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THE DIVIDING

Yahweh began a work of dividing in the beginning. That work of dividing continues on today. Do you know what is being divided? Are you preparing properly for that dividing? The wise will take heed and prepare.

The book of Genesis is the very first, the beginning book of Scripture. The Hebrew word for the book is "Be-reyshith". Reyshith simply means beginning, chief, first, firstfruit, first part, first time, principal thing. It is the same word that is used in Lev. 23:10 when speaking of the sheaf of firstfruits (omer = sheaf - reyshith = firstfruits).

A pattern is set up in Gen. 1:1-13 that continues throughout Scripture finally culminating in the book of Revelation. It behooves everyone of us to take note of this pattern for it is a warning to the wise, but the un-wise will not take warning nor understand.

Our version reads, "*In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth,*" but if we have a Hebrew version of Scripture it will read, "*Bereyshith bara Elohim eth hashemayim ve eth haerets.*" The Hebrew word *eth* (*aleph*, the very first letter of the Hebrew alphabet and *tav*, the very last letter of the Hebrew alphabet) is not interpreted into our English version. Here is what the Hebrew scholars have to say about the interjection of this Hebrew word *eth*, "the definite article is expressed in Hebrew by prefixing the letter *he* (as in *hashemayim* [the heavens] and *haerets* [the earth][interjection mine]) to a word. Often for extra emphasis, the word *eth* (or *aleph -tav*) is employed in addition to the prefix. Comprising the first and last letter of the Aleph Beis, *eth* alludes to completion and perfection. Thus the Torah uses the emphatic article in describing the beginning of creation: In the beginning of Elohim's creating the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). This alludes to the fact that the universe was created in complete perfection, 'from *aleph* to *tav*.'" ("The Wisdom of the Hebrew Alphabet" pp. 34-35). Thus when Yahweh declares, "*For thus saith Yahweh That created the heavens; Elohim Himself That formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am Yahweh; and there is none else,*" Isa. 14:18, we can take Him at His word and believe that the creation *became* without form and void (Gen. 1:2).

But then what did Yahweh do? According to Gen. 1:3 to the end of the chapter He began to refashion and remold the earth for man's habitation. Our focus

for the purpose of this article will be on Gen. 1:3-13, for Yahweh began to divide between certain things which, as we shall see, continues even today.

At first there is only *darkness* on the face of the deep, then Yahweh speaks saying, "Let there be light," and there was light. He then divided the light from the darkness calling the light *day* and the darkness *night* (Gen. 1:4-5). This act ended the first day of re-creation.

The next thing that He did was to create a firmament (expanse, something spread out) thereby *separating* or *dividing* between the waters above the firmament and the waters under the firmament (Gen. 1:6-7). This act ended the second day of re-creation.

Finally, on the third day, He called forth the dry land separating between land and waters. He named the dry land "Earth" and the waters "Seas."

The light, darkness, waters, land and seas are all types. If we look into the types, allowing the Scriptures to explain them, as well as follow their common thread throughout the Scriptures, we will be instructed more clearly as to the dividing process.

DARKNESS

Darkness is a type of evil and destruction. The Hebrew word for darkness is *choshek*. It is #2822 in the Hebrew Lexicon of Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. Consider its meaning, the dark, hence (lit.) darkness; (fig.) misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness, night, obscurity.

Hannah, the mother of Samuel prayed, "*He will keep the feet of His saints, and the wicked shall be silent in **darkness**...*" 1 Sam. 2:9. Hanna's inspired prayer assigns the wicked to silence in darkness.

The psalmist Asaph says, "*They (the wicked) know not, neither will they understand; they walk in **darkness**: all the foundations of the earth are out of course,*" Ps. 82:5. Asaph's psalm is in harmony with the meaning of darkness in context with ignorance for they know not, neither understand.

It also depicts the chaotic condition described in Gen. 1:2 speaking of the foundations of the earth being out



of course.

The book of Proverbs says, "*When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: to deliver thee from the way of the evil (man or one), from the man that speaketh froward (perverse) things; who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of **darkness**; who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked; whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths: to deliver thee from the strange (Heb. zur = apostate to a false religion, of which prostitution formed part.), even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; and forgetteth the covenant of her Elohim. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life,*" Prov. 2:10-19.

