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YAHWEH'S FEASTS

Yahweh spake unto Moses saying,
“Speak to Israel for me;
Tell them that my Feasts are holy,
They must keep them faithfully.” Lev. 23:1, 2

Chorus:

“Keep my Feasts, ye sons of Israel Lev. 23:41
Hear my law and do obey;
I am Yahweh, my word ne’er changes; Mal. 3:16
Keep MY Feasts upon MY day.” Lev. 23:37

Yahweh says THREE TIMES IN A YEAR
That ALL THY MALES must take the stand,
In the place which He has chosen, Deut. 16:16
Hear, O ISRAEL, My command. Mark 12:29

Feast of Passover, Feast of Weeks, and
Feast of Tabernacles too; Deut. 16:16
Every man shall give as he’s able Deut. 16:17
Thus saith Yahweh to me and you.

Blessings greatly I’ll multiply to
All who heed and do obey; Deut. 28:2
Curses plenty shall be your portion
If ye walk your willful way. Deut. 28:15

B. A. Saxman

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Editorial

WARS AND RUMOURS OF WARS

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. Matthew 24:6.

The news media is full of reports of nations brandishing their swords as the pride of mankind rears its head. Why, why, why hasn't mankind learned from the futility, the devastation (of cities, lands), the loss of life, as they strive to become overlords/masters of other nations.

As we read the passages in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, the warnings of war in the latter days have awakened and alarmed believers and non-believers alike. These words were spoken by our Savior, the one sent from heaven, lived on this earth 30 years, started his Life Saving Ministry in Israel. His mission was to save Yahweh's Creation, to show the inhabitants of the earth, that his Heavenly Father's **commandments, statutes and judgments** could be kept. He gave his life for all the sins of mankind (sin is the transgression of the Law, 1 John 3:4). The ten commandment law found in Exodus 20 and many other laws listed in Deuteronomy, chapters 4, 5 and 6. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as he hath commanded us. Deuteronomy 6:25.

Are we ready for another war? Is this the war that will lead to the final war "Armageddon?" How can nations finance another major or world war? Most nations do not have the funds or credit from the World Bank to finance another war, unless there is a change in monetary values of existing moneys. How can this be? Money used to have the backing of gold and silver. Not any longer. Many nations are bankrupt and many nations are on the verge of bankruptcy.

Back to **the commandments, statutes and judgments**. Psalm 119:124-128 – Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies. It is time for thee, Yahweh, to work: for they have made void thy law. Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

Psalm 19:7-11 – The law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of Yahweh are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

What is worth more than silver and gold? Acts 3:1-6 – Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man

lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple. Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Yahshua the Messiah of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising Elohim.

This mighty power of **healing** extends to us (as believers). Yahshua's words in John 14:12 – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. Are we ready for this power to be gifted to some of us? How righteous do we have to become so the Holy (Kodesh) Spirit can work in us as it did with Yahshua and his disciples?

As the threat of war mentioned in Matthew, Mark and Luke, presents itself in these troubled times, will the miracles be seen in the earth that will turn people to make a decision to accept and follow Yahshua the Messiah? Will there be a recurrence of people willing to forsake their nets and follow Yahshua? Matthew 4:17-20. Remember Yahshua's words in Matthew 28:19, 20 – Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

The minor prophet Zephaniah proclaimed the day of Yahweh is near. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness; bringing distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Yahweh. Neither their **silver** nor their **gold** shall be able to deliver them in the day of Yahweh's wrath; Zephaniah 1:14-18.

Zephaniah's (Yah has secreted, hidden, treasured) answer is in Chapter 2:3 – Seek ye Yahweh, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of Yahweh's anger. Luke 19:10 reads – For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

We see by these scriptures we cannot buy our way into the Kingdom of Yahweh. We have the opportunity now to repent of our sinful lives (breaking Yahweh's Commandments); and ask for forgiveness through His Son Yahshua the Messiah; and then start keeping His Commandments. Revelation 22:14 – Blessed are they that do His Commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Revelation 21:2 – And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Are we ready?

