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## FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Leviticus 23:34-35 – The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto Yahweh. On the first day shall be an holy [kodesh] convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Numbers 29:12 – And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy [kodesh] convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto Yahweh seven days:

2 Chronicles 7:9 – And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

Nehemiah 8:18 – Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of Elohim. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

Ezekiel 45:25 – In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days,

Zechariah 14:16 – And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

John 7:37 – In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

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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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# ONE WAY

One of the most widespread but unsound religious teachings of our day is that there are many roads to the Heavenly Father. If men are sincere, we are told, it does not matter which path they travel – in the end they will reach the same destination. But that is not true!

There are people and religious groups far removed from supporting the way of life the Holy [Kodesh] Bible advocates. Yet they are quite ready to quote portions of it as a means of endearing their message to those with some respect of Bible principles. Some such people or groups will go so far as to teach, or agree, that Yahshua the Messiah was indeed a prophet of the Almighty. And this is immediately qualified by a statement such as “But he was no greater than other well known teachers of major religions.” They refuse to give priority to the way of life Yahshua the Messiah presents.

Since the Almighty has chosen to reveal the way to himself through the Bible [Scriptures], we must turn there, rather than to man’s imagination, for our guidance. Let us see what the Scriptures say about the way to the Heavenly Father, and the role of his Son, Yahshua the Messiah, in regard to this.

Here are some extracts from later writings in the Scriptures. (Corrections have been made here to the Greek records to render the Hebrew names and titles more accurately).

Take notice of the testimonies in Scripture relating to the Almighty; the Heavenly Father, Yahweh.

(Yahshua the Messiah speaking) For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal [everlasting] life... John 6:40.

The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life: he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 5:22-24.

(John speaking) The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahweh rests upon him. John 3:35-36.

(Yahshua speaking) And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true mighty one, and Yahshua the Messiah whom you have sent. John 17:3.

All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Luke 10:22.

(Saul writes) For although there may be so-called deities in heaven or on earth – as indeed there are many deities and many [masters] – yet for us there is one mighty one, the

Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Saviour, Yahshua the Messiah, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge... 1 Corinthians 8:5-7.

...Yahweh our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one mighty one, and there is one mediator between Yahweh and men, the man Yahshua the Messiah, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. 1 Timothy 2:3-6.

(Peter spoke concerning Yahshua) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

Take notice of the testimonies in Scripture relating to the Son, Yahshua the Messiah.

(Yahshua speaking) He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. Matthew 12:30.

... Every one who acknowledges me before men, the Son of man also will acknowledge before the messengers (angels) of Yahweh; but he who denies me before men will be denied before the messengers of Yahweh. Luke 12:8-9.

(John the Baptist speaking upon seeing Yahshua) Behold the Lamb of Yahweh, who takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29.

(Yahshua speaking)... the testimony which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear me witness that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness to me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen; and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe him whom he has sent. John 5:36-38.

My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether I am speaking on my own authority. John 7:16-17.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. John 10:14-16.

If any one hears my saying and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life [life everlasting]. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has bidden me. John 12:47-50.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. John 14:6.

Pilate said to him, So you are a king? Yahshua answered, You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice. John 18:37.

(Saul writing) For in him (Yahshua) all the fullness of Yahweh was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his [stake]. Colossians 1:19-20.

(John writing) My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Yahshua the Messiah, the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says, I know him, but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for Yahweh is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him, he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:1-6.

He who does not believe Yahweh has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that Yahweh has borne to his Son. And this is the testimony, that Yahweh gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; He who has not the Son of Yahweh has not life. 1 John 5:10-12.

Frankly, the facts are:

1. The Bible [Scriptures] as written record of the dealings of the Almighty with mankind is not just another book. It is trustworthy, as evidenced by (a) the change it helps bring to people's lives; (b) its historical records; (c) its prophecies; (d) its sound spiritual principles.
2. To accept Yahshua the Messiah as prophet has meaning only if his authority and messages are accepted too.
3. The life and worship that is acceptable to the Heavenly Father is that of the Hebrew faith, as clarified by, especially, Yahshua the Messiah.

Yahshua the Messiah said (John 14:6), I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

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**Please Note: The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity Conference will be held (Yahweh willing) August 3, 4 and 5, 2007 at the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.**

# FAITH

The word FAITH as we read in the King James Version of the Scriptures is usually translated from the Greek word PISTIS which has the meaning PERSUASION, CONVICTION, BELIEF, ASSURANCE; see Strong's 4102. In this article the word BELIEF will be used rather than FAITH.