Once again darkness is associated with wickedness, evil, perversity, crookedness, apostasy, prostitution (physical and spiritual), turning away from Yahweh's covenant and death.

Proverbs 4:19 further records, "*The way of the wicked is as **darkness**: they know not at what they stumble.*"

The wicked are ignorant in their ways of darkness. They do not even understand why or what they are stumbling over. What an apt description! Have you ever stumbled over something in the dark? In the first place one cannot see what is in their way. In the second place when they do stumble over something they do not even know what that object is.

Proverbs 20:20 warns us not to curse our father or mother, else our lamp (light, life) shall be put out in obscure darkness. This proverb certainly goes hand in hand with the fifth commandment which says that we should honor our father and mother.

Solomon stated, "*The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in **darkness**,*" Eccl. 2:14.

Being a fool is associated with darkness. How many of us enjoy being looked upon as a fool? One who is labeled as a fool is never trusted by others nor is he respected. The fool's inheritance is obscurity and darkness.

The prophet Isaiah warned, "*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil: that put **darkness** for light and light for **darkness**; that put bitter for sweet,*

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and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of Yahweh of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel," Isa. 5:20-24.

How powerfully this warning rings out to our civilization today! We are living in a world that has put light for darkness and darkness for light, that calls evil good and good evil, that has put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. There have even been recent commercials on T.V. which advertise a certain eating place and its food. When a person takes a bite of the food and likes it he calls it *bad*! Our civilization and society has turned to the way of darkness. Why? Because it has cast away the law of Yahweh of hosts and despises the word of the Holy One of Israel!

The perversity of our world is evident in its movies, T.V. shows, commercials, music, news, sports, the way people are living their lives, seeking things of vanity and destruction rather than the things that will give one a firm foundation, which would lead to a life of true prosperity and peace.

We don't even know how to rejoice in good things anymore. Such is obvious when we hear of reports that the economy is growing. Growth is good, but our leaders have deceived us and themselves into fearing growth. When the economy takes an up-swing they have to increase the interest rates to slow the growth for fear of inflation. The good report is feared and becomes evil, while the bad report of a slowing down of the growth rate becomes good.

How long will it be before we learn that our world and society is built on sand? Our world looks so good and glittering, but so does a sand castle. I have seen many people build the most marvelous sand castles at the sea shore, but how quickly they are washed away, disappear and are gone leaving no trace. Such also is our world that is built on the sand. Scripture reveals that it will soon disappear (Dan. 2:35).

Darkness is likened to evil, wickedness, perversity, foolishness, chaos, confusion, idolatry, lawlessness, misery, death, destruction, etc. This world dwells in



darkness.

One more thing, Isaiah includes those who, "justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" (See above)

The question would be, "What occupation in today's world would fulfill this verse?" Isn't it the lawyers and the courts of law? This is exactly what the lawyers do! They seek to justify the wicked, the law breaker, the criminal, the murderer, the thief, which takes away the right (-s) of the just, the righteous, the ones against whom the offence (-s) were perpetrated. This is perversion of justice!

Yahshua had a run-in with the Pharisees and lawyers which is eye-opening, *"Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also. And he said, **Woe unto you also, ye lawyers!** For ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres. Therefore also said the wisdom of Yahweh, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. **Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge:** ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered,"* Lk. 11:45-52.

Lawyers seek to withhold evidence in order to justify their defendants/perpetrators of unrighteousness.

LIGHT

When Yahweh spoke saying, "Let there be Light," He saw the light and called it good. The Hebrew word for good is #2896 (*tov*) in the Hebrew Lexicon of *Strong's Concordance* and means, beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, fair, favour, joyful, kindly, like best, loving, merry, pleasant, pleasure, precious, prosperity, sweet, wealth, welfare, well (favoured). Light, therefore, is a type of righteousness and truth and everything that is good.

