Obey and live, Disobey and die!

This is the message from Genesis to Revelation!
The choice Is yours!





WHAT PART DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

Most people do not realize that they have a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun and the time to choose is running out!

Do NOT follow religion, for <u>all</u> religions are man-made.

Stay away from religion, may it be Christianity, Judaism, Islam or others and all man-made teachings!

Accept Scripture only as your compass, starting in Genesis 1:1, not in the middle of the book.

Get a Bible that has not been changed or altered! Accept the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, whose name is YHVH (Yahuah)!

Accept the sacrifice of His Son Yahusha (NOT THE GREEK, Christian) JESUS CHRIST, who was created by Constantine in the third century and never lived and could not have died for me and you.

The Christian Jesus is an image, a copy of the Hebrew Messiah Yahusha **BUT IS NOT Yahusha**.

Acknowledge, confess your past sins, and be baptized in Yahusha's name ONLY, not in the pagan trinity.

Obey His instructions called Torah He gave to Moses, which is your seal according to Isaiah 8:16! That includes the 7th Day Sabbath, the yearly appointed feast days, the health laws and to keep yourself unspotted from the world. Live a set-apart, holy life, endure until the end, and your name will be written in the lamb's BOOK OF LIFE. Do your own research, don't follow man! Do not take my word, nor the word of anyone else. Prove all things according to 1Thess 5:21!

Do it soon, it is salvational!

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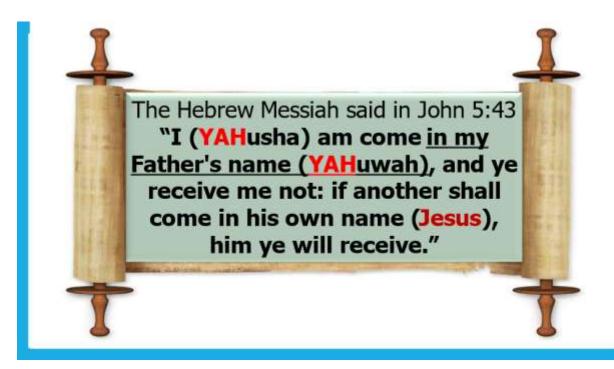
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Through my studies a few years ago I learned that God, LORD, and Jesus are fake names put into our Bibles to replace the Real Names of our Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son. The True Names have been removed over 7000 times from Scripture and replaced by God, LORD or Jesus which are not Names but titles like Mr. or Miss. Isn't it amazing if you ask a Muslim who he worships he will say Allah which is the name of his god and if you ask a Buddhist the name of his god, he will say Buddha. Yet we as professed believers in the only true Elohim, the Creator of the universe and Savior of mankind, do not even know the name of who we worship. Therefore, I use the four Hebrew letters yod, hey, vav, hey in English YHVH (and I pronounce it as Yahuah) instead of LORD, is a GENERIC title - not a name. I also use Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration from a Greek mistransliteration. The name Jesus has no meaning, in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH and Yahusha are the actual original Hebrew names that speak of our Savior's true nature and character. Since the Father has a Hebrew name, the Son cannot have a Greek name, because He came in the name of His Father (John 5:43)! The Father's name is contained in the Son's name as you can see in this example! The Father's name is YAH according to Psalms 68:4!



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I have come a long way in my spiritual journey as a believer finding the Torah with the Statues and Judgments. I realized that religion or Churchianity will not save me but only the Great I Am, the Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Israel through the shed blood of the Hebrew Messiah Yahusha Ha Mashiach! And my only foundation is the Torah, His instructions, for it states in Psalm 19:7, "The Torah of Yahuah is perfect converting the soul: the testimony of Yahuah is sure, making wise the simple." (The Restoration Study Bible)

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of all of my presentations is to turn people from the commandments and doctrines of men to the written Torah (instructions) of Moses that were dictated to Him by the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Israel and to the living Torah, called Yahusha Ha Mashiach. The teachings and practices of today's Christianity that are divided into more than 41,000 churches, denominations and sects have in reality very little in common with the Elohim of Abraham and Israel.

It Is and was my desire to examine their teachings, which have crept into the Christian Church and found that most of them are nothing but sun-worship. Many pagan practices, rooted in sun-worship that have absolutely no scriptural basis, have been accepted by Christianity. This falling away started already in the first Century. Christianity is a copycat religion and is mostly created by Emperor Constantine for political purposes.

What does Yahusha say about man-made, controlled religion? Here are his words to the leaders of His day, which applies the same to today's clergy:

Mark 12:38-40 (*The Scriptures*), "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and like greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the congregations, and the best places at feasts, who are devouring widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers. These shall receive greater judgment."

Chapter 1



What is the bottom line in life? What is the purpose, the goal?

One day a father was talking with his son asking him, what the plans for his life and what his goals were?

After thinking about it for a while, he said:

- 1. Finishing school
- 2. Going to College
- 3. Getting a job
- 4. Making money
- 5. Buying a Home
- 6. Getting married
- 7. Raising a family
- 1. Then it will probably be time to retire!
- 2. Time to go fishing.

- 3. Time for golfing
- 4. Goin on vacation
- 5. Really enjoy life
- 6. Havin a good time

Again, his father asked the question: "And then what...?"

Maybe the next step is a retirement home and eventually I die like everyone else!

Again, the question: **"And then...?"** Then there was silence! Then what?

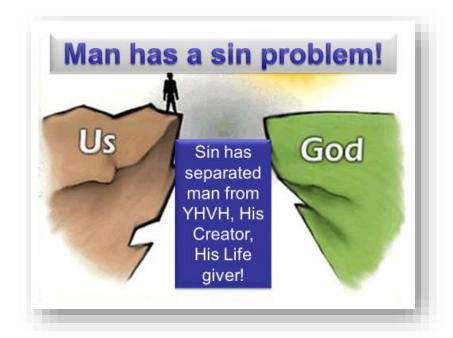


Hebrews 9:27 gives the answer: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

2Corinthians 5:10, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah; that everyone may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad." Knowing that there will be a judgment day, when we **must** appear, whether

we like it or not, what should be the bottom line of our life, right now, today?

Again, Scripture gives the answer in Amos 4:12, it states "PREPARE to meet your Creator ...!"



Scripture states in Isaiah 59:2, "Your iniquities have separated between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hid [his] face from you, that he will not hear." The bottom line for me is, how can I personally

come into harmony with heaven? Only as I accept Yahusha as my Savior and as HIS image is being restored in my soul by obedience to HIS Torah, can I be in harmony with my Creator and Savior, when sin and Satan has no more control in my life!

We read in John 3:16, "For Yahuah so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Restoration Study Bible) What must be the bottom line for the believer? To co-operate with the Messiah to restore HIS image!

Let's look at some other verses in Scripture, which express the bottom line for man in different ways:

Solomon at the end of Ecclesiastes in chapter 12:13 has a bottom line, after his search for happiness in the things and pleasures of this life failed, he says: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

What is the bottom line according to Micah 6:8 (KJV)? It states there. "He hath showed thee, O man, what [is] good; and what doth YHVH require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy Elohim!



Here is the bottom line according to Yahusha, our Messiah in Matthew 5:48 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Here is the bottom line according to YHVH himself for HIS people, which is recorded

in Leviticus 11:45 He tells us, "Be Ye Holy (set-apart), for I am Holy (set-apart)!"

This is a command! However, carnal man is very uncomfortable with that term "to be set apart"! Holiness does not attract the common people! This idea of being holy or set apart is stressed over and over in Scripture. Here is Leviticus 19:2 when YHVH spoke to Moses saying: "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy (set apart), for I YHVH your Elohim [am] holy (set-apart)." KJV

That was the Old Testament, what about the New Testament? Here are Peter's words as found in 1Peter 1:16, "Because it is written, be ye holy (set-apart); for I am holy (set-apart)."

According to Peter this standard of HOLINESS has <u>not changed</u> for the N.T. believers as he quoted from the Torah of Moses! Peter is speaking inspired by the Set-apart Spirit saying to the so-called NT believers in 1Peter 2:9,, "But ye [are] a <u>chosen</u> generation, a <u>royal</u> priesthood, an <u>holy</u> nation, a <u>peculiar</u> people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Being Holy, being set-apart, is a salvational issue as we read in Hebrews 12:14. That means without holiness there is NO salvation! "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see YHVH." KJV



That means being set apart for Yahuah will OPEN to men the gate of the City of Elohim.

"Set-apartness" is the <u>key</u> to enter into Paradise! Therefore, this is something we must seek! **This is the BOTTOM LINE!** We were just reading Paul's words in Hebrews 12:14, where he says: "Follow peace with all men, <u>and be set-apart</u>, without which no man shall see YHVH."

Being <u>set-apart</u> must be the goal, the bottom line for His professed people!

Psalms 29:2 in the Cepher translation states "Give unto Yahuah the glory due unto his name; worship Yahuah in the beauty of set-apartness."

Here is the same verse from the Scripture Translation 2009, "Ascribe to יהוה (YHVH) the esteem of His Name; Bow yourselves to יהוה (YHVH) in the splendor of setapartness.

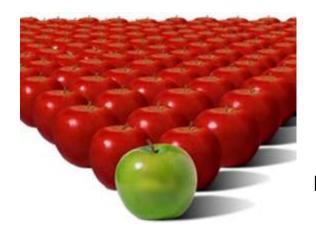
As YHVH is, so must HIS people be! As He is set-apart in His sphere, so must we be set-apart in our sphere!

Now we need to know what set-apartness actually is? Can Holiness be defined! Let's see what the dictionary says: set-apartness according to the dictionary means = <u>setting apart for Yahuah's service</u>, dedicated and devoted to HIS service, to be sanctified, <u>pure in heart</u>, <u>devout</u>, <u>pious</u>, <u>sinless</u>, <u>pure</u>.

It is living a life in conformity to the commandments, statutes, and judgments of YHVH Elohim. It is being obedient to our Heavenly Father.

When YHVH told Israel to be set-apart in Leviticus 11 and 19, He was instructing them to be distinct from the other nations, by being obedient to His instructions!

What does the word "distinct" mean? Distinct means to be different in taste and quality, separate, like gold is distinct from iron. It is something that stands out, it is different, or special, there is nothing else like it in the world, such people are one of a kind, clearly noticeable.



YHVH had set Israel apart from all other people groups. They were His special people, and consequently they were given standards, special instructions, and guidelines to govern their lives by, so the world would know they belonged to Him.

As believers, we need to be "set apart" from the world unto YHVH. We need to be living by <u>HIS</u> standards, not the world's standards.

Many professed believers are rejecting the idea that one can be different, set-apart, blameless, and obedient and perfect this side of heaven, in this life and they say, nobody is perfect! I am only

human! No one can keep the commandments anyhow! This is legalism!

And finally, they ask the question, the punch line: "Are you perfect?"

Why would our Heavenly Father ask us to be something we could not be, or to do something we cannot do, especially when He promised **to help us** to live a set-apart, upright, perfect, pure, and obedient life? **STOP WITH THESE EXCUSES!**



The story of the woman that was brought to Yahusha accused of committing adultery and when finally, every one of her accusers had left, he asked the question in John 8:10:

"Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, NO man, Master." KJV "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin NO MORE!"

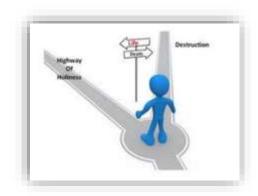


Why would Yahusha give her a command that he knew, she was not able to fulfill?

Does that make sense?

Scripture states in Isaiah 1:19-20, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the Land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword."

It is very clear here that man has a choice, he can be obedient, or he can refuse to be obedient! The Creator has given man a will, called WILLPOWER! It is our will, BUT HIS POWER!



We have been given the ability and the responsibility to choose between life and death, between obedience and disobedience, between receiving YAH's blessings or his curses!

Death and Life was set before the people of Israel in Deuteronomy 30:19-20, "I call heaven and earth to

record (as witnesses) this day against you, [that] I have set before your life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." KJV

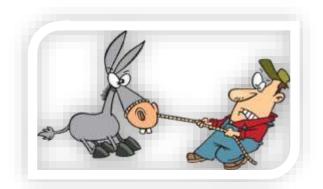
They were told and surely able to CHOOSE!

"That thou mayest love YHVH thy Elohim, [and] that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he [is] thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which YHVH sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

"Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee forever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of YHVH thy Elohim." Deuteronomy 12:28 KJV They were and we are capable to hear, to observe and to do that Which is good and right!

Here is the challenge that Joshua gave to the children of Israel: "Choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the river, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But I and my house, we serve in (YHVH)." Joshua 24:15

You and I <u>can choose life by surrendering our will to YHVH.</u> Don't let anyone tell you any differently! Joshua and his house chose to serve Yahuah! This is good news, we can choose to serve the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (Jacob)!



Man is <u>not</u> forced <u>to</u> <u>obey</u> and to choose life. Man has been given the power to reason.

When YHVH instructed Noah to build an ark, **Noah chose to** trust YHVH. Obedience is the result of trust.

When Elohim told Jonah to go preach in Nineveh, Jonah fled in disobedience. Clearly, both Noah and Jonah acted by their own reasoning power. One trusted and obeyed, the other one did NOT!



The good news is that if we choose YHVH's instructions every command of His is also a promise!

If YHVH says: "Ye shall be holy!" (Lev 11:45; 19:2; 20:7' 1 Peter 1:16) YOU WILL BE HOLY!

If YHVH says: "Thou shalt be <u>perfect</u> ..." (Deuteronomy 18:13 and Matthew 5:48) YOU WILL BE PERFECT!

If YHVH says: "Be blameless" (Philippians 2:15) YOU WILL BE BLAMELESS!

Romans 3:10, "There is <u>none</u> righteous, <u>not even one!</u>" How do we understand that? Paul is quoting from Psalm 14 and the same is in Psalm 5 and 53. David was talking here about foolish, wicked, corrupt, bloody, deceitful people of the world that are <u>not</u> seeking YHVH, that are not obeying His instructions, called Torah. Check it out for yourself.

By His grace and power, there were in the past righteous, blameless, upright, innocent, holy and godly people living in this world!

Here are some proofs of that, first in Psalm 32:11 were it states, "Be glad in YHVH, and <u>rejoice</u>, <u>ye righteous</u> and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." Who shall rejoice? All the righteous and those that are upright in heart! My friends, there are righteous people even today!

In Ezekiel 14:14 YHVH is saying that when His judgment will fall on the Land because of the sins of the people, "though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness"

What made them righteous? We find the answer in Deuteronomy 6:25, "And it is righteousness for us when we guard to do all this command before יהוה our Elohim, as He has commanded us." (TS2009)

Now the Cepher translation, "And it shall be our righteousness, if we guard to do all these commandments before Yahuah Elohaynu, as he has commanded us."

In Psalm 146:8 it states that "YHVH loveth the righteous!" KJV The people that are righteous are the ones that follow and obey Yahuah's commandments, statutes, and judgments. There have been and there are righteous people living today.

Revelation 19:8 is talking about the bride of the Lamb, "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." KJV There are righteous people, called Saints and the Bible talks about some.

We need to ask the question again, "What makes People righteous?"

1John 3:7 KJV states, "Little children, let no man deceive you he that <u>doeth</u> righteousness, <u>is</u> righteous, even as he is righteous." Does that make sense?

Or the words of Peter in Acts 10:34-35, "Then Peter opened his mouth and said, of a truth I perceive that Elohim is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that <u>feareth him</u>, and <u>worketh righteousness</u>, <u>is</u> accepted with him." KJV

YHVH's people believe HIM and act accordingly! The Bottom-line is doing and obeying His will, His instructions!

The Bottom-line is what? OBEYING EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF HIS MOUTH!

That is the point Yahusha was trying to get across to the chief priests and elders in Matthew 21:28-32



A (certain) man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, son, go work to-day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not but afterward he repented, and went.

And he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said,

I (go), sir, <u>and went not</u>. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, the first. Yahusha saith unto them, verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of Elohim <u>before you</u>." *Matthew* 21:28-32

Why? What ONLY counts at the end? # 1 that mine and your past committed sins are repented of and forgiven and secondly look at Romans 2:13, "For it is not merely the hearers of Torah whom Elohim considers righteous; rather, it is the doers of what Torah says who will be made righteous in Elohim's sight." CJB

Obedience to the Torah does <u>not</u> atone for our past sins, only the blood and intercession of the Messiah can do that. <u>His blood justifies and obedience sanctifies!</u>



Are the Creator's instructions important? The concept of instructions or Torah we find already in the Garden of Eden. Yahuah gave instructions to Adam and Eve; He gave very detailed instructions to Noah. He gave instructions to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to Moses at Mt. Sinai for the

Children of Israel!

Only this time He wrote them down on 2 tables of stone!

Let's look at a few examples before and after Sinai in order to see if people knew about the Torah or Yahuah's instructions that guided their lives! The first one we look at is Enoch. What does the Bible say about Enoch, the seventh from Adam in Hebrews 11:5?

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because YAH (*Elohim*) had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that <u>he pleased Elohim.</u>" Hebrews 11:5 KJV

Can we say that Enoch was righteous because he pleased Yahuah?

How does one please Yahuah? *Colossians 3:20,* "Children, <u>obey</u> [your] parents in all things: for <u>this is well pleasing unto YHVH."</u> By obedience to Yahuah's instructions!

Then we have Noah, "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation And <u>righteous!</u>" Genesis 6:9 and 7:1

What made Noah just, perfect, and righteous? **Because Noah** believed YHVH and followed His instructions to the letter! Remember believing or faith is an ACTION WORD.

Next, we have Job, "Job was blameless, upright, fearing Elohim and turning away from Evil." Job 1:1; 1:8 and 2:3 What made Job blameless and upright? He feared YHVH and turned away from Evil! That means he knew YHVH's instructions and followed them.

Abraham was a righteous man according to Genesis 26:5, "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws (Torah or instructions)."

You remember, when Abraham entreated YHVH in Genesis 18 for Sodom and Gomorrah and the possible destruction of the righteous that could be living there. In verse 25 Abraham said: "That be far from thee To slay the righteous with the wicked ..." YHVH did not say that there were no righteous people living there, there were a few, and there were some, but not enough to save the city.

"David <u>did</u> that <u>which was right</u> in the eyes of YHVH, and <u>turned not aside</u> from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite." 1. Kings 15:5



Daniel was a righteous man according to Daniel 6:22, "My Elohim hath send his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: for as much as before him innocency was found in me"

About the parents of John, the

Baptist the Bible states, "And they were both righteous before Elohim, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of YHVH blameless." Luke 1:6

Then we have Simeon in Luke 2:25, "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him."

In John 1:47 Philip finds Nathanael, and saith unto him, we have found him, of whom Moses in the Torah, and the prophets, did write. What did Yahusha say about Nathanael "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

The Scriptures talks about many righteous, set-apart, upright, blameless people!

They were justified by the blood of the Lamb and sanctified by obedience to HIS Torah! In Revelation we see 144,000 that are without fault before the throne of Elohim, **meaning they are righteous in the sight of heaven.**

As we have seen, to be righteous simply means obeying the Creator, doing that which is right. Another point to consider is

that the 144,000 were not defiled with women, meaning churches, with the doctrines, commandments, and traditions of men!



It's all about choices,

To obey or not to obey!

Don't let other's influence
you in whether or not you
obey YHVH! He says be
blameless, then be
blameless!

When He says to obey, obey! Don't argue, don't rebel.

Stop all debates and arguments. Don't let others tell you that Yahuah's Torah is not binding anymore! We are <u>not</u> accountable to people; we are <u>not</u> worshipping people or churches or organizations, we worship the Creator!

A Denomination, a Church <u>is not Elohim</u>! There is nothing wrong with churches in the sense of the word as long as they follow a "Thus saith YHVH!"



Churches, denominations, people do not and cannot save us, only the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob can save us!

Man was created in the image of YHVH! Therefore. By HIS grace He is <u>able</u> to obey and to be set-apart as

the Messiah is set-apart!

There is no excuse for sinning, there is no excuse for living not a set-apart life, and there is no excuse for disobedience!

Yahuah has promised us many blessings <u>if</u> we are obedient: Many of these are conditional, that is, they require something of us in order for his full blessing to be released. For example, "Blessed are the merciful, <u>for</u> they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, <u>for</u> they will see Elohim. Blessed are the peacemakers, <u>for</u> they will be called sons of Elohim." (Matthew 5:7-9 – Lesham English Bible)

Deuteronomy 4:40 - KJV, "Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee, forever."

What are the conditions? **Keeping HIS statutes and HIS commandments!**

Deuteronomy 28:1-,2 "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, to observe [and] to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that YHVH thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim." KJV

Deuteronomy 28

- 3. Blessed shalt thou be in the city
- 4. Blessed shall be the fruit of the body, the ground, the cattle, the sheep etc.
- 5. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.
- 6. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in and when thou goest out.
- 9. YHVH shall establish thee a set-apart people.
- 12. Thou shalt lend unto many nations and shalt not borrow.
- 13. And YHVH shall make thee the head and not the tail. (KJV)

All these blessings were conditional as it continues on by saying if you will obey and don't serve the false gods. But then the next verse tells them in clear words 28:15, "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee." and then He lists all the curses.

King David, had it in his heart to build a Temple for the name of YHVH, the Elohim of Israel, a permanent resting place for the Ark of the Covenant which contained the Ten Commandments. A divine edict, however, had forbidden him from doing so: "You will not build a house for My name," YHVH said to David, "for you are a man of battles and have shed blood" (I Chronicles 28:3 – The Scriptures).

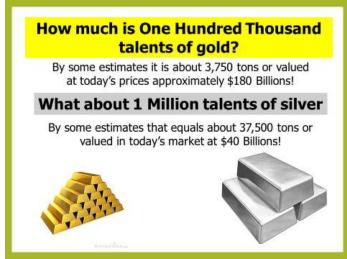
As long as the leadership of the Nation of Israel was obedient to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, they were truly blessed. We have the example during the time David was king of Israel! Since King David was not allowed to build the temple, he decided, however, to make ample preparations before his death to gather all the materials and manpower necessary for that huge undertaking for his young and inexperienced Son Solomon. (1 Chronicles 22:5). He prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond measure, and cedar trees in abundance.

It states in 1Chronicles 22:14-15 David said to his son Solomon, "...I have prepared for the house of YHVH an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand (1 million) talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. Moreover [there are] workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work. Of the

gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, [there is] no number." KJV

Can we say that the Nation of Israel was blessed under King David?

Why was the Nation under King David so blessed? Because David as leader and the people under him were Torah observant, they were the head and not the tail, they were lending instead of borrowing. How much gold and silver did David gather just for building the temple? One hundred thousand talents of gold!



Can you imagine what the Nation of Israel would be like today, if they had not apostatized, if they had never served the false gods of the nations around them, the no-gods and had remained faithful to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and kept

His covenant?

They would truly be the head and not the tail and be the envy of the whole world!

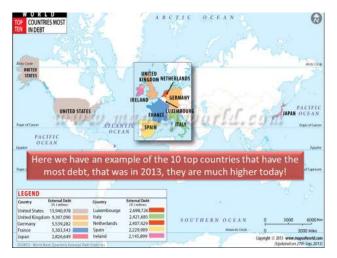
Was this kind of blessing promised only to the nation of Israel, the Hebrews, or can anyone receive such blessings?

"Then Peter opened [his] mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that Elohim is no respecter of persons: But <u>in every nation</u> he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, <u>is accepted</u> with him." *Acts* 10:34-35

This promise is not only for individual people <u>but also for nations</u> <u>as a whole</u>. However, those who have the light and do not follow it but <u>disregard</u> the requirements of Elohim and are

disobedient to his commandments, statutes, and judgments will find that their blessings will be changed into curses and their mercies into judgments, no matter who they are.

They have made man-made laws to replace Yahuah's Laws! They refuse to obey the Torah with the statutes and judgments! They have even removed the 10 Commandments from public places!



We were reading in Deut. chapter the Blessings promised to the nation of Israel, which is applicable to every nation. It stated very clearly that if they would hearken unto the commandments, statutes, and judgments of YHVH and observe and do them that He would establish

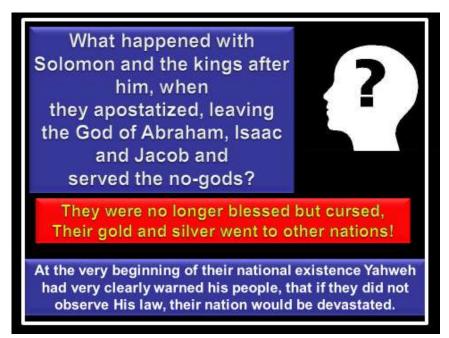
them as a holy people and that they would lend unto many nations and would <u>not have to borrow</u>, YHVH would make them the head and not the tail.

The question is: "How many nations, including the USA, are borrowing instead of lending?"

When we read the story about the nation of Israel during the time of King David and Solomon, the money kept on coming in, for it states in 2Chronicles 9:13-14 about Solomon "Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold, besides that which chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon." KJV

He was blessed, because He was obedient and observed the commandments, statutes, and judgments of YHVH <u>at that</u> time!

But let's remember, all these blessings were conditioned on obedience!



The Bottom-line is that nations and individuals must repent and return to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and be obedient to His Torah, <u>His instructions</u>, the commandments, statutes, and judgments, if they expect to be blessed!

He said, "I am Yahuah, I change not!"

Nations may forsake YHVH and pass laws that are against His Torah and receive the curses, but individually we can still seek HIM and obey His commandments, statutes and judgments and receive His blessings!

Let's remember the words of the prophet Samuel to King Saul in 1. Samuel 15:22-23, "Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice,

[and] to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion [is as] the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness [is as] iniquity and idolatry." KJV

"The mercy of YHVH is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them." Psalm 103: 17-18 KJV

Only those who have been washed by the blood of Yahusha and are obedient, who are sealed, who reflect His character, whose names are written in the book of life, will be acknowledged as His people!

