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## THE LAW

**Psalm 119:165 – Great peace have they that love thy law: and nothing shall cause them to stumble.**

**Isaiah 8:20 – To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**

**Romans 7:12 – Wherefore the law is holy [kodesh], and the commandment holy, and just, and good.**

**Galatians 3:24 – Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto the Messiah, that we might be justified by faith.**

**Galatians 5:14 – For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.**

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# EDITORIAL

## EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW

Isaiah 45:22,23 – Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am El, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Romans 14:11 – For it is written, As I live, saith Yahweh, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to Elohim. Philippians 2:10,11 – That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua the Messiah is Sovereign, to the praise of Yahweh the Father.

Has this prophecy been fulfilled? Not Yet. Much has to occur before this prophecy is fulfilled. One might ask, How can it occur with so many denominations in so many countries; so many doctrines that are contrary to one another in all the 900 churches in existence today?

On the other hand, how could a person, let's just say a man of sin, like a world dictator, step in the limelight having all the answers and all the means and funds to accomplish HIS agenda. One warning in the Scriptures is found in 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4,7-9 – Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called Elohim, or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of Elohim, showing himself that he is Yahweh. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that lawless one be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

The above scriptures in Thessalonians cover many scenarios in which we should/shall be able to see, recognize, react to, and overcome before the Savior arrives/returns. If we are honest with ourselves, we see we are living in troubled times just dealing with this coronavirus outbreak and all that has been demanded of us; not only this but all the other trials and tests we seem to have to deal with daily.

For years the Bereans of this century thought there would be a revival of the Holy Roman Empire. A strong man would come forward when the world would be in chaos (religiously, financially, with rampant diseases and plagues, society out of control, etc.) with no end of the disasters facing all human beings. This would be the start of a One World Government, One Faith, probably Catholic led by the Pope of Rome, a One World Court (already set up in Brussels, Belgium), one Police Force, etc.

Is this pandemic setting the world up to usher in strict obedience to such a worldly Man of Sin? For example many governing bodies already listen to and accept instruction from the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control. How would this affect the true Bible Believer keeping Yahweh's Commandments, the seventh day Sabbath and Feast Days, the clean food laws, Salvation through the Sacred (set apart) names of Yahweh and Yahshua, and keeping himself or herself upspotted from the world.

The Scripture in Revelation 13 (the whole chapter) alarms the true Believer – I...saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. This beast system is very strong, they

even brag – Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? The beginning of Verse 4 says – And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast – an acknowledgement that the old adversary Satan (the devil) wants to rule. Verse 8 – And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

With this pandemic we are experiencing, the world could be deceived very easily. **Do not be deceived.** Luke 21:8 - ... Take heed that ye be not deceived. Galatians 6:7 ... Be not deceived. Yahshua said in Matthew 24:4 ... Take heed that no man deceive you. Many will come in His Name, you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, nation shall rise against nation, false prophets shall rise, etc., etc. Verse 13 – But he that shall endure until the end, the same shall be saved. Ephesians 6:10-13 – Finally, my brethren, be strong in Yahweh, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of Elohim, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of Elohim, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Continuing on in Matthew 24:27,30,31 – For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: ... and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great majesty. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. And so shall we ever be with Him.

Samuel A. Graham

## **Regarding This Year's Unity Conference**

**Scheduled for August 7, 8 and 9, 2020;**

**Yahweh's Free Brethren**

**(Yahweh's Frystown Assembly),**

**10 Church Road, Bethel, Pennsylvania**

**is unable at this time to host the**

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Conference due to the uncertainty  
of whether or not a venue/location would be open and available.**

**Please contact Samuel Graham at**

**517 663-3724 with any suggestions, information and/or knowledge  
of a site that might be available**

**for the Conference this year. Otherwise, the Conference may be  
postponed until conditions are more favorable for a**

**large group of believers to attend.**

# FEAST OF WEEKS

## What Changed My Mind Regarding When the Count Starts

I have studied this off and on for over four years and have finally come to the conclusion that there is more scriptural and historical support for the count starting the day after the first high day of Unleavened Bread than for starting the day after the weekly Sabbath. This is not to say that it is absolutely, undeniably correct, just that there is more support for it.

### FIRST POINT – Entering the Land, it Starts

Let's put the scriptures pertaining to the count here first:

**Leviticus 23:10** Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. (11) He shall wave the sheaf before YAHWEH for you to be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. (12) Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to YAHWEH. (13) Its grain offering shall then be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire to YAHWEH for a soothing aroma, with its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine. (14) Until this same day, until you have brought in the offering of your Elohim, you shall eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor new growth. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

I had been looking at the word "Sabbath," but when I read these verses above, how about looking at when the Israelites first entered the land? Wouldn't that tell us when to start the count? It seems so obvious now (or should be, but is it?). So, when did they enter the land?

**Joshua 5:10** While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal they observed the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho. (11) On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. (12) The manna ceased on the day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan during that year.

Had they crossed the Jordan yet? Yes, according to Joshua, Chapter 4. Then all the males were circumcised, then they observed Passover, then the manna ceased. They ate that which another had planted (foretold in **Deuteronomy 6:10**, Then it shall come about when YAHWEH your Elohim brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build,).

