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HEALING SCRIPTURES

EXODUS 15:26 ... If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am Yahweh that healeth thee.

EXODUS 23:25 And ye shall serve Yahweh your Elohim, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

PSALM 30:2 O Yahweh, my Elohim, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

PSALM 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

PSALM 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

PSALM 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

ISAIAH 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

MATTHEW 4:23 And Yahshua went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

MATTHEW 8:16-17 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

MATTHEW 10:1 AND 10:8 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

MARK 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

LUKE 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

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

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THE HOLINESS OF YAHWEH

Holiness, Holy - Strong's Concordance #6944-Qodesh,... a sacred place or thing, consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing)... Holy - New World Dictionary #2. spiritually perfect or pure; untainted by evil or sin; sinless; saintly.

Revelation 1:8, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith Yahweh, which is, and which was, and which is to come." Yahweh only is independently, infinitely and immutably holy. In the scriptures He is frequently styled as "The Holy One." He is so because the sum of all moral excellency is found in Him (Yahweh). He is absolute purity. Yahweh is light and in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). Holiness is the very excellency of His divine nature. Our great Eloha is glorious in holiness (Exodus 15:11). Therefore do we read, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:"... (Habakkuk 1:13).

We see Yahweh's power is the opposite of the native weakness of humans. His wisdom is in complete contrast of folly. His holiness is the very opposite of moral blemish or defilement. Of old, singers unto Yahweh were appointed, and "that should praise the beauty of holiness," ... (2 Chronicles 20:21).

Omni- (meaning all, everywhere) power is Yahweh's hand and arm. Omniscience His eyes! And omnipresent His word and His mercy! His duration is eternity, but holiness is His beauty. It is this supremacy which renders Him lovely to those who are delivered from sin's dominion. Likewise we never find "His wise name" written, but yes "His great name" is written. But most of all "His holy name." This is the greatest title of honor. Isaiah 6:3, "And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of hosts: the whole earth is full of His abundance."

Psalm 89:35, "Once have I sworn by my holiness"... Yahweh swears by His holiness because that is a fuller expression of Himself than anything else. Therefore we are exhorted to: "Sing unto Yahweh, 0 ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness." (Psalm 30:4). Someone said, It is an attribute of attributes!

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness... (Psalm 110:3). Yahweh's holiness is manifested in His work. Creation in Genesis 1. Yahweh is righteous in all His ways, and holy (merciful or bountiful) in all His works (Psalm 145:17). Yahweh's holiness is manifested in His laws and commandments. "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandments holy, and just, and good." (Romans 7:12 and Exodus 15:11).

Yes, the commandments of Yahweh are good, are pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever; the judgements of Yahweh are true and righteous altogether. See Psalm 19:8-9. The law or the commandments forbids sin in all of its modifications; in its most refined as well as its indecent form; the intent of mind as well as the pollution of the body; the secret desire as well as the covert act. ...Ye shall be holy; for I am holy... (Leviticus 11:45).

Yahweh's holiness is manifested also on the "torture stake." Wondrously and yet most solemnly does the atonement display Yahweh's infinite holiness and abhorrence of sin. How detestable must sin be to Yahweh for Him to punish it to its utmost, when it was imputed to His Son, our Savior Yahshua. Because Yahweh is holy, He abhors all sin! But He loves everything which is in conformity to His commandments and law. He loathes everything which is contrary to it. His word plainly declares in Proverbs 3:32 that the

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froward is abomination to Yahweh; and again in Proverbs 15:26 that the thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to Yahweh.

Surely Yahweh will forgive the sins of everyone who comes to Him in humbleness and regretfulness, but Yahweh does not tolerate actions against His law and commandments. And since Yahshua took on Himself our punishment, He is our "sins forgiver." I thank you Father, for that special gift to me a sinner!

