

A woman in a white wedding dress and veil stands in a forest with yellow autumn leaves. The dress has a long train that flows across the ground. She is holding a bouquet of yellow and pink flowers. The background consists of birch trees and a forest floor covered in fallen yellow leaves.

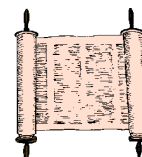
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in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

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OUR COVER: This issue is contemporary with the period when Pentecost is observed. (May 27th) Pentecost is the anniversary of the day when Yahshua sent the Holy Spirit to raise up His spiritual bride (Acts 2). The book of Revelation declares, "And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our Elohim, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Sovereign Yahweh omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of Elohim," vv. 5-9.

Elder Dave Ganton's article entitled "Come To The Wedding" is a wake up call for all of Yahweh's believers. Are you making yourself ready?

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THE REAL SCANDAL

The situation that has recently been brought to the fore concerning Don Imus is quite revealing if one will only do a little background research. Thankfully, the truth of the matter is available through the diligent efforts of others. Don Imus was under contract to CBS. He made a statement concerning the Rutgers women's basketball team calling them "nappy headed hoes." This statement went out on the airwaves of CBS and resulted in a backlash that cost him his job. He would have only been suspended for a two week period, but people like Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Oprah Winfrey and others jumped into the fray.

While Imus went on national television to apologetically repent, the sin was unforgivable. Let's see, aren't Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton supposedly representatives of a savior who taught forgiveness upon repentance? What about the Rap Culture that brought the phrase "nappy headed hoes" into being? You see, Don Imus was only repeating a phrase that has been made popular by the Rap mob, which is subservient to CBS itself! CBS is owned by Viacom, which also owns MTV and VHS, a powerful media that has made statements, phrases like these popular.

Don't get me wrong, I am not taking up for Don Imus here. What is wrong is that the media controls the air waves. CBS sponsors Rap Music that coins these terms and then when a man like Don Imus hears enough of it to have it drummed into his head, then he repeats it on the air and a firestorm results against him, but CBS, MTV, VHS and the Rap Culture gets a pass. This is one of the greatest forms of hypocrisy.

The Scriptures caution us to judge righteous judgment. Here is what Yahshua said, "Yahshua answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? **Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment,**" Jn. 7:21-24.

Supposedly, Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton know of these Scriptures, but they have openly and purposefully judged and condemned a man who is seeking to repent, apologize and save himself, his home, his livelihood, etc. Neither of them are willing to also openly judge and condemn CBS, MTV, VHS, nor the Rap Culture. Therefore, their own condemnation, as well as that of the media, will return upon their own heads.

Frankly, I went to a website that revealed what some of these rappers are producing and the only thing that I can say is that the words, phrases, etc., are so shameful and degrading that for Jackson, Sharpton, Winfrey, etc., to turn a blind eye reveals their own lack of true character. The reason why they can't or won't say anything negative about these things is that Winfrey is working for the media and Jackson and Sharpton probably get their own kickbacks from it.

This who degradation is of Satan the Devil! The airwaves are being utilized by him to utterly corrupt the whole world to destruction. The rappers are willing to sell their soul to the media. They media's only focus is on wealth, money. Gone are the days when people hungered for the righteousness of the Scriptures. The overall majority of this world has thrown the Scriptures and the morality and righteousness revealed therein behind, counting them to be worthless while it revels in the rotting, decaying, perishing body of a world that truly has no future.

This world is man's world under the influence and sway of Satan the Devil. It has grown old and is at the point of death. The stench is abominable. The maggots are already feeding upon it.

We are at the end of the age. The Lamb of Elohim is soon going to come and restore it to the purity that was originally intended. There are not many who are now willing to prepare themselves for marriage to the Lamb. The Lamb is pure and clean, but Satan, in accordance with Zechariah chapter three, has even clothed Him with filthy clothes. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled," Tit. 1:15. James writes, "Pure religion and undefiled before Elohim and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world," Jas. 1:27.

Today's world casts the fatherless and widow behind. Oh, they may seek to provide a stipend (called social security), but the fact of the matter is that even that system is extremely corrupted and abused. It serves the purpose to keep the people on it in poverty, rather than lifting them up to new heights in their lives.

Yahweh's word is what lifts us up and gives us faith, hope and promise, yes, of presently intangible things, but they teach of a true morality that uplifts and produces peace.

Yahshua's people, His bride, must rid themselves of the filth, corruption and influences of this world. They are commanded to come out of this Babylonian system of confusion, corruption and wickedness (Rev. 18:4). We are commanded to be clean, "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of Yahweh," Isa. 52:11.

Yes, the Scriptures teach us how to be pure and clean. Won't you seek to inculcate them into your life today? If you do, you will have an opportunity to become the bride of the Messiah and live in a world that is so exciting and powerful, that you will be able to rejoice forevermore. Come. Inherit a world and life that truly has promise.

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PASSOVER EXAMINATION

PART II

We have examined ourselves in order to be able to worthily partake of the Passover bread and cup. Now we need to learn how to discern Yahshua's body.

By Jerry Healan

PART II – DISCERNING THE SOVEREIGN'S BODY

The Apostle Paul writes concerning partaking the symbols of Yahshua's body and blood, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, **not discerning the Sovereign's body,**" 1 Cor. 11:28-29.

We have learned about self examination and also about Yahweh's righteousness, but let's now learn what we can about discerning the Sovereign's body in the remainder of this treatise.

Because of Adam's sin and the subsequent inheritance of this law of sin, corruption and death, man needed a redeemer. Since we are conceived in sin and are a transgressor from the womb, man has no capability to redeem himself from sin and its consequences, "Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world: both low and high, rich and poor, together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp. wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; **none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to Elohim a ransom for him: (for the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)** that he should still live for ever and not see

corruption. For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person shall perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. **Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.** This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings, Selah. **Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them....**" Psa. 49:1-14.

It is only Yahweh Who has the power to redeem us from the grave,

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"But Elohim will redeem my soul from the power of the grave," Psa. 49:15. "I wait for Yahweh, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for Yahweh more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in Yahweh: for with Yahweh there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities," Psa. 130:5-8.

The Apostle Paul writes of this redemption, "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before Yahweh. Therefore by the deeds of

the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. **But now the righteousness of Yahweh without the law is manifested,** being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **Even the righteousness of Yahweh which is by faith of Yahshua the Messiah** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim; **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in the Messiah Yahshua:** Whom Yahweh hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Yahweh; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Yahshua. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the Elohim of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one Elohim, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Yahweh forbid: yea, we establish the law," Ro. 3:19-31.

Yes! We delight in Yahweh's law after the inward man, but if we understand Paul's writings, with the mind we serve the law, but with the flesh, the law of sin. We love Yahweh's law and with the Spirit given through Yahshua, we determine to walk in the righteousness of the law, but the flesh is still in subjection to the law of sin,

corruption and death.

Again, Paul writes, “For after that in the wisdom of Yahweh the world by wisdom knew not Yahweh, it pleased Yahweh by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach the Messiah crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, the Messiah the power of Yahweh, and the wisdom of Yahweh. Because the foolishness of Yahweh is wiser than men; and the weakness of Yahweh is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But Yahweh hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and Yahweh hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath Yahweh chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in the Messiah Yahshua, **who of Yahweh is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:** That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Sovereign,” 1 Cor. 1:21-31.

Man must be redeemed from the consequences of his lawlessness. Since he is born with a law of sin, corruption and death in his members as an inheritance from his forefather Adam, he has no power to redeem himself from sin nor the power of the grave. But Yahweh has obtained the power of redemption through Yahshua the Messiah.

THE DAY OF REDEMPTION

Paul writes, “Paul, an apostle of Yahshua the Messiah by the will of Yahweh, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in the Messiah Yahshua: Grace be to you, and peace, from Yahweh our Father,

and from the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in the Messiah: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Yahshua the Messiah to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. **In whom we have redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in the Messiah, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predesti-

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nated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in the Messiah. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory,” Eph. 1:1-14.

Notice it! We do have redemption in Yahshua which we are sealed unto through the earnest of the Holy Spirit! Paul declares that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of

promise! A promise has to do with a future expectation. Paul says that we receive this Holy Spirit of promise until the redemption of the purchased possession.

We, who are called, must set our hearts on what Paul charges us in Ephesians chapter 4, “He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of the Messiah: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of the Messiah: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even the Messiah: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. This I say therefore, and testify in the Sovereign, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned the Messiah; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Yahshua: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after Yahweh is created in righteousness and true

holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of Yahweh, **whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Yahweh for the Messiah's sake hath forgiven you," v.v. 10-32.

Here are righteous commands from the Apostle Paul as he was stirred and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We are to forsake our former manner of life and be sealed by the earnest of the Holy Spirit of promise unto the day of redemption.