Repent and be baptized 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 2:38. This Spirit is given to the believer who has repented of disobeying Yahweh in the sin of transgressing the law, 1 John 3:4; and is now obeying Acts 5:32.

We see in 1 Corinthians 12 that this Spirit gives certain gifts to these believers. One of these gifts is that of BELIEF, verse 9. This is a wonderful gift to possess. Consider praying for healing. First of all, being one who has repented of sin and is now obeying Yahweh, whatsoever we ask we receive of Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight, 1 John 3:22. Otherwise our prayer is an abomination, Proverbs 28:9. One of the commandments is to keep the seventh day Saturday Sabbath properly separated apart. Secondly, Yahshua said, all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, BELIEVING, you shall receive, Matthew 21:22. We see that BELIEVING is a key word. This is a gift we hope to have for the prayer to be answered. We are to be zealous for the better gifts, 1 Corinthians 12:31.

Another important point here is what Yahshua said in John 14:13, "Whatsoever you shall ask IN MY NAME, that will I do, that the Father may be esteemed in the Son." So we need to pray believing, not doubting, and in Yahshua's name. Notice Yahshua's statement about believing at Mark 11:24, "What things soever you desire, when you pray, BELIEVE that you receive, and you shall have." Yahshua does not lie. Believe Him. Consider verses 25 and 26 also, "When you stand praying, forgive if you have aught against any, that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

James 5:14-16 indicates to call for the elders of the assembly for one sick. They pray anointing the person with oil in the name of the Master; and the prayer of BELIEF shall save the sick. The ones praying need to be believing, not doubting Yahweh will heal. Remember Yahweh says it is He that heals, Exodus 15:26. Yahweh does not lie either. Here also we read of the importance of obeying the commandments of Yahweh.

A classic example of healing in Yahshua's name with BELIEF is recorded at Acts 3:1-16. A certain man lame from birth was made strong in perfect

soundness, leaping and walking. Yahweh esteemed His Son, Yahshua; and through Peter having BELIEF in Yahshua's name, verse 16, the man became strong, and leaped and walked. Peter knew, doubted not, that the man would walk; therefore he could say as he did in verse 6, "In the name of Yahshua the Messiah of Nazareth rise up and walk." Peter was greatly blessed with the gift of BELIEF.

Another case of healing because of BELIEF was that of a woman having an issue of blood 12 years. She had spent all her living upon physicians, and was not healed of any, Luke 8:43-48. She came behind Yahshua and knew (had undoubting belief) if she might but touch His garment that she would be healed; and she was, immediately. Yahshua said, "Your belief has made you whole." Also see Matthew 9:20-22 and Mark 5:25-34. We see the physicians did not heal the woman. Belief did – through Yahshua. We might conclude that rather than go to a physician for healing, we had best believe Yahweh will heal if we ask in Yahshua's name. However, if we do not ask Yahweh, the alternative is to go to a physician; but then the consequence might be disastrous as we read in 2 Chronicles 16:12-13. On the other hand, after first asking Yahweh to heal, He may direct us to do something about it ourselves. Through checking and testing, physicians may tell us nearly exactly what our problem is; and thus helping us to know what to do. Also, a saint with the gift of a cure may advise what to do (1 Corinthians 12:9), as in 2 Kings 20:7. Be open to this also. Above all, however, first ask Yahweh to heal, and BELIEVE He will, however He chooses. No matter what, we had better believe Yahweh will heal if we ask Him – and for sure if we decide not to go to a physician at all.

It is of extreme importance that we believe we receive the atonement through our Master Yahshua the Messiah, Romans 5:11; and that we are justified by belief, Romans 5:1 and Romans 3:28. Note verse 27 of Romans 3, the law of belief. Even righteousness was reckoned to Abraham because of belief that Yahweh was able to perform what He had promised, Romans 4:20-22 – and also to us shall righteousness be reckoned by believing on Him that raised up Yahshua our Master from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification, verses 23-25.

For an in depth study of belief, read every text listed in Strong's Concordance under faith, believe, believed, believers, believest, believeth, and believing.

BELIEF is a gift, 1 Corinthians 12:9. Earnestly seek the better gifts, verse 31.

