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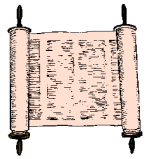
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in 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 wanted to highlight our article the Lesson of the 153 fishes in this issue so we chose the picture with fish on it. Yahshua sent His disciples to "fish" for men. We truly hope that this issue will "catch" the eye of so many who are needy of knowing our great and marvelous Savior.

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MORE ON THE CROSS

WOW! Our articles on the cross have certainly stirred up a snake's nest! One group especially makes every attempt that they can to put this truth down. I would have left this subject alone had they not posted some incomplete data. They've gone to one scholar, E.W. Bullinger in their last newsletter, who almost always had his own ideas about things. It's just like anything and anyone. You can find scholars who you will agree with, and others who you will disagree with. I happen to disagree with E. W. Bullinger on his dissertation concerning the cross because he says that the Greek word *stauros* (generally translated as cross in the New Testament) no more means a *crux* (Latin for cross) than the word "stick" means a "crutch." You know, it's too bad that Mr. Bullinger evidently never discussed this with Mr. James Strong (who developed *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*) and J. H. Thayer (Who produced *The New Thayer's Greek English Lexicon*) (And other scholars). They both agree that *stauros* means cross. But we shouldn't just let the scholars have the final say, we should allow the Scriptures to corroborate everything. That is what we endeavor to do here. Remember, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death," Prov. 14:12; 16:25.

Even the Greek word *xulon* was addressed, in this group's latest newsletter article on the cross, which was defined as "...generally denotes a piece of a **dead log of wood**, or timber, for fuel or for any other purpose. **It is not like dendron, which is used of a living, or green tree**, as in Matthew 21:8; Revelation 7:1,3; 8:7; 9:4, &c.

Goodness, it would be great if someone would search a little deeper before they make such brazen statements! As a matter of fact *xulon* is utilized in Luke 23:31, "For if they do these things in a **green tree (xulon)**, what shall be done in the dry?"

Then there is Revelation 2:7, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the **tree (xulon)** of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Yahweh." 22:2, "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the **tree (xulon)** of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the **tree (xulon)** were for the healing of the nations." 22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the **tree (xulon)** of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

The definition given in their newsletter certainly doesn't match these Scriptural verses here, do they? I would truly say that these trees (*xulons*) are not only green and living, but they would/will have BRANCHES, wouldn't you? (Someone should have clued the author of that article and the one who presented the definition in on the facts.)

Also, did you know that the cross was utilized as a symbol of deliverance in the Old Testament, of all places!?! It is found in the book of Ezekiel, "¹He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.²And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. ³And the glory of the Elohim of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; ⁴And Yahweh said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.** ⁵And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: ⁶Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but **come not near any man upon whom is the mark**; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house," 9:1-6.

It was said (implying me) that someone knew just enough Hebrew to be dangerous. Dangerous to whom? Maybe dangerous to the man who printed the statement. You see, if we just allow the English to rule, then we never know what kind of mark it was that was placed on these people's foreheads. The Hebrew word for "mark" in these verses is *taw* (†). *Taw* (†) is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It looks like this (†) in more ancient Pictorial Hebrew, and like this (✕/+) in Paleo Hebrew.

Now the charge is that the cross is a "pagan" symbol, and true enough, it has been utilized in paganism for millennia. But the question would be "Why would Yahweh originally incorporate the cross in the original Hebrew alphabet if it is pagan?" The answer is that Yahweh originally incorporated the *tau* (†) into the Hebrew alphabet and the serpent is the one who took it and made it into something corrupt. It's the same with the sun. We all know that Yahweh created the sun, but the pagans worship it, don't they? So does that mean that we can't enjoy the sun, its light, its warmth, its good things that it does for us? No, it's just that we should never worship it, make images of it and place them on our altars, etc., and nei-

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DUST UNTO DUST

PART II

In the day that Yahweh cursed Adam, He told him "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." Part I has taken us back to the beginning of our history in order to explain, by the Word of Yahweh, how we are as we are in our personal lives. It reveals what we are truly like and why we fall short of the glory of Yahweh.

Now in part two, we must magnify this understanding by viewing the history of mankind, which brings us down to today's world.

By Jerry Healan

When Yahweh had finished with His creation on the sixth day it is said, "And Elohim saw everything that he had made, and, behold, **it was very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day," Gen. 1:31.

When it says that it was very good, it means that it was exceedingly good. It had to have been a breath-taking creation. This statement, of course, is an oxy-moron. It didn't take the breath, it gave breath, life, beauty, etc.

The man and woman were placed in a beautiful Garden of Eden, which was to be the headquarters of the earth, because they were to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth. But the serpent entered into the garden, deceived the woman to take of the forbidden fruit and the rest is history.

The first murder in man's recorded history was committed by the first man-child born of Adam and Eve. Cain slew his brother Abel. Cain and his posterity were banished from Yahweh's presence, just as his father Adam had been banished from the Garden of Eden. Thus, the first man committed suicide and the first man born into the world committed murder.

In less than two thousand years the earth with its inhabitants had to be destroyed by a great flood. Had it not been for Noah and his family, all would have been lost, but Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahweh (Gen. 6).

Noah's family was able to cross over into a new world, a world washed clean by water. But then came Nimrod who became a despot, and he was put before, or in the place of Yahweh

(Gen. 10:9). How did this happen so soon after the flood while it was still on the minds of men? It is because of what we have discovered and written above. Man at his best state is altogether vanity (*tselem* = a shade, phantom, idol, etc.) Man is dust and the serpent's food is dust. Man breathes the air (*ruach*) and the serpent is the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air (*ruach*). Man was made to be the sovereign, the master, the lord of the earth under Yahweh's righteous direction, but now he follows the lead of the serpent.

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totally perfect. Nimrod established his kingdom in Babel (Babylon), but he built great cities in many places. He was such a great city builder and the earth was all of one language following in rebellion against Yahweh, that it was proposed that they build a great tower not only reaching into the heavens, but wherein would contain the constellations of heaven. This was for the worship of the host of heaven, which Yahweh hated. But Yahweh saw what they were doing, and divided them by confusing their language and the greatness of Nimrod and his kingdom began to wane.

Then Yahweh called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees, which then began the history of the family of salvation that grew from Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, to Israel.

Yahweh, Himself, allowed the conditions to come upon the earth that brought the Israelites into the land of Egypt and eventually into slavery to Pharaoh and his people.

Through Moses, Yahweh called Israel out of Egypt and made a covenant with them, which if they were obedient, they would be truly blessed, but if not, they would suffer curses and destruction.

ISRAEL

Yahweh delivered Israel out of Egypt with great signs and wonders. He brought them into the wilderness and made a marriage covenant with them. The basis of this covenant was established on the two tables of stone that Moses brought down from the mount.

This covenant was based upon two promises, Yahweh's and Israel's.

Moses went up to receive Yahweh's promises to Israel, "And Moses went up unto Elohim, and Yahweh called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto

me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation," Ex. 19:3-6.

Israel promised or covenanted, "All that Yahweh hath spoken we will do," Ex. 19:8 (See also Ex. 24:3 & 7).

While the Israelites were Yahweh's people, they were still born into this world having only the spirit in man, or the spirit of Adam, the mortal, corruptible man. They weren't given the Holy Spirit at that time so that they could understand spiritual things, nor keep the covenant that they had made with Yahweh.

Yahweh pronounced blessings and cursings upon Israel. If they were obedient to His spiritual law, then they would be blessed, but if not, they would be cursed. The Covenant of Moses contained physical things, which they could perform, but it also contained spiritual components that they simply couldn't understand, or perform.

It is recorded by Moses, "These are the words of the covenant, which Yahweh commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that Yahweh did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: **Yet Yahweh hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day,**" Dt. 29:1-4.

Again he writes, "And Yahweh heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and Yahweh said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. **O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always,** that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" Dt.5:28-29.

