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*"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.*

*"...freely ye have received, freely give," Mat. 10:8.*

## INTRODUCTION

We live in a world of chaos and confusion today. If you don't believe me, just listen to the politicians in the political realm, the scientists in the scientific realm, the nutritionists in the nutritional realm, the teachers in the academic realm, the police and judges in the law enforcement realm, the husband and wife in the marriage realm, parents and children in the family realm, and the religionists in the religious realm. Even in the Yahwistic world there is chaos and confusion. Man can't seem to agree on much of anything. Man can't agree as to what the Creator has commanded and recorded for us in His word.

I once wrote a booklet entitled "*Did The Savior Pre-Exist?*" which was published by another organization. It was a work that was highly praised and proclaimed by some, but highly contested and disclaimed by others. This work will also be a work that will hopefully be praised and proclaimed by some who read it, but the reality of life is that it will also be highly criticized and disclaimed by others.

The other work was done to reveal the power and glory of the One Who came and died for each of us. This work is also done with the same purpose in mind. It is a work written to reveal the faith that is within me and I hope in the Sheep of Yahshua's pasture. I have long proclaimed that this ministry is not a ministry to lift up and exalt myself nor any other man other than the Savior Yahshua. Thus any work that we do must be dedicated to His glory, honor and majesty which is also the glory, honor and majesty of the Father Yahweh for what belongs to the Son also belongs to the Father and vice-versa.

It is our prayer that you will be blessed by this venture and that your faith in the Messiah will be uplifted and edified by this undertaking. May the peace of Yahweh be with all who read this booklet and may His Word rest in your heart and abound to life everlasting.

*Jerry Healan*

# THE WORD

*Yahweh's word has been so misunderstood, maligned and misused, yet it is important that we come to see His Word as He presents it if we are to abound in light, life, love and truth. It must be a guiding path for each of us. If we embrace it and it dwells in us then we shall receive the salvation hoped for by all nations and peoples descended from Adam and Eve since the garden of Eden.*

*By Jerry Healan*

The Scriptures that have been preserved for us are contained in two testaments (covenants). One is called the Old Testament and the other the New Testament. That there was to be a New Testament or Covenant is attested to by the prophet Jeremiah, "Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: **Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake**, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yahweh: But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith Yahweh, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people," Jer. 31:31-33.

As there are two covenants, each has a beginning. The Old Covenant begins with Gen. 1:1, "In the beginning Elohim created the heaven and the earth."

While the first book of the New Covenant is the book of Matthew, the real beginning of the New Covenant can easily be found in the book of John, "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 came 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* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the

world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of Elohim, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Elohim. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth,” Jn. 1:1-14.

### THE WORD AS CREATOR

Notice carefully that both accounts, Gen. 1:1 and Jn. 1:1-14 begin with the creation. John says that **all things were made by this Word**; and without Him was not anything made that was made (v. 3). He also states that He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not (v. 10).

Peter also agrees with John when he wrote, “This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Sovereign and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.’ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by **the word of Yahweh** the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word** are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of impious men,” 2 Pet. 3:1-7.

Peter says that the heavens and earth of old and also the heavens and earth of today were/are by the Word of Yahweh.

The writer of the book of Hebrews agrees with Peter for it is written, “Elohim, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, **by Whom also He made the worlds**; Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and **upholding all things by the word of His power**, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they,” 1:1-4.

Notice it again! It says “by Whom also He made the worlds,” and it also says that He is “upholding all things by the word of His power! This Word of Yahweh not only created all things, but is also upholding our

present world today, by that same Word of power.

Psalm 33 is a key Scripture in understanding this concept, **“By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.** He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear Yahweh: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. **For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast,”** vv. 6-9.

All things were/are made by the Word of Yahweh, without the Word of Yahweh is not anything made that is made. He, the Word, was in the world and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not (Jn. 1:10). This verse is still applicable in our day just as it was in John’s, even as it was in the day that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Even many today who proclaim the names and faith of Yahweh and of Yahshua still fulfill this verse by not believing Who Yahshua was.

However, here is the faith of the true believer, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. **Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of Yahweh,** so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear,” Heb. 11:1-3.

What a powerful scientific statement that was made here! The writer of the book of Hebrews knew almost two thousand years ago that the creation is made of things which do not appear, cannot be seen with the naked eye. It took almost two thousand years of scientific research to discover that things are made of molecules, atoms, protons, neutrons, electrons, quarks, etc., etc.

How could the writer of the book of Hebrews make such a scientific statement? Because it was made under the influence of the Spirit of the One Who created it all in the first place. Man’s understanding is so far behind the understanding of the One Who made it all in the first place. Isn’t it amazing that man looks into and discovers the power of the creation in these last days, yet denies the One Who created it in the first place? Of course, this fulfills the verse in John where it says, “He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not,” Jn. 1:10.

### **A NEW REVELATION!**

Dr. Peter Bluer is a marvelous mathematician! He has composed several books and booklets utilizing mathematical formulas that are simply amazing. He has compiled some amazing formulas to Genesis 1:1 alone that absolutely prove that the Hebrew Scriptures are quite valid.

Yahweh stamped the first verse of the Scriptures with the number seven because the very first verse of Scripture (Gen. 1:1) is only composed of seven Hebrew words:

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ (In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth). Remember that Hebrew reads from right to left.

Genesis 1:1 is only composed of seven Hebrew words consisting of 28 letters ( $28 = 4 \times 7$ )!