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# A RETURN TO THE TRUE EVANGEL

There is a storm brewing in the fellowship, a storm that threatens the unity of the brotherhood. The developing controversy surrounds two passages in Scripture which seemingly take contradictory approaches to what the true “Glad Tidings” are. This brief presentation will address these two approaches to the New Covenant, as we seek to quell the controversy that is swirling about some of our circles. Few people argue over these two passages, but debates in our network are definitely traceable to these two passages.

I. Search on the Internet for, “What is the Gospel,” and most Christian WEB pages will quote 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Good News which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Messiah died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:* Many Christians have this verse memorized and ready to go, upon any inquiry as to what their “Gospel” really means.

II. Yet Yahshua seems to have had a very different version of the Glad Tidings, as found in the book of Mark 1:14-15. *Now after that John was put in prison, Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the Good News of the kingdom of Elohim, And saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Elohim is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Good News.”*

III. Here are some noteworthy differences (which I shall harmonize shortly):

1. Sacred Namers are comfortable with Mark’s Good News. But mainstream Christians gravitate to Paul’s.
2. Mark’s record emphasizes the Kingdom. The short Pauline passage emphasizes Yahshua’s Atonement.
3. Mark requires us to repent and believe. Paul states only that the glad tidings be “received”.

IV. The simplicity of the short Pauline passage is attractive, and has wrongly been used as a glib response to inquiries about the Good News. The scope of Sacred Duty called for by Paul seems to simply demand that it be “received”. This makes any need for obedience, as espoused by Sacred Namers, look like something added to the Good News.

V. Based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, we might be accused of teaching “Yahshua plus the Commandments.” While Mark’s call to repentance suggests that we teach “Yahshua, who includes the commandments.”

**VI. In our midst, well-meaning and dedicated brethren are seeking to mimic the trends in mainstream Christianity, by emphasizing the simple statements in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. The effect has been a down-play of the commandments, and a watering down of the call to Sacred Duty.**

VII. The evangelical world is an impressive industry. Media events like “Passion of The Christ” and “Chronicles of Narnia” give the illusion of spiritual progress. Sunday Christians are cruelly taught their sacred duty is fulfilled by a couple of hours at church, followed by afternoon TV football (this might be called “freedom in Christ”). This “gospel” is foreign to the Apostles, the “Hidden Assemblies” recorded in History, and to the theology of the great reformers.



VIII. The call to obedience was always part of the Glad Tidings. Example: Wesley, Finney, Brengle, Moody, Bevington and Spurgeon all upheld the Sabbath principle. Likewise, the ancient Assemblies in Ireland, India, China and Ethiopia all observed the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath, as did the Waldensians who were hunted through the hills of Europe. Thus, the “Glad Tidings” was widely understood throughout history to include Sabbath-keeping.

IX. Yet, if we use the New Testament merely to uphold the commandments, then we are desperately missing the point.

X. The “Good News” of Mark 1:14-15 is easily reconciled with Paul’s “Good News” simply by reading all of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15. This complete statement of the Glad Tidings also calls for repentance. Verse 34, “Awake to righteousness, and sin not; **for some have not the knowledge of Yahweh: I speak this to your shame.**”

XI. A comprehensive Evangel will bridge Law & Grace by upholding the call to Holy [Kodesh] Living, as only Yahshua can empower us to do. The call to Holiness [Kodeshness] is largely unexplored territory for us Sacred Namers, yet we now appear ready for it.

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# Prayers in Torah

The word "pray" appears fifteen times in Torah. A review of those scriptures makes an interesting study.

The first instance of the word pray is in Genesis 20:1-7 And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar. Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. But Elohim came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, "Indeed you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife." But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Master, will You slay a righteous nation also? "Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this." And Elohim said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her. "Now therefore, restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet, and HE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND YOU SHALL LIVE. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

Genesis 20:17-18 So ABRAHAM PRAYED to Elohim; and Elohim healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore children; for Yahweh had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

So in two senses the first petition called a prayer brought life to people.

After Jacob left Laban to go back to Canaan he was afraid his brother Esau would kill him and his family. So he prayed: Genesis 32:9-12 Then Jacob said, "O Elohim of my father Abraham and Elohim of my father Isaac, Yahweh who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you': "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. "For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

Yahweh showed Jacob that he should send several lavish presents to Esau. When the brothers met, Esau was kind to Jacob. Jacob had been afraid that Esau would kill him and his wives and children; but the prayer brought life.