Here's what we're told: When they entered "the land," they were not permitted to eat bread or roasted grain or new growth until the offering was made. They ate parched grain on the 15<sup>th</sup> (or 16<sup>th</sup>/night), after they entered the land. It does not matter whether it was old or new grain because the command was NO bread or roasted grain!

Here's what we're not told: There is nothing referenced about the weekly Sabbath, or the first day. We're not told there was a wave sheaf offering or when. Joshua 5:11 says the "day after the Passover" and it must be noted that the word "Passover" can mean

either of the two days which they observed (being the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) because they were combined in language.

I think we need to realize, though, that Joshua was very, very obedient; probably more so than Moses after he saw how Moses was punished for speaking rashly (**Deuteronomy 32:51**). So if Yahweh said not to eat bread or roasted grain or new growth until they brought in the offering, I think we can trust they did just that. Of course, that means that the count to Pentecost MUST have been the day after the 15<sup>th</sup> and not the weekly Sabbath, unless the weekly Sabbath was the 15<sup>th</sup> THAT year which is a possibility since it will be thus every so many years.

#### SECOND POINT – “Morrow after sabbath”

The scripture in question:

**Leviticus 23:11, And he shall wave the sheaf before YAHWEH, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.**

First, the word “sabbath”—it has been said that this word, H7676 can ONLY mean the weekly Sabbath. Scripturally that is not true. **Exodus 31:13** is referring to ALL His Sabbaths, not just the weekly one (see also **Leviticus 19:3, 30**); **Leviticus 23:32** is referring to the Day of Atonement and I’m certain there are more. The first day of the Passover Feast (First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread) is absolutely a Sabbath day.

#### THIRD POINT – Complete Sabbaths or Weeks

The scriptures in question:

**Leviticus 23:15-16, And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto YAHWEH. (KJV)**

One of my first thoughts when I read this was, “what on earth is a ‘complete’ Sabbath?” You either honor Sabbath or not, there is no such thing—it just IS. Sabbath is Sabbath, there is no “complete” or “incomplete”—you either keep it or you don’t. That being said, there is a “complete week,” and one of the meanings of the word translated “sabbath” is just that, as shown below. The cites are being shortened due to space.

#### Word – Sabbath (H7676)

Word Study Dictionary (in part): šabbāt: A noun meaning Sabbath, Day of Atonement, Sabbath week or year, weeks. The word can be translated as Sabbath in practically every instance.

Brown-Driver-Briggs (in part):

1d) week

A complete week would be seven full days, not seven half days, not any day of the previous seven and so forth. You can say you went away last week, was that seven days ago? Was it last Monday, last Thursday? Now if you said you were going to leave in one week, that would generally mean you are going to leave seven days from the day you said it, right? So the word “weeks” makes much more sense here. The word “sabbath” was used not only for a particular day, but also to signify a “week.” Some early versions of the Scriptures have these verses worded quite clearly using “weeks” instead of

“Sabbaths,” such as “Tyndale,” “Wycliffe,” “Jewish Publication Society Bible,” and others if you chose to check them out.

#### FOURTH POINT – A Month is Not Set Time

Some say that if the count were to start on Abib/Nisan 16, then the Feast of Weeks would always be Sivan 6 (6<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month) and Yahweh could have just said “celebrate the Feast of Weeks on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month” like He did for the other days, instead of telling us to “count.” But, it may not always be on Sivan 6 (unless you follow a “calculated calendar” which most know is not in accord with Scripture). A month is 29½ days or something close to that; which means Feast of Weeks could be Sivan 5, 6 or 7. We know that Yahweh can and has added an extra day here and there. The new moon starts our months, not the day after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month. From what I found, the calculated calendar always has Abib/Nisan with 30 days and Iyyar with 29 days (again, although the calculated calendar may be helpful as a tool, it should not be relied upon as authoritative).

#### FIFTH POINT – Anniversary of Receiving the Law

Although in Acts we read how Yahweh’s spirit was poured out in abundance, it is not what Feast of Weeks represents. It represents, commemorates, the end of fifty days of leaving Egypt and being given the Torah on Mount Sinai. Exodus 19 speaks of it being the third month. Perhaps they arrived “that very day” being the first day of the third month; the next day Moses went up to Yahweh (**Exodus 19:3**); the third day Moses gathered the elders together (**Exodus 19:7**), declaring Yahweh’s words and the third day after that which would be Sivan 6, the law was delivered to them (**Exodus 19:11**). Of course, this harmonizes perfectly with what I’ve found thus far.

I have looked at several ways of counting the days from when the Israelites got to the mountain (**Exodus 19:1**) which we’re pretty certain was “on the third new moon,” or 1<sup>st</sup> day of the third month. However, there is no positive way of determining if the law was given on the 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 51<sup>st</sup> day after leaving Egypt simply because I have found no evidence to the length of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> months. If they were both 30 days long, the instructions would have been on the 51<sup>st</sup> day; if they were both 29 days long, the instructions would have been given on the 49<sup>th</sup> day; if one was 29 and one was 30 [which I personally believe they were based on historical facts], the instructions would have been given on the 50<sup>th</sup> day.

Although the authenticity of Jasher has been questioned, **Jasher 82:6** reads thus, “And in the third month from the children of Israel’s departure from Egypt, on the sixth day thereof, Yahweh gave to Israel the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.”

