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The Name, YHWH

In view of the following Scriptures, how can anyone ignore the name Yahweh? The following Scriptures advise us to:

Acknowledge The Name	1 Kings 8:33, 35
Bless The Name	Psalms 145:21
Call on The Name	Psalms 99:6
Confess The Name	2 Chronicles 6:24-25, 1 Kings 8:35-36
Declare The Name	Romans 9:17, Hebrews 2:12, John 17:26
Do not despise The Name	Malachi 1:6
Exalt The Name	Psalms 34:3, Isaiah 2:4
Give thanks to The Name	Psalms 106:47
Glorify The Name	1 Chronicles 16:9-10, Psalms 86:9, 12
Honor The Name	Psalms 66:2, 4
Love The Name	Psalms 5:11, 69:34-36; Isaiah 56:5-6
Magnify The Name	Psalms 69:30
Make Known The Name	2 Chronicles 2:1-6
Mention The Name	Isaiah 12:2, 4; 26:13
Praise The Name	2 Samuel 22:50; Psalms 148:1-2, 11-13
Publish The Name	Deuteronomy 32:3
Remember The Name	Exodus 3:15, Psalms 45:17
Sacrifice [Offering] to The Name	Psalms 116:13, 17
Sing to The Name	Psalms 9:1-2
Think on The Name	Malachi 3:16
Trust in The Name	Isaiah 50:10

It was a criminal act to delete the name of Yahweh Most High, and replace it with substitutes.

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This magazine is published for the sake of truth in honor of our Heavenly Father and His only begotten Son. It upholds the originally inspired Scriptures, teaching to declare all the counsel of The Almighty One. It proclaims the Father's scholarly recognized name, YAHWEH, and the Son's, YAHSHUA, rather than substitutions. It upholds the Ten Commandments, recognizing the name, Yahweh, in the third, and the seventh day Sabbath (not the first day of the week) in the fourth. It stands for baptism (immersion) in the name, Yahshua, the Messiah, according to Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19; the ordinance of feet washing and the commemoration of the Messiah's death, at the Passover season; the set times of Unleavened Bread, Weeks (Pentecost), Tabernacles, with all the yearly set apart convocation days of Leviticus 23. It advocates tithing and the observance of Yahweh's laws for our well being including clean foods. It teaches repentance of sin (disobeying Yahweh), and justification by faith in Yahshua, the Messiah, in whom we have redemption through His blood; making right the whole man, physically and spiritually; stressing the importance of the set apart righteous life, and the Power of Yahweh's Spirit of separation teaching the obedient to do His will. It is supported by "called out ones of Yahweh," which is the meaning of "Assembly of Yahweh." It is for those hearing and heeding the call of Revelation 18:4, and is proclaiming to the world that Yahweh reigns, Psalm 96.

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THE ORIGINAL NEW TESTAMENT

Did It Contain The Name YHWH?

Yahshua the Messiah made known to his disciples the Father's name (John 17:26). Why? For what purpose? Did they learn The Name only to lay it on a shelf, or did they regularly call on and worship that name? The latter is the more reasonable. There is reason to believe some, possibly most, of the New Testament was originally written in the Hebrew language. If true, then it is likely the name YHWH appeared in the texts.

We can with reasonable certainty affirm that the Book of Matthew and the Letter to the Hebrews, when originally written, contained the name YHWH. According to ancient witnesses, these books were written in the Hebrew language. Later, Luke carefully translated them into Greek (reported by Clement, and Irenaeus, recorded in Eusebius Ecc. History, Book V, Chapters VIII & XIV; Papais, Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 1, Eerdmans, 1956, page 154B).

It is reasonable to believe the original N. T. Scriptures contained the name YHWH, since the Sacred Writings of the O. T. contain this Name 6,823 times. The preface to many Bibles, footnotes in Bibles, encyclopedias, Bible dictionaries, and other reference books assure us the true name is Yahweh.

For example, take the preface to the Emphasized Version, by Rotherham. He wrote several pages explaining the importance of The Name, and pointing out that it was a grave mistake to have deleted this name from the Sacred Writings in our English Versions.

