

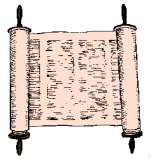
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in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

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OUR COVER: We have chosen a beautiful, peaceful fall scene to embellish our cover for this issue. This reminds us of a couple of Scriptures that are worthy to be quoted there. First is what Yahweh promised Noah, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease," Gen. 8:22. The second is found in the book of Daniel, "And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding," Dan. 2:21. Yahweh's word continues. Spring, summer, fall and winter are continuing. Seedtime and harvest time continue. May His creation continue to not only prove His word, but praise Him!

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RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The economy is in danger of collapse. On the day that the announcement of the failure of Lehman Brothers, as well as the buyout of Merrill Lynch by Bank of America, one of my daughters called me questioning me about the owners of Bank of America. She was concerned concerning the small amount of savings that she has on hand disappearing quickly. But, of course, since that time we have had the failure of Wacovia, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mack, AIG, and the list is growing daily.

Now, the President that gave a tax break in the beginning of his administration, has signed a preposterous bailout bill to the tune of an excess of 700 billion dollars. This would be one of the biggest tax bills in the history of this country, because that is how the bill has to be paid, through tax dollars, of course. Interestingly, the legislators who crafted (like witches on a hunt) the bill, even though they acted like they were highly upset at the financial condition of the country, still added riders to this most expensive piece of legislation that will spend even more hundreds of billions in pork programs. There are many things included in this bill that we simply haven't been advised on yet, but the days are coming when we will learn the awful truths and suffer the great ramifications of it.

It is interesting, but those who hold governmental offices actually live in a different world than those of us who are enslaved to the system. They live in a protective bubble. They will not suffer as does the rest of the population. They become like royalty, leaving the common life behind. Supposedly, they are elected to serve their constituents, but in reality, they are elevated to the offices of self-service. Their new masters are the ones who have the big bucks to not only help them acquire the office that they ran for, but who also purchase their special legislative favors with big lobbying dollars.

But who is responsible for all of the disastrous financial disaster that is facing us? The answer is that we are all responsible for it from the greatest to the least.

We learned from the savings and loans debacle that occurred in the Reagan administration that there were many very greedy and dishonest people who had wormed their way into that system and even drug money and other unsavory financial gains were being laundered through that system.

Then came the Enron disaster along with some other huge firms. We learned that in every instance, the company heads were cooking the books to make it all look like the company was literally thriving, when the reality was that while the heads were living high on the hog, so to speak, the company was in financial disarray. Interestingly, the company heads were prosecuted and sent to prison.

But now, we have governmental institutions that are failing (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mack, etc.). Why? This author remembers the marching orders issued by the Clinton administration. News reports declared that loans were going to be made to people, no matter their financial status. This was an all out effort to provide homes for the most needy of our country even though they couldn't pay the notes. I remember at the time thinking about the financial disaster that was ahead for this country. The disaster is here and why is it that the very ones who have been running the show in the government get a pass? Why aren't the governmental officials who concocted this mess taken before the courts like everyone else would be? As stated, they are living in a different world from the common people. They are the untouchables in today's world. Of course, the effort is out to lay the blame on someone, anyone would do, but the problem is that the ones who have been running the show, are having trouble finding, shall we say, a scapegoat?

It is interesting that Barack O'Bama's financial advisors were heads over the failed institutions of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mack. It is interesting that even though Barack O'Bama is one of the youngest kids on the block at the senate level, and has only been in office for somewhere around 200 days or so, but has received the second largest contribution from those systems (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mack).

Barney Franck is a Congressional Representative who has headed the House Financial Services Committee. Much blame for this fiasco should also fall on his head. But, as stated, we all are to blame for it, even though the heads of the system should suffer the consequences for not signaling a warning and heading the disaster off. John McCain did try to do something about it a couple of years ago, but the Democrats squashed his efforts to get a handle on it.

I previously wrote of the chaos and confusion that would be associated with the presidency of George W. Bush because of his last name. I wrote about his father's term in office because of his last name. You see, I study the Scriptures, which warn us of the chaotic events that will take place at the end of the age. I thought it interesting then and I think it interesting now that we had presidents, father and son, with the last name Bush.

In my Scriptural studies, I have come across Hebrew words that not only apply to Yahweh's word, but there are names of people, places and even countries that are associated with the Hebrew language and those names, in Hebrew, will go to great lengths to identify to us what or who the country, place, thing, or person is. They also are utilized to fulfill prophecy.

Take the name Bush, for instance. Bush, in Hebrew, has to do with shame, confusion, to confound, etc. The elder Bush confused the electorate when he openly declared "no new taxes," and promptly passed a "new tax" bill shortly after as-

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THE TRUE TESTIMONY

Do you know what the testimony is? Scripture says that if we speak not according to it, it is because there is no light in us. Do you have Yahweh's light? This article will expose you to it.

By Jerry Healan

Isa 8:1 Moreover Yahweh said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz. 2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. 3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said Yahweh to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. 4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria. 5 Yahweh spake also unto me again, saying, 6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7 Now therefore, behold, Yahweh bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: 8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. 9 ¶ Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. 10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for Elohim is with us. 11 For Yahweh spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, 12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. 13 **Sanctify Yahweh of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.** 14 And

he shall be for a sanctuary; but for **a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. 16 ¶ Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. 17 **And I will wait upon Yahweh, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob,** and I will look for him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom Yahweh hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yahweh of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. 19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their Elohim? for the living to the dead? 20 To the law and to the

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testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light (*shachar*) in them.

What is the testimony? The answer to this question is found in the Torah. Isaiah says that He (Yahweh) will be for a sanctuary. The Hebrew word for sanctuary is *miqdash*.

Ex 25:1 ¶ And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. 3 And this is the fine linen, and goats' hair, 5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet

incense, 7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. 8 And let them make me a **sanctuary** (*miqdash*); that I may dwell among them.

Ex 38:21 ¶ This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of **testimony**, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

The Tabernacle of old that was built in the wilderness is the testimony.

Yahweh was the El (God to the modern world) of the Hebrews, "And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of Yahweh, the everlasting El," Gen. 21:33.

The Hebrew word El was 𐤀 in Paleo Hebrew. It was 𐤀 in pictorial Hebrew. The aleph is an hieroglyphic for the head of an ox or a ram. The lamed is an hieroglyphic for a cattle goad or shepherd's rod. While we understand that the Hebrew word El means Mighty One, according to the use of the hieroglyphics, it has to do with the Great Shepherd of Cattle. David said that Yahweh was his shepherd in Psalm 23:1. Yahweh is again called the shepherd of Israel in Psalm 80:1, Isa. 40:11, etc. Yahshua proclaimed that He is the good shepherd in Jn. 10:11, 14. Peter calls Yahshua the Chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4).

The *lamed* (𐤀) also comes from the Hebrew word *lamad*, which means to teach. Yahweh is the great teacher because He gave us the torah, the psalms and the prophets to teach us about things of old, but He also gave us the whole of the New Testament to also teach us of things that were fulfilled by Yahshua and also things yet to be fulfilled. Yahshua was called a

great teacher, Jn. 3:1-2; 20:16.

The original sanctuary was the tabernacle of old in the wilderness. The Hebrew word for tabernacle is *ohel* (אֹהֶל). The sanctuary was the dwelling place of El (אֱלֹהִים). Notice the first and last letters of the Hebrew word for tabernacle. They are aleph (א) and lamed (ל), or El אֱל (Hebrew reads from right to left). The Hebrew letter hei is interjected between, in the midst of the word אֱלֹהִים. The hei (ה) is an hieroglyphic for lo, behold or the. Thus, the tabernacle of **testimony** was the dwelling (*shakan*), the sanctuary (*miqdash*) of the great El Yahweh. It was given so that Israel could behold their El. Moses wrote about it, of course, but few understand the implications behind it.

THE HIDDEN

In the book of Hebrews chapter 9 the tabernacle, priesthood and offerings are said to be “figures”, but the Greek word utilized is *parabole* or parable in the English language. Parables are given to hide the true meanings so that even though people see and hear, they still are blind and deaf to the truth of them. That’s why Yahshua came speaking to the people of His day in parables. They saw Him, heard Him and saw His wondrous works, but still couldn’t understand the truth about Him. (Mt. 13:10-13)

Paul said that the apostles spoke in mysteries (1 Cor. 2:1-14).

The Book of Proverbs reveals that Yahweh purposely hides things in His word.

Pr 25:1 These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out. 2 **It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a thing:** but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Let’s take a look at these verses with a Hebrew Interlinear in accompaniment with some of the words.

Pr 25:1 These are also proverbs <mashal> of Solomon, <Sh@lomoh> which the men <’enowsh> of Heze-

kiah <Chizqiyah> king <melek> of Judah <Y@huwdah> copied out. <’athaq>

2 It is the glory <kabowd> of <’elohiym> to conceal <cathar> a thing: <dabar> but the honour <kabowd> of kings <melek> is to search out <chaqar> (a primitive root; properly, to penetrate; hence, to examine intimately:--find out, (make) search (out), seek (out), sound, try.) a matter. <dabar>

The Hebrew word for “word” is *da-bar*. Thus, Yahweh conceals things in His word, but the heart of His kings, not the kings of the world, seek to search out the hidden things in His word. If the princes and kings of this world had understood the truth about Yahshua, then they would not have crucified Him.

The main point is that even though the great El Yahweh lived among His people, He still hid Himself from them. Yahweh dwelt between the cherubim in the holy of holies where only one man was allowed to enter, the high priest of Israel, once a year on the day of atonement. Even then,

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he could only enter after a great cloud of incense was introduced in order to cover the ark so that the priest couldn’t see Yahweh sitting on the ark of the covenant.

Yahweh remained behind the veil, hidden out of sight. Didn’t Isaiah say that Yahweh hid his face from the house of Jacob? Didn’t the Apostle Paul even write that there is still a veil on the heart of the children of Israel? (2 Cor. 15) Furthermore, Paul writes that the overall great preponderance of the children of Israel were purposely blinded (Ro. 11:7-25).