Perhaps the true reason we are to actually “count” is to remind us what they went through those fifty days of wandering in the desert?

We do know that the Israelites LEFT Egypt on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (**Exodus 12:17; Numbers 33:3**).

#### SIXTH POINT – Yahshua as the Wave Sheaf?

I’ve been taught (but never really studied it) that Yahshua would have been the wave sheaf. Although if you use the day after the weekly Sabbath for the wave sheaf, the year Yahshua died, it works out. The memorial, though, from that year forward works out correctly only every so many years. In fact, there are years using this criteria where the anniversary of His rising would be on a Monday (following 3 days/3 nights), and the

“wave sheaf” the day before, so the memorial of His being the wave sheaf is on a day while He would still have been in the grave. Or the anniversary of His rising would be on a Thursday (following 3 days/3 nights), and the “wave sheaf” three days later. This does not make sense.

Also it has been said that because He was the wave sheaf, He could not be touched as He had not yet been offered. Yet in **John 20:17**, Miriam clearly touched Him.

In addition, with the instructions on the wave sheaf, there was an offering of a lamb (**Leviticus 23:12**) as well as the wave sheaf. Perhaps, just perhaps the wave sheaf offering represents His people, or will at some point? Just a thought on that. Consider the priests and the Levites. As part of the consecration of Aaron and his sons, there was a wave offering (**Exodus 29:24; Leviticus 8:27**). Aaron also presented the Levites before Yahweh as a wave offering in **Numbers 8:11-15**. **Isaiah 66:20** also indicates that “all the brethren from all the nations as a grain offering....”

#### SEVENTH POINT – Yahshua’s Time on Earth

##### A. Pharisees

The tribe of Judah was given the job of bringing the Torah forward, which they did. To give little or no credit to them is, in my humble opinion, seriously in error. Although Yahshua criticized the Pharisees and Scribes, He also said if our righteousness does not EXCEED that of the scribes and Pharisees, we will not enter the Kingdom (**Matthew 5:20**).

From what I’ve learned, there was a discrepancy of when the count starts when the Messiah walked the earth. Yet, He never (to our knowledge) addressed it directly. But a few things that stand out to me are:

- Yahshua said the Pharisees and scribes sit in Moses’ seat so do what they tell you (speaking from Moses’ words are the implication here). We know He scolded them severely for being hypocritical and we also know they did not as a whole accept Yahshua for what He is. BUT, we do know they taught from Moses. We tend to forget there were many Pharisees who DID accept Yahshua, including Paul, a “Pharisee of Pharisees.”
- *Genesis 49:10 says, The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.* “Lawgiver” has the implication of referring to scribes and Pharisees during the time of Yahshua walking the earth, according to most authorities I saw in researching it. That makes it ever MORE imperative for Yahshua to have “set the record straight” during His time on earth.
- In line with those thoughts, the Pharisees taught the count was from the day after the first High Day of Passover/Unleavened Bread. It seems like Yahshua would have observed that as well as His disciples. In fact, we know He attended the Feasts in the Temple with His parents. If it was not correct, He certainly would have had to make it absolutely clear because He could not do something against His Father’s will, AND He told the people *TO DO* what the Pharisees taught from Moses!

##### B. A Specific Count

If Yahshua was to be the High Priest (He was/is), He had to have been consecrated in accordance with **Leviticus 8:33-35**. Part of that process was to remain at the doorway of

the tent (or the tabernacle in the heavens?) for 7 days. He also had to be baptized (He was).

- Yahshua was in the grave 3 days – **Matthew 12:40**
- Yahshua was seen alive 40 days – **Acts 1:3**
- Yahshua’s “consecration” – 7 days – **Leviticus 8:33-35**  
(**Hebrews 4:14; John 14:2, 19, 26; 15:26; 16:7**, and more).

If you add up those numbers, you come to the Feast of Weeks (50 days) in **Acts 2:1**, with Yahshua perhaps performing His first job as High Priest (**Acts 2:33**). Notice that we were told to start the count the day “after” the Sabbath (16<sup>th</sup> as “day 1” of the count) yet the Israelites were on the move on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Likewise, although Messiah was in the grave on the 15<sup>th</sup>, we would start the count with the 16<sup>th</sup>. It harmonizes perfectly!

#### EIGHTH POINT – Historians and Commentators

We know absolutely that Scripture should be our first line defense and offense with everything. However, most agree that historical records and commentators can assist with factual information. Most also agree that you must be cautious since many are guided by preconceived ideas instead of facts. We have no problem utilizing historical facts of the world, of the United States, of other matters, and should look at these the same way--as tools in finding truth.

I’m going to look at quite a few outside sources below along with some commentaries. Please note that I am copying them *exactly* how they are written, despite the proper names not being used and will highlight pertinent parts and adding comments below some in italics. Many are being shortened but you would be encouraged to look them up yourselves.

*Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 3, Chapter 10, Verses 5/6:

5. ... But on the second day of unleavened bread, which is the sixteenth day of the month, they first partake of the fruits of the earth, for before that day they do not touch them. And while they suppose it proper to honor God, from whom they obtain this plentiful provision, in the first place, they offer the first-fruits of their barley, and that in the manner following:

6. When a week of weeks has passed over after this sacrifice, (which weeks contain forty and nine days,) on the fiftieth day, which is Pentecost, but is called by the Hebrews Asartha, which signifies Pentecost,

*Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 13, Chapter 8, Verse 4:

4. ...And truly he did not speak falsely in saying so; for that festival, which we call Pentecost, did then fall out to be the next day to the Sabbath.

