Him go. In the day of His return, He will return with the clouds of heaven.

This will be the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4). After the millennial rule, all who ever lived will be resurrected, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before Yahweh; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the

books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. 20:11-15.

Remember that the flesh is like the grass. The grass is composed of root (soul) and blade (body). Its breath is carbon dioxide. The soul, the root of the dead has been resting in the grave. Now Yahweh calls it forth by the power of His word, sending His Spirit to perform the work.

This is what Yahshua was referring to when He cautioned the people to fear Him who has the power to destroy soul and body in hell (Mt. 10:28). The Greek word utilized for "hell" is *geena*. It is combined with the Greek word for fire (*pur*) in Mt. 5:22; 18:9 and Mk. 9:47 as "hell fire."

This final resurrection is the resurrection to judgment. All who are not found in the Lamb's book of life are cast into the fire. Notice that this is the "second death" not "life." In other words, when this fire has consumed both body and soul, there will be nothing left but ashes in order to fulfill Malachi 4:1-3, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Yahweh of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith Yahweh of hosts."

The dead from the beginning of this world, as recorded in Genesis chapter 4 until this day, are still in the grave. The only one who has been resurrected and ascended into heaven of *(Continued on page 18)* 

ISSING P

FACT: The "church" clearly recognizes and supports the prophecies foretelling the first coming of Messiah: when, name, virgin birth, birth place, hometown, ministry, suffering servant, execution and resurrection. Regardless of denominational differences, all the "churches" agree on these very detailed and precise prophecies as **BEING** fact. FACT: The "church" clearly recognizes and supports the prophecies which have been fulfilled in recent years, and have yet to be fulfilled, foretelling the second coming of Messiah: when--the last trump, where--Jerusalem, how-in the twinkling of an eye. Regardless of denominational differences, all the "church" agrees on these very detailed and precise prophecies as **BEING** fact: Messiah will return as a triumphant King, to rule the world with a rod of iron. **QUESTION**: If our Heavenly father, through the mouths of His prophets, has been so precise, so detailed, so specific, and exact in the Scriptures so as to help us to plainly recognize the Messiah, and to recognize the signs of His return: then, if indeed, Messiah (jesus) did away with the Law (Torah), where are the prophecies foretelling that He would do this?

Why would the Creator be so thoughtless and the source of so much contention and confusion as to not tell us by the mouths of His prophets that His Son would come and do away with the very Law (Torah) that He Himself had established forever...? Replacing the seventh day Sabbath with "s u n d a y" (s u n - w o r s h i p day)...Replacing His Father's Feasts with christmas and easter... replacing His Father's calendar...Even changing the way days are reckoned—from sunset to sunset—to midnight to midnight.

Why would our Creator leave us in

By an Average Joe, For Average Joes the dark on such important and world changing information?

ANSWER: OUR CREATOR HAS WARNED US, CLEARLY, WHO IT IS WHO WILL THINK TO DO THESE THINGS:

#### anti-messiah!

**Daniel 7:25KJV**--"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and wear out the saints of the most High, **and think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

The Apostle Paul (Shaul) went to his grave shouting the warning that there was about to be a "great falling away" from the true worship of the Creator, saying...

2 Thess. 2:7a KJV--"For the mystery

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#### of iniquity doth already work."

There have been, over the past 2000 years, many instances of types of antimessiahs, with satan rigorously and desperately attempting to perfect the incarnation of pure evil: his antimessiah...

<u>Rev 12:17 KJV</u>--"And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, <u>which keep the command-</u> <u>ments of (Yahweh)</u>, and have the testimony of **Yahshua**."

Paul (Shaul) was not "crying wolf", and was not a "Chicken Little" screaming, "the sky is falling". This man knew the Scriptures, knew the Messiah, and walked in the power and wisdom of Ruach HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit). We should pay serious attention to what he had to say.

We need to take a serious look at what has happened to the faith of the followers of the true Messiah in the last 2000 years. If eternal life is truly important to you, do some serious digging into history and into the Scriptures, delving into a reputable encyclopedia will reveal a history of the "church" and the roots of its traditions and customs totally unknown to most believers today, and would have been considered an abomination to the followers of Messiah in His day and time.