There are several times when Moses prayed for the children of Israel and Yahweh answered the prayer by granting them life: Exodus 32:30-34 Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to Yahweh; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." Then Moses returned to Yahweh and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a el of gold! Yet now, if You will, forgive their sin; but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." And Yahweh said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. "Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin." Moses' prayer saved the nation.

Moses asked Yahweh: Exodus 33:13-17 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." And He [Yahweh] said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. "For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." So Yahweh said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

Once again, Moses' prayer was answered and Yahweh promised to go with His people.

Moses asks again: Exodus 34:9-10 Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Yahweh, let Yahweh, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance." And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of Yahweh. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

This time Yahweh makes A COVENANT to do it!

Another time: Numbers 11:1-2 Now when the people complained, it displeased Yahweh; for Yahweh heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of Yahweh burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to Yahweh, the fire was quenched.

Once again Moses' prayer saves lives!

In Numbers 11 Miriam and Aaron spoke evil of Moses and Yahweh declared His relationship with Moses. He said, Numbers 12:8-15 "I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of Yahweh. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?" So the anger of Yahweh was aroused against them, and He departed. And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper. So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my master! Please do not lay this sin on us, in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned. "Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!" So Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, "Please heal her, O Elohim, I pray!" Then Yahweh said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and afterward she may be received again." So Miriam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did not journey till Miriam was brought in again.

AGAIN Moses' prayer saved a life.

Then, once again the people displeased Yahweh and Moses intervenes: Numbers 14:17-20 "And now, I pray, let the power of my Yahweh be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 'Yahweh is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.' "Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." Then Yahweh said: "I have pardoned, according to your word;

We see it again in Numbers 21. Numbers 21:5-8 And the people spoke against Elohim and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." So Yahweh sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against Yahweh and against you; Pray to Yahweh that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."

Moses did so and the plague of death was stopped.

But Moses' prayers were not always successful: Deuteronomy 3:25 'I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.'

Yahweh's answer was, "No."

In Moses' final sermon before his death, he recalled two occasions: Deuteronomy 9:20-26 "And Yahweh was very angry with Aaron and would have destroyed him; so I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. "Then I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it and ground it very small, until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that descended from the mountain. . . . "You have been rebellious against Yahweh from the day that I knew you. "Thus I prostrated myself before Yahweh; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because Yahweh had said He would destroy you. "Therefore I prayed to Yahweh, and said: O Sovereign Yahweh, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand."

Yahweh responded by giving Moses the tablets of the law. He was very patient with the people when Moses pleaded for them.

These stories from the Torah show the effectiveness of the prayer of a righteous man.

We should not think we cannot be as righteous as Abraham or Moses. WE CAN! Through Yahshua's sacrifice we can be entirely free of every sin. Repent and ask for Yahweh's forgiveness whenever you sin. Then carry your petitions to Yahweh. He still acts today to save lives!

There is a righteous young man in our congregation. He is good to his wife and takes good care of his family. They were eating dinner one day and their little girl got some food stuck. She could not breathe! They did what they knew how to do but nothing worked. This man dropped to his knees and cried out to Yahweh for his child's life. Immediately the food was coughed up and the little girl lives today. HalleluYAH!

Yahweh's ears are not closed. Yahweh's hand is not shortened. Yahweh works wonders for His people TODAY. He can and will work for you if you are righteous.

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your Elohim; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He WILL NOT hear.

Let us call upon Yahweh in faith and righteousness. And may Yahweh bless you and your family with abundant life!

Tom Schattke

# THE TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL

## BY STEVE COLLINS

Book Reviews by Roger M. Norman

Mr. Steven M. Collins has authored and published four books regarding the ten tribes of Israel which many have thought to have been lost. I highly recommend the books which are a vast expansion from his original book, *The Ten Tribes of Israel - Found*.