Obviously, the Most High El is pleased with His name. Proof: As stated above The Name Yahweh appears in the O. T. alone 6,823 times, I am told. He requests (or commands?) all to worship that name, to call upon that name, to extol that name. Why do so many people refuse to do so? With most people it is because they do not know His name. But what about those who know His name and still refuse to call on the name Yahweh?

Yahweh is pleased, joyous and proud of His name. Therefore He would not suddenly change His name in order to please the Gentiles of the 1st or 2nd century. We can be certain this did not occur. However, if He had chosen to do this, we can be sure He would have made it known to His people, especially the Apostles. But there is no record of such a name change. To emphasize the importance of the name Yahweh, please note the Scriptures on the cover of this issue of The Faith.

Submitted by Elder Voy Wilks

MOMENTS

Happy moments, Praise YAHWEH
Difficult moments, Seek YAHWEH
Quiet moments, Worship YAHWEH
Painful moments, Trust YAHWEH
Every moment, Thank YAHWEH

Submitted by Russell Medina

CHRISTMAS

What the Encyclopedias are Saying

The word “Christmas” is derived from “Mass of Christ” or “Christ-Mass”. The Christmas festival came to the Protestants and the secular world from the Roman Catholic church. However, the Roman Catholic church did not get Christmas from the original Apostles. It’s not even in the Bible!!

Now just in case you may think I just have something personally against Christmas; or as the psychologists saying, I just had a bad childhood so I feel bad about Christmas; or worse, I belong to a religious cult!; let us see what the Catholic and secular Encyclopedias themselves are saying about Christmas.

“Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church...the first evidence of the feast is from Egypt.”

“Pagan customs centering around the January calends gravitated to Christmas.”

“...In the Scriptures, no one is recorded to have kept a feast or held a great banquet on his [the Savior’s] birthday. It is only sinners who make great rejoicings over the day in which they were born into this world.” *Catholic Encyclopedia, 1911 Edition, published by the Roman Catholic Church*

“...Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church...”
Encyclopedia Britannica, 1946 edition

“Christmas... It was, according to many authorities, not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church, as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons (e.g. Communion – death of Chr-st) rather than their birth...”

“...A feast was established in memory of this event (the birth of [the Savior]) in the fourth century. In the fifth century the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever ON THE DAY OF THE OLD ROMAN FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF SOL (SUN), as no certain knowledge of the day of [the Savior’s] birth existed.”
(EMPHASIS MINE) *Encyclopedia Americana, 1944 Edition*

Christmas was not celebrated by the Church UNTIL the FOURTH CENTURY. Christians did NOT celebrate Christmas for the first 300 years – longer than the entire history of the United States of America!

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Psalm 53, Psalm 118, and the Stone of Yisrael

A Study in the Series: *The Numbers of the Words*

Introduction

There is an inspired phenomenon underlying the Hebrew language: the 22 letters of the aleph-beit each have a number value. And if those values are *added* for each letter within any Hebrew word, then a number value may be derived for the word itself. Many have chosen to call this art “gematria” – a word derived from the Greek word “geometry.” Instead of using the Greek “*gematria*,” this writer has chosen to use the Hebrew word “*misparim*,” meaning “numbers.” It does not take much study to realize: the *misparim* (numbers) within any Hebrew word are not coincidence and neither is their sum! Over the past several years, we have been amazed to learn, if used correctly, *misparim* not only concurs with/upholds every true doctrine of Scripture, but it also heightens our understanding by providing us with the Creator’s very own commentary on His Word.

⌘ The three-letter, Hebrew word for “stone” is “eben,” and in the customary, block lettering, it looks like this:

אבן
stone

The *misparim* value for this deeply significant word is *fifty-three*:

$$53 = (50) \text{א} + (2) \text{ב} + (1) \text{ן} = \text{אבן} = \text{eben} = \text{stone}$$

Some months ago, a committed believer in the faith shared a most telling connection seen in the basic structure of this word: standing alone, *the first two letters* of “eben/stone” form a special, Hebrew word; likewise, *the last two letters* also form a Hebrew word. But there is more ... The two words, thus formed, are *profoundly* connected! Just below, we show this inspired and amazing result:

- Looking only at *the first two letters* of אבן (stone), we have, “אב” (pronounced “ab”), the Hebrew word meaning “father,” where “אב” is the short form for “abba.” And this short form for abba/father¹ appears in many Hebrew names: Ab-igail, Ab-ishag, Ab-ner, Ab-salom, Eli-ab, Jo-ab, ...