You will find that after Paul's (Shaul's) death, the faith that he taught, upheld, and died for, mutated; and if you were to put that original group of followers of Messiah side by side with believers in the "church" today, there would be virtually no resemblance between the two groups.

Folks, from Constantine to present day, the "<u>mystery of iniquity</u>" has been at work—iniquity means lawless-ness (Torah-less-ness)—in an Average Joes words: the absence of, removal of, or total lack of, respect for our Creators established rule and authority. The "great falling away" that the "church" is waiting for, has already taken place and is degenerating, like a fast moving cancer, to it's prophesied end:

<u>Matt 7:23KJV</u>--"Then will I profess unto them, <u>I never knew you; depart</u> <u>from me, ye that work iniquity"</u>, <u>(law-less-ness)."</u>

In that day, there will be only one faith, and two groups of people: sheep and goats. Sheep know their shepherd and obey His voice. Goats on the other hand, are rebellious, stubborn, hard headed, and unteachable crea-

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**Q**. Greetings in the Great Name of Yahweh through His Son Yahshua Messiah. I read with, much interest, your periodic newsletter that you sent to Bro. J... T... I find your concept of Yahweh and His Son Yahshua HaMashiach enlightening. I am a practicing Yahwist and have been studying with the "House of Yahweh" and "Yahweh's Assembly In The Messiah." I would also like to be placed on your mailing list and would hope that there would be no conflict with you in whom I am studying with. I would also like to ask your opinion on wearing the holy garments? I've heard different views. Just wanted to know your opinion. BK

**A**. Paul instructs us that we are to be clothed with Yahshua (Ro. 13:14, Gal. 3:27, Eph. 4:24, etc.). The Levitical priesthood wore the "Holy Garments" made by the hands of man, but still corrupted. We are to put on the "Holy Garments" (Yahshua) not made by human hands. That is the ONLY way our righteousness can exceed the

righteousness of the Levitical Priesthood, the Pharisees, or any other righteous group. It is the only righteousness that is acceptable to the Heavenly Father. This is the true nature of the "New Covenant." It is a covenant no longer based upon the promises and works of the hands of men. It is based solely upon the Word/ Promise of Yahweh and the power of His Spirit as given through Yahshua the Messiah. HalleluYah!!!

Q. I have a question for you concerning the title or name El, or Elohim. Some assemblies believe this to be a title for the Creator Yah. Well, on 6-22-02 I was reading my friend's *Wycliffe Bible Dictionary* and I came across the title or name El, or Elohim. The thing that blew my mind was that it said that El, or Elohim is also another name for God and that another title is "Allah." Is Allah, El or Elohim the same title for Yahweh?

**A**. According to *The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*, the term "*el*" is a primitive generic term for the deity in the Semitic languages. The Ara-

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tures. Which will you be? A living sheep?— Or a perishing Goat?

#### "REPENT! THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!"

<u>Romans 10:13 KJV</u>--"For whosoever shall call upon the name of <u>the Lord</u> shall be saved."

How can you call on His Name if you don't know what it is? That's kind of like Ali Baba and the forty thieves being at the entrance to their hide out

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Yahweh's throne is Yahshua the Messiah. On the day of His return, He will resurrect those who are His from the grave to immortality and incorruptiwith a great army about to attack and kill them all, and not knowing the words: "open says-a-me". But most people, in the world today, are living their lives as if they were cattle grazing in a field. Most cattle don't have a clue what their owners name is, and probably stand there with a clueless look upon their faces as he loads them onto a truck and hauls them off to the slaughter house. If, just one of them were to call out his name, he would probably realize that animal, indeed, was a very rare and special animal, and would return him to his field and

bility. At the end of the kingdom age, a great number will be resurrected and judged. Those who belong to Yahshua will receive everlasting life. Those who are not His will receive everlastmaic term was *elah* while the Arabic was *ilah* (modern day's allah). While this may be the generic Arabic term for the Creator, the fact of the matter is that the term el, eloah, elohim, etc. were the generic Hebrew terms. One of the major problems for some assemblies is the fact that the Canaanites took the term "el" and made it into a proper noun as the name of their deity. Some go so far as to say that there was an attempt to replace the name Yahweh with the term el. If such is the case however, the attempt was extremely sloppy since the name Yahweh and the genetic term el appear together in some of the scriptures, such as Yahweh el or el Yahweh, or I am Yahweh your el.