YAHSHUA'S PASSION

Mel Gibson has produced a movie entitled "*The Passion of the Christ*" which has stirred up a storm of controversy. We know that any Hollywood production is going to be corrupt. But Mel Gibson is a Catholic which will cause the movie to be even more corrupted. The only possible benefit from the movie for all peoples would be the understanding that because of our sins, the Messiah had to suffer. I would suggest that if anyone desires to go see this movie that they would at least read the Scriptural accounts of His sufferings before and after viewing it. This would be to compare the accuracy of the movie. But the violence done to Yahshua cannot be properly depicted by any manmade movie.

The prophet Isaiah was led to prophesy, "Behold, my servant shall

deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; **his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:** So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider," Isa. 52:13-15.

Isaiah prophecies that many were astonished at thee. Astonied is translated from the Hebrew word "shamem" (pronounced like shaw-mame'). This word is defined as, a primitive root; **to stun** (or intransitively, grow numb), i.e. **devastate** or (figuratively) **stupefy** (both usually in a passive sense). If we could have seen the beatings and subsequent crucifixion it would have literally stunned, devastated, stupefied us. His visage (his handsome appearance or shape) was so marred (so disfigured) and his form (his fair or beautiful figure or appearance) more than any man. When nations and kings are shown the truth concerning this, they will behold in stunned silence.

It is reported that many, many of

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the people who see Mel Gibson's movie sit in stunned silence because of the violence that is perpetrated on Gibson's Christ, but they still don't understand the half of it. I am sure that it is not explained to them that what is being perpetrated on that person that they are beholding is the result of our sins, our iniquities, our transgressions, our corruptions, our rebellion. Disobedience results in punishment. Disobedience results in all kinds of calamities, problems, troubles, sicknesses, mental problems and anguish untold. Yahshua took the punishment for the sins, iniquities, transgressions, corruptions, rebellion, the result of the disobedience of all mankind upon Himself.

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

Isaiah continues, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of Elohim, and afflicted," 53:2-4.

Yahshua was/is despised. He was/is considered a vile, contemptible person. He was/is rejected (made destitute). He was/is not esteemed (highly regarded, valued). This is actually unbelievable and very few have truly understood and believed the depths of his suffering on our behalf.

Matthew writes, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses," 8:16-17.

Isaiah continues, "**But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,** yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,

and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: **for the transgression of my people was he stricken.** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. **Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise him; he hath put him to grief:** when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand. **He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:** by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for **he shall bear their iniquities.** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because **he hath poured out his soul unto death:** and he was numbered with the transgressors; and **he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors,”** Isa. 53:5-12.

PSALM 22

Psalm 22:1-21 is a prophecy of the suffering of the Messiah. An in-depth study into it, will help to reveal much more of the intense suffering and cruelty that Yahshua underwent on our behalf.

V. 1, “My El, my El, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring (moaning)?”

These are the very words that Yahshua spoke while hanging on the cross/tree, “Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Yahshua cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?’ that is to say, ‘My El, My El, why hast Thou forsaken me?’” Mt. 27:46.

It becomes obvious that when He became a sacrifice for our sins that the Father, for the moment, had to turn

His back on, forsake Him. This was a most difficult thing that Yahshua had to endure.

v.v. 2-8, “O my Elohim, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. But I am a worm, and no man; a **reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on Yahweh that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.”**

The Apostles confirm that these verses, especially verse 8, were fulfilled during the day of Yahshua’s suffering, “And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of Elohim, come down from the cross. Likewise

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also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in Elohim; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of Elohim. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth,” Mt. 27:39-44.

Through all of this pain and suffering Yahshua never took His eyes off of the Father, for He had come to do His will and knew that He was going to endure much suffering and pain. In anticipation of this great pain and suffering Yahshua prayed so fervently and was in such agony in the Garden

of Gethsemane that He had sweat drops of blood (Lk. 22:44). Ps. 22 still portrays His attitude toward His Father, “But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother’s breasts. I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my Elohim from my mother’s belly. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help,” Ps. 22:9-11.

After this interlude, the description of the suffering continues, “Many **bulls** have compassed me: **strong bulls** of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion...Save me from the lion’s mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the **unicorns,**” vv. 12-13.

The word “bulls” is translated from the Hebrew word “par” which is defined as, a bullock (apparently as breaking forth in wild strength. The word “strong” is translated from the Hebrew word “abbiyr” which is defined as, **angel, bull**, chiefest, mighty (one), stout(-hearted), strong (one), valiant. It is word #47 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* which states that it is for #46 “abiyr” which is defined as, mighty (spoken of God). Tracing this word back one more step further we find that the primitive root word is #86 “abar” which is defined as, a primitive root; to soar. Finally, a look at the Hebrew word for “unicorns” we find that it is the word “re’em” which is defined as, a wild bull (from its conspicuousness). (See #7214)

What does this mean? When delivered from Egypt and in the wilderness, Israel made a golden calf and worshipped it as Yahweh their Elohim who had delivered them from Egypt. The Egyptian Pharaoh had been worshipped by the Egyptian people as the son of god through the Apis bull. This golden calf would have been nothing more than a representation of the Apis bull of Egypt. When Israel and Judah were divided as nations, the northern Israelites made images of two calves placing one in Samaria and the other in Dan.

The word “‘abbiyr” has to do with a bull that can soar or fly, thus it would be a representation of a winged bull, or a cherub. We see depictions of these winged bulls on the Assyrian monuments. The “unicorn” was originally a one horned bull, in ancient days, which eventually evolved into being depicted as a horse.

Thus, these Scriptures have to do with both Yahweh and Yahshua being represented as heavenly bulls through the paganistic idolatrous systems. A trace of the word “God” reveals that it is associated with Taurus the Bull, a heavenly constellation. Even in today’s world both the Father and Son are compassed, surrounded by bulls.

THE SEVERITY OF THE BEATING

Yahshua was beaten by the Jews (Mt. 26:63-68, Mk. 14:64-65, Lk. 22:63-65). This Jewish mob consisted of Sadducees, Pharisees and Scribes who were continually trying and testing Him so they could find fault in Him, but the Spirit always led Him to perceive how to frustrate their efforts. Yahshua continued to reveal their evil nature which frustrated them even more. They accused Him of blasphemy and were now able to vent their years of frustration on Him. They would not have been kind to Him.

He was beaten by Herod’s soldiers (Lk. 23:11). Herod had heard of Yahshua and was desiring to see Him perform some miracle, but when Yahshua wouldn’t even give him the privilege of answering his questions (Lk. 23:7-9) along with the vehement accusations of the priests and scribes, Herod and his men vented their wrath upon Him.

Finally, Pilate and his soldiers had their turn. Pilate had Him scourged which has to do with being publicly whipped with a cat-o-nine tails. The cat-o-nine tails has leather thongs which have pieces of metal and other sharp items (such as bones) in them which literally rips the flesh open. Then Pilate’s whole band of soldiers

had their turn with Him (Mt. 27:26-31).

Yahshua was beaten so badly that most of His bones, though not broken, were out of joint, “I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint...” Psalms 22:14, first part. His skin had been stripped down to the bone so that He declared, “I may tell (count) all my bones...” Psalms 22:17, first part.

But look again at verse 13 which says, “They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.” We know that the devil is as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8), therefore, Yahshua was surrounded by those who were going about the devil’s business. The word “gaped” also can be translated as “rend.” In other words, they were not only striking, whipping and flogging Him, but they were even biting Him with their mouths as a roaring angry lion bites his prey.

Yahshua was treated so cruelly, because He suffered for our sins, and sin is cruelty. As Isaiah had proclaimed, His visage was marred more

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than any man. He was sapped of all of His strength and energy. Psalms 22 proclaims, “I am poured out like water...my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels...My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws,” vv. 14-15. This is why He had no strength to carry His own cross/tree which was laid upon Simon of Cyrene (Mt. 27:32).

They pierced His hands and feet (Psalms 22:16) and hung Him on a tree which is a symbol of being accursed (Gal. 3:13, Dt. 21:22-23).

Next, it says, “They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture,” Psalms 22:18. This is cor-

roborated by the evangel accounts, “And they crucified Him, and parted His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, ‘They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture did they cast lots,’” Mt. 27:35. “Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Yahshua, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat; now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, ‘Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be:’ that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, ‘They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots.’ These things therefore the soldiers did,” John 19:23-24.

Yahshua had been stripped naked. While Christianity depicts a man hanging on a cross with nails in his hands and feet, a hole in his side and a crown of thorns on his head, they also depict him with a cloth around his loins. No one has the ability to correctly depict Yahshua as He was so severely beaten to the point that He didn’t even look human. But He had also been stripped of His garments and was hanging naked on the tree, a most helpless, humbling experience.

From the sixth hour (noon) until the ninth hour (about 3:00 p.m.) there was darkness over all the land (Mt. 27:45). After all, the One Who had made all things and was upholding those things by the word of His power (“Elohim, 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,” Heb. 1:1-3.) was hanging on a tree as a curse.

This is when He cried out, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is to say, ‘My El, My El, why has Thou for-

saken Me?” Mt. 27:46. After this, the Apostle John reveals, “Yahshua, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, ‘I thirst,’” Jn. 19:28. Psa. 22 again comes into play by saying, “My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws,” v. 15. John continues, “Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Yahshua therefore had received the vinegar, He said, ‘It is finished:’ and He bowed His head, and gave up the spirit,” 19:29-30.