*Some say the above means that at that time, an earlier period in time, Pentecost was observed on the day after the Sabbath. Note the word “then.” It seems to me to mean that that particular year, it fell on the day after the weekly Sabbath. This, like all of His days, would fall on a different calendar day every year which means it would fall on a Sunday every so often.*

Introduction to Chapter XXIII, Wesley’s Notes by Wesley, John

11. He shall wave the sheaf ... The morrow after the sabbath - After the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, which was a sabbath or day of rest, as appears

from ver. 7, or upon the sixteenth day of the month. And this was the first of those fifty days, in the close whereof was the feast of pentecost.

21. An holy convocation - A sabbath or day of rest, called pentecost; ... fifty days after Christ our passover was sacrificed for us.

*You know, I've read implications that since the 'Jews' do it one way, we should not; since the 'christians' do it one way, we should not, and so forth. Shouldn't we try to do pure and simply what YAHWEH says and, if there is doubt, wouldn't the early believers be the ones to look to—Jewish, Christians, the Way, whatever they called themselves, or were called by others, back then? Now, let's look at some commentaries:*

**Barnes:**

Lev 23:11 On the morrow after the sabbath - It is most probable that these words denote the 16th of Abib, the day after the first day of holy

Lev 23:15 Seven sabbaths - More properly, seven weeks (compare Deu 16:9). The word Sabbath, in the language of the New Testament as well as the Old, is used for "week" (Lev 25:8; Mat 28:1; Luk 18:12, etc.).

**Clark:**

Lev 23:15 Ye shall count unto you - seven Sabbaths - That is, from the sixteenth of the first month to the sixth of the third month.

**Darby:** *First one saying it is the first day of the week*

After that comes power, the firstfruits; that is, the resurrection of Christ on the morrow after the sabbath—the first day of the week.

**Gill:**

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath,.... Not the seventh day sabbath in the passover week, ...and it was from the day after this, even the sixteenth of Nisan,

**Henry:** Lev 23:15-22 Here is the institution of the feast of pentecost, or weeks, as it is called (Deu 16:9), because it was observed fifty days, or seven weeks, after the passover.

**Jamieson, Fausset & Brown:** Lev 23:15-22. Feast of Pentecost. ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath — that is, after the first day of the passover week, which was observed as a Sabbath.

**Wesley:**

Lev 23:15 From the morrow - From the sixteenth day of the month, and the second day of the feast of unleavened bread inclusively.

So, in reviewing all of the commentaries (and Josephus) listed, there is only one which claims that the Feast of Weeks will always be on a Sunday. We know that even though there is only one, that could be the right one. However, you must review a lot of this commentator's other theories as well to determine if he truly knows Scripture.

May Yahweh guide, bless and protect the sincere seeker of truth through His words.  
HalleluYAH!

Anonymous

*Editor's Note: See Matthew 28:9 - ... And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. 1 Corinthians 15:20 – But now is the Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. Verse 23 - ...Messiah the firstfruits ...*



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Shalom Brethren, May Almighty Yahweh and His son Yahshua our Messiah bless you with all their blessings. We pray that all of you are in great health and are doing your best to fulfill the great commission. We come to you in the name of Almighty Yahweh and His great love that He has shown to all His servants. Truly we thank Him for sending His son Yahshua to die for our sins and set us apart to be His people. Almighty Yahweh has called us out of this fallen world to be His servants of the glad tidings. We must see that the message of salvation is preached to all the nations. May Almighty Yahweh continue to bless each of you that are responding to His call.

**A TIME OF VISITATION**

In January we visited our brethren in Africa and spread the good news to our brethren there. The fields are white to harvest there and so many are responding to the message of salvation. It is very evident that Almighty Yahweh has opened many doors for our ministry to walk through. We pray that He will continue to give us the laborers to complete this mission. We continued our mission this year by travelling to Ethiopia first and meeting with the brethren in Sendafa. The Elder there Mamo Abera and Deacon Shewegiza and brother Habtamu met us at Bole International Airport and took us to a hotel in Sendefa near Elder Mamo's home. He had organized our stay there to meet with the brethren in that region near Addis Ababa. After we settled in the hotel, we then visited Elder Mamo's home where the brethren were waiting at the meeting hall attached to his home. We spent two days there teaching and encouraging the brethren to remain faithful to the precious faith of Yahshua.

We then flew to Gambella which is out in the western part of Ethiopia to visit the brethren there for two days. Upon landing in Gambella some brethren met us there and escorted us back to their village where we were met by a large group of brethren. They received us with great joy washing our feet and kissing us in the scriptural way of showing love. We spent two days there reasoning from the scriptures and answering many questions. There we ordained an Elder and Deacon to lead the work there. There were too many for us to baptize in such a short period of time. We left Elder Gatluak Mong and Deacon Keak Wiyual to baptize all those who wanted to serve Almighty Yahweh and Yahshua our Messiah.