We have no problem with the "generic" term as long as it is left in that situation (generic). The problem we have is when some would replace the name Yahweh with any other term such as *el, elah, ilah, allah, elohim, adonai, god, the lord,* etc. The proper name Yahweh should appear and be utilized in the places wherein it is inspired to be utilized in the Scriptures.

protect him, thus saving him from the slaughter house.

Jer 23:27--who try to make My people forget My Name by their dreams which everyone relates to his neighbour, as their fathers forgot My Name for Ba'al.

Joh 17:6--"I have revealed Your Name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have guarded Your Word.

#### ing death.

Where are the dead? They are in the grave awaiting the voice of their Creator Yahweh to the resurrection for which each has been prepared.

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is sent into other areas of the world to fight other's battles, while they are not allowed to protect the country's borders.

Why is so much of our industry being shut down and sent out of the country? Why has President Bush brokered a deal to outsource jobs to India? Why has he threatened to veto any bill submitted by congress to overturn the sale of operations management of the ports to the UAE? It's because he has to do the bidding of the masters.

Any threat of the Congress to thwart the sale of the operations to the UAE is just posturing. They all know that the sale has to go through whether openly or under the table. You see, it is because of their own spending sprees and desire for campaign contributions that they are willing to also sell the U.S. out.

#### CONFUSION

This author has long understood that the name "Bush" has important meaning. Long ago, it was learned that the name "Bush" is exactly like the Hebrew word "buwsh." This Hebrew word is defined as; a primitive root; properly, to pale, i.e. by implication to be ashamed; also (by implication) to be disappointed or delayed. (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, Hebrew Lexicon #954) It is also variously translated as, (be, make, bring to, cause, put to, with, a -)shamed(-d), be (put to) confounded(-fusion), become dry, delay, be long.

Mr. Bush has extremely confounded, confused and disappointed many of his supporters during his tenure as president. His own father was of the same mettle. Remember during his campaign when he said, "Read my lips, no new taxes," and then promptly caved in to tax increases right after being sworn in? How disappointing and confusing, but rather like the Hebrew "buwsh."

While the younger Bush has implemented a tax bill that lowered taxes. He has supported and signed legislation that has not only caved in to his own sworn enemies, but, in reality, has limited Constitutional rights. Isn't it rather confusing to attack Muslims because they attacked us, wage war against them and then turn around and stand for our ports to be managed by them?

Isn't it rather confusing to proclaim to be a Republican conservative and then cave in to Democratic liberal bills passed by congress? The Hebrew term fits in so many, many ways. Hebrew is the language of revelation.

#### CRISIS AT THE END

We, who read, study, believe and teach the Scriptures, understand that there is going to be a great crisis at the end of the age. It is going to be the "time of Jacob's trouble." (Jer. 30:7)

We also understand that the U.S. and certain other nations are, in reality, the descendants of the northern kingdom of Israel which went into captivity by the hand of the Assyrians back around 721 BCE.

We are facing that "crisis" today! It is looming in the very near future. Yahweh has fulfilled His promise to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel. He promised to greatly bless the forefathers and their descendants.

## We are facing that "crisis" today!

But He also promises to chasten and correct when they get out of line. (Lev. 26:2; Hos. 7:12)

Jeremiah prophesies in another place concerning the reason that the time of trouble is coming upon the descendants of Israel in the last days, "Hear ye the word of Yahweh, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 Thus saith Yahweh, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 Neither said they, Where is Yahweh that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? 7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, **ye defiled my land**, **and made mine heritage an abomination**.

8 The priests said not, Where is Yahweh? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal (the Lord), and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith Yahweh, and with your children's children will I plead.

10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

11 Hath a nation changed their Elohim, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their (should be "My glory") glory for that which doth not profit.

12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith Yahweh.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled?

15 The young lions roared upon him, and yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

16 Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.

17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that **thou hast forsaken Yahweh thy Elohim**, when he led thee by the way?

18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken Yahweh thy Elo-

#### him, and that my fear is not in thee, saith Yahweh ELOHIM of hosts.

20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith Yahweh Elohim.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: <u>but in the</u> <u>time of their trouble they will</u> <u>say, Arise, and save us</u>.