Samuel A. Graham

I SHALL SEE!

Promises from Scripture

Job 19:25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* He shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

Job 19:26 And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see Almighty:

Job 19:27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

Job 42:1 Then Job answered YAHWEH, and said,

Job 42:2 I know that thou canst do *everything*, and *that* no thought can be with holden from Thee.

Job 42:3 Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

Job 42:4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

Job 42:5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

Job 42:6 Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes.

Psa. 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

1Jn. 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1Jn. 2:29 If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.

Isa. 54:9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto Me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

Isa. 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith YAHWEH that hath mercy on thee.

Isa. 54:11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

Isa. 54:12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

Isa. 54:13 And all thy children *shall be* taught of YAHWEH; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children.

Isa. 54:14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

Isa. 54:15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by Me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

Isa. 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

Isa. 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of YAHWEH, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith YAHWEH.

Isa. 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

Isa. 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to YAHWEH for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

Isa. 56:1 Thus saith YAHWEH, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for My salvation *is* near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed.

Isa. 56:2 Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Isa. 56:3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to YAHWEH, speak, saying, YAHWEH hath utterly separated me from His people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

Isa. 56:4 For thus saith YAHWEH unto the eunuchs that keep My sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please Me, and take hold of My covenant;

Isa. 56:5 Even unto them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

Isa. 56:6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to YAHWEH, to serve Him, and to love the name of YAHWEH, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant;

Isa. 56:7 Even them will I bring to My set-apart mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Isa. 56:8 The MOST HIGH YAHWEH which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

Isa. 57:1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come*.

Isa. 57:2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking in his uprightness.

Isa. 60:15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

Isa. 60:16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I YAHWEH *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Isa. 60:17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

Isa. 60:18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

Isa. 60:19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but YAHWEH shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy Almighty thy honor.

Isa. 60:20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for YAHWEH shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Isa. 60:21 Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be magnified.

Isa. 60:22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I YAHWEH will hasten it in His time.

Isa. 65:8 Thus saith YAHWEH, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it: so will I do for My servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

Isa. 65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of My mountains: and Mine elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there.

Isa. 65:10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for My people that have sought Me.

Isa. 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa. 65:18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

Isa. 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Isa. 65:20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

Isa. 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Isa. 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of My people, and Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Isa. 65:23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of YAHWEH, and their offspring with them.

Isa. 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Isa. 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith YAHWEH.

Isa. 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith YAHWEH, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Isa. 66:23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith YAHWEH.

Submitted by Mary Hayes

BECOMING ONE

But from the beginning of the creation Elohim made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they two shall be one flesh: so then they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore Elohim hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Mark 10:6-9, and Matthew 19:4-6.

In marriage women (for the most part) take the name of their husbands and are known by their husband's identity. As believers we too must take the Messiah's identity and his Name. It makes no difference what we were in the past; being believers we have a new identity. Taking the name of your husband you both become one, just as we become one in Yahshua. So as a believer we don't live as we once did, we live as someone who is blessed, victorious, innocent, righteous, pure and beautiful in Messiah. That is who he is and that is what we received in him. Wear it, your blessing, as a bride is to wear the bridegroom's name.

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the honor which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. John 17:21 and 22.

Submitted by Douglas Panetta

YAHWEH'S mercy is not punishing you for what you deserve;

YAHWEH'S grace is giving you what you don't deserve.

Russell F. Medina

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Deuteronomy 16:16 – Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before Yahweh thy Elohim in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the **feast of tabernacles**: and they shall not appear before Yahweh empty:

John 7:8-10, 37-39 – Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. ... 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. He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet esteemed.)

WERE THE PHARISEES EVER RIGHT?

By Chris A.M.O.Y.

