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Yahweh is The Mighty One!

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in Elohim: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my Elohim.” (Verse 5 of Psalm 43:1-5).

Why art thou cast down, oh my soul? Is there ever any ground to be cast down? There are two reasons, but only two. If we are as yet unconverted, we have grounds to be cast down; or if we have been converted and live in sin, then we are right to be cast down. Except for these two things there is no ground to be cast down, for all else may be brought before Yahweh in prayer with supplication and thanksgiving. We may exercise faith in the power of our Elohim and in the love of Yahweh regarding all our necessities, all our difficulties and all our trials.

Hope in Yahweh. Please remember this. There is never a time when we may not hope in Yahweh! Whatever our necessities, however great our difficulties may be, and to all appearances help is impossible; yet our business is to hope in Yahweh and it will be found that it is not in vain. In Yahweh’s own time – help will come!

Oh, the hundreds, yes, the thousands of times that I have found it thus within the past eighty-six years as I was depending on my Heavenly Father, He helped me. When it seemed impossible that help could come, help did come! Oh yes, Yahweh has His own resources. He is not confined. In countless ways and at countless times Yahweh came to my help. I can only say, I am so thankful Yahweh is The Mighty One. I can in any circumstances depend on Him. I came out of the world through Him and I can never go back.

Our business is to spread our cases before Him in childlike simplicity and pour out our hearts to Him saying, “I do not deserve that thou should hear me and answer my requests, but for the sake of my precious Savior Yahshua; for His sake please give me sufficient grace to quietly wait till it pleases thee to answer my prayer, for I believe thou will do it in thine own time and way.”

For I shall yet praise Him! More prayer, more exercise of faith, more patient waiting, more reading of His Word daily; and the result will be blessings, abundant blessings. Yes, I have found it so many hundreds of times, and therefore I continually say to myself, “Hope thou in Yahweh with all thine heart and mind and our Heavenly Father will pour out blessings after blessings.” Praise Ye Yahweh!

Elder Otto Miesel

YAHSHUA THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:1-6: Yahshua said, “I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

Yahshua explains this parable in **verses 7-30** in the **10th chapter of John**. We will analyze these verses as we go through this important message, which may open some eyes. **Verses 7-10**, “Therefore Yahshua said again, I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”

In **verse 7** Yahshua is the gate, no one can enter into the kingdom without accepting Yahshua as their shepherd.

Verse 8 is disturbing because it tells us the leaders of organized churches are thieves and robbers. They are the ones who claim the authority to lead the sheep. How can they be thieves? By stealing tithes and offerings and getting the sheep to sign their property (their children’s inheritance) over to the church.

Yahweh said in **Numbers, 27th chapter**, the laws of inheritance belong unto the children or next of kin. **Verses 8-11** read, “Say to the Israelites, If a man dies and leaves no son, turn his inheritance over to his daughter. If he has no daughter, give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, give his inheritance to his father’s brothers. If his father had no brothers, give his inheritance to the nearest relative in his clan, that he may possess it. This is to be a legal requirement for the Israelites, as Yahweh commanded Moses.”

The Levites had no shares in the land or an inheritance of any kind. They never received property from the people, nor had them sign their wills over to them. Yahweh was to be their inheritance, (**Numbers 18:20**). As for the tithes and offerings, the Levites gave a tenth of the best part of the products from the threshing floor or wine press to Yahweh. The rest they and their household could eat of it as part of their wages for working in the Tent of Meeting, (**Numbers 18:21-32**). They didn’t use it for extravagant life-styles; Condos with gold plumbing, planes, etc. But then that is another lesson in itself...

Now, back to **John, chapter 10, verse 8**. The sheep did not listen to these thieves. Anyone who knows the Law and Prophets will hear only the voice of the true Shepherd, Yahshua the Messiah, and listen to His words and will not be deceived by these robbers. Those who are deceived will suffer loss because they don’t put their trust in Yahweh.

Verse 10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” The thief not only comes to steal but also to kill. How do they kill? By deceiving you, thus robbing you of everlasting life. If you are deceived, Satan has won. Satan does not go around deceiving people if they are going to be saved anyway.