Isaiah was inspired to proclaim,
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"**Thy first father hath sinned,** and thy teachers have transgressed against me. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches," 43:27-28.

Hosea writes, "But they **like men** have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me," 6:7.

The question is, Who is their first father? The answer is Adam. The word "men" in Hosea 6:7 is a mis-translation. The Hebrew word or name is "ADAM!"

They, as all mankind, followed the path of their first father Adam who, in essence, committed suicide when he took of the forbidden fruit. Whether you like to admit it or not, we all follow him. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim, bringing the death penalty upon our own heads.

THE COVENANT OF DEATH

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nant with Him that would only lead to their death and destruction. It is called a covenant or ministration of death!

The Apostle Paul writes, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of the Messiah ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living Elohim; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through the Messiah toward Elohim: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of Yahweh; Who

also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if **the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious,** so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; **which glory was to be done away:** How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious," 2 Cor. 3:2-11.

The Covenant of Moses was truly a glorious administration. But it was an administration of death because the people weren't given the power of the Holy Spirit in order to be able to fulfill their part of the agreement.

They made their deal with Yahweh before Moses ascended the mount the first time. But he was gone for forty days and nights. With hearts set on physical things and not spiritual, the Israelites gathered before Aaron demanding, "Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to Yahweh. And they rose up early on the morrow, and of-

fered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play,” Ex. 32:1-6.

They broke the covenant that they had just made with Yahweh and death was to enter into the camp when Moses returned.

BROKEN TABLES

Moses returned with the tables in his hands, but when he saw the people worshipping in their idolatry and nakedness he became very angry, “And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount,” Ex. 32:19.

This is a type. The tables of stone were the tables of the covenant. This meant that the covenant was already broken and would have to be renewed.

Another type is also figured in because **Moses burned the golden calf, crushed it to powder, cast it into water and made the people drink of it. Water is a type of the spirit (Jn. 7:37-39). This means that Moses made Israel to drink of the waters of idolatry, or the spirit of idolatry. Israel would now have an even greater tendency to descend into idolatry than they would have with the natural spirit in man received from Adam.** And such has been the case with Israel.

The trek through the wilderness for forty years reveals that their heart simply wasn't set on Yahweh. After they entered the land and conquered some of it under Yahshua ben Nun, they began a series of falling into idolatrous practices, suffering the grievous consequences, repenting and turning to Yahweh Who would deliver them by the hand of a judge, until the kingdom was established.

But the tenure under the kings of Israel fared no better. There would be an evil king and a righteous king. The northern kingdom of Israel was bro-

ken away from Judah and she never returned to Yahweh. Israel was finally overthrown and destroyed around 721 BCE.

Judah continued to serve Yahweh on and off until Yahweh would no longer renew the covenant with them, and He destroyed them and Jerusalem through the Babylonians and their king Nebuchadnezzar.

One point that we would like to make here is the fact that the covenant of Moses was renewed time, after time, after time, after time. But this is something that has to be done with the flesh if the flesh is ever going to have a covenant because, as Paul said, the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin (Ro. 7:14).

Therefore, we declare that the covenant of Moses was a temporary covenant, made with the flesh, which is also temporary because Paul states in another place, “Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption,” 1 Cor. 15:50.

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It is clearly stated that there **was** a first covenant and **now** there is a second covenant. The second covenant is declared to be a New Covenant based on better promises, that is; it is based solely on the Word of Yahweh, which never fails (Jer. 31:31-33, Heb. 8:6-9).

You see, the first covenant was more of a physical covenant made with physical, and especially carnally minded people. That which is physical, carnal and fleshly passes away, but the second is spiritual and has power to continue forever and ever.

The fact of the matter is that Israel was not given the power of the Holy Spirit to be able to fulfill their part of the covenant. They were physical,

fleshly (dust). They were food for the serpent who loves to work the works of idolatry, darkness, death and destruction. Israel was dust and they returned to the dust.

THE SACRIFICE

Why would Yahweh do this to His people whom He loved, the descendants of His friend Abraham, and his sons Isaac, and Jacob? If we can ask this question, then we need to ask, Why would Yahweh sacrifice His most Beloved, precious, obedient Son Yahshua? But we understand that Yahshua was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world (1 Pet. 1:20).

What about Israel? Did you know that Israel was to be sacrificed for the rest of the world? Yahweh raised up the beast kingdoms after the destruction of Israel and Judah. This is revealed in the book of Daniel chapter seven. Yahshua even called the woman of Canaan who cried for Him to heal her daughter a dog (Mt. 15:22-28). Other than Israel, all peoples of the earth were regarded as unclean animals.

Yahweh called His people Israel sheep, goats, oxen, dove, etc. These were the animals that were acceptable as sacrifices on the altar of sacrifice to Yahweh. Therefore, Yahweh not only sacrificed His own Son, Yahshua, who the sacrifices typified, but His people, the house of Israel for the nations of the world.

During Yahshua's, and the apostle's day, other people, the Gentiles, or non-Hebrews were considered to be common and unclean (Acts 10:28).

Israel's sacrifice is revealed by the Apostle Paul in the book of Romans, “⁷What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded ⁸(According as it is written, Yahweh hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they

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WILL THERE BE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE?

You see the bumper stickers on vehicles which read, "Warning! In case of Rapture, this vehicle will be unoccupied! One of the favorite teachings of many of the Christian churches, especially Pentecostals, is the pre-tribulation rapture. Is this true? What is the rapture? What do the Scriptures really say about it?"

By Jerry Healan

In the first place we need to ask, What is the rapture and why can't we find that word in the Scriptures? After all, if we are believing in something that is supposed to be right out of the pages of the Scriptures, then don't you think we should be able to find it in its pages? It's rather like December the 25th. People go crazy over its observance as the birth of the Savior, but the proof of the pudding is that He was never born on that date. The Scriptures declare His birth, but do not reveal the date. It is admitted that Yahshua was never born on December 25th. He had to have been born from early spring, to late fall, but never in the dead of winter. (Ask for our free tract entitled "*Just Whose Birthday is December 25th?*", and, or our booklet, "*The Untold Story of the Savior's Birth.*")

Let me allow one of the ministers who teaches this concept of the pre-tribulation rapture explain where the word "rapture" is derived, "The word "rapture" comes from Paul's "caught up" remark in verse 17 (of *1 Thessalonians: Note - mine*). The words "caught up" are translated from the Greek word *harpazo*, which means "to carry off," "snatch up," or "grasp hastily." The translation from *harpazo* to "rapture" involved two steps: first, *harpazo* became the Latin word *raptus*; second, *raptus* became the English word "rapture." (*The Pretribula-*

tion Rapture by Todd Strandberg)

What Paul is writing about, of course, is the resurrection at the end of this world (or age). So why do they have to change the clear writings of Paul concerning the resurrection to something that is rather unclear as the rapture? Why can't they just say resurrection? I think that it is because they believe that they will be raptured

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first before the tribulation, and the Jews (Israel), and or others will be resurrected afterward.

But this man also confesses, "The timing of the rapture is not known. From the Word of God and from sound reasoning--something Jesus used quite frequently--I hope to prove the reality of the pretribulation rapture."

He doesn't know what the timing is concerning this rapture, but he is sure that it is going to occur before the tribulation. The question is, If someone can make up a word that isn't even found in the Scriptures, doesn't

this already send up red flags? If his reasoning in coming up with a word like "rapture" is somewhat flawed, then is it possible that his search of Yahweh's word and so-called sound reasoning could also be flawed?

I hope to help you to understand when this rapture,uhhh....resurrection will take place.

TRIBULATION

But why tribulation? Why would a loving Elohim cause His people to go through something like the tribulation, especially the "Great Tribulation?" What would cause anyone to go through tribulation?