## ETERNAL LIFE

There is yet another beginning in the New Testament that so many people continue to overlook. This beginning is found in the book of First John, “**That which was from the beginning**, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of **the Word of life**; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you **that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us**;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Yahshua the Messiah,” vv. 1-3.

What was it that the apostles had seen and heard? What was it that they had handled and seen manifested? It was ETERNAL LIFE, THE WORD OF LIFE made flesh! If we are to have fellowship with the apostles then we must believe their writings. We must believe their report. We must not only believe their report, but we also must publish it far and wide as they did.

Yahshua was of the eternal spirit, “How much more shall the blood of the Messiah, Who through **THE ETERNAL SPIRIT** offered Himself without spot to Elohim, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?,” Heb. 9:14.

Yahshua is the word of life! He is the word of life which is spoken through the eternal spirit. It is our responsibility to hold forth Yahshua, the word of life, “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is Yahweh which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of Elohim, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; **holding forth the word of life**; that I may rejoice in the day of the Messiah, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain,” Phil. 2:12-16.

The apostles understood that Yahshua had the words of eternal life, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life**. But there are some of you that believe not.’ For Yahshua knew from the beginning who they

were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, 'Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.' From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Yahshua unto the twelve, 'Will ye also go away?' Then Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? **thou hast the words of eternal life.** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim," Jn. 6:63-69.

Yahshua not only had the words of eternal life, He was the Word, He was eternal life, "Yahshua saith unto him, '**I am ....the life:** no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me'," Jn. 14:6.

John adds, "He that believeth on the Son of Elohim hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not Elohim hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that Elohim gave of his Son. And this is the record, that **Elohim hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life;** *and* he that hath not the Son of Elohim hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of Elohim; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of Elohim," 1 Jn. 5:10-13.

## WITH THE FATHER

What a wonder! We also can have eternal life if the One Who is eternal, the One Who has eternal life is in us. However, there is a difference between us and Yahshua. Yahshua is shown to have been with the Father in the beginning, in other words, He has always existed.

We read, "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," Jn. 1:1-2. The Greek word employed for the word "with" is "**pros.**" It is #4314 in the Greek lexicon of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as; a strengthened form of 4253; a prep. of direction; *forward* to, i.e. *toward* (with the genit. **the side** of, i.e. *pertain-ing to*; with the dat. **by the side of**, i.e. *near* to; usually with the accus. the place, time, occasion, or respect, which is the *destination* of the relation, i.e. *whither* or *for* which it is predicated).

Notice it carefully! It can mean **the side of** or **by the side of**! Furthermore, according to *The New Covenant Aramaic Peshitta Text with Hebrew Translation* the Hebrew word employed for "with" is "עִתְּסֵל" ('êtsel; ay'-tsel). *Strong's* gives the definition of this Hebrew word as; from 680 (in the sense of *joining*); **a side**; (as a prep.) *near*. It is shown to have been variously translated as; at, (**hard**) **by**, (from) (**beside**), near (unto),



toward, with.

The Greek and Hebrew agree as to the meaning of this word. Yahshua prayed to the Father, "I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own Self **with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was,**" Jn. 17:4-5.

The Greek word employed for the word "with" in this verse is "para" which means FROM BESIDE.

Yahshua continued, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me,**" Jn. 17:6-8.

The same Greek word (pros = by the side of, beside, etc.) is employed in 1 Jn. 1:2 which says, "(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was WITH the Father, and was manifested to us;)."

Yahshua said, "What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before?" Jn. 6:62. He also stated, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above; ye are of this world; I am not of this world," Jn. 8:23.

Yahshua continually related to the people of His day that He had come down from heaven (Jn. 6), that He had come from the Father. Yet, there are too many in Yahweh's congregations today who are questioning and disbelieving this.

After His resurrection, Yahshua ascended into heaven, "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 looked 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 1:9-11.

## THE RIGHT HAND

Yahshua returned into heaven to resume the original place that He had with the Father. He had been at the Father's side in the beginning. Scripture reveals that His place is at the right hand of the Father. King David

was inspired to proclaim, “Yahweh said unto my Sovereign, ‘Sit Thou at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool’,” Psa. 110:1.

The apostle Paul wrote, “Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Sovereign Yahshua, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the Elohim of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in the Messiah, **when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places**, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the assembly, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” Eph. 1:15-23.

Notice that Paul speaks of the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. The knowledge of the Messiah has been hidden in the Scriptures in mysteries, parables, etc. If we are to come to the understanding of the Messiah, it must be with the Spirit of Yahweh which leads us into all truth concerning these mysteries and parables. Paul speaks of this mystery in Eph. 1:9 and elsewhere.

Yahshua’s place at the right hand of the Father is also a mystery that has not been completely understood by so many which brings them even to the point of denial of the Messiah.

The writer of Hebrews proclaims, “Elohim, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds**; Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high**; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, ‘Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?’ And again, ‘I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?’ And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, ‘And let all the angels of Elohim worship him. And of the angels he saith, ‘Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.’ But unto the Son *he saith*, ‘Thy throne, O Elohim, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore Elohim, *even* thy Elohim, hath anointed thee

with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Sovereign, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.' But to which of the angels said he at any time, '**Sit on my right hand**, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?' Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?," Heb. 1:1-14.