And yet, there is no reason whatsoever for anyone to boast according to the words of Yahusha in Luke 17:10, "when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Obedience is the Highest Form of Worship!

All the glory, all the honor and all the credit for us being holy, righteous, blameless, obedient, perfect, and loving including our redemption goes to our Heavenly Father and to our Savior Yahusha Ha Mashiach.

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise Elohim, [be] honor and glory for ever and ever, Amein." 1. Timothy 1:17~KJV

May we, everyone that reads this message, be accounted as worthy is my prayer!

Chapter 2

The Story of man in a Nutshell!

(From Paradise to Paradise)

The Holy Scriptures record in a few words about how life on this planet began with the words, "In the beginning Elohim (YHVH - Yahuah) created the heavens and the earth," Genesis 1:1. Creation took place in six literal 24-hour days about 6,000 years ago. This is a simple statement, but it answers the most basic and scientific of all questions: How did it all begin and where did we

come from?



Hebrews 11:3 adds another detail, "By faith [by trusting what Yahuah has revealed] we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of Yahuah, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible." (New Revised Standard Version)

On the sixth day of Creation week Adam was created in the image of YHVH. In Chapter two of Genesis, Eve was created by taking one of Adams ribs, and they were both told to be fruitful, to multiply, and to replenish the earth, and subdue it. They were to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth (Genesis 1:28).

In Genesis 2:16-17 " יהוה (Yahuah) Elohim commanded the man, saying, eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and, for in the day that you eat of it you shall certainly die." (The Scriptures)

However, Adam chose to rebel against his Creator by eating of the forbidden tree, and he lost his innocence, incurred the penalty of

physical and spiritual death, and his mind was darkened by sin, as are the minds of his successors. Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden and Cherubims with a flaming sword, which turned every way, were stationed at the entrance to keep them away from the tree of life.



In response to the serpent's deception and Adam's and Eve's disobedience, YHVH pronounces curses on the serpent and on Satan as well on Adam and Eve and on the generations to follow.

YHVH promises to make enemies of Satan and the woman, on their offspring, or seed that will remain enemies until the end of time, the day of judgment. But there was a prophecy of hope in the rest of this verse "... it (the seed of the

woman) shall bruise thy head, and thou (Yahusha Messiah) shalt bruise his heel."

Yahusha (Yahuah in the flesh) partook of the nature of humanity that "through death he might bring to naught him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14).

In time, Eve bore Adam two sons – Abel, who became a shepherd, and Cain, who grew crops. Abel set forth the firstborn of his flock as an offering to YHVH, while Cain offered the fruit of the ground. But when Cain's offering was rejected, he was filled with fury and killed his brother, making him the first murderer.

In time, Eve bore Adam another son, whom they named Seth, and it was through him that the holy line continued, the ancestors of Yahusha Ha Mashiach.

Enoch was the son of Jared and of the seventh generation from Adam via Seth. A pious man, who spent his life in the fellowship of Yahuah (YHVH), 'walking with YHVH', he prophesied that Elohim would bring all sinners to judgment. Enoch, like Elijah many centuries later, did not die but was taken directly to heaven by YHVH.



Things began to take a turn for the worse very quickly. Humanity multiplied and violence reigned. Cain killed his brother Abel. One of Cain's descendants, by the name of Lamech,

became a man renowned for violence boasting his exploits (Genesis 4). This happened over a period of 1650 years. The wickedness of man became so great that YHVH was sorry that He had made man and He decided that the only remedy was to destroy man and beast by water, except Noah and his family and representative animals, for Noah had found grace in the eyes of YHVH.

Not long after the Deluge, people corrupted themselves again, turned from their Creator and wanted to make a name for themselves by building a structure called the Tower of Babel in the land of Shinar (Babylonia). However, YHVH disrupted the work by confusing the language of the workers so that they could no longer understand one another. The city was never completed, and the people were dispersed over the face of the earth. The story of its construction, given in Genesis 11:1–9, explains the existence of diverse human languages. According to Genesis, the Babylonians

wanted to make a name for themselves by building a mighty city and a tower "with its top in the heavens."



Nearly a thousand years after the building of the Tower of Babel YHVH called **Abram** (which means exalted Father in Hebrew). His name was later changed to **Abraham**, which means Father of a multitude in Hebrew. He was asked by YHVH to leave His home in Ur, in Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia is

today known as Iraq, Syria, and Turkey. It is there that the civilizations of Sumer, Babylon and Assyria existed. YHVH called him to establish a new nation in an undesignated land that he later learned was Canaan. He obeyed unquestioningly the commands of Elohim, from whom he received repeated promises and a covenant that his "seed" would inherit the land.

One important point to remember is that Abraham's family was polytheistic: they "served other gods" (Joshua 24:2). He came out of paganism to serve the one living Elohim, who had called him.

Abraham is remembered in Scripture as the "Father of Faith!" Romans 4:3 "... Abraham believed YHVH, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." His faith was proven through actions in that he obeyed and left his country and moved to a country he did not know. Yes, there was faith in the Old Testament, a lot of faith. Faith is an action word, because without actions faith is dead as James stated.

Abram was 75 when YAH called him to leave his home, 86 when his first son Ishmael was born through Hagar, 99 when he was

circumcised, and 100 when his son of promise Isaac was born through his wife Sarah (Genesis 12-21).

Within Judaism, Christianity, and the Islamic faith, Abraham is a venerated patriarch.

In Genesis chapter 22, YHVH comes to Abraham to prove his allegiance and commands him to sacrifice his "only" son Isaac to Elohim. Some people think that Isaac was a young boy. No, he was a grown man, about 37 years old and Abraham 137. As Abraham obeyed, an angel stopped him. At the same time, YHVH provided a ram instead and blessed Abraham.

The entire Bible points to Yahusha as our Messiah. Most know this is especially true in Genesis 22. This passage is like a lock and Yahusha the Messiah is the key that unlocks it for us. Yahusha is the true Isaac. An exchange happened; a ram was exchanged for Isaac. This points to the greater exchange that happened at Calvary. Yahusha takes the place of all those who should have come under the death penalty because they now accept and obey His word and believe on Him that sent Him.

Isaac was the son of promise. Isaac's wife, Rebecca, bore twins Esau (the first born) and Jacob the second born. Next, Jacob and his mother Rebekah, co-conspired to acquire the blessing of the birthright from Jacob's aged father, Isaac. by deception

He began to fear the wrath of his brother. Because of the encouragement of his mother and the recommendation of his father, Jacob fled to the land of Haran. There he was to find a wife. Jacob did fall in love with Rachel, his cousin, and negotiated to serve seven years of labor to acquire her hand in marriage. However, Jacob's uncle Laban deceived Jacob and gave him his older sister Leah instead of Rachel according to their custom. Bargaining for another seven years of labor for Rachel, Jacob did eventually earn Rachel as his wife. Jacob was 84 years old when

he married Rachel and Leah. He was 91 years old when Rachel gave birth to Joseph, he was 100 years old when Benjamin was born, 107 years old when Joseph was sold to Egypt and he died when he was 147. Jacob proceeded to build his family. He had six sons and a daughter from his wife Leah, two sons from Leah's maidservant, two sons from his wife Rachel's maidservant, and two

sons from his wife, Rachel.



After another six years of working for Laban, without announcement Jacob left to return to his father's house. He was afraid, rightly so, to meet his brother Esau. So, he sent a peace offering and greetings ahead of time

to his brother Esau, who was on his way with 400 armed men to meet him. He also sent his family ahead of him so he could spend the night in communion with YHVH. During his time, he was visited by an Angel, which we believe was Yahusha. This unusual visit was spent in a wrestling match between the Angel and Jacob. As the Angel could not overcome Jacob, he touched his hip and caused it to be wrenched from then on. Jacob refused to release the Angel until he blessed him. From then on **YHVH** changed Jacob's name to Israel, which means "struggles with Elohim." When Jacob resumed his journey home and met up with his brother Esau, the brothers met as friends and continued that relationship through the remainder of their lives. Rachel died during the birth of her last son Benjamin. Shortly after, Jacob suffered severe grief again when he was convinced that his favorite son Joseph had died.

However, Joseph was sold to Egypt by his brothers, and ended up serving 10 years in prison because of Potiphar's wife's baseless accusation. Eventually, he was elevated to be second in command in Egypt through Yahuah's leading to save his families and the land of Egypt during the 7 years of famine.

During this severe famine, Jacob's sons went to Egypt to acquire much-needed food. The events that ensued led Jacob to Egypt to be reunited with his long-lost son Joseph. He had his entire family together, settled in Egypt for about seventeen years until the end of his life. His dying request was that he be buried where his fathers had been buried in the Promised Land.

After Joseph and the old Pharaoh died, a new Pharaoh came that knew not of Joseph and what he had done for Egypt. This resulted in the children of Israel being severely mistreated and oppressed by the new Pharaoh. Moses was called by YHVH to deliver Israel out of Egypt. Pharaoh did not allow them to follow Moses into the wilderness to worship YHVH and thus denied a measure of their religious freedom. Elohim hears the cry of His people and does something about it. After 10 plagues passed over the land of Egypt they were finally let go after the 10th plague killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt.

There were about six hundred thousand men, not including the women and children that left Egypt at that great event. Many other people, called the mixed multitude, who were not Israelites went with them, as well as a large number of sheep, goats, and cattle. The Israelites had lived in Egypt and Canaan for 430 years. (At that time they were under Egyptian rule in the land of Canaan.) Of the full 430 years – half of this time was in Egypt. The Jewish historian, Josephus, explains that the Israelites left Egypt 430 years after Abraham travelled to Canaan, and 215 years after Joseph invited Jacob and his family to settle in Egypt.



After the 10th plague upon Egypt, (when all the firstborns were killed), Pharaoh was finally convinced to let the Israelites go. They traveled from Rameses to Succoth and then to Etham on the edge of the desert, led by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Pharaoh had not learned anything yet, because he pursues the Israelites with chariots and overtakes them.

When the Israelites see the Egyptian army, they are afraid, but the pillar of fire and the cloud separates the Israelites and the Egyptians. At YHVH's command, Moses held his staff out over the water, and throughout the night a strong east wind divided the sea, allowing the Israelites to walk safely through on dry land with a wall of water on either side. The Egyptians continued to pursue them, but at daybreak YHVH clogged their chariot-wheels and threw them into a panic. With the return of the water, the Pharaoh and his entire army are destroyed. When the Israelites saw the power of Elohim, they put their faith in HIM and in Moses, and sang a song of praise to Yahuah for the crossing of the sea and the destruction

of their enemies. (This song, found in Exodus 15, is called the Song of Moses).

The Israelites left Egypt on the first day of Unleavened Bread, arriving at the foot of Mount Sinai on the 47th day of the Omer Count. Three days later everyone is summoned to meet Yahuah at the bottom of MT Sinai. This is where they received the 10 Commandments with the statutes and judgments and sealed the Book of the Covenant (Exodus 19 to 24). That was the day of Shavuot, which was later called the day of Pentecost, when Ruach was poured out on the believers, exactly 50 days after the Wave Sheaf Festival and 10 days after the second ascension of Yahusha. During this time Moses had 10 Encounters with Yah from Exodus 3 to Exodus 34 while he was acting as the earth's visible mediator – or – the representative of our Highest Melchizedek Priest. Yes, Moses was a "Melchizedek Priest" for the people – their righteous king and priest and leader carrying out the commands of Yahuah.

There are many different kinds of "other books" spoken of in Scripture. However two of them are very different books and very important books. They are: the "Book of the Covenant" and the "Book of the Law. The Book of the Covenant laws are "forever and everlasting" laws, never nailed to the cross. These instructions are Yahuah's "everlasting covenant" that He has said He will not and cannot break. (See: Ps 89:34 [KJV] where it says: "my covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.") While Yahuah cannot violate His covenant, mankind can – and has! This covenant was with Israel in Exodus 19 just after coming out of Egypt -- they were in the 3rd month -just 3 days before Pentecost as I just mentioned when Israel agreed to accept and to obey Yahuah's covenant. As the story continues, Israel could barely tolerate listening to Yahuah speaking from the mountain, proclaiming the 10 Commandments, when they started to complain bitterly, after the 10th commandment was spoken. Their complaint to Moses was that they did not want to listen to "one more word of the covenant" from the thunderous voice of Yahuah, lest they die! Thus, they begged Moses to "go back up the mountain" (like he had done three times already in Exo 19) and "get the rest of the words of the covenant -- and bring them back to the people -- THEN they decided they will listen, hear, accept and obey. This information is pretty easy to find in Exo 20:18-21.

So, that's exactly what Moses did ... he went back up the mountain to get the rest of the everlasting covenant ... which is recorded in Exo 20:22 to the end of Exo 23. ALL of these words (or instructions) are part of the everlasting Book of the Covenant ... including the FEASTS AND FESTIVALS found in Exo 23:10-17 [with the weekly Sabbath nestled right in the middle at verse 12 ... showing that all the worship statutes stand together. There should never be any more argument about this issue as it is noticeably clear where the "rest" of the words of the Everlasting Covenant actually had their beginning -- from the voice of the Elohim that brought them out of the land of Egypt (Exo 20:1-2).]

In Exo 24:1-11, "those words" of the covenant were spoken to the people; written in the Book of the Covenant; and then read to the people from THAT book -- with their 3rd acceptance to accept this covenant AND be obedient. They had never said that part before about being obedient in comparison to the first two acceptances found in Exo 19. THEN, the Book of the Covenant [BoC] was sprinkled with blood, (making it blood ratified), as were the people ... THEN Moses and 75 elders took THAT BoC part way up Mt Sinai to have the Covenant confirming meal – which now "seals the deal" of "not adding and not taking away from the BoC" -- ever! **Disobedience is the death penalty!**

After this meal, Moses takes the BoC all the way to the top of MT Sinai -- as these words that have been blood ratified are going to

be transcribed to tables of stone with Yahuah's own finger. The BoC only reaches to Exo 24:11. However, it is important to note what is written in the next verse – Exo 24:12!

Exo 24:12 "And Yahuah said unto Moses, come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them." (KJV)

Did you notice that Yahuah said He was going to give him Tables of Stone ... AND a law, AND commandments which "he has also" written? And these "other" laws and commandments were to be taught by Moses?!

They were to take possession of the land YHVH had promised their forefathers, a land "flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8). Prior to entry, the people wanted to send 12 spies to Canaan to search the land. Ten spies (the majority) brought back a bad report saying they would not be able to oust the current inhabitants of the land, even though YHVH told them they could through His power. That was mistrusting the Almighty.

Their lack of belief in YAH's Word and promises brought forth His wrath on them. He cursed them with forty years of wilderness wandering and all men over the age of 20, in that unbelieving generation died off, never stepping foot in the Promised Land.

Joshua and Caleb were <u>the only ones</u> that had brought back a good report and believed that Yahuah is able to give them the Land. We find the report in Numbers 13:30, "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, let us go up at once, and possess it; for <u>we are well able</u> to overcome it." *KJV*

Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive instructions from Elohim for Israel and stayed there 40 days and 40 nights but when he came

down the mountain with the Ten Commandments, Israel had already turned to idolatry by making a golden calf with the help of Aaron.



And as soon as Moses came near the camp and saw the golden calf, he threw down the tablets of stone breaking them at the foot of the mountain. He then took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire; ground it to powder and scattered it on the water. Next, Moses made the people of Israel drink it."

Besides Aaron, the tribe of the Levi's did not partake in this apostasy. So YHVH (not Moses) commanded that these Levites kill their brothers, friends, and neighbors that took part in that great sin. This may sound unreasonable. But remember, everyone had just agreed to come into covenant with YHVH and "be obedient." Worshipping a golden idol was done in complete disobedience. This part of the agreement is found in the covenant many times (Exo 20:4; 22:20; 23:24; 23:33). Three thousand people died on that day because they broke their part of the covenant agreement. Moses knew the magnitude of what the nation had done when he was still at the top of the mountain. When speaking with YHVH he identifies with the people to the point of asking the Most High to delete him out of the Book of Life rather than placing the whole camp under the death penalty for what a few had done. You see, the agreement was: there was a death penalty for breaking this covenant - and they all knew it. Acting as the earthly representtative and Melchizedek Priest for YHVH, Moses interceded that YHVH would forgive the people of this great sin. Yes, YHVH did forgive them – but there would be some changes coming because of this great violation. This was the time when the Melchizedek priesthood was changed to the Aaronic priesthood within the tribe of Levi. Only the sons of Aaron were given the job description of

being priests for YHVH. This was because of their faithfulness in not participating in the golden calf apostasy.

The Aaronic priest hood was only in effect until the Savior would come to give His life for man – thus He would pay the death penalty that was waived at Mt Sinai. Why? The covenant agreement was: "a death penalty had to be carried out." But, due to the pleading of Moses the death penalty was not carried out under Plan A (so to speak). Plan B was a new set of laws that brought in a new priesthood along with the earthly sanctuary in order to teach the people about the Messiah that would come to die in their place, fulfilling the terms of the death penalty under Plan A. Once that death penalty is paid, then the Aaronic priesthood is no longer needed; and everything is reset back to the original Melchizedek priesthood with Yahusha being the High priest in His heavenly sanctuary. As proposed in Exo 19:3-6, the promise was that His people would be a nation of "kings and priests – a holy nation and a peculiar nation.

The Hebrews wandered in the desert of Sinai Peninsula for 40 years. After that detour through the wilderness and stopping at 42 different resting places, or campsites, the Israelites, under the leadership of Joshua, entered the promised Land. Moses was not allowed to enter Canaan because of his sin at the Waters of Meribah, which took place during the last year of their wandering. Moses instead of speaking to the rock as he was commanded, he struck the rock twice for water to come out. This rock represented the coming Messiah. Striking the rock the first time represented the Messiah's death. After that, when approaching "the Rock" there is no need to strike again – only to speak to Him. According to Deuteronomy 34:7 Moses died when he was a hundred and twenty years old, yet his eyes were not weak, nor his strength gone. Moses died on the summit, of Mount Nebo. YHVH buried him secretly, and no one knows to this day where his grave is (Deuteronomy 34:5-6). But the good news is: Moses was

resurrected shortly thereafter. Remember he was present at the Mount of Transfiguration.

The Israelites settled among the Canaanites and the Philistines. The Old Testament tells of Joshua's victorious battles against these people. The land was divided among the twelve tribes as promised and they enjoyed peace for a while. Israel began to be unhappy and they wanted a king like all the surrounding nations that would go to war with them.

The people served Yahuah throughout the lifetime of Joshua and throughout the lifetime of those elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the great deeds which Yahuah had done for the sake of Israel (Judges 2:7-10). "And when that whole generation had been gathered to its ancestors, another generation followed it which knew neither Yahuah nor the deeds which he had done for the sake of Israel" (Joshua 2:10).

Israel entered the Promised Land at about 1250 B.C.E. Judges were appointed to rule after the death of Joshua. While we may not know the exact date when the judges began to rule, we are told how long each judge ruled, and how long each period of peace lasted. Some of these judges clearly overlap, and some judges ruled only part of Israel, while another judge was ruling another part.

Time of the Judges may have been from about 1200 B.C. to 1100 B.C. In Judges 17:6 it states, "In those days [there was] no king in Israel, [but] every man did [that which was] right in his own eyes." *KJV*

The primary message of Judges is that YHVH would not, and could, not allow sin to go unpunished. They had forsaken the covenant established at Mount Sinai. In Judges, He disciplined them for following other gods, disobeying His sacrificial laws,

engaging in blatant immorality, and descending into anarchy at times. Yet because they were His people, He listened to their cries for mercy and raised up leaders to deliver them. Unfortunately, even these godly individuals did not wield sufficient influence to change the nation's direction. The people's inability to resist sinful Canaanite influences eventually revealed their desire for a centralized monarchy, led by a righteous king whom Elohim would choose as His intermediary.

Yahuah gave in to their wishes and when the prophet Samuel was old, he called Israel to Mizpah and presented Saul as the first king over united Israel. Saul and his successor, David, eventually overthrew their oppressors — the Philistines and other nations that controlled parts of Israel.



David also stretched the limits of Israel's power to include much of the Middle East. Under King Solomon, as David's successor, Israel reached the zenith of its power and wealth. Solomon built the first temple. YHVH appeared to him twice in a dream, but his

wealth, success and his many foreign wives brought him to fall. He started building temples for strange gods to please his foreign wives, sacrificed to them, which made YHVH incredibly angry for these abominations. YHVH told Solomon expressly not to multiply gold, horses, and wives, but he did it anyway.

1 Kings 11:11 KJV, "Wherefore YHVH said unto Solomon, forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I

will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant."

With Solomon's death, however, the kingdom was divided into Judah (2 tribes – the Southern Kingdom) and Israel (10 tribes, called the Northern Kingdom). Israel never reached the political greatness it had under King David and Solomon.

Kings came and kings went. Some obeyed YHVH and followed Torah, and some refused to follow Torah serving the Elohims of their heathen neighbors. They fought each other. They ignored the instructions of their heavenly King. For that reason, He withdrew his blessings from them and sent them into captivity. Israel was conquered by the Assyrians (2 Kings 17:6) and Judah was conquered by the Babylonians (2 Chronicles 36:20).

During a time of 210 years, the 10 tribes of Israel, known as the Northern kingdom, were governed by 19 different kings, who were all rebellious or wicked kings. Seven prophets lived during that time: Abijah, Elijah, Micaiah, Elijah, Jonah, Amos, and Hosea.

In 722 B.C.E., the northern half of Hebrew lands known as Israel was invaded and mostly destroyed by the Assyrians because of their apostasy from the Creator and His instructions, called Torah. The southern half, known as Judea, survived until around 606 B.C.E., when the Babylonians defeated the Judeans (in the first of 3 attacks). and carried most of them back as captives to Babylon.

Yahuah regarded Israel's disobedience and their serving other gods (Elohims) <u>as adultery</u>. For that reason, he divorced them; he separated from them.

In Deuteronomy 28:64 their fate was prophesied: "And YHVH shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other

gods (Elohims), which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone." *KJV*.

The loving, but sad Father vowed: "And I will scatter you among the heathen..." (Leviticus 26: 33). And He did exactly that. Because of their unfaithfulness they were scattered among the nations. The ten tribes were taken to Assyria as prisoners. From there they disappeared from the records. (Of course, the descendants of the ten tribes are not lost for YHVH knows exactly who they are and where they are.)

During a time of about 300 plus years Judah, known as the southern Kingdom, was governed by 20 different kings, eight of them were considered good or faithful to YHVH and 12 were rebellious or considered apostate. The prophets that lived during that time were Shemaiah, Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Jeremiah.

Judah refused to turn from their wicked ways and in 606 BC Nebuchadnezzar sent them into Babylonian captivity!

This is recorded in 2 Kings chapter 25. This captivity was to last 70 years (see Jeremiah 25:11-12). During the captivity in Babylon men like Daniel and Ezekiel were moved by the Spirit of Yahuah.

Judah apostatized and did not keep the commanded land-sabbath over a period of 490 years. As a penalty they went into the Babylonian captivity, so their land could rest for 70 years. During this period of captivity, they acquired many pagan teachings, which they still adhere to today. As an example, the Bible teaches that the day starts at dawn. The Babylonians started their days in the evening by looking for the sun going down. The Israelites were not to look to the sun or the moon. The Babylonians looked for the new

moon after the spring equinox to begin their year and also to begin their months.

Under Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah, Judah was permitted to return to the Promised Land and to build the second temple. This remnant of Judah served YHVH and preserved the faith of their fathers! To them was committed and entrusted the oracles of salvation!

The heavenly Father Yahuah and the Son Yahusha, also called the Word, (John 1:1) planned "before the foundation of the world" that the Word would be born as a human being to cover our repented and forsaken sins and also to set a perfect example for mankind of how to live a godly life.

According to John 1:1 the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Yahusha is Yahuah in the flesh, whose ministry while on earth lasted a little more than one year, exactly 70 weeks or 490 days according to the prophecy in Daniel 9. His ministry was not 3 ½ years as taught in Christianity. The first one to mention a three-year ministry might have been Origen in commentary on Matthew (Book XXIV), written late in his life. But Eusebius (early in the 4th Century) was the first to argue for a 3 ½ year ministry, which is half a week (in symbolic prophetic time a half week is half of 7 literal years). These calculations refer to the 70-week prophecy of Daniel chapter 9. He had no other arguments for his stand.

During His ministry here on earth, Satan tried everything in his power to kill the Redeemer. Right after His birth, Satan used Herod to make sure that the Savior would be killed by slaying all the boys under the age of 2 in Bethlehem and in all of the coasts thereof. Satan tried to get Yahusha to fall when He was sent by the Spirit into the wilderness. When He had fasted for 40 days, Satan thought for sure that he would be successful with his plan, especially in his human form to make Him sin. When Yahusha started His ministry,

the Pharisees were continually out to find something which would justify killing Him.

Yahusha allowed himself to be tortured to near death before He laid down His life in order to pay the penalty of sin according to John 3:16 and Romans 5:6-10.

יהושע (**Y**ahusha) OF NATSARETH, THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUDIM. **Y**ahusha **H**aNazarei **V**emelekh **H**aYhudim

YHVH

When the Jews turned Yahusha over to the Romans to be crucified, they crucified the Creator YHVH according to the Hebrew inscription above the execution stake!

The book of Hebrews explains how the animal sacrifices and temple rituals required of ancient Israel were a physical type of the perfect sacrifice of Mashiach. They pointed to the future "Lamb of YAH who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The sacrifice of the lamb for Passover dramatically pointed to "Yahusha, our Passover [who] was sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7). As a fulfillment of prophecy, Yahusha died on the very day of Passover on His Covenant Calendar. The lamb's blood on the doorposts of the Israelites' houses symbolized the shed blood of Messiah who died so we can be forgiven and saved (Romans 5:9).

The leadership of the Jews at the time refused to accept Yahusha as their Savior. They followed Him every step, trying to catch him in order kill Him. They hated him because He did not follow their traditions. Finally, they turned Him over to the Romans to be crucified on a tree and by that act sealed their doom!