THE TABERNACLE’S WITNESS

The entrances to the Tabernacle are the last witnesses that I would like to utilize in this treatise. The Tabernacle, of course, was made by Moses, Bezaleel, Aholiab and other inspired Israelites in the wilderness. A careful study of the scriptures will reveal that the Tabernacle and all of its appurtenances, sacrifices and priesthood were principally types or parables of Yahshua. There was a wall that enclosed the compound while the Tabernacle was located within this compound. There was only one entrance to this compound just as there was only one entrance into the Tabernacle and only one entrance into the Holy of Holies or the Holiest place. Each door or entrance was a type of Yahshua the Messiah.

Each door, gate or entrance was to be made of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen (See Ex. 26:31, 36, 17: and 16. We know that there is only one way into the very throne room of the Heavenly Father Yahweh and that is through Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua proclaimed, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me,” Jn. 14:6.

Yahshua also proclaimed, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a rob-**

ber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. **This parable spake Yahshua unto them:** but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Yahshua unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door of the sheep.** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture,” Jn. 10:1-9.

Notice that this is a parable and it is admitted in Heb. 9:1-9 that the divine service, the worldly sanctuary with its tabernacle, appurtenances, sacrifices and priesthood were “figures” (v. 9). The word “figures” is translated from the Greek “parabole”

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which is elsewhere translated as “parable/parables.” Parables were given in order to hide the true meanings (Mt. 13:1-17). Notice that in verse 11 the parables are the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

Paul writes that he and the other apostles were speaking the mystery of Elohim in a mystery (1 Cor. 2:1-7). Man with only the spirit in man cannot understand these heavenly mysteries (1 Cor. 2:11), but we can understand them because we are given the Spirit of Elohim/Yahweh (v. 10). How do we come to understand them? By searching out the hidden things of Yahweh (Prov. 25:2) with the Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual things with

spiritual (1 Cor. 2:13).

Many of these things have been covered in other articles, which are available upon request, thus, I will provide the meanings of these doors without a crucial, in-depth explanation. The blue in the openings represents Yahshua in His capacity as Elohim or the Son of Elohim. The Scarlet represents Yahshua in His capacity as Adam (the second Adam) and the Son of Adam (through the woman). The purple represents Yahshua in His capacity as Mediator between heaven and earth, between Elohim and man. The white in the “fine twined linen” represents His as the Righteous One. Any artist or painter can tell you that if you mix the colors blue and scarlet together, the result will be purple. Yahshua was Elohim. When He became flesh, a man successfully living the righteous life (white) then He qualified to become the Mediator between Elohim and man.

THE FIRST OPENING

The first opening was the gate to the compound. Its particular Hebrew name was “sha’ar.” Sha’ar is #8179 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* (Heb. Lexicon) which is defined as, from 8176 in its orig. sense; an *opening*, i.e. *door* or *gate*.

#8176 is the word “sha’ar” which is defined as, a prim. root; to *split* or *open*, i.e. (lit., but only as denom. from 8179) to *act as gate-keeper* (see 7778); (fig.) to *estimate*.

This means that Yahshua is not only the door, but that He also is the door-keeper or gate-keeper.

This “sha’ar” (gate/door) is what one passed through in order to enter the compound. Directly behind the “sha’ar” was the altar of sacrifice. Anyone who approached the Tabernacle was required to bring a sacrifice or offering of some kind. The children of Israel were not allowed to proceed any further than the altar of sacrifice. Only the priesthood was allowed to proceed into the Tabernacle itself.

But there is also another word which is very closely associated with

the “sha’ar.” It is word #8175 “sa’ar.” The Hebrew characters for #8179 are “שער.” The Hebrew characters for #8176 are “שער.” The Hebrew characters for #8175 are “שער.” “Sa’ar” is defined as, a prim. root; to *storm*; by impl. to *shiver*, i.e. *fear*. Doesn’t this also have to do with the sacrifices? When the animals were brought to the place of sacrifice or slaughter, don’t you think that they had some kind of inclination of what was about to take place? Doesn’t Isaiah proclaim, “He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth,” 53:7. The animals would be shivering in fear and thus dumb. Is it possible that when Yahshua came to the place of slaughter, He also was shivering? It was, after all, a fearful place. We do know that when in the garden He did sweat great drops as it were blood. But He willingly laid down His life for the sheep. He sought the will of the Father and the opportunity to serve the sheep of His pasture. He is the door/gate (“sha’ar”), He is the gate-keeper, and He is the sacrifice.

The most interesting thing about the relationship of the two words “sha’ar” and “sa’ar” is that while the door “sha’ar” is related to the altar of sacrifice, “sa’ar” is related to some of the animals and grains offered upon it. The Hebrew word for goat or kid is “sa’iyr” “שעיר”, or “sa’ir” “שער” is the word for goat or kid, the principal animal associated with the day of atonement. This word “שער” is #8163 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as, **from 8175**; shaggy; as noun, a he-goat; by analogy, a faun.

The grain that was associated with the Passover and days of Unleavened Bread was barley. The Hebrew term for barley is “se’orah” which is spelled as “שערה”, or “se’or” which is spelled as “שער” and sometimes “שעור”. But its definition is, **from 8175** in the sense of roughness; barley (as villose).

The first opening had to do with sacrificing. That is what Yahshua was speaking of in John chapter 10 when He stated, “I am the door: by Me if

any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture...I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep...I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep...Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father,” vv. 9, 14-15, 17-19.

When one truly understands Yahweh’s plan for mankind, and begins to compare it with the things written in the scriptures, he begins to understand that the overall majority of mankind will be able to come to the place of sacrifice, but it will be the priesthood, the Melchizedek priesthood, that is able to continue from the altar of sacrifice and pass through the second door.

THE SECOND OPENING

The first opening had to do with sacrificing.

The second opening is named the “pethach.” It is #6607 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as, from 6605; an *opening* (literally), i.e. *door* (gate) or entrance way. It comes from #6605 “pathach” which is defined as, a primitive root; **to open wide** (literally or figuratively); specifically, **to loosen, begin, plough, carve**.

At the entrance of this door was the brazen laver which contained water for the washing of the hands and feet of the priesthood. Water is a type of the Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39), thus, once the most important sacrifice of the ages was performed, then the Holy Spirit could be given.

Psalm 118 utilizes a combination of these two words “pathach” and

“sha’ar” in order to make very inspiring statements, “Open (pathach) to me the gates (sha’ar) of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise Yah: this gate (sha’ar) of Yahweh, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise Thee: for Thou has heard me, and art become my salvation,” vv. 19-21.

Do you see that? When the gate (sha’ar) is opened (pathach) then salvation, which is true liberty, is the result.

Isaiah is inspired to proclaim, “In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will Elohim appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open (pathach) ye the gates (sha’ar), that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in Yahweh for ever: for in Yah Yahweh is everlasting strength (or a rock of ages),” 26:1-4.

Isaiah also reveals, “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 (pathach), and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open (pathach),” vv. 20-22.

“Eliakim the son of Hilkiah” has a tremendous meaning here. Eliakim is #471 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* (Hebrew Lexicon) and is defined as, *God (Elohim) of raising*. “The son” is translated from the Hebrew word “ben.” It is word #1121 and is defined as, a *son* (as a builder of the family name). Hilkiah is #2518 and is defined as, ‘from 2506 and 3050; *portion of Jah*.

What does this mean? It has to do with the Son who is risen (resurrected) Whose portion or inheritance is the name Yah or Yahweh.

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THE BLESSINGS OF THE DEW

PART II—TRACING ISRAEL THE BLESSINGS OF ISAAC AND JACOB

Now that we have established the importance of the dew, also identifying what it is and what and to Whom it relates; we can now utilize this same item in order to discover where and who the Israelites are.

Isaac blessed Jacob with the dew of heaven, “And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which Yahweh hath blessed: Therefore Elohim give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee, Gen. 27:26-29.

This blessing was the blessing of birthright, which was passed down from Abraham to Isaac. Isaac passed it down to Jacob. Jacob, in turn, passed it down to the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, “And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, El Shaddai appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting

possession. And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. And thy issue, which thou begetteth after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance,” Gen. 49:1-6.

“And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom Elohim hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he

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kissed them, and embraced them. And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, Elohim hath shewed me also thy seed. And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, Elohim,

before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the Elohim which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, Elohim make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh,” Gen. 49:8-20.

Furthermore, when he blessed all of his sons, he blessed Joseph with a special blessing, “Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty Elohim of Jacob; **(from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)** Even by the Elohim of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, **who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under,** blessings of the breasts,

and of the womb: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren,” Gen. 49:22-26.

Notice that it says that the Shepherd, the stone of Israel would be found in Joseph. He also blessed him with the blessings of heaven, from whence comes the dew, a type of Yahshua, and the blessings of the deep (compare Prov. 3:19-20).

MOSES' BLESSING ON JOSEPH

Before his death, Moses also blessed the children of Israel by their tribal names. He was inspired to place a special blessing on Joseph, “And of Joseph he said, Blessed of Yahweh be his land, for the precious things of heaven, **for the dew**, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren. His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh,” Dt. 33:13-17.