Let us think: for one sin Yahweh banished Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden; for one sin Moses was excluded from the promised land; Elisha's servant was smitten with leprosy; and Ananias and Sapphira were cut off out of the land of the living. Many people view their God (the heavenly Father) as an indulgent old man without much joy, but Romans 14:17 and 15:13 say that the Kingdom of Elohim is not food and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Psalm 7:11 says that Elohim judgeth the righteous, and El is angry with the wicked every day. Yes, Yahweh is angry with the wicked, with those who go against His word; but He will bless the righteous and will compass him as with a shield. See Psalm 5:11-12.

Let us exalt Yahweh our Elohim and worship at His footstool; for He is holy (Psalm 99:5). Did He not give us the Sabbath day that we might rest from our labors and worship Him? The living Yahweh which gave us life! (Genesis 2:2-3, Exodus 31:13-17, and 1 Peter 1:16 where we read, Be ye Holy, for I am holy). When we truly repent of our sins and are forgiven, we then desire a personal relationship with Yahweh and we long to be like Him. May His word dwell in our hearts and minds: "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

We are not bidden to be omnipotent or omniscient as Yahweh is, but we are to be holy in all manner of contact; in conduct, in manners, in action and behavior. 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22: We are to prove all things; hold fast that which is good and abstain from all appearance of evil.

Yahweh alone is the source of holiness, let us earnestly seek holiness from Him. Let our daily prayer be that He may sanctify us, and that our whole spirit and being be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Savior and King Yahshua (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24). And because Yahweh is holy, He is divine, righteous, just, pure, spotless, perfect, upright, sinless, faultless and incorrupt, and dedicated to love. "Holiness is the beauty of all Yahweh's attributes."

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GIFTS

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights ... James 1:17.

When we realize we have been a sinner, that we have transgressed our Maker's law (1 John 3:4), and that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), we might decide we would rather have life, and more abundantly (John 10:7-10). We might become very sorry for what we have been. We might decide to make a turn around in our life and ask Yahweh to forgive us. He wishes none would perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

If we then repent and earnestly ask Yahweh to forgive us, thanking Him for the provision He has made through His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, for our sins to be blotted out, and begin to obey Him, we can receive of His set apart Spirit, which He gives to them that obey Him (Acts 5:32). We then want to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh (Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4). We ought to that is. We should not want to live by just part of the words, because Yahshua said, "It has been written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY word that comes from the mouth of Yahweh.' "We should be hot for ALL Scripture Yahweh-breathed, useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). If one doubts some of the "new testament" writings as inspired Scripture, let him consider that Peter indicated that Paul's writings were Scripture with the rest of them; and that the rest of them including the "old testament" are inspired (2 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:21).

Repent and be immersed in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins (note it is two things to do), and you shall receive the GIFT of the set apart Spirit (Acts 2:38). See also Acts 8:14-20 showing that the receiving of the set apart Spirit is a GIFT of Yahweh. The Greek word for GIFT here means FREE GIFT, PRESENT. The same word is also used at John 4:10 where Yahshua mentioned the GIFT of Yah, and that He would have given living water. Yahshua's atoning offering for our sins to be forgiven is also the same type GIFT. "... the GIFT by favour by one man, Yahshua the Messiah, has abounded unto many" (Romans 5:15). Thanks to Yah for His unspeakable GIFT (2 Corinthians 9:15, same word). We see these gifts as important for our everlasting salvation. Having Yahweh's Spirit enables us to obey Him. We cannot fully obey Him without the gift of His Spirit; and without it we are none of the Messiah's (Romans 8:4-10). It is the obedient who will be saved (1 Peter 4:18). And we could not be saved without the gift by Yahshua, giving His life that our sins may be atoned for.

Let us now consider a different Greek word translated GIFT which means FAVOUR, SPIRITUAL ENDOWMENT, MIRACULOUS FACULTY. These gifts are not specifically pertaining to our everlasting salvation, but rather for a better salvation of this present life. (Note however that a man is justified by FAITH, which is one of these gifts, Romans 3:28, 5:1, & Galatians 2:16. And "by favour are you saved through FAITH...," Ephesians 2:8. We need to believe, have FAITH, that provision for our justification, sins being blotted out for salvation, is by the death of Yahshua the Messiah for us. Also consider Yah's people destroyed (cut off) for lack of KNOWLEDGE, another of the gifts, (Hosea 4:6).