- Looking only at *the last two letters* of אבן (stone), we have, “בן” (pronounced “bāne,” or “beyn”), the Hebrew word meaning “son.” This word also appears in many Hebrew names: Ben-inu, Ben-oni, Ben-hadad, Ben-Hanan, Ben-Chayil, Bin-yamin (Ben-jamin), ...

The connection which the word “eben” (stone) has with the Elohim of Yisrael is immediately apparent: the Word of יהוה prophesied the Messiah would be *the Stone of Yisrael* while elsewhere indicating that the Son of the Most High would be “*the Stone which the builders rejected*.”² As the *misparim* of “stone” is 53, our study continues with the reading of the *Fifty-Third Psalm*.

¹ Mark 14:36, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6

² Psalm 118:22-23

Tehillah 53
Maschil of David

1 A fool said in his heart, “There is no Elohim.” They have done corruptly, yes, they have done abominable iniquity, there is none doing good. 2 Elohim, from the heavens, looked on the sons of men, to see if there was one with understanding, one seeking Elohim. 3 Every one has gone back, together they became filthy: there is none doing good, not even one. 4 Have the workers of iniquity not known? Those eating my people have eaten bread, (upon) Elohim they have not called. 5 There they feared a fear, yet there was no fear, for Elohim has scattered the bones of him who is encamped against you. You have put them to shame, for Elohim has despised them. 6 Who will give the salvation of Yisrael out of Tziyon? When Elohim turns back the captivity of His people, Ya’acob will rejoice, Yisrael will be glad!

The Messiah: The Stone of Yisrael, the Shepherd of the Flock

As Ya’acob/Jacob pronounced the blessing upon his twelve sons, while speaking of Yoseph/Joseph, the patriarch prophesied the Messiah would come forth *directly from the Most High*:

But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya’acob; (from thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yisrael).
Genesis 49:24

So Ya’acob prophesied the Messiah would be the *Shepherd*,³ the *Stone of Yisrael*. There are three more prophecies which specifically mention the *Stone of Yisrael*: one is seen in the *Psalms*, while the other two were given by יהוה through the prophet Isaiah. First, the very familiar, now famous text from *Tehillah 118*:

The Stone which the builders refused has become the Head of the corner.
From יהוה this has come to be: it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22-23

Then we have the two places in the prophet Isaiah which continue to shed light on the nature of this *Stone* and which, we believe, evidently refer *back* to the *Psalm 118* prophecy:

And He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a Stone of stumbling and for a Rock of offence to both the houses of Yisrael, for a trap and for a snare to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. Isaiah 8:14

*Therefore, thus says the Sovereign יהוה, “Behold, I lay in Tziyon for a **foundation**, a Stone – a tried Stone, a precious corner stone, a sure **foundation**: he that believes shall not make haste.* Isaiah 28:16

The Fool (Nabal) Has Said in His Heart: There is No Elohim

There is yet another connection between *Psalm 53* and the *Stone of Yisrael*: this song is a remembrance of David’s dealings with Nabal⁴ and the subsequent judgment which fell upon the cruel man’s house for denying the Most High and for conducting himself with

³ Matthew 9:36, John 10:11,14,16, Hebrews 13:20, 1Peter 2:25, 5:4, Revelation 7:17 <> Psalm 23:1-3

⁴ 1Samuel 25

such a hard, calloused heart. The Hebrew for the opening line of *Tehillah 53* is seen below:

אלהים	אין	בלבו	← נבל ← ←	אמר
Elohim	there is	in his	Nabal (a fool)	Says
	not	heart		

While the second, Hebrew word of this text was translated to apply to the fool, in general, being the same Hebrew word as the name of the infidel, “Nabal”⁵ – a man termed by the Scriptures “a son of Beliya’al,”⁶ or “son of worthlessness” – we believe this psalm refers to David’s encounter with that harsh, ungrateful, and self-centered person.⁷ The above text could have easily been translated:

Nabal said in his heart, “There is no Elohim.”