Moses especially placed the blessing of the dew upon Joseph and his land!

We have learned that the dew is a type of Yahshua in His capacity to cover Israel and all flesh. We know that the manna, the bread of heaven came with the dew. It was the combination of the dew and manna that led the Israelites to the rest of the seventh day Sabbath.

WHICH TRIBE?

Yahshua was born of the tribe of Judah. He was a descendant of King David who was of the house of Judah, not Joseph, not Ephraim, not Manasseh. But in his blessing, Jacob stated, “from thence (Joseph) is the Shepherd, the stone of Israel. What does this all mean?

We know that the tribe of Judah has been very instrumental in the preservation of the Scriptures that we call the Old Testament. Many have even gone so far as to sacrifice their lives in order to keep these documents preserved. For this sacrifice, we must stand in admiration of them.

However, they have refused the truth concerning Yahshua and His covering, His atoning blood that was sacrificed for us. As John writes, “He came to His own and, and His own received Him not,” Jn. 1:10. Even though some did receive Him. The overall great preponderance of His own tribe have denied Him.

So who is it that has also been instrumental in preserving the Old Testament Scriptures, as well as the

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New Testament Scriptures, which witness to Yahshua the Messiah? Hasn't it been the English-speaking world? Many of our own people have also given their lives in order to make both of the Testaments (Old and New) available to their own kin and the rest of the world. Both Testaments witness of Yahshua, the Shepherd and Stone of Israel, the True Bread from Heaven, Which comes with the Dew! The Scriptures that are preserved by the house of Judah witness that the blessings of the dew, as well as the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel are with Joseph, specifically Ephraim and Manasseh!

The English-speaking world has

become the pre-eminent and primary peoples in today's world who have been tremendously blessed above the rest of the earth. Those blessings have come upon them as they have been instrumental in not only preserving, but publishing a specific book called “**THE HOLY BIBLE!**” So much of the world has also been blessed through the English-speaking world, which has not only been colonized by them, but has shown itself friendly to them. Generally, those who have embraced the teachings of the Bible have also been greatly blessed.

IDOLATRY

Many might say, How can you say this while you stand adamantly against many of the words that have been utilized in the Scriptures such as, God, the LORD, Jesus, Christ, etc.? This question must be addressed.

What does the book of Psalms proclaim? “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us,” Ps. 2:1-3.

Who rage? Isn't it the heathen? Who or what are the heathen? According to *Webster's New World Dictionary*, the “heathen” are **1.** orig., and in the Old Testament, a member of any nation or people not worshipping the [Elohim] of Israel **2.** anyone not a Jew, Christian, or Moslem; esp., a member of a tribe, nation, etc. worshipping many gods **3.** a person regarded as irreligious, uncivilized, unenlightened, etc.

These definitions are the modern day world's understanding of just what the heathen are. However, the Hebrew term that is translated as “heathen” is “*goyim*.” When Abraham was blessed by Yahweh, he was promised that he would be a father of nations (*goyim*) in Gen. 17:5. Sara was also blessed by Yahweh to become a mother of nations (*goyim*) in Gen. 17:16. Sarah's only child was

Isaac. Thus, Isaac was to become a father of nations (*goyim*). Isaac's birthright was passed down to Jacob, the father of the Israelites, therefore, the Israelites are also "*goyim*" (nations).

That same birthright blessing was passed down to Ephraim by Jacob who attested that he would become a "multitude of nations" (*goyim*). (Gen. 48:19)

Psalms 2:1 would have better been translated as, "Why do the nations rage..." The book of Acts reveals that the Israelites were to be included in this term for we read, "And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to Yahweh with one accord, and said, Yahweh, thou art Elohim, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen (*goyim*/nations) rage, and the people imagine vain things? **The kings** of the earth stood up, and **the rulers** were gathered together against Yahweh, and against his Messiah. For of a truth against thy holy child Yahshua, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod (the king), and Pontius Pilate (the Governor), with the Gentiles (*goyim*/nations/heathen, etc.), **and the people of Israel**, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done" 4:23-26.

Who has been instrumental in publishing the most popular version of the Bible that has ever been known? Wasn't it **KING JAMES**? Isn't it called the **KING JAMES VERSION**?

Did **KING James** and his cohorts stand up against Yahweh, even though they also stood up for His word? Absolutely!!!! First and foremost, they took the true name of the Heavenly Father and Yahshua the Messiah out of the Scriptures replacing them with the names and titles that they were used to utilizing in their previous days of paganism. The Anglican Church, which King

James headed and declared to be his religion, as the Catholic Church, declares that the law has been done away. They worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, rather than the seventh day Sabbath. They have been instrumental in continuing the policies of observing the heathenish, pagan ritual and holidays rather than the commanded days (feasts) of Yahweh, etc., etc.

The kings, rulers, heathen and even Israelite rulers of Yahshua's and the apostle's day gathered together against Yahweh and His Messiah. The same thing happened during the day of King James and the rulers of that day. It continues to this day.

THE GOLDEN CALF

The instance of the golden calf, which Israel made in the wilderness will clue us in as to why the descendants of Israel are steeped in modern day idolatry. While Moses was up in the mount receiving the instructions and tables of the covenant, Israel fell into the worship of the golden calf. (Ex. 32)

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When Moses came down from the mount he saw what the children of Israel were doing and became exceedingly angry with them (v. 19). "...He took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to power, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it," Ex. 32:20.

More was taking place there than generally meets the eye. Water is a type of the Spirit, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of

the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.)," Jn. 7:37-39.

Moses burned the golden calf, ground it to power and cast it into water making the Israelites drink. This is a type, parable, metaphor. Moses was causing the disobedient and rebellious Israelites to drink of the waters of idolatry. Israel would have a tendency to turn to idolatry rather than stay on the strait and narrow path. History bears this out.

After Solomon's reign, the kingdom of Israel was split into two kingdoms. The northern kingdom was named Israel because they were ruled by Ephraimite kings. They turned away to idolatry placing golden calves in Dan and in Samaria. They were eventually defeated by the Assyrian kings, taken into captivity and removed to the area around the Caucasus Mountains.

The southern kingdom was named Judah because their kings were descendants of the patriarch Judah. They also fell away into idolatry and were eventually defeated by the Babylonian Kingdom under Nebuchadnezzar. This took place around 130 – 140 years later. Both kingdoms were destroyed because of their rebellion against Yahweh and subsequent descent into idolatry. The pattern that Moses established worked.

While modern day Judaism is greatly respected by many for seemingly embracing obedience to the Scriptures and walking in the ways of righteousness, the problem is that in most cases, they respect the works of the Talmud and Kaballah rather than the pure words of Scripture.

Looks can be deceiving. Modern day Christianity utilizes the Bible which contains both the Old and New Testaments. It is made to appear as if they are upholding the principles of the Bible when they simply are not. The same thing goes for modern day Judaism. While they appear to uphold

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the Old Testament, the truth of the matter is that they are not. If they were, then they would believe the writings of Moses as he witnesses of Yahshua (Jn. 5:39-47). All Israel has fallen away into idolatry and remains there unless Yahweh calls them to repentance and the truth.

THE WITNESS OF THE TABERNACLE

The placement of the Israelites around the tabernacle is quite revealing. There was only one opening in the linen wall that surrounded the tabernacle. That opening or gate was in the east. The door to the tabernacle and the veil into the holy of holies was also in the east. Judah, Issachar and Zebulun were placed in the east. Judah was the main (middle) tribe on that side. Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin, were placed on the western side. Ephraim was the main or central tribe. Moses, Aaron and the priests were situated in the east as a buffer between the tribes and the tabernacle. Judah was under the banner of a lion.

The levitical tribe of Gershon was placed in the west as a buffer between Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin and the tabernacle. Ephraim and Manasseh were under the banner of an ox.

Now, let's learn of some amazing things concerning the layout of the tabernacle and the placement of these tribes. The ox was an animal of sacrifice. The offerings and sacrifices are mentioned in the book of Leviticus beginning with chapter one. The first offering was the holocaust and the bullock of the ox was the primary and chief offering. This offering was also for an atonement (Lev. 1:4).

Yahweh purposely blinded the Israelites, especially Ephraim and Manasseh (Ro. 11:7-15), casting them away as a sacrifice. Joseph was the one who was hated and despised by his brethren. While his brothers didn't slay him, they did sell him into slavery, which is a type of death. They also deceived their father Jacob by

slaying a kid of the goats (another animal utilized for atonement, [Lev. 16]), dipping Joseph's coat in its blood and presenting it to their father who thought some evil beast had slain him. The whole story is one of sacrifice. It was magnified in Ephraim and Manasseh, the northern kingdom of Israel.

Interestingly, even the Levitical tribe of Gershon is a witness in this matter for their responsibility in the tabernacle was to take care of and transport the COVERINGS, the various skins, etc., which covered the framework of the tent, etc. The tabernacle and the placement of the tribes of Israel around it, reveals that the descendants of Joseph were the one, who would be associated with covering and atonement.