28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith Yahweh.

30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31 O generation, see ye the word of Yahweh. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number." Jer. 2:4-32.

#### **RETURN TO EGYPT**

Israel was told that they had been delivered from the "iron furnace," (Dt. 4:13-20). They were warned that if they refused to obey their Almighty Elohim Yahweh, that they would be returned to Egypt (Dt. 28:68).

The great overall preponderance of peoples on this earth don't realize that this prophecy has been fulfilled, especially the peoples of America!

Noph, spoken of by Jeremiah in verse 16 of the previous quoted Scriptures, is nothing more than Memphis of Egypt. Sihor has to do with the spirit of Horus, the son of Osiris and Isis of Egypt. Osiris, Isis and Horus was the trinity of Egypt. Both Osiris and Horus were sun gods.

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#### come about.

When one commemorates or sets aside Sunday, the first day of the week, as his/her day of rest and holy convocation, he is honoring the sun gods of all the pagan nations, especially of Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and Egypt! To drink of the waters of Sihor simply has to do with imbibing the spirit of Horus.

By the way, December 25th is his birthday (also of Osiris). Easter is the commemoration of his death and resurrection.

One more thing that we must point out is the back of the dollar bill which displays the Great Pyramid of Egypt with the all-seeing eye of Horus hovering over it.

This is all proof that the Prophet Jeremiah was correct. Israel, Yahweh's people, have been deceived to return to Egypt. While there is still a nation on the earth which bears the name Egypt, the fact of the matter is that America is "spiritual Egypt."

#### THE FURNACE OF AFFLIC-TION

Yahweh promises a thing, He foretells, He prophecies and they come about. He warned Israel that He was going to choose them from a "furnace of affliction." "Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of Yahweh, and make mention of the Elohim of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the Elohim of Israel; Yahweh of hosts is his name.

3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

 $9~\P$  For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise

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will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; **I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction**," Isa. 48:1-10.

Going back to the book of Daniel chapter two, we find that Nebuchadnezzar is given a dream which is a thumbnail sketch of the history of not only the world, but also of idolatry. There were to be four major world ruling kingdoms. Babylon was the head of gold, Persia, the breast and arms of silver, Macedonia/ Greece the belly and thighs of bronze and Rome the legs of iron and feet of iron and clay. The fourth kingdom, Rome, was to continue until Yahweh establishes the kingdom of heaven on earth through the stone that was cut out without hands (Yahshua).

Isn't it ironic that the fourth kingdom is composed primarily of iron? Isn't it ironic that Yahweh promised to choose Israel from the "furnace of affliction?" Isn't that furnace elsewhere called the "iron furnace," (Egypt)?

#### **END-TIME PROBLEMS**

We are at the end of the age. We are soon going to enter into the time of Jacob's trouble at the latter days. All we have to do is look about us on every side.

We are being warned that our Social Security program can't go on for much longer. It is going to be short of funds in the not too distant future. The Medicare and Medicaid programs are also in trouble. Of Course, if they run out of money, then that means that the government will be out of money because these programs are government funded.

There is talk about the real-estate bubble that is about ready to burst. Since much of our industry had either moved or is moving out of the country, we are becoming a SER-VICE oriented society. Service? Doesn't that mean to serve others, like in indebtedness or as a bond servant?

The illegal immigrants are becom-

ing more and more of a problem, placing even more strains on schools, social services, hospitals and doctors, and such like.

What about the rising cost of the war in Iraq? What about the other international problems that we are facing? Did you know that Iran will no longer be selling their oil on the world markets for the U.S. dollar by the end of March? They will be selling their oil for Euros. If other nations promptly follow suit, it will spell disaster for the American dollar and our economy.

This is all prophesied and much, much more. It is now coming to pass. Prepare yourselves before it is too late!" (End of excerpt)

#### **END-TIME PROPHETS**

There are plenty of end-time prophets extant in this world today. Any who considers himself to be such truly needs to make sure he is receiving messages from the true Elohim Yahweh. If he is given a prophecy from his Elohim (god) and it doesn't come to fruition, then he needs to rethink where he is getting his messages from. However, the prophecies have already been writ-

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ten and given to Yahweh's people in times past. We have them in the form of the Scriptures.