But the disciples and the apostles, and the early believers, went about preaching the good news of a risen Savior as recorded in the book of Acts. They experienced the same hatred and resistance from the Jewish leadership and were persecuted and forbidden to mention the name of Yahusha, which they refused to do.

The Jewish Nation. continued to fall under the domination of other empires since they had rejected the Messiah. In 68 or 70 C.E., the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and sent most of the Jews into an exile that lasted until the 20th century.

During the first century early believers faced much hatred and persecution because of their faith in Yahusha Messiah. Fewer than 400 years after the death and resurrection of Messiah the period known as the Great Apostasy, began. Out of the 12 Apostles, all were martyred, save John. Peter was crucified upside down; Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross; James, the son of Zebedee, was decapitated; Philip was crucified; Bartholomew (Nathaniel) was flayed; Thomas was run through with spears; according to one account; Matthew was martyred by fire; James, the son of Alphaeus, was sawn to pieces; Simon the Zealot was crucified; Jude-Thaddaeus was hung on a cross and then killed by spears; and Matthias was martyred by stoning. In addition, Paul, the apostle to the nations, was beheaded. And so, it was that even from the beginning, becoming a follower of Yahusha Ha Mashiach was always arduous and fraught with danger. If one was going to live a set-apart life it required one to live apart from the intrinsic corruption of the pagan society of the Roman Empire. People were arrested and killed for bearing a testimony for Yahusha. It was against the law to have your own copy of the Scriptures. It was a time when people persecuted, tortured, and killed believers and when the so-called church itself had very little inspired leadership. The world, as well as the Christian Church, was in spiritual darkness.

At this point of my writing, I would like to make a point and ask the question, "have you ever wondered who founded Christianity"? The dictionary says it was Jesus Christ. Christ = Christian, right?

During the first 300 years, a slow transformation within the professed believers of Messiah occurred. Emperor Constantine I established Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire. His goal was to "universalize" the many beliefs into one state-sponsored religion that would appease the majority of those he ruled. That majority was like himself, PAGAN.

There was no person ever known by the name of Jesus Christ until about less than 500 years ago. The name Jesus (first known as lesous) was created by Constantine in the third century and is supposed to be a copy or an image of the Hebrew Savior that walked the earth and gave His life for us, whose name was Yahusha, which means YAH, the One who exists is salvation.

The word "Christianity" or "Christian" is not found in the Scriptures at all, so biblically, there is no such thing. "Christian" was a derogatory label placed on the followers of Messiah. The term "Christos" is Greek and had formerly a pagan usage.

The word christianos (Latin Christianus) was used twice in the Greek text as a device of scorn, since in the ancient world it conveyed a much different sense than it does today. The use of the word christianos did not "name" the sect, but it was a derisive,

scornful label that meant they were like gullible, dumb beasts, or "cretins". (This information is from the book fossilized customs.)

What would a group of Israelites that practice the Torah of Yahusha and follow a Jewish or Hebrew Messiah be doing with a Greek term used by Pagans as a label for themselves? Would the Creator's religion have a Greek name? Remember also, our Messiah's Name is not the Greek "Jesus", but rather the Hebrew name "Yahusha."

As early as 200 BCE, there were Pagan worshippers of Serapis that called themselves "Christians". So, there were people that called themselves Christians on Earth before Yahusha was born, but these were Pagans.

Yahusha's followers were called Natsariym according to Acts 24:5!

Notice this information copied from the website listed below "Starting from the very first book of Bereshit/Genesis, we see the prophecy of the coming Messiah. Exodus, Psalms, the prophets, etc. all reference the coming Messiah. Upon His arrival Yahushua fulfilled those prophecies. He was the Messiah the Scriptures foretold. Taking this into consideration, Yahushua did not start something completely different and new. He was the fulfilled part of the Messianic prophecy already foretold. A continuation of the Tanakh. The entire Tanakh then is a Messianic book, or canon of books. On the flip side, though, that would mean that the religion of Judaism did not start until Yahushua came and the ethnic Jews refused to accept Him as such. With this in mind, the people of the Tanakh were not Jews, religiously. They were Messianics. So as a Messianic you are in good company with the likes of other Messianics: Moses, David, Ezekiel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Jeremiah."

https://www.reddit.com/r/messianic/comments/eodoc6/yahushua_did_not_start_a_new_religion/

The Hebrew Messiah Yahusha was a Jew by religion and culture, but he was not a "Christian," neither did He start the Christian Church, nor did He start a new religion, as if the world needed one more new religion. He was the Word; He was Yahuah (the Father) in the flesh according to John 1:1.

Christianity is man-made, created by Constantine, who was a sunworshipper until his death. The historical beginnings of Christianity are all but "hidden" and kept silent in today's churches.

...The slightest research into the origins of Christianity will literally destroy your faith in it.

"All we need to know concerning the "new" religion that evolved at the hands of the Roman Emperor Constantine formalized at the Council of Nicaea we can learn from early scholars of the day and Catholic Church documents that live on historically. These all openly admit that the "religion" was neither "new" nor "strange" to the pagans of their day and that the only thing "new" about it was the name of the new "god" they created. This new god's name was Jesus H. Christ or I.H.S in Latin."

Yahusha stated in Matthew 15:24 "I have only come to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." He came to draw first HIS apostate people, the 10 tribes of Israel and then all mankind back to HIS Father, to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, back to HIS Torah, statutes, and judgments! He came to call mankind to repentance (Matthew 4:17).

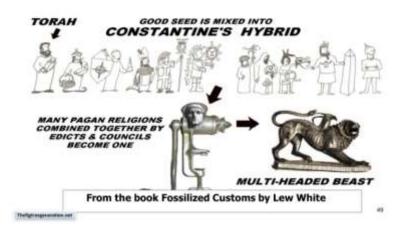


The Council of Nicaea was held around 300 AD and writers of that era admit what should now be obvious to the reader of this manuscript, if not it will be soon enough:

Eusebius of Caesarea (circa 283-371 CE) wrote: "The religion of Jesus Christ is neither new nor strange."

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 CE) wrote: "This, in our day, is the Christian religion, not as having been unknown in former times, but as having recently received that name."

Yes, Christianity was not new to the pagans and as St. Augustine pointed out it has been known all the way back to Babylon and only recently called "Christianity." Every Christian Church today from the Roman Catholic Church to every last Protestant denomination expresses its faith in what is called The Nicene Creed. This is the resulting creed that came out of the first council at Nicaea where Christianity and its fundamental doctrines of sun worship were formulated by Constantine to unite his kingdom through syncretism.



Constantine openly worshipped pagan deity sun named Mithra, or Apollo, who simply another was name for Tammuz, or Baal. the sun god. Constantine believed the Hebrew Messiah

Yahusha was yet another incarnation of this second member of the Babylonian Trinity who is Tammuz. At the council in Nicaea

Constantine set out to formulate a religion that all pagans, and all those who had newly found faith in Yahusha, could accept if he could twist the Scriptures to conform to his sun worship. Since Constantine believed Yahusha to be an incarnation of Tammuz, he had no problem replacing the Holy Days/Sabbaths/Feasts of YHVH with those of his god Tammuz/Apollo/Mithra. After all, to Constantine, Yahusha was the latest incarnation of them all and therefore he kept the Babylonian pagan days of worship. And of course, the re-incarnated "Tammuz" would have abolished the Sabbath/Holy Days of YHVH and established those of Sunday /Easter/Christmas in his image. This is what Constantine believed. He was the "Emperor" and what Constantine believed defined his empire.

Let us take a close look at Flavius Constantinius who ruled Rome and was literally "the author" of what we call Christianity today. Make no mistake, the religion of Christianity was not authored by the Jewish Messiah Yahusha as it has no relationship to the Hebrew Faith held by Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Yahusha, even the Apostle Paul, or any of the disciples or apostles of the early church in Jerusalem. "In fact, Constantine's religion of Christianity is a carbon copy of The Mystery Religion of Babylon... sun worship" (Christianity, the Great Deception by RAV SHA'UL, page 54-55).

During the past 2,000 years our Bibles were corrupted and changed in order to agree with the new Greek Messiah, called Jesus. Our Father's name of YHVH (Yahuah), which means "the One who exists," was over 7,000 times removed from the original Hebrew Scriptures and replaced with generic titles LORD (Ba'al) and God, which are being used for every idol or no-god.

Yahusha, which means "the One who exists saves," was changed to Jesus as mentioned.

Teachings which apply ONLY to the true Hebrew Messiah Yahusha were brought over to the Christian Jesus, who was elevated to God. Biblical teachings were changed. Easter replaced Passover; the Sabbath is changed to Dies Solis (Sunday) in honor to the sun.

For hundreds of years the people were presented with a false Messiah with false doctrines. These man-made teachings are now ingrained in their minds and hearts, not knowing that they have been lied to according to Jeremiah 16:19. Few know they are worshipping a man-made Messiah and a message that is false! That means worshiping in vain according to Matthew 15:8-9, meaning absolutely worthless! How sad!

The vast majority of people, even though sincere were ignorant, they worshipped in vain according to Scripture. We must remember, it is the Most-High who is the ultimate judge. James 4:17 states "To him, then, who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."

When Paul was in Corinth, he found that the Greeks had an altar dedicated to the unknown God. It states in Acts 17:22-24, "And having stood in the midst of the Areopagus Sha'ul said, "Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every matter. 23 "For passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found a slaughter-place with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN MIGHTY ONE. Not knowing then whom you worship, I make Him known to you: 24 "הוה, (YHVH - Yahuah) who made the world and all that is in it, this One being Master of heaven and earth, does not dwell in dwellings made with hands." (The Scriptures 2009)

He continued in the verses 30-31, "Truly, then, having over-looked these times of ignorance, Elohim now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has set a day on which He is going to judge the world in righteousness by a

Man whom He has appointed, having given proof of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

However, millions of people were murdered during the Middle Ages because of their faith in the True Messiah and the true gospel. Why? Because they stood firm and did not cave in and remained faithful to true biblical teachings till death, what a blessing is awaiting them according to Scripture! Revelation 2:10 states, "... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Religions are man-made. By definition religion can be almost anything. It can be Christianity, Atheism, Islam, Buddhism, Marriage, etc. The dictionary defines religion as "the belief in, worship of, or obedience to a supernatural power (or powers) considered to be divine or to have control of human destiny."

We were created for the glory of the one who made us and therefore it is mandatory to worship Him and Him alone. Everyone is created by Yahuah for the reason of worship. Sin entered into the world as was mentioned in the beginning of this article. **This** brought separation between the Creator and man. Because of sin, Elohim said He was sorry He created man. However, Yahusha gave Himself as the sacrifice for those who accept HIM and follow HIM. It has always been the case and it is the same today, people around the world are worshipping creation instead of the Creator as inspired by Satan. People are worshipping false gods; they are worshipping idols; they are worshipping themselves, etc.

Paul predicted that before Messiah would return there would be a "falling away" in which the man of sin would be revealed, "the son of perdition, he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped so that he sitteth in the temple of Elohim, seeing himself that he is Elohim...For the mystery of iniquity doth already work ..." (2 Timothy 2: 2-7).

The same Apostle wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:1-3, "But the Spirit saith expressly, that <u>in later times</u> some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed <u>to seducing spirits and doctrines</u> of demons, through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats..."

Notice, it states doctrines of demons! In 2 Corinthians 11:14 we are told that "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." Is that taking place? Does Christianity with their false Messiah teach doctrines of demons? Let us be honest. Most of their teachings I already listed were in opposition to Biblical truth. They are teachings, and doctrines of man.

Adding false and pagan doctrines took place during the middle ages by the Roman Catholic Church. Then came the Protestant Reformation with Luther, Huss, Zwingli, Calvin, and Knox. They battled to wrest the Bible from the power and control of the Roman priesthood. The common people were not allowed to have the Holy Scriptures. In that way, the Roman religious power could easily manipulate and deceive them. During the Reformation, the Scriptures were translated into the language of the common man and thus gave him the truth that could make him free.

It was the goal of every reformer to go all the way back to the first Century Church and to "restore the original teachings." But whoever tried to do that was hated and fiercely persecuted by the established churches.

Millions of Yahushas followers that were true to Torah, the statutes and judgments, were persecuted to death during those years. The historical record, which was controlled by spokesmen for Rome, pictured them as heretics and dangerous sorts, when the opposite was actually true.

When the faithful followers of the way could no longer assemble and worship publicly, they were forced to meet in their homes or in safe sanctuaries such as **caves**, **catacombs**, **and mountain retreats**. Their writings were not legal to be published and those that were quickly suppressed.

Many new Groups, Churches, sects, and cults sprang up after Luther in 1517 CE while trying to return to the teachings of the First Century Church.



Faith Group or tradition	Their Founder	DATE (C.E.) Location	
Moravians	Count Zinendorf	1727	Germany
Congregationalism	John & Charles Wesley	1744	England
Swedenborg	Emanuel Swedenborg	1747	Sweden
Brethren	John Darby	1828	England
Latter-day Saints	Joseph Smith	1830	NY, USA
Seventh Day Adventists	Ellen White	1863	Michigan, USA
Salvation Army	William Booth	1865	England
Jehovah's Witnesses	Charles Russell	1870	PA, USA
Christian Science	Mary Baker Eddy	1879	Pleasant View, NH USA
Pentecostalism	Charles Parham	1900	CA, USA
Worldwide Church of God	Herbert W. Armstrong	1933/1 947	OR, USA ₃

Even though there was a spiritual revival going on, and an interest in proclaiming the Second Coming of the Messiah, Satan was doing his part in order to stop any real and complete reformation. It was Satan's aim to also stop every new group at some point in their efforts of reform. There were many old biblical truths discovered and accepted, but as groups they never restored all of the divine institutions, which will have to be done before Yahusha returns. Every divine institution must be restored. (Also see Acts 3:21 for the "restitution of all things" "since the world began.")

Almost all Christian denominations, sects and cults claim, believe, and teach that they are the only true Church. That absolutely cannot be true because true Bible believers that discover buried Gems in Scripture are still being disfellowshipped if they do adhere to man-made, established doctrines and traditions just as took place at the first Coming of Yahusha.

Most people do not know, and they do not seem to care, that **time for this planet is running out.** You can count on that. The population was wiped out once before about 1650 after Creation or about 4,500 years ago. We are living in the year 2020/2021; time is running out. According to Scripture the Creator has given man 120 Jubilees (120 x 50 sets of years), or 6,000 years, which according to some calculations ends in the fall of between 2028 to 2030.

We may be living in the beginning of the time of the end right now, with the creation of the Corona Virus – COVID-19. The Messiah mentioned that before His return, there would be many signs signaling His Second Coming. He lists wars and rumors of wars.

The list also includes:

(Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:4); Famine.

(Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:5, 6); Great earthquakes.

(Luke 21:1); Pestilences, or epidemics of "terrible diseases."

(Luke 21:11); Increase of crime.

(Matthew 24:12); Ruining of the earth by mankind.

(Revelation 11:18); Deterioration of people's attitudes, as shown by many who are "unthankful, disloyal . . . not open to any agreement, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, without love of goodness, betrayers, headstrong, puffed up with pride."

(2 Timothy 3:1-4); Breakdown of the family, with people who have "no natural affection" and children who are "disobedient to parents." (2 Timothy 3:2,3); Love of the Creator Elohim growing cold in most

people.

(2 Timothy 3:5); Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof.

(Matthew 24:12); Love of many waxes cold.

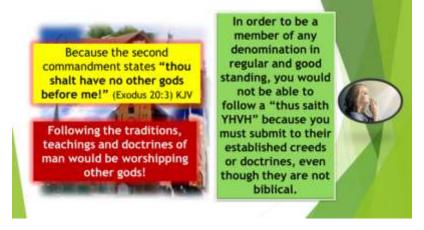
Noteworthy displays of religious hypocrisy.

(Daniel 12:4); Increased understanding of Bible prophecies, including those related to the last days.

(Matthew 24:14); Global preaching of the good news of the Kingdom.

All the corruptions and fake news we witness worldwide within governments, politics, society, and religions, are signs of the end of the civilization, which have been prophesied in Scripture. It only makes sense to wake up out of our coma and to turn to the Creator, confessing and repenting of our sins and to submit to HIM. It is a fact that there is a Heaven to win and a hell to shun.

There is no organized Church or denomination within Christianity with their man-made Messiah Jesus that we can trust and believe. We must forget Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and every pagan religion or group.



There is only One we can trust and that Is Yahuah, the Creator and Yahusha who died for us almost 2,000 years ago. We are to trust in His instructions that He gave to Israel through

Moses, called Torah. These are for our benefit of protection, happiness and comfort. Some people claim that the Christian Jesus and the Hebrew Yahusha are one and the same. This is just a play on words. That is one of the great deceptions. Do your own research - do not leave that to someone else.

The facts are that there is a Creator, whose name is YHVH (Yahuah) Who created this world about 6,000 years ago and sustains it. Because of Adam's fall all the following generations suffer. As a solution for the sin problem the Most-High became man through Yahusha 2,000 years ago to voluntarily give His life

for the redemption of many that accept this sacrifice and come into harmony with His Torah given at Mt Sinai.

It is also a fact that Satan, the arch deceiver, the devil came along and as mentioned before, created a false messiah, which is an image, a copy called Jesus to deceive the world by presenting a false gospel saying that now we are saved by grace and faith only. The message that comes across is "the previous given instructions to man through Moses are no longer relevant." Just believe, however, forgetting that believing is an action word. Faith without action is dead. He introduced a counterfeit faith and multitudes fall for this deception. "The devils also believe, and tremble!" (James 2:19), but they do not have eternal life.

The final event will be the Second coming of the Messiah to bring an end to the sin problem; to take His people home; to destroy the wicked as well as Satan and his angels, before re-creating this world.

However, before His appearance Yahusha says to His faithful followers, there is going to be a lot of trouble in this world before it is all over. He stated in Matthew 24:21, "For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again" (New International Version)

The coming of the bridegroom was at midnight - the darkest hour. So, the coming of Messiah will take place in the darkest period of this earth's history. The days of Noah and Lot pictured the condition of the world just before the coming of the Son of man. The Scriptures pointing forward to this time declare that Satan will work with all power and "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10).



Then we read in Revelation 21:1-4 (KJV), "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. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from YHVH out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Elohim is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and YHVH himself shall be with them, and

be their God. 4 And YAH shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

At the time when everything looks bleak, when everything is in an uproar, when there is famine, earthquakes, war, distress of Nations, when men's hearts are failing them for fear, then look up, and lift up your heads; don't be discouraged about what is going on around you, because these are signs, that Your redemption is drawing nigh.

For Yahuah's faithful children, for his loyal followers, now is the time to look up, it is time to rejoice, because the best is still to come, redemption, eternal happiness, and eternal life. But for the unbelieving, for the worldling, for the transgressors, for the wicked it will be a fearful thing to be waiting for the judgment.

I believe this generation, you, and I live in, is an overly exciting time, meaning that this generation has the potential of witnessing the Second Coming of Yahusha the Messiah in the clouds of Heaven.

This is a time when the prophecies foretold hundreds of years ago are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

Just like Yahusha told his disciples how fortunate, how blessed they were to live in a time when the prophecies pointing to His first coming were being fulfilled.

Accept the sacrifice of Yahusha Ha Mashiach and submit to HIM, who is standing there with outstretched hands, saying: "I have paid the ransom", Go free, I have served your time." Believe me and accept my offer by Faith. And then GO BY MY STRENGTH AND SIN NO MORE!

Prepare to mee thy Creator, He is at the Door!

The allotted time for sin to mature (120 Jubilees, 6000 years) is almost up, the last movements will be rapid ones, there will be an end to sin when the Messiah appears and for those who are redeemed,

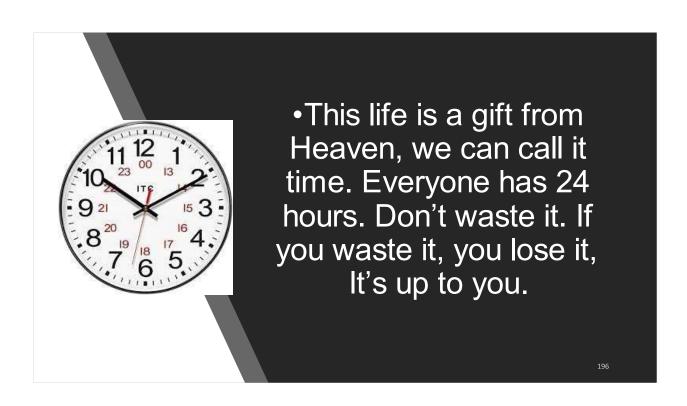
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Statement of some biblical beliefs:

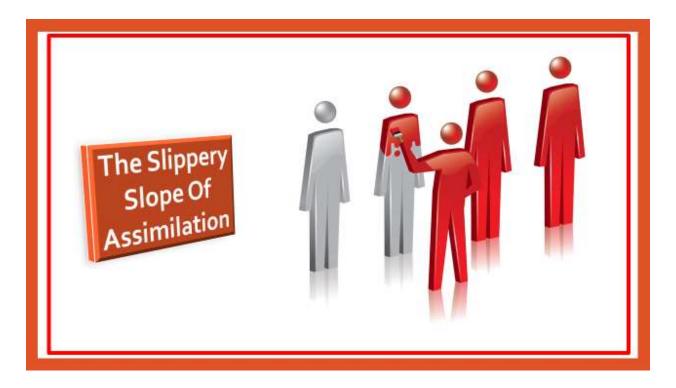
- The Division between Old and New Testament is man-made.
- The covenant Yahuah made with His people is everlasting and His instructions and promises are still true.
- The Christian Church has not replaced the nation of Israel and cannot replace it because it is paganism.

- There has never been and there will never be a covenant made between YHVH and Christianity according to Scripture, only with the House of Israel and the House of Judah (Jeremiah 31 and Hebrews 8).
- Grace and mercy cannot exist without Torah.
- Scripture is a book about Hebrew People.
- Deuteronomy 28, especially verse 64-68, gives us a clear understanding of who the Hebrews are today.
- Israel is comprised of the natural born seed and those who choose to be grafted in.
- The Creator wants to be called by His name, for that reason He listed His name in the Hebrew Scriptures over 7,000 times. Lord and God are not names but titles which are being applied to every idol or no-god.
- The name Jesus has no meaning in Hebrew. His Hebrew name is Yahusha, which means "the One who exists saves." The Father cannot have a Hebrew name and the Son a Greek name.
- That means when one calls on the name "Jesus", even unknowingly, that person is calling on a man-made (Greek) Messiah that never existed. The Christian Jesus is a copy, an image of the true Messiah Yahusha, but NOT Yahusha.
- The trinity is a pagan doctrine.
- Christmas, Easter, and Halloween etc. are of pagan origin and must not be kept by Yahuah's people.
- Yahuah's seven yearly feast days are still binding today as well as the weekly Sabbath. They are not Jewish; they are Yahuah's feasts. These are signs between YHVH and His people. These are statutes and still binding.
- The Biblical day is from dawn to dawn meaning that the weekly Sabbath starts at dawn also. Evening to Evening day start was reinforced when the exiles returned from Babylon while Israel was in captivity for 70 years.

- The moon does not determine the beginning of the month, nor year, this also comes from Babylon. The Biblical year starts the day after the spring equinox.
- Baptism according to Scripture is by immersion, baby baptism originated in paganism.
- There will be no reign of the true Messiah for one thousand years on this earth. When He returns, the righteous dead and the righteous living will be translated and taking to Heaven with Him; all the ungodly will be destroyed according to 2Peter 3:9-13 Yahusha, however, will reign on the earth made new for eternity. ETC.



Chapter 3



What is assimilation?

The general definition of assimilation is the process of two different things coming together to blend and, in some cases, create a new thing all together. However, that is a very simplistic understanding of the process itself as there are many different types of assimilation.

Here are some examples taken from this website:

http://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples-of-assimilation.html

Color assimilation - This is perhaps one of the easiest models that demonstrates assimilation. If you mix a small amount of the color red with a large amount of blue, the red is assimilated into the larger mix.

Cultural assimilation - Cultural assimilation happens when two cultures or groups of people influence one another.

Linguistic assimilation - This type of assimilation often occurs when two neighboring groups of people or territories influence one another's' way of speaking.

Physiological assimilation - Physiological assimilation refers to the conversion of ingested nutrients into energy that fuels the body as a greater whole.

Statistical assimilation - Assimilation in a statistical capacity refers to the gathering of data over time to in order obtain a clearer picture of that which is being studied.

Religious assimilation - A perfect example of religious assimilation is the assimilation of Pagan customs and ceremonies into Christianity. When Christianity became the predominate religion, they took Pagan holy days such as Yule and the Spring Equinox, or Ostara, and claimed them as Christmas and Easter. They adopted traditions such as the decorating of fir trees at Christmas and the use of symbols of fertility at Easter such as Easter eggs.

Another example of religious assimilation would be that of the Romans and Greeks. When Rome conquered Greece, they adopted their Elohims; Zeus, ruler of the Elohims, became Jupiter, Poseidon, Elohim of the sea, became Neptune, Hades became Pluto, and the list goes on.

Scripture tells us about Jacobs's ongoing travels with his family, and about a series of actions that seem to indicate that assimilation to the thoughts, practices, cultures, and peoples that surrounded them was starting to take effect. Despite Jacobs best efforts many in his family were becoming influenced by the ways and practices of the world that surrounded them as they passed through them.

A few major symptoms presented themselves to Jacob alerting him to the fact that there was a major problem in his house, and as the godly patriarch that he was, **he immediately took drastic steps to correct the problem**.

When we meditate on this story, there is much we can learn and apply to our own lives when it comes to living a holy life unto the Elohim of Yisra'el, and how we can avoid the assimilation that can slowly take place over time in ways we don't readily notice, as we begin to conform to the practices and cultures of the peoples that surround us. Whether we recognize it or not, often we take a conscience or subconscious attitude that if everyone around us is doing it, and if it has general acceptance in our society, that it must be alright for us as well. Is that good reasoning?



