

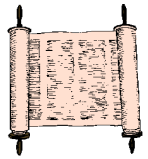
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in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

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OUR COVER: We have chosen the cover picture in order to highlight the article entitled "Without Hands" beginning on page 15. We hope that this article will enable you to see more into the spiritual background of the Melchizedek Priesthood. We understand that there may be some, or even many who may become somewhat upset with the reasoning employed, but we have presented plenty of Scriptures to back up what we have written. We truly hope that it will be an educational experience, but we do understand that we will receive a good number of negative comments. So be it. We are not performing this ministry to please everyone. That is an impossible task. We seek to search out and publish the truth and we are happy that Yahweh has blessed us with the mean to do so. We will await comments, both positive and negative.

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THE TERMINATOR

Interesting things are taking place in today's world that should be a warning to all. There is a series of movies that began with the title *The Terminator*. It is a movie about super androids being created by mankind that turn on their very creators and seek to destroy all human life. It's kind of like the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde or the Frankenstein movies. The androids are practically indestructible and can rejuvenate themselves when damaged. Of course there are the good androids and the evil ones. But the truth of the matter is that the true character of man is basically portrayed in the fact that we are always seeking to destroy ourselves and everything that truly should matter to us. Our forefather Adam was told that he pretty much had free reign in the Garden of Eden, but only one thing was forbidden to him and as long as he did what he was supposed to do there would be no problem. But in the day that he partook of that which is forbidden, he would begin a process of sin and corruption that would lead to his own death. We know the story. We and the creation are still suffering from the consequences of his actions as well as our own.

It is the same story over and over, again and again. We have a Creator Who gives us His instruction book, but we cast it behind as valueless and continue to walk in paths that lead to so much hurt, pain, grief, sorrow and eventually, death.

Did you know that when the scientists completed the Manhattan Project and tested the first atomic bomb, they didn't really know what kind of action that would result? Did you know that they feared that their act of splitting an atom might lead to a chain reaction that would destroy the whole creation? What if their fears are realized, not now, but sometime in the future just as Adam's action caused his death, but not immediate, rather sometime in the distant future. There is a science that is being explored wherein an action in one place in the universe also causes the same action somewhere else.

Peter writes, "But the day of Yahweh will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and righteousness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of Yahweh, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"

The Greek word for "elements" is *stoicheion*, which is defined as, something orderly in arrangement, fundamental or basic. It is the atomic world that is orderly in arrangement and the basis or fundamental things of which everything is made. "Dissolved" also had to do with breaking up. The scientists talk about the big bang that created everything. Of course that was the power of the word of creation spoken by Yahshua. According to the Scriptures, the creation is also going to be dissolved, broken up, or fly apart with a great noise and fervent heat. What Peter is describing is the greatest of all nuclear explosions that will destroy both the heavens and the earth. If the breaking of one atom can cause such destruction as we saw on Japan, what kind of explosion would it be when all atoms break apart?

In these last days, we have developed weapons that can break apart the atomic structure. In these last days, the scientists have developed "terminator seeds" so that the seed crops will not reproduce. In these last days, homosexuality is becoming rampant, which "terminates" the original relationship and purpose for the man and woman so that they could bring forth seed, children on the earth. In these last days, people's hearts have grown so cold that they can't even love their offspring. They "terminate" pregnancies through abortion and even murder. How can a people who have grown so cold in their feelings toward their own offspring find favor with the great Creator? What if He decides to terminate it all because there is no longer any profit to it?

We are born into a world that is terminal. We are terminal. We are in the process of terminating ourselves, our children, the seeds, relationships, atoms, the creation, etc.

Yahweh terminated almost all flesh once before by water because of the great wickedness that was being committed. It is going to be terminated the second time by fire. But before that time, Yahweh promises to send one in the spirit of EliYah to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children.

We are at the end (termination) of the age. Yahweh is soon going to send His Son Yahshua the Messiah to this earth to put down all the rule and authority of man and to establish the kingdom of heaven. It is our only hope for salvation to be worked on this earth because man has failed to work salvation. Man terminates. Man destroys. Yahshua is going to bring forth eternal life, the opposite of termination and death. Yahshua is going to build the earth so that it will bring forth the fruits of peace and rest for a change rather than the ravages of violence and war.

His kingdom is desperately needed in this world. Are you getting prepared for it, or are you doing your part to destroy?

We encourage all to repent while they can. Did you know that a time is coming when the door to repentance will be closed and men will scream and cry and curse the Elohim of the heavens because of the plagues that will be poured out upon them, but they will not repent? Seek Yahweh now while He may be found. The time may be coming soon when you will seek and will not be able to find Him.

Let's destroy the TERMINATOR by turning to He Who is able to forgive, bless, heal and bring forth life eternal life. That's life, not termination. One day soon the TERMINATOR will be no more. HalleluYah!!!

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THE WITNESS OF THE NUMBER SEVEN

PART II

GENESIS 21

We have found the close interrelation between the number seven and the seventh day Sabbath, but Genesis chapter twenty one reveals more interesting ideas and concepts concerning the number seven.

In verse 22 Abimelech and his chief captain Phicol approach Abraham in order to get him to swear an oath, “And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, Elohim is with thee in all that thou doest: Now therefore **swear** unto me here by Elohim that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. And Abraham said, I will **swear**. And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day. And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a **covenant**. And Abraham set **seven** ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these **seven** ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? And he said, For these **seven** ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a **witness** unto me, that I have digged this well. Wherefore he called that place **Beersheba**; because there they **sware** both of them. Thus they made a **covenant** at **Beersheba**: then Abimelech rose up, and Phicol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines. And Abraham planted a grove

in **Beersheba**, and called there on the name of Yahweh the everlasting El (El Olam). (vv. 22-33)

The first thing to notice here is the word “**swear**.” It is translated from the Hebrew word *shaba*, which is defined as; a primitive root; properly to be complete, but used only as a denominative from 7651; **to seven oneself**, i.e. swear (**as if by repeating a declaration seven times**). (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, Hebrew Lexicon, #7650) It is generally translated as; adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), take an oath, X straitly, (cause to, make to) swear. (*IBID*)

Abraham set aside seven ewe lambs. Seven is translated from the Hebrew word *sheba*, which is defined as; from #7650; a primitive cardinal number; **seven (as the sacred full one)**; also

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(adverbially) **seven times**; by implication, **a week**. Wow! #7650, *shaba*, is a denominative from #7650 (*sheba*) and #7650 *sheba* comes from #7651 *shaba*! Both words are so closely interrelated that it is difficult, if not impossible, to separate the two. (Like trying to separate the Father and the Son?)

Furthermore, we find in this dissertation that both of these words are also associated with a COVENANT! Remember the perpetual covenant concerning the seventh day Sabbath?

Further still, the number seven is a witness! The Hebrew word for “witness” is *edah*, which is defined as; feminine of 5707 in its technical sense; testimony. #5707 is the mascu-

line version, *ed*, which is defined as; contracted from 5749; concretely, a witness; abstractly, testimony; specifically, a recorder, i.e. prince. #5749 is the Hebrew word *uwd*, which is defined as; a primitive root; **to duplicate or repeat**; by implication, to protest, **testify (as by reiteration)**; intensively, to encompass, **restore (as a sort of reduplication)**.

What a witness! The ultimate Hebrew root word for witness has to do with duplicating, repeating, restoring, etc.

CYCLES

We are supposed to be living by the cycles that Yahweh ordained, not Caesar. The first cycle that we live by is the daily cycle. Yahweh established the daily cycle to be observed from sunset to sunset (approximately). Caesar changed it to midnight.