Now, let’s read **verse 11**, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down

his life for the sheep...” Yahshua is the good shepherd because He died for the true sheep.

We see in **verses 12 and 13** the hired hand leaves the flock when trouble comes. “...So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.” The wolf, is the Beast, spoken about in **Revelation 13:7-8**, comes and attacks the church and scatters the flock, who put their trust in their false teachers. Satan gives his power to the Beast.

Now, in conclusion of **John 10:14-16**, Yahshua says, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of the sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”

Yahshua is telling us He has other sheep, not only Judah, but the other tribes of Israel as well, who He will re-gather and save. The true sheep will listen only to Yahshua’s voice. How do we listen to Yahshua’s voice? Simply, just by obeying every word spoken out of the mouth of Yahweh, see **Deuteronomy 8:3-4** and **Matthew 4:4**. Whatever you do, don’t put your trust in man. When anyone tells you the Laws were nailed to the tree with Yahshua, they are liars and deceivers.

Yahshua said the words He taught were not His own but belong to His Father who sent Him, **John 14:24**. Indeed, no one can deceive the true sheep because the true sheep will hear only the voice of the true shepherd...**YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH. HALLELUYAH!**

By Richard Eckleberry

CHOOSE LIFE

Deuteronomy 30:19

I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live.

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of the Almighty One is everlasting life through Yahshua the Messiah our Master, Romans 6:23.

Sin is the transgression of the law, 1 John 3:4. When lust has conceived, it brings forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death, James 1:15.

As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned, Romans 5:12.

The soul that sins, it shall die, Ezekiel 18:4, 20.

Repent and be immersed every one of you in the name of Yahshua, the Messiah, for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the kodesh Spirit, Acts 3:28.

We have redemption through the blood of Yahshua, the Messiah, Colossians 1:14.

Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of the Almighty One, John 3:5.

If it seem evil unto you to serve Yahweh, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh, Joshua 24:15.

G. Kinney

THE SAVIOR'S TRUE NAME

The name of "Jesus" is very precious to many people, because it was by calling upon Him through this name that they came to know the Savior. I myself was a child of ten or eleven years old when I first came to accept Him. I truly came to know Him as my Savior and Master when I accepted Him into my heart and life as "Jesus Christ". However, in the course of time I was shown that this is not actually the name by which He was called when He lived on this earth. I also came to find out that using the true form of His name was very important for bringing greater honor to Him and to the Heavenly Father whose name He clearly bears.

In this article we will consider what is the correct English form for the name of our Savior, the Messiah of Israel. Of course most people who profess to follow Him know Him as "Jesus", as I once did. No doubt many even think He was called this when He was born here on earth. Most of them would be surprised to learn that the English term "Jesus" is a rather recent invention. However, the truth is that until the letter "J" was invented in the end of the 15th, or beginning of the 16th, century A.D. no one ever heard Him called "Jesus".

THE NAME "JESUS" OF LATE ORIGIN

Thus, the term "Jesus", with the use of the letter "J" did not come into usage until the time of late English. In the time of Middle English the term "Iesus" began to be used for Him (as carried over directly from the Latin where it was used as a transliteration of the Greek form used for His name in the existing manuscripts of the Greek New Testament). But even this form was not used in the time of Old English. In O.E. (Old English) He was known as "Healend" (as can be seen by looking under the term "Healend", or the term "Jesus", in an unabridged Oxford Dictionary). Thus back then Matthew 1:21 would have used "Healend" as His name. In the King James Version this verse reads, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." But Old English Matthew 1:21 would have had "Haelend" instead of "Jesus".

THE NAME OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

We begin to see the importance of the correct form of His name when we learn the true name of our Heavenly Father, see its importance, and see the connection our Savior's name has to that name - the name above all names.

First of all we need to come to realize that in the process of translating the scriptures out of their original language (Hebrew) the name of our Creator and Heavenly Father was removed from the Bible with other terms being substituted for it. Originally His name was in the Bible around 7,000 times. But, as a result of their following a tradition of men developed concerning the reading of the scriptures in the Jewish Synagogues, the translators replaced this "Sacred Name" with the terms "the LORD" and "GOD" (usually written with capitals as you see here).