In book one, *The Origins and Empire of Ancient Israel*, Mr. Collins reviews the biblical origins of our forefathers and cites *Pharaohs and Kings (A Biblical Quest)*, by David Rohl, 1995, for evidence that our forefathers were indeed in Egypt and departed under hasty conditions. He reviews the unconditional biblical blessings which were bestowed upon our forefathers and how (in book four) we can find the tribes today based upon these blessings. He points out that our forefathers were departing and expanding from the promised land of Israel long before the captivities. Part of the tribe of Dan was known as the “sea peoples,” even before the time of King Saul, and the Milesians are an interesting group whose sacred banner clearly ties them to the tribes of Israel. He shows that the “Phoenician” empire was actually headed and controlled by Israel as a result of the defeat of the then world superpower, Assyria, by King David and his general, Joab. He cites the *Encyclopedia Americana* for evidence that the name “Phoenicians” was given by the Greeks to the inhabitants of the coastal region of present day Lebanon, the adjacent shores of Israel, and Syria in the first millennium B.C. He also cites Dr. Cyrus Gordon who in turn cites the Greek historian Herodotus, “The Phoenicians lived of old, so they say, about the Red Sea, that they came out of there and settled in that part of Syria that is next to the Mediterranean sea. That piece of Syria, in all as far as Egypt, is called ‘Palestine.’” Dr. Barry Fell of Harvard University, now deceased, agrees that they “came from the Red Sea.” Who does this sound like? Mr. Collins also reviews the origin and activities of the Tautha de Danaans (the tribe of Dan) in Ireland, the Celts, and Iberians - and their Israelite roots. Mr. Collins then presents interesting evidence of global travel, enterprise, and colonization by the Israelites, one such evidence being now depleted copper mines in the Great Lakes area of North America which were depleted about 1000 B.C., during the reigns of King Solomon and King David. He discusses “Mystery Hill” in southern New Hampshire and the Los Lunas, New Mexico “Decalogue Stone,” which contains an abbreviation of the Ten Commandments. I have personally visited both of these places, have photographs, and “am convinced.”

In book two, *Israel's Lost Empires*, Mr. Collins discusses the history of Carthage and its Israelite/Hebrew roots. He presents evidence that the Carthaginians sailed to vast parts of the world, including England and North America! Book two also reviews the Scythians and evidence pointing to the fact that they were Israelites, some of whom were evidently taken captive, later to escape, and some of whom voluntarily fled the Promised Land before the captivity migrating to the Black Sea region. He cites the Greek story of Xenophon which mentions the Scythians and how they had suffered severely at the hands of the Assyrians. He cites Abraham Ortelius, a 16th century geographer, as quoted by Colonel J. C. Gawlar, a British government official during Queen Victoria's reign, to the

effect that “the kingdom of Arsareth (the Black Sea area) were the ten tribes.” He also gives evidence from the book of II Esdras, and the Jewish historian Eldad who sent memoirs to Spanish Jews regarding the ten tribes stating, “Many of the people did not go into captivity but evaded the calamity, going off with their flocks and turning nomads.” In fact, the Scythians were even known for their wise laws and the avoidance of swine’s flesh. And, regarding these Scythians, who were not “lily white”, our Bibles appear to have a contradiction between II Kings 17:18 and II Chronicles 35:17-18, but Mr. Collins does an excellent job of clarifying this in discussing the Scythian conquest of the Assyrian empire, including the promised land which was then governed by King Josiah of Judah.

Book three is *Parthia - the forgotten ancient superpower and its role in biblical history*. Mr. Collins discusses the Hebrew/Israelite traits of the Parthians, such as language and customs, their common traits with the Scythians, and how they defeated Rome time and again in major battles. Their coins were inscribed with the title, “MLK,” the Hebrew word for king, and Josephus wrote his *Wars of the Jews* in his native Semitic tongue so the peoples of Parthia could read his writings. Josephus, writing in the first century A.D., declares that the ten tribes - who had supposedly “disappeared” eight hundred years earlier - were still in the area east of Euphrates River, in his day and vast in number. They were blessed to such extent they even developed electrical batteries, some of which had been in the Baghdad museum until the recent war. Question: Are they still there? Book three presents other “good stuff” regarding the missing eighteen years of the life of Yahshua between ages 12 and 30, Pilate and the trial of Yahshua, the magi and their role in Parthian society, how they “frightened all of Jerusalem” with their visit looking for the Messiah, and how this visit possibly almost caused a war between Parthia and Rome, the world’s then two leading superpowers.

Book four, *Israel’s Tribes Today*, picks up with the fall of Parthia in 226 A.D., and their massive migration which carried them into the areas then occupied by their relatives in Armenia, through the Caucasus Mountains, and into the Black Sea area where they became known as Goths, Saxons, Germans, Jutes, Normans, Alans, and other Teutonic names before moving into Europe. He then presents his arguments and theories as to where the ten tribes are today among the various nations of the world. He is not dogmatic and is open to other theories, but I think he is certainly right on point for at least six of the ten tribes. Mr. Collins is quick to point out that our Israelite roots do not give us “a corner on the market” or special privileges that free us from responsibilities. On the contrary, Yahweh is not willing that any should perish, and now, through Yahshua, mankind can all have access to His eternal kingdom.