BIBLE CODES

In his book entitled *The Mysterious*

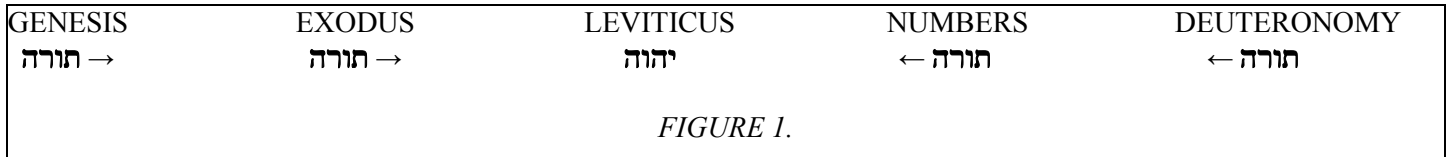
Bible Codes, Grant R. Jeffrey writes, “Six hundred years ago, Rabbi Bachya, a European rabbi, wrote a book in which he described his discovery of a pattern of letters that formed meaningful words encoded in the Torah at equally spaced intervals. When he examined the Hebrew letters, beginning in Genesis 1:1, he noticed that if he began with the last letter (*tav* ת) in the first word of the Bible—*Bereishis* בְּרֵאשִׁית “beginnings”—and skipped every 49 letters, the word *Torah* תּוֹרָה was spelled out. In other words, every 50th letter of the text spelled the word *Torah* תּוֹרָה.

Rabbi Bachyah also found that the opening verse of Exodus contained the word *Torah* תּוֹרָה, also spelled out at the same 50-letter interval, beginning with the first appearance of the letter ת. When he examined the opening verses of Leviticus, however, he discovered the Hebrew word *HaShem* (יְהוָה), which means “the name” (of God), spelled out every 8th letter, beginning with the first letter, *yod* י.

When the rabbi examined the initial verses of Numbers and Deuteronomy, the fourth and fifth books of the Bible, again he found that the word *Torah* תּוֹרָה was encoded. In the book of Numbers, *Torah* תּוֹרָה was spelled out in reverse at a 50-letter interval and in Deuteronomy, to his surprise, *Torah* תּוֹרָה was spelled out in reverse at a 49-letter interval, beginning with the fifth verse.

Dr. Daniel Michelson calculated that, based on a letter frequency analysis, the odds are more than 3 million to 1 against the word *Torah* תּוֹרָה being encoded by chance, beginning with the first word of Genesis. Therefore, the odds that the word *Torah* תּוֹרָה would appear in ELS code at the very beginning of each of the four books of Moses simply by chance are astronomical.” (pp. 33-34)

See Figure 1 on next page



What is also quite amazing about this Bible code is the fact that the book of Leviticus was addressed to the Aaronic priesthood. The Aaronic priesthood and the Levites who served the tabernacle were all children, descendants of Levi. Levi means “to join.” You will notice that in Figure 2 concerning the placement of the tabernacle and the tribes of Israel, that the Levites were all placed around the tabernacle almost as a buffer zone. This reveals that the Levites were the ones who not only served the tabernacle, but they were the tribe utilized to “join” the Israelites to Yahweh.

Furthermore, the priests were to declare the Torah to the Israelites, while the whole of the Torah is a witness of Yahweh. The Prophet Malachi declares to the Levites, “And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith Yahweh of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you

away with it. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith Yahweh of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law (Torah) of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: **for he is the messenger of Yahweh of hosts.** But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith Yahweh of hosts. Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law (Torah). Have we not all one father? Hath not one Elohim created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of Yahweh which he loved, and hath

married the daughter of a strange el. Yahweh will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto Yahweh of hosts,” Mal. 2:1-12.

When Israel was delivered from Egypt into the wilderness. They heard Yahweh, saw His great works, but still couldn't understand what was going on. They were given many precious things, but very few could receive them. The overall majority perished in the wilderness. How many of twenty years old and upward were able to enter into the promised land? According to Scripture, only two, Caleb and Yahshua. Even Moses and Aaron weren't able to enter into the land of Canaan.

Do you not see how many things are simply hidden in Yahweh's word? Didn't Isaiah say that He hides His face from Jacob? (Isa. 8:17)

Even though the tabernacle was the dwelling place of Yahweh among the Israelites it, its appurtenances, the priesthood and their sacrifices and offerings were given as parables in order to keep the people blinded as to their true meanings. Yahweh hid Himself behind a veil in the qodesh ha qodeshim (holy of holies) and only one man was allowed to enter only once per year on the day of atonement and even then not without blood, and a cloud of incense to cover the ark of the covenant, which is also the ark of the testimony, so that he couldn't really see Yahweh between the cherubim.

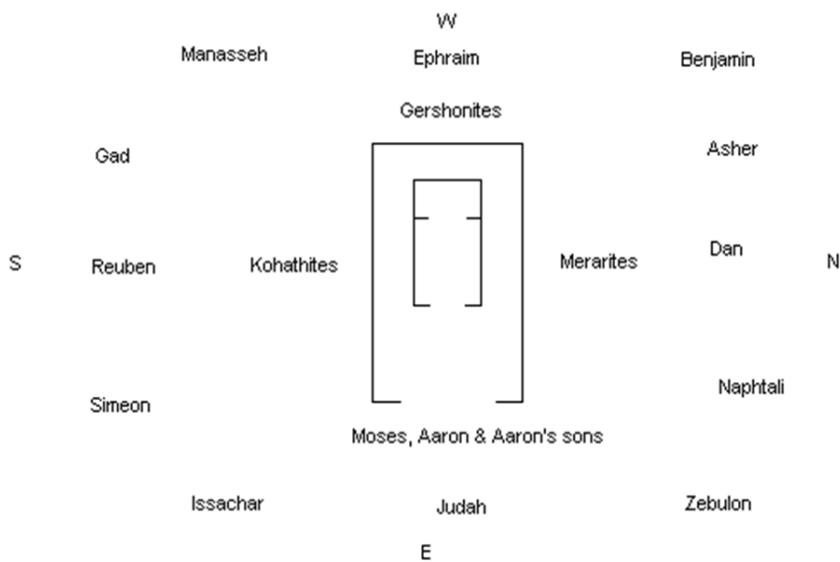



Figure 2—The placement of Israel around the Tabernacle of Testimony

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THE SACRIFICES

One of the major things that the tabernacle spoke of was that of sacrifice. The altar of sacrifice was in the east. The priests slew the sacrifices beside the altar and dispensed them in accordance with the law of sacrifices and offerings that we find in Leviticus chapters 1-7.

But the placement of Israel reveals another story that is only revealed through in-depth study and revelation. The major tribe, Judah, was in the east. The name for Judah itself is interesting because the ancient Hebrew for Judah was $\aleph \delta \gamma \aleph$. The name Yahweh, of course, is $\aleph \gamma \aleph$. The only difference between the two names is the “dalet” (δ). The dalet is an hieroglyphic or picture of a door, thus Judah is not only the tribe that is the door to the tabernacle, the dwelling place of Yahweh, but Judah is the tribe that Yahshua had to be born to so that

He would be the true door to the heavenly tabernacle wherein the Heavenly Father dwells. Yahshua proclaimed that He was the door in John chapter 10.

Aaron and His sons, the priests, were placed in the east between Judah and the tabernacle. As a matter of fact, the Levites were placed between all of the tribes of Israel and the tabernacle. According to Scripture and Bible scholars, Judah was under the banner of a lion. Also the tribes of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) were in the west, behind the tabernacle. They were under the banner of an ox. The question now would be, what does a lion do to an ox? When he gets hungry enough, doesn't he make a meal of it? The next question is, what do priests do with an ox? Don't they utilize them as animals of sacrifice?

The Gershonites were the Levitical tribe located in the west between the chief tribe Ephraim, along with Manasseh and Benjamin. The name Ger-

The Plan of the Tabernacle

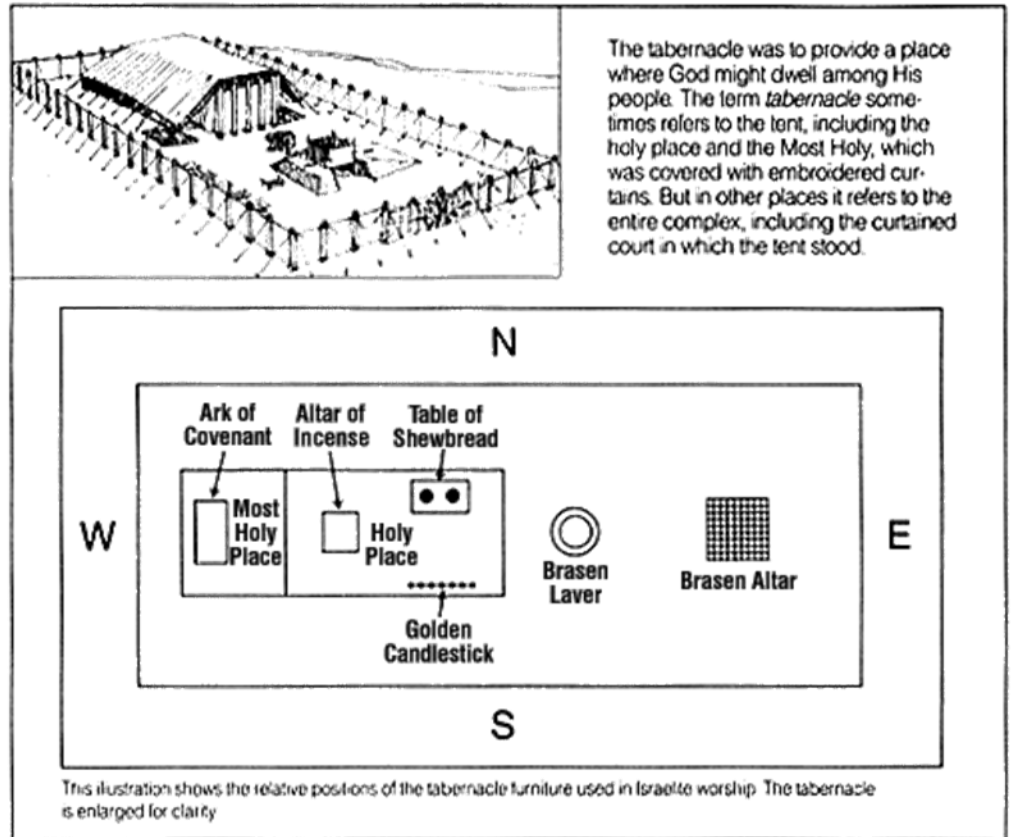


Figure 3

shown is defined as, or Gershom {gay-resh-ome’}; from 1644; a refugee; Gershon or Gereshom, an Israelite:--Gershon, Gershom.