Evidence indicates the Scriptures hold forth Nabal as the *epitome* of the *ultimate fool*, and that he is used by יהוה to represent all those who are morally foolish.⁸ We see this fool smiting others with the rod of pride and uttering harsh words of contempt as he refused to do even the smallest thing to help David in a time of great need. But the results of his brash, selfish dealings and unbelief returned upon the head of Nabal all too soon. While Abiga’il (Nabal’s wife) was able to avert David from slaughtering the fool’s household,⁹ Nabal’s ways led to his demise all the same. The following account informs us of what transpired upon her return home to Nabal ...

36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal’s heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk: therefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone (eben). 38 And it came to pass about ten days later that יהוה smote Nabal, so that he died. 1Samuel 25:36-38

From the judgment which came upon Nabal,¹⁰ we see there was a *direct reason* that *Psalm 53* was so numbered! The subject matter of *Tehillah 53* is clearly connected to David’s encounter with Nabal and to the ensuing judgment which befell him: his heart became as a *stone* (which adds to **53** in Hebrew). In denying יהוה, Nabal was judged; instead of honoring the Stone of Yisrael,¹¹ Nabal honored himself. Consequently, Nabal’s heart became as a *stone*, (eben, אבן). Thus, the *misparim* of אבן being exactly 53, and Nabal’s name being directly¹² mentioned in *Tehillah 53*, we have every reason to assert this psalm reflects on the results of a fool’s life in failing to exalt the *Stone of*

⁵ 1Samuel 25:25

⁶ See the Hebrew text of 1Samuel 25:25

⁷ We invite readers to read the entire account, as seen in 1Samuel 25, before continuing with this study.

⁸ 1Samuel 25:25

⁹ 1Samuel 25:14-35

¹⁰ 1Samuel 25:38-39

¹¹ (in dishonoring David, Nabal was also dishonoring the Messiah, who would come forth from the house of David)

¹² (or indirectly)

Yisrael, the Messiah, of Whom King David was a forerunner, or what many people call “a prophetic type.” Whether we are looking at the Torah and the Prophets or the New Covenant Writings, *denying Elohim* and *denying the Stone of Yisrael* are seen to be *connected* throughout the Scriptures.

Behold the Stone!

It is quite significant that Yehoshua/Joshua was also used to prophesy of the *Stone of Yisrael*: he not only had the same Hebrew name as the Messiah, Yehoshua was a conquering warrior.¹³ When speaking of the stone, Yehoshua also mentions the danger of *denying* Elohim:

And Yehoshua said to all the people, “Behold, the stone, the very one which shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of יהוה which He spoke to us: it shall be, therefore, a witness against you, lest you deny your Elohim.” Joshua 24:27

In Hebrew, “Behold the stone,” looks like this:

← ←
הַאֶבֶן הִנֵּה
the stone Behold

And the *misparim* value of this phrase is obtained as follows:

$$= \text{הִנֵּה הַאֶבֶן} = \text{Hineh ha'eben} = \text{“Behold the stone”}$$

$$118 = (58) \text{ הַאֶבֶן} + (60) \text{ הִנֵּה} = (50) \text{ ך} + (2) \text{ ב} + (1) \text{ א} + (5) \text{ ה} + (5) \text{ ה} + (50) \text{ ן} + (5) \text{ ה}$$

Here we see Yehoshua/Joshua declaring to Yisrael, “Behold the stone” ... And given that this phrase adds to **118** in Hebrew, we cannot help but be directed to the *118th Psalm*, the psalm in which the Messiah is called “the Stone which the builders rejected!”

*The Stone which the builders refused has become the Head of the corner.
From יהוה this has come to be: it is marvelous in our eyes.* Psalm 118:22-23¹⁴

Consequently, it would not be incorrect to say the *theme* of this psalm is “Behold the Stone!” And notice, once more, what Yehoshua spoke of this stone: ... *it has heard all the words of יהוה which He spoke to us.*” Joshua 24:27 Yet this sounds *exactly* like the testimony of יהושע in His days on earth: ... *all things that I have heard of My Father, I have made known to you.* John 15:15¹⁵

Considering the Hebrew word, stone (אֶבֶן), we can literally say that the Son (בֶּן) is in the Father (אב) and the Father (אב) is in the Son (בֶּן)! This is *literally the case* because the two words – “father” and “son” – *overlap* within the word “stone:”

בֶּן >>> אֶבֶן <<< אב
Son Stone Father

¹³ Compare: Joshua 1:1-5, 10:7-8, Revelation 5:5, 19:11-16, Exodus 15:3

¹⁴ See the places in which the Messiah cited this Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:7-12, Luke 20:15-19

¹⁵ See also: John 1:18, 8:38, 12:49-50, 14:10,24

“Ab” is in “Beyn” and “Beyn” is in “Ab”! And so it is with the *Stone of Yisrael*, the Messiah: He is in the Father and the Father is in Him!