I have developed presentations reviewing his books and other information regarding our Israelite/Hebrew roots, which I am happy to give to your assembly, church or group. Again, I highly recommend the four books which can be ordered through Bible Blessings, P.O. Box 1778, Royal Oak, Michigan 48068, [www.bibleblessings.net](http://www.bibleblessings.net).

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# UNITY CONFERENCE REPORT

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Unity Conference was held at Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah, 401 N. Roby Farm Road, Rocheport, Missouri, on August 4, 5 and 6, 2006. A warm welcome was extended to all. The improvements to the dining hall and the large meeting hall did show forth the unity of the brethren who meet there.

Peter Vacca (Rocheport, Missouri) opened the Conference with prayer Friday morning with songs of praise to Yahweh and Yahshua following. Elder Vacca then turned the meeting over to Samuel Graham (Eaton Rapids, Michigan), as moderator for this year's conference. Samuel encouraged the believers there to make the most of these meetings, reminding them that we are in the end times and that the world is constantly changing with wars in the Middle East, enemies in our country and in other countries who back Israel. Now is the time to draw closer and to unify with brethren of like faith in Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah who is our blessed hope.

Tom Martincic (Ava, Missouri) was the first presenter and his subject was, Divorce and Remarriage, which not only is a social issue, but falls into spiritual application as well. Tom's opening statement – the problem isn't that people aren't marrying the one they love; the real problem is, people are not loving the one they marry! Some points he made were: We were created in the image of Elohim. Woman was taken out of man, and when they are joined together, they are "one flesh." As "one flesh" it is Yahweh's plan for us to be fruitful and multiply, bearing more children of Elohim. Adam and Eve sinned, causing them to no longer be a true image of Elohim. Yahshua came and redeemed us. Through Him, we are again in His image as the children of Elohim. It is no longer we who live, but Yahshua who lives in us.

D.W. (Buddy) Arthur (Interlachen, Florida) spoke on Family Immersing, stating that the word household means any one living in the house or under the rule of a certain person, which would include spouse, children, in-laws, grandchildren, parents, or servants and their children. He quoted Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:14-16 ...And I baptized also the household of Stephanas... And Acts 16:13-15...And when she was baptized, and her household... And Acts 16:27-33...And they said, Believe on the Master Yahshua, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of Yahweh, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. Acts 10:24-27, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 and several other scriptures were quoted. Before his presentation Buddy admitted that Yahweh had dealt with him all night long to speak on Israel's history, stating dates in history and adding numbers in scripture prophecy to bring them up to the present.

Roger Norman's (Fort Worth, Texas) subject was on Israel and The Ten Lost Tribes. Roger proceeded in taking us through history with slides and documents on where the Israelites had wandered and lived. How Yahweh was with them throughout the thousands of years up to the present time. Roger provided pictures of the Los Lunas, New Mexico stone with the Ten Commandments in Paleo/ancient Hebrew; pointing out that it uses the name of Yahweh, it is written in Hebrew letters with a style of about 1000 B.C., and it was not translated until 1949. *Read in this issue of The Faith more information from Roger Norman on The Ten Tribes of Israel.*

Larry Acheson (Plano, Texas) asked, Is The Torah Relevant Today? The main points in his presentation were to prove through Yahshua's and Apostle Paul's words and

actions that there were/are commands we should abide by in addition to the Ten Commandment laws. “By finding out what the Apostle Shaul didn’t mean, we have already found out what he did mean. He obeyed Yahweh’s law, known as the Torah, and he taught others to do the same. He understood that the law wasn’t ‘done away’ or ‘made void’. He understood that the law is (present tense) holy [kodesh]. Finally, he testified that he himself followed Yahshua’s example, which is an example of obedience to Torah.” Larry quoted Romans 7:12, and 2:13; Acts 25:8 and 26:20 and many other scriptures.