Every man has his proper GIFT of Yah, one after this manner, and another after that (1 Corinthians 7:7). Neglect not the GIFT that is in you... (1 Timothy 4:14).

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At the 1995 Festival of Tabernacles we attended, more than one speaker emphasized the fact that gifts of the Spirit are upon the body of the Messiah, and that they ought to be put to use for the benefit of the assembly of Yahweh.

Read chapter 12 of 1 Corinthians. We find that Yahweh by His Spirit gives certain gifts to His assembly, the body of the Messiah. The reading is "are" and "is" -- not "was" and "were". Mentioned are wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing (curing), miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues. Yahweh has also set apostles, prophets, teachers, helps, governments. And in Romans 12 we also find ministry, exhorting, giving, ruling, and showing mercy. We find all members do not have all the gifts, but Yahweh gives severally as He will -- to one this, and to another that. We are to eagerly desire the greater gifts. To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (verse 7, NIV).

When we come together in convocations as Yahweh directs, or any time, or by phone or letter, or tape, computer, etc., we ought to be willingly ready to help others with the gift or gifts with which we have been endowed. And we all should be willingly ready to partake of what other members have for us -- not forgetting that those members of the body which are thought to be weaker, are necessary -- or as the NIV has it, are indispensable (verse 22). We need to keep remembering to consider other members better than ourselves (Philippians 2:3). I have been somewhat endowed with wisdom, knowledge, faith, discerning of spirits, healing (cures), and teaching. Which gifts do you have?

We find that FAITH (verse 9) is a very important gift to be seeking. Even the apostles (disciples) who had been given power by Yahshua, needed FAITH to bring about the miracles of healing and casting out of demons (Matthew 10:1) They couldn't cast out a demon once because of unbelief, which is lack of faith (Matthew 17:19, 20). And Peter indicated that it was Yahshua's Name, through FAITH (believing) in His Name that made the lame man strong (Acts 3:16). Peter had FAITH, doubted not, knew the lame man would walk (verse 6).

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23). Having the gift of knowledge is one thing; but having the gift of wisdom is knowing how to best use what we have. If we ask in FAITH, we can have wisdom; but if we doubt, we needn't think we shall receive anything from Yahweh (James 1:5-8). "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask Yah who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he wil1 receive anything from Yahweh. He is a double minded man, unstable in all he does."

On the other hand, note that Yahshua said, "All things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer BELIEVING you shall receive." (Matthew 21:22). He was talking to His disciples -- ones following Him. It is the righteous that receive what they ask in prayer. "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 also Psalm 34:15, Proverbs 15:29 and 28:9, 1 Peter 3:12, James 5:16). But remember, we must believe -- have FAITH.

Elders should be eagerly desiring the FAITH gift. We note in James 5:14-16 that the sick should call for the elders of the Assembly and they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of Yahshua. And the prayer of FAITH shall (will) save the sick. I also feel the one prayed for (the sick one) should have faith. Notice that the woman with the flow of blood that the physicians did not help, knew (had faith) that if

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she but touched Yahshua's garment she would be healed. Yahshua didn't know of this till He felt power go out of him (Mark 5:25-34). So apparently it was just the woman that had the faith in this case. She was healed because of her FAITH; but the power from Yahshua did it.

Now as to calling for the elders, and the prayer of faith saving the sick, I would like to relate of a time at a Feast of Tabernacles that a brother with a hernia asked for the elders to pray saying, "I know Yahweh can heal me." I said, "Yahweh WILL heal you." We prayed, and he later said that the healing was almost immediate. I know he had a hernia for because of his affliction, some of us had gone to his place to cut some wood for him. And at the 1995 Feast of Tabernacles a brother called for the elders to pray for the healing of a spur. He announced at or about the next meeting, that he was healed. These miraculous healings are not because of any power the elders have -- unless it be the power of FAITH. Always remember that it is Yahweh that does the healing (Exodus 15:26). I once even heard the then president of the American Medical Association indicate that it wasn't them that healed, but that it was the Almighty One.