The writer of the book of Hebrews certainly agrees with the apostles John, Peter and Paul in that he says that He is upholding all things by the word of His power. Notice that He is also called Elohim. The major point is that Yahweh never changes. He always works in the same manner. When it was time for salvation to be wrought for man, Yahweh sent His Word, Yahshua, forth to accomplish His task. When the task was completed, Yahshua, the Word, returned to the place of glory that He had with the Father before the world was. He returned to the right hand of power on high.

Yahshua is Yahweh's right hand and holy arm. Isaiah was inspired to write, "Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last. **Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens:** *when* I call unto them, they stand up together," 48:12-13.

The Psalmist cried out, "O sing unto Yahweh a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: **his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.** Yahweh hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our Elohim," 91:1-3

It is Yahweh's right hand and holy arm that not only gets the victory, but also brings salvation and righteousness. This is fulfilled in Yahweh's people through Yahshua the Messiah.

The Psalmist decrees, "Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O **thou that savest by thy right hand** them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them," Psa. 17:7.

In another place it is declared, "Yahweh is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: **the right hand of Yahweh doeth valiantly. The right hand of Yahweh is exalted: the right hand of Yahweh doeth valiantly.** I shall not die, but live, and **declare the works of Yahweh,**" Psa. 118:14-17.

In the book of Matthew we read, "And the high priest answered and

said unto Him, 'I adjure The by the living Elohim, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Messiah, the Son of Elohim.' And Yahshua saith unto him, 'Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, 'Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on **the right hand of power**, and coming in the clouds of heaven',” 26:63-64.

Yahshua is the right hand of Yahweh and He is His holy arm. Scripture reveals that not only was the Word of Yahweh sent forth to create the heavens and the earth, but the right hand and holy arm of Yahweh was also involved. The Word of Yahweh and the right hand of Yahweh are one and the same.

## THE WORD OF LIGHT

John writes, “In him (the Word, Yahshua) 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 came 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 was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world,*” 1:4-9.

This Word is light. In the beginning there was darkness upon the face of the deep, but the Spirit of Elohim brooded upon the face of the waters and Elohim spoke saying, “Let there be light:” and there was light,” Gen. 1:2-3. This, in essence, was the Word of Yahweh beginning to perform the six days of work which brought about the creation and the world which existed before the flood. That world, as revealed by the apostle Peter, was sustained by the word of Yahweh until its destruction by water. Our world today is sustained by the same word being reserved unto fire against the day of judgment (2 Pet. 3:5-6).

Scoffers in these last days are shown to be WILLINGLY IGNORANT of these things (2 Pet. 2:5, first part). It is our choice, desire and duty in this assembly to be WILLINGLY KNOWLEDGEABLE of these things and to teach them ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE!

John says the life that was in the Word was the LIGHT of men. Furthermore, he states that He was the true light which enlightens every man (Jn. 1:9). A better rendering of Jn. 1:9 would be, “*That* the true Light Which enlightens every man was coming into the world.”

But what does this mean? The answer is found in Gen. 2:7, “And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” This breath of life which puts the light of life into the body of every man, woman and

child who has ever lived, is living, or who ever will live, was begun by the Word of life Who was with Elohim in the beginning and Who was Elohim. It was begun by the Word which eventually became flesh Himself.

John records Yahshua's own words saying, "**I am the light of the world**: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have **the light of life**," 8:12.

Yahshua told Nicodemus, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. 3:13-19.

Do you get the gravity of these statements? First He says that no man has ascended into heaven but He that came down from heaven speaking of Himself. Then He expounds on the faith that we must have in Him, His name and, of course, His words. Finally the judgment is that He, the Light, has come into the world, but men do not love the Light, they rather love the darkness.

Furthermore, John wrote, "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that **Elohim is light, and in Him is no darkness at all**," 1 Jn. 1:5.

Yahshua told His disciples, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world (the sun). But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because **there is no light in him**," Jn. 11:9-10.

Man does not generate light. When the darkness of night comes man must have some kind of light to assist his walk or he will stumble and fall. Yahshua has light. He was light. Whether it was day or night. He did not stumble and fall because He was the Word of light.

Yahshua said, "**I am come a light into the world**, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness," Jn. 12:46.

Elohim is light. Elohim has light in Himself so that there is no darkness in him. Man is not light. Man does not have light in himself of himself. Yahshua, being a light, was certainly Elohim.

Matthew was inspired to write, “Now when Yahshua had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, ‘The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people which sat in darkness saw **great light**; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death **light is sprung up**’,” 4:12-16.

John’s father Zechariah prophesied, “And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Sovereign to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our Elohim; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, **to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death**, to guide our feet into the way of peace,” Lk. 1:76-79.

John’s father was referring to Mal. 3:1, “Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Sovereign, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith Yahweh of hosts.”

John the Baptist prepared the way before the messenger of the covenant, Yahshua the Messiah, fulfilling Mal. 3:1. Yahshua is the One Who came to bring in the promise of the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31) and to enlighten those who sat in darkness and the shadow of death.

## THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Just what is the shadow of death? According to Job it is the very state of death itself, “*Are* not my days few? Cease *then, and* let me alone, that I may take comfort a little, before I go *whence* I shall not return, *even* to **the land of darkness and the shadow of death**; a land of darkness, as darkness *itself*; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* **the light is as darkness**,” 10:20-22.