W. Glenn Moore’s (Fort Worth, Texas) topic was, Are Believers Commanded to Keep the Oral Torah of Rabbinic Judaism? His conclusions – While the Messiah kept the Torah and did indeed keep some of the traditions, like going to the Feast of Purim, He never placed traditions on an equal footing with the TaNaK, or with the purpose of replacing Yahweh’s commands. – Our only goal should be to discover Yahweh’s message to us as given in Scripture, and we should do so without any filters, and then do exactly what He says to do!

Jerry Healan (Atlanta, Texas). Jerry’s original topic was to be, The Blessings of The Dew (this booklet was made available to all those in attendance). Jerry, another presenter who changed his topic/subject through the leading of the Holy [Kodesh] Spirit, spoke on Israel (Psalm 83:1-4), the hidden ten tribes in this end time; the blessing of Ephraim; the time of Jacob’s trouble Jeremiah 30; Jerusalem, a cup of trembling Zechariah 12.

Michael Banak (Oak Lawn, Illinois) presented A Return to the True Evangel; warning the brethren, “In our midst, well-meaning and dedicated brethren are seeking to mimic the trends in mainstream Christianity, by emphasizing the simple statements in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. The effect has been a down-play of the commandments”... We must counter with the Good News of Mark 1:14-15 and 1 Corinthians 15. 1 Cor. 15:34, Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of Yahweh: I speak this to your shame. *Read A Return to the True Evangel in its entirety in this issue of The Faith.*

John Hawkins (DeSoto, Texas) spoke on The Two Witnesses (Who They Are). John believes Moses and Eliyah are the two witnesses (Malachi 4:1-6, John 5:17, 2 Kings 18, Zechariah 3, Luke 1:16). John also touched on the pronunciation of Yahweh’s Name from the Murasu Texts. He spoke regarding the count for Yahweh’s Feast days and had a booklet available for those interested.

Michael Mastropaolo, (Fort Smith, Arkansas) presented his thoughts on, A Major Step Toward Unity – Getting Rid of Our Excess Baggage. Mike listed four categories of stuff: Contraband – sin, must be left behind; Unnecessary Stuff – man’s traditions, etc.; Useful Items – that can help others along the way; Absolute Necessities – Yah’s Spirit, His Word, Love, Faith, Hope, etc. Some types of baggage were: thoughts, words, actions (habits, customs), things, attitudes, relationships. Some sources of baggage are from: family (environment, genetics), peers, society, church, school, state, jobs, Yah’s people. Mike handed out a sheet (with these items listed) for people to think about and fill in. *Mike’s hand-out is printed in this issue of The Faith also.*

Pete Vacca’s topic was entitled, New or Renewed. Jeremiah 31:31, I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...; verse 32, Not the same as the one I made with your fathers...because they broke that covenant... “So if that old or first covenant is still in effect for those who haven’t accepted the new covenant, then there is no way it can be a renewed covenant. It has to be a new covenant.” Read Hebrews 10:15-18. “Look at it



this way, in the first one, Yahweh put the people into the covenant. In the second, Yahweh put the covenant into the people.”

Rock Key Yah (Brighton, Illinois) presented My Hiding Place. Isaiah 45:3, And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, Yahweh, which call thee by thy name, am the Almighty One of Israel. Rock Key’s message was short, he encouraged all of us to show forth the true agape love of Yahweh to our brothers and sisters in the faith, especially those that might calculate the Feast days a day or two different that you do. He also touched on the stewardship of the grace of Yahweh which is given to all of us.

Jacob C. Meyer (Bethel, PA) spoke on the rejoining of the house of Israel and the house of Judah. We need to have faith (Hebrews 11) to be united as a body. Sin separates believers, don’t tear down, speak the truth, work together. Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. We must be sure of what we hope for.

Ronald and Twila Rawson made available to all those at the conference an in-depth study on What is Righteousness? Righteousness appears 291 times and righteous appears 238 times in the Scriptures. Romans 6:18, Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

A discussion was held on various missionary efforts, past, present and future. The prison ministry is still growing; more people are needed to visit prisoners. There are many requests for baptism within the prison systems. George Garner reported on the prison ministry in Florida and Missouri, saying there are some very serious Bible students on the inside. Jerry Healan is planning a trip to India. He would also like to return to the Philippines, and possibly Kenya and Nigeria in the future. The internet has played an important part in spreading the good news and has been a missionary tool for many assemblies. Tom Martincic’s Elijah.com chat room has been an effective means of spreading Yahweh’s message.