Or, sometimes we may feel that because our wicked culture is everywhere we go and we see it everywhere, in the people, on TV, and in the movie theaters, on the web, and is woven into the culture of the country and the people that are all around us, and because we see that it is so pervasive, that we may let our guard down, or maybe even feel like resistance is futile and that we cannot prevail or escape it. But that is exactly what the enemy hopes for. He wants to wear you down so much, and intimidate you so much that you give up, or at least wear you down to the point where you just don't fight any more.



But we should never give up this fight! Through Yahusha the Messiah we have been given the tools and the power to resist, to fight it, and to prevail. But, until Yahusha returns it will be a constant battle, and one that we can win for ourselves, for our children, and for our community.

But, it is a battle that we will lose if we don't actively resist the dark forces in the heavenly realm that are controlling the masses to engage in the constant attempt to gain access to us so that they may influence, change, assimilate and subdue us unto their worldly and wicked ways. Therefore, we should be most careful to guard our heart.

Proverbs (Mishlei) 4:23 - CJB cautions us with the following words, "Above everything else, guard your heart; for it is the source of life's consequences". It has been stated that assimilation amongst the Jewish people has served to further accomplish that which Hitler set out to do, the eradication of the Jewish nation and identity. I believe this saying is equally true for all believers in Yahusha The Messiah.

As I had mentioned in the beginning, the word "assimilate" can mean to absorb, incorporate, integrate, to become similar, or even identical. Cultural assimilation is the process by which a person or a group's language or culture come to resemble those of another group usually do to some social motivator. Now, when the people

of Israel, Yahuah's people, do this it is detrimental, but when the Nations of the world look at Israel, its Elohim, and its ways and wants to be like them...assimilation is a good thing for them.

Speaking of the Torah and the ways that Adonai instilled in the people of Israel, Deuteronomy (Devarim) 4:6-8 states, "Therefore, observe them; and follow them; for then all peoples will see you as having wisdom and understanding. When they hear of all these laws, they will say, 'This great nation is surely a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has Elohim as close to them as Yahuah our Elohim is, whenever we call on him? What great nation is there that has laws and rulings as just as this entire Torah which I am setting before you today?"



Indeed, true Israel's mission was, and our mission today is to be a light unto the nations, and to be a nation of priests (cohenim) representing Yahuah and teaching the Nations His ways. Our job is to assimilate the nations into the commonwealth of Israel (believers), as spoken of in Ephesians 2.

While we do this, we are to maintain who we are, and not compromise our ways as the nations come in. Because some will come in and not feel comfortable or not like the culture and ways of Israel, they will attempt to assimilate believers unto their foreign ways, instead of the other way around. We probably all have seen this firsthand on many occasions. This aspect of assimilation that is a negative thing for believers is described using the word "syncretism", which is the combining of different (often seemingly contradictory) beliefs and is often used to describe the merger of several originally discrete traditions, religions, or theologies.

Often, this type of assimilation begins in **seemingly innocent** ways as unbelievers spend time with us and pressure us to make

little changes here and there and over the years, or even in a much shorter amount of time, we find ourselves looking like the world, instead of us changing the world. Sometimes we think that if we look like the world we will change it somehow...but, that is not how it works. In almost every instance we are the ones changing, and the world remains as it is, or even becomes more corrupt. Because of this we have to be cautious about the time we spend with those in this world who do not share our faith and convictions, and through various social motivators are actively seeking to make us more and more look and act like them.

In Genesis (Bereshit) 34:1 we have an indication that Dinah the daughter of Leah was starting to go down this road. It states there (KJV): "And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land." Sometimes it being translated as she going out "to visit" the local girls is more literally translated "to see" the local girls. The context in which this word is used suggests that that she was doing more than simply sight seeing and looking at the people of the land. When it says she went out "to see the local girls", it is being used as an idiom to communicate she was developing a relationship and friendship covenant with them. She began to desire them. The saying communicates something different than just being acquaintances.

That must have been a concern to Jacob and possibly he quite possibly wasn't in agreement with it. This is just conjecture, but the beginning of Genesis 34:1 says, "And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob..." Why does the text not say "Dinah the daughter of Jacob", Instead of "Dinah the daughter of Leah?" It has been proposed that Dinah was attributed to Leah, and not Jacob, because Dina's action was influenced by Leah, and not by Jacob. You know how it is, when someone's

child does something bad or something questionable, sometimes people will joke about the child being their spouse's, instead of theirs and say something like; "Don't look at me, he's not my child".

In any case, when trying to protect our family from assimilating to the ungodly

Cultures of the world, both mother and father should be on the same page and should take ownership for the righteousness of their children, otherwise it may turn out to be a losing battle for our children.



The local girls that Dinah went out to see where children of idolaters, and idolaters themselves. Genesis 34:2 tells us that the people were of the "Hivites", who were idolaters. The scriptures share much about developing friendships and relationships with those who do not serve the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

2Corinthians 6:14-15 states (CJB), "Do not yoke yourselves together in a team with unbelievers. For how can righteousness and lawlessness be partners? What fellowship does light have with darkness? What harmony can there be between the Messiah and Baal? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?"

1Corinthians 15:33 states, "Don't be fooled. Bad company ruins good character." Ephesians 5:6-7 says, "Let no one deceive you with empty talk; for it is because of these things that Elohim's judgment is coming on those who disobey him. So don't become partners with them!"

Likewise, the Torah warns us about coming into covenant with people, whether it be a covenant of friendship, who don't obey Elohim and His commands. Exodus (Shemot) 34:12 says, "Be careful not to make a covenant with the people living in the land where you are going, so that they won't become a snare within your own borders".

Something about the people of the land that lived around Dina attracted her. Sometimes, whether it be the culture, the customs, the people, their music, their clothing, etc., for whatever reason we become attracted to the ways and the things of those in the world (who don't serve YHVH), and we find ourselves associating with them more and more.

But Proverbs 24:1 tells us, "Don't be envious of evil people, and don't desire to be with them". 1. John 2:15-17 says, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that which is in the world: the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the one doing the will of Elohim abides forever".

We shouldn't presume that while we are making friendships with the world that we can also be friends with Elohim. James 4:4 (CJB) says, "You unfaithful wives! Don't you know that loving the world is hating Elohim? Whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself Elohim's enemy!"

Dinah's foolish decision to become friends with idolaters and with those not serving her Elohim, and to hang out among them led to terrible consequences. For it states in Genesis 34:2, "And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her." She was forcibly taken and raped. If she had been among her own people, this would likely never have happened. We always have to remember that if we spend time in fellowship with the ungodly of this world, their interests are not our interests, and we walk with them, we will be pressured to compromise with them, or be exposed to many dangers with them that the Torah, and a godly community would otherwise protect us from. If we spend time in fellowship with those who act like animals, it is likely that we will be treated like one to. Proverbs 13:20 teaches us, "He who walks with the wise will become wise, but the companion of fools will suffer". If we don't want to be abused by the world, one effective practice is not to be friends with it.

Sometimes we may actually believe that those in the world who don't serve our God have our best interest in mind. But, we shouldn't be fooled. The Torah has something to teach us about this. After, the incident in question occurred the people seemed like they wanted to make a covenant with Yisra'el, that they presented to be to their benefit. Genesis 34:8-10 states:

"And Hamor communed with them, saying,
The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your
daughter: I pray you give her him to wife. 9.
And make ye marriages with us, and give your
daughters unto us, and take our daughters
unto you. 10. And ye shall dwell with us: and
the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye
therein, and get you possessions therein."



But, to sell this idea to his people, what does he turn around and say to them? Genesis 34:20-23 (KJV) says, "And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, 21. These men are peaceable with us; therefore, let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for

them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22. Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23. Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? Only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us."

Although Hamor told Jacob that they would have freedom in the land and that it would be to their benefit because "the land will be available to you - you'll live, do business and acquire possessions here" what Hamor and Shechem said to their people was an entirely different thing of their true motivation. They said, "Won't their cattle, their possessions and all their animals be ours?"

The world doesn't want to help us, it wants to use us and abuse us. We shouldn't have any delusions about that.

Of godless people the scriptures say the following in 2 Peter 2:18-19 (CEV), "They brag out loud about their stupid nonsense. And by being vulgar and crude, they trap people who have barely escaped from living the wrong kind of life. 19 They promise freedom to everyone. But they are merely slaves of filthy living because people are slaves of whatever controls them."

Other than Dinah and her actions, we also see that Jacob's sons were beginning to act in ways that was not according to righteousness. For when they found out about what happened to Dinah, although they would have been justified in seeking justice in this case, they pursued that justice through unrighteous means. Genesis 34:13 (CEV) says, "Jacob's sons wanted to get even with Shechem and his father because of what had happened to their sister."

They essentially communicated to them that if they would get circumcised, that everything would be kosher and that they would become one people. But they used the holy covenant of circumcision, in a deceptive way as a means to destroy their enemies. This was a profaning of the covenant, as this was a sign meant to signify someone who had been set apart to the Elohim of Israel, and to an abundant life of Torah (*Elohim's instruction*). But instead this covenant sign was wielded as a weapon to bring death.



Jacob, the one being led by Yahuah's Spirit was very grieved by such an action, for they were using the Torah unlawfully. Perhaps this was do to how his sons saw the people of the lands use their laws and covenants in unlawful ways. Likewise, we have to be careful to not associate with

those who use the "Law", or in Hebrew, the "Torah" in unlawful ways, otherwise it will be twisted into an instrument of death, and we may be influenced to do likewise. A literal version of 1Timothy 1:8 (CLB) teaches us, "And we know that the Torah is good, if anyone uses it lawfully".



Another red flag in this story indicating Jacob's great concern for the moral decline of his family due to the surrounding people is found in Genesis 35:2. A literal version states, "And Jacob said to his house, and to all those with him, 'Put away the **strange Elohims in your midst, and purify yourselves,**

and change your clothing'".

Apparently, his household, and those with him, had taken on the strange Elohims of the godless people around them. Whether we realize it or not, when we make covenants of friendship with those

who don't serve YHVH, we often begin to take on their strange Elohims. And, they don't have to be wooden, stone, or metal idols to be considered strange Elohims. Today often it is the Elohim of drugs, the Elohim of sexual immorality, and/or pornography, the Elohim of money, the Elohim of anger, the Elohim of selfishness, and the Elohim of false theology that their friends are into. There are many other false Elohims and mighty influences that are too numerous to list here, but you get the point.

But one may say, "But, Yahusha hung out and spent time with sinners". What we have to understand about Yahusha spending time with sinners was that he did this for the purpose of teaching them the truth and leading them to repentance. It was not to spend time in fellowship, or to become buddies with them. Yahusha was very clear about who he considered to be his friends and family. In John 15:14 he said, "You are my friends, if you do what I command you".

And, in Matthew (Mattityahu) 12:50 he says, "Whoever does what my Father in heaven wants, that person is my brother and sister and mother." When we are given an opportunity to witness to someone who is not a believer, and we go to spend a significant amount of time with them, we have to be very cautious in doing so.

Jude (Yehudah) 1:23 states, "But save others with fear, snatching them out of the fire, hating even the garment being stained from the flesh". We shouldn't allow ourselves to be placed into situations or an environment where we could be compromised. Instead, we should invite them into a safe and godly environment where we can give them the message of the Good News.

Another interesting note that we find literally in the text is that they were not only instructed to get rid of their foreign gods, but they were also commanded to "change your clothes". Sometimes the effect that these false gods have had on our lives are so pervasive that they become even reflective in the clothing that we wear. Believe it or not, what someone wears can often tell you a little about what has crept into one's heart.



In the case of Jacob's household and those with him, it is surmised that their clothing as well as their jewelry were somehow connected to idolatry. The clothing may have contained specific types of patterns, weaving, or even images that were somehow connected to the worship of foreign Elohims. Whatever the case, we have to be cautious about putting ourselves in these types of environments because wickedness clings to us in ways we often don't understand. The solution given in Genesis 35:2 was to "purify yourselves and change your clothing".

It was to make a clean break with that world, to purify themselves (Baptism) and to remove their old garments, which could symbolize removing the old man, and putting on new garments symbolizing putting on the new man spoken of in the scriptures, **being born again**.

In Ephesians 4:17-24 Paul (Sha'ul) – (CJB) intimates this beautifully. He says, "Therefore I say this - indeed, in union with

Yahuah I insist on it: do not live any longer as the pagans live, with their sterile ways of thinking. Their intelligence has been shrouded in darkness, and they are estranged from the life of Elohim, because of the ignorance in them, which in turn comes from resisting Elohim's will. They have lost all feeling, so they have abandoned themselves to sensuality, practicing any kind of impurity and always greedy for more. But this is not the lesson you learned from the Messiah! If you really listened to him and were instructed about him, then you learned that since what is in Yahusha is truth, then, so far as your former way of life is concerned, you must strip off your old nature, because your old nature is thoroughly rotted by its deceptive desires; and you must let your spirits and minds keep being renewed, and clothe yourselves with the new nature created to be godly, which expresses itself in the righteousness and holiness that flow from the truth".

The solution given by Elohim also included removing themselves from the source of ungodliness that was assimilating them. Genesis 35:1 states (KJV), "And Elohim said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto Elohim, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother." This is a powerful statement YHVH made to Jacob and his house!

As we read back in Genesis 28:13-19, Bethel was the place that Yahuah's covenant was confirmed with Jacob. The Hebrew name "Beit-EI" means "The House of Elohim". Elohim called him to return there.

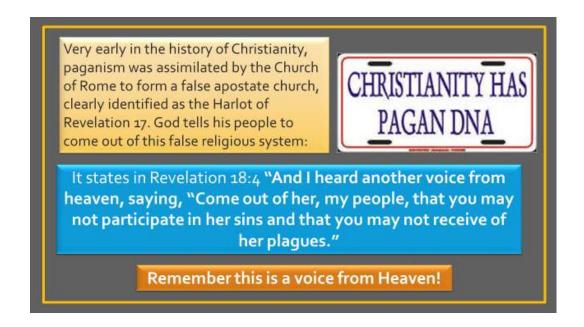
Jacob's house had backslidden, and Yahuah Elohim was calling them back to His house and to the covenant that He had made with Jacob. Likewise, once we have discovered, through various alarming symptoms, that we have begun to backslide and have increasingly become assimilated into the ways of this world and have found ourselves outside of the house of Elohim, we need to take drastic steps to make a clean break and completely separate ourselves from such things, and return to His house and covenant.



That was then, but what about today In Christianity?

Have you ever wondered why Christians do what they do for church every Sunday morning? Why do they keep the first day of the week instead of the 7th day as Scripture teaches.

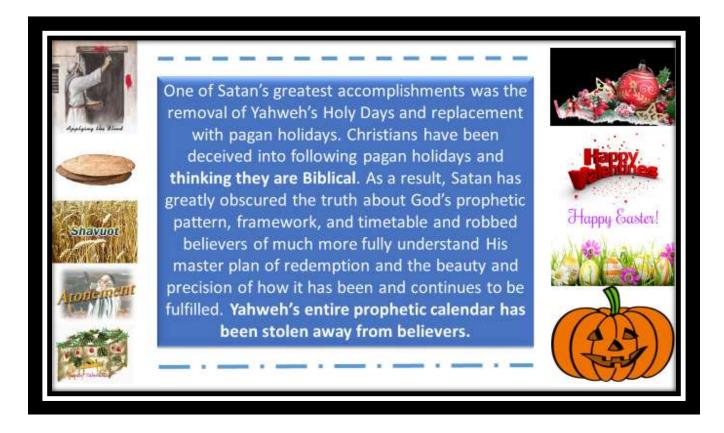
Why do people "dress up" for church? Why does the pastor preach a sermon each week? Why are there pews, steeples, choirs, and seminaries? Are these the results of assimilation to the world?



The Protestant Reformation was a response to the call of Yahuah to separate from the Apostate Church of Rome. Even though Protestant churches separated from Rome, rejecting Papal

authority, the Roman Catholic priesthood, and a ritualistic, worksbased system of salvation, other aspects of Roman Catholicism that had its origins in paganism remained.

One of these aspects relates to the true Biblical Holy Days, the Appointed Times of Yahuah, that provide the prophetic frame-work and timetable for Elohim's master plan of redemption: **the true Biblical Sabbath** (not Sunday); **the true Passover** (not Easter); **Feast of Unleavened Bread**; **the true Pentecost** (Shavuot) – (not Pentecost as observed by Christianity today, which does not follow the Biblical Calendar); **Feast of Trumpets** (Rosh Hashanah); **Day of Atonement** (Yom Kippur); **and the Feast of Tabernacles** (Sukkot).

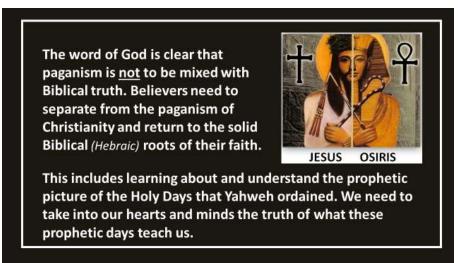


The man used by Satan to accomplish the removal of Yahuah's Appointed Times was the Roman Emperor Constantine, an avowed sun-God worshipper, fulfilling Daniel's prophecy in chapter

7:25 regarding the person who desire to changed Elohim's Appointed Times and commandments!

In the third Century, the Roman Emperor Constantine established the Church of Rome, uniting pagans and Christians into one church, a false system that corrupted Biblical truth by its assimilation of paganism. Throughout the centuries, more and more unbiblical traditions, doctrines, rituals, etc. have been added. Wherever the Church of Rome has spread, it has allowed the absorption of native pagan beliefs and practices, rather than teach pure Biblical truth and separation from paganism.

Yahuah ordained the Biblical Sabbath and Biblical Holy Days as a sign for his chosen people. The purpose of His Appointed Times is to point to His Messiah, Yahusha. The prophetic pictures, patterns, and timetable of Elohim's plan of redemption for humanity are revealed by the Biblical Holy Days and provide solid irrefutable proof that Yahusha is the Messiah promised.



The importance in learning what the Biblical Holy Days and Sabbath teach about the us coming of the Messiah: the first time. and His future return.

They teach us Yahuah's plan of redemption for humankind through the Messiah. They point to the one, true Messiah in every prophetic detail. They teach us the proper form of worship, how to live our lives in accordance with His will, and to understand the prophetic events which lead up to His second Coming!



When we talk about assimilation, we need to consider the practice of <u>believers marrying</u> <u>unbelievers</u>, meaning they are unequally yoked! They fail to raise their children in the way of their faith and simply fade away from what Scripture teaches. They abandon their strive for holiness and agreeing with their Creator and Savior! As a result, they

assimilate to the influence of the world rather then working on sanctification from worldly influence. Believers marrying nonbelievers failing to adopt godly principles in the home such as raising their kids in the way of YHVH.

When believers marry unbelievers, husbands fade away from the command to love and honor their wives as Yahusha loved his bride. Being head of the household no longer means washing your wife with the word of Elohim to present her as a pure and holy bride, rather it means abusing her spiritually, mentally, and physically to get her to submit to his so-called authority.

Because of <u>uniting</u> with the world many churches today seem more like a house of entertainment then a pillar and foundation of truth. If the church is the house of God then why is it that His words are so scarce among many prominent pastors who give their weekly sermons which are filled with jokes and stories rather then a reverence for Yahweh's word! Many Churches are adopting this term assimilation by engaging in worldly entertainment. And you wonder why so many Christian marriages are failing if we don't know how to conduct ourselves in God's household, which is the assembly of the living God. What makes us think we will be able to conduct ourselves in our own households?

Do we need a revival? It must begin in the household of Yahuah! Instead, we have churches assimilating more and more to the conformity of this world, which in turn causes more Christian households to assimilate as well. However, if believers would strive to rid themselves from assimilation and conformity to this world then perhaps Christian America would look a bit different putting off the filthy rages of sin and putting on the full armor of Yahusha!

The moral roads on which we travel are slippery. Our individual and collective actions inevitably affect others, ourselves, and our institutions. They shape the people we become and the kind of world we inhabit. They increase or decrease the likelihood, however slight, that certain futures will occur. Sometimes those consequences are positive, a giant leap for moral mankind. Other times they are detrimental or morally regressive. We should not try to avoid slippery terrain. That is not an option. Rather we should seek to understand and successfully navigate it.

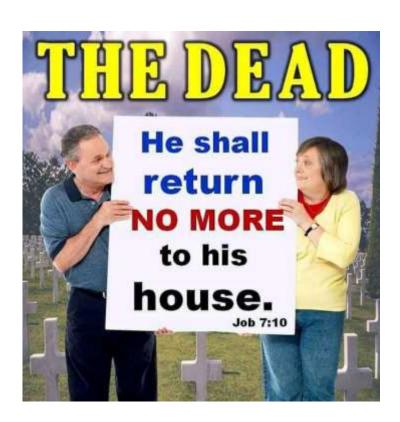


1 John 2: 15-17 (KJV) "Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16. For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abideth forever."

Let's be reminded that Satan's strategy hasn't changed during the past 6,000 years. He is still out to destroy you, to destroy your family, destroy your faith and separate you from the Life giver Yahusha Ha Mashiach. If you are His follower, you are in a fierce war. In fact, you're in a life and death battle for your faith, for Satan is determined to shipwreck and destroy the faith of all of Yahuah's elect. And the stronger your faith, the greater will be his attack against you. As Yahusha stated in John 10:10, "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." Therefore, "Cast not away ... your confidence (in

Yahusha Ha Mashiach), which hath great recompense of reward" Hebrews 10:5

A MAN POSSESSED BY THOUSANDS OF DEMONS RECOGNIZED OWY AZ BUT THE MEN POSSESSING THOUSANDS OF SCRIPTURES COULDN'T



Chapter 4



Why do some people call the Torah the Tree of Life?

When we go back to the time of Moses, Yahuah Himself states that His Torah is the way of "life." As all men physically die, the context is one of the Torah being "the words of eternal life": It states in Leviticus 18:4-5 (KJV), - "Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am YHVH your Elohim. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am YHVH."

Deuteronomy 30:6 (KJV), "And YHVH thy Elohim will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love YHVH thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live."

Deuteronomy 30:19 (KJV), "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

The third chapter of the book of Proverbs (3:13-19), speaks of the Torah in terms of "Wisdom and Understanding", calling it a "Tree of Life." The Torah is this "Tree of Life" that founded the earth and established the heavens:

Proverbs 3:13-19 (KJV) "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

- For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
- 15. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
- 16. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.
- 17. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
- 18. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.
- 19. YHVH (he LORD) by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.



A prayer recited when the Torah scrolls are placed back into the ark in a Synagogue service, is Etz Chayim "the tree of life!" "It is a tree of life to those who take hold of it, and those who support it are praiseworthy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. Bring us back YAH to You, and we shall come, renew our days as of old."

To "follow Yahusha," as John did, is to follow Torah. The New Testament equates Yahusha with the Torah and the Tree of

Life, mentioned in Proverbs, stating that He was behind the creation of the heavens and earth!

Colossians 1:16 states, "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

John further states that Yahusha is the Torah, present with YHVH and therefore "part of" YHVH: John 1:1 (*KJV*) – "In the beginning was the Torah (the word), and the Torah (the word) was with YHVH, and the Torah (the word) was YHVH."



In Hebraic thinking, when one accepts the teachings of Torah, it is said to "become a person's flesh and blood." Therefore, to fully accept the teachings of Yeshua, is to partake of His "flesh and blood" - which is the Torah.

We want to talk about the restoration of Yahuah's Torah historically and individually!

Over the past couple of decades, a new phenomenon has taken place -- the development of Messianic Judaism. Rather than identifying themselves as Christians with Jewish nationality, Jews began to fully retain their "Jewishness," both culturally and religiously. These believers distanced themselves from the "Christian" and "Jesus" labels, calling themselves Jews who followed Yahusha. There was now a clear "choice" for Jews who wanted to follow the Messiah of the "New Testament" – either Jesus and Christianity or Yahusha and Judaism.

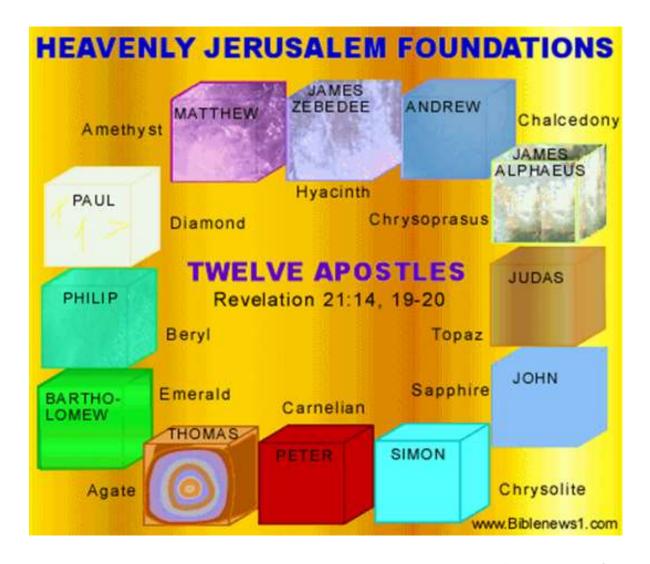
On the other hand -- many non-Jews began to be attracted to this new view of the faith, calling themselves "Messianic believers" or

"Messianics." Rather than considering themselves as "Christians," these Non-Jews, to one degree or another, viewed themselves as coming into the faith of Israel. They want to return to "Torah observance." This development has launched a great debate -- what is the role of the Torah in the life of the believer? Is Torah important, a salvation issue?

The Torah has now once again become "a Stumbling Block" for followers of the Messiah, some saying it really isn't that important, some saying it is for Jewish believers but not for non-Jews, and others say it is for both Jews and Non-Jews!

So, we are witnessing a global resurgence of "Torah-observant Messianic Judaism" and the decades of "change" that led up to it, mirrors what is going on in the lives of individuals around the world today -- including Non-Jewish believers. Many of these believers are first attracted by the fact that "Christianity has Jewish roots," and begin to read their "Old Testaments" with a new desire to find out "what they have been missing."