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The psalmist asks Yahweh to lift up the **light** of his countenance on us in Psa. 4:6, furthermore the statement is made in Psa. 27:1, "Yahweh is my **light** and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"

We learn in Psa. 119:105, "*Thy word is a **lamp** unto my feet, and a **light** unto my path.*" Also in Prov. 6:23, "*For the commandment is a **lamp**; and the law is **light**.*"

The psalmist, in Psa. 27:1 says the same thing that the Apostle John does when he wrote, "*This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that **Yahweh (Elohim) is light**, and in Him is **no darkness at all**,*" 1 Jn. 1:5.

Yahweh, Yahshua, the law and commandments are what light typifies. We learned in Isa. 5 that men have cast away the law of Yahweh and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. By doing so, true light and its works is rejected and darkness with its disastrous effects is the result.

John wrote, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Elohim. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the **light** of men. And the **light** shineth in **darkness**; and the **darkness** comprehended it not. There was a man sent from Elohim whose name was John. The same for a witness, to bear witness of the **light**, that all men through him might believe. He was not that **Light**, but was sent to bear witness of that **Light**. That the true **Light**, Which enlightens every man was coming into the world,*" Jn. 1:1-9.

Of course, those who love the truth understand that Yahshua is the Word spoken of here, as well as the Light. He further writes, "*For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For Yahweh sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Elohim. And this is the condemnation, that **light** is come into the world, and men loved **darkness** rather than **light**, because their deeds were evil,*" Jn. 3:16-19.

Once again we have the association of light with Yahweh (Elohim) and darkness with evil. Man



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simply cares not for the light nor the works thereof, but rather loves the works of darkness, evil, lawlessness. The light is for those who love righteousness, "**Light** is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart," Psa. 97:11, "Unto the upright there ariseth **light** in the **darkness**," Psa. 112:4.

Yahweh continues to separate between the light and darkness today as is evidenced by the writings of the apostles. Paul witnesses, "*Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of Elohim deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of Yahweh. 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 Messiah, Who is the image of Yahweh (Elohim), should shine unto them,*" 2 Cor. 4:1-4. Paul furthermore states that those who are in Yahshua are partakers of the inheritance of light, "*Giving thanks unto the Father, Which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in **light**: Who hath delivered us from the power of **darkness**, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son,*" Col. 1:12-13.

The Apostle Peter writes, "*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**,*" 1 Pet. 2:9.

What a blessing we have to be called out of darkness into the marvellous light of Yahweh. If we are called to the light, then we must work the works of light, we must proclaim the light and hold up our light for all to see. If we will do so powerfully and effectively, then the world will hate and persecute us, because the world loves the darkness. But never fear, neither the grave nor darkness has power over those who fear Yahweh. He has the power of deliverance, the power of resurrection.

THE LIGHT OF THE WICKED

The wicked do have a light and that light is personified in the embodiment of Satan the Devil who is the wicked one. The Apostle Paul feared for the Corinthian Assembly because there were those

who were coming among them preaching another evangel and another spirit which was beguiling them

(1 Cor. 11:1-4). He warned the assembly, "*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Messiah. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of **light**. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works,*" 1 Cor. 11:13-15.

Satan is revealed to be the god and prince of this world, "*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 Messiah, Who is the image of Elohim, should shine unto them,*" 2 Cor. 4:3-4. "*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall **the prince of this world** be cast out,*" Jn. 12:31. "*Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for **the prince of this world** cometh, and hath nothing in Me,*" Jn. 14:30.

Paul reveals that Satan is the prince of the power of the air and the spirit of disobedience, "*And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit** that now worketh in the children of **disobedience**,*" Eph. 2:1-2.

Satan is the light, the lamp of the wicked, the disobedient, those who work the works of darkness. What will happen to this lamp of the wicked? "*The **light** of the righteous rejoiceth: but the **lamp** of the wicked shall be put out,*" Prov. 13:9. "*The candle of the wicked shall be put out,*" Prov. 24:20. Satan's ultimate fate is to be destroyed in the lake of fire (Mt. 25:41, Rev. 20:10).

THE ULTIMATE FATE OF DARKNESS

We saw in Gen. 1 that darkness permeated the earth and there was no light until Yahweh commanded the light to shine. We also have seen that Yahweh did not stop dividing between light and darkness in the book of Genesis, but continues to divide between them even today and will continue to do so until the end when the new heavens and new earth are brought forth, "*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 Elohim out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her*



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husband....And I saw no Temple therein: for Yahweh Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of Elohim did lighten it, and the Lamb is the **light** thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the **light** of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be **no night** there," Rev. 21:1-2, 22-25.