Yahweh warned Israel, "Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of Yahweh your Elohim, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which Yahweh your Elohim hath forbidden thee. For Yahweh your Elohim is a consuming fire, even a jealous El. When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, **and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of Yahweh your Elohim, to provoke him to anger:** I call heaven and earth to witness

against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And Yahweh shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither Yahweh shall lead you. And there ye shall serve elohim, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But if from thence thou shalt seek Yahweh your Elohim, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. **When thou art in tribulation**, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to Yahweh your Elohim, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For Yahweh your Elohim is a merciful El;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them," Dt. 4:23-31.

Yahweh told Israel that if they refused to obey Him, they would be cast out of the land and scattered among the heathen or nations. He warned that the tribulation would come in the latter days.

Israel suffered tribulation even while they were in the land. The account is found in the book of Judges chapter 10, "And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of Yahweh, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the elohim of Syria, and the elohims of Zidon, and the elohim of Moab, and the elohim of the children of Ammon, and the elohim of the Philistines, and forsook Yahweh, and served not him. And the anger of Yahweh was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon. And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so

that Israel was sore distressed. And the children of Israel cried unto Yahweh, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our Elohim, and also served Baalim. And Yahweh said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines? The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other elohim: wherefore I will deliver you no more. **Go and cry unto the elohim which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.**" vv. 6-14.

Therefore, we must understand that when Yahweh's people forsake Him and serve other elohim, this brings on tribulation.

TSAR

The Hebrew word for "tribulation" is *tsar* (צַר). It is defined as; narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. **trouble**); also a pebble (as

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in 6864); (transitive) **an opponent** (as crowding). It is generally translated as; **adversary, afflicted(-tion)**, anguish, close, distress, **enemy, flint, foe, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, tribulation, trouble.**

It is very important that we understand this word, and its implications.

Psalms 74 says, "O Elohim, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture? Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary. Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs. A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees. But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of Elohim in the land. We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long. O Elohim, how long shall **the adversary (tsar)** reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?" vv. 1-10.

What is this Psalm speaking of here? Both Israel and Judah have been cast off, cast out of the land because of their infidelity to Yahweh. Enemies (*Heb.* = *tsarar*) have entered into the congregation. He says that they have established their signs for signs. What are the signs?

The Hebrew word for signs is *owth* (אוֹת). The seventh day Sabbath and the annual holy days were signs to Israel, "And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign (*owth*) between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am Yahweh that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to Yahweh: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

It is a sign (*owth*) between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed,” Ex. 31:12-17. (See also Lev. 23).

What has been substituted for these signs that Yahweh gave His people? Isn't it Sunday, the day of the sun god who was known as *solis invicti*, Mithras, Apollo, Horus, etc.? These were also placed in a Trinitarian relationship with Vulcan, the Roman fire god. Thus, fire was cast into Yahweh's sanctuary. Easter (*Ishtar*), and December 25th, the birth of the pagan sun god replaced the annual holy days.

Who did this? Constantine, emperor of Rome! Constantine held several offices. He was Caesar, Augustus, *Pontifex Maximus*, and TSAR! The title of Caesar associated him with the deified Julius Caesar. The title of Augustus gave him the office and power of Augustus, the adopted son of the deified Julius Caesar making him the “son of god.” The title of *Pontifex Maximus* gave him the office of high priest over all paganism. The title “Tsar” was another rendition of the word Caesar. But it identified him as the adversary, the enemy who brings **TRIBULATION!**

There was only one faith that Constantine had no control, nor power over that that was the faith of the New Testament remnant, which was raised up by Yahshua and His disciples/apostles. Constantine feigned repentance, entered into the remnant of the New Testament Assembly, took over as its *Pontifex Maximus*, and began to dictate how the disciples were to worship, on what days, etc.

The enemy, the adversary, the Tsar had entered into the body of the Messiah and began to twist and pervert the faith! He even blasphemed the names of the Father and Son, and the Hebrew common noun Elohim by changing them to Kurios, Yesus, and Theos.

Albert Pike, a 33rd degree Freemason wrote, “The teachers, even of

Christianity, are, in general, most ignorant of the true meaning of that which they teach.” (Morals And Dogma, p. 104)

He also wrote, “The word *Kharium* or *Khurum* is a compound one. Gesenius renders *Khurum* by the word *noble* or *free-born*: *Khur* meaning *white*, *noble*. It also means the opening of a window, the socket of the eye. *Khri* also means *white*, or an *opening*; and *Khris*, the orb of the sun, in Job vii. 13 and x. 7. *Krishna* is the Hindu sun-god. *Khur*, the Parsi word, is the literal name of the sun. From *Kur* or *Khur*, the sun, comes *Khora*, a name of Lower Egypt. The sun, Bryant says in his Mythology, was called *Khur*; and Plutarch says that the Persians called the sun *Kuros*. *Kurios*, Lord, in Greek, like *Adonai*, *Lord*, in Phoenician and Hebrew, was applied to the sun. Many places were sacred to the sun, and called *Kura*, *Kuria*, *Kuropolis*, *Kurnee*, *Kureschata*, *Kuresta*, and *Corusia* in Scythia.” (IBID, p. 78)

Constantine is the one who originally had the New Testament translated into the Greek wholesale. Many ancient

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Greek Scriptural documents have been found in the caves of the middle-east and those older documents had the Hebrew name of the Creator in its proper place even though the Scriptures were translated in Greek, but His name was taken out of those Scriptures and replaced with *Kurios* in the spirit of transforming His very own word into a vehicle of sun worship. This is the spirit of the Tsar, the one who brings tribulation.

Constantine worshipped Mithras, the Persian sun-god. Mithras' day of worship was the first day of the week. His birthday was December 25th.

All of those who are following his commands and edicts rather than the

commands of Yahweh are destined to suffer the Great Tribulation.

ROME

Constantine was emperor of Rome. Rome is the fourth kingdom of iron, iron and clay, and iron and mirey clay in the book of Daniel chapter 2. It is also the fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven.

This fourth beast was prophesied to change times and laws, “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall 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,” Dan. 7:25.

This is exactly what the Roman beast with its little horn has done. The true law is the law of Yahweh, but the Caesars and the Roman Senate became law-makers. Together, they decreed and made laws for the whole empire.

In order to have a society of order and control, there must be laws that govern the people. The little horn of the beast has caused its churches and religious institutions to decree that Yahweh's law is done away. This then gives credence for man to begin to make his own laws.

The great over-all preponderance of the people has been deceived to cast Yahweh's laws behind. Times (the Sabbath and annual holy days) have been changed. Laws have been changed. The beast is speaking great words (blasphemies) against the Most High. He has worn out the saints (Yahweh's holy people). They have blasphemed Yahweh's name and the name of His Son, Yahshua. They have deceived the whole world in the spirit of the great dragon called the devil and Satan, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called **the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him,” Rev. 12:9.

The Roman TSAR, the adversary,

the enemy, has brought about conditions that will cause GREAT TRIBULATION to come upon all those who follow him, his laws, and his great deceptive religious system.

KING JAMES

What about King James? Psalms 2 is quite revealing concerning the kings and rulers of the earth, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? ²The **kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against his anointed**, saying, ³Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us," vv. 1-3.

So here we have the kings of the earth and the rulers taking counsel together against Yahweh and His Anointed (Messiah [Yahshua]). Could this include King James, who supposedly had the most accurate Bible produced for all time?

What else is said about the kings of the earth? ¹"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of **the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: ²With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.** ³So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy**, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: ⁵And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH,**" Rev. 17:1-5.

Now we have the great whore, the great harlot in league with the kings of the earth to cause everyone to be

drunk with the wine of fornication, or actually sex sins, as it were. You see, Israel was called to be Yahweh's special bride and people. But they worshipped other elohim than Yahweh, so they became spiritual fornicators, or harlots and committed adultery against their great Elohim Yahweh.