The second cycle is the seven day weekly cycle that is ordained to end with the Sabbath. We are to count from the first day of the week to the seventh and then rest in accordance with Yahweh's commandment on that seventh day. Caesar changed this cycle to begin a mystic count from day seven backward to day one and declared the day of *Solis Invicti* (the unconquered sun) to be the day of holy convocation and rest.

The third cycle that Yahweh ordained is the lunar or monthly cycle. We are supposed to look for the new moon crescent and when it is sighted, begin the monthly count. The word for “month” comes directly from the word “moon” in the English, Greek and Hebrew languages. But here again, Caesar instituted his own monthly count apart from the moon cycles.

Then there is the annual cycle, which

is primarily determined by the moon, sun and stars. The new year, according to Yahweh's calendar, is to begin with the new moon of Abib. Abib means green ears, which tells us that it occurs during the spring with the new moon closest to the equinox. (This is when the green ears of plants begin to shoot forth in a type of resurrection and/or birth.) Caesar changed it to take place in the dead of winter taking place on January 1st.

This is quite interesting indeed! Caesar worshipped the sun as god. December 25th is appointed as the birthday of the unconquered sun (*solis invicti*). A Hebrew child was to be circumcised on the eighth day. January 1st is the eighth day from December 25th. This would be the day when the baby sun-god would have been circumcised.

The month of Abib begins several important counts, which we need to focus on.

PASSOVER

The first count of the month of Abib has to do with the count to Passover. On the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover. Yahweh informed Moses, "And Yahweh spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening," Ex. 12:1-6.

The fourteenth day is **two times seven!** It was on the fourteenth day of the moon/month Abib that Israel slew the Passover lambs, which saved them from the death angel, while the Egyptian's firstborn males, both men and animals, perished.

We know that this took place in the month Abib because Yahweh again informed Moses, "And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine. And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand Yahweh brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. **This day came ye out in the month Abib,**" Ex. 13:1-4.

This Passover lamb was a forerunner and type of Yahshua our Passover for Paul writes, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us," 1 Cor. 5:7.

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dar from Yahweh's to his own appointed calendar, he has also instituted his own form of Passover called Easter! Easter is derived from Ishtar of the Babylonians and her son/lover/husband Tammuz. Tammuz was a vegetation god who annually died and was resurrected. Most of the world follows after Caesar's commands and not the commands of Yahweh. Therefore, they have been deceived to follow a false calendar and a false messiah! We will get into more detail on this later.

UNLEAVENED BREAD

On the fifteenth day of the first

month, the day after the Passover lamb was slain, another count of seven began, "And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto Yahweh: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Yahweh seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein," Lev. 23:6-8.

This unleavened bread is a type of Yahshua the Messiah, the true bread from heaven who did no sin! Leaven is a type of sin. We become "unleavened" (cleansed of our sins) through the true Messiah Yahshua.

Sin is the transgression of the law (1 Jn. 3:4). The law of Yahweh is based primarily on the Ten Commandments. To break the commandments in one point is to break them all, "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all," Jas. 2:8-10.

The Apostle Peter writes, "For even hereunto were ye called: because the Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **Who did no sin**, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously," 1 Pet. 2:21-23.

Yahshua told the people of His day, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath Yahweh the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of Elohim? Yahshua answered and said unto them, This is the work of Elohim, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee?

what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of Elohim is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world...Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:** if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him," Jn. 6:27-33, 49-56.

Yahshua is the true bread from heaven. We are commanded to eat unleavened bread for **seven** days. (There's that number seven again, which stands for rest, witness, covenant, to swear, to complete, etc.) The first day is an annual holy day and the seventh day is an annual holy day. This means that it begins and ends in holiness. The final day of unleavened bread is the 21st day of the month or 3 x 7.

Caesar led his followers into Carnival (Mardi Gras), Lent, Easter, bunny rabbits and Easter eggs. Once again, these are symbols of the false messiah, not the true Messiah Yahshua.

THE WAVESHEAF AND PENTECOST

During the days of unleavened bread

another count of sevens begins. Anciently, the people were to bring what is called in the KJV English, a wavesheaf of firstfruits to be waved as an offering before Yahweh on the day after the Sabbath. (Lev. 23:9-17). The Hebrew would be *omer reyshiyth*. An *omer* is a measure while *reyshiyth* also means beginning.

To "wave" has to do with vibrating or quivering. This typified the resurrected Messiah as the "firstfruits from the dead" (Col. 1:18). A dead body simply can't move of itself, but when brought back to life, there would be a vibrating or quivering effect. Yahshua ascended before the Father Yahweh to be accepted as the "firstfruits from the dead" on the first day of the week (the day after the regular Sabbath) during the feast of unleavened bread. (Jn. 20:17)

The offering of this *omer reyshiyth* (sheaf of firstfruits) began a count of seven times seven (7 x 7) weeks or seven times seven Sabbaths until the morrow or day after the seventh Sabbath. This day is commonly called the feast of "*shavout*" by Rabbinic Judaism, and the feast of Pentecost (count

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50) by most New Testament believers.

It was on this very day that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the New Testament Assembly raising up Yahshua's spiritual bride (Acts 2). Fifty symbolizes jubilee, liberty, restoration, restitution, etc. The New Testament Assembly received the wondrous Spirit of liberty, the promise of jubilee, restoration and restitution at Yahweh's appointed time in the future. Thus, we have seven times seven Sabbaths, that is, seven times seven periods of rest, plus one day, which yields liberty, jubilee, restoration and restitution.

On this fiftieth day, the Aaronic priesthood was to bring forth two

wave loaves baked with leaven. This witnesses the present state and condition of the New Testament Assembly. While we are given the firstfruits of the Spirit, an earnest of the promised inheritance to come (Eph. 1:10-14), the simple fact of the matter is that we must continue to live in this word with a "law of sin in our members." (Ro. 7) We are still mortal and corruptible (1 Cor. 15:42-53).

The New Testament Assembly was raised up to do a work of declaring the truth about Yahshua and His kingdom of rest, restoration, restitution to the world. That is the work that we must continue to undertake in this day and age until the glorious appearing of Yahshua the Messiah. This work was begun in the apostles and must be completed in this day and age before His coming.

With the observance of Pentecost, the spring portion of the annual holy days is complete. There are three annual holy days which take place in the spring. The rest of the holy days take place in the fall.

THE SEVENTH MONTH

Abib begins another important countdown. In accordance with Yahweh's calendar, we are to count six moons or months, which will bring us to the seventh new moon and/or month. Importantly, the seventh month contains the last four of seven annual holy days. This makes the seventh month a most important period of time.

The very first day, new moon day of the seventh month, is the Feast of Trumpets, another annual holy day, the fourth annual high day. There is so much significance to this day that it simply can't all be presented here in this dissertation. The blowing of trumpets signified many things to the Hebrews anciently. They were utilized to sound war, call an assembly, announce the coronation of a king, announce a wedding, etc.

The Feast of Trumpets signifies the time when the kingdoms of this world will be overthrown and the kingdom

of heaven will begin its rule. It also signifies the resurrection and gathering of the saints to Yahshua in Jerusalem, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yahshua will Yahweh bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of Yahweh, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Sovereign shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Sovereign himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of Elohim**: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Sovereign in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Sovereign. Wherefore comfort one another with these words," 1 Thes. 4:13-18.

Again, Paul writes, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:50-55.

This new moon day of the seventh month represents the end of this age and the beginning of another. Peter wrote that one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day to Yahweh (2 Pet. 3:8). Isn't that interesting? The seven day week is a type of a seven thousand year period.

The Feast of Trumpets is the fourth

annual Holy Day. During creation week Yahweh brought forth the sun, moon and stars. The sun, moon and stars were utilized to represent Jacob, Leah and the twelve sons of Israel in Joseph's dream (Gen. 37:9-10).