Because the third commandment warns us to not take this name in vain, the leaders of the Jews taught the people that it would be best never even to speak His name at all. They told the people that instead of pronouncing His name they should say "adonai"

(usually translated as “Lord”) or, if “adonai” occurred with the name, to say “Elohim” (usually translated as “God”) in place of it. That such a tradition of man is false can be seen when the scriptures are read with the name left in them. In fact, the very commandment that forbids taking His name in vain includes the idea of not making light of it or doing away with it. The Hebrew word “shawv”, which is translated “in vain”, carries the basic meaning of “falsify”. The commandment is a prohibition against falsifying His name or bringing it to “naught”. Yet this is exactly what is being done by refusing to use it at all, or by putting something else in place of it.

Although the Jewish people never changed this personal name of our Creator in written form in the Bible, they did make these substitutes in their oral reading of the scriptures. However, the translators of the Bible went one step further. They actually removed it from the written word by substituting in its place their translations of the words the Jews used in place of it in their oral reading of the scriptures. When the Bible is read with this one personal name of the Almighty restored to its proper place, it becomes very clear that our Heavenly Father wants His name known and used by His people. We please Him not by our refusing to use His name, but by our using it to praise Him, and by otherwise giving honor unto it.

THE NAME OF THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF THE SON

This leads us back to the matter of the name of His Son, our Savior. If, as I propose to show to be the case, our Savior had the name of the Heavenly Father in His own name, then when we call on the true name of the Son we give honor unto that of the Father as well. To use any other form for the Savior’s name lessens the honor due to both the Father and the Son.

It is abundantly clear that “Jesus” does not represent the true form of our Savior’s name. All scholars know this for a certainty. As I have mentioned the name “Jesus”, as such, did not even exist until the time of Late English. However, it is commonly thought that the modern Jewish terms “Yehoshua” and “Yeshua” are the correct forms for our Savior’s name.

In this article we should come to see that this modern Jewish pronunciation, which merely means “Savior”, is not the correct form of His name either. Those who insist that it is the correct way to pronounce our Savior’s name base their conclusions upon the fact that both Modern and so-called Biblical Hebrew give this as the pronunciation of the name that our Savior is known to have borne while here on earth. However, the Modern Hebrew and so-called “Biblical Hebrew” grammars are founded upon the Masoretic rules of pronunciation of Hebrew terms. And numerous scholars can be cited who emphatically state that the Masoretic pronunciation is not true to Biblical Hebrew.

Although in this short article this matter cannot be gone into in great depth I will cite a couple of references as examples. In a *Comparative Philology and The Text of The O.T.*, by James Barr on pages 202-203 (chapter IX) we read, “There have, indeed, in recent years been some opinions according to which **the Masoretes were rather innovators.**” (My emphasis) On page 222 he says, “All in all ...the position of the vocalization appears to be most unsatisfactory.” Alexander Sperber, Jewish Theological Seminary, in *Hebrew Based Upon Greek and Latin* on page 105 wrote, “... the Greek

transliteration and the Babylonian vocalization of Hebrew are in full agreement between themselves and both presuppose a pronunciation of Hebrew different from what the Tiberian Masoretes offer us.”

Beginning with the teaching of scholars in general that the name of our Creator was pronounced as “Yah-way” (which they write as “Yahweh”) I propose to show that our Savior’s name should not be pronounced with the “eh” sound, as in “Yehoshua” or “Yeshua”, but with the “ah” sound, as in “Yahshua” or “Yashua”. Although “Yashua” is acceptable as a transliteration of His name, I prefer the spelling “Yahshua” to “Yashua” for two reasons. First, “Yashua” is ambiguous as regards pronunciation, for it could be thought to be sounded with a long “a” sound, as in “hay” or “say” instead of with the correct sound, which is as “a” in “father” or “ah”. Secondly, “Yahshua” more clearly shows its connection with the name of the Father, which connection I plan to show it indeed has.