Now to consider "gifts of healing," note that in 1 Corinthians 12, three verses (9, 28, 30) refer to gifts of healing, or gifts of healings. Note that they are gifts (plural); and they are given to an individual one. Verse 8 starts, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom..." Verse 9 says, "... to another the gifts of healing..." We see by the context of the whole chapter that Yahweh by His Spirit gives the gifts to individuals severally as He will. An individual person can have one or all of the gifts. The point I make now is that individual ones have gifts, more than one gift of healing. Checking in Strong's Concordance for the meaning of the word "healing", we find that it means "a cure". Therefore individuals, some of them in the assembly, are endowed with gifts of a cure, or have the cure, or cures, when necessary. A cure brings about a healing.

Let's read an example of this in 2 Kings 20:1-7. King Hezekiah was sick and near death. He was told by Yahweh through Isaiah that he was going to die. Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh, weeping bitterly. Isaiah was leaving; but Yahweh told him to go back and tell Hezekiah He had heard his prayer and seen his tears, and He would heal him, and add fifteen years to his days. Isaiah said, "Prepare a poultice of figs." They did so and applied it to the boil, and he recovered. The healing really came about because of Hezekiah's prayer; but the cure was the figs, and Isaiah had it. Asa, another king (2 Chronicles 16:12-13) was diseased severely. He sought the physicians; but not Yahweh. He died. What would have been the cure in his case? We do not know; because he did not seek Yahweh. Which would you rather do?

So knowing that these verses in 1 Corinthians 12 mean "gifts of a cure", we can respect those that Yahweh has set in the assembly who have these gifts, and enjoy the benefits as Yahweh provides them when needed (1 Corinthians 12:28). These saints very much want to share what they have. Maybe we'll then go less or not at all to the doctors of Egypt, gladly listening to the saints' messages of healing and how we ought to be eating etc. too, knowing that it is Yahweh that gives them these gifts to not only benefit themselves, but the whole assembly.

Ones having these gifts likely know of numerous cures for numerous ailments. That is why the Word says gifts, plural. If it meant one gift of miraculous healing, it would read gift, singular. There were, and are, of course, miraculous healings as previously mentioned; but Scripture does not say they are the result of someone having the gift (singular) of healing. Healings brought about by means of a cure are really a miracle too.

With the disciples, a power from Yahshua and FAITH was involved, and maybe

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sometimes a cure too (see Luke 9:6, Rotherham). Today it is FAITH, and a CURE may be involved. Yahweh still heals almost instantly sometimes; but probably more often a cure is shown after prayer. Prayer of faith and cures can go hand in hand; and Yahweh does the healing.

In my own personal family life there have been instances of Yahweh healing after prayer, and a cure or cures involved. Once our son was very, very sick abed. I called for elders -- not physicians. One elder brought along a book telling some things to do. I gave the boy cures – steam, hot fomentations, garlic, lemon juice. He was well in 3 days; and a cough he had had for months also disappeared. Before calling for the elders, I didn't know what to do. Another time my back "went out" while driving to work. got me home, and my wife drove me to a chiropractor I was better for a while; but the back got bad again. I decided to do as Yahshua said about praying believing. I prayed that I wouldn't have to go to the chiropractor any more for my back; and repeated, "He will heal me. He will heal me." By a miracle He did. I had no pain for about 2 weeks. But then it began to come back. Why? I didn't know. Talking to an Adventist friend about my cousin's wife's bad back, he said, "She needs carrot juice." I had the sense to realize the message was for me, and began to drink it. Probably knowing nothing about gifts of cures at the time, I thought likely my pain had come back so I would get myself and family on a better diet. I didn't realize the raw carrot juice was the Scriptural gift of a cure the Adventist had for me; and he didn't know it was for me either. I also decided on my own (right or wrong) to eat almost all raw food for about 3 years. To this day, many years later, I have never had to go back to the chiropractor for my back. I've drunk many gallons of carrot juice. I also had been told I had a heart leakage. I'm not told this now.