The same thing has happened during these New Testament times. The kings and rulers of the earth have joined with the harlot in committing spiritual fornication, harlotry against Yahweh and His Messiah. So now we have the kings, rulers and harlot involved together, but there are others who need to be exposed.

¹"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. ²And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. ³For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth

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have committed fornication with her, and **the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies,**" Rev. 18:1-3.

Yes, that's right, now we have the merchants of the earth in league with the kings, rulers and harlot. They seem to wax abundantly rich through the promotion of the special times of the beast and harlot, for example Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc.

But that isn't all. There are a couple of other groups that get into the mix. ¹"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!

saith Yahweh. ²Therefore thus saith Adonai Yahweh of Israel against **the pastors that feed my people**; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith Yahweh. ³And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith Yahweh.... ⁹**Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets**; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of Yahweh, and because of the words of his holiness. ¹⁰For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. ¹¹For **both prophet and priest are profane**; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith Yahweh. ¹²Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for **I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation**, saith Yahweh. ¹³And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. ¹⁴I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. ¹⁵Therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.... ¹⁶Thus saith Yahweh of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vi-

sion of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of Yahweh. ¹⁷They say still unto them that despise me, Yahweh hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. ¹⁸For who hath stood in the counsel of Yahweh, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it? ¹⁹Behold, a whirlwind of Yahweh is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of Yahweh shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. ²¹I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings²⁵I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. ²⁶How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; ²⁷Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal," Jer. 23:1-4; 9-22; 25-27.

Wow! What a group of people. We have kings, rulers, the harlot, merchants, pastors, priests, and prophets. They have conspired together to introduce names of blasphemy, names and titles of false deities, false gods, even into Yahweh's own word. They have taken away the knowledge of the name Yahweh, the name Yahshua, and introduced false names and titles into His own inspired word. This has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9).

YAHSHUA'S WARNING

Yahshua warned His disciples that deception and tribulation would come, "And Yahshua went out, and de-

parted from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Yahshua said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Yahshua answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For **many shall come** in my name, saying, I am the Messiah; **and shall deceive many**. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be of-

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fended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And **many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many**. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not

come down to take anything out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For **then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be**. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Messiah, or there; believe it not. For **there shall arise false messiahs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect**. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. **Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other,"** Mt. 24:1-31.

Yahshua spoke of the GREAT TRIBULATION, but did He say anything about a pre-tribulation rapture? No! Not at all!!!! He revealed that the gathering of His people will take place after the sign of His coming appears in heaven.

THE SEALS

The seals of the book of Revelation match the prophetic message given by Yahshua in Matthew 24. When He strips off the first seal (Rev. 6:1-2) there is one on a white horse with a bow in his hand going forth conquering and to conquer. All heroes of old rode on a white horse. Yahshua is shown to be riding on a white horse in Revelation 19, but this is not Him. This one has a bow in His hand. A bow is not only an implement of war, but it was the symbol of a hunter in days of old. Nimrod was a mighty hunter before Yahweh (Gen. 10:8). Ishmael was very skilled with the bow (Gen. 21:20). Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the earth (Gen. 25:27).

Nimrod founded Babylon. Ishmael's descendant founded Islam. Esau's descendants were the Caesars of Rome. Constantine was Caesar, Augustus, Emperor, TSAR. He is the one who is riding the white horse going forth conquering and to conquer. The Greek for "conquering" is *nikon*, and "conquer" is *nikese*. Both come from *nike*. Constantine ordered Sunday to be observed as the day of worship in 321. Later he called the Council of *Nicaea* in 325 in order to unify the faith. It was at this time that the observance of pagan Easter was established. *Nicaea* also comes from the word *nike*. Through deceit and feigned repentance, Constantine entered into the New Testament Assembly and began to conquer and wear out the saints of the Most High.

The second, seal has to do with wars and rumors of war, the third, and fourth seals have to do with famines, pestilences, and the culmination of the wars.

The fifth seal has to do with the afflictions and suffering brought upon those who witness the Word of Yahweh. They have been persecuted and slain because of it, but they are given white robes and told to rest until others would be slain as they were. The fifth seal is revealing the Great Tribu-

lation. People are going to have to give their lives for Yahweh's word of truth.

The sixth seal matches what He said in Matthew chapter 24 about the sun, moon and stars as well as the sign of His coming appearing in heaven. Yahshua had said that immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun and moon would become dark and not give their light. All are afraid and are mourning and seeking to hide themselves because they know that He is returning in wrath against those who have cast His covenant aside.

Revelation Chapter seven is an inset chapter to reveal the sealing of the one hundred and forty four thousand and the great multitude that came out of the great tribulation having their robes washed in Yahshua's blood. It is just showing the results of the fifth seal, but they haven't been resurrected yet.

Revelation chapter eight reveals the stripping away of the seventh seal, which contains seven angels with seven trumpets. These are trumpet plagues that are going to be poured out on the people of the beast and har-

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HARDENED SPIRIT

Now let's notice something about what has been revealed concerning the latter day spirit of various people. Hurricane Katrina became a mighty storm that devastated New Orleans, Louisiana. When many people saw it coming, they did what they could to protect their property, but the wise took warning and fled. They saved their lives and saved themselves from suffering the after effects of the storm. But many foolish people chose to ignore the warnings and stayed to face

its brutal impact.

This should remind us of the ten virgins of Matthew chapter twenty five. Five were wise and were prepared for Yahshua's return by taking oil not only in, but with their lamps. The foolish knew that Yahshua was going to return some day, but they didn't prepare themselves. The five wise who prepared themselves were invited to enter into the marriage relationship with Yahshua, but the foolish were not.

Those who didn't prepare themselves in the face of Katrina suffered the loss of lives, or were cast into a situation of terrible suffering and deprivation. When relief began to arrive, they were limited as to what they could do because so many of the people who remained were exhibiting hostility and the devastation was so great that the relief effort was hindered. This is also what is occurring in Haiti after the earthquake.

Instead of a spirit of humility and of seeking their Elohim, the people were angry, demanding, cursing, etc. In many cases, the relief efforts were hindered because of danger from the very people they were attempting to rescue and help. We saw much of this same spirit and attitude in the aftermath of Haiti.

We should all take warning from this. So many people have turned away from Yahweh and His word, casting it behind, embracing outright and open lives of sinful living. After all, New Orleans was called Sin City. Sin hardens the spirit. Haiti is another place where sin was rampant.

It would be much better for us to come to realize our dangerous spiritual condition and repent before the real plagues come upon us.

In Revelation chapter two, Yahshua is giving His message to the seven assemblies. The assembly of Thyatira has a woman named Jezebel in her midst who has taught His servants to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication (2:18-23). He gives her space to repent, but she re-

fuses to repent. Therefore, He says that he is going to cast her and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation unless they repent of their deeds. He also says that He will kill her children with death.

In today's world, we have space, a time to repent of our sins and iniquities (lawlessness). We have an opportunity to change our lives and attitudes before the final events that are recorded in Matthew twenty four, and the book of Revelation. Otherwise, we will end up being just like those in New Orleans, Haiti, and the ensuing chapters of Revelation when the trumpet plagues are poured out upon them.

THE SEVENTH SEAL

The seventh seal is composed of seven trumpet plagues that will be poured out on the beast, "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And **I saw the seven angels which stood before Yahweh; and to them were given seven trumpets,**" Rev. 8:1-2.

Here are the trumpet plagues. Didn't Yahshua say that He would gather His elect after the great tribulation, and after the time that the sun is darkened and the moon will not give her light? Also after the time when they will see the sign of Him coming with power and great glory? (Mt. 24:29-31)

"And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of

the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the third part of the waters became **wormwood**; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitors of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!" Rev. 8:1-2; 7-13.

What about this WORMWOOD? Moses warned Israel that if any man, woman, family, or tribe turned away from Him to serve other elohim of the nations, it would become a root that bears gall and wormwood (Dt. 29:18).