As respects the name of the Creator, it is written with four letters in the Hebrew scriptures. They are generally considered to be equivalent to YHWH in English, although some prefer YHVH. The most basic, root form of this name, however, is YH. This is found separately in certain places in the Hebrew scriptures and, most commonly, in the well known Hebrew word of praise “Hallelujah” (pronounced, and more clearly written, as “HalleluYah”). This Hebrew word, “HalleluYah”, means “Praise Yah”. A third basic form in which this one true name of the Almighty is found in the scriptures is “Yahu”. This is found in the names of various Bible characters, especially the names of many prophets, and is also found in various ancient inscriptions. “Elijah” is a prime example of its use in a name. Though written in English as “Elijah”, an accurate transliteration of this name from the Hebrew is “EliYahu”. It means “My Mighty One *is* Yahu”. There is no uncertainty whatsoever as respects the pronunciation of these two shorter forms of this one and only personal name of our Creator. Unlike the full form of our Creator’s name, these shorter basic forms have both been spoken in generation after generation. Thus their pronunciation have come down to us from time immemorial.

Now then, back to the matter of the Savior’s name, we know for a fact that His name was the same as that of the successor of Moses, the one we commonly refer to as “Joshua”. All scholarly writings, which address the subject of the Savior’s name, state this as a fact. Also in the Greek copies of the New Testament writings there are two places wherein the same Greek term is used for the name of this man, “Joshua”, as is everywhere else used for our Savior’s, thus showing them to be one and the same. Those places are Acts 7:45 and Hebrew 4:8. I know of no commentary that does not tell us these two passages are speaking of “Joshua”, even though the original King James uses “Jesus” in them in keeping with the fact that the same Greek term is used in them as is elsewhere used for our Savior’s name. (The New King James, and many other modern translations, actually uses “Joshua” in these two places to make a distinction in persons.)

When we examine the actual Hebrew of this man’s name, which was also given to our Savior, and see how it came about, we see that it does indeed contain the name of our Creator along with a term meaning “Savior”. Without the vowels (which were not written in ancient Hebrew) originally this man’s name was made up of Hebrew letters that are equivalent to the English letters HUSHA. This means “Deliverer” or “Savior”. In Numbers 13:16 we find that Moses changed his name to a form that, letter for letter,

would be written in English as YHUSHUA. Thus, basically by adding the letter “Y” Moses made this man’s name to have the personal name of the Almighty in it. He, thereby, changed its meaning from merely “Savior”, or “Deliverer” to “Yah-Savior” (or “Yahu-Savior”) or “Yah-Deliverer”. He was the one who, after the death of Moses, led Israel into the land of promise wherein they were supposed to find rest from their wanderings and from their enemies. Thereby, this man became a type of the true Savior who leads Yahweh’s people into their spiritual rest and land of promise. Since this name contains the name of the Heavenly Father, and since it is the same name our Savior came to have, our Savior’s name clearly contains the name of His Father.

Over time, possibly due to the influence of Aramaic, the name of this successor of Moses became shortened from YHUSHUA to Y’SHUA as we see in the Hebrew of Nehemiah 8:17. This is somewhat like the English “cannot” became shortened to “can’t without changing its meaning. The difference, however, is that in the case of this name, which our Savior came to also have, the sound of the unwritten vowel continued to retain the sound of the Heavenly Father’s name, as I propose to show.

This is important to realize, because the Bible puts the emphasis on calling upon, praising, and proclaiming Yahweh’s name, all of which involve sound or pronunciation, not just on writing His name. And even though it is likely that to “call upon” His name is an expression which refers to calling upon the person who has that name, yet we should surely want to know how to correctly speak our Father’s name as much as possible. This is especially today when so many are calling upon other names as their god such as “Allah”, “Buddha”, “Krishna”, and even “Satan”, etc. The Bible puts great emphasis upon the name of the true Almighty One. In fact, the most ancient creed, called the “Shema”, declares who the true Almighty is by saying, “Hear O’Israel, Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is One.”