Notice that it is from 1644, which is the Hebrew word *garash*, which is defined as, a primitive root; to drive out from a possession; especially to expatriate or divorce:--cast up (out), divorced (woman), drive away (forth, out), expel, X surely put away, trouble, thrust out.

Yahweh purposely blinded His own people and cast them away as a sacrifice so that He might have mercy upon the rest of the world (Ro. 11).

The only animals satisfactory for sacrifice upon the altar were to be clean animals. They were cattle, sheep, and goats. The birds were doves and pigeons. The grain was barley and wheat. A search of the Scriptures reveals that Yahweh often called His people oxen, bulls, cows, sheep, goats, etc. There are also references to them as doves and pigeons, as well as

grain. The rest of the nations of the world were referred to as wild, unclean animals. Yahweh's people Israel were to be sacrificed for the rest of the world.

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

But, of course, there is more to the story. The Hebrew term for ark, upon which Yahweh sat, is *arown* ($\aleph \gamma \delta \aleph$). It is defined as; from 717 (in the sense of gathering); a box. However, furthermore, the word *arown* was also translated as; ark, chest, coffin.

The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments reveal that Yahshua was Yahweh! This author has written about this time and time again, but very few of our people are able to receive and understand this idea, this concept, but the Torah speaks of it. The testimony speaks of it. If one speaks not according to the Torah and the testimony, then it is because there is no light in them. The Hebrew word for light in Isa. 8:20 is *shachar* which has to do with the earliest rays of

sunlight as they begin to penetrate the morning darkness.

Let's convert the example from *The Mysterious Bible Codes* presented above into Ancient Pictorial Hebrew

and then we can determine what is being presented. (See Figure 4)

GENESIS 𐤀𐤎𐤅𐤔 →	EXODUS 𐤀𐤎𐤅𐤔 →	LEVITICUS 𐤀𐤎𐤅𐤔	NUMBERS ← 𐤀𐤎𐤅𐤔	DEUTERONOMY ← 𐤀𐤎𐤅𐤔
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Figure 4

𐤀 = Behold! 𐤎 = head of a man, 𐤅 = nail, 𐤔 = cross. Putting it together it means, Behold the man nailed to the cross!

As shown in another article entitled *Wonders In The Hebrew*, we revealed that the name Yahweh (יהוה/hwhy) also has its own special meaning, but now we have the Pictorial Hebrew and look at what it is testifying! The name Yahweh is rendered thusly in the pictorial Hebrew: 𐤀𐤎𐤅𐤔. 𐤀 = behold, 𐤎 = nail, 𐤅 = behold, 𐤔 = hand! What did Yahshua say to doubting Thomas? "Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and **behold my hands**; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing," Jn. 20:27. Why did He want him to behold His hands? Because of the nails that had been driven there when He was hung on the cross!

How did Thomas respond? "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Sovereign and my Elohim!"

Sovereign or Lord in Hebrew is Adonai. Thomas was calling Him both Adonai (sovereign, master, lord) and Elohim!

This is the witness of the Torah and also the testimony! The Scriptures reveal that the very One Who spoke the creation into existence, has dealt with the patriarchs and Israel, emptied Himself of the esteem, honor and magnificence that He had, became a man and suffered and died so that we all might have an opportunity to step into eternal life.

THE STONE OF STUMBLING

Isaiah proclaimed that Yahweh would be, "**a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem," 8:14.

The Psalmist declares, "**The stone**

which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is Yahweh's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes," 118:22-23.

Yahshua combines Isaiah 8:14 and Psa. 118:22-23 in Matthew 21 revealing that both are speaking of Him. "Yahshua saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is Yahweh's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of Elohim shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him,

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Sovereign and my Elohim!

they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet," Mt. 21:42-46.

Many of our own people have gone to the direct descendants of the priests (Sadducees, Levites) and Pharisees (Rabbinic Judaism) in order to seek understanding from them concerning the Scriptures and what they are saying. Yahshua said that they are blind, and if you go to the blind to be led by them, then you will fall into the same ditch with them. (Mat. 15:14, see also Mat. 23)

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write, "What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness

which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed," Ro. 9:30-33.

The Apostle Peter adds, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that Yahweh is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of Elohim, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Yahweh by Yahshua the Messiah. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed," 1 Pet. 2:1-8.

The true testimony is that Yahshua is Yahweh. He is not the Father Yahweh, but is the Son Yahweh. The Scriptures have declared Him from the beginning. Yahshua came to declare His Father, "No man hath seen Elohim at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Fa-

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WHAT IS TRUTH?

Joh 4:24 *Elohim is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

What does it mean to worship Elohim in truth? What is truth? Pilate asked this question when Yahshua was brought to him for judgement.

Joh 18:37 *Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Yahshua answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.*

Joh 18:38 *Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.*

Do we know what is truth? Yahshua said he was the way, the truth and the life; no man comes unto the Father, but by him. So, what does he mean he is the truth? Yahshua answers that question as he was praying to the Father.

Joh 17:17 *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

We are also told that Yahshua is the word of Yahweh and was made flesh and dwelt among man. (John 1:1-14)

Psa 119:142 *Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy Torah is the truth.*

Psa 119:151 *Thou art near, O Yahweh; and all thy commandments are truth.*

So, now if we combine all these meanings given in scripture, we can conclude that Yahshua is the living Torah. He is the embodiment of the Word of Yahweh, the Torah, or the instructions of how to live a life pleasing to Yahweh.

How can one please the Father if he ignores His instructions (Torah)? Most protestant denominations claim the Torah no longer applies to them, that they are not under the law, but under grace. In other words, they believe they have freedom from the Torah or “Law” as it is translated in most bibles. I have heard them say they are no longer in bondage to the law (Torah). But, in reality, it is the Torah that brings us freedom because it tells us what sin is. John tells us the very definition of sin is the transgression of the law (Torah). (1John 3:4)

1Jo 2:3 *And hereby we do know*

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that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jo 2:4 *He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

Where do we find the commandments of Yahshua? They are the same as the Father and they are found in the law (Torah).

2Ti 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto Elohim, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Paul tells us in his letter to Timo-

thy how we may please Yahweh. We are to study and rightly divide the word of truth, the Torah. The only scriptures in existence at the time Timothy wrote this, was the Torah. The “New Testament” letters had not yet been compiled. He also tells us that in the last days, men will be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Tim. 3:1-7).

How could this happen? Paul gives us the answer in 2 Thess. 2:7-12.

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

2Th 2:8 *And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom Yahshua shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

2Th 2:9 *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

2Th 2:10 *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

2Th 2:11 *And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

2Th 2:12 *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

This is not something that is yet future. Paul said it was already at work in his day. The Mystery of Iniquity is the mystery of lawlessness or “Torahlessness.” You

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LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU!

For "average Joe's" from an "average Joe"

Expiration date bulletin: Check your Bible [the Word of **Yahweh**-- --this is HIS HEBREW NAME]--for an expiration date. If there is a time when the Scriptures will have outlived their usefulness, then it should say: expiration date-- 1 day past eternity. If after careful searching you conclude there is not one, couldn't that BE an indication that the Scriptures, the Word of **Yahweh** Our Creator and the commands contained within it, are still in effect; still in force; still useful and will remain forever?

So what's the point? Exactly this: Everything else in our American society today seems to have one of one kind or another: an expiration date. We have fallen victim to our own invention coined as "the American dream"--that our children would have it better than we had it growing up. It's BEEN a reality of American life since our inception in 1776. Like, "watch what you pray for". So, what's wrong with that? Well, you've heard that saying "he ain't half the man his daddy was". IT'S A REALITY! I know for a fact that I'm not half the man my dad was. He wasn't half the man his daddy was. His daddy wasn't half the man his daddy was on back--so on and so on. Cut to the chase? The very things that made our fathers, and their fathers before them the men that they were, shaped their character, and made them great men to be looked up to and respected were the HARDSHIPS that they endured. Our generation doesn't know what hardship is--not EVEN the faintest clue. The end result: a total lack of character: It's getting worse with each new generation.

As a child I used to watch old TV programs--The Three Stooges--The Little Rascals--Shirley Temple. There was a song, a catchy song, I remember hearing called, "Let me Entertain you",

written by Stephen Sonheim. It goes like this: "Let me entertain you. Let me make you smile. Let me do a few tricks, some old, and some new tricks. I'm very versatile. (2nd verse started like this) And if you're real good, I'll make you feel good. I want your spirits to climb. So let me entertain you, and we'll have a real good time, yes sir. We'll have a real good time" The end. Catchy huh! (I'll bet satan thought it was catchy too--I'd also bet that he and his cohorts sing it to themselves every day--right here in America--sorta like "whistle while you work"--you KNOW they've gotta be singin' that one too!)