Job also spoke of it as such in 3:1-9, “After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. And Job spake, and said, ‘Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, ‘There is a man child conceived.’ Let that day be darkness; let not Eloah regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. **Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it**; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. As *for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. Lo, let

that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning. Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none; neither let it see the dawning of the day’.”

However, several Scriptures speak of the living travelling through the shadow of death. Jeremiah was inspired to write, “Hear ye the word of Yahweh, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: thus saith Yahweh, ‘What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? Neither said they, ‘Where *is* Yahweh that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of **the shadow of death**, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?’,” Jer. 2:4-6.

If Yahweh had not been with Israel in their trek through the wilderness, they would have perished. The wilderness was a dry and dreadful place. Yahweh had to provide them with their food and drink. They walked through the shadow of death for 40 years before being delivered into Canaan, the land of promise. Yahweh was with them, providing for them all the time.

David wrote, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of **the shadow of death**, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me,” Psa. 23:4.

A major point is that, even while we are living in this present world, we have the death penalty on us. The apostle Paul reveals that this death penalty has passed on all men because of Adam’s transgression. Thus, even while we live, we are walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Our potential death can happen at any time and at any place.

Jeremiah also warned, “Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for Yahweh hath spoken. Give glory to Yahweh your Elohim, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, **he turn it into the shadow of death**, *and make it* gross darkness,” 13:15-16.

Matthew’s account is taken from the book of Isaiah. Here is what Isaiah wrote, “To the law and to the testimony: **if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them**. And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their Elohim, and look upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to darkness. Nevertheless the dimness *shall not be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously

afflict *her* by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. **The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined,**” 8:10-22; 9:1-2.

Many have gone before us and dwell in the land of the shadow of death today. The living also are dwelling under the threat of the shadow of death every day. But according to Yahweh’s law (Torah) and His testimony (Teudah) **a great light has arisen that has gotten the victory over the shadow of death.** Yahshua is that great light and He has the power of resurrection to life everlasting.

Yahshua said, “I am the resurrection, and the life,” Jn. 11:25. The apostles taught of the resurrection from the dead through Yahshua, “And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Yahshua the resurrection from the dead,” Acts 4:1-2.

Yahshua, the Word, has the power to restore all from the shadow of death to the light of life everlasting. HalleluYah!!!

## דבר־יהוה (THE WORD OF YAHWEH)

Continually throughout the Scriptures we read “the word of the L-rd.” This is the English rendering of the Hebrew (דבר־יהוה/Dabar-Yahweh). Notice that these two words are linked with a hyphen. Since we know that יהוה (Yahweh) is the proper name of the Creator, then דבר (Dabar) linked to the proper name with a hyphen must also be a part of the proper name.

We find this expression in Gen. 15:1, “After these things the word of Yahweh (דבר־יהוה/Dabar-Yahweh) came unto Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward’.”

This word of Yahweh (דבר־יהוה/Dabar-Yahweh) is the One Who spoke to and inspired all of the prophets of the Old Testament.

In Isaiah we read, “The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for Yahweh hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master’s crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken Yahweh, they have provoked the



Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except Yahweh of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah. Hear **the word of Yahweh** (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh), ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our Elohim, ye people of Gomorrah,” 1:1-10.

The word of Yahweh (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh) came to Isaiah (38:4), Jeremiah (1:1-7), Ezekiel (1:1-3), Daniel (9:2), Hosea (1:1), Joel (1:1) Amos (7:16), Jonah (1:1), Micah 1:1), Zephaniah (1:1), Haggai (1:1), Zechariah (1:1) and Malachi (1:1).

Who was this Word of Yahweh (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh)? Peter reveals that it was the Messiah, “Peter, an apostle of Yahshua the Messiah, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of Yahweh the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Yahshua the Messiah: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed *be* the Elohim and Father of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of Yahweh through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Yahshua the Messiah: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. **Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of the Messiah which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of the Messiah, and the glory that should follow,**” 1 Pet. 1:1-11.

The Word of Yahweh (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh) was the Spirit of the Messiah which was in the prophets when they spoke of the sufferings of the Messiah and also of the salvation which would come from Yahweh's right hand of power through Yahshua. Yahshua is the Word of Yahweh (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh).

This great truth is revealed in the book of Revelation, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of G-d**," 19:11-13. If "the Word of G-d" were written in Hebrew instead of Greek or English, it would be rendered (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh).

This is none other than Yahshua the Messiah.

Rev. 19 confirms 1 Pet. 1:10-11 by stating, "And he saith unto me, 'Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he saith unto me, 'These are the true sayings of Elohim.' And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, 'See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Yahshua: worship Elohim: for **the testimony of Yahshua is the spirit of prophecy**,'" vv. 9-10.

The testimony of Yahshua is the spirit of prophecy. The word of Yahweh (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh) is the spirit that went to the prophets testifying of the Messiah, Yahshua. It is all one and the same spirit.

## THE DOOR

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

ture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly,” Jn. 10:1-10.

The Hebrew word for “door” is *dalet*. In actuality, the fourth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the *dalet*. It is the picture of a door to a tent, or house, etc. It looks like this  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$  respectively in the more ancient Pictorial Hebrew, the Paleo Hebrew, and Modern Hebrew.

Now, let’s look at the Hebrew word for “word,” which is *dabar*. It looks like this in the more ancient Pictorial Hebrew  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ , like this  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$  in the Paleo Hebrew, and like this  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$  in Modern Hebrew.