We flew back to Sendafa for the Sabbath with the brethren there. Our father blessed us with a great Sabbath service there and we rejoiced and praised Him for this great blessing. The seven days we spent in Ethiopia were particularly good and inspirational.

On Monday January 27 we flew out of Bole airport in Addis Ababa to Bujumbura, Burundi. Our mission was to spend a week in each country so in Burundi we spent our

second week, myself and Bishop Peter Mumira of Kenya. In Burundi we met with the leaders there and went out to visit Elder Paster Bucumi and his congregation on Tuesday afternoon in a place called Kinama and had a very wonderful meeting sharing the word of Yahweh.

On Wednesday, the 29th we visited a new congregation near the Rwandan border in Kirundo several hours from Bujumbura. The meeting there was very joyful and prosperous. Elder George's sister lived there and the majority of the people present were young high school students who were interested in hearing the truth of the word.

On Thursday, the 30th we traveled to Cibitoke province precisely Rugombo and there held worship services for the brethren there. Their leader Ernest Ngarura showed us great hospitality and we got to meet the orphans they cared for there. We left the children with some gifts sent by a sister in the US who is committed to blessing them.

On the next day Friday, we visited an assembly on the mountain at Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua. The way was rough and treacherous due to the rain and the vehicle skidded and we had to push it uphill even though it was 4-wheel drive. Once we got to the top of the mountain we got out and walked another half mile to the house and it was very slippery but Almighty Yahweh blessed us with a great service with about fifty people praising Yahweh's name.

On Sabbath we held services in Bujumbura at the Center Communautaire in which several congregations were represented. In all there was about 150 people and we praised Almighty Yahweh all day with a break for lunch. Several of the people we had visited came out on Sabbath. This was our second year here and the growth was great. Sunday many came out to participate in our baptism service and Twenty-one souls were added to the faith at Lake Tanganyika. George Hatimagama was ordained as an Elder to lead the brethren there in Bujumbura.

Our next destination was Democratic Republic of the Congo which we accessed easily by road from Bujumbura. It took us less than two hours to travel to Uvira and check into our hotel Fizi which was about 2 miles from the meeting hall. Our host was Elder Luc AbdiYah who did a commendable job of bringing leaders together from various regions from the DRC which is so vast since we didn't have time to visit each place. Leaders from Ngoma, Bukavu and Sangee and other places showed up to hear from us. Most of our week there was spent walking back and forth to the meeting hall preaching and teaching and answering many questions about the faith.

One day we travelled to Sangee to hold services there and the congregation was about 60 that gathered in the meeting hall to praise Yahweh. The Bishop and I and Elder Luc spoke to the brethren and then had lunch and returned to Uvira which was about two hours away. The Sabbath service was filled with brethren and visitors from the community as well. Two Baptist ministers visited and invited us to come to their church to preach what they heard on Sabbath to their congregation on Sunday morning. We were impressed by the dedication of two young sisters who live in the meeting hall for the last seven years since being abandoned by their family because of the faith. They praised Almighty Yahweh for their blessings and truly showed their faith in Him.

On Sunday we met those who wanted to be baptized and went to the Lake Tanganyika and there baptized 4 and ordained 3 Elders and 2 Deacons. Then we visited the Baptist church and I preached Yahshua the only way to salvation according to Acts 4:10-12 and the importance of the name of Yahweh. After we had some lunch, we travelled back to Bujumbura to the hotel Ceprodelic to spend the night before departing Burundi for our last destination Nigeria.

We flew to Port Harcourt, Nigeria and was met by Elder Donald Maika and several brethren. They took us to the Amoni hotel where we had reservations. The hotel was close to the event center in Elemenwo where we were scheduled to speak. For the next two days we spoke to a crowd of leaders from many different congregations from Messianic to Christian. We answered their questions after we spoke the word of Yahweh and many were convinced of what we spoke was truth. Several agreed to be baptized at the beginning of the week on Sunday. We moved across town to the G-Throne hotel where Pastor Akudo hosted us in this brand-new state of the art facility which was scheduled to open on February 14.

On the next day we travelled back to Elemenwo for Sabbath services in which about 45 gathered to worship Almighty Yahweh. The services were great in that we had several visitors from as far as Lagos. Sabbath afternoon around 5 pm we went to the meeting room of the G-Throne hotel and held a Bible study and question and answer session for the ministers of the New Creation Ambassadors and several other Christian churches. On the next day we were invited to preach at Pastor Akudo's church known as the New Creation Ambassadors. They used the Sacred names of our father Yahweh and His son Yahshua but they still have a long way to go in the truth of our faith. We encouraged them to learn to keep the Sabbath day and the feast days and to follow Yahshua in water baptism as he did to fulfill all righteousness. Did Yahshua need to be baptized, of course not, He did no sin and had nothing to repent of.

On Monday morning we finished the missionary work in Nigeria by baptizing eight brethren: two sisters and six brothers. Here two sisters, Precious formerly a female pastor who was baptized in Yahshua's name and Dr. Favor a lecturer at a local Bible school particularly impressed us as they dedicated their time and resources towards the success of our mission in Nigeria. We thank Almighty Yahweh for the great success of the entire trip in the four different nations. HALLELUYAH!