Some progress to a point where they realize that we are serving a "Jewish" or "Hebrew" messiah, who doesn't have a Greek, but a "Hebrew" name called "Yahusha"! They realize that all the disciples, the prophets and even Paul were Hebrews or Jews! What a revelation! What an eye opener!



They realize that it states in Revelation 21, 14 that "the wall of New Jerusalem had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" were engraved! These are all Jews! What a surprise

Not only that but they realize that the gates of New Jerusalem were named after the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. This is recorded in Ezekiel 48:31 and again in Revelation 21:12! There is not even one gate named "Christianity or Catholic, Evangelicals, Methodists, Jehovah Witnesses, Seventh-day Adventists, Mormons, Lutherans etc." What a shocker!

Then they are reminded of the words of the Master in John 4:22 when He told the Samaritan woman at the well: "Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews."

Many people realize that Yahusha actually lived and promoted Torah, and there is nothing wrong with them starting to do the same. Some begin keeping the weekly Sabbath and even keeping Yahuah's yearly appointed festivals! They start doing Bible things the Bible ways starting in Genesis 1:1!

The people learn that the "popular idea" that Paul preached against Torah in a believer's life, is untrue – a product of centuries of the "Church's" anti-Torah bias in translation and interpretation!

They see the Torah for what it always has been — **Yahuah's revelation and instruction**. Out of love for Elohim, and desire to know more of Him, they begin a journey to incorporate Torah into their lifestyles with the goal **that it will become their lifestyle!**

The people are learning that there has always been, and remains, One Torah for all the people of Elohim – Jew or Non-Jew! Because YHVH has not changed!



1 – Yahusha, our Messiah can be found in Torah!

John 1:45 Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the Torah, and the Prophets, wrote: Yahusha of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

How can you know the answer if you never knew the question? They only recognized Yahusha as the Messiah <u>because they knew the Torah</u>. The Torah is where the hidden treasure is found! Yahusha began with Moses and so should we.

#2 Reason is: so, we can properly understand who Yahusha is!

Luke 24:27, "Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

How can we claim to know Yahusha if we know nothing of His family, His culture, or His country?

#3 Reason is: So, we can believe that Yahusha is the Messiah!

John 5:46, 47 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about me. But if you don't believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

If you throw out the Torah and claim it is irrelevant you have no validation for your belief in Yahusha. It is not a matter of Moses versus Yahusha it is belief in what Moses says proves your belief in Messiah!

4 Reason is that Torah sets your heart on fire!

Luke 24:32, They said one to another, "Weren't our hearts burning within us, while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?"

There were no Gideon Bibles back then. All they had was the Tanakh. Elohim says His Word is like a fire. Our hearts will burn when we allow the Ruach Ha Kadesh (Holy Spirit) to reveal the truths of the Torah to us.

5 Reason is that Torah, as the beginning, is the Key to prophetic understanding!

Isaiah 46:9,10; "Remember the former things of old: for I am Elohim, and there is none else; I am Elohim, and there is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

The Scripture says it is to Elohim's Glory that he conceals matters and it is to our honor to search them out. You will never fully understand Revelations if you don't understand Genesis and the Torah.

6 Reason is, so we can know the promises to the family we are grafted in to!

Romans 9:4,5, "Who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service, and the promises; of whom are the fathers, and from whom is Messiah as concerning the flesh, who is overall, Elohim, blessed forever. Amen."

There are not two trees, one Jewish and one Christian. We are grafted into one tree and the early "church" fathers are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!

7 Reason is: Torah comes from the breath of YHVH and is HIS Word!

2Timothy 3:16,17, "Every Scripture is god-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for

instruction in righteousness, that the man of Elohim may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work".

Again, there was no New Testament when this was written. The Torah equips us for every good work.

8 Reason is that Torah brings us liberty!

Psalm 119:43-48, "And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in your judgments. So shall I keep your Torah continually forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek your precepts. I will speak of your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up to your commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in your statutes."

Only when we know our boundaries do we have true liberty as well as safety for everyone.

9 Reason is that Torah reveals Elohim's heart and is what makes our lives go well!

Deuteronomy 5:29 "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!"

YHVH is the same yesterday, today and forever! He would never say then that Torah is good and now Torah is bad, and now Torah is good again. The Torah is Elohim's instruction. His instruction is always for our good as He loves us!

10 Reason is that Torah prevents us from being deceived and reveals false prophets!

Deuteronomy 13:1-5, "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder, And the

sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spoke to you, saying, Let us go after other Elohims, which you have not known, and let us serve them; You shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for YHVH your Elohim proves you, to know whether you love YHVH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after YHVH your Elohim, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and join to him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he has spoken to turn you away from YHVH your Elohim, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust you out of the way which YHVH your Elohim commanded you to walk in. So shall you put the evil away from the middle of you."



We can see the Torah is a very unique document! It is first and foremost Yahuah's teaching. The word does not mean "law" it

means "teaching." The root for "Torah" can be traced to the Hebrew word meaning "to shoot an arrow," or "to hit the mark." Torah is Elohim's teaching, hitting the mark of man's needs, including his need to know who Elohim is and what His righteousness looks like.

Torah is also a covenant, a legally binding agreement between YHVH and His people! The context in Exodus 34:27 is the giving of the first written revelation, which included the Ten Commandments as well as other instructions. It states: "And YHVH aid to Moshe: 'Write down these commandments, for in accordance with these commandments I make a covenant (brit) with you and with Israel."



The Spirit of YHVH is causing many people all over the world to rediscover His ancient words, a book of the covenant given to HIS remnant people!

God is using a certain way He has always used in returning those who have gone astray. This process can be broken down as follows:

- 1. He reveals His truth to you
- 2. He takes you away from the confined place you are in (where you cannot truly serve Him)
- 3. He replaces the error and fear of your previous way, instructing you in His Torah
- 4. He makes you acceptable to Himself

His process for achieving this can be seen in how He dealt with those coming out of Egypt with Moses: Exodus 6, 6-7, "Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am YHVH, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretchedout arm, and with great judgments: 7. And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you an Elohim: and ye shall know that I am YHVH your Elohim, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

- 1. He made them "free" through His revelation, they stopped serving Egypt even though they physically remained a bit longer in the land
- 2. He physically took them out of Egypt (Egypt = "Miztrayim" = a confined place)
- 3. He redeemed them by taking them through the waters and delivering the final crushing blow to the Egyptians when the waters annihilated them (thus giving them great confidence)
- 4. He took them as His people to the Promised Land where they would be free to serve Him through His Torah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, they stopped for water at a place called Marah. (Exodus 15:22-27) The water there was bitter, however. Elohim instructed Moses to take a certain tree and cast it into the water. The water then became sweet. He immediately followed this up by giving them additional statutes and ordinances, and saying He would test their obedience.

There are several lessons here:

- 1. YHVH was not "done" with Israel just because He revealed Himself to them and took them out of Egypt (though they may have had reason to believe He was, as the entire plan was not yet revealed). As soon as they get their new freedom, they immediately encounter a "problem."
- 2. YHVH immediately showed them that He wanted their relationship to continue and grow (through the miracle).
- 3. The fact that a tree was used should not be overlooked, as it is a euphemism for the Torah.

- 4. Elohim immediately gives them more of His Torah (statutes and ordinances) as their means for deepening their relationship.
- 5. He would then test and refine their faith/relationship to Him through their Torah obedience.

Yahuah is consistent. He uses the same process today for bringing people, including Non-Jews, to Torah!

- 1. He makes you free by revealing Himself and His Messiah (often within an imperfect setting, i.e., maybe "a church")
- 2. He leads you away from where you cannot grow in His Torah (maybe into Messianic Judaism)
- 3. He teaches you the deeper truths of His Torah (taking on more of the Torah to learn of Him)
- 4. He makes you acceptable to Himself

People, particularly in Christianity, often don't get beyond the first of the four stages outlined before. They are exposed to the elementary (yet critical) teachings of Torah, such as Yahuah Elohim is real, He loves you, He wants you to have your sins forgiven, etc.

This is all good but coming to know of the Father and Messiah is not the end of the road - it is the beginning of a lifetime journey to, a) become conformed to the Image of YHVH and, b) grow in intimacy with Him.

The ONLY means Yahuah has given to accomplish these two things, is His Torah, His instructions. That is why He gave it to us.

Again, to come to the understanding that there is a God in Heaven, called YHVH, that is real and we can call on His name, knowing that He loves His Creation, meaning you and me and that wants us to be happy, holy and healthy in this life and to live with Him for all eternity on a new earth that he will create, is only the beginning! After the forgiveness

of our sins we must grow in grace, we must grow in knowledge, understanding His plan for us! All this is revealed in detail in Torah, the instructions that this loving God, the Creator and sustainer has given us. It is a law of life: "if we don't grow, we will rot, we will die."



Sadly, most of those who claim faith in the "Messiah", remain stagnant after they "come to Him." They choose to stay in their "personal Egypt," in a comfortable box of ease and false security rather than let YHVH move them out of Egypt, out of the box of ease to where He wants them. This is prevalent in most of the Christian denominations, who like to think they are very different from each other -- but share a critical common theology; the rejection of the place of Elohim's Torah in the life of the believer. They are blinded to the truth of the Scripture verses they so readily quote -- Scriptures that speak of, even warn of, the importance of Torah.

Christianity as a whole is caught in a loop. They are blind because of the pagan worship and the pagan worship prevents them from seeing the truth of the Torah! They claim that they know it all according to Revelation 3:17 "...I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing..."

Let me repeat it again, most people are blinded to the truth of he Scripture verses they so readily quote – Scriptures that speak of, even warn of, the importance of Torah. Rather than accepting and growing in Yahweh's Torah, they get entangled in the thorns of their denominational doctrines. At some point they will willfully reject the message of anyone coming into their lives preaching that YHVH has not changed according to Malachi 3:6 and that His Torah remains for today!



For instance, when Yahusha says that not one tiny part of the Torah is done away with and those who teach otherwise are wrong, most will say He means something else!

Here are His words in Matthew 5:17-18 (KJV), "Think not that I am come to destroy the Torah (law), or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

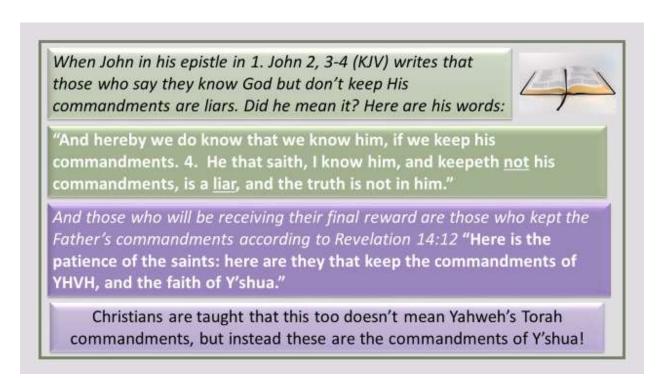
What does He mean by fulfil? To abolish? To do away with? Then he would have been saying "I am not come to destroy, but to destroy"! He actually said, "I am come to obey Torah, to do it!"

When Paul writes in Romans 3:31 (Contemporary English Version) "Do we destroy the Torah (Nomos – Law) by our faith? Not at all! We make it even more powerful," Christianity spiritualizes that statement away! It doesn't mean what it says! On the same topic, what do people do with the words of Paul in Romans 8:6-8

(CEV? "If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace.

7. Our desires fight against Elohim, because they do not and cannot obey Elohim's Torah (instructions). 8. If we follow our desires, we cannot please Elohim."

That statement of Paul is also being spiritualized away. They claim it doesn't mean what it says! Let's be sure, Paul meant exactly what he said!



It is evident that Christianity is paganism and has very little in common with the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. Christianity is telling us that the Father (YHVH) and the Son (Yahusha) play by different rules! However, Yahusha is telling us that this is not true! They do apply the same rules!

Here is what he says in John 10:30 "I and my Father <u>are ONE!</u>" In John 17, 8-9 Yahusha told Philipp, because he wanted to see the Father, "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Should we ask the question, if a person truly has the Spirit of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaak and Jacob would he reject the truth of HIS Torah?

Such a person possesses <u>a counterfeit spirit</u>, one that even says at the end "Lord, Lord" according to Matthew 7:15-23 and does great things in His name, only to mislead himself as he or she rejected the authority of the Torah commandments und practices lawlessness (anti-Torah doctrines)?

One author reports that his personal experience had shown him that there is indeed a spiritual conflict <u>between Torah-based Messianic Judaism and Christianity</u>. For an example, when a "mainstream Christian" is engaged in spiritual discussion with a Mormon, Jehovah Witness, Muslim, Hindu or Pagan, he will typically "keep his cool" as he speaks to the other person, even if they are antagonistic toward him.

However, should a Torah observant Messianic believer challenge this same Christian, the situation often gets very nasty, very quickly. In such situations, there are indeed spirits in conflict. What could be the difference? Can both be of YHVH? (Let's not forget that this conflict has existed since the fourth century when Nazarene Jews [those who followed Yahusha] were criticized for having more in common with Judaism [i.e. Torah] than with Christianity.)

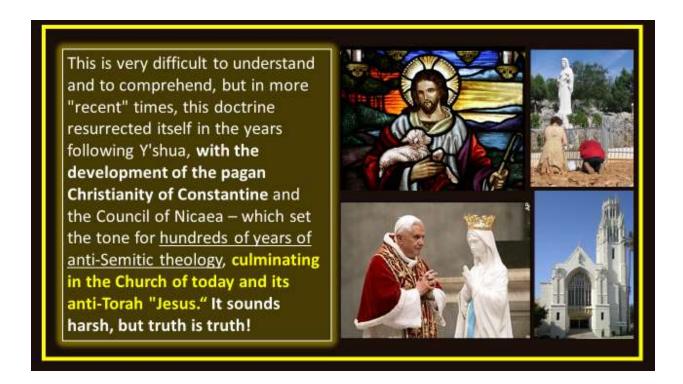
There is a great deception forecast for the "latter days." We are warned of things such as; the "mystery of iniquity, "and the error of the "Church of Laodicea," and the doctrine of the "Whore of Babylon." The three of these share a common thread -- The rejection of Elohim's Torah in the life of the believer-replacing it with something that looks "godly" (i.e., "freedom in Messiah") but is in fact a very ancient lie.

In the New Testament, the most common word translated "iniquity" is #458 "anomia" which is derived from the Greek "a" (negative meaning without) and "Nomo's" (law – in Hebrew Torah) and therefore means to live in opposition to the law (Torah) of Yahuah, being lawless (without Torah or wicked) or in violation of Torah. It suggests contempt of Divine law and therefore rejection of the will of Yahuah. The Hebrew word for sin is 'âvôn' This term is used more than 200 times and is most often translated as "iniquity" [Strong's #H5771]). It carries the implication of being perverse, crooked, or twisted.



The doctrine these all share stems from haSatan, the father of all lies, and can be seen as far back as the Garden of Eden when he challenged Elohim's Torah (Genesis 3). It was manifested in man with Nimrod at Babel (Genesis 10), someone who once was close to YHVH and could have been mighty in HIM but

rejected His Torah, His Instructions and went his own way. It is later spoken of by Zechariah (5:6-10) who depicts it as going out into the world from the plains of Shinar in Babylon. Later, it rears its head among Elohim's chosen people in the spirit of Ephraim, who rejected Torah and went into idolatry (1 Kings 12).



We must receive and accept the whole truth – meaning that we cannot separate the Tree of Life, the Torah -- from the Giver of Life, Yahusha! Could it be that the real anti-Messiah will actually be at the forefront of telling everyone to be on the lookout for the "anti- Christ?" Do you think HaSatan is not capable of such deception? Do you think fallible human beings can't be fooled by the father of all lies? -- particularly when they reject the truth of Elohim's Torah?

Let's assume there will indeed be a "pre-tribulation rapture" as some people teach - - but only those who respect Torah along with trusting Yahusha are taken up!

Yahuah Elohim can and at times does remove those who follow His ways, prior to His coming judgment, so that they do not have to go through "tribulation." The righteous men of Noah's day were allowed to die naturally, prior to the flood killing off the earth's inhabitants. (In the case of Enoch, he was simply removed without facing death.)

The congregation at Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13) seems to be promised that they will not go through the tribulation that is to come upon the earth as they are with the One who has the "Key of David."

Here is the promise to the Assembly in Philadelphia in Revelation chapter 3, 7 and 10 (Jubilee Bible), "And to the angel of the congregation [Gr. ecclesia — called out ones] in Philadelphia write; These things, saith he that is Holy and True, he who has the key of David, who opens and no one shuts and shuts, and no one opens; ... Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the entire world, to try those that dwell upon the earth."

When studying the Psalms (especially 118 and 119), it becomes evident that those who can enter through the gate are the righteous, and their righteousness is tied directly to the Torah. Those who are part of faithful Israel (including the grafted-in gentiles – according to Romans 9-11) are included in the wedding of YHVH to Israel and the great Shabbat to follow.

One thing is for certain according to Yahuah's Torah. He does NOT marry "the Christian Church." The Christian Church is pure sunworship with keeping Sunday, Easter Christmas, etc.. This would be a violation of Torah, as He has promised to marry Israel (again) after putting her away for a brief while due to her spiritual adultery. The idea that YHVH marries "the Christian Church" is replacement theology, a teaching founded in the same spiritual arrogance mentioned in Revelation 3:17 to which Paul warned the gentiles in Romans 9 to 11.

Just as a note "what is replacement theology?" This is the concept, the teaching that Yahusha started a new religion that mysteriously replaced the eternal covenants with Israel! The Jewish people are no longer Elohim's chosen people. Instead, the Christian church

now makes up Elohim's chosen people. Therefore, many of the promises that YHVH made to Israel must be spiritualized. The fact according to my studies is that neither today's Nation of Israel, nor the Christian Church are the chosen people. Yahuah's chosen people are those that have accepted Yahusha, the Messiah and keep the commandments statutes and Judgments. That consists of all people.

It is <u>not</u> biblical to say that Yahuah is completely done with Israel and that the Christian church is its complete replacement. Here is what Paul had to say about this topic in Romans 11:25-27 (CEV): "My friends, I don't want you Gentiles to be too proud of yourselves. So, I will explain the mystery of what has happened to the people of Israel. <u>Some of them have become stubborn</u>, and they will stay like that until the complete number of you Gentiles has come in. 26. In this way all of Israel will be saved, as the Scriptures say, "From Zion someone will come to rescue us. Then Jacob's descendants will stop being evil. 27. This is what YHVH has promised to do when he forgives their sins."

As we know, The Kingdom of Israel was split into two groups known as the Northern House and the Southern House of Israel after the reign of King Solomon. After several centuries in the Promised Land, both Houses fell into idolatry. The Northern House of 10 tribes called Ephraim was then taken into captivity by



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Assyria and has disappeared into the world. The Southern Kingdom of two tribes Judah and Benjamin was taken into captivity by Babylon, but was later allowed to return to their own land. Today, most Jews (the House of Judah) don't accept Y'shua as the Messiah. Conversely, most Christians (the House of Israel) don't accept the necessity of keeping Torah (the Law).

However, the Israel of YHVH. 6:16), made up of those from both houses who are standing in the gap, accept both Yahusha and the Torah (Rev. 12:17; 14:12). It is believed by many that soon, Jews and people of all nations will recognize the respective flaws in their belief systems. People of Both houses of Israel will repent and be joined together once again, as Ezekiel foretold some 2,600 years ago (Ezekiel 37:15-28). Many Believers are awakening to the deep truths of the Torah, which is definitely the Spirit of Yahuah doing that. We must individually seek to become Sola Scriptura, Genesis to Revelation — not just Matthew to Revelation. We cannot depend on churches or organizations doing that for us, it is our personal responsibility to seek and follow the truth!

Non-Jews, who "come by faith" in YHVH, are given promises to be priests for HIM according to 1Peter 2:9, "ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

The question is, <u>how</u> can we be HIS "priests" if the Christian faith you may be now part of, teaches that the Torah upon which this priesthood is entirely based on, has no role in our life?

Listen to what Hosea 4:6 (ASV) has to say about wanting to be priest but rejecting Torah, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the Torah (law) of thy Elohim, I also will forget thy children."

According to Hosea 4:6 remembering Torah is important for His people, if they want to be part of the Redeemed if they want to be part of Israel!

Therefore, studying, and following Torah should be the highest priority for today's professed Christians!

Yahusha, (the word, the Torah) is the only and final authority for justice and truth, so therefore it is the right way to live. When the Spirit reveals the Torah to us, there is no burden of dos and don'ts or a negative "do we have to do this", but rather we find life in Torah, guidance, comfort and protection.

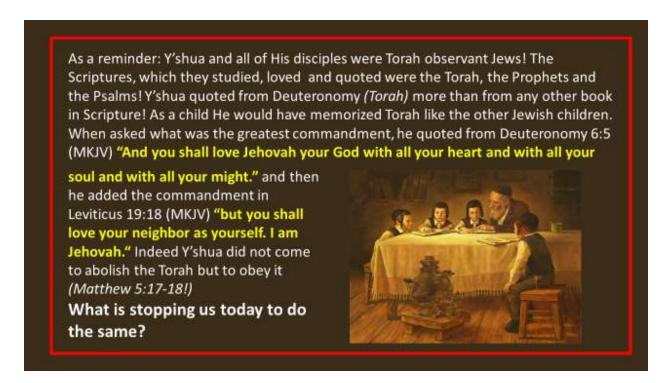
Matthew 6:25-26 (MKJV) "I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26. Behold the birds of the air; for they sow not, nor do they reap, nor gat her into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them; are you not much better than they are?"

Matthew 6:27-29 (MKJV), "Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? 28. And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.

They do not toil, nor do they spin, 29. but I say to you that even Solomon in his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Matthew 6:30-31 (MKJV) "Therefore if Elohim so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much rather clothe you, little-faiths? 31. Therefore do not be anxious, saying, what shall we eat? or, what shall we drink? Or, with what shall we be clothed?"

Matthew 6:32-34 (MKJV) "For the nations seek after all these things. For your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. 33. But seek first the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. 34. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow; for tomorrow shall be anxious for its own things. Sufficient to the day is the evil of it."





Look at this picture, looks are deceiving!

There are many false doctrines and teachings in this computer age, there are many false prophets and even Messiahs, therefore don't believe

...... everything you see, hear, or read! 99% truth and 1% error is already dangerous!



Isaiah 8:20 (Jubilee Bible), "To the Torah)and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

The Torah is a tree of life to those who take hold of it, and those who support it are praiseworthy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace.

Chapter 5

The unpardonable sin

Also known as "The great transgression", "The sin against the Holy Spirit" or "sinning with a high hand"



unpardonable The sin. Matthew 12:31-32, "Wherefore I say unto vou. all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto man, but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not forgiven unto men 32. And whosoever speaketh a word against the

son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall <u>not</u> be forgiven him, <u>neither in</u> this world, neither in the world to come."

According to Yahusha we are dealing here with a profoundly serious sin, a sin that cannot be forgiven, neither in this world, nor in the world to come. If something is that serious, should we be aware of it? Should we find out what this sin constitutes?



Yahusha was speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees who were accusing Him of casting out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons. First, we need to understand that the Spirit of Truth is the power and breadth of YHVH given to Yahusha and given to us so that we can listen to that still small voice and obey His Scriptures. If we choose to reject His Spirit that is pointing us back to repentance and obedience to His Torah, we have rejected the only way we will ever know what truth is. By repeatedly refusing to obey Yahuah's commandments, statutes, and judgments we are grieving His Spirit and eventually we will no longer hear His Spirit speaking to us and we will then get a deceiving Spirit of Satan to believe his lies of lawlessness. Therefore, it is so important to obey the Scriptures the minute we understand what it says and change our ways.

Yahusha thus regards blasphemy against the Spirit as permanently rejecting his identity as attested by the Spirit's works as the worst of sins. (Matthew 12:18,28). Many pastors, elders, and church members in Christianity, who refuse to obey Yahuah's Torah are committing the unpardonable sin because they have hardened their hearts for the love of money and preaching sweet messages of lawlessness to deceive their flock into remaining in their churches.

Consider Proverbs 28:9, "He who turns away his ear from hearing the Torah, even his prayer is an abomination."

When the Jews rejected Yahusha, they rejected the only hope they ever had of being saved as Yahusha said... I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and be saved. John10;19. There is no other name by which you can be saved. Acts 4:12

Consider John 14:6 יהושעי (Yahusha) said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

If you are trusting in the man-made "Jesus" the lawless one, the one who did not die for your sins, you are deceiving yourself and deliberately grieving the Spirit of Yahuah. There was no Jesus 2,000 years ago. You may have called on him unknowingly, but when you hear the truth, the facts, you are accountable for your actions from then on. When you know the truth or could have known the truth and refuse to change your ways, it is a sin to you. (See James 4:17)

"Yahuah your Elohim will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers. It is to him you shall listen, just as you desired of Yahuah your Elohim at Horeb on the day of the assembly. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. (Yahusha will come to them as a human, He is YHVH in the flesh), And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him." (judgment). Deuteronomy 18:15-19. Yahusha thus regards blasphemy against the Spirit, permanently rejecting his identity. (Matthew 12:18) as attested by the Spirit's works. (12:28) as the worst of sins.

What happened in the city of Capernaum when people remained hard of heart and stubborn?

The situation was similar at the biblical city of Capernaum, where Yahusha performed an extraordinary number of miracles and taught many important public lessons. In the end, most of the people of Capernaum remained unrepentant. Like the Pharisees, they persistently rejected the convicting ministry who bore witness to the true identity of Yahusha, their Messiah. They turned away from the abundant light graciously provided to them and chose to remain forever in their unbelief. They persistently refused to listen to anything the set-apart Spirit was telling them. Like the Pharisees, they chose self-imposed blindness and stubbornness. For this

reason, they were strongly judged. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke 12:48). Thus, along with nearby Chorazin and Bethsaida, Capernaum received a very stern warning from Yahusha "It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee" (Matthew 11:21-24).