I have given some examples of GIFTS in action. HalleluYah! Praise Yahweh for the gifts He gives us. Let us be glad for them, use them, and benefit by them.

Elder George Kinney

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Your food should be your medicine!

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YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE

Can we tell by the holy scriptures just where paradise is, and when or if this promise, made to the thief by our saviour while hanging on the tree of calvary, has been fulfilled?

The word paradise appears only three times in the bible; Luke 23:43, 2 Corinthians 12:4, Revelation 2:7. It is found in Strong's Concordance #3857. Its meaning is; A park, that is specific an Eden, place of future happiness. Compared to the Hebrew #6508 which means; A park, forest, orchard. Young's Concordance tells us its meaning is park, garden ground. The Hebrew new testament and also the Jewish Bible by David H. Stern, has in place of paradise, Gan-Eden (the garden of Eden).

Does Eden and Paradise have something in common? The first of the three times paradise appears in scripture is in Luke 23:43. Here in verse 42, the thief hanging on the torture stake next to our saviour, asked to be remembered when Yahshua* comes into His kingdom. Yahshua answers the thief's question by telling him, "Assuredly, I say to you today, you will be with me in paradise." Yahshua at death will go to the grave, the heart of the earth, and will not arise for three days and nights. How could the thief be with Yahshua today? Matthew 12:40, 27:58-64. When Yahshua comes into His kingdom (the thief asked the question in verse 42) is at the resurrection when paradise is restored.

The Greek language has no punctuation marks or commas, they are supplied by the translators as they feel are correct. To line up with plain scripture teaching the comma must go after "today" instead of after "you" here in Luke 23:43.

When the kingdom of heaven comes, or is set up here on earth, it will be like the "Garden of Eden" paradise restored. The paradise of Eden, lost by Adam and Eve will be restored by the second Adam, Yahshua our saviour.

In a promise to Israel, in the end of time, "For Yahweh* will comfort Zion... He will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the garden of Yahweh; joy and gladness will be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." Isaiah 51:3.

In the future, a time when the desert will bloom as a rose (Isaiah 35:1-10). In the end of time, at the return of our saviour, we read in Ezekiel 36:35, "So they will say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; ..."

Paradise is a Persian word adapted by the Greeks to symbolize a place of beauty and delight. It means park or garden and refers to the garden of Eden in Genesis 2:8 (Lxx) and to the future bliss. Exp. Bible Commentary. So here we see the Persian word paradise is basically equal to the Hebrew "Garden of Eden." Revelation 2:7 confirms that the kingdom to come is at the time when the overcomer will eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Yahweh, the garden of Eden. The garden of Eden is none other than the kingdom of Yahweh that is set up at the return of Yahshua. Matthew 6:10.

Where and when is Paradise? The "tree of life" is in the midst of the paradise of Yahweh. Revelation 2:7. Then in Revelation 22:2, we see the tree of life is in the new kingdom from heaven, where Yahweh's throne is, in the new earth where the leaves of the tree of life will be for the healing of the nations. Then in Revelation 21:1-3, at the same time and place we see the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven, (to the earth) from Yahweh; verse 3, and a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of Yahweh is with men, and He (Yahweh) will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Yahweh Himself will be with them and be their Mighty one. See also Ezekiel 37:26-28.

In the first garden of Eden Yahweh the creator came walking in the cool of the day; Adam and Eve ran and hid (broken fellowship), Genesis 3:8. In paradise restored, the

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garden of Eden of the future, we see Yahweh with His people together again, fellowship restored. Revelation 31:2-4.

The second place the word paradise is found is Revelation 2:7 which we have already covered. The third place we find the word paradise in scripture is 2 Corinthians 12:4. The apostle Paul was granted to look down into the future, into the third dispensation of time. He was so to speak, placed into a time machine (the holy spirit) and was taken into the future and heard words which were inexpressible, words which were not lawful for man to utter. Was he looking into the coming kingdom, paradise restored?