Yahweh's word reveals that He is separating or dividing between the light and the darkness. The darkness, the night and the works thereof shall be destroyed, for darkness and night are a type of destruction. Ultimately there will only be light and that light will be the light of Yahweh and the Lamb. The light typifies Yahweh, Yahshua, the law, the commandments, Yahweh's Word. The workers of darkness scoff at Yahweh's word, but let us be those who love the light and truth of His word so that we may be inheritors of life everlasting.

THE SECOND DAY

We find that on the second day Yahweh performed another process of dividing, "*And Elohim said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.'* And Elohim made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And Elohim called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day," Gen. 1:6-8

What is water a type of? "*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water.'* (But this spake He of the Spirit Which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.)," Jn. 7:37-39. Thus we find that water is a type of spirit.

WATERS UNDER THE FIRMAMENT

What would the waters above and below the firmament be a type of? It is easy to see that

the waters above the firmament would be a type of the Holy Spirit for the Holy Spirit must be poured out on us from above, but what about the waters under the firmament. What would they be a type of? I hope to prove to you that they would be a type of the earthly spirit, the spirit in man.

The beginning of the solution can be found in the book of Job,

"*But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of The Almighty giveth them understanding,*" 32:8. Zechariah also witnesses, "*The burden of the word of Yahweh for Israel, saith Yahweh, Which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him,*" Zech. 12:1.

The spirit in man is what gives man his intellect and wisdom, the wisdom of man, "*For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?*" 1 Cor. 2:11, first part.

Furthermore, the spirit of man is shown to be at enmity against Yahweh: "*For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh: for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Yahweh,*" Ro. 5:5-8.

The spirit in man is just as unruly as the waters that first burst forth and covered the earth in lawlessness. It is a spirit of pride that exalts man to be his own elohim. To the spirit of man the things of Yahweh are foolishness, "*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned,*" 1 Cor. 2:14.

Man's wisdom is directly opposite and contrary to the wisdom of Yahweh, "*Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye*



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have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work,” Jas. 3:13-16.

The spirit in man is an uncontrollable, unruly spirit, seeking only the things of the earth. It is a spirit that is subject to pride and vanity. There is one who rules over pride. Let us see who it is.

THE KING OF PRIDE

The book of Job in conjunction with other Scriptures, especially Isaiah, is very revealing as to who the king of pride is.

*“Then Yahweh answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, ‘Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou Me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of Elohim shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it break forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it, and brake up for it My decreed place, and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy **proud** waves be stayed?’” 38:1-11.*

What we are reading here is an explanation of the waters at the founding and creation of the earth. They issued forth from their womb in lawlessness and darkness. The waters were filled with pride. Yahweh had to set bars and doors for them. In other words the institution of the law of gravity that causes the waters to remain close to sea level. Else the waters would ascend above the whole earth and even the heights of the clouds in their pride.

The book of Psalms also explains this event,

“Bless Yahweh, O my soul. O Yahweh My Elohim, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honour and majesty....Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which Thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth,” Psa. 104:1, 5-9.

How wondrous and great is the Mighty Yahweh Who is able to perform all of these things. How did He do it? *“I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward (perverse) mouth, do I hate.....Yahweh possessed me in the beginning (reyshith) of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; When there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth; while as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, Nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When He prepared the heavens, I was there: when He set a compass upon the face of the depth: when He established the clouds above: when He strengthened the fountains of the deep: **when He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His commandment:** when He appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him.” Prov. 8:12-13, 22-30.*

Yahweh founded the earth, the waters, and all things through His great wisdom. Through His great wisdom He established a system of wondrous laws and commands to govern the heavens and the earth. Without the institution of those laws the waters would ascend above the earth and mountains, in pride. The waters under the firmament are filled with pride.

Pride leads to destruction, *“Pride goeth*



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before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16:18. "When pride cometh, then cometh shame," Prov. 11:2, first part.

Yahweh made a creature to dwell in the seas of the earth, "O Yahweh, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that **leviathan**, whom Thou hast made to play therein," Psa. 104:24-26.