Sabbath services were a blessing to everyone with many congregational songs of praise and many special individual offerings. The congregation was also blessed with messages/sermons from two elders. Farris Wilks’ (Cisco, Texas) topic was, What Kind of Legacy Are the Fathers Leaving Their Children? This message touched the hearts of not only all the fathers there but many others as well. George Garner’s (Rocheport, Missouri) message was, Yahweh = The Path to the City Jerusalem. Yahweh is the road sign in the desert – to the salvation of our souls. Man’s life is either sinful or righteous and the outcome is from the choices we make. Galatians 5:16, This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

One special note: some Elders were led by the Holy [Kodesh] Spirit to change their topics at the last minute. All in attendance could say Praise Yahweh! “Israel” was the golden thread theme that prevailed throughout the conference presentations. Yes, Yahweh does communicate through His Spirit with his prophets/evangelists/teachers today (in the 21<sup>st</sup> century). Halleluyah.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the brothers and sisters who made this Conference possible; those who prepared the meals, and cleaned up afterwards; and those who kept the meeting hall clean. Thank you for the use of the campgrounds, and for all your work and preparation before (just in time for the Conference). This kind of effort requires unity of the brethren. Let us all make an effort to be more unified under Yahweh’s Banner.

In His Service,  
Pastor Samuel A. Graham

# **A MAJOR STEP TOWARD UNITY- GETTING RID OF OUR EXCESS BAGGAGE**

Analogy: Getting off a cruise ship (the wide path that leads to destruction) and going on a hike (the narrow way after baptism that leads to life). As experienced world travelers (involved in the ways of the world, i.e. man's ways and traditions), our symbolic death at baptism indeed allows us to "take it with us." What we choose to take along on our walk in service to Yahshua can either, weigh us down, get us in trouble, make the trip easier or enable us to share others' burdens.

Four broad categories of stuff:

1) **CONTRABAND** i.e. sin, must be left behind – that was our "old man's" stuff and can keep us from entering the kingdom we seek. (You can fool fellow travelers, but not the "heavenly custom agents.")

2) **UNNECESSARY STUFF** that slows our walk and makes us unprofitable servants (man's traditions, un-useful comfort items, etc.). Some examples, (depending on background) may be:

- a) A deep respect for Herbert Armstrong or Ellen White, etc.
- b) A love of ritual and an expectation of having a man as a mediator, etc.
- c) Considering some behavior as sinful, when it is not, but just offends an individual or challenges his upbringing, such as moderate drinking, etc.
- d) Any traditions and precedents that add to or take away from Torah.
- e) Miscellaneous other strongly held but unsupported beliefs, especially ones we want to impose on others.
- f) Hypocrisy i.e. one policy for visitors, another for elders.

3) **USEFUL ITEMS** that can help others along the way as well as ourselves; a right attitude, good study habits, acceptance of our role in Yah's plan, etc.

- a) Courtesy and a willingness to not prejudge someone's position until we hear them out.
- b) Being bold in our stand without being belligerent to others, but being willing to change with the weight of the evidence.
- c) Being ready to give an answer for the Faith lying within us.
- d) A constant recognition of who we serve and humble thankfulness that we have been called out of our past to receive the free gift of eternal life and an opportunity to earn [receive] great rewards by being servants in whom Yahweh is well pleased.

4) **ABSOLUTE NECESSITIES:** Yah's Spirit, His Word as a road map, Love, Faith, Hope, etc.

Items 1 and 4 are clear to most, we need to examine and elaborate on items 2 and 3.

Michael Mastropaolo (Unity Conference 2006)

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| Jan. 2                  | Annual Convocation Days<br>April 14<br>April 20<br>June 3<br>Sept. 25<br>Oct. 4<br>Oct. 9<br>Oct. 16<br>7 days<br>in all - the<br>number<br>of<br>completeness |
| Jan. 31                 |  |
| Mar. 2                  |  |
| Mar. 31                 |  |
| Apr. 29                 |  |
| May 29                  |  |
| June 27                 |  |
| July 27                 |  |
| Aug. 26                 |  |
| Sept. 25                |  |
| Oct. 24<br>(Borderline) | 7 days<br>in all - the<br>number<br>of<br>completeness   |
| Nov. 23                 |  |
| Dec. 22<br>(Borderline) |  |

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 Celebrate APRIL 12 after sunset

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 APRIL 14 through APRIL 20

FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS  
 JUNE 3

See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21

FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS  
 SEPTEMBER 25

DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT  
 OCTOBER 4

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