"Let me entertain you" It is the marketing scheme of our times. It has become the driving force behind our economic system: Capitalism. We are bored so easily, that no matter how many new toys or trinkets; bass boats;

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cars; SUV's; 4WD pickups; video games; reality shows; new movie releases; new music CD releases; drunken nights on the town; wild sexual escapades; divorces and marriages; new jobs; or new careers that we indulge ourselves in...There still comes a time when something that WAS useful, meaningful, important, or essential to our lives BECOMES TRIVIAL; taking a backseat to the NEW; the FLASHY; the HOT; the "that's so cool"; or maybe just plain ole' MORE ENTERTAINING. They are phased out by new technology; new ideas; the latest craze; something faster; handier; prettier, sexier; more attractive; more appealing. Like a hit song on the radio, they take a dive from being at the top of the charts--

radically and fanatically accepted in our lives--"Oh look, baby's so proud of his new toy"--to a sudden crash to the bottom of the charts--being discarded overnight--becoming unpopular; unacceptable; "old hat". It's a crazy if you DON'T entertain me you AIN'T my friend world in which we live...HERE, In America.

To demonstrate the ongoing trend, we have the invention of the Bic pen and the Bic lighter. They knew what Americans wanted and shaped their marketing around it-- a stated fact: that we ARE the "Bic throw away" generation. We have cast aside our values; our morals; our principles. In the process, while we've been so busy entertaining ourselves we have forgotten who at least we THOUGHT we were, when that flag was first raised--the Stars and Stripes. We have regressed into a nation of people who hold nothing dear; nothing sacred; and because of that we POSSES NOTHING of any TRUE value. The one prevailing truth in our society is that ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING is for sale, including our bodies, our hearts, and our minds.

Have you heard the term OCD? It's a term used to diagnose a mental condition. While Psychiatrists and Psychologists strive to cope with a growing epidemic of mental illness in the good 'ole U. S. of A., they fail to see how hopeless their attempts are. Why? Because, quite simply...

MENTAL ILLNESS...? WE ALL HAVE IT. ALL OF US--AS A NATION! We are EXCESSIVELY, COMPULSIVELY pushing capitalism upon the world in the name of freedom to FEED our lust and our need for MORE and MORE. While ignoring the overwhelming evidence RIGHT HERE in our own society,

that like so many of the drugs we manufacture to treat diseases and illnesses, there is a SIDE EFFECT--a force that is NOW DRIVING Capitalism...SLOWLY killing us...DESTROYING our nation... Eating away, like a cancer at the very fabric, heart, and essence of our society.

There was a time when people of other nations looked up to us, respected us, and envied us as a safe haven for truth and freedom. Compared to the other nations of the world at that time, we were a bright and shining light. We are NOW a nation most hated and despised; and much like a spoiled, arrogant child, we parade our antics and our attitude--proud of our shameful behavior. We are an, uncouth; undisciplined people...And ALL THE WORLD KNOWS IT. So, where did we go wrong? What changed?

So WHERE DID we go wrong? Folks, we STARTED OUT wrong! What I am trying to say is this: REBELLION...REBELLION...REBELLION! To fully understand what WE HAVE BECOME, and WHY WE ARE steadily spiraling down, down, down, to an apparent and obvious disintegration of our nation, we MUST FACE A TRUTH that most Americans do not want to hear...Would probably become violently angry if indeed they heard it. Even your staunchest "church" goers will cringe and deny the truth of the roots, and foundation of our nation. I KNOW...I've tried talking to them. Our nation was founded upon REBELLION. From the BEGINNING, while our founding fathers believed themselves to be bible believing men fighting for our freedom, there was a dark cloud hanging over our land. REBELLION!

Romans 13:1-2 KJV--"**Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but from Yahweh. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth** the ordinance of

Yahweh: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation".

We STARTED OUT under a curse...The curse of disobedience to **Yahweh** Our Creator--from the "git go"... "Damnation".

Please note the following historical fact: In the land of Yisra'el after the death of king Solomon, there was a rebellion resulting in the formation of the House of Yisra'el separate from the tribes of Yahudah (Judah, Benjamin, and Lewi (Levi). They BEGAN in rebellion and they CONTINUED in rebellion until they were a nation NO MORE, and were scattered among the nations of the earth. There is a land of Yisra'el today, but those tribes ARE NOT THERE--at least not yet. Are we any better than they? Are we smarter? Do we know some secret "spell" or "incantation" that WILL INSURE the same thing will not happen to us?

What is rebellion? According to Scripture...

*It makes US god over Our Creator, **Yahweh!***

I Sam 15:23 KJV--"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of Yahweh, he hath also rejected thee from being king."

Simply put--in "Average Joe's" terms--rebellion is the REFUSAL to ACCEPT the authority of those in power over you. The REFUSAL TO OBEY their commands. The conclusive decision that no matter what it takes to remove their authority from over you and over your life, THAT IS INDEED what you WILL DO. That's what a revolution IS: A REBELLION. The American revolution WAS A REBELLION. It is not and never has been something grand and glorious. Men fight and kill each other to be free from authority and then set up

new governments and start the cycle all over again.

Who is it that we are really rebelling against? What authority are we really trying to get rid of? Our founding fathers, while PROFESSING TO BELIEVE the Scriptures, did exactly as it IS our sinful nature to do. They, as many STILL DO today, practiced the doctrine of "Pick and Choose". Whereby you PICK what you BELIEVE and what you don't BELIEVE, and you CHOOSE what you WILL OBEY and what you WILL NOT OBEY. This IS REBELLION of the HEART. It is the sinful nature's way of usurping the authority of **Yahweh** Our Creator and our Messiah **Yahshua**, this IS HIS HEBREW NAME...Effectively twisting the Scriptures to WHAT IS acceptable TO US at the time, and making the commands--Torah (Law)-- of the Scriptures "relevant"...A common euphemism used by today's humanistic thinking to simply state that there IS NO ABSOLUTE TRUTH. The truth is therefore "relevant"...The definition of what IS truth changing like a chameleon at our each and every whim, to each applicable situation, and to suite our own personal taste, fancy and desire. It makes US god over Our Creator, **Yahweh!** Who else was it that wanted to do that? Could his name be lucifer?

The mindset--infectious mental illness--that is plaguing our society in America today, began at the very beginning. We started off wrong. It shouldn't surprise us that things have gotten worse. We WERE BORN of rebellion. We as a nation have never confessed it; nor asked forgiveness for it. We are in ignorant bliss of the cold hard fact that, as far as the glorious beginnings of our nation go, WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO. Our forefathers, who followed their fleshly minds, blindly rejected the authority of those over them, and ultimately the authority of **Yahweh** and His Messiah **Yahshua**. In the old days if you had a rebellious child...You beat that

rebellion out of him...AND THAT for his own good. BEFORE you read this you could say you didn't KNOW THE TRUTH; had never really thought about it before. But now, YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO Yahweh Our Creator--YOU KNOW. What will you do? Close the eyes and ears of your heart and blindly blunder along AS IF it's no big deal and Yahweh has forgotten. I wouldn't bet on it. I wouldn't bet the future of this great nation on it. But, that's exactly what WE ARE doing. Every great nation or empire throughout history that has failed to obey Our Creator Yahweh has gone through this SAME CYCLE that we are going through...When lawlessness and immorality became rampant in the land, THE NATION as a result of its weakened condition FELL!

How could our forefathers have been so blind? Simple...When you DIS-AVOW one part of the Word of Yahweh, IGNORING HIS COMMANDS by practicing the doctrine of "Pick and Choose", IT SPIRITUALLY BLINDS YOU to other parts of His Word. It brings you under His curse. It--"the curse"-- traveled here like a tick upon the backs of our forefathers, ever growing and sucking the life's blood out of our nation. This TICK is an ERROR in our understanding of the Scriptures. The result was WE WERE TAUGHT, and CAME TO BELIEVE, and TEACH OTHERS, that "jesus did away with the law..." "jesus fulfilled the law".

This is the error with which satan has misled us all.

This IS the curse that BLINDED US to Romans 13:1-2. The Torah (law) of Our Creator Yahweh DID NOT END with the introduction of the New Covenant (New Testament). IF WE ARE BELIEVERS in Messiah Yahshua, then the TORAH (Law) IS BEING WRITTEN UPON OUR HEARTS...

Jeremiah 31:31-33--"Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will make

a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah (Yahudah). Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yahweh." "For this is the covenant I shall make with the house of Yisra'el after those days, declares (Yahweh) :יהוהI shall put My Torah in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts. And I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.

What is this error? It is a twisted, perverted attempt to define "TO FUL-FILL". The text at Matthew 5:17-19 KJV says...

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." (**Now pay close attention to this next verse--put it in context with what He just**

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said in verses 17 & 18) "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but WHOSOEVER SHALL DO AND TEACH THEM, THE SAME SHALL BE CALLED GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." (CAPS are mine)

Now, compare the verse above with this rather obscure and neglected verse of Scripture...

Luk 16:17--"And it is easier for the heaven and the earth to pass away than for one tittle of the Torah to fall."

To "fulfill" DOES NOT MEAN END. It means TO COMPLETE-- SUPPLY

THAT which IS LACKING. What was lacking? (1.) The TORAH (law) BEING WRITTEN UPON THE HEARTS OF MEN. (2.) A means TO TRULY REMOVE SIN. So what is the difference between the Old covenant and the New covenant? ANSWER: (1.) The TORAH BEING WRITTEN UPON THE HEARTS OF MEN. (2.) A CHANGE OF PRIESTHOOD. Yahshua (Messiah) became our high priest. It's THE SAME CONTRACT, only amended and that FOR OUR BENEFIT. To put it in an "average Joes" language...For all practical purposes the NEW PART of the new covenant MEANS "new, and improved"...New because IT HAS BEEN IMPROVED... BUT ONLY if we walk in His commands--Torah (Law).

Revelation 22:11-14--"He who does wrong, let him do more wrong; he who is filthy, let him be more filthy; he who is righteous, let him be more righteous; he who is set-apart, let him be more set-apart. And see, I am coming speedily; and My reward is with Me, to give each according to his work. I am the 'Aleph and the 'Taw, the Beginning and the End, The First and the Last. BLESSED ARE THOSE DOING HIS COMMANDS, so that the authority shall be theirs unto the tree of life, and to enter through the gates into the city." (CAPS are mine)

Aren't we saved by grace; and that through faith? Yes, WE ARE saved by unmerited favor (grace), and that through emuna (faith). Emuna means TRUST--GROUNDED--OBEDIENCE (faith). A simple way to look at this and understand it is: BECAUSE WE TRUST-- THEREFORE--OBEY.