I believe the scriptures teach that there are three major dispensations of time, possibly referred to as three heavens, or three worlds of time. Example in 2 Peter 3:6, we see the first heaven or dispensation of time, the world of Noah before the flood. The world that then existed perished, (destroyed by a flood, because of wickedness), Genesis 6. This is the first heaven or dispensation of time. Now to verse 7 in 2 Peter 3, we see the second heavens and earth which now exist are kept in store by the same word, reserved for fire until the day of judgment... This will be at the return of our saviour, just before (or at) the resurrection. The third heaven or world or dispensation of time is in verse 13, "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth,"... Here we see three major divisions of time. The apostle Paul was in the second period of time, but was caught up by the spirit, into the third heaven, that will be at the end of time, when paradise is restored and where righteousness dwells.

John the revelator-a time traveler. In Revelation 1:10, John was in the spirit on Yahweh's day. Yahweh's day to the world is a day of judgment. John was caught away by the spirit into the future and wrote the book of Revelation of which most is still future.

The day of Yahweh is spoken of many places in scripture. Isaiah 2:12-19 and 13:6-13. Wail, for the day of Yahweh is at hand, it will come as destruction from the almighty. Isaiah 13:9, Behold the day of Yahweh comes, cruel with wrath... Isaiah 13:10, ...the stars of heaven will not give their light; the sun will be darkened... the moon will not shine. Alas for the day of Yahweh is at hand,... Joel 1:15; Joel 2:1, ... for the day of Yahweh is coming,...

The apostle Paul was carried into the future beyond the great day of Yahweh's wrath, and saw the beauty of His great kingdom. This is the same time as, the day of our Master Yahshua* the Messiah in 1 Corinthians 1:8, 2 Corinthians 1:14, Philippians 1:6,10. The day of Yahweh is spoken of in many places in the new testament; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4, ... the day of Yahweh so comes as a thief... (2 Thess. 2:2, 2 Timothy 1:12, 18 and 4:8 for just a few).

In the restored paradise (Gan-Eden), in the new earth, in the new kingdom to come, we see the tree of life, the beautiful garden and a river flowing from the throne of Yahweh and Yahshua (Ezekiel 47, Zechariah 14:8-9, Revelation 22:1-3).

Living waters shall flow from the temple, the throne of Yahweh in that day, when Yahweh shall be King over all the earth. In the Old Testament we see Eden lost, in the New Testament we see paradise restored. Both referring to a beautiful place provided for mankind by our loving creator. In Eden paradise lost, the coming kingdom paradise restored. If we let the scripture interpret scripture we will find harmony in the scripture. In search of the faith once delivered to the saints, Jude 3.

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*Yahweh, the true name of the creator.

*Yahshua, the true name of the saviour.

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FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2002 Eaton Rapids, Michigan

The theme of the Feast this year was "Create in me a clean Heart" (Psalm 51:10). Feast of Tabernacles is a joyous occasion at the Eaton Rapids Assembly of Yahweh; we always look forward to it with great anticipation. The whole eight days are for rejoicing, praising, praying, feasting on Yahweh's word, fellowshipping, and thoroughly enjoying life. This is the time of year when we see other believers in Yahweh, and so this year besides believers from all over Michigan, there were those of like faith from Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and a large group from Toronto, Canada.

The Feast began with introductions and testimonies which included how many years individuals had kept the Feast of Tabernacles. Samuel Graham, Michigan, read from Leviticus 23:39, Numbers 29:39, Exodus 34:24, and Zechariah 14:1-2 (scriptures regarding the Feast).

Otto Miesel, Michigan, spoke on Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart" and admonished us to give our hearts to Yahshua, who is our strength. Our salvation is through Yahshua, there is no other way, (John 14, Hebrews 9:11-15, 2 Timothy 2:10 & 2:19, Revelation 12:10-12).