In Revelation chapter twelve a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet with a crown of twelve stars is revealed. Those who repent and are baptized in the name of Yahshua the Messiah are clothed with Him (Gal. 3:27; Ro. 13:14). This woman is the true representative of the true Israel (the twelve stars) who is clothed with Yahshua (typified by the sun); she is His bride (typified by the moon). In other words, Yahshua, the man, the husband, will be revealed with His bride, the assembly, and Israel (typified by twelve stars), the saved, on the Day of Trumpets! This truly is something to blow trumpets of joy about.

The assembly, true Israel, will be resurrected (the dead), or changed (the living) and married to her Husband Yahshua on the Day of Trumpets. Yahshua will begin to make war against the kingdoms of this world on

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the Day of Trumpets. He will be crowned King of kings and Sovereign and sovereigns on this very day. The kingdom of heaven will begin its rule over the earth on this day.

REVELATION

The Book of Revelation contains many important **sevens** in its content. It begins with Yahshua and the **seven** lamps with their **seven** messengers. Then in chapter five a scroll is brought forth, sealed with **seven** seals. The only One Who can strip off the seals is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Who is also the Lamb as it had been slain. This Lamb has **seven** horns and

seven eyes, which are the **seven** spirits.

The **seven** seals are stripped off bringing forth each of their revealed plagues. The **seventh** seal consists of **seven** trumpet plagues to be poured out. It is at the sound of the seventh trumpet that the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Yahweh and His Messiah (Anointed). It is at the seventh trump (the last trump) that the saints are resurrected and/or changed.

The **seventh** trumpet also consists of **seven** vials of wrath which are to be poured out upon the earth, especially the beast and his worshippers.

ATONEMENT

The fifth annual holy day also occurs within the period of the seventh month. The day of atonement represents the day when Satan will be bound and cast alive into the abyss for a period of one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3).

It also represents the day of liberty and freedom. It is during the seventh month that another special count of sevens begins. The Israelites were to count six years and in the seventh year there would be a land Sabbath or rest (Lev. 25:1-7).

Just as in the spring there was a count of seven Sabbaths or forty nine days, plus one for Pentecost, in the fall they were to count seven times seven years or forty nine years, plus one and they were to celebrate the Jubilee (Lev. 25:8-10).

This fiftieth year was proclaimed to be the year of liberty. Every man was to be restored to his possession. In other words, if they had fallen on hard times and were forced to sell their property, or borrow money, etc., the fiftieth year was the year when the land was restored to the original owner and his family. All debts were cancelled.

The year in which Yahshua returns will be a year of Jubilee. The disciples/apostles understood that Yahshua had come in order to bring about the conditions for the restoration of the

kingdom to Israel, “When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Master, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth,” Acts 1:6-8.

The resurrection and restoration of Israel to life from the grave is specifically prophesied in the book of Ezekiel chapter thirty seven. This is the time spoken of by the Apostle Peter in the book of Acts, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, **when the times of refreshing shall come** from the presence of Yahweh; And he shall send Yahshua the Messiah, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until **the times of restitution of all things**, which Yahweh hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began,” Acts 3:19-21.

“Refreshing” is translated from the Greek word *anapsuxis* (αναψυξις), which is defined as; **a recovery of breath**, i.e. (figuratively) revival. What is so amazing is that this event occurs in the seventh month, a type of the seventh millennium! It is represented by the fifth annual holy day. In the scheme of the spiritual significance of numbers, five is the number for grace!

Please understand! The salvation of the whole world depended primarily upon the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah. But the salvation of the whole world depends secondarily on the resurrection and restoration of the whole house of Israel. The Apostle Paul revealed, “Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no

more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, Yahweh hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? Yahweh forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles (non-Hebrews), for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For **if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the**

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receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if Yahweh spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he

also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of Yahweh: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for Yahweh is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that **blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.** And so **all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away unrighteousness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of Yahweh are without repentance” Ro. 11:5-23.

Do you really understand what Paul has written here? Yahweh purposely blinded and cast the houses of Israel away so that He might be able to extend His grace to the non-Hebrews. They were sacrificed for the good of the rest of the world and that sacrifice continues to this day.

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The next annual holy day that takes place during the seventh month, is the sixth holy day called the Feast of Tabernacles or Ingathering. It is another festival that takes place for seven days. The first day is a holy day, but the other days are regarded as common days, albeit they are part of the festival.

This feast typifies the rule of the kingdom of heaven on the earth, “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were

beheaded for the witness of Yahshua, and for the word of Yahweh, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with the Messiah a thousand years,” Rev. 20:4.

This thousand years spoken of here in Revelation chapter twenty is Yahweh’s rest prophesied by the prophets, “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yahweh’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of 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. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more,” Isa. 2:1-4. (See also Micah 4:1-4).

When he says that all nations shall “flow” unto it, the Hebrew word utilized is *nahar*, which is defined as; a primitive root; to sparkle, i.e. (figuratively) be cheerful; hence (from the sheen of a running stream) to flow, i.e. (figuratively) assemble. Isn’t it interesting that we have concocted a “United Nations” in today’s world in order to being about peace and rest? The “United Nations” is a counterfeit of that which is to come. The term “all nations” in Hebrew is *kol goyim*. This Hebrew term would be utilized for the term “United Nations” because that is what the supposed effort of the United Nations is, to unite all nations of the world into one peaceful, ruling body. The United Nations has failed, of course, because it is being administered by men who do not have the Spirit of Yahweh, neither is their

leader Yahshua the Messiah. The United Nations is doomed to failure as has already been experienced.

In the day of the rule of the Anointed (Messiah) Yahshua, there will be no more war. The nations of the world will be blessed. They will truly sparkle with cheerfulness, joy, peace and rest that has never been experienced since the Garden of Eden.

Again, Isaiah writes, “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of Yahweh: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle

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of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it

shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious,” Isa. 11:1-10.

This is the **seventh** millennium, which is the time of refreshing spoken of by the Apostle Peter, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of **refreshing** shall come from the presence of Yahweh; And he shall send Yahshua the Messiah, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of **restitution** of all things, which Yahweh hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began,” Acts 3:19-21.

While the “restitution” is portrayed by the day of Atonement, the times of refreshing has to do with the number seven, especially the seventh day Sabbath of rest, wherein the souls (*nephesh-im*) will be refreshed (*naphash*).

THE FALSE SEVEN

Before this study is finalized, we must focus on the other seventh day, which was introduced by Constantine the Great, who was one of the primary heads of the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire is the fourth kingdom of Daniel chapter two as well as the fourth beast of Daniel chapter seven. In both chapters, the fourth kingdom and beast, once it is raised up, continues in power and authority until the kingdom of heaven is established (See Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45; 7:9-14, 21-27).

While all of the Roman kingdoms have been overcome and destroyed from time to time, the simple fact of the matter is that its successors simply go through a metamorphosis and the kingdom appears in another form. This was prophesied in Daniel chapter two verse forty, “And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.”

In other words, the kingdom of iron is so strong that it breaks asunder all kingdoms with which it seeks to overpower, but it also will break in pieces

and bruise. This has certainly been the history of the Roman Empire.

Constantine the Great, the head of the Roman Empire, the fourth kingdom of Daniel two and the fourth beast of Daniel seven, feigned repentance, entered into the corrupted remnants of the New Testament Assembly, took over as its *Pontifex Maximus* (High Priest) and dictated a new seventh day, Sunday, the day of the unconquered sun.