We are CALLED TO BE the spotless Bride of the Messiah Yahshua. It is ETERNALLY IMPORTANT that we LEARN that the Bride of Messiah MUST TRUST her Husband in all that He asks or commands and DEMONSTRATE that very trust THROUGH OBEDIENCE and faith-

fulness.

But, I thought **Yahshua** Messiah only commanded us to love Our Creator **Yahweh** and to love each other? Yes, that IS TRUE. When He said this He was referring to the two "great commandments" that the religious leaders of Yisra'el had slyly asked him about attempting to ensnare him. (Deuteronomy 6:4 and Leviticus 19:18) He was teaching TORAH (Law) Folks! Every time that **Yahshua** Messiah, Shaul (Paul), Kepha (Peter), Yahcanon (John), or Ya'acob (James) made statements in the New Covenant (New Testament) Scriptures, where they are quoting Old Covenant (Old Testament) Scriptures, THEY ARE QUOTING THE TORAH (Law) or THE PROPHETS...OR THE PSALMS...EVERY TIME! Let's look at the text in Matthew 22:36-40 KJV...

"Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Yahshua said unto him, Thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

So, what does "hang" mean? What's this "love" stuff?

It means, that the true INTENT, SPIRIT, and PURPOSE of the Torah (Law), in its completeness, is contained in these two "great commandments". The Ten commandments given to Mosheh (Moses) is the outline from which all the Torah was expanded and expounded upon by **Yahweh** Our Creator in the Scriptures. The prevailing message given to us in the Scriptures, from the front cover to the back cover, is LOVE...Yahweh's LOVE FOR US. The problem IS THIS: We don't really have a clue in our society today what love, LOVE in its purest form, really IS.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7--"Love is patient, is kind, love does not envy, love does not boast, is not puffed up, does not behave indecently, does not seek its own, is not provoked, reckons not the evil, does not rejoice over the unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth, it covers all, believes all, expects all, endures all."

This is the kind of love we are to have for **Yahweh** and our fellow man.

This is the love spoken of in the great commandments. It SHOULD CAUSE US to joyously jump at any and every opportunity to please **Yahweh**.

ANYTHING HE ASKS...IF WE LOVE HIM...WE WILL DO, because IT IS A JOY TO PLEASE HIM. Unless of course we have a better offer. Maybe, a creator (god) that doesn't require or desire ANYTHING FROM US. Let me share with you a very true statement: "**Religion, that costs nothing, DOES NOTHING!**"! In this universe we live in IF is a very big word: **Yahshua** Messiah said...

But, I thought Yahshua Messiah only commanded us to love Our Creator Yahweh and to love each other?

Joh 15:14--"You are my friends IF you do whatever I command you" (CAPS are mine)

By the same token, if we love our neighbor as our self then we will have THEIR--not our--best interests at heart. We will ask ourselves the question: "How will this AFFECT them? How will they FEEL about this? Is this what's BEST for them? How will this AFFECT their relationship with **Yahweh**? Is this the WAY that I would want to be treated? How would **Yahweh** Our Creator have me to TREAT them? Will this PLEASE HIM?" Shaul (Paul) has this to say

about love:

Romans 13:8-10--"Owe no one any matter except to love one another, for **he who loves another has filled the Torah**. For this, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet, and if there is any other command, it is summed up in this word," **You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does not evil to a neighbor. Therefore love is the completion of the Torah.**"

The short of it: Love ENABLES US AND EMPOWERS US to keep and obey ALL Ten Commandments--the Torah--of **Yahweh**. NOW YOU KNOW THIS TRUTH AS WELL. YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO Yahweh for what you do with this knowledge.

The rebellion--mental disease-- ruling and ruining the thinking of our nation is like a runaway train folks! AND WE'RE ON IT! A train racing ever faster and faster out of control and headed for sure and certain destruction. There IS NOTHING special about us just because we're Americans...THAT IS OUR ARROGANCE PARADING ITSELF, MAKING OUR REBELLIOUS NATURE PLAIN FOR ALL TO SEE...Like we are different than all the other nations who have fallen before us...WE WILL FALL...It IS A CERTAINTY! So what's the "entertainment" for? Why do we crave it so much? IT'S TO KEEP US OCCUPIED while the train speeds along, drawing us ever and ever closer to the end of the track...A DEAD END!

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 KJV--"And for this cause **Yahweh shall send them strong delusion; that they should believe a lie; That they all might be damned who believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

I believe, with all my heart that, WE AS A NATION ARE BEING WARNED...But we are not listening,

just as Yisra'el was warned BUT DID NOT LISTEN!...

Isaiah 6:9-11 KJV--"And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Yahweh, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate."

I believe that **Yahweh** Our Creator is speaking--SCREAMING! at the top of His lungs so to speak--a clear message of warning to all of us as believers living in this nation. Yet many of us are merely "entertained" by what we hear...

Ezek 33:31-33--"And they come to you as people do, and they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them. For with their mouth they show much love – their hearts pursue their greedy gain. "And see, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and playing well on an instrument. And they hear your words, but they do not do them. And when it comes--see, it shall come--then they shall know that a prophet has been in their midst."

Let's ask ourselves a few questions about the present state of our nation in the world today. Let's ask ourselves:

WHAT NATION:

Consumes the largest quantities of the earth's natural resources?

Produces the largest quantities of environmental pollutants?

Speaks the loudest voice in world affairs but less than 6% of its population?

Has its motives looked upon suspiciously by the world at large?

Is one of the most unpopular--hated --in the world today?

Pushes capitalism in the name of freedom calling it democracy?

Is known for interfering with or helping to overthrow other governments?

Uses the threat of military action to achieve its goals?

Has proven to the world that it will wage war to maintain peace?

Has waged approx. 15 wars--1 every 15 years--in it's 231 year history?

Was the first and only nation to use nuclear weapons against another nation in a war?

Has thereby proven unquestionably that it will use nuclear weapons?

Lives in fear of being the target of a nuclear attack itself?

Yet many of us are merely "entertained" by what we hear...

Has stated openly that the pre-emptive strike is a viable option?

By the pre-emptive strike option gives its enemies good reason for a sneak attack?

By its track record among the nations of the world, might be considered a threat to world peace?

Could very well have its allies turn their backs if it is attacked?

The rest of the world could get along just fine without?

ANSWER: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

So, what do we do? REPENT! We as

a nation, and most especially those of US WHO CLAIM TO BE BELIEVERS and FOLLOWERS of the Messiah MUST REPENT! We must confess our rebellious past and beginning, and the rebellious nature that has come down to US from our founding fathers. We must ask forgiveness for our sins of rebellion. As individuals--as a nation! We must walk as the Messiah **Yahshua** himself walked: in the commandments Torah (law) of His Father **Yahweh**, Our Creator.

1 John 1:4-6 KJV--"**He that** saith, I know him, and **keepeth not his commandments, is a liar**, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of **Yahweh** perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. **He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**"

We MUST EMBRACE the fullness of the New Covenant. We MUST EMBRACE the **TORAH** (Law) of **Yahweh**.

LISTEN UP! PLEASE! ASK YOURSELF! What WAS IT that made **Yahshua** (Messiah) the perfect sacrifice for our sins--that MADE THE SPOTLESS LAMB OF Our Creator **Yahweh** SPOTLESS? He KEPT the Torah of His Father. He WALKED IT as well as TALKED IT! He LIVED IT as an EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW. When He criticized the religious leaders of Yisra'el, IT WAS FOR PERVERTING the Torah of His Father **Yahweh** by adding to it or subtracting from it with their MAN MADE DOCTRINES.

Deuteronomy 12:32 KJV--"What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: **thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.**"

Matthew 15:9 KJV--"But in vain do they worship me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men**".

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THE COMING KINGDOM, HEAVEN ON EARTH

Is heaven the reward of the saved as is taught in the churches today, or is the earth the great reward? Read this article to find out.

By Jim H. Thompson

John the Baptist came preaching saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" Mat. 3:2. Yahshua our Savior began to preach and say, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Mat. 4:17.

The Greek can mean, "The Royal Majesty of the kingdom has approached, Who was Yahshua of Nazareth. (*The Greek Diaglott*)

Yahshua went about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom,... (v. 23). Yahshua sent the disciples out to preach, "And as you go, Preach saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Mat. 10:7. He taught His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," Mat. 6:10-13.

What is all this talk about a coming kingdom? It must be a very important part of the New Covenant message as you can see much emphasis being placed on it by Yahshua Himself, and His commandment to the disciples to preach it as well.

Do you hear the message of the coming kingdom being preached today? Do you wonder why? It is sad to say, but the modern message of the last hundred years has been about the believers leaving rather than the kingdom coming. It is still the main message of the New Covenant gospel!

Yes, Yahshua is coming back as He promised in Acts 1:11 as King of kings to set up His kingdom here on earth. (1 Tim. 6:15; Mat. 5:5) Yahshua is bringing back with Him this glorious

kingdom of the heaven. (2 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 11:15) We must learn to put into operation the laws of this kingdom today if we expect to be a part of it when it comes.

SEEK FIRST

Yahshua taught His disciples in the sermon on the mount telling them, "But seek first the kingdom of Yahweh and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you," Mat. 6:33. If we are to seek first of all His kingdom, then we should surely study and make sure we know and understand what it is so we can know how to seek it, and tell others about it as well.

Did you know that man was never promised heaven as His eternal home?

Yahshua speaks of many coming from the east and the west to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven (Mat. 8:11) This would be after the resurrection, and the kingdom of heaven, or the kingdom from heaven is set up here on earth. This is indeed a real kingdom! The redeemed in Yahshua will have glorified bodies, while there will be millions with natural flesh and blood bodies. The coming kingdom is the theme of the whole Bible, both the Old and New Testaments make this clear.