In Proverbs chapter 5 Yahweh warns that a strange woman's (adulterous woman's) end is bitter as wormwood and sharp as a two-edged sword. Her

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feet go to death, her steps taking on hell, or the grave (vv. 3-6).

Yahweh inspires Jeremiah to write, concerning Judah and Jerusalem, "Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: Therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers

have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them," Jer. 9:13-16.

Jeremiah also writes concerning the prophets of Jerusalem, "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. Therefore thus saith Yahweh of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land," 23:14-15.

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These things are coming on the earth because of the forsaking of Yahweh and His word and covenant by His people not only in Old Testament, but New Testament times also to embrace other elohim and their ways. If you have turned away from the word of truth, then you are going to suffer the bitterness of gall and wormwood except you repent and turn to Him with all your heart.

The fifth angel sounds and the abyss is opened bringing forth a terrible locust plague, which will last for five months. They are commanded to only hurt the men who do not have the seal of Yahweh in their foreheads. (Rev. 9:1-11, esp. v. 4) Yahweh separates between His people and those who are not. His people are still alive, on the earth, and witnessing these plagues being poured out on the disobedient.

In Revelation 9:13 the sixth angel sounds and a great army headed by four angels is loosed from the river Euphrates. One third of mankind are slain by this army, but the Scriptures say that the rest which were not killed repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship

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THE LESSON OF THE 153 FISHES

Every word of Scripture, every event in Scripture has some important lesson to teach. The fishing expedition of the disciples after the death and resurrection is one of the most important and deepest lessons that we can learn from Scripture. Let's see what this event can teach us about spiritual things.

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Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John and two other disciples didn't seem to have anything better to do after Yahshua was slain and resurrected than to go fishing (Jn. 21:1-3). After all, Peter's, James's and John's occupation prior to their calling was fishermen. As fishing can go so many, many times, they labored, fishing all night and caught nothing. In the morning Yahshua stood on the shore and called out to them if they had caught anything and they replied no. So he instructed them to cast the net on the right side of the ship and upon following His instructions, they filled the net with a multitude of fish. (v.v. 4-6). John immediately knew that the one calling out to them was Yahshua and told the others so. When Peter heard that it was Yahshua, he girded himself with his fisher's coat and jumped into the water swimming to shore. The others followed dragging the cumbersome net with the fishes. (v.v. 7-8). When they got to shore, Yahshua already had a fire of coals going with fish upon it. But they pulled the net to the shore and counted the fishes that they had caught and they numbered 153. (v.v. 9-11).

We live in a world that is governed by law. This world came into existence by the power of the Word of Yahweh and it stands fast based upon that same power. (Jn. 1:1-3; 10-14; Heb. 1:1-3; Psa. 33:6, 9, etc.) Scientists, mathematicians and others utilize many means to try to come to understand the essence of the creation. Many of those means have to do with the use of formulas, chemical, numerical, etc. There are those who seek to understand the Scriptures through the use of numbers. If we can do that with the physical creation, then can we not

do that with some of the spiritually significant numbers that Yahweh provides in His own word? After all, it is His word that created all things and in reality it is His word that they are seeking to search out, even if they don't understand this or realize it. Of course, the Hebrew letters themselves not only represent letters for words, language, but also represent numbers and even hieroglyphics.

MYSTERY

In the above account, there are so many, many things to consider, but many of those things will have to be left to other articles. Yahweh's word is so mighty and powerful, it is eternal and we can eternally search into it and

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learn so much about our wondrous, marvelous, awesome and majestic Creator Elohim. But what we want to make the primary focus of this article to be on is the number of the fishes (153). One of the reasons we want to do this is to show you that the Scriptures are written in metaphors, types, and parables, and mysteries which few people have ever studied into or even understood even though they

might have been considered to be highly Scripturally intelligent by the world (just as the scientists and mathematicians are). But neither is this article being written to put anyone down or to exalt anyone other than the Word of Yahweh Who is Yahshua the Messiah.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of Yahweh in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Sovereign of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Yahweh hath prepared for them that love him. But Yahweh hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Yahweh. 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.**" 1 Cor. 2:6-13.

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the great leaders of this world. They are brought forth by the power of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit is utilized to search out the deep things of Yahweh. Previously, in chapter one of 1 Corinthians and also in chapter two, he reveals that the things of Yahweh are considered to be foolish by the natural mind of man, while the things that the natural mind of man considers to be important are considered to be foolish by Yahweh. Therefore, there are those who will read this article and dispute it and there are those who will read it and rejoice.

BEZALEEL

One of the most important occurrences of this number appears in the name Bezaleel. The Hebrew letters for Bezaleel are **בצלאל**. The beit (ב) = 2, tsadi (צ) = 90, lamed (ל) = 30, aleph (א) = 1, and lamed (ל) = 30. 2 + 90 + 30 + 1 + 30 = 153.

Bezaleel was the one chosen by Yahweh to build the tabernacle with all its appurtenances in the wilderness, "And Yahweh spake unto Mosheh saying, 'See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur of the tribe of Yudah: and I have filled him with the spirit of Elohim, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship,'" Ex. 31:1-5.

Notice these three important elements for He gave him (1) wisdom, (2) understanding, and (3) knowledge. The tabernacle that Bezaleel was to build was a microcosm, a type of the heavens and the earth. In Proverbs Yahweh says, "Yahweh by ¹wisdom hath founded the earth; by ²understanding hath He established the heavens, by His ³knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew," 3:19-20. All things, including the deep things, have been made by the Spirit of Yahweh, the Spirit of

Elohim and Yahweh gave the Spirit to Bezaleel so that he could be most skillful in constructing the tabernacle and everything that pertained to it including the things that the priesthood was to wear.

The tabernacle with its Levitical priesthood was a type of the true heavenly tabernacle wherein Yahweh dwells and the Melchizedek Priesthood that serves that tabernacle! The very name Bezaleel means "In the shadow of El!" The tabernacle and priesthood of old were only types, examples and shadows of the true heavenly tabernacle wherein Yahweh dwells, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; **A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which Yahweh pitched, and not man.** For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: **Who serve**

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unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of Yahweh when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises," Heb. 8:1-6.

Notice that it says that if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law. That statement no longer applies because there is no longer a physical manmade, hand-

made temple built to the honor of Yahweh's name on the earth. But there is a movement afoot to build a temple or at least tabernacle and to restore the Levitical priesthood in Jerusalem. Could this be taking place in order to thwart Yahshua from returning as the High Priest and those who are His at the resurrection serving as kings and priests with Him? (Rev. 14:1-5; 20:1-6)

Bezaleel not only means "in the shadow of El," but he is the son of Uri. Uri (אורי/אורי) [note: I have given both the original Paleo Hebrew and the modern day Hebrew here] has to do with light or specifically with the Hebrew letter yod (י/י) at the end of the word, it means "my light." He was also the son of Hur. Hur means "white linen." White Linen is utilized, spiritually speaking, for righteousness. Finally, He is of the tribe of Yudah/Judah. Judah means "Praise Yahweh."

Bezaleel, therefore, is a type, a shadow, of Yahshua in that, according to the Scriptures, the Father made all things through His Son, "Yahweh, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds;** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they," Heb. 1:1-4.

The Father not only utilized Yahshua to create the heavens (His present dwelling place which the Prophet Isaiah is inspired to declare that they are like a curtain and spread out like a tent to dwell in [Isa. 40:22]), and earth, but He is also utilizing Him to bring forth the new heavens and new earth wherein dwells righteousness (Rev. 21:1-5).

MORE SHADOWS

I hear so many, many people in various meetings shouting Torah! But the problem is that they aren't utilizing the Torah for its original intended purposes. The Torah was given to bring us to Yahshua the Messiah! They should be shouting Yahshua! So many people seek to apply the Torah in their lives, but in so many, many cases they are only going about establishing their own righteousness, rather than the righteousness of Yahweh, which is Yahshua in us.