Constantine's forerunner or type is found in the Macedonian/Greek Kingdom, in the rulers of the Seleucids and Ptolemies. Both kingdoms fought each other for supremacy. Antiochus Ephphanes entered Jerusalem, enforcing the Greek system and ways on the Hebrews who were residing in the land. He forbade Sabbath observance, circumcision, anything Hebrew.

Here is what the book of *Second Maccabees* records, "Shortly afterwards, the king sent an old man from Athens to compel the Jews to abandon their ancestral customs and live no longer by the laws of [Yahweh]; and to profane the Temple in Jerusalem and dedicate it to Olympian Zeus, and that on Mount Gerizim to Zeus, patron of strangers, as the inhabitants had requested. The imposition of this evil was oppressive and altogether intolerable. The Temple was filled with reveling and debauchery by the pagans, who took their pleasure with prostitutes and had intercourse with women in the sacred precincts, introducing other indecencies besides. The altar of sacrifice was loaded with victims proscribed by laws as unclean. A man might neither keep the Sabbath nor observe the traditional feasts, nor so much as admit to being a Jew. People were driven by harsh compulsion to eat the sacrificial entrails at the monthly celebration of the king's birthday; and when a feast of Dionysus occurred they were forced to wear ivy wreaths and walk in the Dionysiac procession. A decree was issued at the instance of the people of Ptolemais for the neighbouring Greek cities, enforcing the same conduct on the Jews there, obliging them to share in the

sacrificial meals, and ordering the execution of those who would not voluntarily conform to Greek customs," 6:1-9.

Constantine, in the same manner, enforced Sunday worship, overthrew the commandments of Yahweh altogether, issued an edict that if any Hebrew writings were found in a person's possession, that person was to be tortured to death and the documents destroyed, etc.

Constantine's primary god was Mithras whose birthday was December 25th, and whose special day of the week was Sunday. But he also gave honor to the Greek god Zeus by changing the name of the Savior from the Hebrew Yahshua to that of Hesus or Yesus. Constantine understood "dark sentences" (Dan. 8:23, which also means "to hide under a false appearance," "to put on a false appearance," "conceal facts, intentions, or feelings under some pretence).

DANIEL NINE

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to be Constantine and his successors (his dynasty in the office of Augustus and Caesar/Kaiser/Czar/Tsar).

It is interesting and important to note that the events in Daniel seven, eight and nine are successive for a purpose (which there is not room to go into in this treatise). Daniel nine has been misunderstood and misinterpreted by many.

"**Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in

everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: **and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary**; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate," Dan. 9:24-27.

Notice the sevens of this prophecy. The Messiah the Prince comes and is cut off after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. He comes and is cut off after seven weeks and sixty two weeks of years, or 69 weeks of years altogether.

Then another prince comes who destroys the city and the sanctuary. This prince confirms a covenant with the people for one week. What does this mean?

The prince who destroyed the city and the sanctuary was the Roman prince Titus who became Caesar and Augustus. One stood up in his place later, about 312 CE, who made a covenant of promise with the people. That prince was Constantine the Great who instituted his covenant week. Constantine counted backward from the seventh day Sabbath in order to come to the first day of the week, which instituted the covenant week of his supposedly unconquered sun god Mithras.

THE MYSTIC COMMAND

Albert Pike, a 33rd degree Mason,

reveals the true meanings of Sunday worship in his book, *Morals and Dogma*: “We learn from Celsus, in Origen; who says that the symbolical image of the passage among the Stars, used in the Mithraic Mysteries, was a ladder, reaching from earth to Heaven, divided into seven steps or stages, to each of which was a gate, and at the summit an eighth, that of the fixed stars. The first gate says Celsus, was that of Saturn, and of lead, by the heavy nature whereof his dull slow progress was symbolized. The second of tin, was that of Venus, symbolizing her soft splendor and easy flexibility. The third of brass, was that of Jupiter, emblem of his solidity and dry nature. The fourth of iron was that of Mercury, expressing his indefatigable activity and sagacity. The fifth of copper, was that of Mars, expressing his inequalities and variable nature. The sixth, of silver, was that of the Moon: and the seventh, of gold, that of the sun, This order is not the real order of these Planets; but a mysterious one, **like that of the days of the week consecrated to them, commencing with Saturday, and retrograding to Sunday.** It was dictated, Celsus says, of certain harmonic relations, those of the fourth.” (p. 414)

To retrograde means, to go backward, to retire or retreat, inverse or reverse: said of order, going back or tending to go back to an earlier, especially worse condition, retrogressive, to become worse, to deteriorate, to degenerate.

Constantine and the rest of the kings, rulers and leaders of the people truly have fulfilled and are fulfilling Psalms chapter two which says, “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against Yahweh, and against His Anointed (Messiah)**, saying, ‘Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us,’” vv. 1-3.

Notice it! The kings, rulers and the people take counsel AGAINST (in retrograde) Yahweh and His Messiah (Yahshua). They go against, in retro-

grade to, the established order of Yahweh, which is His commandments. One of those commandments is the seventh day Sabbath command. Another command is the annual feasts, which contain seven annual high days or holy days. The kings, rulers and leaders of the people are quite willing to go against Yahweh, because if they truly were obedient to Him, then they fear that their powers would be diminished. Therefore, they are quite willing to exercise the power of the deceptive serpent in order to keep the people under their power and authority. They promise their own covenant of salvation, which is, in reality, abomination, desolation, destruction.

At this juncture, it is our duty to cry out to all who read this treatise to **REPENT!!!!** of walking in a way that is opposed and contrary to the direct commands of Yahweh. Turn and embrace His ways and you will receive His blessings.

YAHWEH SWARE

The seventh annual holy or high day has its own meaning during the sev-

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enth millennium. While it carries the distinction of being the seventh annual high day, it is also the eighth day in the count of the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles begins as a holy day on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. It was to be observed for seven days. The last six days of the Feast of tabernacles are common days in which work could be done. Thus, the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles, unlike the Feast of Unleavened Bread, is not an annual high day.

This day (the eighth) is the last high day of Yahweh’s annual calendar; the seventh annual high day. Remember the meanings of the number seven. It

is the day that is spoken of in John 7:37-37, “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.)”

This day is the period of judgment spoken of in Rev 20:11-15. This is the final day of salvation in Yahweh’s plan. It is the day when the greatest preponderance of peoples who have ever lived will receive salvation coming under the covenant of Almighty Yahweh through Yahshua the Messiah. This is the period spoken of by the Prophet Joel, “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of Yahweh come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahweh hath said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call,” 2:28-32.

The book of Hebrews witnesses, “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when Yahweh made promise to Abraham, because he could **swear** by no greater, he **sware** by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all

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THE DEEP MEANINGS OF BAPTISM

Before we can properly make a decision to be baptized, we must fully understand baptism's deep meaning and what this step requires of one. The first thing we must comprehend is that no one can make this decision to be baptized for someone else. This would require us to take a position that Yahshua said belongs to Yahweh the Father. The very first step in the salvation process must be taken by Yahweh. Note the following scripture;

John 6:44, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day." One must be called by Yahweh to follow His Son Yahshua. This is a personal call from Yahweh to the individual. It is the very beginning of a one on one relationship. If one decides to answer this call, Yahweh will lead him or her to the next step.

REPENTANCE

Acts 2:38, "And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you into the name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Repentance is not just being sorry for our sins. The word "REPENT" in Greek is; (*metanoeo*). It means; "to change one's mind for the better, heartily to amend our ways with abhorrence of one's past sins". It implies a complete self examination and a conscious decision to turn from our old sinful ways and accept Yahweh's rule in our lives as supreme. This is a monumental, life altering decision. This is an eternal decision. It is a freewill choice to accept the terms of the covenant that was ratified by Yahshua's shed blood on our behalf. Hebrews 13:20-21, "Now may the Elohim of peace who brought again from the dead our Sovereign Yahshua, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is

pleasing in his sight, through Yahshua Messiah; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amien."