Matthew 9:35, once again tells us

that Yahshua's message was the gospel (good news) of the coming kingdom of Yahweh. Yahshua will be its king and prince. A king needs a kingdom to rule over.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know our Father, and Savior Yahshua, and heaven (His kingdom) is coming down to earth? (Isa. 2:2-4; Mic. 4:1-3; Eze. 37:24-28; Rev. 21:2-4)

Did you know the throne of our Savior will be set up in Jerusalem at His return? (Jer. 3:16-17)

Did you know of all the places in the universe to dwell and reign, the heavenly Father has chosen Zion in Jerusalem as His favorite dwelling place? (Psa. 132:13-14; Zech. 2:10-12)

Did you know that man was never promised heaven as His eternal home?

Did you know the disciples and all the believers have been promised to reign with our Savior right here on earth? (Mat. 19:28, 5:5)

Did you know your own Bible makes all these questions very clear, and that you can read it and understand it for yourself?

I intend to answer and make these questions clear in this article.

THE KINGDOM IS NOT THE CHURCH

When we preach the kingdom message, we build the church (assembly). Still the kingdom of heaven is not the church (assembly). The kingdom of heaven is the government of Yahweh, which encompasses the whole universe.

In the resurrection, we become a part of this eternal kingdom. If we, by faith and repentance, have received Yahshua as our Savior and King, we have a guarantee of our inheritance in the now, in the Holy Spirit. (See Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30; Ro. 8:19)

THE EARTHLY KINGDOM OF DAVID

The kingdom of King David was a forerunner, an example, of this coming eternal kingdom from heaven. King David had it in his heart to build a house for Yahweh, a temple, a place to put the Ark of the Covenant, the earthly throne of the Creator of the universe. (2 Sam. 7:2-5, 11-13)

King David was not allowed to build the house or temple of Yahweh because he was a man of war who had shed blood.

David's son Solomon would build the house of Yahweh. Nevertheless, Yahweh saw his heart and made a promise to David. (2 Sam. 7:11). Also, Yahweh told David that He would make him a house, a promise to establish his kingdom (a dynasty) forever. (2 Sam. 7:12-13, 16) Verse 16 says, "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you (Me). Your throne shall be established forever."

Here we have a prophetic promise. Yahshua, the greater David, would continue this kingdom forever. Through David's son Solomon, David's house would be established. Out of the tribe of Judah would come the greater David, Yahshua our Savior, Who will sit on the throne of His father David forever.

The Prophet Isaiah has this to say, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty El, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to order it and es-

tablish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever," Isa. 9:6-7.

This prophecy reveals to us that the Messiah will come and continue His father David's throne forever. The Angel Gabriel speaks to Mary in harmony with this prophecy, "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and Yahweh the Mighty One will give Him the throne of His father David: and He will reign over the house of Jacob (David's dynasty, tribes of Israel) forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end," Lk. 1:32-33.

This speaks of the Messiah when He returns back to this earth, and sets up His eternal kingdom, which will take place at the first resurrection. (Dan. 2:44, 7:27; 2 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 11:15)

The Prophet Ezekiel prophecies of the Greater David (Eze. 37:24-28). He will be the Great Shepherd, "...My servant David shall be their prince forever. (v. 25, last part) This is the coming kingdom where Yahshua, the

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Greater David, will be King and Prince forever. "I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore," (v. 26) Sanctuary here means holy place, holy temple, probably the temple of Rev. 14:15-17, 15:5-8, 16:1, 17.

"My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their Mighty One, and they shall be My people," Eze. 37:27. Here, tabernacle means Yahweh's dwelling place in the midst of His people.

Revelation 21:3 is in agreement with the Prophet Ezekiel, "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold the tabernacle of Yahweh is

with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Yahweh Himself will be with them and be their Mighty One."

The holy city also comes down from heaven, "...Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from Yahweh," Rev. 21:9 (last part)-10.

As you can see, everything important is coming down from heaven. Why would anyone want to go up to heaven?

THE THRONE OF YAHWEH

The Prophet Jeremiah had this to say about the throne of Yahweh, "At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of Yahweh, and all nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of Yahweh, to Jerusalem," Jer. 3:17.

Isaiah and Micah both address this same period of time in Isaiah 2:2-4 and Micah 4:1-3. Yahweh our Creator loves this earth and his people. In Psalms 132 Yahweh declares, "For Yahweh has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation: this is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it," vv. 13-14. My what an insight into the mind of our Father, and His desire to be with His people.

Zechariah is inspired to cry, "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst, says Yahweh. In that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst," Zech. 2:10-11.

YAHWEH'S LOVE FOR THE LAND AND PEOPLE

Zechariah continues, "And Yahweh will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem," v. 12. What great love we see here of a loving Father opening His heart and His de-

sires to us.

Zechariah also writes, "Thus says Yahweh: I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the city of truth, the mountain of Yahweh of hosts, the holy mountain," 8:3.

In Zechariah 14:1-5, Yahshua is keeping His promise made to His disciples in Acts 1:11, that He would surely return just as He said He would.

In verse 4 Yahweh in Yahshua returns back to this earth. His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem. This is in the very near future. Verse 5 tells us, "Thus Yahweh (Yahshua) My Mighty One will come, and all the saints with Him. This is the end of the age, the first resurrection. Yahshua returns and sets up His kingdom, His purpose from the beginning. The tribulation, the wrath of Yahweh is all behind us at this time.

LIVING WATERS FLOW FROM JERUSALEM

When Yahshua returns and sets up His kingdom, living waters shall flow from Jerusalem. Half of them will flow toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea. (Zech. 14:8) Then in verse 9 we read, "And Yahweh (Yahshua) shall be king over all the earth. In that day it shall be – Yahweh is one, and His name one." We find the same time period that Ezekiel speaks of in Eze. 47:1-12. In verse 1, we see water flowing from under the threshold of the temple. In verse 7 trees are along the side of the river of water. In verse 8 when the waters reach the sea (Dead Sea) its waters are healed.

Verse 12 describes the bank of the river, on this side and that will grow all kinds of trees used for food. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medi-

cine. This is the throne of our Father and Savior set up here on this earth. WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!!!!

JOHN SPEAKS OF THIS TIME

In Rev. 22:1-5, We see a pure river of water of life clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of Yahweh and of the lamb (v. 2). In the middle of the street, and on either side of the river is the tree of life, which bears twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations (v. 3). And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of Yahweh and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

The water heals everything it touches. Remember the throne of Yahweh comes down in Rev. 21:1-4. Here we see the water flowing from the throne of Yahweh. The tree of life will be there as well.

Adam and Eve ate from the wrong tree. Here in the new earth, we see the tree of life once again.

This is the destruction of the gentile kingdoms by the kingdom of Yahweh spoken of in Daniel 2:35.

This coming kingdom Yahshua talked about so much is spoken of by the Prophet Daniel, "And in the days of these kings the Mighty One of Heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever," 2:44.

When the gentile kingdoms have run their course (in the days of these kings) at the end of the time of the gentiles, Yahweh will set up the kingdom of heaven. "Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, that it

broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the Mighty One has made known to the king what will come to pass after this," Dan. 2:45.

THE TIME OF THE GENTILES

The gentile kingdoms started with Babylon (here in Daniel's time, approximately 600 B.C.E) and will end at the return of our Savior. The stone cut from the mountain without hands is the return of Yahshua and His people of the kingdom of heaven. The overcomer of Rev. 2:26-27 will be ruling with Yahshua here on earth, "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations. (These are the gentile nation Daniel spoke of). He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the potter's vessels shall they be broken to pieces."

This is the destruction of the gentile kingdoms by the kingdom of Yahweh spoken of in Daniel 2:35. The stone destroys the image and becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. "Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him," Dan. 7:27. This takes place at the return of our Savior.

"I charge you therefore before Yahweh and the Master Yahshua the Messiah, Who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom," 2 Tim. 4:1. It is clear here that this is speaking of the second coming of Yahshua.

"Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Father and His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever," Rev. 11:15. This is the end of the world (age),

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THE JERUSALEM BIBLE

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By Ini Mbeben

About the 1st or 2nd Sunday of November 2006, men and women of “timber and caliber”, high and low in government and private sectors and even from various denominations of Christendom gathered at the beautiful Catholic Church by Aka Road Junction, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria for a thanksgiving service on behalf of the first lady of the state.

Nne Nnyin Alison Atta and husband together with family-grandchildren and in-law(s) were at the centre stage. Politicians and aspirants to various political offices were all present (very importantly) to buy favour of the Governor who they thought would have had a hand or finger in the choosing of the next governor, senators, representatives and so on.

I was in my room watching the ceremony on TV with ease and admiration. Speeches were made and everyone was happy that Nne Nnyin regained her sight. But there was one remarkable speech that was made but ostensibly no one took it to heart. It was the Bishop’s speech. Apart from his usual eloquence usually interwoven with many dialects of the state, he had officially announced that he was going to conclude his speech by reading a portion of the scriptures from the (Catholic) Jerusalem Bible. I once read about that bible in a tract but have never seen it.

I sat up and called my wife to

come and listen. The Bishop read the portion clearly and all I wanted to hear was the true name of my Creator. Sure enough, I heard him three times reading, “... .. Yahweh Yahweh Yahweh” That was just the name I wanted to hear. It confirmed what I read in that tract.

Everywhere you have LORD and sometimes God in the Old Testament is replaced by the sacred name “Yahweh.” I did not even care what else was read by him. I was waiting to hear my Creator’s name read to that august congregation.