Believe Me, that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me ... John 14:11

יהושע heard all the words of the Father, and as the *Stone* – as the Son in the Father – the Messiah declared all the words of יהוה!¹⁶ He was precisely like the stone of Joshua (24:27) which heard all the words of יהוה! Consequently, we must hear the words of the Son or we are rejecting the words of the Father:¹⁷

*Let that, therefore, abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning.
If that which you have heard from the beginning shall remain in you,
you also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.* 1John 2:24

We cannot overlook the words of Joshua (24:27) that the stone was set up as a witness before Yisrael, lest they deny their Elohim. As we near the end of our study, let us consider this more fully.

***Where is Nabal Today?
Denying the Father and the Son***

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no Elohim.” In contrast, the righteous knows יהוה to be the sovereign, living Elohim, ever watchful and ever present.¹⁸ Being the *Stone of Yisrael*, we can now better understand how (and why), יהושע could warn that to reject Him was to reject the Father:

*He that hears you hears Me; and he that rejects you rejects Me;
and he that rejects Me, rejects Him that sent Me.* Luke 10:16¹⁹

In removing “Son/Beyn/בֵּן” from “Stone/אֶבֶן,” one must necessarily desecrate/remove the “Father/Ab/אב.” The *Father is in the Son* and the *Son is in the Father*: they are one in the Spirit, and we see this oneness set forth, literally, in the Hebrew word for “stone” – a major, prophetic title for the Messiah:

בֵּן >>> אֶבֶן <<< אב
Son Stone Father

So every time יהושע asserted the great truth that *He was in the Father* and the *Father was in Him*, the Son of David was also declaring Himself to be the *Stone of Yisrael*, the Messiah!

*Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?
The words that I speak to you I speak not from Myself: but the Father that
dwells in Me, He does the works. Believe Me, that I am in the Father,*

¹⁶ Other Scriptures indicate the very same thing: John 4:25, 41-42, 14:24, 1Corinthians 1:24,30, Colossians 2:2-3

¹⁷ Deuteronomy 18:15-18, Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35

¹⁸ 2Chronicles 16:9, Psalm 46:1-5, 94:9, Proverbs 20:12, Hebrews 4:13

¹⁹ John 12:44

and the **Father is in Me**: or else, believe Me for the very works' sake. John 14:10-11²⁰

The *Stone of Yisrael* was (and is) a union of the Father with His Son! After considering this great truth, we fully believe Yochanan/John, the emissary, was likewise writing of the *Stone of Yisrael*, and that he was fully mindful of the Father-Son connection given in the inspired, Hebrew word “stone/eben/אבן,” when recording the following Scriptures:

22 Who is the liar, except the one denying that יהושיע is the Messiah? This is the anti-Messiah, the one denying the Father and the Son. 23 **No one denying the Son has the Father. The one confessing the Son has the Father as well.** 1John 2:22-23, ISRV

10 He that believes on the Son of Elohim has the witness in himself: he that does not believe Elohim has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that Elohim has borne concerning His Son. 11 And the witness is this: that Elohim has given to us age-abiding life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He that has the Son has the life; he that does not have the Son of Elohim does not have the life. 1John 5:10-12

The *Stone* has heard all the words of יהוה that He has spoken to us,²¹ and He is a witness against us (or more properly, *before us*²²) lest we deny our Elohim! Remove the *Son* (Beyn) from “Stone” (אבן) and it is also quite evident that you *no longer have the Father* (אב/Ab):

בן <<<<<< א
the Son remove

Of course, you no longer have *the Stone*, the Messiah, and as Yochanan/John has warned, you will also no longer have age-abiding life.²³ This is the great truth which those who deny the Messiah will have to learn the hard way. But for those who believe in the *Stone of Yisrael*, who believe He came forth from the Father, we greatly rejoice with abundant gratitude and proclaim of this awe-inspiring truth:

This is from יהוה: it is marvelous in our eyes! Psalm 118:23

Summary

We continue to rejoice in יהוה and to stand in awe of His Word and ways. The Father has bestowed His Qadosh²⁴ Name on the Son,²⁵ and He has exalted the Messiah to be the Sovereign over all things.²⁶ Hence, יהוה is the *Stone of Yisrael*, and whoever rejects the

²⁰ See also: John 10:38, 14:20, 17:21

²¹ Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:18, Joshua 24:27

²² Hebrews 12:2

²³ What you do have is the Hebrew letter “aleph” – the letter which, as a *prefix*, represents the personal pronoun “I.” As a symbol, one of the things which this letter represents is the ox and, by analogy, “strength.” We believe, then, that *rejecting the Son* conveys the pride and self-sufficiency (“I”) of those who are trusting in their own strength. Deuteronomy 8:11-18 (especially vs. 17), Judges 7:2, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Daniel 4:30, Amos 6:13

²⁴ i.e., Set Apart

²⁵ Philippians 2:9-11

²⁶ Acts 2:32-36

Son also rejects the Father. The Hebrew word, “Eben/Stone” contains both the Father and the Son, and thus did the Messiah say, “*Believe in Elohim, believe also in Me.*” John 14:1

In our days, and in very recent times, many former believers in the Messiah have undertaken the study of the Hebrew language only to gradually turn aside to Jewish fables and commandment-nullifying traditions.²⁷ The knowledge they acquired in their brief time of study was meager,²⁸ at the very best, yet this was all it took to sow the seeds of pride and self-sufficiency.²⁹ Many of these people began teaching the *New Testament* was “uninspired,” and in short order, they began scoffing at the fundamental truths of salvation. Not long hence, they were outright denying the Master who bought them. We believe the present study to have been given by יהוה as at least a partial answer to any who would think themselves justified in using the set apart, Hebrew tongue, or any portion of the Torah and the Prophets, to deny His Son. Through faith in יהושע of Nazareth, we not only establish the Torah,³⁰ but the Torah, *if truly understood*, fully establishes *Him* to be the Messiah of Yisrael.³¹ ׀

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<http://www.yahuyahweh.org/iah>

An Excellent Translation of the Scriptures

“*ISRV*” is an acronym which means: “*INSTITUTE FOR SCRIPTURE RESEARCH VERSION.*” We have used “*ISRV*” in the present document to indicate we have quoted a Scripture text from the translation produced by the INSTITUTE FOR SCRIPTURE RESEARCH – an organization of Messianic believers based in South Africa. These believers have published an excellent version of the Word of יהוה which is entitled “*The Scriptures.*” For those wishing to make further inquiry, their website address is:

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²⁷ Matthew 15:3-9, Mark 7:6-13, Galatians 1:13-14, Titus 1:13-14

²⁸ Proverbs 30:2-3, 1Corinthians 8:2, Job 26:14 > Psalm 145:3 > Romans 11:32

²⁹ 1Corinthians 8:1

³⁰ Matthew 5:17-20, Romans 2:13, 3:31

³¹ Luke 24:13-27

A Divine Appointment Feast of Tabernacles 2007 Eaton Rapids, Michigan

The Feast of Tabernacles was hosted by the Eaton Rapids Assembly of Yahweh. This season of the year (September 28-October 4, October 5-the Last Great Day) is a great time to celebrate the harvest (ingathering). Guests started to arrive three days prior to the Feast, setting up tents, trailers, motor homes and booths. The weather was exceptionally warm for Michigan throughout the whole eight days. Several guests stayed on after the Feast, enjoying the weekly Sabbath with us and then stayed another three days for a total of 15 days together, a record for the Feast keepers at Eaton Rapids.

Besides the local people and those from all over Michigan, there were believers from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Rhode Island, West Virginia, California and many from the congregation in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It was wonderful to see old friends and to meet new friends (all in the family of Yahweh). Our theme this year was “Awake O Israel”.