Once this decision is made and we consider baptism into the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of our sins, there is something we must do before we take this step. Baptism is not a matter to be entered into lightly. It requires complete self examination and discernment of the life one is entering.

COUNTING THE COST

We must prayerfully count the personal cost to us against the benefits we will receive. Are the benefits worth the cost? Can we afford the cost? Are we willing to pay it? Yahshua told us to count the cost.

Luke 14:25-33, "Now great multitudes accompanied him; and he turned and said to them, "If any one comes to me and does not love less his own father and

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mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace. So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has can-

not be my disciple."

Matthew 10:37, "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and he who does not take his stake and follow me is not worthy of me."

We all had to count the cost of what we were entering at baptism. There can be nothing more important to us than Yahweh and Yahshua. We must be willing to sacrifice all that we have and all that we are if it is required of us.

If called upon to do so, would we be willing to give up our parents, wife, children, brothers and sisters? Would we be willing to give up our very lives, if necessary, to show our loyalty to Yahweh and Yahshua? Without a mature mind we could not even begin to count the cost that might be required of us. Yahshua's dealings with us are eternal. Everything else is transient and will one day pass from being. If we are asked to give up this temporary life He will give us eternal life which never ends. If we must give up our families etc., it will only be a temporary condition. We will one day be reunited with them in Yahweh's kingdom. Then we can have the joy of loving them through all eternity with the pure, untainted love with which Yahweh and Yahshua love us.

There is a parable about some who were called and did not fully count the cost, and when called upon to pay it were not able, or willing to. It is in, **Matthew 13:1-8.** Yahshua explains it's meaning in, **Matthew 13:18-23.**

BAPTISM

Once we have counted the cost we can then move on to understand the true meaning of baptism. This is not a light step. It is not just getting wet. It is not a physical washing but a spiritual washing. The physical aspect of

baptism that we can see and feel when our bodies are being immersed in the water is miniscule compared to what is going on behind the scenes in the spirit world that we cannot see. Consider these scriptures. **1 Corinthians 6: 9-11**, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of Elohim? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of Elohim. And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Sovereign Yahshua Messiah and in the Spirit of our Elohim.” **1 John 1:7** “but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yahshua His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

This washing is what Yahshua alluded to in; **John 13:8** “Peter said to him, ‘You shall never wash my feet.’ Yahshua answered him, ‘If I do not wash you, you have no part in me.’” Our sins separated us from Yahweh. **Isaiah 59:2**, “but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear.” King David understood the necessity of this spiritual washing. **Psalms 51:2**, “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!” **Psalms 51:7**, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” The water we are immersed in signifies the Blood of Yahshua. It is this blood that we are washed with. **Hebrews 9:14**, “How much more shall the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to Elohim, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim.” **1 John 1:7**, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yahshua his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

DEATH OF THE OLD SELF

The washing is only the beginning of the meaning of Baptism. This step also pictures the death of our old sinful self. **Romans 6: 6**, “We know that our old self was impaled with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.” **Romans 6:3-4**, “Do you not know

that all of us who have been baptized into Messiah Yahshua were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” This immersion pictures our death with Messiah and being raised a new man, sinless and washed clean, wearing a pure, sparkling white spiritual robe. **Revelation 7:14**, “I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’” Before this time we were wearing filthy rags. **Isaiah 64:6**, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

RESURRECTION

It also pictures our future resurrection to eternal life with Him. **Romans 6:5-6**, “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrec-

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tion like his. We know that our old self was impaled with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.” By Yahshua’s resurrection, He defeated death. He not only defeated it for Himself but for us as well. **1 Corinthians 15:54-57**, “When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **But thanks be to Elohim, who gives us the victory through our sovereign Yahshua Messiah.**” Yahshua’s resurrection from the dead is crucial to

our salvation. **1 Corinthians 15:17**, “If Messiah has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.”

CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART

The decision to answer Yahweh’s call to follow His Son Yahshua, willingly obey all that He commands us, and commit totally to Him, is circumcision of the heart. This circumcision of the heart is what Yahweh has always wished from His people. **Deuteronomy 10:16**, “Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.” **Deuteronomy 30:6**, “And Yahweh your Elohim will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.” **Romans 2:28-29**, “For he is not a real Jew who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical. He is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal. His praise is not from men but from Elohim.”

This internal circumcision of the heart takes place at baptism into the name of Yahshua Messiah. **Colossians 2:11-14**, “In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Messiah; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of Elohim, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, Elohim made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the stake.”

RECONCILIATION

We are now also reconciled to Yahweh. **We could not bring about this reconciliation. Yahweh did not separate from us, we separated from Him.** **Isaiah 59:2**, “but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your

Elohim, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear.” Only Yahshua could bring about a reconciliation. **Romans 5:10**, “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to Elohim by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

In this clean state we are now righteous, saved from our past sins, placed under the grace of Yahweh. We did not do this. **Ephesians 2:8-9**, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, **it is the gift of Elohim** not because of works, lest any man should boast.” We are now ready to begin a close, intimate life walk with Yahweh and Yahshua. **Hebrews 10:22**, “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of **faith**, with our hearts cleansed from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

THE HEAVENLY GIFT

In this clean, pure condition we are now ready for Yahweh to give us the most valuable gift we will ever receive, His Holy Spirit. With this Spirit of Holiness within us we can now grasp more fully what Yahweh's deep love for us really means. We can also begin to understand His great plan for us.

1 Corinthians 2:8-16, “None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have impaled the Sovereign of glory. But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what Elohim has prepared for those who love him,’ Elohim has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of Elohim. For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of Elohim except the Spirit of Elohim. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from Elohim, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by Elohim. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit. The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of Elohim, for they are folly to him, and he is not

able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ‘For who has known the mind of the Sovereign so as to instruct him?’ **But we have the mind of Messiah.**”

ETERNAL COMMITMENT

With this great gift of Yahweh's Spirit comes a great responsibility. We walk with Yahweh and Yahshua on a road that has no "U" turns. There is no turning back. There are off ramps but they all lead to the lake of fire. The decision that we make is an eternal decision, an eternal commitment to Yahweh and Yahshua. We now carry within us, the most valuable, precious commodity, and we must take great care to never deliberately devalue or defame this Spirit of Grace. If we do, only death in the lake of fire awaits us. **Hebrews 6:4-8**, “For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, **who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit**, and have tasted the goodness of the word of Yahweh and the

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powers of the age to come, if they then commit apostasy, since they crucify the Son of Yahweh on their own account and hold him up to contempt. For land which has drunk the rain that often falls upon it, and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from Elohim. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed; its end is to be burned.”

Note that those spoken of in this scripture have received the Heavenly gift of the Holy Spirit. These are people who were called, answered the call, repented, were baptized, and received the Holy Spirit. They have made this gift as nothing and have held Yahshua's great sacrifice on their behalf up to public contempt. Note

verse 1, they can never again be brought to repentance. Why? Because they do not care. Yahweh will not be where He is not wanted. He removed His Spirit from these people and will not again offer it to them. Notice their end is to be burnt up. These people have committed the unpardonable sin. **Matthew 12: 31-32**, “Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

Also notice the following scriptures. **Hebrews 10:26-30**, “For if we sin **deliberately** after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful prospect of judgment, and a fury of fire which will consume the adversaries. A man who has violated the law of Moses dies without mercy at the testimony of two or three witnesses. **How much worse punishment do you think will be deserved by the man who has spurned the Son of Yahweh, and profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and outraged the Spirit of grace?** For we know him who said, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay.’ And again, ‘Yahweh will judge his people.’ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim.”