Let’s see if we can learn more about this Hebrew word *dabar*. The first letter is the *dalet*  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ , which is the picture of a door. The second letter is the *beit*  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$  which is the picture of a tent, house, temple (family), etc. The third letter is the *resh*  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ , which is the picture of the head of a man, or person.

Therefore, the Hebrew word for “word” ( $\aleph/\Delta/\delta/\aleph/\Delta/\delta/\aleph/\Delta/\delta$  *dabar*) gives us the idea of the door ( $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ ) to the tent’s, house’s, temple’s, family’s ( $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ ) head ( $\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ ).

Yahshua told Thomas, “**I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**,” Jn. 14:6.

Yahshua is the WORD, *dabar*,  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta/\aleph/\Delta/\delta/\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ ! He is the door to the head of the house, the head of the tent, the head of the temple, the head of the family! None can come to the Father but by Him!

He is the Word of Yahweh, *Dabar Yahweh*,  $\aleph/\Delta/\delta/\aleph/\Delta/\delta/\aleph/\Delta/\delta$ , the door, the way, to Yahweh the Father Who is the head of all things. But Yahshua is also Yahweh. He is the One Who has always been with the Father, Who has always been doing His will.

## THE TRUTH

Yahshua prayed to the Father, “Sanctify them through Thy truth: **Thy word is truth**,” Jn. 17:17.

The Word is truth! In another place Yahshua proclaimed, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in Elohim, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas

saith unto him, Master, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Yahshua saith unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,” Jn. 14:1-6.

Yahshua is the truth and He is the Word. None of us can come to the Father unless we come to Him through His Word. None of us can come to the Father unless we come to Him through the truth. Yahshua, being the Word and the truth, is the only way through which we can approach the Father. As a matter of fact, Yahshua is also the light thus He lightens our path so that we may see how to approach the great throne of grace and mercy as the Psalmist says, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path,” Ps. 119:105.

In Ps. 33 we read, “For the word of Yahweh (בְּדַבַּר־יְהוָה/Dabar-Yahweh) is right; and **all His works are done in truth**,” v. 4. This brings us right back to verse 6 which says, “By the word of Yahweh were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.” This brings us full circle back to the creation account that we began with in the first place. How wondrous is Yahweh and His Word!

## PSALM 85

Psalm 85 is an amazing Psalm when one searches out certain special things about it. In the first place, the number 85 can carry a special meaning. Numbers, in Hebrew, are represented by letters. 80, in Hebrew, is represented by the letter פ (pei) and 5 is represented by the letter ה (hei). The combination of these two letters (פה) makes the Hebrew word Peh or mouth. With this in mind, let us explore this Psalm more closely.

“Yahweh, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin,” vv. 1-2.

The first two verses already give us an indication that this is a Psalm of prophecy. Both Israel and Judah were cast out of their land because of their unrepentant iniquities and sins. The act of covering their sin is accomplished through the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah, the Lamb of Elohim. The return to the land of Israel by the whole house of Israel is yet a future event which will be performed by Yahweh at His designated time.

“Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger. Turn us, O Elohim of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O Yah-

weh, and grant us thy salvation. **I will hear what El Yahweh will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints:** but let them not turn again to folly,” vv. 3-8.

Notice it! “I will hear what El Yahweh will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people!” Yahweh will speak. The Word will come from His MOUTH! His people will then rejoice in His salvation! When He speaks the light goes forth, things are created, things stand fast for His Word is faithful and steadfast.

“Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*,” vv. 9-10.

Look at this again! Mercy and truth are met together! Isn’t this what John was trying to say when he wrote, “For the law was given by Moses, but **grace and truth came by Yahshua the Messiah**,” 1:16. Having mercy on people is the same thing as extending grace, favor, forgiveness to them. This, once again, is done through Yahshua, the Word.

“**Truth shall spring out of the earth;** and righteousness shall look down from heaven,” v. 11.

Notice it again! Truth shall spring out of the earth! This is exactly what happened when Yahshua, the Truth, sprang up from death through the resurrection! Truth sprang out of the earth! Now righteousness can look down from heaven.

The Hebrew word for “look down” is “שָׁקַף” (shâqaph/sheqaph). It means to lean out (of a window) or it can mean a loophole (for looking out). Now mankind has a window of opportunity to become righteous by the power of Yahweh, extended to us through Yahshua the Messiah. You have heard of loopholes. We now have a loophole to escape the pangs of death brought on by our own sins! Truth has sprang out of the earth, now the Holy Spirit can be poured out on mankind for the purpose of being led into all truth and to receive the hope of righteousness (Gal. 5:5).

“Yea, Yahweh shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. **Righteousness shall go before Him; and shall set us in the way of His steps**,” vv. 12-13.

## THE WAY

Again, Yahshua proclaimed, “I am **the way**...,” Jn. 14:6.

David sang, “Thou wilt shew me **the path of life**: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; **at thy right hand** *there are* pleasures for evermore,” Psa. 16:11.

We also read, “**Thy word is a lamp** unto my feet, **and a light** unto my path,” Psa. 119:105.