***Sure enough, I heard
him three times
reading, “... ..
Yahweh***

Unfortunately, the entire congregation remained blank, including the Catholics and left without realizing that the Catholic Church, who changed the Creator’s name in the bible to “Jehovah,” “God,” and “Lord” hundreds of years ago has recently begun to reinstate the proper name-Yahweh. It is sad that our Christian brothers and sisters, who claim to be Protestants, do not know that some reverend fathers in their privacy might have been using the true name of the heavenly father in prayers and probably

get results faster; but leave their followers to shout to “God” and “Lord.”

Even the Jehovah’s Witnesses, in many of their pamphlets, accept that YHWH (called the Tetragrammaton, found almost 7,000 times in the original Hebrew bible) which is pronounced “Yahweh” is original and superior to Jehovah. On pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 of “The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever” they write that “Jehovah”, although formed out of error, is used because it is likely to meet with quicker response more than Yahweh. For “Jesus”, they say that was certainly not the name; “it might have been something like Yeshua or Yehoshua.”

Before now, if you had told an average Christian that “Yahweh” is our heavenly father’s name, and that “Jesus” was not the original name of the son-our Savior, he/she would vehemently rebuke you and call you names. Many, in fact the majority, are still praying and singing songs satisfactorily and happily to generic titles whose meaning they do not even know. Do not be surprised that tomorrow if some Catholic clergy begin to observe the seventh day Sabbath on Saturday, which they boastfully accept they changed to Sunday, you will continue to see their laity and our stiff-necked un-protesting Protes-

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OUR SAVIOR

WERE HIS PARENTS JEWS OR GREEKS?

By Ini Mbebeng

Mary (properly Miryam) and Joseph (properly Yoseph), the earthly parents of our Savior were Jews (Yahudim) and they all spoke Hebrew.

When the angel spoke to them about their son, our Savior, and gave them a name which he was to be called, (Matt. 1:20-21), do you think the angel spoke Hebrew or Greek? (Don't forget the parents, Mary and Joseph were Hebrew speaking people.)

Today we all know that the name 'Jesus' is Greek. Why don't we accept the clear fact that the angel spoke Hebrew

and gave the name in Hebrew to Mary and Joseph as Yahshua (which means Yahweh's salvation)? Yahshua in today's English is Joshua. Why can't we be truthful to ourselves and accept the simple fact that our savior's name is Yahshua the Messiah and not the gentile-Greek-name "Jesus?"

Many clergymen know very well that the mess was cooked up by Constantine who forbade Hebrew writings, especially in the New Testament Scriptures. He changed Yahshua to Iesous and later to Jesus, Moshiac

(Messiah) to Christos (Christ).

May Yahweh help us to accept the truth and drop the Greek or gentile name and title in our worship. HalleluYah!

If you care to prove this, please check

(1) The Living Bible (Self Help Edition) Footnotes of page 124.

(2) "The Divine Name that Endures Forever" (by Jehovah's Witnesses) Page 9, 10, 11.

(3) Compare King James Bible with all other Bibles when you read Heb. 4:8 and Acts 7:45. You will see the mix-up.

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tants marching to church on Sundays.

We have many "gods" and "lords" in earth and in heaven (1 Cor. 8:5) whether it is upper case "G" or lower case "g", "L" or "l" they sound the same and therefore are the same. Check these portions for "a God" (Psa. 86:15, Psa. 77:13, 1 Sam. 17:46). Can anybody say these 3 portions that clearly indicate that "God" is just a title for any deity worshiped are mistakes? That would be a blatant refusal to accept the truth.

If you are to address a particular nation's president, would you continue to refer to him as Mr. President even in the presence of other presidents (including bank presi-

dents)? Every president has a name. No president is nameless. Is your Creator a nameless Creator? My Creator has a name: one name (Zech. 14:9). His name is Yahweh. He also has a son who is our Saviour; whose name was also jealously changed by the Greeks to something like "Iesous" and later to Jesus when the letter "J" came into the English language about 500 years ago.

It is a fact that he came in His father's name as "Yahshua" which means "Yah's salvation" or "Yah saves." "Yah" is the short form of Yahweh and it is in the King James Bible (Psa. 68:4). Don't forget that there is no "J" sound or letter in the Hebrew or the Greek.

May I ask:

1. Why do we have the name "Jesus" in Heb. 4:8 and Acts 7:45 in the King James Bible, but differently as Joshua (which is Yahshua in the Hebrew language) in all other bibles?
2. Why do we have so many prophet's names in the bible ending in "yah" or "iah"? For example, Isaiah, Obadiah, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Elijah, etc. and the world's most popular word of praise "Hallelujah"? But the acclaimed Saviour's name (Jesus) is nothing close to "Yah" or "ian"?

May Yahweh's Holy Spirit (Ruach Hakodesh) help you to understand in the name of Yahshua the Messiah.

COMMENTS FROM OUR READERS

Just received your magazine (Sept.-Oct.) and was amazed and gratified to finally hear someone address the issues of today and answer them with lucid, as well as, enlightened responses.

RD/TX

Shalom Jerry,

Kudos on the article "Wonders in the Hebrew" in the latest Yahshua's Witness Magazine Sep.-Oct. 2008!! You hit the nail on the head on page 5, when you said that the Hebrew was the language of revelation. Yahweh revealed Himself to His people in this language and Yahshua spoke to Shaul on the road to Damascus in Hebrew (Acts 26:14). On the inside front cover, you said there is a resurging interest in the language in these latter days. Why? I'm sure you've read the prophecy in Tzephanyah 3:9, where Yahweh says "For then I will turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call on the name of Yahweh, to serve Him with one consent." The word turn is "haphak" (Strong' 2015) and in this context means to return (restore). Did you know that this verse is distinct in all the Tanahk (Old Testament Scriptures), it is the only one consisting of **ALL** 22 Hebrew letters! Also, all Hebrew words used in the Tanahk can be found in the first 4 Chapters of B'reshiyt (Genesis).

I also wanted to say, that the talents mentioned in the parable in Mattityahu 25 starting in verse 14, are the knowledge and understanding, Yahweh has given each of us, that we are to share. Look

what happened to the man given the one talent, he didn't share and lost everything!! So the many you know, who are also learning, I hope you are keeping in touch with them, so you all can grow.

AS/CA

Shalom Friends,

First I want to thank you for the wonderful article you wrote about "Wonders in the Hebrew." I really enjoyed that insightful blessing. It helps us to increase our understanding about the infinite power that sustains all things. I think it is tougher for us to keep a sound perspective on the important Holy Spiritual side with a storm of wickedness, perverse-

First I want to thank you for the wonderful article you wrote about "Wonders in the Hebrew."

ness and destruction coming at us from everything going on around us. That article really was a joy to me.

The article about the Holy Name of the Savior, Yahshua made me up set. I felt anger and wanted to fight. The commentaries are so full of perversion especially about the true Savior, Yahshua. It isn't any surprise though. Satan isn't called subtle, crafty, liar, deceiver, perverter for nothing. He has done exactly as the prophecy says, he has led the whole world astray. There are only a few who have a heart full of hunger for the truth and keep digging and apply, refin-

ing to become more pure so we can be found worthy of having a part in Yahshua's righteousness, given a permanent job of ruling and governing the earth in truth and righteousness. It's amazing how many commentaries show the pagan sun god, Zeus Krishna as many other renditions but the truth is all recorded, it will stand. Yahshua has only one standard for the truth and all perversion no matter how close they make it seem to be to the real thing it will not be accepted. Satan is an expert at creating diabolical perversions that have a veneer of being holy while all the time it is worshipping demons. I primarily use the Holy Scriptures published by a group out of So. Africa and they show for the name (J) Iosous also they go on to say that it is an amalgamation of 4 Greek deities. The *Webster's Dictionary* says this about Zeus- The supreme deity of the ancient Greeks, a son of Cronus and Rhea, brother of Demeter, Hades, Hera, Hestia, and Poseidon, and father of a number of gods, demigods, and mortals; the god of the heavens, identified by the Romans with Jupiter. The current pope wore his Jupiter hat when we visited Germany for his tour there.

This Sun god worship was around long before Yahshua came and died. When Paul went to Greece he visited their temple and said he could see that they were very religious because they even had a sign for the unknown God. Then he went on to explain who that unknown God really was.

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suming office. He was rejected for a second term.

We are living at the end of the age. We are all responsible for the failures. We have all known that you can't continue to live off of credit. Yet, we have allowed our leaders to continue to borrow us into oblivion from budget, to budget, to budget. The national debt and the interest on it is astounding. However, most of our people are in debt, I was going to say up to their eyeballs, but actually it is over their heads. We are drowning in debt. Someone who is drowning usually ends up dead. We are not only drowning from the national debt that our leaders have been deceived to lay upon our shoulders, but we are also drowning in our own personal debts. Scripture does say that the borrower is servant (slave) to the lender (Prov. 22:7). That same proverb says that the rich rule over the poor.

There is great wealth, riches in Washington D. C. There is great power in wealth. Baron Rothschild said (paraphrasing) that he didn't care to have control over a people's army, he only wanted control over their wealth. He and his family are the ones who established the modern banking systems throughout the world. The world is being ruled by the rich international bankers. Through their financial wizardry, they can make fortunes disappear overnight in places like the stock markets, the banks, etc. Such has been the case lately. Over two trillion dollars have disappeared through the stock market alone.

But there are also other ways to manipulate riches and tax the people. One way is through the deceptiveness of inflation. Inflation is nothing more than a hidden tax.

The main manipulation, however, is through interest rates on debt. A look at the special clock in New York the other day revealed that the national debt is over 10 trillion dollars. Who owns this debt? The international bankers, of course. Who is really ruling our country? The international bankers, of course.

Why do you think that the president dispatched our armies to Afghanistan and to Iraq? To protect oil pipelines in Afghanistan and to seize the Iraqi oilfields by force. The Iraqi oilfields were to be utilized for the good of the Iraqi people, but is that taking place?

Of course, our army was sent in to not only conquer Iraq, but to remain stationed there to protect the oilfields. The question is, who is paying for the considerable debt that is being incurred? The answer is the American taxpayer. Why aren't the proceeds from the oilfields being utilized to finance the U. S. Forces presence? The answer is because we are servants of, enslaved to the international bankers and must do their bidding so that they can continue to rape the citizens of the earth of their sustenance.