Yahshua's sacrifice, His shed blood, covers past sins committed in ignorance, upon repentance and immersion into His sacred name. When one receives the Holy Spirit, Yahshua's sacrifice covers present sins committed in ignorance, or inadvertently by wrong reaction to temptation. **1 John 1:9**, “**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**” Yahshua's blood does not cover deliberate, premeditated sin once one has tasted of these Heavenly gifts. Even under the old covenant there was no sacrifice for deliberate, premeditated sin against Yahweh. **Numbers 15:30-31**, “But the person who does anything

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WITHOUT HANDS

Many people in today's world look more to the physical than they do to the spiritual. Who or what do you trust in to accomplish the task not only set before the assembly, but for your own life's accomplishments?

By Jerry Healan

My chief occupation in the physical realm has been paint contracting, remodeling and building repairs. Not long ago I was asked to look at a Baptist Church in order to do some painting and repairs. The minister was a new addition to the church. He told me that he just couldn't handle the miserable state that he had found the buildings in. His statement was, "This is God's house. People ought to respect it, take care of it and keep it in good condition. After all, many of the members are very particular concerning their own homes. They should want God's house to look even better than their own"

Many great and beautiful edifices have been built to glorify and honor men's deities. I personally was a member of a congregation that built and dedicated a house to God. Great care was taken for every detail. Some things were even gold plated. Everything was exquisite. It was dedicated to the glory and honor of the Great God. The group was the Worldwide Church of God. The founder of that organization had been enamored with riches, fine homes and the best of everything. He looked at David's example who found himself blessed and living in paneled houses while Yahweh was still living in a temporary moveable tent.

What about these great edifices and great works made by the hands of man? Are they acceptable to the Great Creator? Is He pleased with great buildings erected with great care for every detail and the great expense required? Who is really impressed with the great buildings, the great edifices supposedly erected to the glory of the Creator? Really and truly, its man himself who is the one impressed with these things.

Yahweh says, "The heaven is my

throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For **all those things hath mine hand made**, and all those things have been, saith Yahweh: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word," Isa. 66:1-2.

Stephen was also inspired by the Holy Spirit to proclaim, "Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Yahshua into the possession of the Gentiles, whom Yahweh drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; Who found favour before Yahweh, and desired to find a

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tabernacle for the Elohim of Jacob. But Solomon built him an house. Howbeit **the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? Saith Yahweh: or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?" Acts 7:44-50.

PAUL'S WITNESS

The Apostle Paul declared to the Athenians, "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. **Therefore**

disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange Elohim: because he preached unto them Yahshua, and the resurrection. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN ELOHIM. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. Yahweh that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Sovereign of heaven and earth, **dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands**, as though he needed any thing, seeing **he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things**; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek Yahweh, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: **For in him we live, and move, and have our being**; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." Acts 17:16-28.

Do you get that? Paul had to have disputes with almost everyone! He disputed with the Jews in the synagogues and with the Gentiles without. Furthermore, he confirmed Isaiah and Stephen in declaring that Yahweh does not dwell in temples made with hands, nor is worshipped with men's hands. We are His creation; we are made by His hands, therefore it is IN HIM that we live, and move, and have our being, our existence.

Too many misunderstand and thus, dispute with Paul today! Isn't it amazing! Paul was utilized by Yahweh to write the greatest part of the Scriptures we call the New Testament, yet there are so many, many so-called believers who still dispute with him to this day, or twist his writings to make them say things that he never meant to say.

Paul heard Stephen's witness. Even though he was pricked in his heart, he was a Pharisee and went along with their ways until Yahshua appeared to him and changed the scope of His understanding. Paul witnessed that we live, and move, have our being in Yahweh. Surely, he wrote the book of Hebrews, which declares that all things are not only made by Yahshua, but are upheld by the word of His power (Heb. 1:2-3).

Paul understood that the present heavens and earth are a temporary dwelling place made by the hands of Yahweh, "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in," Isa. 40:21-22.

A tent is a temporary, moveable dwelling place. The tabernacle of old, which was made under the direction of Moses, was a type of that temporary heavenly dwelling place. The temple made by Solomon was another type. It was a type of the more permanent dwelling place that Yahweh is in the process of making, to wit, the new

heavens and the new earth. (Rev. 21)

Yahshua came to bring to an end the old types, the tabernacle and temple, which are made by the hands of man. He came to begin building a NEW DWELLING PLACE FOR YAHWEH! Yahshua prayed to the Father, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one;** and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me," Jn. 17:20-23.

A TEMPORARY DWELLING

The Heavenly Father Yahweh was dwelling in Yahshua the Messiah, the Anointed, "I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Yahshua answered them,

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Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself Elohim. Yahshua answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are elohim? If he called them elohim, unto whom the word of Elohim came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of Elohim? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the

works: **that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him,**" Jn. 10:30-38.

"Believest thou not that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me?** The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me:** or else believe me for the very works' sake," Jn. 14:10-11.

Yahshua came as flesh and blood so that He could taste death for every man, "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Yahshua, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of Yahweh should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the assembly will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which Yahweh hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage," Heb. 2:6-15.

The truth of the matter is that man is

composed of flesh and blood. Flesh and blood is physical, carnal and temporary. Yahshua, Who was and is the Word Yahweh (Dabar-Yahweh; Jn. 1:1-4, 14), had the inheritance of eternal life as an eternal spirit being before His birth. Yet, He emptied Himself of that glory and honor in order to become a man, dwell among His people, suffer the penalty for sins (not for His own sins for He sinned not; 1 Pet. 2:21-22), in order to raise up a new dwelling place for Yahweh, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore Yahweh also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua the Messiah is Sovereign, to the glory of Yahweh the Father." Phil. 2:5-11.

The temple had been built in Jerusalem to the glory and honor of the name Yahweh. It was to be His dwelling place on the earth. But now Yahweh was no longer going to live in edifices made by the hands of man. Yahshua came to provide a new dwelling place for the name Yahweh on the earth. **That dwelling place was to be in man, in flesh and blood,** "And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the assembly: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and ene-

mies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the evangel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of the Messiah in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the assembly: Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of Yahweh which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of Yahweh; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom Yahweh would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **the Messiah in you, the hope of glory:** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in the Messiah Yahshua:

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Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily," Col. 1:17-29.

"Know ye not that **ye are the temple of Yahweh, and that the Spirit of Yahweh dwelleth in you?** If any man defile the temple of Yahweh, him shall Yahweh destroy; for the temple of Yahweh is holy, which temple ye are," 1 Cor. 3:16-17.

"And Yahweh hath both raised up the Sovereign, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of the Messiah? Shall I then take the members of the Messiah, and make them the members of an harlot? Yah-

weh forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Sovereign is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? **Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of Yahweh, and ye are not your own?** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify Yahweh in your body, and in your spirit, which are Yahweh's," 1 Cor. 6:14-20.

"O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath the Messiah with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of Yahweh with idols? For **ye are the temple of the living Elohim;** as Yahweh hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them;** and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith Yahweh, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith Almighty Yahweh," 2 Cor. 6:11-18.

THE CORNERSTONE

Yahshua is the chief cornerstone of a new dwelling place **not made by the hands of man.** The Prophet Isaiah was inspired to declare, "Therefore thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste," Isa. 28:16.

The Apostle Peter is inspired to declare, "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 Yahweh, 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. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of Yahweh: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy," 1 Pet. 2:1-10.

Do you get that? We are living stones, which are built up into a SPIRITUAL HOUSE OR TEMPLE! We are a different temple and priesthood from the Aaronic Levitical priesthood of old with its temporary tabernacle and then the more permanent temple at Jerusalem both made by the hands of men. Our sacrifices are not the physical animal sacrifices, the drink offerings and grain offerings of old. Our sacrifices are SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES!