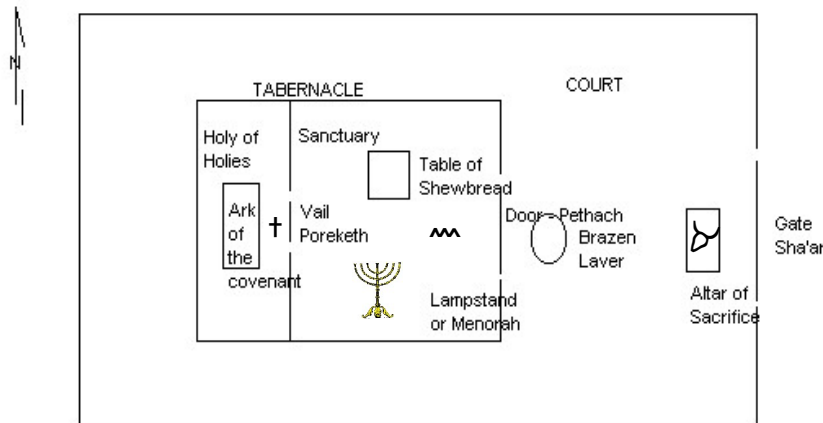
Yahshua, the Word, the Truth, the Life and the Light has blazed the trail, the path, the way before us, leaving His Light so that we can see how to walk. Peter writes, “For even hereunto were ye called: because the Messiah also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps**: 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.

The manner in which Yahshua’s disciples lived after His resurrection and ascension was called “the way.” In Acts 9:1-2 we read, “And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Master, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of **this way**, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.”

We also read in Acts 19:23, “And the same time there arose no small stir about **that way**.” See also Acts 22:4; 24:14, 22.

It is through Yahshua that we receive forgiveness of sin, grace, salvation, the Spirit of holiness, peace with the Father, eternal life, and the opportunity to enter the great throne room in heaven where the true mercy seat is, the seat upon which our Heavenly Father Yahweh sits. Yahshua is the way to all these things and more!

#### EMET (אמת/אמת)



A sketch of the Tabernacle

The book of Hebrews records, “Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of Elohim*. But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that **the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing,**” Heb. 9:1-8.

Verse 9 reveals that all of these things enumerated in verses 1-8 were figures or “parables”. The Greek word that has been translated as “figure” in verse 9 is actually “parabole” which has been translated elsewhere as “parable.”

In Hebrews 8 we read that these things were “examples, shadows, and patterns” of heavenly things (v. 5).

The main point is that **the way** into the holiest of all was not made manifest while the first tabernacle was yet standing. Yahshua has made the way into the holiest place for us. Yahshua is the truth, as we have already discussed. The Hebrew word for truth is *emet* (אמת).

Hebrew letters not only convey words and numbers, but they also convey pictures. The word *emet* (truth) in the original Paleo-Hebrew inscriptions was tma. The “aleph” (א/𐤀) pictured the head of an ox. The “mem” (מ/𐤌) pictured water and the “tav” (ת/𐤕) pictured an X, cross or a mark which was a substitute for one’s name or signature. Even in today’s world, if a person is illiterate, when signing a contract they will make an X for their signature.

In the sketch of the Tabernacle below, I have placed the letters of the Hebrew word for “truth” (*emet*/אמת) as a **pathway** into the Holiest place and the mercy seat. The Aleph (א) pictures the ox and is placed upon the sacrificial altar which is at the entrance to the tabernacle compound. The Israelites could only approach the entrance if they were bringing a sacrifice to offer upon the altar.

Corresponding to this, there was only **one way** into the compound, which was the gate (*shaar*) in the east. The aleph also represents the num-

ber one (1).

This aleph in the word truth (emet) is the beginning of one's trek to the holy place. It is begun by the only acceptable sacrifice, "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**.

Thus a true believer must first repent and come to the sacrifice of the Savior Yahshua in order to begin the trek to the mercy seat of grace whereon the Father sits. This trek must be made in truth (emet/אמת) which begins with the "aleph" (א). The only sacrifice and the only way.

The next critical step is to be baptized in the name of Yahshua for the remission of sins in order to be able to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is likened to water by Yahshua, "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 Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified," Jn. 7:37-39.

This step is represented by the "mem" (מ) which pictures water and is placed at the laver which is at the entrance to the tabernacle.

Once baptism is accomplished and the Holy Spirit (heavenly water) is received, then we are able to enter the throne room of grace and mercy, the Holiest place or the Holy of Holies. This is the abiding place of the Father Yahweh and the place of the last letter of truth which is the "tav" (ט).

The "tav" serves as the name or signature of the Heavenly Father Yahweh. In Rev. 7 we find that 144,000 of the tribes of the children of Israel are sealed in their foreheads. In Rev. 14 we again find the 144,000, "...**having His (the Lamb's) Father's name written in their forehead**," v. 1.

The pathway of the Word of Truth is complete. It has been completed through and by Yahshua Who is the Word of Truth, but also in following His steps of truth (emet/tma).

## THE ALEPH AND TAV



We find Yahshua saying, “I am the Alpha and Omega,’ saith the Master, ‘Which is, and Which was, and Which is to come, the Almighty’,” Rev. 1:8. Again He says, “I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last,” Rev. 22:13.

The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They have actually been substituted for the Hebrew letters Aleph (א) and Tav (ת). In reality, Yahshua was speaking to John, a Hebrew. He would have been speaking in the Hebrew language, not the Greek. The Aleph and Tav are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. They are also the first and last letters of the Hebrew word for truth (emet).