President Bush has lived up to his name. He has greatly disappointed the nation and its people of both major parties and all other parties as well. He has also confounded and confused the people. But think of this, both he and John Kerry were members of the "Skull and Bones Fraternity" at Yale. So was George Bush Senior.

The skull and crossbones is a symbol of piracy. Pirates plunder. We, as a nation, are being raped and left in the wilderness to dry up and die. Our own government has indebted us to the tune of trillions of dollars. Such is what happens when a people forsake their Elohim and cast His word behind. The end result is bondage, enslavement, sin, corruption, suffering, pain, death and destruction. It is coming, be sure of that!

And now, what choices do the people have for the office of the presidency? Mohammed, Jezebel, or the son of Cain!

The media has always covered up the true background of those it chooses to be the leaders of the country. The media, of course, is owned by the super rich who are continually manipulating the people for their own personal gain and desires. They are utilizing the pen, radio, television, movies, music, etc., to lead us down the road to vanity and destruction.

Mr. Obama has been a member of a group of people for 20 years who have spewed out vile hatred for this nation and its people. Their own writers have published a message of hate for any elohim (god) who might bring trials, pain and suffering upon them. Wake up America! This is not the love of Yahweh! The true Savior Yahshua was humble and obedient to the Father even to the death of the cross. The leaders of Mr. Obama's church have written that any god that afflicts their people needs to die.

Mrs. Clinton's ties to Moscow, socialism, communism and humanism are also quite obvious from the previous eight years of Mr. Clinton's presidency. How many people took notice that every year of his presidency that they took a trip to Moscow. After all, that is where they went back in the 60's (when it was illegal for Americans to travel there) to learn how to organize demonstrations against the U. S. Government.

Mr. McCain's position is also an enigma. Yes, captured in battle. Suffering imprisonment by the enemy. Did you ever see the movie "The Manchurian Candidate?" He sure fits the bill.

The fact of the matter is the future of America, left in the hands of man, is bleak, so very, very bleak. Oh America, America, if you would only wake up and realize that you have been so greatly duped! If only you would wake up and see that your best interests are in the hands of your all wise, almighty creator Yahweh and His word.

He does promise a better government in the future, but that will come only after disaster and destruction are implemented. After all, even though His word pronounces judgment upon His people, it also

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since the foundation of the world: **but now once** in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **So Messiah was once offered** to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation," Heb. 9:11 -28.

"And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, **after he had offered one sacrifice for sins** for ever, sat down on the right hand of Yahweh," Heb. 10:11-12.

"For Messiah also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to Yahweh, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit," 1 Pet. 3:18.

Consider the difference between the Levitical high priest and Yahshua, the heavenly High Priest. While the Levitical high priest offered an animal sacrifice for himself and the people, Yahshua, the heavenly High Priest, offered the supreme sacrifice, to wit: HIMSELF.

It appears that Yahshua fulfilled the first three offerings during His life, for He was totally dedicated to Yahweh, and totally consumed in His zeal to fulfil His will (burnt offering). He also spent His life, especially His ministry, serving His neighbor, for He loved His fellow man, even though He was totally righteous and without sin, while His fellow man was laden with sin. He esteemed others better than Himself, in effect, fulfilling the law of love toward neighbor (meat offering).

His righteous life was able to bring

reveals His great and wondrous love and mercy that He has for them (us). This author looks forward to and prays for that day when the bright sunshiny day of His kingdom is brought forth for the whole house of Israel. That is the Word, the prophecy that this author trusts in,

believes in and hopes for. Yahweh's word does not fail. All praise to Him for that! JH

about peace between Elohim and man, in effect, mediating between the two, for He is the only being Who has lived as both Elohim and man (peace offering).

The last two offerings (sin and trespass) were specifically fulfilled in His death, for He took upon Himself the penalty of our sins and trespasses (death).

#### THE SHADOW

There are those who attempt to force Yahshua's sacrifice into one pattern and one pattern only. That pattern is the Passover sacrifice. This "forcing" serves to confuse many people as to when to observe the Passover sacrifice. While the offerings we have just studied served the pattern for all the sacrifices and offerings, the Passover, the Atonement, the morning and evening sacrifice, etc., these were all by the law. The book of Hebrews says, "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith. Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O Elohim. Above when

he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, **neither hadst pleasure** *therein*; **which are offered by the law**; Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O Elohim. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua Messiah once *for all*," Heb. 10:1-10.