The Pharisees are one of the most reviled groups of people in the Bible. Yahshua warned the apostles to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees in Matthew 16:12. However, He also later states that we should do as the Pharisees bid us to do in Matthew 23:3. Most people focus on the former, ignoring the latter. Most of us know what they did wrong, so let's find out what they did right.

First we should make sure we understand who the Pharisees were, and what they were all about. While the Bible doesn't go much into detail about the beliefs of the Pharisees, other historical references and notes such as those found in the NIV or Restoration Study Bible, tell us that their beliefs (the foundation of Modern Judaism) are that both the Torah and the unwritten oral traditions are inspired and authoritative. They ignored the fact that many of the oral traditions contradict the word of Yahweh when He says, in Deuteronomy 4:2a, "You shall not add to the word which I command you..." (See also Proverbs 30:6).

The Pharisees often strove to reinterpret the Law, and to build a "hedge" of extra rules around the Law to prevent people from breaking it. They did this even though the Law itself is already a "hedge" around the life of a believer to prevent sin. They added these extra rules even though it made the Law a burden – instead of a joy. The Pharisees were, additionally, known as champions of human equality and followers of the Law. Unfortunately, the emphasis of their teachings was ethical rather than theological, and focused on outward appearances. They also tended to be hypocritical. Finally, they were known to care solely for the letter of the Law, completely ignoring the spirit or intent of the Law.

In any number of places we can see the wrongs of the Pharisees. As just one example, in Luke 16:13, 14, we can see they loved and served money more than Yahweh. Finding what they did right takes a little more effort. The best place to see both the good and the bad might be the "Woes" in Matthew 23 / Luke 11. In them, Yahshua talks about what was mentioned earlier, that the Pharisees "...cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but inside they are full from extortion and excess," Matthew 23:25b is saying here that they only care about outward appearances. However, in Matthew 23:23, and Luke 11:42, the things the Pharisees do right start to show through if we read Yahshua's words very carefully. "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and pass over justice and the love of Yahweh: but these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Luke 11:42, underline added.) This oft skipped over section of verse, underlined here, gives us our first clue. Yahshua is saying that while the Pharisees were wrong in ignoring the most important part of the Law, they were right to keep the smaller parts of it!

We should reread the verse, if we need to, until we understand that the underlined part is saying that following the smaller parts of the Law, like tithing herbs, should not go undone. With this in mind, the beginning of Matthew 23 starts to make sense. "...the scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat: all things therefore whatever they bid you,

these do and observe...” (Matthew 23:2b-3a) The seat of Moses is where the Pharisees would sit to both teach the Law, and just talk about the Law with the people. With our new understanding, we can now see the full meaning of these verses “... all things (of the law) therefore whatever they bid you, *these* do and observe...” Some of us may need more proof of this, so let’s take a look at Matthew 5:20. “For I say to you that except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Many people believe that “righteousness” is a reference to belief in Yahshua, of which most of the Pharisees had none. However, that doesn’t quite make sense. “Exceeds is quantitative, but none is a non-quantity. To paraphrase Matthew 5:20 with that understanding “For I say to you, that except your (belief in Yahshua) shall exceed (none), you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.” As we can see, that is incorrect. The way to better understand Matthew 5:20 is to better understand the word “righteousness.” Romans 2:13b (NIV) says “...it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.” So we find here, and in other places like Deuteronomy 6:25, that the biblical definition of righteousness is obeying the Law. Now let’s paraphrase that definition, and our knowledge that the Pharisees kept the smaller parts of the Law, into Matthew 5:20. “For I say to you that except your (obeying of the Law) shall exceed (the smaller parts of the Law that even) the scribes and Pharisees (obey), you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Now it makes sense.

The Pharisees set many bad examples with their hypocrisy, lack of faith, and their focus on the letter (and not the spirit) of the Law (just to name a few). Yet, if we think about it, what made the Pharisees hypocrites? They didn’t follow the Law that they taught. What about their lack of faith? Faith is an important part of following the Law, according to Yahshua in Matthew 23:23. The Pharisees’ focus on the letter of the law? It was a problem because they should have been following the spirit of the Law. If they were wrong for following the Law, it wouldn’t have mattered whether it was the letter or the spirit.