What about this Leviathan? Who or what is he? "Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee? Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever? Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens? Shall the companions make a banquet of him? Shall they part him among the merchants? Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? Or his head with fish spears? Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? None is so fierce that dare stir him up: Who then is able to stand before Me?....He beholdeth all high things: **he is a king over all the children of pride**," Job 41:1-10, 34.

The leviathan is a most powerful creature. He is a king. He was made to frolic in the sea which has waves of pride. He is king over the children of pride.

But who or what is this leviathan, this great sea creature that is full of pride? The prophet Isaiah reveals, "In that day Yahweh with His sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and He shall slay the dragon that is in the sea," Isa. 27:1. The leviathan is the serpent and dragon, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9)!

THE FALL OF THE PRINCE, GOD AND KING OF THIS WORLD

Yahshua called Satan the prince of this world, "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me," Jn. 30. He came so that He could cast out the prince of this world, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out," Jn. 12:31.

The Apostle Paul called Satan the god of this world, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience," Eph. 2:1-3.

Not only does Satan have the clear distinction of being the king over the children of pride, and also the god of the children of disobedience, but he is also the king of Babylon, "...thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, 'How hath the oppressor ceased! The golden city ceased! Yahweh hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, 'Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.' Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, 'Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O *Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of El: I will sit also upon the mount of



the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the MOST HIGH.' Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Isa. 14:4-14.

When does this casting out take place? When will he ultimately be cast out of his heavenly place of worship? It has to be at the end of this age in accordance with the book of Rev. 12:9 just before the judgments of Yahweh are poured out on the earth. When he is cast out he will make war against Yahweh's saints, who will overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and who will not love their lives unto the death. At that time Satan will be very angry because he knows that he has but a short time (Rev. 12:11-12). He will be cast into the bottomless pit (abyss) corresponding to the pit of Isa. 14:14 and Rev. 20:1-3.

THE WATERS ABOVE THE FIRMAMENT

As stated previously, the waters above the firmament are a type of Yahweh's Holy Spirit, for it must be poured out from above. Yahshua told the disciples, "*Ye are from beneath; I am from above; ye are of this world; I am not of this world,*" Jn. 8:23. Yahshua, Himself, made the distinction between that which is above and that which is beneath.

Yahshua advised those of His time that He was to return from whence He came, "*Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me: and as I said unto the Jews,*

*Hebrew for Lucifer is "helel," shown in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* to be #1966, the morning star. It comes from the root word #1984, "halal" which means, *to be clear* (orig. of sound, but usually of color); *to shine*; hence *to make a show, to boast*; and thus *to be* (clamorously) *foolish*; *to rave*; *causat. to celebrate*; also *to stultify*. Stultify means, 1. a) to make seem foolish, stupid, inconsistent, etc.; make absurd or ridiculous. b) to make dull or torpid. 2. to render worthless, useless, or futile. 3. *Law* to allege to be of unsound mind and therefore not legally responsible.

Yahshua reveals that He is the bright and morning star (Rev. 22:16), so this bright and shining star of the dawn has to be the one who seeks to substitute himself in place of the true bright and morning star, to wit, ultimately Satan the Devil. We must remember that verses 4-23 are a proverb, metaphor or parable. The body of these verses reveal that this one is clamorously foolish, because he seeks to exalt himself in his pride above the stars of El, even seeking to become the Most High Himself. His foolishness causes him to be cast out (Jn. 12:31,

Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you....Simon Peter said unto Him, 'Master, whither goest Thou?' Yahshua answered him, 'Whither I go, thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow Me afterwards,'" Jn. 13:33, 36.

Yahshua ascended up into heaven from whence He had come, "*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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.'*" And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they look stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Yahshua, Which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.*" Acts. 1:7-11.

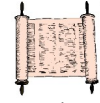
After ascending into heaven, Yahshua sent the Holy Spirit (the Comforter) in the prescribed time as He said, "*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance,"* Acts 2:1-4.

Wind, air, breath, as well as water, are all types of spirit. The waters from above which Yahshua spoke about along with the waters above the firmament are types of the Heavenly, Holy Spirit.