Now then, if you are among those who want to use the true form of our Savior’s name, what you need to ask is not how this name of “Joshua”, which He also had, is pronounced in Modern Hebrew, or even in the so-called Biblical Hebrew, but how was it pronounced in the true Biblical Hebrew of the days of our Savior and before. As has been stated the Hebrew used today and the Hebrew of the so-called Biblical Hebrew grammars are based upon the Masoretic system of pronunciation. This system was in turn based upon Hebrew as it became pronounced long after the time of our Savior’s life on earth. It contained a system of vowel markings that came into existence over 500 years after the birth of our Savior. As I have mentioned, there are some very scholarly men who cast great doubt upon the system of pronunciation the Masorettes instituted, stating that it is not the same as the ancient Biblical Hebrew.

Consider this. When Moses changed the name of this man by adding the Creator’s name it was not the written form, but the spoken form that he used. It was this form that gave it great meaning in the ears and mind of the hearers. As I have pointed out the vowels were not written in the time of Biblical Hebrew but only spoken. If in speaking this new name over this man Moses had used the “e”, with an “eh” sound, between the YH, and pronounced it as “Yehushua” (or “Yehoshua” as in current day Hebrew) it would likely have had no meaning to the hearers. (Remember this name did not exist before Moses coined it.) The question the hearers would have asked is, “What does ‘Yeh’ mean?” But if Moses called him “Yahushua” (or “Yahoshua”) everyone would

have recognized the use of the Creator's name and would have, therefore, recognized that Moses was changing his name from meaning merely "Savior" to meaning "Yahweh is Savior" by adding the letter and sound that made it contain this shorter, basic form of the Creator's one true personal name.

When our Savior was given this name it was in fulfillment of Isaiah 12:2 and other scriptures. Using the King James Translation with no other change than that of putting the name back where the translators substituted "LORD JEHOVAH", we read, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the YAH YAHWEH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation." ("Jehovah" is an erroneous form of the name, as most dictionaries and encyclopedias will show.)

(The word for salvation in the above passage, when it says "YAH YAHWEH... also is become my salvation", is the Hebrew term with letters that are equivalent to the English letters YSHUAH. This is very similar to the name of the Son of Yahweh, by whom YAH *even* YAHWEH became our salvation, but it is not His actual name as some say, but merely the Hebrew word for "salvation".)

After Moses changed the name of his successor, the son of Nun, from HUSHA to YHUSHUA, over the following centuries of time, this name became very common in Israel. Many mothers began naming a son by this name that meant YAHWEH-SAVIOR. As we have considered from Neh. 8:17, by the time the Messiah was born this name was commonly used in a shortened form. Historical records indicate that this shortened form, Y'SHUA, is what the Messiah became named.

Although many others had been given this name, the true Messiah is the only one who fully fulfilled it as being the one through whom YAH-YAHWEH became our salvation. The Son was the perfect manifestation of His Father, Yahweh. In fact, we are told concerning the Messiah that "in Him dwells all the fullness of the deity bodily." ("Deity" may not be considered the best choice of words by some, due to its derivation from the name of a pagan god. Yet in its English meaning it is the closest I can come to the translation of the Greek term "theotes" used in this passage. Strong gives its meaning as "divinity". Since Yahweh is the only true "deity", as respects the English meaning of this term is concerned, this passage is in effect saying, "in Him dwells all the fullness of Yahweh bodily". ...)

To Be Continued

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THE 21ST ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE REPORT

The 2005 Unity Conference was held August 5-7 at the Assembly of Yahweh (7th Day), near Cisco, Texas. The brothers and sisters of the local Assembly were there to greet us as we arrived.

Elder Farris Wilks opened the Conference with prayer and welcomed all those attending. Elder Wilks spoke of the history of the Conferences and asked Samuel Graham to be the moderator with assistance from Chuck Henry of the local Cisco Assembly. First on the agenda was filling out attendance sheets and a 10 part questionnaire, with time for short introductions and brief personal histories of the attendees.

Matthew Jansen, from Conyers, Georgia, was the first speaker with a message regarding the proper choice of clothing a believer should wear. A warning comes from Zephaniah 1:8, “And it shall come to pass in the day of Yahweh’s sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king’s children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.”