The thing that Pharisees actually got right was following the smaller parts of the Law, though they should have been keeping all of it. So, now we know that according to our Messiah, Yahshua, following the smaller parts of the Law, like the Pharisees, is a mark we should all meet...and then exceed. Praise Yahweh!

*Quotes from the 1901 ASV, Bethel Edition except where noted otherwise.

Editor's Note: Acts 23:8 - For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

The sect of Pharisees is thought to have originated in the 3rd century B.C., in days preceding the Maccabean wars, when under Greek domination and the Greek effort to Hellenize the Jews, there was a strong tendency among the Jews to accept Greek culture with its pagan religious customs. The rise of the Pharisees was a reaction and protest against this tendency among their fellow-countrymen. Their aim was to preserve their national integrity and strict conformity to Mosaic law. They later developed into self-righteous and hypocritical formalists. (See under Matthew 23.) – HALLEY’S BIBLE HANDBOOK

A LETTER RECEIVED, A LETTER READ, A LETTER ANSWERED WITH LOVE, TRUTH AND TRACTS

Elder Dwayne Wilson and family from the Sterling, Illinois, Shalom Assembly were on a mission after the Unity Conference to transport three believers from Kenya around the United States to visit various Assembly sites.

One brother, Elder Lawrence Mogaka wanted to visit the Assembly of Yahweh in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Lawrence had received the truth, the name of Yahweh and Yahshua and the message of salvation through this Assembly. His letter was answered (20 years earlier) and signed by Marjorie L. Graham (Pastor Samuel Graham's mother). Elder Lawrence could not believe he would ever be able to travel to the United States and to the Assembly where he first received the true message of Salvation. This was truly a blessing to have him and Stephen Ng'ang'a and his wife Beatrice visit us.

"I am happy to be here for this is the first assembly in my life when I was convicted in the faith of Yahshua. I received some Faith magazines through Marjorie Graham (Samuel Graham's mother) over 20 years ago. The dream has come true. Yahweh bless – HalleluYah." *Lawrence Mogaka*

"It is a great honor to be standing here in Michigan; it is wonderful to be in the place where a Bible with Sacred Name that I use came from. Your Bible was an inspiration that birthed our now printed Swahili Sacred Name Bible. Your publication has been a blessing to many in the world and in Kenya particularly where I come from. In other words you have supported the growth of the work of Yahweh in a way that you probably didn't know. You have changed many that you don't know and you will never know or meet. I stand here to express gratitude and thanks to this ministry on behalf of all those out there that have been positively touched by you sons and daughters of Yahweh." *Stephen K. Ng'ang'a.*

"I am so happy to be here in Michigan for my first time in U.S.A. Your welcome is very warm to me. May Yahweh our Heavenly Father bless you all. HalleluYah." *Beatrice Steve from Kenya-Nakuru*

BIBLE IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

Funds are needed to print a Bible (Scriptures) extoling Yahweh's name in the Russian language. Jacob C. Meyer introduced the Sylvester Bogush family who attended the USA 2017 Unity Conference in Meyerstown, Pennsylvania in August 2017. They have done extensive work to bring Yahweh and Yahshua's Name to the Russian people. If you would like to help in this endeavor please contact:

Yahweh's Free Brethren Assembly, P.O. Box 245, Meyerstown, PA 17067.

The USA Unity Conference over the years has been instrumental in the printing of several Bibles; The Word of Yahweh, the Telugu Bible in India and the Swahili Bible in Kenya.

33RD ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE

The Unity Conference this year was one of harmony, love, peace, and good fellowship. The theme throughout the conference was to work together as one body to take the salvation message throughout the world. It was good to see this coming to fruition as many brethren from other countries were in attendance for the Unity Conference this year.