When the Aleph and Tav are used in this manner it means that He is the ultimate, the everything, the all in all. Rabbi Michael L. Munk writes, “In the popular idiom, something that is expressed or analyzed in its entirety is said to be covered from aleph to tav,” (*The Wisdom In The Hebrew Alphabet*, p. 34). He also writes, “Comprising the first and last letter of the Aleph Beis (alphabet), Aleph-Tav alludes to **completion** and perfection.” (Ibid)

The apostle Paul writes, “For in Him (Yahshua the Messiah) dwelleth the fulness of the Deity bodily. And **ye are complete in Him**, Which is the head of all principality and power,” Col. 2:9-10.

As we began this treatise by focusing on the Word, His pre-existence and His creative power, we come full circle to the end of this dissertation by acknowledging that it is through this Word that we are able to be created a new creature as Paul wrote, “Therefore **if any man be in the Messiah, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new....,” 2 Cor. 5:17.

Yahweh does not change. He is the same for ever and ever. He began all things by creating them through the Word, Yahshua, and He continues to creating all things through the Word, Yahshua. All praise to Yahweh.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

It is and always has been the duty of Yahweh’s people to proclaim His Word. The New Testament assembly went about everywhere boldly proclaiming the Word of Truth concerning Yahshua. Such must be our purpose in these last days.

One thing that we must keep in mind is that the leaders, the movers and shakers of events, the builders of this world’s societies reject Yahshua

the Messiah. Paul writes, “But we speak the wisdom of Yahweh in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Yahweh ordained before the world unto our glory: which **none of the princes of this world knew**: for had they known it, they would not have impaled the Sovereign of glory,” 1 Cor. 2:7-8.

Peter and John went to the temple at the hour of prayer where Peter healed a man who had been lame from his birth. This was a powerful miracle which was performed on behalf of this man. Peter and John used this miracle of healing to proclaim Yahshua and His resurrection. When they were brought before the chief priest, rulers, elders and scribes they were asked by what power that they had performed this miracle. “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, ‘Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Yahshua the Messiah of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom Yahweh raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. **This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved’,” Acts 4:8-12.

The leaders of the people in that day had rejected the Messiah, the chief or head stone of the corner. They didn’t understand. Nothing has changed in our world today. Yahshua is still being rejected by the leaders of this present evil world.

Acts continues to record, “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Yahshua. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, ‘What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.’ And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Yahshua,” Acts 4:13-18.

Notice it! The learned men of Yahshua’s day, the leaders, the elders, the chief priests, etc. looked down on the apostles because they were unlearned and ignorant men. Our world today is no different. Unless one has some letters attached to his name because he has attended a worldly university or college, the world pays no attention to them. The method of this world is to keep the unlearned and ignorant in an oppressed, depressed state. It seeks to misuse and abuse such people making them

slaves to the system that the worldly educated have built. This world today actually despises the true name of the Savior and has corrupted it to the point that it is not recognizable to the masses. Another name is given the recognition and glory.

That the name of the Savior is important is made obvious by Peter's response under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," v. 12, again.

The apostles set the example for what Yahweh's people must do, "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, 'Whether it be right in the sight of Yahweh to hearken unto you more than unto Yahweh, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.' So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all *men* glorified Yahweh for that which was done. For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed. And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them" Acts 4:19-23.

When the brethren received the report they prayed together, "And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to Yahweh with one accord, and said, Yahweh, thou *art* Elohim, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, 'Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against Yahweh, and against his Messiah. For of a truth against thy holy child Yahshua, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Yahweh, behold their threatenings: and **grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word**, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Yahshua.' And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and **they spake the word of Yahweh with boldness,**" Acts 4:24-31.

Even so, we also must BOLDLY PROCLAIM this word of Yahweh. May Yahweh bless you to see the Truth of His Word!!!

## ADDENDUM

The following information was published on the Internet on the Nazerene forum by Dr. James Trimm. Dr. Trimm is Jewish and is giving a Jewish commentary concerning Gen. 1 and John 1.

UNDERSTANDING YOCHANAN 1:1 ON A SOD LEVEL: IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (Jn. 1:1a). What word is that? The word BERESHIT. BERESHIT (In the beginning) was the word.

AND THE WORD WAS WITH ELOHIM (Jn. 1:1b). The word (BERESHIT) was with ELOHIM as Gen. 1:1 begins BERESHIT BARA ELOHIM. BERESHIT is with ELOHIM in Genesis 1:1.

Yochanan (John) 1:1 is pointing us to the word BERESHIT in Genesis 1:1 where the word BERESHIT is with ELOHIM.

AND THE WORD WAS ELOHIM (Jn. 1:1c). The word BERESHIT is ELOHIM. The key to who ELOHIM is is hidden on a SOD level in the word BERESHIT.

The first three letters of BERASHIT are: BEIT-ALEF-RESH. BEIT stands for BEN (Son), ALEF stands for ABBA (Father), RESH stands for RUACH HAKODESH (Holy Spirit). These three are the three pillars of the G-dhead. They ARE ELOHIM.

The opening portion of the Zohar tells of how each of the Hebrew letters petitions Hashem wishing to be the first of the creation. BEIT is chosen to be the first letter of creation and of the Torah because BEIT is the first letter of BARUCH (bless) because it is with BEIT that Hashem is blessed. Thus according to the Zohar the BEIT (which we have identified with BEN/Son) is the beginning of all creation.