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as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

### **The Children of YHWH**

**1Jo 2:28, 29** - And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29) If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

**Lev 26:40-42** - *But* if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me, 41) And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 42) Then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.

Keith Webb

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**Isa 57:1-3** - The righteous perishes, and no man takes *it* to heart; merciful men *are* taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil. 2) He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking in his uprightness. 3) But come here, you sons of the sorceress, you offspring of the adulterer and the harlot!

**Luke 3:7** - He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, you brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

**Isa 57:4** - Whom do you ridicule? against whom do you make a wide mouth *and* stick out the tongue? *are* you not children of transgression, offspring of falsehood,

**2 Peter 2:13** - Suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you.

**Isa 57:5** - Inflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks?

**Revelation 18:3** - For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.

**Isa 57:6, 7** - Among the smooth *stones* of the stream *is* your portion; they, they *are* your lot! Even to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. Should I receive comfort in these? 7) On a lofty and high mountain you have set your bed; even there you went up to offer sacrifice.

**Psa 121:1, 2** [[A Song of degrees.]] - I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, **from whence** cometh my help. 2) My help *cometh* from YHWH, which made heaven and earth.

**Mat 9:13** - “But go and learn what *this* means: ‘*I desire mercy and not sacrifice*:’ for I did **not** come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

**Isa 57:8, 9** - Also behind the doors and their posts you have set up your remembrance; for you have uncovered yourself *to those other* than me, and have gone up to them; you have enlarged your bed, and made *a covenant* with them; you have loved their bed, where you saw *their* nudity. 9) You went to the king with ointment, and increased your perfumes; you sent your messengers far off, and *even* descended to Sheol.

**Hosea 12:1** - Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day long; they multiply falsehood and violence; they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.

**Isa 57:10** - You are wearied in the length of your way; *yet* you did not say, ‘There is no hope:’ you have found the life of your hand; therefore you were not grieved.

**Jeremiah 18:12** - “But they say, ‘That is in vain! We will follow our own plans, and will every one act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.’”

**Isa 57:11** - And of whom have you been afraid, or feared, that you have lied and not remembered me, nor taken *it* to your heart? Is it not because I have held my peace from of old that you do not fear me?

**Psalms 50:21** - These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself: but now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

**Isaiah 51:12, 13** - I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, 13) And have forgotten YaHWeH, your maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor?

**Isa 57:12** - I will declare your righteousness and your works; for they will not profit you.

**Romans 3:10-14** - As it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for YHWH. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive; the venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

**Isa 64:6** - But we are all like an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* like **filthy rags**; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

**Rom 3:25, 26** - Whom Elohim set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His **righteousness**, because in His forbearance YHWH had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26) To demonstrate at the present time His **righteousness**, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Yahshua.

**Isa 57:13** - When you cry out, let your collection of *idols* deliver you; but the wind will carry them all away; a breath will take *them*: but he who puts his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

**Jer 10:3** - For the customs of the people *are* vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

**Psalms 37:9** - For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for YHWH shall inherit the land.

**Idolatry**: the worship of idols; definition - the worship of a physical object as elohim.

### **A New Testament definition of Idolatry**

**Mar 7:20-23** - And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. 21) For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22) Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23) All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

**Rom 1:29-31** - Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, 30) Backbiters, haters of Elohim, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31) Undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

**Rom 7:7, 8** - What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law: for I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “*You shall not covet.*” 8) But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all *manner of evil* desire.

**Eph 5:3-7** - But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4) Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse

jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5) For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and YHWH. 6) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of YHWH comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7) Therefore do not be partakers with them.

### **Definition of covetous**

1: marked by inordinate desire for wealth or possessions or for another's possessions

2: having a craving for possession, i.e. *covetous* of power

**Col 3:5-11** - Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6) Because of these things the wrath of YHWH is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7) In which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8) But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9) Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10) And have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11) Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Messiah *is* all and in all.

### **Character of the New Man**

**Col 3:12-15** - Therefore, as *the* elect of YHWH, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13) Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Messiah forgave you, so you also *must do*. 14) But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15) And let the peace of YHWH rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

### **The Parable of the Rich Fool**

**Luk 12:13-21** Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14) But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" 15) And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." 16) Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17) And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18) So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.' 19) And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.'" 20) "But Elohim said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21) So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward YHWH."

**1Ti 6:6-10** - Now 'having the Holy Spirit' with contentment is great gain. 7) For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. 8) And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9) But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10) For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

## The Good Confession

**1Ti 6:11-16** - But you, O man of YHWH, flee these things and pursue righteousness, Holy Character, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13) I urge you in the sight of Elohim who gives life to all things, and *before* Messiah Yahshua who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14) That you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Master Yahshua's appearing, 15) Which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Sovereign of masters, 16) Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amein.

## Instructions to the Rich

**1Ti 6:17-19** - Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living Elohim, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18) *Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19) Storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

## Guard the Faith

**1Ti 6:20, 21** - O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane *and* idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge— (Fake News) 21) By professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace *be* with you. Amein.

## Healing for the Backslider

**Isa 57:14** - And one shall say, "Heap it up! Heap it up! Prepare the way, take the stumbling block out of the way of My people."

**Isaiah 40:3** - A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of YHWH; make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim.

**Luke 3:5, 6** - Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, 6) And all flesh shall see the salvation of Elohim.