Brethren gathered from many parts of the world, and came together with one voice singing praises to Father Yahweh, and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah. Brethren from as far away as Dominica, Romania, Kenya, Israel, India, the Virgin Islands, and Trinidad were there. It was encouraging to learn that the Bible is being translated into Russian. It is in the mock-up stages and is waiting for the funds to get it published. There are also Bibles with Yahweh's Name in Swahili, Telugu, and Indian.

Pastor Sam Graham gave a brief report on the humble beginning of the Unity Conference 33 years ago. It was interesting to hear how an endeavor that started so small has taken root, and has evolved in so many ways over the years, actually achieving what the purpose was when it began—to bring people together in unity of spirit and truth, and the desire to work together for this cause. A special thank you to Pastor Sam for his perseverance all these years.

Sister Amy Pletz welcomed everyone to the Unity Conference and gave an introduction to the area with its many historical sites that could be visited if anyone was staying in the area for a few days. Elder Jake Meyer then gave a little background on the history of Pennsylvania and how William Penn's religious convictions influenced this country in an extremely positive way in forming our laws. It was a good history lesson for us all.

Elder Frank Kennedy, from Delaware, gave the first message, "Who Is the Family of Yah?" He summed it up by saying, "You are all in the family of Yahweh IF you believe in the faith." We are responsible for our words because we will be judged by them, and in closing, he read from Matthew 28:16, the great commission.

Elder Solomon Meyer, from Ohio, gave a message called "Time For A Family Meeting." He told about his recent move to Ohio where he established an assembly called, "Enduring Hope Assembly of Yahweh." He asked if any were from a dysfunctional family and went on to say that the Body of Messiah should not be dysfunctional. He gave some rules as to how a family should function and said that they can also apply to the spiritual family. The following were some of the points to live by: Be committed to each other; communicate openly and frequently with each other; trust and value the trust of other members; respect other's ideas; extend mercy to those who have strayed; do not hold a grudge, and more. We should have a firm foundation, and that foundation is Yahshua the Messiah, and His Word.

After a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies, Elder Joseph Sedra, from Pennsylvania, gave a message on "Unity and the Family." He taught that the Body of Messiah will not be in unity unless the families of the assembly are unified. He went on to say that marriage is the most important institution that Yahweh created, and the marriage covenant must be kept sacred. If the parents are walking with Yahweh, the family will prosper.

Elder Dwayne Wilson, from Illinois, gave a message on "Seeking the Lost." He said that Yahweh has put us in a place to teach us what He wants us to know, and He will call people into the Body of Messiah as He wills. We should be quick to minister to people and

if they only have a small spark, our witness could ignite their interest in Yahweh if they are being called. All we can do is sow the seed. The Spirit has to water it.

Later that afternoon, Elder Jake Meyer showed a documentary presentation on proving the “Reliability of the Biblical Texts.” It went into great detail proving the authenticity of the Scripture.

Elder Jake Meyer spoke on “Unity in the Body.” He said that we should respect each other even though we might have different beliefs. He said that Yahweh desires that His great name is known around the entire earth, and that he would like to have a part in making this happen. He spoke on his international ministry and said that he is ready to do whatever Yahweh wants him to do to make this happen.

Elder Alan Mansager, from Missouri, gave a very humorous rendition of dysfunctional families throughout Scripture. He called his message, “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.” He said that family problems started right away in Eden when, because of jealousy, Caan killed his brother Abel. He continued right on through Scripture and gave many examples. There was contention between Sarah and her handmaid, Hagar; Rebekah loved Jacob, but Isaac liked Esau better; Jacob’s sons sold Joseph into slavery. And the examples continued. Elder Alan gave some examples from Scripture that the family can, and will, be blessed if they follow. The 5th Commandment says to **“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land Yahweh your Elohim is giving you,” Exodus 20:12.** He continued by saying, this is the only commandment with a promise. He quoted from **Psalm 127:4, 5, “Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.”** He compared our children to an arrow, and said if we do everything we can to make our “arrows straight” by teaching them Yahweh’s laws, it will help them to “hit the mark.” It was a great message.