Let look at the sin of the Pharisees and Sadducees, why were these so serious to Yahusha?

The Pharisees had long observed the sinless Yahusha. They knew the Scriptures about the coming Messiah, yet they simply refused to accept Yahusha as their Messiah. By the way, they still today reject the true Messiah Yahusha. Bible prophecy about Yahusha was being fulfilled right before their eyes. They observed him doing undeniable and powerful miracles that were, at the very least, clear evidence of power supplied by YHVH. These impressive miracles were freely given in pure kindness and love to release people from obvious suffering and the oppression of horrible evil.

The Pharisees had so firmly set their hearts against accepting Yahusha as the Messiah that they rejected the obvious truth before them and perversely twisted it to influence the crowds. They publicly credited the most ultimately evil being in the universe with these precious, godly miracles. In other words, they called the precious and set-apart Spirit of Yahuah as the unclean spirit of Satan. In effect, they charged Yahusha Messiah with sorcery; one who is in league with Satan. These charges are not only appalling and extremely serious, but clearly absurd. As Yahusha immediately responded, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man.

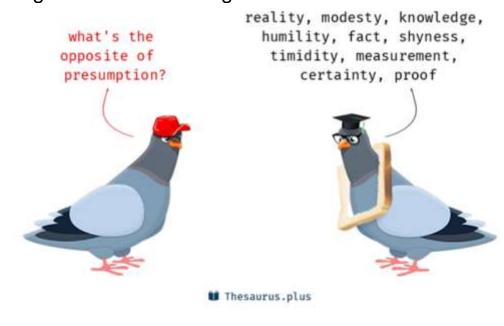
And then he will plunder his house" (Mark 3:23-27; also see Luke 11:14-23).

King David knew about the unpardonable sin, which he called the sin of presumption. We read in Psalms 19:13 his exact words, "Keep back thy servant also from <u>presumptuous sins</u>, let them <u>not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and shall <u>be innocent</u> from <u>the great transgression</u>." David calls this presumptuous sin, also "the great transgression".</u>

Why did he call this sin "the great transgression?" By committing this sin, man is crossing the line of no return.

Then David uses the word "**presumption**". What does it mean? The word "**presume**" - "presumptuous" and presumptuously" appears 11 times in Scripture (10 times in the OT and 1 time in the NT)

<u>Presumption</u> according to the dictionary means = a thing taken for granted, an assumption or supposition, you are assuming something instead of checking it out.



I would like to proof this point with a story I have received some time ago, called: Who's Cookies?



A woman was waiting at an airport one night. With several long hours before her flight, she hunted for a book in the airport shops. She bought a bag of cookies and found a place to drop.

She was engrossed in her book but happened to see, That the man sitting beside her, as bold as could be, Grabbed a cookie or two from the bag in between, Which she tried to ignore to avoid a scene.

So she munched the cookies and watched the clock, As the gutsy cookie thief diminished her stock. She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by, Thinking, "If I wasn't so nice, I would blacken his eye."

With each cookie she took, he took one too, When only one was left, she wondered what he would do. With a smile on his face, and a nervous laugh, He took the last cookie and broke it in half.

He offered her half, as he ate the other, She snatched it from him and thought... oooh, brother. This guy has some nerve and he's also rude, Why he didn't even show any gratitude!

She had never known when she had been so galled, And sighed with relief when her flight was called. She gathered her belongings and headed to the gate, Refusing to look back at the thieving ingrate. She boarded the plane, and sank in her seat, Then she sought her book, which was almost complete. As she reached in her baggage, she gasped with surprise, There was her bag of cookies, in front of her eyes.

If mine are here, she moaned in despair, The others were his, and he tried to share. Too late to apologize, she realized with grief, That she was the rude one, the ingrate, the thief.

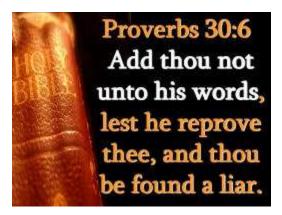
How many times in our lives have we absolutely known that something was a certain way, only to discover later that what we believed to be true ... was not?

The lady in that incident was presuming something that was not true, and she made no effort to find out the facts. For example, you assume you have enough oil in your car, you assume you have enough fuel in your airplane.

<u>Is that a safe position to take?</u> Why not? Because you are playing with your very life in this case, <u>you better be sure</u> that you have enough fuel in your airplane before you take off.

Can we ever be saved in presuming, assuming or guessing? Either YHVH has said it and it is a salvation issue, and we accept and follow it, or YHVH has not said it, and it is not important, so we must ignore it!

When the Almighty said it, we need to accept it and follow His instructions, if He has not said it, then we must drop it immediately.



The same applies to Yahuah's words. We are warned several times in Scripture not to add or take away anything from His word. Look at Proverbs 30:6 as an example, where it says, "Do not add to His Words, Lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar."

Yet, our Bibles have been corrupted, changed, things removed, and things added. That is why we need to know the WORD of Yahuah and what it says.

Some will argue with this statement because they do not know they have been deceived by their spiritual leaders. Here is just one example to prove the point, which I mentioned in the beginning of this book. Our Father's name YHVH (Yahuah) has been removed over 7,000 times and replaced with titles like LORD and GOD.

Our Savior's name was changed from His Hebrew name Yahusha to Jesus. "The English name we use isn't even a correct translation but is actually an English translate-ration of a Greek mistransliteration of His actual Hebrew name, Yeshua. Consequently, we lost the original meaning of His name being salvation." (from the book Decoding the Antichrist by Mark Biltz – page 20)

Everything must be compared with the written Torah (preferably the Hebrew Original), which is the foundation. This is the only document that is trustworthy and dependable. Whatever comes after the Torah must be compared with that document.

Man has no excuse for ignorance, he has a chart pointing out every way mark on the heavenward journey, the Holy Scriptures starting in Genesis 1:1, and he should not guess at anything. Why not?

Because an eternity is at stake. It is a matter of eternal life or eternal damnation.

Man has not been left in the dark, he can know, and he should find the answer for himself. Do not trust a priest, a pastor or a minister of any church or denomination. Get on your knees and in prayer search for the truth.



The Torah is the absolute truth, <u>lt</u> is dependable, factual and it is always truth! <u>In salvation issues</u> there are no gray areas.

Doing <u>presumptuously</u> in the Bible equals to <u>deliberately</u>, <u>willfully</u>, <u>knowingly</u>, <u>stubbornly</u>, <u>continually</u> doing something, what YHVH in His word said <u>not to do or consistently making excuses</u> and refusing to repent while the door of mercy remains open.

In all 11 times in the Bible "**presumption**" is punishable by death. Note, it is punishable by death!

Numbers 15:30-31 "But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among the people. 31. Because he hath despised the word of YHVH, and hath broken his commandments, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him."

Serious? There was only one cure, only one punishment for this type of sin! That was Death! There was no prayer, no sacrifice for the sin of presumption in the OT.

Presumption is a <u>common temptation</u>, and as Satan assails men with this, he obtains the victory most of the time. The people who are most prone to this type of sin, are Christians that believe and preach that the Torah has been done away with at the cross. People that trust their spiritual leaders are being led astray. Presumption is Satan's counterfeit of faith. Faith claims Yahuah's promises and brings forth fruit in obedience. Presumption also claims the promises, but uses them as Satan did, to excuse transgression.

Here is the New Testament, in Heb 10:25, it says, "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sin." Isn't that clear?

According to Scripture, Heaven has made <u>atonement for all sins</u> of <u>ignorance</u>, but there is <u>no provision</u> made for <u>willful sins or</u> willful blindness.

There are only two kinds of basic sins mentioned in the Bible:

First, the sins of ignorance (sins I didn't know, and I couldn't have known) and

Secondly, willful sins or <u>sins of presumption</u> (these are known sins or sins that I could have known but did them anyway) James 4:17 "Therefore to him that <u>knoweth to do good</u>, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Please read Numbers 15:22-29 and Numbers 15:30-31 for yourself.

Let me repeat, for <u>the sins of ignorance</u> an offering was to be brought and it would be forgiven, <u>but</u> according to verse 30 for the person or people <u>that presumptuously sinned</u> there was NO hope, NO cure, NO offering, NO forgiveness, NO atonement How do we relate to that?

Let me go back to Christianity, I mean all churches and denominations, are called Babylon according to Scripture. Christianity is teaching a lawless, therefore a Satanic gospel. Their slogan seems to be "We are not under the law, but under grace." And many people swallow that lie. That is the catch-all that explains and excuses all sin and unrighteousness in Christianity.

Here are a couple of examples of statements from Christian denominations in reference to part of the law.

Have the 10 Commandments been abolished? Gospelway. Com – speaking about "Old Testament laws". Here is their statement,

"Jesus removed the ordinances, so we need not keep the laws regarding foods, holy days, or the *Sabbath (Col.* 2:16). But the Sabbath was one of the Ten Commandments Hence, all the Old Testament laws were removed, including the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath."

- Gospelway.com – "Old Testament Laws"

Here is another one with the question, was the 7th Day Sabbath abolished? Bible.ca –

"Sabbath Keepers refuted." "The Sabbath commandment was stated to be abolished in Col 2:14-16. This means that under the New Covenant law, 9 of the 10 commandments have been carried forward and one is abolished." This Church comes to the same conclusion as the previous one, but are they correct?

These false teachings are signs of the end times. The Wicked One (the Greek Messiah) referred to in 2 Thessalonians 2:8 is understood to be the "lawless" one, the one that claims that the Torah is not binding for Christians. It is the spirit of anti-messiah that wants to shake off the law, meaning the Torah, and claims it has no place in the life of the Christian believer. This shows that Christianity with the Greek Jesus is the anti-messiah that Scripture refers to.

Scripture states, there is "one Torah and one right ruling for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you". Numbers 15:16. This is still true today, because Yashua stated in Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets, I did not come to destroy but to complete." That simply means to do, to follow, to obey to uplift.

There is a reason for something being called "Babylon," which is confusion. Christianity is preaching a lawless (Torah-less) gospel. Christianity is sun-worship, teaching and keeping Sunday, Christmas, Easter, etc. **That is willful blindness!**

Yahusha says: "In vain to they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matth 15:9)

Satan is in complete control of Christianity, Judaism and all the other pagan religions. Yahusha told the leadership of the Jews when He was walking this earth in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it"

Where do we find in Scripture that we are to pray for the repentance of corporate Babylon? Why not? They may have crossed the line set by YHVH. That is the reason it states in Revelation 18:4 to "come out of Babylon. that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

What was Lucifer's problem when he fell? Rebellion and Pride! Did he have time to turn around, to repent? Maybe, maybe not! Where do we find in Scripture that we are to pray for Satan? Why not? <u>He definitely had crossed the line set by YHVH and there is no return.</u>

Are we to pray for the Jewish Nation as a corporate body? Consider Luke 19:41-42 "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it 42. Saying, if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes." Does that mean that their time as a body, as a nation to repent, has run out? You decide after reading the words of Yahusha in Luke 19!

All these examples show that they refused to admit their guilt, their errors, their rebellion, to repent while their door of opportunity was open. They even went so far to kill the one that came to save them, the Creator of the universe.

They found themselves in the same position as Ephraim as we read in Hosea 4:17, "Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone."

What about Laodizea? The door for Laodizea is still open. How long will the door of mercy remain open for Laodizea? **We do not know!**

We have an example in Jer 6:16-17 in reference to Yahuah's ancient people, where it says, "Thus saith YHVH, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein. 17. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, we will not hearken." What do we call that? Rebellion! This is the same attitude today.

Then we go to Jer 7:17 to hear Yahuah's answer, "Therefore pray not for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me, for I will not hear thee."

Why not? They have crossed the line. When that happens, we don't know, only Yahuah knows.

Deut 17:12-13, "And the man that will do <u>presumptuously</u>, and will not hearken unto the priest (the messenger of God, the pastor, minister, elder etc) that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even <u>that man shall die</u>; and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. 13. And all the people shall hear and fear and <u>do no more presumptuously</u>." In the OT if you disobeyed the priest or the judge you had to die. Does that still apply today?

If the minister says what YHVH says, his words have power. If he preaches his own ideas, there is no power. The priest or the minister does not make the law, neither can he change the law by adding or subtracting. He is only allowed to preach as it is as it is written. He is authorized only to deliver the unadulterated message. Consider Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6 and Revelation 22:18-19)

In the days of Yahusha there would have been many more that would have confessed Yahusha, but because of the leadership they did not. They were afraid to be disfellowshipped. They were taught that membership assured them a ticket to heaven. (see John 9:22)

Many more would have entered Noah's ark if they would not have been misled by their leaders and been held **back by their so-called friends**. Only 8 people survived the flood, because of one man, called Noah. According to Genesis 6:8 "Only Noah found favor in the sight of YHVH!"

Ask yourself the question "WHY?" Genesis 7:1 gives the answer, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I

have seen that YOU are righteous before Me in this generation."

There were 7,000 men during the time of Elijah that did not bow their knee to Baal. The Almighty has His 7,000 today, who have not bowed down the knee to the image of Baal (Romans 11:4). His people are not found in a man-made organized Church or denomination. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) That is His assembly.

I repeat, the Father made abundant provision <u>for sins of ignorance</u>, but he made no provision <u>for willful sins</u>.

The <u>unpardonable sin</u> is the sin that refuses to confess and to be pardoned.

It is the refusal to listen to His instructions (Torah),
It is the sin of refusing to follow His instruction,
It is the sin of unbelief concerning his warnings,
It is the stubbornness of the heart that will not turn from sin which seals the fate of any people or any individual.

Let us quickly look at some examples of people in Scripture that committed the sin of presumption, or the unpardonable sin! <u>Lot's</u> <u>wife is one of them!</u>

She was told not to look back, **but she presumptuously looked back anyway**. By doing that she rejected the angels warning.

The angel explicitly told them in Genesis 19:17 "Escape for thy life; Look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain, escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."

It is a hard lesson for man to learn, that the Most High means what he says.

What about **Nadab and Abihu**, the 2 sons of Levi? They committed the sin of presumption by taking common fire and put it in their censors. This was in violation of Elohims express command. Did those two sons of Levi know what the instructions were? Why did they not follow them? Who controlled their mind at the time? Why? Because they were intoxicated.

Another example is **Uzzah**. He committed the sin of presumption when he touched the ark of the covenant, because he knew better. This incident clearly shows the importance of strictly obeying Yahuah's instructions. (1 Chron 13:9-10 –

We have another example in Numbers 15:32-36, "... they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. 33 ... 35 And YHVH said unto Moses, the man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp." That is exactly what the congregation did.

Do you think that we have a problem with that type of sin today?

Suppose believers go to places they shouldn't go to entertain themselves? What kind of act would that be? **PRESUMPTION?**

Suppose believers go and eat things which are not good for them, hoping that YHVH will still bless them, hoping everything is o.k. What kind of an act is that? **PRESUMPTION?**

Suppose believers do **their own** thing or working on the weekly Sabbath, knowing that it is wrong? What kind of an act would that be? **PRESUMPTION?**

Suppose a believer is dating someone that is an unbeliever according to Scripture, planning to marry that individual but knowing full well what the instructions are about this matter? What kind of an act is that? **PRESUMPTION?**

Suppose believers eat things, which Yahuah stated in his word that are an abomination? What kind of an act would that be? **PRESUMPTION?**

We need to continually hold on to our Savior Yahusha Ha Mashiach as David did, which is recorded in Psalms 19:13: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me, then shall I be upright, and shall be innocent from the great transgression."

Time is short! The time to make things right and turn to the Savior is today, do not push it off.

"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation". (Hebrews 3:15)



Chapter 6



Is it good to look back?

Sometimes it is. We are to look back at the good experiences and gain strength and hope. We are to look back on when we have lost our way and to find out where we have gone wrong so we can get back on the right road again.

However, we are not to look back at the things of this world that we have left behind after we accepted Messiah and to desire those things we left behind at that time. We are not to look back on the bad and gloomy side either, because that will discourage us.

When we read the Biblical report of creation, we find that at the end of the creation week, the Creator looked back with satisfaction and made the statement:

"Behold it was very good!"

Very good means that it could not be improved on! It was perfect! You couldn't add anything or change anything to make it more perfect because it was perfect and flawless! Of course, we as human can always improve what we have done. Only the Creator is capable of being ultimately perfect in what he is doing.

Unfortunately, we come quickly to Genesis chapter 3 in the Bible where we discover that sin and rebellion invaded this planet. Due to that invasion everything changed drastically. Good became evil, joy was turned into sadness life ended in death, Righteousness became unrighteousness, Health became sickness, order became disorder, and Harmony became chaos, obedience changed into rebellion and love changed into hatred!



Of course, we know and understand that there are no little, harmless, small, or little transgressions called sins. Sin is sin, transgression is transgression, disobedience is disobedience, and rebellion is

rebellion!

It is one of Satan's most successful devices, to lead men to the commission of <u>little sins</u>, to blind the mind to the danger of <u>little indulgences</u>, <u>little digressions</u> from the plainly stated requirements of Elohim.



"It is the little foxes that spoil the vines." Song of Solomon 2:15 KJV

These little foxes may be cute, but they can do a lot of damage! A little thorn may cause much suffering, a little cloud may hide the sun, little foxes spoil the vines, and little sins do mischief

to a tender heart.

It is the little things, which when left alone, can add up to big danger. Little things do not work on the surface. They work internally. They work subconsciously. They work quietly. They work gradually. They work unnoticed, millimeter by millimeter. It is "the little foxes that spoil the vines." Song of Solomon 2:15

When Satan wants to do something, he does not come as a big devil. He comes as a little, sly fox. **Satan is very subtle**. The changes he brings come very gradually. He diverts our attention little by little. Then one day, you wake up and wonder, "How in the world did I get in this condition?" People who lose fellowship with YHVH do not do it overnight. They get slack day by day and week by week. They begin skipping their time of prayer and devotion. You have to be very careful about minding the little things. When the little things get out of hand, the big things will soon follow!

Satan started all this with one little question using a serpent to beguile Eve and the whole creation was turned upside down! And after only 1700 plus years with the exception of just a few people he led all mankind into a rebellion towards their Creator.

A few pages later in the book of Genesis we find Yahuah's answer to that early rebellion in Chapter 7 and 8. He answers with a flood,

the destruction of an entire civilization. The Bible states in Genesis 6:5 KJV: "And Elohim saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually!"

Nothing could cure that apostasy and rebellion, except a total destruction by a universal flood!

And one could wonder whether genuine rebellion is ever curable? We can see that in the flood. Rebellion could only be cured by complete destruction!



At the time of the flood we are told that only eight (8) people were saved alive.

After the flood Elohim made a promise, which I would like to read with you in Genesis 8:21-22 – KJV "...He said "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake

While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

This is the promise, this is the covenant, which YHVH made to those eight people that survived the flood. (Genesis 8:21-22). Actually, we can read that in Genesis 9:11 "I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth." KJV Remember when YHVH makes a covenant, he will not break it, unless man breaks it!

Did their descendants believe those promises or the covenant that YHVH made with their forefathers? NO, THEY DIDN'T!



They said: "Let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:4 KJV

In other words, they said, we cannot trust YHVH, we need to make sure ourselves

that this doesn't catch us by surprise again. However, Yahuah did intervene by confounding their languages and stopped their project. Don't people ever learn to trust and to believe? They didn't believe then, they don't believe today, just a few dares to stand for HIM!

When Elohim instructed Noah to preach a coming flood while he built the ark, people didn't believe him. They made fun of Noah and called him <u>crazy</u>. From time-to-time YHVH had to intervene in order to halt the evil and <u>at the time of flood</u> he completely cleansed the earth from all the wickedness going on. That was the only thing that worked.

Again, we have an incident when **YHVH intervened**. Only this time it was not worldwide as during the flood because he had made the promise that he will not again completely wipe out the population of earth.

In Genesis 9:13 – KJV - he said to Noah,: "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth!"

YHVH made a promise, a covenant!

Let's just remember, YHVH <u>never</u> breaks his word, he never breaks his promise, he <u>never</u> breaks His covenant. He is a

covenant keeping Elohim! Man is the one breaking the covenant by rebelling.

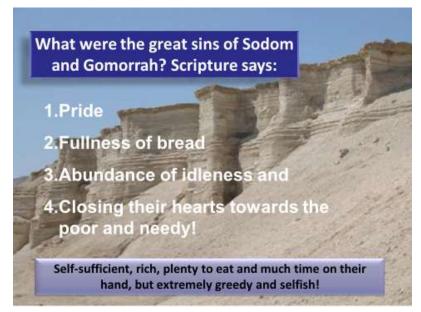
Now we find ourselves in Sodom and Gomorrah and Elohim sent two angels into these cities in order to lead some people into safety. We read in Genesis 19:15-17 – KJV, "When the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying: Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. 16. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; YHVH being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth and set him without the city. 17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest

Isn't YHVH merciful? First the angels gave them plain, easy to understand instructions and then he even took Lot and his family by their hand and pulled them out. What did Lot do? He lingered! What does it mean to linger? To remain or stay on in a place longer than is usual or expected, as if from reluctance to leave. He delayed for whatever reason. He was reluctant, he was extremely slow, unwilling to leave. Don't we sometimes act the same way? We don't move when we should be moving. We don't act when we should be acting. We don't obey when we should be obeying.

thou be consumed."

In Sodom and Gomorrah, we find a situation where Elohim is about ready to completely wipe out those two large cities. One reason for this drastic judgment and this drastic action we find recorded in Ezekiel 16: 49

"Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness, was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." KJV



Another reason that YHVH was ready to wipe out Sodom and Gomorrah is being mentioned in Jude Verse 7 where it says: "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication. and

going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." KJV

In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to <u>sexual immorality and perversion...</u>" NIV Jude 7 YHVH abhorred these sins then and He does so today!

Yet there still were some people living In Sodom that Yahuah was trying to save. Today we stress the love of Elohim a lot; but it is degraded to a weak sentimental love. We need to realize that Elohim has never been tolerant towards evil and sin. As the antediluvians had crossed the line, we find that the same was true for Sodom and Gomorrah. Elohim pronounced judgment in heaven over these two cities because of their rebellion and sin.

To what length did YHVH go in order to save some of the people in Sodom?

He sends two angels with the commission to destroy these cities, but he also told the angels "Before you execute that judgment think of Lot and his family", a nephew of Abraham who was a man of Elohim. And because of Abraham's intercession Elohim was willing to pull Lot out of these cities before their destruction. As I mentioned before, Lot, his wife and his two daughters had to be physically pulled out in that the angels took them by their hands.

Do we all have the attitude and the character of Abraham in that respect: It says because of Abraham's intercession Lot was pulled out of Sodom. We need the spirit of "intercession" for YHVH's professed people, not the spirit of condemnation.



The Creator in HIS love towards humanity as a whole and in His righteousness said:

I must draw the line here! He did it then and He will be forced to do it again.

Man needs to learn that "YHVH means what he says, and he says

what he means!" Don't argue with the Creator!

It says in Genesis 19:15 and 24-26, "When the morning arose YHVH rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from YHVH out of heaven. 25. And he overthrew those cities and all the plains, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and those which grew upon the ground. 26. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt." KJV

He desired to save all of Lot's family. He sent his angels and gave them the commission, lead this family out of Sodom. The Father had everything prepared in order to save this family and still He could not prevent that some were lost, like Lot's son in laws and his daughters and of course his wife. It was their and her choice.



Were these instructions plain? Could anyone understand them? Does Elohim mean what he says?

Lot's wife looked back, and she died, she became a pillar of salt. What was the reason?

It was her love for what she just left.

It was disobedience, unbelief. It was "The look back" that killed her!



Was it curiosity?

Maybe her heart was still attached to these cities, like her friends, the shopping malls, the conveniences, the luxuries, the glitter of the city, her home, her other children, her garden, the beautiful flowers,

.....her bank account, the security. Whatever the reason was, she looked back, and that look back killed her! She lost not only this life but the life to come!

"The look back" can be fatal,""

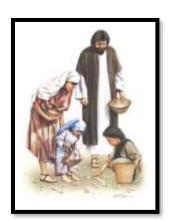
"The look back" can have serious consequences, in this case the consequences were temporal and eternal death."

We should think of the people of Israel living in the land of Egypt for 215 years. They were slaves in bondage with limited rights. They cried to Yahuah for a long time to be free from slavery.

Did YHVH answer their prayer? Yes, he did. He used Moses in order to lead them out of Egypt with great might and power.

The road went through the desert. This was a large group of people, a couple million including men, women, and children, plus all the animals they brought with them. How was it possible for YHVH to lead this great people through the desert?

Scripture says that every morning the "Manna" covered the ground. All they had to do is to go out and gather this Manna. This was repeated day after day, week after week, month after month, except on the Sabbath, because on Friday they gathered double the amount.



They had no fields to harvest no trees to pluck fruit from, no garden to harvest. After their reserves were gone, Elohim in His wisdom cared for them in that he fed them with bread from heaven.

Again, they looked back towards Egypt, the land they just had left! What was their complaint? We read in Numbers 11:5-6 "We remember the

fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the <u>cucumbers</u>, and the <u>melons</u>, and the <u>leeks</u>, and the <u>onions</u>, and the <u>garlic</u>. 6 But now our soul [is] dried away: [there is] nothing at all, beside this manna, [before] our eyes." KJV

The CEV (Contemporary English Version) says: "But we're starving out here, and the only food we have is this manna."

Were they starving? No, they were lusting!

The Good News Bible says: "But now our strength is gone. There is nothing at all to eat -- -nothing but this manna day after day!"

What did Yahuah do for them?



Because of their complaining
Yahuah gave them their desires, in
this case flesh to eat, morning, noon
and evening until it came out of their
ears. And when we follow this
incident, we are told that thousands
of people died while the flesh was
yet between their teeth because of

their LUST.

"The Look Back to Egypt and complaining" was a lack of faith, mistrusting their leader YHVH and it was deadly for many people!