One other thing that we must point out is that the lion slays and eats the ox. The priests also slew the sacrifices. Judah under the banner of the lion, was speaking of the world today wherein the international bankers, who are primarily Jewish, are working to eventually decimate and destroy the English-speaking world,

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especially and specifically America (Israel/Ephraim). Even the remnants of the Levitical priesthood are included in this conspiracy. Joseph, under the banner of the ox, will once again be slaughtered for the good of the whole world. But Yahshua, their Dew, will raise them from the grave.

CONCLUSION

The dew is given to cover the grass. All flesh is as grass. Yahshua is the One Who will cover the sins of all flesh. He is the Dew.

Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph, were blessed with the dew of heaven. They are the ones who

have been so tremendously blessed in the world, especially and specifically in the last days. They have been blessed with the dew of heaven. This has to do with both physical and spiritual blessings. They are the ones who are involved with publishing the message of both Old and New Testaments. The English-speaking peoples of the world, especially the United States and Britain are the ones who are instrumental in publishing and distributing volumes of Bibles and associated literature to the rest of the world.

The blessings and the prophecies are sure. Yahweh is the Elohim of Israel and His word does not fail. Whether you believe what is written here or not, it is presented in the light of Scripture and the Spirit of Yahweh and Yahshua. May He open your eyes to see the wondrous blessings that He has reserved for those who trust and believe in Him. HalleluYah!!!!

ⁱWisdom = #2451 = חכמה chokmah, khok-maw'; from 2449; wisdom (in a good sense):--skilful, wisdom, wisely, wit.

#2449 = חכם chakam, khaw-kam' = a primitive root, to be wise (in mind, word or act):--X exceeding, teach wisdom, be (make self, shew self) wise, deal (never so) wisely, make wiser.

ⁱⁱFounded = #3245 = יסד yacad, yaw-sad'; a primitive root; to set (literally or figuratively); intensively, to found; reflexively, to sit down together, i.e. settle, consult:--appoint, take counsel, establish, (lay the, lay for a) found(-ation), instruct, lay, ordain, set, X sure.

ⁱⁱⁱUnderstanding = #8394 = תבונה tabuwn, taw-boon'; and (feminine) tbuwnah {teb-oo-naw'}; or towbunah {to-boonaw'}; from 995; intelligence; by implication, an argument; by extension, caprice:--discretion, reason, skilfulness, understanding, wisdom.

#995 = בינ biyn, bene; a primitive root; to separate mentally (or distinguish), i.e. (generally) understand:--attend, consider, be cunning, diligently, direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent, regard, (can) skill(-full), teach, think, (cause, make to, get,

give, have) understand(-ing), view, (deal) wise(-ly, man).

^{iv}Established = #3559 כוּן kuwn, koon; a primitive root; properly, to be erect (i.e. stand perpendicular); hence (causatively) to set up, in a great variety of applications, whether literal (establish, fix, prepare, apply), or figurative (appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous):--certain(-ty), confirm, direct, faithfulness, fashion, fasten, firm, be fitted, be fixed, frame, be meet, ordain, order, perfect, (make) preparation, prepare (self), provide, make provision, (be, make) ready, right, set (aright, fast, forth), be stable, (e-)stablish, stand, tarry, X very deed.

^vKnowledge = #1847 דַּעַת da'ath, dah'-ath; **from 3045**; knowledge:--cunning, (ig-)norantly, know(-ledge), (un-)awares (wittingly).

#3045 = יָדַע yada', yaw-dah'; a primitive root; to know (properly, to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively, instruction, designation, punishment, etc.) (as follow):--acknowledge, acquaintance(-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, (un-)awares, can(-not), certainly, comprehend, consider, X could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be (ig-)norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have (knowledge), (be, make, make to be, make self) known, + be learned, + lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, X prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have (understanding), X will be, wist, wit, wot.

^{vi}Depths = #8415 תְּהוֹם t@howm, teh-home'; or thom {teh-home'}; (usually feminine) **from 1949**; an abyss (as a surging mass of water), especially the deep (the main sea or the subterranean water-supply):--deep (place), depth.

#1949 = הוּם huwm, hoom; a primitive root (**compare 2000**); to make an uproar, or agitate greatly:--destroy, move, make a noise, put, ring again.

#2000 = הָמַם hamam, haw-mam'; a primitive root (**compare 1949, 1993**); properly, to put in commotion; by implication, to disturb, drive, destroy:--

break, consume, crush, destroy, discomfit, trouble, vex.

#1993 = הָמָה hamah, haw-maw'; a primitive root (compare 1949); to make a loud sound like Engl. "hum"); by implication, to be in great commotion or tumult, to rage, war, moan, clamor:--clamorous, concourse, cry aloud, be disquieted, loud, mourn, be moved, make a noise, rage, roar, sound, be troubled, make in tumult, tumultuous, be in an uproar.

^{vii}Broken up = #1234 = בָּקַע baqa', baw-kah'; a primitive root; to cleave; generally, to rend, break, rip or open:--make a breach, break forth (into, out, in pieces, through, up), be ready to burst, cleave (asunder), cut out, divide, hatch, rend (asunder), rip up, tear, win.

^{viii}Clouds = #7834 = שָׁחַק shachaq, shakh'-ak; **from 7833**; a powder (as beaten small): by analogy, a thin vapor; by extension, the firmament:--cloud, small dust, heaven, sky.

#7833 = שָׁחַק shachaq, shaw-khak'; a primitive root; to comminate (by trituration or attrition):--beat, wear.

^{ix}Drop down = #7491 = רָעַפַּה ra'aph, raw-af'; a primitive root; to drip:--distil, drop (down).

^xDew = #2919 = טַל tal, tal; **from 2926**; dew (as covering vegetation):--dew.

#2926 = טָלַל talal, taw-lal'; a primitive root; properly, to strew over, i.e. (by implication) to cover in or plate (with beams):--cover.

#2922. טָלַא t@la', tel-aw'; apparently **from 2921** in the (orig.) sense of covering (for protection); a lamb (compare 2924):--lamb.

#2921 = טָלַא tala', taw-law'; a primitive root; properly, to cover with pieces; i.e. (by implication) to spot or variegate (as tapestry):--clouted, with divers colours, spotted.

^{xi}Speak = #1696 = דָּבַר dabar, daw-bar'; a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue:--answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use (entreaties), utter, X well, X work.

^{xii}Hear = # 8085. שָׁמַע shama', shaw-mah'; a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.):--X attentively, call (gather) together, X carefully, X certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, X diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear(-ken, tell), X indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim(-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, X surely, tell, understand, whosoever (heareth), witness.

^{xiii}Words = # 561. אָמַר 'emer, ay'-mer; **from 559**; something said:--answer, X appointed unto him, saying, speech, word. #559 = אָמַר 'amar, aw-mar'; a primitive root; to say (used with great latitude):--answer, appoint, avouch, bid, boast self, call, certify, challenge, charge, + (at the, give) command(-ment), commune, consider, declare, demand, X desire, determine, X expressly, X indeed, X intend, name, X plainly, promise, publish, report, require, say, speak (against, of), X still, X suppose, talk, tell, term, X that is, X think, use (speech), utter, X verily, X yet.

^{xiv}Mouth = # 6310. פֶּה peh, peh; **from 6284**; the mouth (as the means of blowing), whether literal or figurative (particularly speech); specifically edge, portion or side; adverbially (with preposition) according to:--accord(-ing as, -ing to), after, appointment, assent, collar, command(-ment), X eat, edge, end, entry, + file, hole, X in, mind, mouth, part, portion, X (should) say(-ing), sentence, skirt, sound, speech, X spoken, talk, tenor, X to, + two-edged, wish, word.

6284. פָּאָה pa'ah, paw-aw'; a primitive root; to puff, i.e. blow away:--scatter into corners.

^{xv}Doctrine = # 3948. לָקַח leqach, leh'-kakh; **from 3947**; properly, something received, i.e. (mentally) instruction (whether on the part of the teacher or hearer); also (in an active and sinister sense) inveiglement:--doctrine, learning, fair speech.

#3947 = לָקַח laqach, law-kakh'; a primitive root; to take (in the widest variety of applications):--accept, bring, buy, carry away, drawn, fetch, get, infold, X many, mingle, place, receive(-ing), reserve, seize, send for, take (away, -ing,

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COME TO THE WEDDING

Most of us in this age who have been called by Yahweh to follow His Son, Yahshua, to the kingdom have come out of one of the mainstream religions of this present society. As Yahweh began to show us the truth in His Word, we were overjoyed to leave behind the fallacies of our past. Often times in doing this, we erect barriers in our minds that clouds the true splendor and excitement of our calling.

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Let me give you an illustration of one such area. When we learned the truth concerning the holidays of this society we discarded them and grasped with excitement, the festivals that Yahweh has instituted. In our fervor to please Yahweh we sometimes over react. When we do we set up a barrier. I am one of many that did this. The vast majority of brethren in my early affiliation would not even read the “nativity” story in the evangels because of its relationship that the world made with “Christmas.” We had put a barrier in our minds that would not allow us to have anything to do with that pagan time of the year. We would begin to read the evangels at a point past the “Nativity”. (I am using those “terms” because that is how we related to these events mentioned in scriptures.) This was not a conscious decision to avoid these parts of scripture, but we just avoided them without contemplation.