Elder Lyndell Williams from Dominica spoke next. He gave a very good message called “Unity in Diversity.” He gave an emotional testimony on how he had lost two sons within months of each other, and how his daughter was miraculously healed of a 26-pound tumor. Through all these trials, he never rejected Yahweh, or gave up on his faithfulness to Him. He went on to say how important it is to be a part of the family of Yah, and to support each other, when needed. We should be united and all speak the same thing—to have no divisions among us—united in mind and body. Yahshua prayed to His Father, in the garden, **that they may be one as We are one.** We all have differences of opinions—it’s how we deal with the differences that makes us acceptable in His sight.

After a break, and a gourmet Sabbath lunch, Elder Phillip Thomas, from India, gave a talk on “The Family of the Excellent Exemplar.” He gave us a lot of in-depth information on Islam, and readings from the Koran. It was an eye opener to us all.

Elder Jerry Healan, from Texas, gave a talk on Numbers in Scripture, and what they represent. He gave us some interesting facts on the Hebrew alphabet. Another interesting fact he gave is found in John 21:11, when Simon Peter dragged his net ashore and the amount of fish caught were exactly numbered—153. The number 153 is also found in many names and words, when the numerical value is figured, and Elder Jerry mentioned some of them.

Elder Don Esposito, from Israel, gave a very interesting talk on the “Aramaic Origins of the New Testament.” He feels that the New Testament was absolutely written in Aramaic and he gave many examples where the Greek doesn’t come across like the Aramaic does. For instance, Matthew 19:24 says, ... “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Elohim.” The word “camel” in Aramaic

is “heavy rope.” Luke 7:35 says, “Wisdom is justified by all her children.” And the Aramaic says, “By its works.” He gave examples of some words in the Greek that were not translatable. This very convincing message can be heard on his website at: www.Coyhwh.com and click on “Audio Download.”

The Frystown Assembly is very close to moving into their new building. Elder Jake gave a guided tour of the building Sunday morning. Everyone was amazed at the beautiful structure, and the unique qualities of the building. There is a lot of history that goes with the building, and also a sentimental element. It was built in the 1800’s and Elder Jake’s grandfather used to preach in this very building years ago. Yahweh has blessed them with a beautiful place to place His Name and they are grateful for this blessing.

Praise Yahweh for a wonderful 2017 Unity Conference, and a special thank you to everyone in the Frystown Assembly for making us all feel so very welcome. Next year, the conference will be held in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, pastored by Elder Samuel Graham.

Submitted by Janet Garner, Rocheport, Missouri

NOTICE!!!

Many Conference Calls are being held by individuals who are using the Sacred Names. There are many Believers who lack the opportunity to assemble with others of like Faith. The Faith staff would like to help meet the needs of those individuals who do not have the opportunity to worship on a weekly basis with Believers in Yahweh and Yahshua.

We are requesting Assemblies and Fellowships who offer weekly Conference Calls for their members and friends, who are open to other Believers participating, to send an email with details about their Conference Calls, Bible Studies, Prayer Calls, etc. to hiawathac@gmail.com. The following are several groups offering various services.

www.TorahLifeMinistries.org – Paul Nison – paul@rawlife.com – wrote: Each day I do a live bible reading. I do not know what time I will be live each day but you can watch the video once it is posted.

Sabbath Service and Fellowship – Yahshua Fellowship in Newark, Delaware is a home fellowship with conference call ministry founded by Elder Frank Kennedy. We meet Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 EST, the conference call # is 712-775-7100; access code is 882167#. Frank’s cell phone is 302-981-6339. Prayer ministry – We also host 2 prayer meetings weekly on the conference call line. Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. is a prayer time for family; and Men’s prayer time is Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Elder E. J. Robinson, Snellville, GA – Here is the prayer line times and number 712-755-7031, code is 520730615 (6:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.) Sunday-Friday morning; the studies (Tuesday & Friday AOTCFC 8:30 p.m.). Wednesday Bible Study Beth-El, the House of Yahweh Bronx, NY – Elder Mickens number is 712-755-7031 code 455829602, time is 8:30 p.m. AOTCFC Live radio broadcast Sabbath 12:00 p.m. on WAEC love860.com. Elder Robinson’s phone number is 404-805-1924.