Another example of looking back we find when the children of Israel stood at the border of the Promised Land. They were about to enter Canaan. They sent out 12 spies to check out the land and to bring back a report. When the 12 spies returned with their report another big drama unfolded.

Scripture tells us, "And all the children of Israel (over 1 million of them) murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would Elohim that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would Elohim we had died in this wilderness!" Numbers 14:2 KJV

Ten (10) spies reported on one hand Canaan being a prosperous and fruitful Land, a Land flowing with milk and honey, but on the other hand the report was so negative, that the whole congregation started to cry and then again "they looked back" as we read in Numbers 14:2 And this time "the look back" again meant death for everyone over the age of 20. Everyone over the age of 20 died during the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Only those that

were under 20, including Kaleb and Joshua were allowed to enter the Promised Land.

The Father wants people that will not look back to Babylon, back to Egypt, back to Sodom & Gomorrah, back to the forbidden tree! He wants people that will not be bought or sold. People that will trust and believe Yahusha and go forward with Him.



When someone came to Yahusha with the desire to follow him but wanted to first go and bid farewell to His family, he said in Luke 9:62 KJV: "...No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of Elohim."

No earthly ties, no earthly considerations, should weigh one moment in the scale against duty to the cause and work of Elohim. Yahusha severed His connection from everything to save a lost world, and He requires of us a full and entire consecration.

There are sacrifices to be made for the interests of Elohim's cause. The sacrifice of feeling is the most keen that is required of us; yet after all it is a small sacrifice.

The look back during the past 6,000 years of man's history has often been fatal. Heed the advice, don't look back!

Yahusha said in Luke 17:28-32 – KJV, "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, hey drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them al 30.. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff (that is not the time to think of stuff) in the house, let him not come down to take it

away; and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back."



In Matthew 19 we find the familiar incident with the rich young ruler. He asked the Master "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Matthew 19:16 KJV WHAT ANSWER DID HE RECEIVE?

"Keep the commandments and you will enter into life." The

young man said to him: "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet." Then Yahusha, knowing his problem, points his finger directly to the sore spot!

We read in Mark 10:21, "Then Yahusha beholding him, loved him".... "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven". KJV

Then it tells us in Matthew 19:22 KJV, "But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."



Here too, the fatal "look back", back to his wealth, back to his apparent security.

Was the request of Yahusha for this man to sell all he possessed an expression of love? What was Yahushas desire for that young man? To gain eternal life!

But that young man looked back to his possessions, and he couldn't force himself to let go of all those nice things.

We may ask ourselves the question, is there anything which does hold us back following Yahusha completely? Am I looking back? Are you looking back? Looking back to a job, to an income we gave up, to a prosperous future that we could have had, to job opportunities, to friends that we may have lost when we started following the Yahusha Ha Mashiach?

Yahusha said very plainly, if you are not willing to deny everything, you cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple."

I personally have frequently "looked back" in my life and asked myself the question: What did I do that for? Why did I make certain decisions? Were they made because of selfish motives or not? Then I came to the realization, I can't change the past, I must go forward. The Father still can make the best out of this situation, even if I made bad choices! HE IS IN CONTROL!

The <u>"look back"</u> can become fatal, it can mean our eternal destruction, because "looking back" can bring doubt and discouragement. It may show lack of faith and trust. <u>We must look</u> forward.



Remember, we cannot change the past, but we can change the future, <u>so we need to look forward</u>

Scripture states, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. 2. Looking unto Yahusha, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim." Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV

"Let us lay aside <u>every</u> weight, and the sin, which doth so easily, beset us." Here the daily battle is shown us and the advice of the Bible writer is to "lay aside all these things".

I would like to close with the words of Paul in Philippians 3:13: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: But this one thing I do, Forgetting those things which are behind, And reaching forth unto those things, which are before." KJV

We read about Abraham in Hebrews 11:8-10, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim." KJV



No, he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim.

We read about Moses in chapter 11 KJV: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter....By faith he forsook Egypt Through faith he kept the Passover By faith they passed through the Red see ... By faith the walls of Jericho fell down."



Being a mummy in a museum or being alive and living in Heaven at this very moment? So we have the same choices today, but how many people are making wise choices for eternity? Most people make no choices, they just go with the flow, follow the crowd, because it sounds good, feels good or looks right! They make no effort to find out if they are on the right track!

Which was a better choice?

So, we are encouraged <u>not</u> to look back to Egypt, to the worldly life that we may have lived and enjoyed at one time but to strive forward on the road to Paradise!

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is the Torah the prophets!

Is it possible to think about being on the road to Heaven only to find out you are not. Without realizing it, you have taken a wrong turn somewhere or that you followed someone, trusting, and believing him, her or them, believing that they knew where they are going only to find out you are going the wrong direction just like they did? In Proverbs 14:12 it says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death."

The advice is:

Don't believe everything you hear! Don't believe everything you see and Don't believe everything you read!

Check out EVERYTHING!

However, when someone has lost the way, made the wrong turn, Yahuah commands, "**To look back!**" The question is to look back to what and for what purpose?

Let's read Jeremiah 6:16, "Thus saith YHVH, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [is] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls....!" KJV

That's why 2Timothy 2:15 states KJV, "Study to show thyself approved unto Elohim."

That means to seek, to search, to dig, and to find the old path that has been lost! Don't remain in a stagnant position. Don't be satisfied with the present state of things. Matthew 7:7 states, "Seek and ye shall find!" Study the Bible and you will find new truths, which really is the old truth lost in the rubbish of traditions! Most of the people are surface readers, can we agree with that? They just skim the surface. They are not digging themselves, because it takes effort, it takes work! It's a lot easier to trust someone else. But, what if he, she is wrong or if they are wrong? The majority was never right!

In Matthew 13:44 Yahusha said, "...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field." KJV

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7 KJV

We need to be honest, the hands of most people in churches are tight down, they can't move forward to new heights, as long as they under the control and influence of man, under the control of a manmade system! Most people are stuck in a box of tradition and man-made rules!

They will never get out of this box unless they are removing these obstacles and the chains they are bound with. We must break the shackles that may hold us!



Why do I say that?

Because most churches have established creeds and doctrines, which stand in direct opposition to the gifts of the spirit. That means the Father cannot or is not allowed to do anything further than what has been marked out in the creed. As soon as you say something, which does not agree with manmade creeds, you will be silenced. Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches all believe creeds are equal to the Scripture because they believe the Holy Spirit assisted in the writing of their creeds.

Creeds eventually supplant the authority of the Bible itself!

Remember, how Yahuah bore with the Jewish nation while they were murmuring and rebellious, breaking the Sabbath and every other precept of the law! He repeatedly declared them worse than the heathen. Each generation surpassed the preceding in guilt. Yahuah permitted them to go into captivity, but after their deliverance His requirements were forgotten. Because they kept looking back to Egypt instead of trusting in the Yahuah and looking forward as HE was leading them!

It is interesting that everything that YHVH committed to that people to be kept sacred was perverted or displaced by the inventions of rebellious men. Man hasn't changed! The same has and is happening today!

Yahusha said to the people of that day, "Did not Moses give you the law (Nomos – the Torah), and yet none of you keepeth the law?" John 7:19 KJV

The look back on one hand could be fatal, but on the other hand the look back could be life-giving!

When is the look back life-giving? When we find the old paths and walk in them! We read in Jeremiah 6:16 that if we walk in those old paths we "will find rest for our souls." Only as we walk in the path of obedience is there a blessing and hope.

Isaiah 48:18 – KJV – states, "O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

Then we have the Verse in Exodus 19:5, "if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people." KJV

So, let's not look back to Egypt, to the old life!

Chapter 7

1Peter 5:8 states that "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

The title of this presentation is **"BE NOT AFRAID!"**



Should we as Followers of YHVH Be afraid? Not according to Scripture!

What does it tell us? People are afraid! They're afraid of the future, they're afraid of what's going to happen in the World, they're afraid of each other, they're afraid of social pressures, afraid of failing in school or work, afraid of being unemployed. Afraid

that they won't have enough money for their families. It also tells us that to be afraid and to be fearful comes from the enemy and our Father tells <u>us not to be afraid</u>, not to be fearful, not to worry for He is in control!

Fear is today's No.1 killer! Believe it or not, fear causes more sickness and more mental illness and more premature deaths than anything else on Earth! Doctors have discovered that heart muscle is actually DESTROYED when people are subject to great fear. Dr. Marilyn Cebelin, writing in the General Practitioner's newspaper, "Pulse," says the hormone, adrenalin, literally DESTROYS heart muscles when people are subjected to intense stress and fear.

http://deeptruths.com/articles/freedom_from_fear.html

Yahusha said that in the Last Days "men's hearts would be failing them for FEAR."--Luke 21:26. KJV

Doctors say that there's more heart failure today than ever in the World's history because there's more FEAR.

Yahusha also said in Matthew 6:34, "Do not worry about tomorrow. Each day has enough trouble of its own." KJV.

Why are people afraid and fearful? **Because they are concerned**, worried and insecure!

Humans have always had "reasons" to be afraid, to be worried, concerned, and insecure. We are being bombarded daily with more reasons to choose fear as our response... whether the fear comes up when we open our mailbox, or when we attend a crowded event, when we see the military as airport security, or when we board a plane. We see fear manifest in the reactions (and overreactions) around us. If we "forget to be fearful", our media, the daily news, makes sure we remember.

Being fearful is believing that something bad will happen. Our Father in Heaven wants you to believe in Him to the point where you expect good, and even when it doesn't look good, **you keep trusting in Him**.

Remember the story of the 3 Jewish men who refused to bow before Nebuchadnezzar's idol of gold. Also remember Daniel and how he was delivered from the lion's den. It is doing the right thing that gives us confidence before Yahuah **that He will** also do the right thing towards us in our day of need.

"There is nothing to fear but fear itself."

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt

To be fearful and to be afraid comes from Satan, it is one of his chief weapons or tools!

For 2Timothy 1:7 states very clearly, "Elohim hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." KJV



YHVH said it to the reluctant Hebrew prophets who were always charged with speaking truth to kings and those in power. "Be not afraid."

YAHUSHA said it to his followers, most of whom were rightfully terrified of the looming violence of the Roman Empire. "Be not afraid."

The angel said to Mary who was poor, unmarried and very young that she was going to give birth to — and then raise — the Messiah. "BE NOT AFRAID!"

Many people in the Bible were terrified with good reason and they were all told: "Be not afraid, do not fear!"

The same applies to us today, we are told not to be afraid and not to worry, but to trust HIM!"



Fear and worries are Dream Killer! It's the biggest and most common obstacle I see in me and others for not responding passionately to Elohim and to Life.

Fear paralyzes, and it magnifies failures. Worst of all, it brings an acceptance of the status quo, cost what it may. Our fears are the single biggest thing that keeps us from actually moving forward and accomplishing great things in our lives.



Worrying Accomplishes Absolutely Nothing. It is a waste of very precious time. Worrying won't help you solve a problem or bring about a solution, so why waste your time and energy on it? Worrying is Not Good for You. Worrying is destructtive to us in many ways. It becomes a mental burden that can even cause us to grow physically sick.

Yahusha said in Matthew 6:27-29, "Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are." (NLT)

Proverbs 12:25, "Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up." (NLT) Worrying is the Opposite of Trusting Yahuah. The energy that we spend worrying can be put to much better use <u>in prayer</u>.

Worry replaced by Prayer equals Trust.

Matthew 6:30, "And if Elohim cares so wonderfully for wild-flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?" (NLT)

Philippians 4:6-7, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell Elohim what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience Elohim's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Messiah Yahusha." (NLT)

The Scripture is full of commands not to be afraid, not to be fearful, not to worry! Why? Because our Heavenly Father is in control, and we are safe in His hands as long as we abide in HIM and keep His covenant (Psalm 103:18)!

1Peter 5:7, "Give all your worries and cares to Elohim, for he cares about you." (NLT)

Deuteronomy 20: 1, "When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, [and] a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: (why not?) For YHVH thy Elohim [is] with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." KJV

These are encouraging words! What do they tell us? They tell us, **don't worry**! Don't be afraid! Our Heavenly Father is in control. He can handle the situation. He can handle the things in my life and in the world.



Jeremiah 1:8 KJV, "Be not afraid of their faces: for I [am] with thee to deliver thee, saith YHVH."

Deuteronomy 1:21, "....fear not, neither be discouraged." KJV

Joshua 1:9, "...Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid,

neither be thou dismayed: for YHVH thy Elohim [is] with thee whithersoever thou goest." KJV

1Chronicles 22:13, "be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed." KJV

Matthew 10:7, "And Yahusha came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid." KJV

Proverbs 3:25, "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. 26 For YHVH shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken." KJV

Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy Elohim: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. KJV

Acts 18:9, "Then spake YHVH to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace." KJV

Hebrews 13:6, "YHVH [is] my helper, and <u>I will not fear</u> what man shall do unto me." KJV

Revelation 1:17, "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last." KJV

Revelation 2:10, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer." KJV

Genesis 15:1, "After these things the word of YHVH came unto Abram in a vision, saying, <u>Fear not</u>, Abram: I [am] thy shield, [and] thy exceeding great reward." KJV

Genesis 46:3 KJV, "And he said, I [am] Elohim, the Elohim of thy father fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation."

Deuteronomy 31:8, "And YHVH, he [it is] that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: <u>fear not</u>, neither be dismayed." KJV

Matthew 28:5, "And the angel answered and said unto the women, <u>Fear not</u> ye: for I know that ye seek Yahusha, which was crucified." KJV

Luke 1:13, "But the angel said unto him, <u>Fear not</u>, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." KJV

Revelation 1:16, "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last." KJV

If we educated our souls to have more faith, more love, greater patience, a more perfect trust in our heavenly Father, we would have more peace and happiness as we pass through the conflicts of this life. As mentioned before, worry kills, instead of worrying and looking continuously on the dark side of life, we must take our troubles to Yahusha for he said in Hebrews 13:5 "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."



John 10:27-29 Yahusha speaks, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave [them] to me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand."

This applies only to <u>HIS</u> sheep!
Yahusha says here specifically "<u>My</u> sheep hear my voice and <u>I</u> know them..."

How do we know if we are truly Yahushas sheep and are not following someone else, the false Messiah? It states on further in **John 10:27, "They follow me!"** That simply means, that they obey my voice, they keep my Torah, statutes, and judgments!



Luke 12:4-7, "And I say unto you my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear. Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him.

12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before YAH? 12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <u>Fear not</u> therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."

Do these words give us confidence? Do they give us courage. Yahusha says, don't be afraid, don't worry, I am in control. Even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

But the promises in Luke 12 according to Verse 4 <u>apply only</u> to His FRIENDS! How do we know for sure if we are HIS friends?

The answer is in John 15:1, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." KJV

John, looking ahead, writes, "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Master of masters and KING of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." (Revelation 17:14). KJV

What are those called that are with the Master of masters and the KING of kings? They are called "Chosen and faithful!"
Who are the chosen and faithful? I want to know! I don't want to guess! Because there are literally thousands of Christian religious groups. Each regards itself as distinct-possessing that special something that gives it the edge with Yahusha. Most "Christian" groups represent themselves as people with a "calling," or as the "chosen" of YHVH, but are they?



But all who have put on the robe of the righteousness of Messiah and follow HIS Torah will stand before HIM as chosen and faithful!

Yahusha gives us the assurance in John 16: 33, "In the world ye shall

have tribulation: but <u>be of good cheer</u>; I have overcome the world." KJV

In other words: I am in control. Don't be afraid. Don't worry. I will take care of you. Just trust me. I am holding the reigns in my hands. All the power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made YHVH, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation." Psalm 91:7-9 KIV

It's FAITH in Yahusha that keeps us from fear. Faith in "YHVH is the best cure for

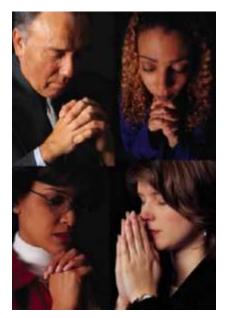
fear in the World! "Yahuah is my LIGHT and my SALVATION; WHOM shall I FEAR? Yahuah is the STRENGTH of my life; of WHOM shall I be AFRAID?" Psalm 27:1 KJV

If the Devil is attacking you with fears, worries, anxiety etc., you can pray in the Name of Yahusha (not the Greek Messiah, called Jesus) and resist and overcome him!— Yahusha said, "Behold, I give you power over all the power of the Enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19. This power is YOURS if you believe His Word, claim His promises and pray in the Name of Yahusha!

Praising Yahuah and quoting HIS Word out loud is an excellent way to attack your fears! Memorize faith-building Scriptures like Psalm 23, "Yahuah is my shepherd...! will fear no evil."

Put all other thoughts out of your mind and just think about Yahusha and His Love and His power. "Thou wilt keep him in PERFECT PEACE whose mind is stayed on Thee."-- Isaiah 26:3.

Proverbs 3:25-26, "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For YHVH shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken." KJV



There are also some fears that you may need HELP in fighting. Some people have deep-rooted fears that are actual phobias.-- For instance, some people almost panic when they're shut up in a closed place. Others fear to go outside. Others fear heights, tunnels, the dark, snakes etc.-- If you feel terrified by some extreme fear that you don't feel strong enough to overcome just between you and the Heavenly Father, then it helps greatly to have someone else pray WITH to be delivered from that fear! Scripture says, "ONE can chase a THOU-

SAND, but TWO can put TEN THOUSAND to flight!"—Deuteronomy 32:30 KJV

"If any TWO of you shall agree on Earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it SHALL be done for them of My Father which is in Heaven!" -Matthew 18:19 KJV.

Often, deep-rooted irrational fears are caused by bad SPIRITS, demons, and--as mentioned before--these spirits of fear can be commanded to depart in the Name of Yahusha!-And they HAVE to obey! "SUBMIT yourselves to YHVH, RESIST the Devil and he WILL flee from you!" James 4:7.

So don't be afraid of the Devil, HE'S afraid of you! "The Devil flees each time he sees the weakest saint upon his knees!" There's nothing to be afraid of when it comes to the Devil! -- He was defeated 2,000 years ago, when Yahusha Ha Mashiach, the Son of Elohim, won the victory for our souls on the Cross of Calvary!

"What shall we then say to these things? If Elohim be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Some good advice to save you some headaches!

Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what <u>may</u> <u>happen</u> tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

Go to bed on time!

Get up on time in the morning!

Say NO to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.

Simplify and unclutter your Life!

Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time.

Don't lump the hard things all together.

Take one day at a time!

Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what YHVH (Elohim) would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.

Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.

Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.

K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble and headache.

Carry the Scripture, which has not been corrupted or a spiritually enlightening book with you to read while waiting in line.

Get enough rest!

Keep YHVH's weekly Sabbath holy, the only one that HE made holy!

Keep YHVH's annual Festivals that He has established instead of the Pagan Holidays, which were never blessed by HIM.

Eat the right food!

Get AND BE organized so everything has its place.

Listen to a spiritual message while driving that can help improve your quality of life.

Write down thoughts and inspirations. Every day, find time to be alone with your Savior!

Having problems? Talk to your Savior on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed.

Make friends with Godly people.

Keep a folder of favorite Scriptures on hand.

Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good 'Thank you FATHER.'



Be Joyful, content, and happy!

Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).

Be kind to unkind people, they need it MOST!

Talk less, listen MORE!

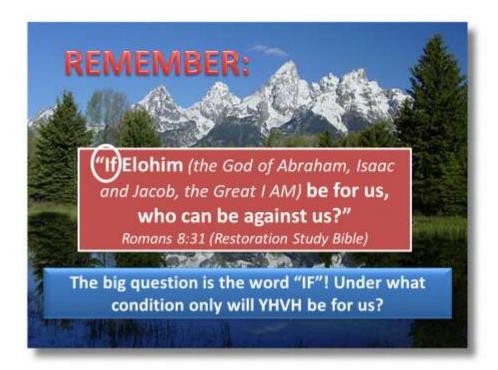
Slow down and smell the roses, take time to be HOLY!



Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the UNIVERSE!

Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that

you've never been grateful for before. Remember, YAHUAH HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS AROUND FOR YOU.

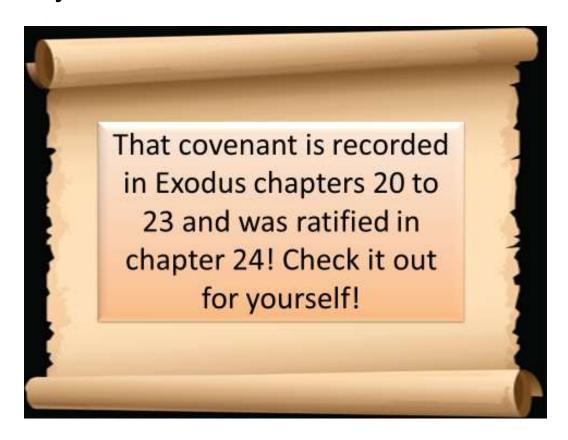


There are over 41,000 Christian Churches, Denominations and Sects claiming Romans 8:31 that Elohim is with them! Can they truly Claim that promise or could that be presumption?

Biblically, YHVH will only be with those people who are in covenant with HIM, therefore we need to know what that means.

Exodus 9:5 KJV, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people..."

Psalm 132:12, "If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore." KJV



Let us put away all fear, worry, mistrust, bitterness, suspicion, hatred, and all feelings of bitterness even to our worst enemies and trust our Heavenly Father and claim HIS promise in Hebrews 13:5 for us personally, where He says: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee!" KJV

Remember 2Timothy 1:7, "For Elohim hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" KJV

Chapter 8

Choose Life, ETERNAL LIFE, instead of Eternal Destruction through the Lake of Fire!!

The Creator, whose name is Yahuah put the following question to His ancient rebellious people as we read in Ezekiel 18:31, "why will ye die, O house of Israel?" KJV

In the contemporary English Version (CEV) it says, "Do you really want to be put to death ...?"

Here is the Bible in Basic English (BBE), "why are you desiring death, O children of Israel?"

The same question must be asked the present generation: "Why do you want to die?" That is a question each one of us must ask ourselves. Most people don't realize that they are on the way to damnation, to eternal death in the lake of fire. They have not been told that there is an option to live eternally in bliss and happiness on a new, re-created earth. They haven't been told that all those that do not choose life and accept the condition will be cast into a lake of fire. Check it out for yourself, it is in Scripture.



This life is short, but eternity Is long! Let's stop and think for a moment. WHAT IS THIS LIFE FOR? HOW DID we GET IT and WHY? Are you an accident or are you a design?

The truth is That MAN was conceived in the mind of the Creator! He is <u>not</u> an accident!

"Your birth was no mistake or mishap, and your life is no fluke of nature. Your parents may not have planned you, but YHVH did. He

was not at all surprised by your birth. In fact, He expected it. Long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of Elohim. He thought of you first. It is not fate, nor chance, nor luck, nor coincidence that you are breathing at this very moment. You are alive because Elohim wanted to create you!" https://www.faithgateway.com/you-are-not-an-accident/#.XCAbD1xKiUk

Life is a gift, don't take it for granted. Don't waste it, cherish every moment. There is a reason for you to live. FIND OUT WHAT THAT REASON IS. IN THE MEANTIME, BE THANKFUL AND ENJOY EVERY MOMENT YOU BREATHE!

We had no input to be born, to choose our parents, the country, to be rich or poor, but we can choose where to spend eternity. But, beware as there are many deceptions out there, false prophets and false Messiahs making false promises.

The bottom line is that this life is intended for one purpose only, namely, to prepare for eternity and to glorify the Creator, the Most High Elohim the one that gave us this life to begin with! It was not given to you for a grand holiday to please yourself. This earth is not your final destination. You're just passing through!" There is a purpose, a meaning for living.

We are to be **in training** here for an incredible inheritance beyond our comprehension. Often this training takes everything we are and have. Like we read in Philippians 2:12 "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

That training demands self-denial, self-discipline and contains many trials, testing and difficulties. The apostle Paul speaks of wrestling against principalities and powers as he fought the good fight of faith. In Hebrews 10:4 he declares "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." That is all part of the training one needs.

This is normal and to be expected, for then he stated in 1 Peter 4, 12-13 "Beloved ones, do not be surprised at the fiery trial that is coming upon you, to try you, as though some unusual matter has befallen you, 13 but as you share Messiah's sufferings, rejoice, in order that you might rejoice exultingly at the revelation of His esteem." TS2009

Again, Paul stated in Acts 14:22, "... we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of Elohim." KJV

Here are the words of Yahusha in Matthew 5:10-12, "Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake, because theirs is the reign of the heavens. 11 Blessed are you when they reproach and persecute you, and falsely say every wicked word against you, for My sake.12 Rejoice and be glad, because your reward in the heavens is great. For in this way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." TS2009

Did you notice Verse 12? It stated that when all these things happen to you, then "Rejoice and be glad, because your reward in the heavens is great."

Is it worth It to go through tribulations and temptations? **Absolutely!**

For we are told in James 12:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the master hath promised to them that love him." KJV

When we choose to accept Yahusha Ha Mashiach and to allow Him to take full control by following His instructions, we will be safe! We can say with Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." KJV

If we start seeing Life on earth what it really is and the purpose and that it is **short and temporary**, our priorities will change. If we put **all** our energy into the things of this world, we will suffer a great loss. Therefore, the admonition by the Creator Yahusha Ha Mashiach is to seek **first** the kingdom of heaven.



It is a fact that one day, not too far off in the future "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah; that everyone may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad." KJV 2 Corinthians 5:10

Therefore, Paul admonishes the followers of Yahusha in Ephesians 5:14, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead." (Easy to Read Version – ERV) It is way late in this world's history! The 6,000 years or 120 jubilees are almost up! The Scriptures state in Hebrews 3:15, "To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." KJV

Then he states in the next two verses (Ephesians 5:15-16) "be very careful how you live. Live wisely, not like fools. I mean that you should use every opportunity you have for doing good, because these are evil times." (ERV)

Your eternal destiny will not be the result of chance but of A PERSONAL DECISION to choose LIFE. So, choose LIFE by accepting Yahusha, the Hebrew Messiah, as your Savior and follow His instructions, the Torah!