It was a few years after my conversion that I was forced into pulling down that barrier and finally read the story of our Messiah’s conception and birth. In doing this the real truth concerning this time could finally come into my mind. I had let my barrier rob me of a very beautiful part of our Messiah’s life. It is amazing how many of us did this without even realizing it.

Another area is that of going to Heaven. We were taught by this society’s churches that one went immediately to Heaven or Hell at death. For those of us (I am one) who came out of the Catholic church we could also go to Purgatory for a while for final purification. When we are converted, the truth about death, the resurrection to eternal life, and the Kingdom of Yahweh, comes as a wonderful sur-

prise and relief. We grasp these truths with great joy and cast aside the ethereal beliefs of the past. In doing this, we often erect another barrier that blocks the whole, exciting truth from being revealed to us. That barrier is that no one, at any time will ever go to Heaven, for any reason. This belief is fostered mainly from two scriptures. **John 3:13** No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. **Acts 2:34** For David did not ascend into the heavens; but he himself says, ‘Yahweh said to my Sovereign, Sit at my right hand 35 till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet.’

ACCESS TO YAHWEH’S THRONE

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Sometimes we read things into scriptures that they do not say. It is true that no one, including David, has ascended to heaven. However, neither these scriptures nor any others mention that when our Messiah returns, and we are changed to be like Him, that we will be restricted from access to the Heavenly throne of Yahweh our Father. Scripture actually confirms that we will have full access to our Father’s throne in Heaven.

This can be the most dangerous barrier because it blocks much of our true destiny as members of the first fruits harvest of mankind. As an elder in Yahweh's service I can assure you

that this barrier is very prevalent amongst the assembles to this day. I encounter it often in my dealings with various brethren. Many of us came from this society’s churches into Sabbath, Holy Day, law keeping groups minus the sacred names of Yahweh and Yahshua. However, it was still a step that Yahweh used to bring us out of the world. When this happens, scenarios are made concerning what happens at the return of Yahshua.

END OF THE AGE SCENARIO

The scenario that is most prevalent is this; The last trumpet sounds and Yahshua returns. **Matthew 24:31, 1 Corinthians 15:52, 1 Thessalonians 4:16**, The dead will rise as spirit beings at Yahshua's command and those who are still alive will be changed instantaneously to Spirit and will be as Yahshua is. **1 John 3: 1-2**

We shall rise to meet Yahshua in the air, **1 Thessalonians 4:16**. We then go directly to Jerusalem to begin our reign with Messiah Yahshua. **Acts 1: 10-12**, The apostles were told He would return in the same way that He left. Yahshua left from the Mount of Olives, thus He would return there and His feet would stand upon the Mount of Olives once again, **Zechariah 14: 4**, and our thousand year reign with Yahshua will begin, **Revelation 20:1-4**. Perhaps you are one of the vast majority that believe this, as I had been for many years. This is an exciting and very true scenario, **to a point**. However the barrier concerning no one ever going to Heaven at any time prevents us from seeing an awesomely glorious part of our calling in this scenario. It is this barrier that I pray will be removed in this study.

SCENE NOT COMPLETE

In the scene above there are two colossal events missing, the coronation of Yahshua as King of Kings, and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The first event we will cover is the marriage ceremony and how it must fit into that scenario. In many places in the old testament scriptures, Yahweh used the betrothal and marriage covenant as an analogy of His relationship with His chosen people. He did this because it is a relationship that we as humans can understand and value. **Isaiah 54:5, Jeremiah 31:32, Hosea 2:16**

In the new testament Yahshua also used the betrothal and marriage relationship as an analogy of His relationship with us. He often taught in parables. Why did He do this? **Matthew 13: 10** Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

WEDDING INVITATION

When Yahweh issued the call to us to become followers of His Son Yahshua, **John 6:44**, He qualified us to be among those to whom it is given to understand. This call just mentioned is something very special that may escape us if we allow this barrier to remain intact. It is an invitation to a wedding!! The wedding of Yahshua His Son to **us**, selected by His Father and chosen to be His bride. **Revelation 19: 7** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of Elohim." We have been invited to the wedding and we need to

understand where this wedding will take place since we are the bride.

To begin to help us in this understanding we will turn to the parable of the ten maidens in **Matthew 25:1-13** Read this parable until every detail is fixed in your mind. It is a very revealing story. Now that it is fixed in our minds lets take note of something. The bride is not mentioned. The Bridegroom is mentioned as are the Bridesmaids. Since this scenario is likened to the Kingdom of Heaven, we can be sure that the groom is Yahshua at His coming. Paul gives insight into the identity of the Bride. **Ephesians 5: 31** "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."32 This mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers to Messiah and the assembly; Note that Paul understands the marriage covenant is analogous of Messiah and the ecclesia, the assembly. This would make the bride of this parable the assembly of called out chosen ones. The maidens represent those within the assembly and their state of readiness to meet the

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Groom at His coming. We are after all, attendants of the assembly, the bride, as were the maidens. Let us set this aside for now since I'm sure that we all understand the concept.

To those of us in this modern western society the scenario of this parable may seem a little strange, but to those of Yahshua's day it would be a common scene played out often in their lives. Weddings in those days did not happen as they do in our age and society. To get a grasp on this parable, and it's implications, lets examine the customs of Yahshua's day. There are some very interesting things that may take us into some side bars but I will try my best to stay on

track.

BETROTHAL

It was customary for there to be a one year betrothal period prior to the wedding. This can be evidenced by the betrothal of Yoseph and Miriam at the time of Yahshua's conception. **Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Yahshua Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.

YAHSHUA'S BETROTHAL CUP

At the betrothal ceremony the bride and groom would share a glass of wine together as a symbol of their commitment to each other. They would not share a drink together again until the wedding ceremony, making the two into one. An interesting point to note here is the cup that Yahshua drank at His meal with the apostles, stating that it was the Blood of the Covenant, which He told them all to drink with Him. **Matthew 26: 27** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Take note that this was **one** cup which Yahshua shared with **all** of the apostles. This was the cup of betrothal mentioned above. The proposal was made and the betrothal period began, sealed by the contents of the cup, symbolically Yahshua's blood. We are, at this time, betrothed to Yahshua. Notice **2 Corinthians 11: 2** I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Messiah to present you as a pure bride to her one husband. Yahshua said that He would not drink of the cup again until He drank it new with them, us, in the kingdom. **Matthew 26:29** I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." This cup in the Kingdom is shared with us, the new

bride, at the marriage supper of the Lamb. As the first cup shared, sealed the betrothal, so the second cup shared will seal the final coming together of the Groom and His bride. Everything Yahshua said and did had deep spiritual meaning if we allow Him to show us.

WEDDING INVITATION

It was customary at that time for the father of the groom to send out the wedding invitations after the betrothal ceremony to those whom he and his son had chosen to attend. **John 15:16.** Another thing that is very difficult for us to fathom in our western society is that the father usually chose the bride also. Compare with **John 6:44** As mentioned above this betrothal time was one year in duration. The invitations would mention the approximate time of the wedding at the conclusion of the betrothal period, but the exact day and hour was not established until the father had made all of the preparations toward the end of the betrothal period. It is interesting to note that even the groom did not know the exact day and hour of the wedding until he was told by his father that everything was prepared. Is this why Yahshua told His followers that it was not for us to know the day and the hour and that even **He** did not know the exact time of His coming? I believe so. **Mark 13:32** "But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. We can know approximately because of the signs that Yahshua told us to watch for, as the end of our betrothal time draws near. We will not know the exact time until we hear the Angel's call announcing His coming, **1 Thessalonians 4:16** just as the bridesmaids would not know until the groom's attendant announced it before him.

During this betrothal period the groom to be would be preparing a room for him and his bride to live in following the wedding. They would live in the father's house until such a

time as they decided to build their own home or they might just build additions to the father's house as their family grew. It was a general custom at that time to do either. It is interesting to note that Yahshua alluded to this in **John 14:2** In my Father's house are many rooms; **if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?** The next scripture is very important to understanding the point of this study. Yahshua was soon to return to the Father but the apostles did not understand what He meant. That is why Peter asked the following question. **John 13:36** Simon Peter said to him, "Master, where are you going?" Yahshua answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward." They could not accompany Him at that time because the wedding preparations had not all been completed. Where did Yahshua go? He went to His Father's house to prepare a place for us, His bride, as He said in **John 14:2.** His Father's house is presently in Heaven. Please take careful note that Yahshua said that we **would** follow afterward.

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The word "follow" can also be translated "accompany". We will come back to the location we accompany or follow Yahshua to, later in this study.