Robert McDonald, Ohio, ministered from Acts 15:19, Romans 1:1-11, 2 Corinthians 12:11-21, Galatians 5:2, Ephesians 5:3 and Colossians 3:3-11. With these scriptures Bob encouraged the saints to turn from sinful acts, to not bring curses upon ourselves, to look at the works of the flesh and not let it be named among us. "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?"... (1 Corinthians 6:1).

Baruch Bobo, Ohio, told us that "Yahweh expects more from us." We need to examine ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5). We have ears to hear (Proverbs 20:12). Yahshua is looking for a life change in His people. Baruch read from 1 John 3:1-9 and Matthew 22. The love of Yahweh is a natural by-product of Yahshua in us.

Peter Danke, Michigan, ministered from Leviticus 11 on the clean food laws. These oracles are as alive today as when they were given to Moses. Isaiah 66:17, "They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith Yahweh." Peter read 1 Samuel 6:4, Leviticus 23, and from Deuteronomy, chapters 28 and 29. He emphasized the scripture, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil. Choose Life.

Robert Wells, Michigan, opened his message with a testimony about the Eaton Rapids Feast Site and then stated, You did not come to church this evening, you came to an ecclesiastical meeting, a called-out assembly. Bob explained the definition of many Greek words that we use and traced these words back to Hebrew roots, using C. Koster's book, The Final Reformation.

David Klopfenstein, Indiana, spoke on righteousness and sin, (1 John 2:9). If we confess our sins, he is willing to forgive. He emphasized, "Don't compromise with sin." Scriptures were read from Matthew 13:21-22, 7:27, 19:16; Romans 6:12, 8:6-8; 2 Timothy 3:12.

Roger Norman, Texas, shared scriptures (Genesis 1:1, 1:30, 5:32), and his views on Evolution versus Creation, asking, is there any evidence of dinosaurs on earth? The leviathan (Job 41:1), and the behemoth (Job 40:15), could have been dinosaurs. Roger mentioned Mt. St. Helen was a positive for creation as great valleys were carved out of

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rock in a three hour time span. He mentioned the bombardier beetle created with two cannon-like gas emitting tails for self defense.

Rock Key Yah (Spence), Illinois, shared his thoughts on seeing the natural with spiritual eyes, using a hub, bearings and shaft key of an auto differential (Ephesians 4:16). The hub (the assembly) holds all the parts together so we can all roll along the narrow way. The shaft key is Yahshua and the lubrication is the holy spirit. There are many essential parts, just as we as members are needed in the body for it to work smoothly. Other texts-Eph. 3:5, Isaiah 1:18.

Samuel Graham reemphasized the importance of keeping the Feasts with scriptures from Leviticus 23, John 7:36-39, John 12:13, Romans 12:1 and Nehemiah 8:8-18. Samuel related the history of the various Sacred Name Bibles that have been published starting with the 1950 version of the New Testament by A. B. Traina to the latest The Word of Yahweh printed in 2000 (50 years of scriptures printed using Yahweh's Memorial Name).

Other highlights were: The Book of Deuteronomy was read during the Feast. Mark and Lisa Wilber dedicated their baby daughter Brianna to Yahweh. We were blessed with many song specials and musical offerings. There was a field trip to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, MI, an excursion to Holbrook's Buffalo farm, and everyone enjoyed the hayride and hot dog roast. The ladies (young and older) enjoyed a "Spa" day, which included health and exercise tips, massages and facials, a "Smoothie" fruit drink, etc., while the gentlemen enjoyed a "Men's Tea" sharing brotherly spiritual and scriptural views on life.

The Feast ended with a spirit of love, joy and harmony; and a looking forward to the next Feast.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

LETTER TO THE FAITH

Dear Brethren in Like Precious Faith;

Greetings to you all in the wonderful name of Yahshua the Messiah and soon coming King. Hallelu Yah. Thank you Father.