I want to return to the book of James and look at what he says in comparing the heavenly wisdom with the earthly wisdom. James begins chapter 3 speaking of bridling the tongue; comparing it to a rudder that



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controls the direction of a ship, which of course plies through water. Then he speaks of a fountain from which flows water, either sweet or bitter. He then gets into wisdom, *“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits. without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace,”* Jas. 3:13-18.

Paul also writes of the differences between the two spirits, *“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of Elohim. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law,”* Gal. 5:16-23.

Do you not see the dividing between the waters? The earthly waters, the earthly spirit, is full of all kinds of evils, lawlessness, iniquity, etc. The waters above the firmament are the waters of righteousness, obedience, truth, love.

Yahweh originally divided the waters under the firmament into great bodies called “Seas” didn’t He? Can we drink sea water? Will sea

water sustain our lives? Emphatically no! They are not good for drinking purposes at all!

The waters that pour down upon us in the form of rain, are good waters that we can collect and drink. It is fresh water, water that until these latter days of excessive pollution, was the best water to be found. Farmers have always irrigated crops, many today use fresh ground water, but they will all tell you that the best water for growing anything comes from heaven. It is the good fresh waters from heaven that rain down upon us and will both cleanse us externally and quench our thirst internally, that we should be desirous of.

After all, generally the waters that come from heaven are accompanied with lightning which adds a necessary and important ingredient to the soil. That ingredient is nitrogen! Did you know that the atomic number for nitrogen is seven (7)!!?

The earthly waters typifying the spirit of man are essential and necessary, but Scripture reveals that the “spirit (breath) in man” fails. Man is stamped with the number six (6) because he was created on the sixth day. The primary element with which man is created is carbon. The atomic number for carbon is six (6)!

Man learns through five (5) senses, ¹sight, ²hearing, ³smell, ⁴taste, and ⁵feel, but he needs a sixth sense to put it all together. That sixth sense is the “spirit (breath) in man.” Through the “spirit in man” he can understand the things of a man, but he must have an added seventh (7th) component/sense/element in order to understand “spiritual,” “heavenly” things. That 7th component/sense/element is the Holy Spirit (Read 1 Cor. 2:7-14).

Through His creative act of the second day Yahweh divided between the waters above and below, establishing a gulf (heaven) between the two. Thus the waters were collected above heaven and below heaven, setting the stage for the third day of creation.

The waters collected above the expanse typify the Holy Spirit and the works thereof. The waters collected below the expanse typify the spirit of this world and the spirit in man under



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influence of the spirit of Satan. Yahweh's word reveals that He has, is and will be dividing between the two.

THE THIRD DAY

And Elohim said, 'Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear:' and it was so. And Elohim called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and Elohim saw that it was good. And Elohim said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:' and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and Elohim saw that it was good. And the evening and morning were the third day," Gen. 1:9-13.

The waters under the heaven have already been discussed. They represent the spirit of pride and chaotic lawlessness. They had ascended above the earth in their pride, but Yahweh rebuked the waters and they fled to their place (Psa. 104:5-9, est. v. 7).

Yahweh set commands that the waters could go so far and no farther Prov. 8:29, Psa. 104:9, Job 38:8-11.

The setting of bars, doors, bounds, decrees and commandments was simply the establishment of laws to govern the creation, especially the law of gravity. The first three days of what we call creation were spent establishing laws to govern the earth. A path for the light was created the first day. The second day a firmament or expanse was created, further providing an area for the refraction of light. The third day the final decrees were established, the laws physics, chemistry, biology, aerodynamics, etc.; which paved the way for life to be sustained.

EARTH BROUGHT FORTH

The third day was the last day of the original dividing for Yahweh called the dry ground forth from the waters creating Seas and Earth.

The bringing forth of the earth was a type for we have already discussed what the waters

under heaven represent. They represent the lawless spirit of pride. The spirit in man under Satan's sway.

Yahweh rebuked the chaotic waters of lawlessness calling the earth forth. The earth, therefore, represents Yahweh's people who He calls forth in every age, for man has lived in lawlessness and confusion in every age, represented by the waters under the heaven. But Yahweh has always called His elect forth out of that lawlessness to rise above such and enter into His laws of peace, rest and life.