Eccl. 12:1 says "Remember now your creators" ("creators" is plural in the Hebrew here). This points us to the repetition of the letters BEIT-RESH-ALEF in the next word after BERSHIT in Gen. 1:1 BARA (create/created). In the Hebrew Gen. 1:1 could be read as BERESHIT is the creator ELOHIM. Or In the beginning BEIT-RESH-ALEF was ELOHIM.

This brings us to Rev. 3:14 "...the beginning of the creation of Elohim..." Messiah is the BERESHIT of the creation of ELOHIM. HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH ELOHIM. (Jn. 1:2). He (Messiah) was BERSHIT ("in the beginning") which in Gen. 1:1 is with ELOHIM. ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM, AND WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS MADE THAT WAS MADE. (Jn. 1:3). All things were made through him.

Gen. 1:1 reads: BERESHIT BARA ELOHIM ET (ALEF-TAV) HASHAMAYIM ET (ALEF-TAV) HAERETZ.

ELOHIM creates the heavens and the earth through the ALEF and the TAV. Rev. refers to Messiah as the ALEF and the TAV (Rev. 1:11; 22:13). The ALEF and the TAV is the ALL. The first and last letter of Hebrew.

IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN (Jn. 1:4). AND THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE DARKNESS COMPREHENDED IT NOT. (Jn. 1:5).

The word with which Elohim created the heavens and the earth was "light" as he said, "Let there be light". Thus the Word of YHWH is also the light. The "light" or "word" emanated from Eyn Sof to man. The Hebrew word OR means "light" or "enlightenment". The upper three sefirot, the first emanation(s) from Eyn Sof are Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding which are enlightenment. The Sun, moon and stars had not been created yet so this OR (light) was the OR of men (enlightenment: Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding).

NO MAN HAS SEEN ELOHIM AT ANY TIME. THE ONLY BE-GOTTEN SON...HE HAS DECLARED/EXPRESSED HIM. (Jn. 1:18). No man has or could ever see Eyn Sof. However the Son has expressed Eyn Sof in a finite form.

Regarding the "light" of Gen. 1:3 and Yochanan (Jn.) 1:4-4, 9-10. Light is spelled ALEF-VAV-RESH (in Hebrew אור). The letter VAV (ו) in Hebrew is used as a conjunction "and." Thus we know that the LIGHT is ALEF-"and"-RESH.

ALEF (א) is for ABBA (Father), RESH (ר) is for RUACH HAKODESH (Holy Spirit). The Light is the Abba and Ruach combined in perfect harmony. This is the middle pillar of the g-dhead which is also revealed as the Creator.

Creator is spelled BEIT-RESH-ALEF (ברא) which represent the three pillars of the g-dhead: BEIT (ב) is for BEN (Son), RESH (ר) is for RUACH HAKODESH (Holy Spirit), ALEF (א) is for ABBA (Father).

Now the letter BEIT (ב) is in Paleo Hebrew (ב) a house and the word "house" in Hebrew is BEIT so that the Son is the House of the Ruach and Abba. That is the Abba and Ruach dwell in him in perfect harmony and combination. (End of Dr. Trimm's explanation.)

When I saw Dr. Trimm's explanation, I obtained permission from him to utilize this as an addendum to this booklet because it fits in perfectly with what I have been presenting herein.

Yahshua said that He was the "Light" (אור) in Jn. 8:12, "Then spake Yahshua again unto them, saying, 'I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life'."

Yahshua is revealed to be over Yahweh's house and the builder of it in Heb. 3:1-6, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, the Messiah Yahshua; Who was faithful to Him that appointed Him, as also Moses *was faithful* in all his house. For this *man* was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as **he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house**. For every house is builded by some *man*; but he that built all things *is* Elohim. And Moses verily *was faithful* in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; but **the Messiah as a son over his own house**; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

Yahshua's birth in the flesh was brought about by the conception of the Holy Spirit in the womb of His mother Miriam, "Now the birth of Yahshua the Messiah was on this wise: when as His mother Miriam was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of (by) the Holy Spirit," Mt. 1:18. Thus, Yahshua had the Holy Spirit as a possession from conception and birth which also means that if the Holy Spirit was in Him, then the Heavenly Father also was in Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. Yahshua would have been the Father's earthly temple, house or dwelling place.

When He was baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove, "And Yahshua, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of Yahweh descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased'," Mt. 3:16-17.

At this point, Yahweh not only began a new ministry in Yahshua, the ministry of the Spirit, but He also began to prepare Yahshua for the eventual death, burial and resurrection which is the second birth through which we also can become a part of Yahweh's house and experience that second birth in the Spirit and eternal life.

This was the beginning of a new creation, a new house being performed through Yahshua, the Word of Yahweh. Yahweh doesn't change. He began this physical creation through His Word and He has begun the spiritual creation through the same Word.

It is the Father and Son who work in combination together through the power of the Holy Spirit to perform and do all of the marvelous wonders of creation whether physical or spiritual. Yahshua said, "I can of Mine own Self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father Which hath sent Me," Jn. 5:30.

Previously, He had said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 'The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise'," Jn. 5:19.

The Father and Son are bonded together in One in the Spirit. It is a most powerful bond that cannot be broken. It has always been this way and it will always be so. They, together as One in the Spirit, are Elohim, the Creators.

Praise be to Yahweh Who gives us an opportunity to take part in His glory through His Word. Let us delight in His Word always and continue to be refreshed, renewed and created in Him. HALLELUYAH!!!!



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