I am very happy to send my report of the Feast of Tabernacles 2002, on behalf of all the dear ones who joined with me to send their regards. Thank you Father for your great love. Feast of Tabernacles was held this year at Canefield on the northern part of Dominica, with guests from all around the Caribbean attending: Elder Rafael Jenkins from St. Kitts and all his congregation; from St. Lucia, Brother Francois; from Trinidad-Tobago; from St. Thomas Brother Simon and group; St. Martin, Elder Jones Denis from Grand Bay from the south of D/A and congregation. Each Elder spoke on different subjects. On the Last Great Day Elder L. Williams voiced the vote of thanks, and Elder Jenkins gave the last message on the new beginning. We did have a very happy Tabernacles with great joy.

Obituary: Sister Doris James, who was so loving to all of us, passed away October 1, 2002. She became a mother to all the brothers and sisters in the Assembly. Sister Doris accepted Yahshua as her Savior 15 years ago and spent those 15 years in lovingkindness with all the brethren. She was 81 years of age. Thank you Father.

Yours in the Master's Service, Elder Joseph Liverpool, Commonwealth of Dominica

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IN MEMORIAM

BRADLEY E. KISSEE (49) - Bardstown, Kentucky. On September 8, 2002 as the day was just beginning and Sabbath had passed, my precious brother, Pastor Brad passed away. This came after an eight month struggle to recover from two strokes in January 2002 and one or two more in the Spring. Brad had been doing fine in his recovery until our mother (Helen Kissee) passed away very suddenly. They had co-ministered together all their life starting when Brad was a child. He went on to become a Youth Pastor and in college he was on TBN, Channel 21 as a children's minister.

In 1977 or shortly before, he came into the Sacred Names through Sister June Rivera, and soon afterward was ordained a minister in the Assembly by Bishop Bowen. From then on he led countless members of the body of the Messiah back to the correct names, holy days, keeping the Sabbath and kosher diet. He produced numerous cassette tapes on those subjects.

He felt led to make programs specifically designed to air on T.V. We attended classes given by the public access stations in Phoenix, Scottsdale and Glendale, Arizona, to learn how to run the cameras, lights and character generators. He then produced some of the most professional, polished programs I have ever seen on public access television. He reached thousands.

As his sister, I know his every tear, his every struggle, his constant desire to live each and every moment of his life doing Yahweh's work. His sincere wish was to get the word of Yahweh out to the multitudes.

In Yahshua's Love, S. D. Kissee

MARION E. MEADER (8l) - Springport, Michigan. In loving memory of Marion Meader who went to sleep in Yahshua, July 6, 2002. Marion Goodspeed Meader was born in Bristol, Connecticut, April 15, 1921. She traveled by horse and covered wagon up to Vienna, Maine at the tender age of one year. She was baptized in the S.D.A. Church at 15 years of age. She married Fehlman Meader June 26, 1938 and together they had six children.

In the late 1960's they and their two youngest children moved to Morrice, Michigan. In the early 1970's they learned of the name of Yahweh through the Sabbath Sentinel magazine. They remained in the Sacred Name movement the rest of her life.

It was fitting that she fell asleep on the beautiful Sabbath day of July 6 at 7:10 in the evening. She loved her Savior dearly and was always witnessing for Him. And so it is with joy and longing that we wait for Yahshua's glorious return to be reunited with our beloved mother.

Submitted by: Bernice Averye

1 CORINTHIANS 15:52 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.

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ACTS 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

ACTS 10:38 How Elohim anointed Yahshua of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for Elohim was with him.

JAMES 5:15-16 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and Yahweh shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1 PETER 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

3 JOHN 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

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Days	APRIL 16 Celebrate APRIL 15 after sunset	Convocation	
Jan. 5	Celebrate APKIL 15 after sunset	Days	
Feb. 3	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD	April 17	
Mar. 5	APRIL 17 through APRIL 23	April 23	
April 3	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 6 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 6	
May 3		Sept. 28	
June 2	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 28	Oct. 7	
July 1	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 7	Oct. 12	
July 31	FEAST OF TABERNACLES	Oct. 19	
Aug. 29	(Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 12 through OCTOBER 18	7 days	
Sept. 28	OCTOBER 12 unough OCTOBER 10	in all - the	
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