Here is what the book of Hebrews declares about the law, which can also be translated as the Torah, or the ten commandments, "**For the 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 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 **the 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. **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 (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O Yahweh. 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 Yahweh. 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 the Messiah once for all. 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; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For **by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified,**" Heb. 9:24-28; 10:1-14.

Bezaleel, whose name means "in the shadow of El," made the tabernacle and all things that pertained to it and its priesthood by his own hands. The things that he made were simply shadows, examples, types of the true. The

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true tabernacle is the one that Yahweh has made through His own Son Yahshua of Whom Bezaleel is simply a shadow or type. Notice that it says that holy places made with hands (of man) are only figures of the true. The law, or the Torah was also a shadow of good things to come, but they were simply not the very (exact?) image of the true things because they couldn't make anyone perfect. We are made perfect through Yahshua the Messiah Who has the power to create in us the spirit and heart we need to be able to please the Father with.

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

Yahshua is not only the builder, the maker of the house wherein Yahweh dwells, but he is the builder of the city, the heavenly Jerusalem, the New Jerusalem, ⁴"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. ⁹By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Yahweh," Heb. 11:8-10.

Yahshua told the Philadelphia Assembly, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohim, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my Elohim, and the name of the city of my Elohim, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim: and I will write upon him my new name," Rev. 3:12.

The first lesson that we learn about the 153 fish is that they direct us to Bezaleel, who was a type, a shadow of Yahshua. Bezaleel made the tabernacle in the wilderness, but Yahshua is the One Who has made the true heavenly tabernacle wherein Yahweh truly dwells today, and is in the process of creating a new heavens, a new earth, a new city called New Jerusalem, etc., etc. That is why Bezaleel and his works were only shadows. Are you preparing to become a pillar in that new city?

SONS OF ELOHIM

Another term that equals to 153 is the Hebrew term for sons of Elohim or *beni ha Elohim* (בני האלהים/ בני־אלהים). Beit (ב) = 2, nun (נ) = 50, yod (י) = 10, hei (ה) = 5, aleph (א) = 1, lamed (ל) = 30, hei (ה) = 5, yod (י) = 10, mem (מ) = 40. 2 + 50 + 10 + 5 + 1 + 30 + 5 + 10 + 40 = 153.

Sons of Elohim is a term that is utilized throughout Scripture. We find that there were “sons of Elohim” who were present when the earth was made, “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of Elohim** shouted for joy?” 38:4-7.

The sons of Elohim were called before the throne of Yahweh and Satan was among them, “Now there was a day when the sons of Elohim came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan came also among them....Again there was a day when the **sons of Elohim** came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan came also among them to present himself before Yahweh,” Job. 1:6; 2:1.

If Satan is able to appear among the sons of Elohim, then he also is a son of Elohim. In other places he is called an angel or messenger. His message, of course, is contrary to Yahweh’s message, but he is subtle enough to be able to take the truth, surround it with lies and cleverly deceive the natural man. He is the serpent who appeared in the Garden of Eden to deceive the first woman, Eve. He is still around deceiving the world in the book of Revelation, “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called

the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him,” Rev. 12:7-9.

He is currently working with the great harlot (another woman) called Mystery Babylon, in order to deceive the whole earth to commit fornication, making them drunk with the wine of her idolatries.

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

The book of Genesis speaks of the sons of Elohim who co-habited with the daughters of men (Adam), “And it came to pass, when men (Adam) began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of Elohim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And Yahweh said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days

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shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of Elohim came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented Yahweh that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart,” Gen. 6:2-6.

Obviously, these sons of Elohim had the ability to co-habit with the daughters of Adam and they then bore children to them. The term “giants” is

very interesting because it comes from the Hebrew word *nephiyl* (נפיל/נפיל), which also means “fallen.” Yahshua, Himself, said that He had seen Satan fall from heaven, “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven,” Lk. 10:18.

Mythology, itself, abounds with stories of these rebellious fallen ones who became great and mighty ones in the earth. Many of them became such great heroes that they were worshipped then and now as gods. Yahweh has now reserved these rebellious fallen ones in the chains of darkness until the day of judgment. Peter confirms Jude’s statement concerning these fallen angels, “For if Yahweh spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment,” 2 Pt. 2:4.

He says that they are cast down to “hell,” but this word for hell is Tartaroo, which can also mean a state of torment. Both say that they have been delivered into chains of darkness. Darkness has to do with a spiritual condition. They are tormented in the chains of spiritual darkness because they turned from the true light that shines forever, that is the Father Yahweh and His beloved Son Yahshua the Messiah. They follow the prince of darkness who seeks to take the true things of Yahweh and twist, corrupt and pollute them so that their light can’t shine through to enlighten the minds of those who follow after their deceptive practices.

These fallen angels/spirits do have various and certain powers over the natural mind of man as is revealed in the evangel accounts wherein Yahshua and then the apostles faced them. Yahshua first had to face the ring leader Satan to obtain the victory over him which He did do as is recorded in Matthew chapter four, Mark chapter one, and Luke chapter four.

One of the great problems is that men, themselves, love darkness more than light, “For Yahweh so loved the

world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For Yahweh sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Elohim. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in Elohim,” Jn. 3:16-21.

Yahshua overcame, got the victory and now those who believe in and follow after Him, loving His light and truth, become the SONS OF ELOHIM. The Apostle John writes, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of Elohim (בני האלהים / בני האלהים [=153]): therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of Elohim, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Elohim was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of Elohim doth not commit sin;

for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of Elohim. In this the children of Elohim are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of Elohim, neither he that loveth not his brother,” 1 Jn. 3:1-10.

Yahshua primarily called fishermen to be his disciples and apostles, and they were to fish for men, fishing them out of this world and converting them to become sons of Elohim (בני האלהים / בני האלהים). The 153 fishes teach us of this fact.

HILLKIAH

There is one other place that we would like to train our focus upon concerning this number 153; that is we want to focus on the name Hillkiah as it is revealed in the book of Isaiah chapter 22. Isaiah writes, “Thus saith Yahweh Elohim of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say, What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth

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him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? Behold, Yahweh will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy Master's house. And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my

servant Eliakim the son of **Hilkiah**: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. In that day, saith Yahweh of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for Yahweh hath spoken it,” vv. 15-25.

What is being said here? Shebna is one who is seemingly a nail driven in a sure place today. He is a treasurer or minister over the house, but the Hebrew word for house is *bayith*, which can also be translated as “temple.” He has hewn himself a sepulchre on high. He has graven an habitation for himself in a rock. Yahweh is called a “rock” in so many, many places in Scripture.

When it says that he has hewn out a sepulchre “on high”, the Hebrew term is “marowm” (מרומ), which can mean “from Rome.” Rome is Roma in the ancient Latin language, which is akin to the Hebrew term Ramah, meaning a height (as a seat of idolatry) [Strong's Exhaustive Concordance #7413].

There is one in today's world who had been driven as a nail in a sure place. His sepulchre has been carved or graven in the rock (the world calls Him God, but in reality, His name is Yahweh). He was supposedly dead and is yet alive. This is none other than the Roman imposter Jesus Christ who has been raised up in the place of the true Messiah Yahshua.

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ther should we do that with the cross.

As a matter of fact, Yahshua told the Apostle John that he is the *aleph* (𐤀) and *tau* (𐤀). (He didn't say *alpha* and *omega*, He was speaking to a Hebrew, just as He spoke Hebrew to the Apostle Paul in Acts 26:14.) The *aleph* (𐤀) is the beginning, the very first letter of the Hebrew alphabet just like the "A" is our first letter, so it does represent that which is first, the beginning, a head, chief, master, etc. It is pictorially the head of an ox. Now all of the ancient pagan gods were represented as bull-gods. Aaron made the image of an ox which the Israelites were worshipping and dancing around when Moses came down from the mount the first time.