**Isa 57:15** - For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

**Psa 34:18** - YaHWeH *is* near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a **contrite** spirit.

**Psa 51:17** - The sacrifices of Elohim *are* a broken spirit, a broken and a **contrite** heart— These, O Elohim, you will not despise.

**Isa 66:2** - For all those *things* My hand has made, and all those *things* exist, says YaHWeH: but on this *one* will I look: on *him who is* poor and of a **contrite** spirit, and who trembles at My word.

**Isa 57:16** - For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would fail before Me, and the souls *which* I have made.

**Micah 7:18** - Who is Elohim like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love.

**Hebrews 12:9** - Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of Spirits and live?

**Psalms 78:38, 39** - Yet He, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; He restrained His anger often and did not stir up all His wrath. 39) He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again.

**Psalms 103:9-13** - He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10) He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; 12) As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. 13) As a father shows compassion to His children, so YHWH shows compassion to those who fear Him.

**Isaiah 57:17, 18** - For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. 18) I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners.

**Hosea 14:4-8** - I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for My anger has turned from them. 5) I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; 6) His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon. 7) They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon. 8) O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; from me comes your fruit.

**Revelation 7:17** - For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and YHWH will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**Isaiah 57:19** - "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to *him who is far off* and to *him who is near*, says YahWeH; and I will heal him."

**Hebrews 13:15** - Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to YHWH, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.

**Acts 2:39** - For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom YHWH our Elohim calls to Himself.

**Isaiah 57:20, 21** - But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21) "*There is no peace,*" says my Elohim, "*for the wicked.*"

**Matthew 16:3** - "And in the morning, '*It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.*' Hypocrites! You know how to **discern** the face of the sky, but you cannot **discern** the signs of **the times.**"

### **Yah's Promise Is Not Slack**

(*Gen. 6:5—8:22*)

**2Pe 3:1-9** - Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2) That you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Master and Savior, 3) Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4) And saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” 5) For this they willfully forget: that by the word of Elohim the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6) By which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7) But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of wicked men. 8) But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with YaHWeH one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9) YaHWeH is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**Mat 16:1-4** - Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2) He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red*’; 3) And in the morning, ‘*It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.*’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot *discern* the signs of the times. 4) A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. And He left them and departed.”

**Hos 6:2** - After two days He will revive us; on **the third day** He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.

**Mat 12:40** - “For as Jonah was **three days and three nights in the belly** of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be **three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**”

### **The Cause of Judah’s Ruin**

**Eze 33:23-29** - Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying: 24) “Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, ‘Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land has been given to us as a possession.’ 25) Therefore say to them, Thus says the Sovereign YHWH: ‘You eat *meat* with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land?’ 26) ‘You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile one another’s wives. Should you then possess the land?’” 27) “Say thus to them, Thus says the Sovereign YHWH: ‘As I live, surely those who *are* in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and the one who *is* in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who *are* in the strongholds and caves shall die of the pestilence.’ 28) For I will make the land most desolate, her arrogant strength shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through. 29) Then they shall know that I *am* YHWH, when I have made the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.”

### **Hearing and Not Doing**

**Eze 33:30-33** - “As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, ‘Please come and hear what the word is that comes from YHWH.’ 31) So they come to you as people do, they sit before you *as* My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, *but* their hearts

pursue their *own* gain. 32) Indeed you *are* to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. 33) And when this comes to pass—surely it will come—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

### **Do Not Love the World**

**1Jo 2:15, 16** - Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16) For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

Either one is a “Follower of the Way” marked by love and obedience to YHWH or one is not and is in rebellion to YHWH and in love and enslaved by the satanically controlled world system. No middle ground exists between these two alternatives for someone claiming to be renewed by YHWH’s Spirit.

**Jas 4:4** - Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with YHWH? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of YHWH.

**Eph 2:1, 2** - And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2) In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.

**Col 1:13** - He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

The false teachers have no allegiance to YHWH but instead are devoted to the world’s philosophies and wisdom, thereby revealing their love for the world. While the world’s philosophies and ideologies and much that it offers appear attractive and appealing, that is deception. The world’s true nature is evil, harmful, ruinous, and satanic. Its deadly theories are raised up against the law of YHWH and holds the souls of men captive.

**2Co 10:3-5** - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4) For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in YHWH for the pulling down of strongholds, 5) Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of YHWH, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah.

**Lust:** John uses the term negatively as a strong desire for profane things. (The same as covetousness) **Flesh:** The term refers to the sin nature of man; the rebellious self, dominated by sin and in opposition to YHWH. The enemy uses the evil world system to incite the flesh.

**Gal 5:19-25** - Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20) Idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21) Envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of YHWH. 22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23) Gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24) And those *who are* Messiah’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**Eyes:** The enemy uses the eyes as a strategic avenue to incite wrong desires. **Jos 7:20, 21** - And Achan answered Joshua and said, “Indeed I have sinned against the Sovereign

YHWH of Israel, and this is what I have done: 21) When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.” 2Sa 11:2 - Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king’s house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. Mat 5:27-29 - “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’ 28) But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29) If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”

**The Pride of Life:** The phrase has the idea of arrogance over one’s circumstances which produced haughtiness or exaggeration, parading what one possessed to impress other people. Jas 4:16, 17 - But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17) Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

**Not of the Father:** The world is the enemy of a believer because it is in opposition to YHWH and controlled by the adversary. 2Co 4:4 - Whose minds the mighty one of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the good news message of the splendor of Messiah, who is the image of the Father, should shine on them. Eph 2:2 - Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Jas 1:12-15 - Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which Yahshua has promised to those who love Him. 13) Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by YHWH”; for YHWH cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14) But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15) Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. The 3 snares allow for access of sin and result in tragedy. Not only must the child of YHWH reject the world for what it is but also for what it does.