THE CALLING

Adam and Eve turned to disobedience bringing the penalty of disobedience, which is lawlessness, and death on every man. This is a type of all the earth being submerged under the waters. Yahweh called His elect forth during the pre-flood days, but the violence, corruption, wickedness and lawlessness became so great that He had to bring upon them the penalty of their lawlessness by temporarily suspending the laws introduced during the days of creation. The waters of heaven poured out and the waters of the earth rose up in the horror of lawless darkness and confusion, destroying every living thing. The earth was again inundated in order to cleanse and purify it from the wickedness.

The Hebrew word for death is "muth" (†Y^{mem} [Pictorial Hebrew]). This word reveals the truth of the matter. The *mem* (Y^{mem}) is a picture of water, which in this case, has to do with "chaos." The *waw/vav* (Y) is the picture of a nail or tent peg, which has to do with "nailing something together," "adding," "establishing" (like a tent peg), etc. The *tau* (†) is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and in this case, represents death. Thus, chaos, confusion, darkness leads to death.

But Yahweh did another work of dividing for He separated, distinguished, and divided between Noah and his family and the other earthly inhabitants. Why? Because "*Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with Elohim,*" Gen. 6:9, last part. There was one man who had not turned to the



lawlessness and wickedness extant in the earth.

Yahweh divided between Noah and all the rest of mankind. He judged the pre-flood world and ushered in another post-flood world, another dividing. Noah was willing to exhibit the traits of being just (righteous), and perfect (upright), walking with Elohim (seeking His will) and he found grace.

We find so many today who want to proclaim a message of salvation by grace, without obedience, without a standard of righteousness.

ABRAHAM CALLED

Noah and his family were delivered from the destruction brought upon the old world because of its rebellion. But they had just barely been brought forth into the new world when man began to turn again to lawlessness, wickedness and rebellion. Nimrod, the great grandson of Noah, began to gather man into one world empire. He instigated the building of the tower of Babel, introducing idolatry and his own personal worship upon his fellow man.

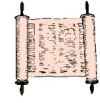
The lawless spirit in man was once again attempting to rise above the earth and into the heavens. Yahweh saw what was happening and knew that the lawlessness would once again overcome and destroy His efforts and work. He intervened, dividing and confusing man's language. Man was dispersed at his rebuke into the various clans, tribes and nations, just as the waters had been gathered into seas at His rebuke.

Yahweh called Abraham forth out of the waters of humanity to produce a family who would rise above the chaotic lawlessness of man's spirit. Abraham obeyed Yahweh and became the father of kings and nations (Gen. 12:1-3, 18:17-18).

In due time Abraham's descendants, Israel, became entrapped, ensnared, enslaved by the darkness of the lawless waters of Egypt. Yahweh rebuked Egypt through a series of ten plagues, brought forth His called out ones from Egypt and opened the waters of the sea

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for Israel's emergence.



THE BLESSINGS AND CURSINGS

Before Israel was delivered into the land of promise, Moses divided between the tribes of Israel placing six tribes on Mount Gerizim and six tribes on mount Ebal (Dt. 27:1-13). Israel was then warned to obey Yahweh's commandments. Blessings were placed upon Mt. Gerizim for obedience and cursings upon Mt. Ebal for disobedience (Dt. 11:26-29).

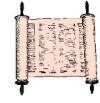
These blessings and cursings can be read in Dt. 27 and 28. They represented light, prosperity, happiness, joy and abundant living for obedience; and darkness, poverty, sadness, mourning and hatred of life for disobedience. Such was the history of Israel during the periods of the judges and kings. When Israel obeyed they prospered. When they disobeyed they suffered. Israel had judges and kings who loved and obeyed Yahweh. These leaders served to bring blessings on Israel. There were other periods when, for disobedience, evil foreign rulers or their own evil kings were placed over Israel for cursings. Finally the punishment for disobedience and cursings prevailed. Israel had to be cast out of her land.

YAHSHUA'S MINISTRY

Yahweh continually warned Israel of her evils through the prophets, but Israel wouldn't listen. Finally He sent His own Son to warn the remnant who were dwelling in the land. Yahshua's ministry served many, many purposes. One of those purposes was to set an example of walking in the light of obedience while warning against the darkness of disobedience. He warned of the dividing or separating between good and evil works through many parables.