But take a good look at ourselves. Our national character and morality is also no longer what it was at one time. In my own lifetime, I have seen a people who would have been embarrassed to hear a curse word on television or in the movies, go to spouting off of some of the most vile and filthy language in those movies, and it is

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expected to be heard in today's world. As a matter of fact, if it isn't heard, then it simply isn't a good movie. Even the music had become absolutely filthy.

Then there is the nudity and sex issue. I remember when there was no bedroom scene allowed. Everyone was dressed from head to foot. There was kissing, but the kiss ended the scene. Today, the whole sex scene has to be displayed. (Don't get me wrong, I don't watch those movies, but sometimes even the most seemingly innocent movie can have some of the most torrid sex scenes.)

Our character and morality is suffering greatly because we have been encouraged to throw the Scriptures away. We have been taught that we

are only here by accident and people are simply too mushy headed to believe or prove otherwise. When a people throw away Yahweh and His wondrous word of instruction, the avenue that they take is the broad way to death and destruction.

Having been a former member of Worldwide Church of God while Herbert W. Armstrong was still alive, I remember some of his wise sayings. He would quote a former acquaintance of his that he knew in the Great Depression era. His friend told him that as long as more than 50% of the people of the country were honest and doing honest business, then things would be fine, but when over 50% of the people and businesses were dishonest, then the financial markets would fail.

Our leaders have been dishonest and have acted thusly. Our businesses have been dishonest and have acted thusly. Finally, our common people have been dishonest and have acted thusly. Therefore, there is going to be a great fall and nothing short of the intervention of Yahshua the Messiah will prevent it or remedy it.

We have entered a period of chaos and confusion (Hebrew = buwsh/Bush). One final thing is the appearance of a man named Barack O'Bama on the scene. Barack is a very meaningful Hebrew name. In Hebrew, *baraq* is lightning or a flashing sword. Bama, in Hebrew, is *bamah* which means "high place" (of the earth, earthly).

A storm brings confusion and chaos, witness what tornadoes, hurricanes, typhoons, winds, etc. cause. What accompanies those storms is lightning (Hebrew = *baraq*/barack).

The only person running for office who has a name and, I think, character to stave off disaster for a short period is Sarah Palin. Searching the Hebrew, her name Sarah means princess, or queen. Palin seems to be close to a Hebrew word that means "a certain one," or "judge." But, of course, she would only be a Vice President, not the President and leader of the nation.

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when Yahshua's kingdom is set up here on the Earth.

The disciples asked our Savior in Acts 1:6-7, Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel? His reply was, It is not for you to know the time or the season. It was a valid question, but it was no concern for them. Many years later at a council meeting at Jerusalem the subject comes up again among the Disciples. (Acts 15:14-17) The Apostle James tells how Simon Peter has declared how Yahweh at the first visited the gentiles to take out of them a people for His name (v. 14). This is speaking of the time Peter went and preached to the gentiles, and that door is open still today. (Acts 10:1-48)

Acts 15:16 says, "After this (taking out of the gentiles a people for His name) I will return and rebuild the tabernacle of David which had fallen down." This will fulfill the promise to David in 2 Sam. 7:16. Your house and kingdom and throne shall be established forever. This is also a prophecy spoken of by the Prophet Amos in 9:11. All of these Scriptures refer to the coming of Yahshua and His kingdom.

When the church age is over (taken out of the gentiles a people for His

name) the kingdom will go back to Israel, the kingdom of the greater David.

THE DELIVERER OUT OF ZION

At the time of the rebuilding of the tabernacle of David, when the fullness of the gentiles has come in, come to pass (Ro. 11:26), the Prophet Joel declares, Yahweh will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem. (Joel 3:16) This is the return of the Savior.

From the Hebrew Scriptures this deliverer means a kinsman redeemer, one nearest of blood kin, family. (Isa. 59:20) Yahshua was born of a woman, entered the human family and became our blood brother, One Who is related to us by blood (Gal. 4:4-5).

THE KINGDOM IN OUR HEARTS?

Luke 17:21 tells us the kingdom is within you, does it not? No, the Greek word here is "*entos*" which would better be translated as "In the midst of." Was Yahshua telling those critical, unbelieving Pharisees they had His kingdom in their hearts? No, the *Diaglott Greek* reads, Yahweh Royal Majesty is among you. The royal representative of the kingdom (Yahshua) stood in their midst and they did not know Him.

LEARN WAR NO MORE

This coming kingdom will bring about world wide peace where war and strife will be no more. A time when "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore (Isa. 2:2-4). For Yahweh will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem (Isa. 2:3).

A time when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion shall feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain.

A time when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea (Isa. 11:6-9).

We pray Holy Father to hasten the day when your kingdom will come. But until then we may live the life that is pleasing to you and may we lift up our voices together and pray, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

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Thinking about the name John McCain, John comes from the Hebrew Yochanan, which has to do with the grace and favor of Yahweh. McCain is a Scotch-Irish name. The Mc gives the idea of "son" in that heritage. "Cain" is that name that one struggles with because we all know that the first son of Adam and Eve was given that name. He was of the spirit of the murderer Satan. He slew His brother Abel. Cain, in Hebrew, means "a lance striking quickly."

One is not sure how the McCain—Palin relationship would be, since she took on the "good ole boy" framework in Alaska victoriously. The problem is that John McCain is a

member of the "good ole boy" framework in Washington.

Remember that Yahweh sent Deborah to judge Israel in one of their times of need. The stage is set, or seemingly set. If the Democrat candidate wins the election, we could be struck with "lightning of the earth's high places," or a "flashing sword of the earth's high places."

If McCain/Palin win, we could have a "princess judge" like Deborah to stave off the final destruction.

In the end, however, if we dance to the fiddle, then we will pay the piper, as the old saying goes. We have danced to the fiddle of excess. We have rejoiced in great wealth, no matter the cost. It has been a real orgy, so

to speak. Now, or soon, the price must be paid. We are all responsible and accountable for our sins. The penalty, the wages of sin is death (Ro. 6:23).

Punishment is on the way, but we can also look forward to the fulfillment of the last half of this famous verse, "but the gift of Yahweh is eternal life through Yahshua the Messiah our Sovereign."

To receive this gift, we must repent of (turn away from) our sins, and begin to walk according to Yahweh's word. Failure to do so will bring sudden and sure destruction. May Yahweh bless us with true repentance.

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ther, he hath declared him," Jn. 1:18. "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape," Jn. 5:37. "Now unto the King eternal, immor-

tal, **invisible**, the only wise Elohim, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen," 1 Tim. 1:17. "No man hath seen Elohim at any time. If we love one another, Elohim dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us," 1 Jn. 4:12.

One day soon, we will see Him, but we can experience Him today through the Spirit of Yahshua haMessiah. If we have not His spirit, we are none of His.

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can prove this yourself by looking up the meaning of the word "Iniquity" in your concordance.

The Torah is truth. How many of us love the Torah and keep it's commandments, statutes and precepts?

The conclusion is inescapable. To properly worship Elohim in spirit and in truth is to love His Torah as did King David and follow the instructions that lead to eternal life through Yahshua, our Messiah. You can't worship Yahweh in any other way.

Pro 28:9 *He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law (Torah), even his prayer shall be abomination.*

Selah
Brick Parish

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We are commanded to spread the "Good News"! So here it is...

Matthew 4:17 KJV--"Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

He's coming sooner than you think folks! We better be ready!

WE WILL ALL STAND ACCOUNTABLE TO **Yahweh** FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE ON THIS EARTH--GOOD OR BAD--OBEDIENCE OR DISOBEDIENCE! HIS REWARD IS WITH HIM. HE WILL NOT SPARE!

Author, Lew White, shares this in his book, Fossilized Customs: "Go through your bible and UNDERLINE SABBATH every time that you see it in the New Testament (New Covenant). Then, prayerfully, read and study what is taking place when the word is mentioned." You will find

that the word Sabbath is mentioned 56 times in the New Testament (New Covenant). The phrase "first day of the week" is mentioned 8 times. The word "sun-day" is mentioned 0, as in zero, times. How many lawyers would dare to take a case to court and argue that the Torah (Law) has been "ended" based upon evidence as flimsy as this?

Now, let me suggest that you try studying by cross referencing Scriptures you read in the New Covenant back to the Old Covenant by topic and teaching. Most of our nice leather bound Bibles have "footnotes" attached to many verses of Scripture. You will find that many of the words of our Messiah, as well as Shaul (Paul), Peter (Kepha), James (Ya'acob), John (Yahuacanon), Luke, and Mark, can be cross referenced right back to either the **Torah** (Law) or the **Prophets**. Mark yourself a **T** or an **L** for **Torah** or Law, and a **P** for

Prophets beside every Scripture you find that you can cross reference back to the Old Covenant. If you do your homework, seriously looking to see if I am telling you the truth, then soon much of the back half of your bible will be filled with **T's, L's, or P's**. **IT'S SIMPLE!** The Old Covenant, is the giving of the **Torah** and the **Prophets**. The New Covenant is the continued teaching and application of the **Torah**, and, the **Prophets**. Pray for understanding.

Luke 22:45KJV--"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."

We truly want to thank you for the opportunity to entertain you with this treatise. We hope and pray that the end result will be more than entertainment, however. We hope that it has and will stir you to act upon the REPENTANCE encouraged and to begin seeking the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN with all of your heart.

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Well I could go on and on about this but you know that each one of us is being tested and tried and how we stand for the truth determines the spiritual level we will reach and the position we will receive in the kingdom if we qualify and I pray that we will be found worthy to be part of Yahshua's Kingdom there is no other. There is only one kingdom of life and the

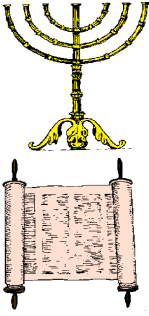
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