There were morning services and evening services (each day except one) with the afternoons free for studies, activities, etc. Everyone enjoyed the hayride and kosher hot dog roast, and with Sarah Bristol’s organization the young and young at heart thoroughly enjoyed roller skating, horseback riding and bowling. On the annual field trip the Assembly visited the Impression Five Museum (a hands-on experience including sight, sound, earth and elements and how it all fits together); and the R.E. Olds Automotive Museum. The congregation was blessed to witness the immersion of Jonell Gabler and Gloria Shrader into Yahshua the Messiah.

The week was filled with testimonies and congregational songs of praise and many special song offerings from Theresa Wells, Jeanne Fangboner, Russell and Sherrie Sullivan, Jonell Gabler and Jessica Runkel, RockeYah Spence, Gloria Shrader, Bob and Aaron Wells, Lydia Wells, Samuel Graham, Beulah Weiman, Doug Panetta, Mary Dodd Ling and Margie, and the Toronto Assembly chorus, just to name a few.

Each day the congregation was blessed with messages, sermons and sermonettes from the brethren. The following is a list of some of the speakers with a little about their messages.

Bill McDiarmid, Michigan – Praise in Worship – Our Attitude Should be Filled with Gratitude. Isaiah 12:1-6, Daniel 4:34-37. Bill also spoke of his family history and how Yahweh preserved him through World War II in the Philippine Islands.

Bob Wells, Michigan – Was the New Testament Written in Hebrew or Greek? Malachi 3:6, 4:4-6; Romans 5:6-8. Bob also helped lead the choruses (congregational songs) with his wife Theresa.

Andrew Richards, Toronto, Canada – Why are People Not Happy Serving Yahweh? – Do we limit our own blessings from Yahweh? Proverbs 30:8-9, Colossians 3:1, 12-17.

Jerry Shrader, West Virginia – The Ten Commandments (Torah); How They Mesh with our Righteous Belief in the Messiah Yahshua. Jerry also touched on refuting the lunar Sabbath day. Romans 10:4-11.

Mark Biggs, Michigan – Holiness – True definition – to be separate, devoted entirely to Yahweh. Colossians 1:21-23.

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RockeYah Spence, Illinois – Yahweh’s Investment in Us – Yahweh wants us to bring forth an award, to use the talents Yahweh gave us to bring Him high esteem. Matthew 25:15-30.

Al Raines, Michigan – We are Called in the Footsteps of the Messiah. 1 John 2:6, He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.

Dan Chaput, Rhode Island – Choices a Believer Makes to be Righteous – We live in a finite existence world, how do we link up with the heavenly pattern on our way to the Kingdom?

Samuel Graham, Michigan – Yahweh’s Feasts – Awake O Israel. Like Israel of old in the wilderness, we are on a journey to the Promised Land, as strangers and pilgrims seeking a country to come. Hebrews 11:13-14.

Jeff Tankersley, Indiana – Book of Romans. Romans 1:16-17. For I am not ashamed of the good news of the Messiah, for it is the power of Yahweh unto salvation to every one that believeth...The just shall live by faith.

Jerry Shrader chaired a productive round table discussion – preparing for the Feasts of Yahweh; worshipping Yahweh; our character, how we should live; what does Yahweh require of us today?

We want to thank each and every one who came, took part, and helped in some way to make the Feast of Tabernacles 2007 a joyous and uplifting experience for all. The Last Great Day meeting ended with 7 men sounding shofars, ram’s horns and trumpets. What a great eight days of praising Yahweh.

May Yahweh be with you until we meet again.

Samuel A. Graham

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2007 Loveland, Colorado

There was a morning service at David Kenders’ home (Phone #970-667-9203) every day at 10:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship meal of which David furnished the entrée – brisket corned beef, chicken, roast turkey, etc., also potatoes, carrots and onions. In the afternoon there was also a service on the Sabbath Days and the High Days. Other afternoons there were baptisms, sightseeing, shopping – museums, book stores, grocery stores, secondhand stores, discount stores – whatever. In the evening there were Bible studies and seminars followed by visiting and of course, eating.

Each service began with prayer, singing (to recorded music), specials, etc. David gave everyone a chance to speak at least once. He gave quite a number of sermons, but would relinquish time to anyone who had a message to give (there were a total of 7 speakers). There were 21 people who came at least once; sixteen or seventeen were there every day (there were local people and others came from Illinois, Massachusetts, Texas, California and South Dakota). Testimonies and personal experiences were shared. David usually asked for volunteers to give the closing prayers. There were several anointings and special prayers for healings. My son Mark and I enjoyed it very much.