Mike Mastropaolo, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, presented an outline entitled “Achieving Some Kind of Unity in Our Lifetime.” Several steps to consider were; a. The Mechanism of the Conference, b. Taking Action and c. Build success and embrace productive change. Strengthen the unity processes that are working, such as the Youth Camp at YAIM in Rocheport, Missouri.

Frank Brown, Clarksville, Arkansas, presented an article by John Dupus entitled “Corporate Repentance”. Frank had printed this article in the Search the Scriptures, July-August, 2005 issue. By the blood of Yahshua Ha Mashiach the house of Israel has been brought back to the covenants and commands.

Jacob C. Meyer, Pastor of the Frystown, Pennsylvania Assembly, encouraged all to promote more Unity, to break down the walls of organizations and unite under Yahshua the Messiah. Matthew 28:18, “And Yahshua came and spake unto them, saying, All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” Jacob sensed in the attitude of the laity in his travels to Kenya and the Caribbean Islands, a desire for more unity, but many leaders of the groups are keeping them apart.

Peter Kihara, Nairobi, Kenya, presented a “Forum for Messianic Sabbath Keeping Kenyan Believers (FOMESAKEB). This organizational chart and its

directions are helping the 33 plus groups in Kenya to stay in a close bond under Yahshua the Messiah. Peter encouraged all with the scripture from Habakkuk 1:5...for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.

Chris Lohman's (Palatka, Florida) topic was on the believers' health and the warning from the scriptures of using prescription drugs; pharmakeia #5331 in Strong's Concordance, the word King James rendered as witchcraft (Galatians 5:20). 2 Corinthians 6:16...for ye are the temple of the living Yahweh. We should keep our temples clean and pure for the Holy (Kodesh) Spirit to indwell.

George Garner, Rocheport, Missouri, stated that the Covenant of Yahweh's Law is still in existence. The New Testament gives us the salvation message. Romans 10:4, "For the Messiah is the aim of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Hebrews 9:15, "And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

Jerry Healan, from Atlanta, Texas - His message was directed at the leaders of the Assemblies represented at the Conference, reading from Ezekiel 39, Jeremiah 23, 1 Peter 4. Isaiah 8:20, To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. The emphasis was on the phrase "Feed my Sheep." The leaders need to fast and pray, and then come together to study out the gray areas of doctrine.

John Hawkins, DeSoto, Texas, held a workshop on the Feasts of Yahweh. John presented a mathematical means of checking our calculations for Yahweh's Feast days. There are always 177 days from Abib 1 to the Feast of Trumpets and 177 days from the Feast of Trumpets to Abib 1 the following year.

Lloyd Brumbaugh, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, headed a workshop on Domestic Relationships by Contract. A model contract was presented, with a question and answer period. There were many scenarios brought up and discussed. This subject is another process in trying to eliminate the high divorce rate in this country.

Donald Adkins, Atlanta, Texas, submitted his paper entitled "Yahweh Reveals to the Prophet Ezekiel the Pollution of Yahshua The True Bread from Heaven by the Church in Apostasy." Some of the abominable doctrines listed were - Immortality of the soul, Replacement Theology, Eternal torment in hell

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“OBSERVATIONS”

(Personal thoughts on life and Scripture)

Our culture (society) does not put much, if any, emphasis on spirituality. It does emphasize materialism (opposite of spirituality), consumerism, and commercialism. But there is a “voice” within us that says; “I’m not totally happy with just things and their consumption, it leaves me less than fulfilled. There must be something else.”

Reputation is what people think of you; character is what you are when no one else is around. Authentic living is based on your real feelings, not your conditioned feelings. Not what the culture would dump on you... not what the business world would have you be...this should lead to personal integrity; an authentic life.