He revealed differences of inheritance between the wheat and tares in Mt. 13:24-30, 38-43. The tares are children of the evil one, Satan, who will be gathered to be destroyed by fire at the end of the age; while the wheat, the good, fruitful, edible grain will be gathered into Yahweh's kingdom.

He likened the kingdom to a net being cast into the sea which gathered various kinds of



sea creatures (Mt. 13:47-48). When the net was full it was drawn to shore. Then the process of division began gathering the good into vessels while the bad were cast away.

Any Bible scholar realizes that there is a law of clean and unclean foods which pertain to animals, birds and fish. The good fish in this parable are the clean (fins and scales, Lev. 11:9-12 & Dt. 14:9-10), while the bad are the unclean.

Other parables relating to the dividing are found in Mat. chapters 24 and 25. He warned that in the day of His coming, conditions will be similar to Noah's day. People will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage (carrying on daily activities), not knowing or realizing what is going on until it is too late.

Then He says there will be two in the field, one shall be taken, the other left. Two shall be grinding at the mill, one shall be taken, the other left. The question is, "Which ones are taken?" The answer is, "Those who watch (Mt. 24:42-43), and are ready (v. 44)."

At the beginning of Mt. 25, Yahshua expounds on the ten virgins. Five are wise and five are foolish. The wise took extra oil in their vessels with their lamps. The foolish did not. The dividing occurred when Yahshua appeared while the foolish were gone to buy oil for their lamps. They were shut out of the marriage!

Finally, in the latter part of Mt. 25 there is the parable of the sheep and the goats (v.v. 31-46). All nations will be gathered before Him at His coming and will be divided into two categories; sheep and goats. The sheep were the doers of good works, while the goats are not. The sheep inherit the kingdom while the goats inherit eternal punishment.

Yahshua's parables reveal that we must be fruitful, clean, watching, prepared, having an extra supply of oil (the Holy Spirit), and doing good works. Those doing so are the righteous who will inherit the kingdom, shining as lights forever. Those who are negligent will inherit punishment, the lake of fire, which is the second death, and eternal darkness.

THE REVELATION

The book of Revelation reveals that the dividing process continues to the end. Three angels are sent forth in chapter 14. One angel warns the earth's inhabitants to fear Yahweh and give glory to He Who made all things. The second proclaims the fall of Babylon the Great. The third warns against worshipping the beast and his image and against receiving his mark (v.v. 6-12).

Yahweh's people are warned in Rev. 18:4 to come out of Babylon that they not partake of her sins and plagues.

Yahshua says that he gives the wicked space (time) to repent (Rev. 2:20-21). Once that time has expired, according to the parables and the book of Revelation, no more chance is given for repentance. When the final plagues are poured out men will not repent (Rev. 16:9, 11, 19-21).

NO MORE SEA

John finally writes, "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," Rev. 21:1.

In Yahweh's new heavens and new earth there will be no more darkness, exemplified by the division of the first day of creation. There will be no more rebellious, lawless spirit exemplified by the division of the second day, and there will be no more Seas, exemplified by the division of the third day. The division has been completed. The evil has been overcome and destroyed. All that is left is the light, the righteousness of the Holy Spirit and the elect that were called and came out of the waters of pride and rebellion.

Truly, the Scriptures reveal that we must repent of the works of darkness, put to death the hostile, rebellious spirit in man that is under the sway of the wicked one, Satan, and rise above the Seas of pride and lawlessness to become the good earth wherein Yahweh's seed may be planted with life and fruit the result.

What about you? Are you being called to Yahweh's wondrous and glorious kingdom?



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Are you being called to separate yourself from the darkness of the wickedness of this world in order to receive the light of life? From the waters of the chaotic pride of life to the peaceable fruits of Yahweh's Spirit? Are you being called to rise above the lusts and desires of the flesh to the works of the Spirit? After all, when the truth comes to us and when we embrace it, we are commanded to "*Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of*

Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:38.

If you have read this article, understand it and have been moved by it, then you are being called to partake in the wondrous kingdom of our Heavenly Father Yahweh and His beloved Son Yahshua. The question now is, What are you going to do about it?

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