Notice that these offerings were only a shadow. I have hopefully taken the shadows and portrayed how Yahshua, the true image, has fulfilled the things that foreshadowed Him. Notice also that Yahweh had no pleasure of those things which were offered by the law. Paul Himself writes about Moses putting a vail on His face so that Israel could not see the end of those things which were to be abolished (2 Cor. 3:13). He says that their minds were blinded when the Old Testament is read (v. 14-15). Yet the vail is taken away when one turns to Messiah (v. 16). Let's take away the vail and look to Yahshua, not "forcing" Him to completely conform to Moses, but allowing Moses to speak of and conform to Him.

These offerings were fulfilled by Yahshua throughout His entire life and also in His death, as He said (Mt. 5:17). What a tremendous and glorious Savior we have! Let us ever serve the purpose of following Him, serving Him, and glorifying Him Who suffered for us. HALLELUYAH!

Please don't let anyone whether an angel or elder of an assembly, church or whatever tell you that Yahshua did not fulfill all of the offerings in the Torah.

By Jerry Healan

## **NEW ASSEMBLY GROUP**

Brother Harold Collins recently contacted us enquiring if it would be possible for him to hold assembly meetings in Cleburne, Texas under the name Yahweh's Evangelical Assembly. We responded positively to his request adding that we would be honored if he did so. He has posted a sign and banners saying "Yahweh's Evangelical Assembly meets here every Sat. 10:00 a.m."

On Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> he wrote, "We had our

first assembly meeting yesterday (Sab. the 26<sup>th</sup>). One brother from Glen Rose, TX. attended. There should be 4 or 5 next Sabbath. It's a start!

I've enclosed the ad I placed in the Cleburne Times Review, Joshua Paper, and the 'Shopper." The newspaper took the liberty to add a Christian cross....We also have banners at the road near our home saying 'Yahweh's Evangelical Assembly meets here every Sat. 10:00 A.M." The ads placed in the papers and shoppers reads "YAHWEH'S EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLY, Now meeting every Saturday 10 a.m. 3900 E. FM 4 · Cleburne, 817 -933-9097"

If you live near there you now have a place to meet on the Sabbath. If you are just traveling by, please stop in and meet and/or visit with Brother Harold.

## **COME TO THE FEAST!**

As the song goes, "All things are ready, come to the feast!" YEA will be observing the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) at the Little Black Creek Water Park in western Mississippi. Travelers from all over enjoy Little Black Creek Water Park, located between Purvis and Lumberton, Mississippi, off Interstate 59. The park has picnic areas with tables and barbeque grills. The park's 600 acre lake is stocked with plenty of catfish (not so good), white perch (yummy), bream (yummy), and large mouth bass (also yummy). The park offers scenic campsites, cabins, bungalows and a convenience store.

There are 106 campsites of which 82 have sewer hook-ups. Most of them also have 30 amp electrical outlets. Some of the campsites are on the waterfront.

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The cabins have heat and air and the kitchens are fully furnished with pot, pans, dishes, etc. It appears that most of them have queen sized beds. Some have a regular sized roll away bed also. The prices for the cabins range from \$70.00 to \$110.00 per night, depending on the number of bedrooms, one story or two story, etc.

The campsites are \$19.00 per night on the waterfront. Inland campsites are \$18.00 per night and primitive camping (no water or electric) are \$7.50 per night.

We have rented the lodge hall for the feast dates (Oct. 16th-23rd) for the meetings and meals. But we will not rule out meeting outside if the weather is right. The lodge has a kitchen and is available from 8:00 a.m—8:00 p.m.

You can make arrangements for a

campsite or cabin by calling the Enright Chandler, the park manager, at 601-794-2957.

Some brethren observed the Feast in this park last year and have given very positive reports on its beauty and serenity and privacy.

Below are a couple of pictures of the park so you can get a general idea about it.

Please also advise us if you wish to observe the feast with us this year.

If you are hungry for some in-depth spiritual food, and fellowship then plan to come to Mississippi for the Feast.

Please fill out the Feast Form below and send it to us so we can get a general idea as to who and how many will be observing the feast with us.

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