WEDDING APPAREL

It was also the custom of those days for the groom's father to provide the wedding garments to those that did not have one. There is an interesting point attesting to this in the parable of the wedding feast in **Matthew 22: 1-14.** Notice in verse **12**

one was found with no wedding garment and cast out. Now a logical question. How did the father, the king, know this was not a wedding garment? Because it was not the one that he had provided. This man was a wedding crasher, an imposter, and was thrown out. Yahweh provides our wedding garments, washed clean and spotless through His Son. **Revelation 3:5** He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life; I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. **Revelation 19: 7** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; **8** it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. **9** And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of Elohim." **Revelation 7:14** Only those whose garments had been provided by the Father and have been washed in the blood of our great Messiah will be allowed into the marriage feast. Notice verse **10** in the above parable. The king finally sent his servants into the streets to gather any and all who would wish to attend this wedding ceremony. These people would not be able to afford wedding garments appropriate for the wedding of the king's son. The king therefore had to provide them as Yahweh, our Groom's Father does for us.

MARRIAGE FEAST AT THE FATHER'S HOUSE

It was also customary at that time for the marriage feast to be held at the father's house. Nearing the end of the betrothal period, perhaps during the last few days, the bride would make herself ready for the groom to come for her. Her bridesmaids would gather with her to keep watch. (The ten maidens.) If night fell they would have their lamps lit and ready so they could go out to meet the groom when

his attendant announced his coming. Since they did not know the exact time, they would take extra oil for their lamps. They would meet him with lamps lit to guide him, and accompany him to where the bride was waiting. After retrieving his bride they would all proceed to the father's house for the wedding ceremony. When the guests had all arrived the doors would be locked and no one else was allowed to enter.

As we await the imminent coming of our Bridegroom, we too are to have our lights burning brightly in anticipation. **Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 6:22.** This is the light that our Groom will be looking for when He comes for us. We are also reminded to keep awake and be alert because the time draws closer. **Romans 13:11** Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; **1 Thessalonians 5:6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be alert.

THE TIME HAS COME

With all of the above in mind, Let's go on to understand where our beloved Groom will take us and where this wedding and marriage supper will take place. The time has arrived, **Revelation 19:7** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of Elohim."

THE SEA OF GLASS

Let us look at a picture of heaven and the Father's throne. **Revelation 4:1** After this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like

a trumpet, said, "Come up hither, and I will show you what must take place **after this.**" 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and lo, a throne stood in Heaven, with one seated on the throne! 3 And he who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. 4 Round the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clad in white garments, with golden crowns upon their heads. 5 From the throne issues flashes of lightning, and voices and peals of thunder, and before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of Elohim; 6 **and before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass,** like crystal. And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: (Jasper gems are breathtakingly beautiful in different shades of blue, blended in one stone. Carnelian gems are a shimmering, translucent, vermillion red color. The rainbow like an emerald would be semi-transparent green glow around

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the throne.)

The above is the Father's house where there are many rooms prepared and ready for the Groom and the bride following the marriage feast. **John 14:2** In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? Let's turn to Daniel for a further description of events and the entrance of our Heavenly Father.

THE FATHER ENTERS

Daniel 7: 9 As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was Ancient

of days took His seat; His raiment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. (if one checks the words "Fiery" and "Flames", one will see that this is the same sea of glass around the Father's throne mentioned in Revelation. Part of Daniel is written in Aramaic. "Fiery" and "flames" in Aramaic is *nuwr* and it means to shine or glisten. The phrase has the meaning of shining or glistening like fire.) The Father has arrived for the ceremony. This will be a beautiful double ceremony, a wedding and a coronation.

THE BRIDE IS READY

The bride is present and she has been clothed in clean, shining white, and pure garments appropriate for the wedding of a King's Son; Carefully note the following; **Revelation 15:2** And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of Elohim in their hands. **Revelation 19:7** Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "**These are true words of Elohim.**" Note that this beautiful bride is in Heaven before the Father's throne, beside the sea of glass. This resplendent bride is everyone reading this article who have been called by Yahweh to walk with His Son to the Kingdom and have answered that call.

THE GROOM

Now the Groom enters in all of His glory and splendor; **Daniel 7:13** I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came

one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

This is the marriage of the Lamb and His coronation as King of Kings. Yahshua was born for this very thing. **John 18:37** Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Yahshua answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

Now note who receives this coronation along with Yahshua. **Daniel 7:18** But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, for ever and ever.' **Daniel 7: 21** As I looked, this horn made war with the saints, and prevailed over them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints received the kingdom. **Daniel 7:27** And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.'

What an awesome calling we have received! To be the bride of and be coronated with our glorious Groom King of kings Yahshua, before the very throne of our Father in Heaven. Will we be among this great multitude crying out with uncontrollable joy and jubilation? **Revelation 19:6** Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder peals, crying, "Hallelujah! For the Sovereign Elohim the Almighty reigns."

The coronation and the marriage supper have concluded and notice where they have traveled to. I would

like to bring something to your attention here. A son inherits his fathers name. Note what Yahshua said. **John 5:43** I have come "in" my Father's name,---. (The word "in" can also be translated "with" and is translated as such 140 times in the new testament.) The bride in turn inherits her husband's name at the wedding and so the groom's father's name as well. Note the following scripture and the name written on the foreheads of those with Yahshua, His new bride. **Revelation 14:1** Then I looked, and lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had **his name** and **his Father's name** written on their foreheads.

KINGDOM HEADQUARTERS

Notice also where they now are, Mount Zion, Jerusalem. This will be the headquarters of the Kingdom with Yahshua as King of Kings. **Isaiah 2:3** and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; that he may

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teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. He has returned to the same place from which He left. **Acts 1: 11** From the Mount of Olives to the Mount of Olives.

Zechariah 14: 4 On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley; so that one half of the Mount shall withdraw northward, and the other half southward.

When He returns to Jerusalem it will be as a great King, already coronated and accompanied by His

Bride. **Revelation 19:16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, King of kings and Sovereign of sovereigns. Now let's connect verse 5 of Zechariah 14 and see who comes with Him. **Zechariah 14:5** Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus Yahweh my Elohim will come, **And all the saints with You.** Remember **Revelation 14:1** When this King of Kings arrives on Mount Zion with His saints, His bride, the marriage supper of the Lamb has already taken place as they have already received their Groom's name and that of His Father.

When the evidence in scripture is weighed honestly with open minds the truth will be plain. I pray that if a barrier was erected in your mind concerning our relationship with our Groom's Father, and having free access to Him and the Heavenly realm from the time of our change, that this study will begin to remove that barrier.

What we have been called to be a part of is very exciting. If we allow any barrier to cloud the complete picture we will not feel the exuberant excitement of our calling. We can easily see the trials and troubles of this life and scripture tells us of the tribulation to come. Let us also look beyond these things and see the glory and inexpressible joy that awaits us at the marriage supper of the Lamb, before the very throne of our Heavenly Father as we are wed for all eternity to our faithful Groom, Yahshua Messiah. HalleluYah!

May Yahweh bless your studies.

IN TIMES OF AFFLICTION

Our life in this world is surrounded with problems as we struggle to satisfy all of our needs, especially in these fast changing times. We can encounter afflictions and hardships at anytime or in anyplace, which causes us to worry. Sometimes we face a series of seemingly unbearable problems that cause us to feel helpless and miserable.

By Elder George Paña

Not only are the poor and needy troubled by the harsh realities of life in this world, but so are the rich and famous who have much greater resources under their control. Some, because they are unable to cope with difficulties and depression, take part in shameful and tragic actions. Many lose their will to live and even take their own lives. We personally know of some personalities who have amassed great wealth and fame in this world, only to commit suicide because they suffered the loss of that wealth and fame. Many look for the easy way out, but end up spending their last days in misery.

In times of affliction, we long for sound advice to comfort and lead us on our way. No counsel can be of greater help to us than that of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah.

BE NOT ANXIOUS

Yahshua said to His disciples, “Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?... Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?” Mt. 6:25, 27.

Yahshua advised His disciples that they should not be worried concerning their need in this present life. He told them not to be anxious about that they were to eat, drink, or wear. He also said to them that being anxious would not help one in solving his problems. Instead, it will worsen his condition, because the stress caused by worrying can destroy one’s health and shorten his life.

Yahshua also told His disciples, “Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor

gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?... And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if Elohim so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?” Mt. 6:26, 28-30.

The Messiah carefully taught these meaningful truths to His disciples: fowls (birds or sparrows) neither sow nor reap nor store food in barns, yet they are able to survive because Yahweh feeds them. Yahshua explained this to His disciples to let them know

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and understand that they are worth more than many sparrows or lilies in the field or any living creature on earth. Therefore, they should not be worried or anxious concerning life’s basic necessities.

Yahshua further explained that to give much concern about the material things in this world is to follow the way of the Gentiles (heathen, pagans) or those who don’t believe the true Elohim, “For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things,” Mt. 6:32.

Therefore, if we truly have faith in Yahweh our Heavenly Father, then we

should heed the advice of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah and not worry or be anxious. After all, problems and troubles are set to come and get worse in these last days, as a sign that the end is near. The Apostle Paul forewarned, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come,” 2 Tim. 3:1.