Final Hours Ministries (Mary Hayes, Harrison, Michigan is the coordinator) for Bible study and fellowship, has a new phone number 1-712-832-8310, access code is 9668846#. Regular meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. for fellowship, and study at 11:00 a.m. until done, followed by offerings from participants. You must have unlimited long distance telephone service. For more information go to www.finalhours.net.

YAHSHUA'S JEWELS



Yahshua's Young People

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim. 4:12)

"But seek ye first the kingdom of Yahweh, and his righteousness; then all these things shall be added unto you."

Matt. 6:33

PUT YAHWEH FIRST

He never said that you'll only see sunshine,

He never said that you'll only have a fun time,

But if you put him first,

While going through the worst,

He will never forsake you,

Just look at this verse,

"Seek ye first the kingdom of Yah and his righteousness,"

Keep ye first the wisdom of the law,

And keep your deeds in check,

Real happiness is what he wants you to have,

Put him first and you will be glad,

He will help you pass the test,

Seek Yahshua he is the best.

BLESSINGS OF FATHER YAHWEH

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!!!! 😊

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ADVENTURE

COMFORT

MONEY

FRIENDSHIPS

JOY

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CAN YOU GUESS THIS MYSTERY STATEMENT?

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Hint: It is a famous song!

IN MEMORIAM

Edna Mae Eckert – 94, of Mason, Michigan, fell asleep in Yahshua July 15, 2017 at her home. She was born January 30, 1923 in Plymouth, Michigan. Edna overcame polio at a young age. Later on she worked in a factory but then attended night school studying to be a lab technician, working for 15 years in Royal Oak, MI and also worked several years at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. She was well known and well liked. She worked for several agencies and charitable organizations over the years.

Edna's brother Bernie invited her to the Assembly of Yahweh at Eaton Rapids in 2006. She embraced the Sacred Names, the 7th day Sabbath, The Feast days of Leviticus 23 and John 7:1, the clean foods listed in Deuteronomy 14 and Leviticus 11, and most significantly Salvation through Yahshua the Messiah. She was baptized into Yahshua the Messiah September 2, 2006.

She always remarked about how good her neighbors were to her. Edna was a quiet worker and a prayer warrior, contacting people by phone and visiting them in person. She willed her body to Science at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

A memorial was held for Edna soon after her passing at the Assembly of Yahweh. Her cheerful presence is missed by everyone; she was a blessing to have in the Assembly. Edna is asleep awaiting the resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:21-23 – For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: the Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are the Messiah's at his coming.

The Three W's that confirm our salvation:

**The will of YAHWEH
The works of YAHSHUA
The witness of the Holy Spirit**

Joseph Prince

TODAY IS SHABBAT

Today is Shabbat therefore I work not
Tis Yahweh I obey.
I find I am blest when I take my rest
Every seventh day.
Yahweh's Word says plenty at Exodus twenty
Yah's wonderful Ten Commands.
On day seven he rested and he's not to be tested
So rest and be blest like I am.

By David Edmiston

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New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 12 Celebrate APRIL 11 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 30	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 13 through APRIL 19	April 13
Feb. 28		April 19
Mar. 30	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 2	June 2
Apr. 28	See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	Sept. 22
May 27 (Borderline)		Oct. 1
June 26	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 22	Oct. 6
July 25 (Borderline)		Oct. 13
Aug. 23 (Borderline)	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 1	7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 22	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 6 through OCTOBER 12	
Oct. 21 (Borderline)		
Nov. 20	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 13	
Dec. 20		

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

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