The book of Hebrews proclaims, "We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanc-

tuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Yahshua also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For **here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come**. By him therefore **let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name,**" Heb. 13:10-15.

THE REJECTED STONE

Too many reject the spiritual applications and want to return to the old physical hand-made, man-made things. Some have even taken to sacrificing a lamb or goat for Passover. Too many are looking to physical man-made, hand-made things like tassels, tallits, kippas, head coverings, etc.

This cornerstone was rejected by the builders of the temple as the Scriptures reveal. Yahshua told the people of His day, "Yahshua saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures,

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The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is Yahweh's doing, and it is marvellous 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," Mt. 21:42-45.

The Hebrew word for "builders" is *banah*. It has to do with builders or even children. The Hebrew word for "son" (*ben*) is a derivative of this

word. *Ben* means "a son" as a builder of the family name. The Israelites, both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah, had forsaken Yahweh, His commandments and ways and gone the way of the nations around them. In Yahshua's day the leaders of the people were the priests, scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, etc. They forsook Yahshua, the true stone chosen by Yahweh to be the cornerstone of His spiritual temple. They were fulfilling Psa. 118:22-23 which says, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is Yahweh's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

This same situation applies in today's world. Of course, many of the descendants of Judah and Israel are still in the process of rejecting the stone, but the ones who are the leaders and builders of the faith that supposedly follows the Messiah have also fallen short and are now in denial and rejection of the stone. They have been deceived to follow another stone who is more of a rebel against Yahweh, His commandments, and ways rather than an obedient son.

WITHOUT HANDS

Nebuchadnezzar was given a prophetic dream during his reign. The Prophet Daniel was given the interpretation of that dream. Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed of a great image whose head was of gold, his breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass/bronze, legs of iron, feet of iron and clay, and toes of iron and miry clay. This image that Nebuchadnezzar saw was an idolatrous figure. It was given to present a thumbnail sketch of the history of the kingdoms of this world under Gentile (non-Hebrew) leadership as well as their idolatrous religions. During the time of the fourth kingdom a stone appears, "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out **without hands**, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces....And in the days of these

kings shall the Elohim of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain **without hands**, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great Elohim hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure," Dan. 2:34, 44-45.

Yahweh had also revealed this stone to the Prophet Zechariah, "Hear now, O Yahshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. For behold the stone that I have laid before Yahshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith Yahweh of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day," Zech. 3:8-9.

Yahshua is the Stone spoken of by Daniel. He appeared shortly after the Roman Empire was established under the authority of the Caesars. That empire continues to greatly influence today's world. It is still in existence, it simply has changed its nature to make it look like it is holy and good. Yahshua, the Stone will appear a second time striking the kingdom on its toes and then establish the kingdom of heaven upon the earth.

The Apostle Paul understood all of these principles and wrote of them continually. He wrote, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of Elohim, an house not made with hands**, eternal in the heavens," 2 Cor. 5:1.

The book of Hebrews says, "But the Messiah being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, **not made with hands**, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy

place, having obtained eternal redemption for us...For the Messiah is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Yahweh for us," Heb. 9:11-12, 24.

THE NEW CIRCUMCISION

That's why Paul withstood physical circumcision made by the hands of man, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after the Messiah. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Deity bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: **In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of the Messiah," Col. 2:9-11.

"Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called **the Circumcision in**

ing slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of Elohim; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua the Messiah himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in Yahweh: **In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of Yahweh through the Spirit**," Eph. 2:22-11.

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of Yahweh**," Ro. 2:28-29.

"For we are the circumcision, which worship Yahweh in the spirit, and rejoice in the Messiah Yahshua, and have no confidence in the flesh," Phil. 3:3.

Too many think that they are righteous and exhibiting that righteousness by wearing physical man-made, hand-made things. They even think that physical man-made, hand-made circumcision is a necessity. But what did Paul warn about the circumcision made by the hands of man? "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith the Messiah hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that **if ye be circumcised, the Messiah shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. The Messiah is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace**," Ga. 5:1-5.

What does he mean, "...he is a debtor to do the whole law?" It can mean only one thing. If you circumcise the flesh in accordance with the

Yahshua is the Stone spoken of by Daniel.

the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without The Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Elohim in the world: But now in the Messiah Yahshua ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of the Messiah. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto Elohim in one body by the cross, hav-

law of Moses, then you are indebted to keep the whole law by the power of your own strength made by your own promise. In other words, you are placing yourself under the same oath that Israel took at Mount Horeb in Sinai. You must circumcise not only your own flesh, but your own heart. You have engendered yourself to Mount Sinai, which is Hagar, the bond-woman, not to Mount Zion who is the FREEWOMAN!

Remember that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven (1 Cor. 15:50). The evidence of the Scriptures and of history is that the house of Israel could not and did not fulfill the law. They took an oath of blessing and cursing. If they fulfilled the perfect law of liberty, then they would be blessed, but if they failed they would be cursed. Their history reveals that they came under the curse to destruction.

THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE

The Pharisees were a case in point. They looked (and still do) so righteous outwardly, but they were so deficient inwardly, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity," Mat. 23:27-28.

How many of our own people, supposedly true believers, believers in the true Sacred Names, go about making themselves look like the Pharisees of old and also the Pharisees of today?

Paul wrote, "For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress

the law? For **he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of Yahweh.**" Ro. 2:25-29.

Do you understand what Paul has written here? Yahshua said that our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees (Mt. 5:20). Wait a minute! In Mat. 23, Yahshua condemned the righteousness of the Pharisees. What does He mean then, that our righteousness must exceed theirs? The answer is very simple indeed. The Pharisees were as righteous as a man could be outwardly. But their righteousness was by the power of the spirit of man, not the Spirit of Yahweh. Our righteousness must exceed theirs by the power of the Spirit of Yahweh. Even though the Pharisees were as careful as they could be, their righteous looks were by the hands of man. They wore the kippas, the tallits, the tassels, the beards, and they were circumcised outwardly in the flesh by the hands of men. They

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looked beautiful outwardly. They looked righteous outwardly. But they lacked one most important ingredient. They weren't circumcised in the heart by the Spirit of Yahweh. Therefore all of their righteousnesses were as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6).

Paul set the record straight! But not many understand him. He did say that circumcision truly profits much if one keeps the law. But the problem is that he reveals elsewhere that there is a law of sin in the flesh, which causes us to fail in fulfilling the righteousness of the law. (Ro. 7). Therefore, if one is uncircumcised in the flesh, but has the Spirit of Yahweh and through the Spirit of Yahweh is fulfilling the

law inwardly from the heart, then he is counted righteous. Our praise then is not of men, but of Yahweh, because it is the Spirit of Yahweh that is directing our steps, not the spirit of man.

If we have received the Spirit of Yahweh in the state of physical uncircumcision, then why be circumcised by the hand of man? Our faith is in Yahweh and His Spirit, not in the flesh. As Paul reveals, if after we receive the Spirit of Yahweh through Yahshua, we circumcise the flesh, then we have been deceived to turn to the flesh, trusting in the power of the flesh rather than the Spirit of Yahweh; we are no longer under the grace extended to us by Yahweh through Yahshua.

"But if our evangel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious evangel of the Messiah, who is the image of Yahweh, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but the Messiah Yahshua the Sovereign; and ourselves your servants for Yahshua's sake. **For Yahweh, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh in the face of Yahshua the Messiah. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of Yahweh, and not of us.**" 2Co 4:3-7.