Submitted by: Martha Holsti, South Dakota

COUNSEL

Think about and be Watchful of the Scriptures

By

Gorgonio D.U. Intong

Does Yahweh occupy the following five places in your life? Ecclesiastes 12:13

1. Ask yourself – Is my pattern of life recognizable by the direction found in Yahweh’s Word? During the past month, did I skip Yahweh’s people meetings because I let something else crowd them out? Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 4:10
2. Ask yourself – Does my life show Yahweh’s view of things? Does obedience to Yahweh’s commandments decide how I care for responsibilities at home, at work, or at school? Or do other interests or other pressures of life determine whether I set aside time for Abba Yahweh?
3. Ask yourself – Does this activity I am involved in really have the place in my life that it deserves? Does my share in it reflect the firm belief on my part as to the seriousness of the time in which we live?
4. Ask yourself – Is this the way I really feel about our Almighty? Do my everyday activities (as well as the way I deal with a turning point in the course of anything), demonstrate devotion to Yahweh? How important to me is reading and studying the Scriptures? John 17:3, [2 Timothy 3:15-17]
5. Ask yourself – Does the place that I give to reading Yahweh’s Word and thinking privately on it, show that I sincerely believe? Hebrews 10:24-25

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MY OPINIONS

Doug Panetta

Almost everything in this world is against the word of Yahweh and draws us away from Yahweh. We give praise, honor and glory (high esteem) to Yahweh and His Son Yahshua one day a week and we think we fulfill our duty. But, do we give service to Satan (the adversary, the evil one)? Power was given to him by Yahweh so that we could prove our love to Yahweh and Yahshua by turning away from the wiles of the devil.

We all want to live and are sad when someone dies, but our purpose for living and wanting to live should be, as believers (we are all soldiers of Yahweh's army), to fight against the enemy (the evil one and evil doers) and search for a closer relationship with our Father Yahweh. And to walk, talk, think, see, etc. as our Brother Yahshua so as to be at one with him, here and now, before we meet him face to face, and help others to do and want to do the same.

For evil things were meant to be foreign to us in the beginning, but Satan (the adversary) entered, so now we must die to evil (unrighteousness), and accept our Creator Yahweh and His Son Yahshua the Messiah, believing that the shedding of Yahshua's blood cleansed us of our sins. We must live as he would have us live. We are not meant to live the way the world lives. Please read 1 Corinthians 15:34-50 and 2 Corinthians 5:6.

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January 10 th February 9 th March 9 th April 8 th May 7 th June 5 th	July 5 th August 3 rd September 2 nd October 2 nd October 31 st (Borderline) November 30 th December 29 th
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FEAST DAYS (Contingent on Abib barley in Israel)

Passover	March 22 nd (Sabbath) OR	April 21 st (Mon.)
1 st Day of Unleavened Bread	March 23 rd (Sun.) OR	April 22 nd (Tues.)
Last Day Unleavened Bread	March 29 th (Sabbath) OR	April 28 th (Mon.)
Feast of Weeks	May 12 th (Mon.) OR	June 11 th (Wed.)
Feast of Trumpets	Sept. 2 nd (Tues.) OR	Oct. 2 nd (Thurs.)
Day of Atonement	Sept. 11 th (Thurs.) OR	Oct. 11 th (Sabbath)
1 st Day Feast of Tabernacles	Sept. 16 th (Tues.) OR	Oct. 16 th (Thurs.)
Last Great Day	Sept. 23 rd (Tues.) OR	Oct. 23 rd (Thurs.)

Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.

Genesis 1:14 And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Seasons – Strong's #4150 moed – an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; spec. a festival;

Psalm 104:19 He appointed the moon for seasons:

Leviticus 23:4 These are the feasts of Yahweh, even holy [kodesh] convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 Thus saith Yahweh, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon ... If those ordinances depart from before me, saith Yahweh, ...

Exodus 9:31 And the flax and the barley were ruined: for the barley was in the ear, and flax was bolted.

Exodus 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Deuteronomy 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy Elohim: for in the month of Abib Yahweh thy Elohim brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

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