I sometimes think that in the 60’s the so-called “hippie movement” actually had some good ideas – I mean what is wrong with “peace and love”? But, the ideas they wanted to implement were still very materialistic. And without a religious base, other than perhaps neo-paganism, they were really as hypocritical as their church-going, pew-warming elders, whom they disdained and blamed most of the problems of the world on – as if they would have done any better in their shoes. But, some of the ideas espoused at the time had merit. What they actually wanted, in a sense, was the kingdom of heaven – a utopia of peace. But without any discipline and, based on their very materialistic rationale. Actually this was somewhat similar to the Pharisaic idea of the kingdom, a physical, material realm with themselves at the forefront of course, as a sort of elitist class. But, what says the Scripture; “...the kingdom of Elohim is within you...” (Luke 17:21)... [*The Kingdom of Yahweh is in the midst of you...that is, where the King is, there is the Kingdom (Vine’s Dictionary).*]

The “world” teaches a philosophy that stands aghast at anything that smacks of righteousness. As if the very concept of goodness was somehow quaint. This is a disease of the mind of generally “modern” man. Even ancient pagans had respect for what was considered “holy” as distinct from what was considered common.

“...They bind heavy burdens...and lay them on men’s shoulders...” (Matthew 23:4). The Pharisees were in the business of compelling others to do what they themselves would not even lift a finger to do. They wanted to occupy the most exalted positions. To be looked upon as the elite. People that need to control usually have serious problems on the inside manifested by their inordinate preoccupation with controlling all the external details they can.

Who’s in charge anyway? We’re in charge only when we go our own way, and that is the most detrimental thing we can do. The Pharisees are our object lesson – a lesson in what to avoid.

I used to think Scripture was like a textbook; you could use reason and logic, gather all the facts and everything would become crystal clear! It doesn’t work that way. Of course we use reason and logic to draw certain conclusions. But, the Scriptures are so much more than a textbook. You can gather the facts, but then there are facts beyond the facts; there are truths beyond the truths. Almost as a rule for every literal truth of Scripture there are usually layers in intuitive (i.e. not apprehended by rational thought) instruction and figurative truths that are trying to teach us even more.

We process facts logically and rationally. But, that only takes us so far. There is another side to us; the spiritual side. The spiritual, while making use of reason, is informed more by intuition and by making connection with a force outside ourselves –

the power from on high. This direct connection allows communication and communion to take place.

In the Messiah we “...sit together in heavenly places...” (Ephesians 2:6). We’re not literally there so it is something we don’t fully comprehend by rational thought. It must be spiritually discerned (or, in a figure). He (the Messiah) ascended into the heavens to take His place beside the Father. Because we are united with Him and with each other through Him, and are all part of His body, we therefore sit in the heavenly places with Him.

We must see our need for the spiritual. There is a great controversy going on right now, day in and day out. The outgrowth of secular humanism is the liberal philosophy which the media pipes into our homes everyday and tries to influence us, which in a nutshell is: I evolved from a monkey; I’m the human animal; I don’t need “truth” or spiritual values; I can make up my own truth; all religions are equal; I need nothing other than my own selfish wants; if I harm no one else I can do as I please, etc. Don’t be misled, think for yourself, but seek counsel from the Word because it is the truth and the standard by which we measure what we hear.

The search for truth in the Scriptures should be ongoing. It is ever interesting and exciting. That is why we should never stop learning, questioning, journeying. It is always surprising us and challenging our assumptions. It is so much more exciting than the traditions we have inherited. So much more significant than the “Church” doctrines we have had pushed down our throats for so long, and told not to question these things. As if thinking for ourselves was wrong. Learn to love the learning!

“Seek the kingdom...” Matthew 6:33. Obviously it is not all here now in all its ramifications. It is not something you find all at once – but in bits and pieces. You see here and there, occasionally, glimpses of the Kingdom. When a person declares for righteousness and repents; it is a manifestation of the Kingdom.

In that we “seek” it – it is therefore not as if we comprehend it all at once. The seeking indicates a process by which we gradually with time understand various facets/aspects of the Kingdom. These various aspects that we do begin to see are of course here and now aspects which we find with the seeking. Why be told to seek what we could not find – here and now.

The Kingdom is something we *actively* seek for now – not something we passively wait on to come. And we see that the Kingdom is connected with “His righteousness”. If seeking His righteousness is something we do now, then seeking His Kingdom is the same. The believing life is a life of seeking and growing in grace and knowledge. We don’t just “get it” all at once!