THE TWO PRIESTHOODS

There are two priesthoods, the Levitical and the Melchizedek. The Levitical priesthood served a physical man-made tabernacle and later a physical man-made temple. Their sacrifices offered were by the hands of man. They sacrificed oxen, sheep, goats, doves, pigeons, grains and wine. All of their righteousness was the righteousness made by the spirit and hands of man. It was an outward righteousness, but the righteousness that comes by and through the Spirit of Yahweh was lacking. They eventually failed.

There was also a kingly line established in the kingdom of Israel through David and his lineage. The priests were not kings, neither were the kings priests. But both served the purpose of typifying the true priestly and kingly line to be brought in by Yahshua the Messiah. The Scriptures reveal that the kingly line also failed.

Yahshua is made a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, "So also the Messiah glorified not Himself to be made an High Priest; but He That said unto Him, 'Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten Thee.' As He saith also in another place, 'Thou are a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec,'" Heb. 5:5-6.

In ancient Israel as well as in our world today, there was/is a condition called "separation of church and state." The lineage of the priests and kings were to be kept separately. Today, politicians (professional liars) run the government, while ministers (more professional liars) run the churches.

Examining the name Melchizedek is interesting because it comes from two Hebrew words *melek* (king) and *tzadak* (righteous). Thus Melchizedek means "King of righteousness", "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high Elohim, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of Elohim; abideth a priest continually," Heb. 7:1-3.

It is Yahshua the Messiah, in the capacity of High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, Who has the power to bring both church and state together in one. He will reign as both High Priest and King of Kings forever, HalleluYah!!!

Hebrews 7 continues, "Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the

tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But **he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham**, and blessed him that had the promises. **And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.** And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him," vv. 4-10.

The evangel of John records an incident that occurred between Yahshua and the people of His day, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Yahshua

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hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by," 8:56-59.

The Jews understood that Yahshua was telling them that He had seen Abraham face to face. One reason that Yahshua told them this is because He appeared to Abraham in the office of the High Priest Melchizedek and Abraham gave Him tithes of all. The record reveals that the Levitical priesthood paid tithes to the Melchizedek Priesthood while they were still in the loins of Abraham.

Yahshua had told them, "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Then said the Jews, Will he

kill himself? Because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that **I AM**, ye shall die in your sins," Jn. 8:21-24.

This is another powerful point of faith that comes through the Melchizedek Priesthood! The Melchizedek Priesthood believes and teaches, yes, knows assuredly that Yahshua is the very One Who revealed Himself to Moses as the I AM! The Scriptures and the Spirit witness and testify to this fact!

THE LAW

The book of Hebrews chapter 7 continues, "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (**for under it the people received the law**,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? **For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law**," vv. 11-12.

The priesthood has been changed from the Levitical to the Melchizedek! The Greek word for change is *metatithemi*, which is defined as; to transfer, i.e. (literally) transport, (by implication) exchange, (reflexively) change sides. Thus, we find that there was a need to transfer the priesthood from Levi to Melchizedek because the Levitical priesthood was unfaithful in teaching the law (Mal. 3).

When it says, "...there is made of necessity a change also of the law," the Greek word for "change" in this instance is *metathesis*, which is defined as; transposition, i.e. **transferral (to heaven)**.

It is the Priesthood of Melchizedek that has power over the law now. The power of the law has been transferred to the Melchizedek priesthood in heaven because there was no man's lineage that was perfectly faithful in

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teaching and observing it. That is why there has to be a New Covenant, based upon better and more faithful promises, that is, the promises of the word and Spirit of Yahweh.

If we belong to Yahshua then we are of the Melchizedek Priesthood. The book of Hebrews continues, "For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Sovereign sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, **Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.** For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto Yahweh. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, **Yahweh sware and will not repent,**

Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) By so much was Yahshua made a surety of a better testament (covenant). And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto Yahweh by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore," Heb. 7:13-28.

"We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Yahshua also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased," Heb. 13:10-16.

We have a covenant which is far better than the covenant made with Israel, because our covenant is administered by a High Priest and King Who is eternal. The covenant made through Moses was made for temporary, physical, carnal flesh. The covenant made through Yahshua is for eternal, immortal, incorruptible spirit beings. There have to be differences in them even as there are great differences between that which is flesh and that which is spirit.

Which ministry, which priesthood, which kingship are you a part of? Are you of the one that is without hands or are you one that trusts in the works of the hands of man? We encourage you to walk in the light and faith of Yahweh's word.

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strife. Wherein Yahweh, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for Yahweh to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec," 6:12-20.

Do you now understand? In the beginning Yahweh swore by bringing in a seventh day of rest. His covenant and promise to His creation was and is that when it comes to chaos, confusion, destruction, that He will fulfill His promise by restoring His creation to its original purity. All things that offend will be purged. The creation will be cleansed by fire so that nothing impure will remain. His creation will be sustained by the power of His

Word, which never fails! He has promised from the beginning and we will see the fulfillment of that promise at the end. Thus Yahweh, on this seventh annual holy day, will bring His whole creation under His covenant.

It is at this time that another wondrous event will take place because He will bring forth a NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Yahweh out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of 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 shall be with them, and be their Elohim. And Yahweh shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed

away. And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful," Rev. 21:1-5.

The number eight also typifies a NEW BEGINNING! Thus, the very last annual holy day is the seventh and last annual holy day, but it is also an eighth day because the sixth annual holy day, the first day of the feast of tabernacles, begins a seven day feast. This makes the Last Great Day an eighth day representing a new beginning and the seventh annual holy day to represent Yahweh's promise to restore His creation. May that day come soon so that His whole creation may rejoice and sing of His wondrous power, His works and His salvation. Yahweh has sworn. He has sevens Himself. We can truly count on His promises. HalleluYah!!!

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with a high hand, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles Yahweh, and that person shall be cut off from among his people. Because he has despised the word of Yahweh, and has broken his commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him."

JUDGMENT BEGINS

From this point onward we will be totally accountable to Yahweh second by second of every day for the rest of their lives! This is what is required of all who enter and agree to the terms of the covenant Yahshua ratified. Are they ready to enter their time of judgment? All who accept the terms of the covenant made through Yahshua in this age are in their time of judgment. There is no future judgment day for us. This life we are now living is our judgment day. Note the following scripture; **1 Peter 4:17**,

"For the time has come for **judgment** to begin with the household of Yahweh; and if it begins with us, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of Elohim?"

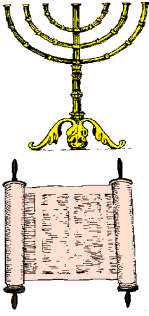
Our time of judgment is now, in this life. We agreed to this and all of the above terms of the covenant when we took the step of being immersed into Yahshua's name, and accepted the gift of Yahweh's Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit is the mind of Yahweh and Yahshua within us. **1 Corinthians 2:16**, "For who has known the mind of the Sovereign so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Messiah." **Romans 8:11**, "If the Spirit of Him who raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Messiah Yahshua from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you." This mind of Messiah within us is a mature mind. This is the mind that connects with ours to reveal the deep spiritual truths of Yahweh. Consider this; **1 Corinthians 14:20**, "Brethren,

do not be children in your thinking; be babes in evil, but in thinking be mature."

All who accept the terms of the covenant have this same Messiah living within them through the Holy Spirit. **Galatians 2:20**, "I have been crucified with Messiah; **it is no longer I who live, but Messiah who lives in me**; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of Elohim, who loved me and gave himself for me."

We are not alone in this life walk to the Kingdom. It is not by our own strength that we will safely arrive at New Jerusalem. We will close with the following scripture. **Philippians 4:13**, "**I can do all things in him who strengthens me.**"

HalleluYah. May Yahweh bless your studies. Elder Dave Ganton



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