You see, the Hebrew word, or equivalent to the English word "god" is El. El is presented as 𐤀 in Pictorial Hebrew. (Hebrew reads from right to left.) We can figure out some things that will lead us directly to Yahshua concerning this word. It will prove to us, without a doubt that He is certainly El or "god" (if that word is your cup of tea).

The *aleph* (𐤀) is the head of an ox, and typifies the head, chief, first, master, etc. The lamed (𐤀) has to do with a rod of authority, shepherd's rod, and also had to do with a teacher.

So now we can look at this word and see that the Hebrew word El has to do with the head or chief authority, a mighty one, or **chief shepherd**, or great teacher, etc.

Peter calls Yahshua the Chief Shepherd, "And when the **chief Shepherd** shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away," 1 Pet. 5:4.

All we have to do is couple these facts with John 1:1-3 and we have greater support for the fact that Yahshua is El/Elohim. So how dangerous does this make the knowledge of the Hebrew? Well, it does fly in the face of those who deny Who Yahshua really is, doesn't it? But it certainly supports the Scriptures and truth.

But the fact of the matter is that Aaron made the image of an ox. Is it possible that he made the image of the ox because the Mighty One of the Hebrews was called El (𐤀), and the first letter in that word is the picture of an ox?

Now we come down to the last days and the *tau* (𐤀) is held in high esteem and placed on altars of worship. Should this be done? Absolutely not! Should it ever have been done? Absolutely not! Isn't it interesting that the images of the ox (𐤀—*aleph*) were the first to be revered (in the early days) and lastly the image of the cross (𐤀—*tau*). The *aleph* is the first, the beginning letter of the Hebrew alphabet and was more prominent in the early days, even though the *tau* was also utilized somewhat. But the last letter is the *tau* and we are in the last days and that is what is more prevalent in people's worship. Is this telling us something?

But, you see, the serpent Satan is the one who twists and perverts the marvelous things that Yahweh has created and made (the sun, moon, and stars, the ox [*aleph*], the cross [*tau*], etc., etc.) causing people to worship them.

Yahweh incorporated the *aleph* (𐤀) and *tau* (𐤀) into the original Hebrew alphabet. Satan has taken their images and caused them to be worshipped. So do we now throw those things away? No, absolutely not! We just utilize them in the way Yahweh meant for them to be utilized and we just have to let the world continue to do its thing with them, even though we should continually protest to them.

Even the word Torah is quite revealing, as we have shown in other writings. The word "Torah" (the first five books of the Scriptures) is presented in Pictorial Hebrew thusly: 𐤀𐤀𐤀𐤀. The *tau* (𐤀), of course, is a cross; the *waw* (𐤀) is a nail, the *resh* (𐤀) is the head of a man, the *hei* (𐤀) means to behold, lo, reveal, window, etc. Therefore it can be interpreted as "Behold (𐤀), the man (𐤀), nailed (𐤀) to the cross (𐤀).

Didn't Moses write the Torah, the first five books of Scripture? Wasn't he writing about Yahshua? "39Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. 41I receive not honour from men. 42But I know you, that ye have not the love of Elohim in you. 43I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. 44How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from Elohim only? 45Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. 46For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. 47But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" Jn. 5:39-47.

Yes, Moses wrote of Yahshua. The Torah definitely speaks of Him in ways that haven't even been discovered yet. But there are many ways in which it speaks of Him that we can figure out if we just put our nose to the grindstone and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into His truth.

The Torah spoke of His life and His death. The word Torah itself, revealed that He would be nailed to a cross.

Do you see how if we allow the Scriptures to substantiate the outside facts, we can come to the truth of the matter? But if we want to continue to dig up what certain scholars and other writers say, well...there are other scholars and writers who say the opposite, but the Scriptures "nail" it down. (*Pun intended*)

Should we be declaring the "cross of the Messiah?" "17For the Messiah sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of the Messiah should be made of none effect. 18For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of Yahweh," 1 Cor. 1:17-18.

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devils, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood, nor of their murders, sorceries, fornications, nor thefts. (vv. 20-21)

Look at the spirit of these people and their inability to repent! Their spirit has become so hardened and contemptible that they will not, can not repent! Their opportunity to repent is past, just as the harlot Jezebel and her children in the Thyatiran Assembly. Just as the spirit of Pharaoh of Egypt in the days of Moses.

SEVENTH AND LAST TRUMPET

The seventh angel sounds (Rev. 11:15) and there are great voices in heaven saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Yahweh and His Messiah; and He shall reign for ever and ever.'

This trumpet plague also consists of seven vials that will be poured out on the beast and his subjects. But this is also the time of the resurrection, or if you want to call it "rapture" (the catching away), fine.

One Pre-tribulation minister wrote in his article, "The timing of this event is not known." We have to disagree, to a point. He had just quoted the Scriptures that we are now going to. They are found in the writings of Paul, "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 Yahweh bring with him. For this we say unto you by the

word of the Sovereign, 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 Yahweh: 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.

The Greek word for "trump" is *salpigx*. This should have been translated as "trumpet," as this is the Greek word utilized in Mat. 24 when Yahshua says that He will send his angels with a great trumpet sound to gather His elect (v. 31). It is the same word utilized for trumpet in Revelation chapter 8 when the seven angels are given seven trumpets.

Furthermore, Paul reveals, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality," 1 Cor. 15:50-53.

When does He say that the resurrection (rapture) will occur? Isn't it at the sound of the last trumpet, the seventh trumpet? Is this shown in the Scriptures to be before or after the great

tribulation? Yes! After the great tribulation. Yahweh's people who haven't been slain in the great tribulation, will continue to live in order to see and witness the end result of the plagues that will be poured out on the beast and his kingdom, and those who refuse to repent and glorify Yahweh. Both the dead in the Messiah and the living will be resurrected (if dead), or changed (if living) at the seventh and last trumpet sound.

CONCLUSION

The Pre-tribulation Rapture is just another false teaching of false ministers, preachers, teachers who are confused concerning what the Scriptures say because they are following the commands of the TSAR, the one whose very title not only means adversary, and enemy, but also means TRIBULATION. If you are following his commands of Sunday worship, rather than Yahweh's command of the seventh day Sabbath, if you are following his false annual calendar, and his false annual observances of Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc., then you have been deceived and become confused. You are following a false system and also the false or anti-messiah (the world calls it antichrist).

Repent and turn to Yahweh. Turn to Him and His word of truth. Turn to the observance of His seventh day Sabbath, and annual holy days. Turn to His commandments. Turn to His Messiah, His Anointed, Yahshua. You may still have to go through the tribulation, but salvation is assured.

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"But Yahweh forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world," Gal. 6:14.

"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," Col. 1:20.

By the way, did you know that even though Bullinger said the things he did about the cross in the *Companion Bible*, denying that the Greek word *stauros* ever meant cross but rather an upright pole, he never took the words cross, or crucify, crucified, etc. out of his own works.

He didn't have the fortitude to stand up and change the words to pole, impale, impaled, etc.

We have found proof in the Hebrew language, in the Scriptures, in the earth and elsewhere that the "cross" is correct, therefore, we will stand on the things that we have proven to be true no matter what others may say about us, or do their best to discredit us. When truth comes, we must stand on it without wavering. *JH*

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Notice that the key of the house of David will be laid upon His shoulder and he shall open and none can shut and he will shut and none can open. This is none other than Yahshua the Messiah as revealed in Rev. 3:8.

The name Eliakim son of Hillkiah has a very important meaning. Eliakim means "El of raising" or "Raising again of El" (also had to do with resurrection). Hillkiah has to do with the portion or inheritance of Yahweh. So Eliakim son of Hillkiah is the Son of El who will again raise up the portion or inheritance of Yahweh. This is none other than Yahshua the Messiah Who has the power to deliver from the grave and to restore Yahweh's children, Israel, to their portion or inheritance.