Choose Life, eternal life, while the door is open, and you still have breath!

For according to Amos 8:11-12 the day will come when it is too late. Here are the words from YAHUAH, the Life giver, "See, days are coming," declares the Master יהוה (YHVH), "that I shall send a hunger in the land, not a hunger for bread, nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the Words of יהוה (YHVH). 12 "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east – they shall diligently search, seeking the Word of יהוה (YHVH) but they shall not find it." (The Scriptures Translation)



Chapter 9

Our Heavenly Father is good, merciful, gracious, longsuffering and kind and he delights in mercy, let us not forget this.

We should ask the question "Who are we to lift up and worship?" We want to answer this question with this presentation.

There have been many people in the past and there are people living today that want to be lifted up, that want to be adored, praised, honored, and even worshipped.

We know from Scripture that one of YAHUAH's created beings, by the name of Lucifer wanted to be lifted up and to be worshipped and most of the people have done that in the past and are doing exactly that today, without knowing it, because he has transformed himself as an angel of light. (2Chorinthians 11:14).

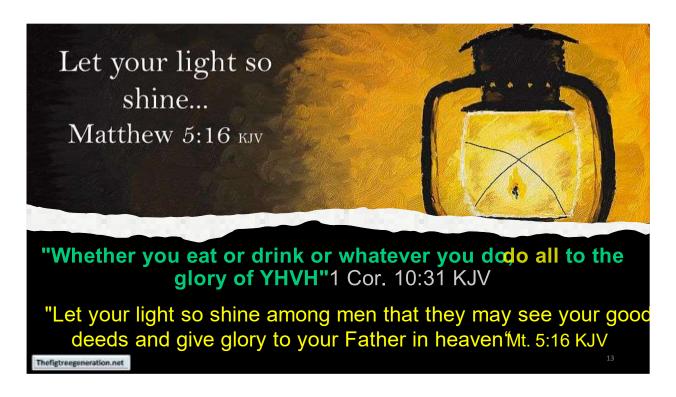
Scripture makes it very clear of who only is worthy to be worshipped, to be lifted up and honored. We find that in Revelation 4:11 where it states, "Thou art worthy, O YHVH, to receive Glory, and honor and power: For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created!"

KJV – Restoration Study Bible

Only the Creator and Sustainer, the Life giver, the Elohim of the Universe, YHVH and His Son Yahusha Messiah deserve and are worthy of being worshipped.

Man was created to worship! In Isaiah 43, when YHVH talks about Israel He stated in verse 7, "I have created you for my glory!" KJV

Man was created from the beginning in Yahuah's image that he might image forth the Creator's glory. He was to multiply and fill the earth so that the knowledge of the glory of Elohim would cover the planet. Man was created to worship and to proclaim the glory of HIS Creator.



It is startling to realize that everyone worships! Worship is the fundamental drive of life. Atheists worship. Infidels worship. Skeptics worship. Even Republicans and Democrats worship. Lawyers, insurance agents, and even Internal Revenue Service agents' worship!

All people worship, for worship is the fundamental difference between humans and animals. Animals do not worship. They have no sense of the beyond. Our Creator has placed that desire in man's heart. This urge causes men everywhere to worship. If they are not worshipping the true Elohim, they are worshipping a god of their own composition. Worship, therefore, is a universal phenomenon.

The word "worship" comes from the old English "worth-ship" which means "to ascribe worth or value to something or someone." Clearly there are two forms of worship. There is true worship and there is false worship. The worship of all the peoples on earth fall into these two categories. True worship is to give worth to a real Being, one who is truly there and who is truly worthy.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 14: 1-2 the following, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God (Elohim). .. YHVH looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek Elohim." KJV

What is a fool? It is a person without sense or judgment, a person who has been deceived or tricked, a feeble minded or idiotic person. I don't want to be a fool, but man in general has become a 'FOOL' saying that there is NO Elohim, no Creator, no Life-giver, no Savior. Man has permitted Satan to blind his eyes. There is a Creator and Sustainer, there is a Redeemer and Savior we are to lift up and worship! There is plenty of evidence.

LET'S NOT BE FOOLS!



Our Heavenly Father asked Job some serious questions in Job chapter 38:3-7, 33 and 35 – KJV, 3. "Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee and answer thou me. 4. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding? 5. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who

laid the cornerstone thereof?6. Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof?" 7. When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of Elohim (God) shouted for joy? 33. Knowest thou the ordinances of Heaven? Canst thou set the dominion

thereof in the earth? 35. Cants thou send lightning's that they may go, and say unto thee, here we are?"

Does man have an excuse? Is there enough evidence to know that there is a Creator in heaven that is in control that has the steering wheel in his hands?

Why are there so few people that respond to the Creator to honor, glorify, uplift and worship HIM? We find the answer in 2Peter 3:5 "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of Elohim (God) the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water." KJV

It is generally not a lack of knowledge but a stubborn refusal to accept the facts.

Who is HE that we Are to lift up and to worship?

Man has asked that question almost since the beginning. Some people are seeking earnestly for truth for an answer as they desire to worship that true God. Others ask the same question in defiance and resistance like Pharaoh as we read in Scripture "Afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith YHVH Elohim of Israel, let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. 2. And Pharaoh said, WHO is YHVH that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not YHVH, neither will I let Israel go." Exodus 5:1-2

- Should Pharaoh have known who YHVH Elohim is?
- Was there enough evidence given to him to know this God?
- Pharaoh's heart was closed!

Yahuah has many ways to convince people that He is in control, as in the case of Pharaoh, however, for many it is too late to humble themselves before Him and to worship Him.

Even when Yahusha walked this earth and all the prophecies pointed clearly to his first Coming, the following question was asked by <u>many leaders</u> of His own people.



In John 8:25 we read, "Then said they (the Pharisees) unto him, Who art thou?"

Should they have known? Was there evidence? Didn't they have all the prophecies pointing to Him?

Should the common people have known? Did they have evidence?

Even though He dwelt among them, the majority didn't know Him!

John 12:34, "The people answered him, we have heard out of the law that Messiah abideth forever, and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this son of man?" KJV

Matthew 21:10, KJV "And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying: Who is this?" Should they have known?

- Then Yahusha asked <u>his disciples</u> the question in Matthew 16:13, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man AM?"
- Two verses later He asked them the same question personally "But who say ye that I am?"

DID THEY KNOW? Who is HE? This is the Most important Question in Life! Who is the man, called Yahusha Ha Mashiach?

ONE SOLIDARY LIFE:

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for a time he was an itinerant preacher.

He NEVER wrote a book.

HE NEVER held an office.

HE NEVER had a family or owned a house.

HE DIDN'T go to college.

HE NEVER visited a big city.

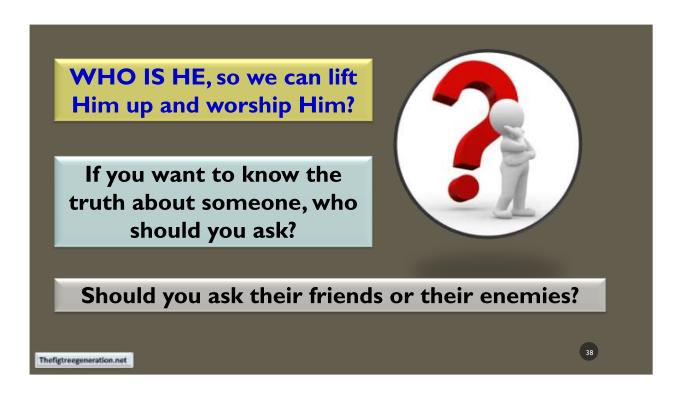
HE NEVER traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself. He was only about thirty when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.

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If you want to know, who Yahusha is, would you ask Yahusha himself, His disciples or the Priests, Rulers, Pharisees, Sadducees, or the common people?

Who would tell the truth, who would give you the facts?

Did the common people have all the facts together? Or was it just hear-say? Matthew 19:14, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremiah's, or one of the prophets."

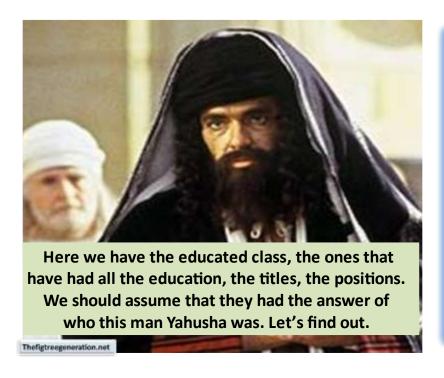
Sounds like they were confused, they weren't sure! Could they have known, however, who HE was? Matthew 9:2,7 "And behold one came and said unto him, **GOOD MASTER**...." **KJV**

Matthew 20:30, "And behold two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Yahusha passed by, cried out, saying, have mercy on us, O Master, thou **Son of David**." (Restoration Study Bible)

John 3:2, "The same (Nikodemus) came to Yahusha by night and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a Teacher come from Elohim." KJV

Matthew 13:55, "Is not this the Carpenter's son?"

A good master, the Son of David, the Carpenter's son, a teacher?



Let's go to
another
group, the
religious
leaders of
his day and
ask them the
same
question.

THEY SAID:

- He is a Deceiver Matthew 27:63
- He is a Blasphemer Matthew 9:3
- He is a Leader of rebellion
- He is a Sabbath breaker Matthew 12:2 and 13
- He is a Sinner John 9:24
- He is born of fornication John 8:41
- He is a Devil John 7:20 and John 10:20

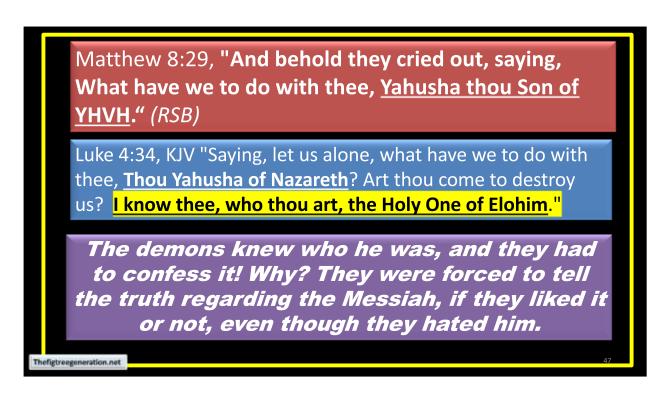
THEY HATED HIM!

Can we depend on this group? I don't think so, because they hated him and if you hate someone you are inclined to speak negatively about that individual.

The fact is that they did not recognize Him as the Messiah because they were not His sheep, they were not part of His assembly. Yahusha says in John 10:27, KJV "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Let's ask another class, the demons, the evil spirits: Can we really believe demons?

You shouldn't think so as they hated him more than all the Pharisees and Sadducees together, plus they are professional liars.



The next group I would like to ask about are the disciples of Yahusha, the ones that were close to HIM, that walked with HIM every day.

Mark 8:29, KJV "And he said unto them, but who say ye that I am? And Peter answered and saith unto him, thou art the Messiah."

Matthew 16:16, KJV "And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim."

The disciples knew who Yahusha was, why? They spent much time with him, they saw the facts personally, they lived with him for over a year, and they talked with him. They experienced a daily, personal relationship with the Messiah.

Another reliable group are the Bible prophets!

Adam will tell you; It is the seed of the woman that shall bruise the serpent's head.

Ask <u>Abraham</u>, he will tell you, It is "Melchizedek, King of Salem, King of Peace".

Jacob will tell you, He is "Shiloh of the tribe of Judah".

<u>Isaiah</u> will tell you, "Immanuel, Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty Elohim, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

<u>Jeremiah</u> will tell you, "The Branch of David, YHVH our Righteousness".

Daniel will tell you, "HE IS THE MESSIAH".

<u>Hosea</u> will tell you, "He is YHVH Elohim of Hosts, YHVH is His Memorial".

John the Baptist will tell you, "He is the Lamb of Elohim, which taketh away the sins of the World."

If we ask the Apostles, they will tell us:

HE Is the prince of life (Acts 3, 15)

HE Is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12, 2)

HE Is the advocate (1 John 2, 1)

HE Is the Master of all (Acts 10, 36)

HE Is the shepherd and bishop of our souls (1 Peter 2, 25)

HE Is our Saviour (2 Peter 2, 20)

HE Is the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2, 20)

HE Is righteous judge (2 Timothy 4, 8)

HE Is the head of the assembly (Ephesians 1, 22)

The 144,000 will tell us in Revelation 15:3, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Yahuah El Shaddai, just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints." (Restoration Study Bible)

John the Revelator will tell us in Revelation 19:11-16, "He is the King of Kings and SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGNS." KJV

The angels will tell us in Psalm 24:7-10, "He is the king of glory Yahuah strong and mighty. Yahuah mighty in battle." (KJV – Restoration Study Bible)

Let's ask our Heavenly Father:

He says in Matthew 3:17, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" KJV

Let's ask Yahusha Himself!

"I am the good shepherd." John 10:11 KJV

"I am the living bread." John 6:51, 35, 41 and 48 KJV

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life!" John 14:6 KJV

"I am the Door!" John 10:7 KJV

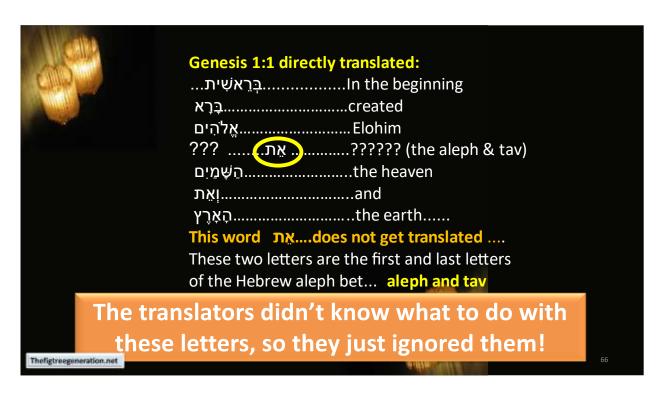
"I am the Light of the World." John 8:12 KJV

"I am the Son of YHVH (Elohim)." Matthew 27:43 and John 10:36 (Restoration Study Bible)

"I am the resurrection and the Life!" John 11:25-26

"I am the first and the last." Revelation 1:17 KJV

The NT is translated from Greek, and their first and last letters are Alpha and Omega, Yahusha, being a Jew, would have said, "I am the Aleph and the Tav.... I am whom is mentioned in Genesis 1:1... I am that Word," אָת, the untranslatable Word.... Because אַת (Aleph Tav) cannot be translated.... His Name is untranslatable.





Whenever the Aleph Tav appears in a particular Old Testament Scripture, Yahushas hand is in that matter!

The Aleph/Tav is the signature of Yahusha, A divine marker!

We find these two Hebrew Letters in Scripture almost 7,000 times.

The ancient Hebrew pictograph for the letter Aleph is an ox head, meaning strength or YHVH, as in "Yahuah is my strength". The pictograph for the letter Tav is two crossed sticks, meaning a mark or covenant.

In Revelation we read Yahusha is calling Himself, "the pierced one" and the Aleph and the Tav.

From Revelation 1:7, "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amein."

Yahusha is the only one who claimed to be the Aleph and the Tav, the beginning and the end, and the one that was pierced. Yahusha IS the same Elohim that created the universe! The same one whose name is Emmanuel (Elohim is with us; walking among us)

Aleph Tav created the universe. Aleph Tav was pierced. Aleph Tav is Yahusha.

When Yahusha says, "I am the Aleph and the Tav," He is saying that He is the MARK of YHVH, or HIS signature. When Elohim has Moses write the Aleph and the Tav into Genesis 1:1, what Yahush is saying is, "This Yahusha, is the Messiah who is going to die on the execution stake for your salvation, He is the creator who was in the beginning, He is the shepherd prophesied

about in the Old Testament. He is My Word, He is My Covenant, He is My Signature."

We have the Father's contract, and it is signed, sealed and delivered. What more could we ask for?

"I am the root and offspring of David." Revelation 22:16 KJV

"I am the bright and morning star." Revelation 22:16 KJV

Now the most important Question...



Who do you say that Yahusha is?

Your and my answer to this question will decide our destiny!

Let's remember Acts 4:12,

"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is non other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." That name is Yahusha and NOT the Greek, Christian Jesus!

Without Yahusha we are nothing, we are lost and helpless!

Yahusha means the one that Exists saves! Therefore, call on HIM only, no one else can save you, Be it Jesus, Allah, Buddha or Your denomination!

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Our Heavenly Father and HIS Son Yahusha are not only mighty and powerful <u>but also gracious</u>, <u>loving and forgiving</u>. In Micah 7:18 we are told what kind of Elohim HE is!

"Who is El (a God) like unto thee, that pardons iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy." (Restoration Study Bible)

Since we know who HE is and what HIS character is like, let's lift HIM up, let's worship HIM because HE is worthy to be worshipped!

The question is, how do we lift up and please our Heavenly Father and Yahusha?

"Ye are my friends, <u>if</u> ye do whatsoever I command you." *John*15:14 KJV

BY DOING HIS WILL!

OR "Why call ye me Master, Master, and <u>do not</u> the things which I say?" Luke 6:46 (KJV – Restoration Study Bible)

The emphasis is on "doing" the right thing! DO AND LIVE, DISOBEY AND DIE.

1Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of YAH."

The question I have for all of us is "if we practice anything which YHVH describes clearly as an abomination in His word, do we bring glory to His name or lift Him up in any way?" **Let's look at some examples:**

DO WE LIFT UP YAHUSHA?

If we refuse to hear and obey HIS Torah (law)? - Proverbs 28:9; Deuteronomy 28:15-49; Matt 13:15

If we follow the way of the heathen? – Deuteronomy 12:29-31 If we worship the sun, moon, or stars? – Ezekiel 8:15-16 If we keep pagan holidays like Xmas, Easter, Halloween etc.? Ezekiel 8:13-14

If we are proud? – *Proverbs 16:5; 6:16-17;*

If we bear false witness? - Proverbs 6:16

If we are committing adultery? - Jeremiah 7:9-10; Ezekiel 23:36-37; Matthew 5:27-29.

If we are observers of times (Astrology)? - Deuteronomy 18:10, 12, 14

If we profane YHVH's name? - Leviticus 18:21, 26; Ezekiel 22:2, 26; Leviticus 22:32.

If we are spreading strife (contention)? - Proverbs 6:16; Proverbs 10:12.

If we justify the wicked and condemn the just? - *Proverbs* 15:9; *Psalm* 94:20-21; *Eze* 3:18-19

If we are oppressing the fatherless, widows or strangers? - Ezekiel 22:26-27; Deuteronomy 24:10-13, 17.

But we do lift up Yahusha and please HIM when we mention His goodness and tell of His power and by expression of praise and thanksgiving, when we sing sacred songs, and we recount His wonderful works and give grateful thanksgivings to His name Yahusha.

We praise, honor, uplift, and worship HIM when we appreciate the great plan of redemption and walk before HIM in obedience to HIS Torah and grateful thanksgiving because we LOVE HIM with all our heart, soul, and mind.

We lift HIM up, when we point the weary, the heavy-laden, the brokenhearted, the perplexed soul to Yahusha, the source of all strength, life and hope.

We lift HIM up when we reflect HIS character as shown in Torah and when we humble our hearts before HIM!

Psalms 51:17 states, "The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, thou wilt not despise." KJV

Matthew 5:3, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." KJV

We lift HIM up when we possess His Spirit and have **love and** compassion for others. *John 13:35* "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." KJV Romans 12:10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." KJV

We must be like Yahusha who was a man full of compassion on the poor, and on the multitudes, and on the sick and afflicted, and especially on vile sinners who were sick with sin. **We likewise** must be compassionate toward the poor and needy, and toward lost sinners in this world. This is how we will LIFT HIM UP!



We lift Him up when we serve Yahusha in unity: 1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV Restoration Study Bible) states, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Master Yahusha the Messiah, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions

among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

If we are going to lift up Yahusha in our assemblies, in our gatherings, we must be in **one accord in unity**, because disunity will destroy a church and its witness in the world. We must have unity in the Spirit and in the Truth of HIS Word.

We lift HIM up when we assemble at His appointed times (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles etc.)!

Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." KJV



Exodus 23:14, "Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year." KJV

Deuteronomy 16:16, "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before YHVH thy Elohim in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before YHVH empty." KJV

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We lift Him up when we are faithful in prayer!

1 Timothy 2:1, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of Elohim our Saviour." (Restoration Study Bible)

2 Thessalonians 3:1, "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Master may have free course, and <u>be glorified</u>, even as it is with you." (RSB)

Romans 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to Elohim for Israel is, that they might be saved." (RSB)

We lift up Yahusha when we are faithful in searching Scripture!

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

Hebrews 5:12-14, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of Elohim; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe." (RSB)



Many believers remain babies after they accepted Yahusha all of their life and never seem to mature, don't grow spiritually and always depend on others to teach them.

Just as a mature adult needs good, solid nourishment to maintain his vitality and remain free of disease, the spiritual parallel follows. For one to grow to spiritual maturity and vitality, a mature believer needs solid, spiritual nourishment, assimilated, and actively applied, to continue growing and prevent regressing, becoming lukewarm and to fall away.

If we want to lift up Yahusha in a way that will convince the gainsayers, we must be students of HIS Word and continue daily in it. Memorize His Word. May we as believers be grounded in the Word. This takes work and determination! It doesn't just happen. It is a day-by-day process that must continue throughout our lives. And the older we get, the more difficult it is to remember those verses that we once knew. But we must not quit, just because our memories are failing. It has been shown that continued exercise of memory preserves and improves it. So, let's keep studying the Word, that we might lift up Yahusha in knowledge and in wisdom to a dark world stooped in spiritual ignorance.





"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the Torah of YHVH; and in his Torah doth he meditate day and night." Psalm 1:1

We uplift
Yahusha
Messiah
when we do
exactly that
and are
faithful
witnesses
through
words and
actions!

Matthew 5:13, KJV "Ye are the salt of the earth...14 Ye are the light of the world...16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Philippians 2:15 KJV, "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; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Messiah, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

May we be ready always to give an answer to every man who asks us a reason of the hope that is in us with meekness and fear (1Peter 3:15). In doing so, we will lift up Yahusha.

We lift up Yahusha when we faithfully use the talents, He has given us.

1Peter 4:10-11 says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of Elohim " KJV

These may be talents like teaching, writing, playing an instrument, singing, cooking and practical trades and skills.

We lift up Yahusha by good deeds! 1Peter 2:12, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify Elohim in the day of visitation." KJV

We may have a brother or sister or neighbor who needs our help; needs visited in the hospital; needs something to eat; needs our prayers; or just needs someone to talk with. We are to be kind, gentle, and compassionate to those who are without as well as those within the household of faith.

We also must live lawfully, honestly, and respectfully among our lost neighbors. We should fulfill our civic duties and be a source of blessing to our neighbors and to our communities. By doing these things we will lift up Yahusha.

Let's lift up Yahusha, our Savior with sincere hearts. Let's not only accept Him as our Savior, but mainly as our King and MASTER.

Let's lift HIM up in our daily lives in that we refuse to follow our own ways and inclinations but in that we are doing His will and are obedient to His Torah with the statutes and judgments, hating sin and loving truth, purity and righteousness.

Let's lift up Yahusha by maintaining a humble, teachable and loving spirit.

Let's lift Him up by reflecting His character and by sharing this message of salvation with others.

"The mercy of YHVH is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them." Psalm 103:17-18 KJV



This is what YHVH promises them that love HIM"...But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1Corinthians 2,9) KJV



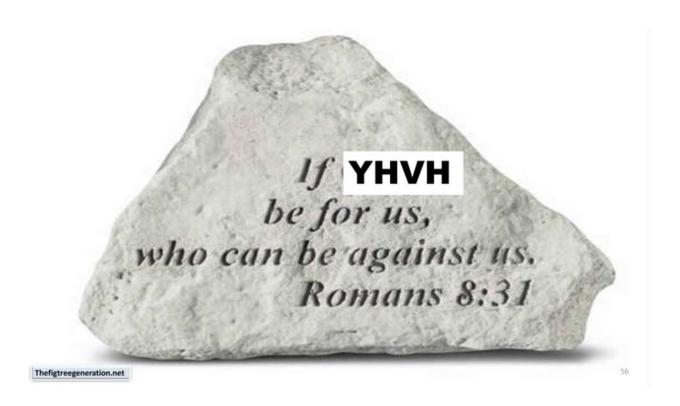




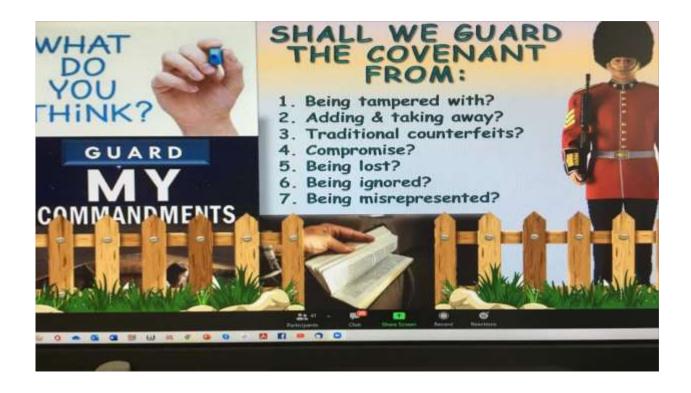
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WAKE UP, TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER



Let's never forget: Our help is in the Name of of (YHVH – Yahuwah) Maker of the heavens and earth. (Psalm 124:8) TS 2009)





TRUTH HURTS, IT ALSO SAVES!

Any church, denomination or group that adheres to any of the following doctrines is A DECEPTION: Trinity/the Greek Jesus /Sunday/Easter/Friday Cucifixion/Christmas/No law.

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