Submitted by: Larry Rogers

[John 3:3, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim. John 3:5, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim. Matthew 5:3, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 25:34, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54, We shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Revelation 21:1-8, I saw a new heaven and a new earth, and no more sea; the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of heaven; he that overcometh shall inherit all things...]

BEWARE OF DECEIVERS

Matthew 7:18 – A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matthew 7:20 – Yahshua said by their fruits ye shall know them (by their fruits ye shall identify who is a product of a good tree and who is a product of a corrupt tree).

A Tree is known by its Fruit. So Beware! Don't be deceived by a believer who says they are blessed with the Spirit of Father Yah, yet hate instruction in righteousness and cast the Words of Father Yah behind them (Psalm 50:16-23).

Don't be deceived by a believer who refuses to amend his or her ways in adding sin to sin, yet claim they are blessed by Father Yah to do so (Isaiah 30:1).

Don't be deceived by believers whose fruits show that they have a form of righteousness but are denying the truth thereof. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 speaks of such behaviors, yet such say they have the Spirit of Father Yah. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore his ministers also are transformed as ministers of righteousness. Beware!

Matthew 7:17 – Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Identify them and Beware! Galatians 6:7 – Yahweh will reprove them, for He will not be mocked. Father Yahweh will bring evil upon them. “Am I an Elohim at hand, saith Yahweh, and not an Elohim afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith Yahweh.” (See Jeremiah 23:9-40.)

Disobedience will bring Father Yahweh's judgement. Don't be caught in the delusion of these unrighteous practices, but that we may be blameless and harmless without rebuke. In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom we shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:15).

I intend to try harder to live right, behave right, and if I falter and I fail, I am going to rise and shine again with the help of Yahshua. For Yahweh is no respecter of persons.

Let us stand up. Stand up for Yahshua and lift the Banner High in maintaining the Integrity of The Words of Father Yahweh. HalleluYah!

Submitted by: N. Roxby

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Brethren in the Messiah;

Greetings to you in the blessed name of Yahshua. I, Malcolm Goree #624472, upon receiving your Assembly's gift of "The Word of Yahweh" decided to write and give thanks for this wonderful gift. Just the reading of the Scriptures with Yahweh's and Yahshua's proper names, gives a greater meaning than reading substitutes and titles. So again I render my wholehearted thanks for your Assembly's gift that will not only be cherished, but utilized to the maximum in studying, searching the scriptures; and meditation on Yahweh's words of life eternal.

Sincerely Yours in Yahweh and Yahshua's Name,
Malcolm Goree, Texas

Letter of Acknowledgment;

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Keep your focus on spreading the message and Yahweh will open the door for all things to be fulfilled in His plan, in His Name – Yahshua the Messiah our soon coming King.

Sincerely Yours,
BenYahmin Ikejwra

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Submitted by: Robert Young

RAMON RIVERA – Recently of Phoenix, Arizona, fell asleep in Yahshua on July 22, 2005. Ramon lived (and worked and worshipped) at the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, for many years with his wife June, who died in Yahshua February 21, 2002. The brethren at Eaton Rapids fondly remember and miss them both.

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fire. We are the watchmen for the end time. We need to direct the lost souls to the True Bread from Heaven, Yahshua the Messiah.

Missionary efforts to the Philippines, Kenya and the Caribbean Islands were reported.

Nominations of recognition for their efforts and untiring work in doctrinal writings of tracts and literature for this century were: Voy Wilks, George Kinney, Donald Mansager, Jerry Healan, Frank Brown, and Tom Schattke. Special thanks also go to all those who are enduring to the end.

Thank you all in the Cisco Assembly for hosting the Unity Conference, for all your efforts in making it a success, for your hospitality, good food, etc; thanks for everything! Next years Conference will be at Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah, in Rocheport, Missouri, August 4, 5 and 6, 2006 (Yahweh willing). Agape Love.

Submitted by: Samuel A. Graham

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Jan. 12	Annual Convocation Days March 26 April 1 May 15 Sept. 6 Sept. 15 Sept. 20 Sept. 27 7 days in all - the number of completeness
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