According to this prophecy, the current one who is being served as the nail driven into a sure place will be replaced with the true nail, which is Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua is the

true rock as admitted by the Apostle Paul, "¹Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; ²And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; ³ And did all eat the same spiritual meat; ⁴And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was the Messiah," 1 Cor. 10:1-4.

Yahshua is the true nail Who has the power to raise El again, to restore truth, and light that has been taken away through the deceit of idolatry. He is the One Who is spoken of here, Eliakim son of Hillkiah. He will restore the true inheritance.

CONCLUSION

The incident of the 153 fishes leads us to the fact that Bezaleel (in the shadow of El) was the builder of the tabernacle in the wilderness for a

habitation for Yahweh, which the tabernacle and its priesthood were just shadows of the heavenly tabernacle and priesthood. Yahshua is the One Who is the builder of the heavens and earth that now are and is also the builder of the new heavens and new earth.

It teaches us that we can become the children, the sons of Elohim through the Son of Elohim, Yahshua the Messiah.

And it teaches us that Yahshua is the One Who has the power to cast down the current idolatrous worldly system and again raise up the inheritance of Yahweh.

Yahweh's plan continues to march on and is being fulfilled in Yahshua the Messiah, His most precious first-born son, HalleluYah!!!!!!

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should not hear;) unto this day. ⁹And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: ¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. ¹¹I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? Yahweh forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. ¹²Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?... ¹⁵For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? ¹⁶For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; ¹⁸Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

¹⁹Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. ²⁰Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: ²¹For if Yahweh spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. ²²Behold therefore the goodness and severity of Yahweh: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. ²³And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for Yahweh is able to graff them in again. ²⁴For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? ²⁵For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. ²⁶And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of

Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away unrighteousness from Jacob: ²⁷For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. ²⁸As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. ²⁹For the gifts and calling of Yahweh are without repentance. ³⁰For as ye in times past have not believed Yahweh, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: ³¹Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. ³²For Yahweh hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all," Ro. 11:7-12, 15-32.

The only true hope for the world is the sacrifice and resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah, but a secondary hope has to do with the sacrifice of the house of Israel and their resurrection. What a most wondrous day that will be!!!!!!

TO BE CONTINUED.....

COME FEAST WITH US!!!!

Brethren, we are very excited about the Feast of Tabernacles this year! We have located a very beautiful campsite very close to most of us in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. The name of the camp is Camp Shiloh. It is located on Lake Bob Sandlin here in East Texas, between Pittsburgh, Texas and Winnsboro, Texas (East and West), and Mt. Pleasant, and Gilmer, Texas (North and South).

It is a very beautiful, well organized and maintained camp. There are three deluxe cabins, five smaller cabins, two motel type rooms, plenty of motor home, and trailer spaces, tent area, etc. There is a volleyball court, basketball court, baseball field, and a playground for children (swings and slide).

There is a designated swimming area, with a swimming deck, waterslide, etc., and plenty of fishing. They have a few canoes, kayaks and one paddle boat for rental. (You can bring your own also)

They also have a Conference Center with Male and Female dorms, which we have elected not to utilize, but would be excellent for a good sized group of young people (teenagers, etc.).

Because our usage will take place well after Labor Day, we will be given a 25% discount on the cabins and motel rooms.

PRICING: (with discounts)

Deluxe Cabins.....\$86.26
(sleeps six)

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(sleeps 4)

Motel-style Rooms.....\$37.50
(sleep 4)

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(full hook-ups)

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(water and electric)

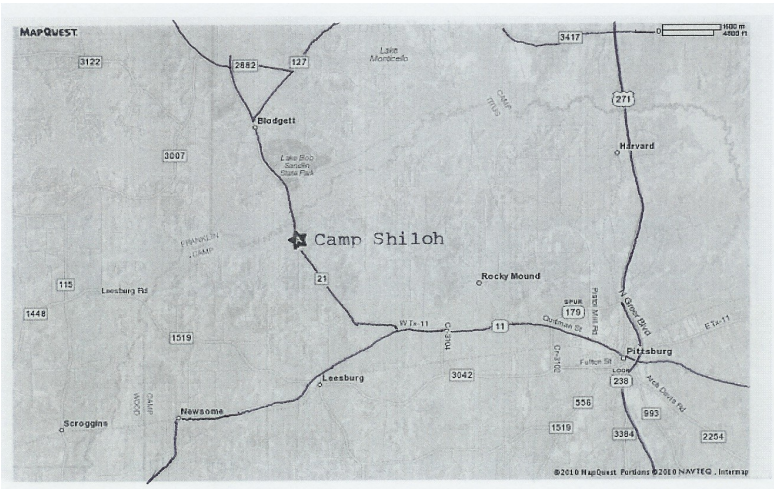
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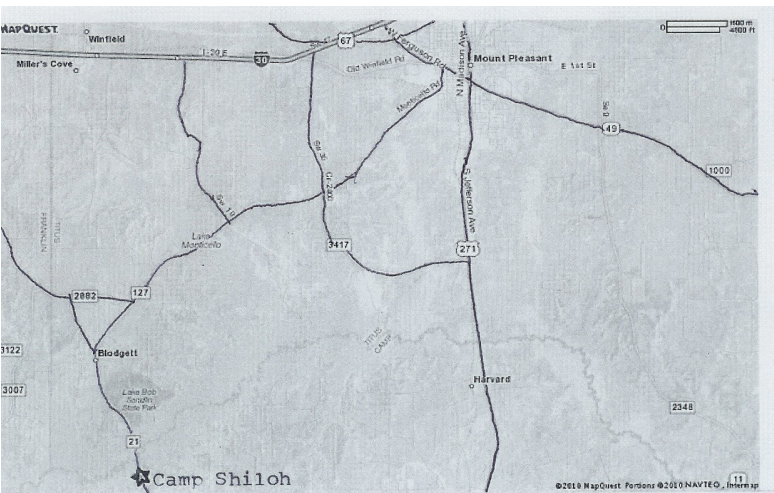
These are all per day prices.

We have been asked to pay a deposit, which will be about 50% of the estimated cost. We ask that you would please confirm with us and also send at least a \$50.00 deposit to hold whatever facilities you would desire to have. There are only three deluxe cabins, so you need to get your deposit on them in early. Of course, the regular cabins and motel rooms may go quickly also.

We need people to help, musicians, speakers, etc. We are placing a Registration Form on the last page of this newsletter. Please fill it out and send it in with your deposit. Thank you so much and we praise Yahweh for being so gracious to us!

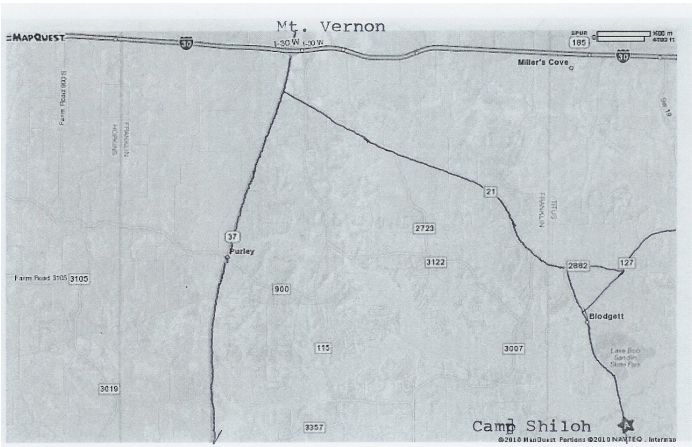


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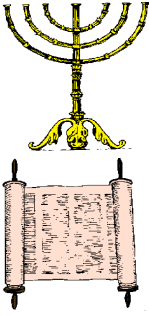
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TYPE OF FACILITY (NOTE: PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):

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NOTE: We will need a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit so we can begin making preparations.



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