HOW TO BE FREED FROM ANXIETY

According to our Savior Yahshua the Messiah, there is something that man can do for himself to be freed from anxiety and worry. He admonishes us thusly, “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, what shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or wherewithal shall we be clothed?...But seek ye first His kingdom and righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Mt. 6:31, 33.

The great holy Teacher teaches us that while it is important for man to have food, clothing, and other material needs, acquiring these things should not be his highest priority. Instead, he should seek first the kingdom and the righteousness of Yahweh, so that everything else (that supply for man’s basic needs) in life will be added to him as a blessing.

The kingdom that we must seek first to be freed from worry and fear is that which will be given to the little flock, “Fear not little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom,” Lk. 12:32.

This kingdom, where the saints shall dwell according to Yahweh’s promises, is the kingdom of the only begotten Son of Elohim. To seek Yahweh’s kingdom is to accept and believe Yahshua the Messiah as our personal Savior and King, and be among those

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whom He redeems by His precious blood.

“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In Whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgive-

ness of sins,” Col. 1:12-14.

The flock, to which Yahweh was pleased to give the kingdom and which was purchased by the precious blood of Yahshua is the assembly, the congregation of Yahweh.

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Yahweh Elohim, which He hath pur-

chased with His own blood,” Acts 20:28.

So, in order for us to be able to follow the Messiah’s command to seek first the kingdom of Yahweh, we should be a part of the assembly which is the body of the Messiah. By joining this little flock, we can hope to be liberated from fear and worries in this world, as our Savior Yahshua as-

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

Notice that! Yahshua is the One Who has the key of David spoken of in Isa. 22! Yahshua is the One Who has the power to open (pathach) and no man can shut and shut and no man can open (pathach).

It was Yahshua Who opened (pathach) the windows of heaven so that the Holy Spirit could be poured out on the FIRSTFRUITS assembly. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Liberty. It sets one free, opens (pathach) the gate (sha’ar) of righteousness and salvation.

Again, only the Melchizedek priesthood has a right and the ability to go through the door (pathach) and enter into the holy place wherein is contained the menorah, the table of shewbread, etc.

THE THIRD OPENING

The third opening or door to the Tabernacle was the one that opened into the Holy of Holies. The hanging or door was called a veil. Its Hebrew name is “poreketh.” It was beyond this veil that only the high priest was allowed to enter and only once a year at that.

“Poreketh” is #6532 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as, feminine active participle of the same as 6531; a separatrix, i.e. (the sacred) screen.

The one difference between this veil and the other two doors is that it had cherubim embroidered upon it (Ex. 26:31).

The book of Hebrews records, “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Yahshua, by a new and living way which He hath consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is to say, His flesh**; and having an High Priest over the house of Elohim; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water,” 10:19-22.

Notice that carefully! Those who have come to the sacrifice and have been washed with pure water (the waters of baptism, but remember that the brazen laver was also at the pethach) are able to enter into the holiest by the blood of Yahshua. But it says that the veil is His flesh.

Let’s understand now. We repented of our sins and came to the sacrifice of Yahshua at the sha’ar. We were washed, immersed in the pure waters of the pethach. Now we can enter into the Holiest place through the flesh (veil/poreketh) and blood of Yahshua.

This word “poreketh” comes from another Hebrew word which means the very same thing. It is #6531 in *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. It is the Hebrew word “perek” which is defined as, from an unused root meaning to break apart; fracture, i.e. severity:--cruelty, rigour.

Look at the definition! It has to do with breaking apart, fracturing, severity, cruelty, rigour. Yahshua blessed the bread and broke it. According to the Apostle Paul He said, “Tae, eat, this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance (as a memorial) of Me,” 1 Cor. 11:24.

We have defined for you the rigour, the severity, the cruelty that Yahshua had to go through because of our sins. But there is one final thing that must be pointed out. When we participate in the Passover symbols, and we are eating the bread, we must think of His body that is broken for us. We must think of our own sins that we have committed which brought this curse upon Him. As we eat that bread, we are fracturing, breaking apart (in symbolism, of course) the body of the Messiah. This is discerning the Sovereign’s body! As we bless and break the unleavened bread representing His body, it should remind us of the cruelty and severity that He suffered for each one of us. As we eat that bread, we fracture and break it apart even further, we should again be reminded of His suffering.

Who should be partaking of these most precious symbols? Those who can understand these things written here! If you are not able to understand these things then you are not properly examining yourself, nor are you discerning the Sovereign’s body. We must be careful ere we eat and drink unworthily and be guilty of the body and blood of the Messiah.

May Yahweh bless you to see and understand these things and approach the Passover worthily.

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suredly declares, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture," Jn. 10:9.

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF YAHWEH

While it is essential to seek the kingdom of Yahweh, we should remember that Yahshua specifically taught everyone to seek also His righteousness. The valiant Apostle Paul expounds on the righteousness of Yahweh that we must seek, "For I am not ashamed of the good news of the Messiah: for it is the power of Yahweh unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of Yahweh revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith," Ro. 1:16-17.

Yahweh's righteousness is the good news, which is also His power for man's salvation. Those who have found the kingdom of Yahweh, being a part of the body of the Messiah, should diligently seek the saving power of the good news of the Messiah. Paul declares how we can be saved through the glad tidings, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the good news which I preached

unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain," 1 Cor. 15:1-2.

Those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Messiah should continue to stand in the gospel and keep the commandments of Yahweh. By embracing firmly to all the teachings of the Messiah, the members of the true assembly can ensure for themselves a firm hope of deliverance in the day of judgment. One of Yahshua's teachings is that man should keep the commandments in order to be saved, "And behold, one came and said unto him, Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, Elohim; but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," Mt. 19:16-17.

Looking forward to the eternal life that Yahweh has promised to them, those who have found the true faith and remain in Yahweh's words do not worry even though afflictions or troubles enclose them in times when trials come their way. Even though they may be weakened at times, they will

keep on standing bravely to conquer the odds through the providence of the Heavenly Father. As the brave apostle boldly proclaims, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;... While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal," 2 Cor. 4:8-9, 18.

The eternal kingdom of Yahweh is at hand. It will be established soon in the world tomorrow. Whenever we have troubles, let us look, seek and hope for His kingdom where sorrows and sighing will be no more. As the Prophet Isaiah proclaims, "And the ransomed of Yahweh shall return, and come to Zion with everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away," Isa. 35:10.

The obedient people shall obtain everlasting joy and gladness in Yahweh's kingdom forevermore.

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up), use, win.

^{xvi}Drop = # 6201. **עָרַף** 'araph, aw-raf'; a primitive root; to droop; hence, to drip:--drop (down).

^{xvii}Rain = # 4306. **מָטַר** matar, maw-taw'r'; **from 4305**; rain:--rain #4305 = **מָטַר** matar, maw-tar'; a primitive root; to rain:--(cause to) rain (upon).

^{xviii}Speech = # 565. **אָמַרָה** 'imrah, im-raw'; or memrah {em-raw'}; feminine of 561, and meaning the same:--commandment, speech, word.

^{xix}Distil = # 5140. **נָזַל** nazal, naw-zal'; a primitive root; to drip, or shed by trickling:--distil, drop, flood, (cause to) flow(-ing), gush out, melt, pour (down),

running water, stream.

^{xx}Small rain = # 8164. **סִיָּר** sa'iyar, saw-er'; **formed the same as 8163**; a shower (as tempestuous):--small rain. #8163 = **סִיָּר** sa'iyar, saw-er'; or sabir {saw-er'}; **from 8175**; shaggy; as noun, a he-goat; by analogy, a faun:--devil, goat, hairy, kid, rough, satyr.

#8175 = **סָעַר** sa'ar, saw-ar'; a primitive root; to storm; by implication, to shiver, i.e. fear:--be (horribly) afraid, fear, hurl as a storm, be tempestuous, come like (take away as with) a whirlwind.

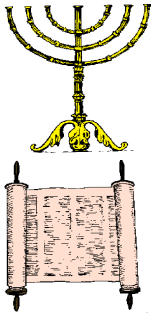
^{xxi}Herb = # 1877. **דֶּשֶׁא** deshe', deh'-sheh'; **from 1876**; a sprout; by analogy, grass:--(tender) grass, green, (tender) herb. #1876 = **דָּשָׂא** dasha, daw-shaw'; a primitive root; to sprout:--bring forth, spring.

^{xxii}Showers = # 7241. **רַבִּיב** rabiyyb, raw-beeb'; **from 7231**; a rain (as an accumulation of drops):--shower.

#7231 = **רַבַּב** rabab, raw-bab'; a primitive root; properly, to cast together (compare 7241), i.e. increase, especially in number; also (as denominative **from 7233**) to multiply by the myriad:--increase, be many(-ifold), be more, multiply, ten thousands.

#7233 = **רַבְבָּה** r@babah, reb-aw-baw'; **from 7231**; abundance (in number), i.e. (specifically) a myriad (whether definite or indefinite):--many, million, X multiply, ten thousand.

^{xxiii}Grass = #6212. **עֵסֶב** 'eseb, eh'seb'; **from an unused root meaning to glisten (or be green)**; grass (or any tender shoot):--grass, herb.



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