**1Jo 2:17** - And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of YHWH abides forever.

### **Deceptions of the Last Hour**

**1Jo 2:18, 20-23** - Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antimessiah is coming, even now many antimessiahs have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ... 20) .... You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 21) I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22) Who is a liar but he who denies that Yahshua is the Messiah? He is antimessiah who denies the Father and the Son. (Many political leaders.) 23) Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

### **Let Truth Abide in You**

**1Jo 2:24-27** - Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25) And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. 26) These things I have written to you concerning those who *try to* deceive you. 27) But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but

# A SHORT TESTIMONY OF MY EXPERIENCE CONCERNING THE SACRED NAME OF THE CREATOR YAHWEH AND OUR SAVIOUR YAHSHUA

My wife and I attended a Baptist church near Dadeville, Alabama, back several years ago. In one of their bible studies, the subject was on the Name of the Creator Yahweh from an adult class book. The writer told the class, from now on we know and should call Him by His Name Yahweh. Before the class was over and the next lesson in the study guide; Yahweh's name is forgotten and all are back to the titles lord and god. I asked, don't you remember His Name Yahweh? One of the brothers said to me, that is your calling and not ours, to declare His Name. You must read these scriptures – **John 17:6,12,26; Psalm 22:22, 113:1-3; Malachi 1:11, 2:1,2.**

The truth that was declared in the adult study guide and class that day was lost by the tradition of man. It fell on deaf ears. In a church in New Site, Alabama, my wife and I were asked to sing while attending a bible study on the Sacred Name of the Creator Yahweh. We discussed how the name Yahweh is in the Hebrew bible (from which the K. J. Version of the bible is translated) almost 7000 times.

The author of the adult class book covered the title Elohim and other parts of the subject of the Father's Name and then went back to tradition and the titles lord and god. The truth of the Word had no place in their hearts. It was good to know but not to practice. To safeguard the Father's name, there is a curse pronounced in the third of the Ten Commandments on those who take the name of Yahweh your Mighty one in vain [Exodus 20:7]. Vain comes from the Hebrew word "shav" (Strong's #7723, meaning, false, lie, lying, vain, vanity). To replace His name with a title fits this definition here perfectly. The same thing occurred at a church in Arkansas some years ago.

In **Psalm 113:1-3**, we are told to praise the name of Yahweh. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same Yahweh's name is to be praised. In **Malachi 1:11**, For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, my name shall be great among the Gentiles;.... In **Malachi 2:1,2** we read, And now, O priests, (preacher, teacher) this commandment is for you. If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to my name, says Yahweh of hosts, I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, because you do not take it to heart. Most Christian churches are praying for revival, but how can it be when they are under a curse?

I am under a commandment also, **2 Timothy 4:2-7**, Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season; ... For the time will come (it's here) when they will not endure sound doctrine, ... they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. Please read all of the above verses.

Jim H. Thompson

# Can You Judge YAHSHUA?

When we ask YAHSHUA why did He allow something difficult to occur in our lives, we have not only forgotten His promise to us that “**in this world you will have tribulations**” [John 16:33], but we are in reality judging Him for what has occurred in our lives. We are questioning the creator of heaven and earth that He should know better than to allow us to go through a difficult time or times in our lives.

As fallen human beings and especially as believers, we must always hold fast to the Father YAHWEH and YAHSHUA the Messiah’s promise that “**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**” [Hebrews 13:5]

Therefore beloved, allow yourselves to dismiss the notion that a heavenly eternal loving Father or our Messiah Yahshua, would want us to suffer. If we think that we go through a storm alone, then we have accepted full responsibility for its outcome good or bad and we will begin to think we are the ones who have total control over our lives and no one or no spiritual being does.

We must always remember that the Holy [Kodesh] heavenly spiritual love of our Father YAHWEH, YAHSHUA AND THE HOLY SPIRIT cannot be compared to the frail love that man speaks to in words and deeds in this world.

Russell F. Medina

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## **WE MUST DECLARE THE NAME YAHWEH AND YAHSHUA IN TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

Our lives can preach a louder sermon than our mouths, so let us live a life conformed to the image of Yahshua. He obeyed His Father’s will and so should we who are called by His name.

**Matt. 5:16 states: “Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”**

Let the beauty of Father Yahweh and Yahshua be seen in us. (A people to whom He has made a Covenant and we with Him). Let the love of obeying Father Yahweh’s commandments shine forth to others in truth and righteousness.

We cause others to stumble and profane the name of Yahweh and Yahshua, when our lifestyles go against the words of Father Yahweh.

Let us encourage each other to live righteously. Let us be truthful to the purpose of our calling in proclaiming the Good News to the nations, so we can honor Father Yahweh by being a blessing to others.

Halleluyah!!

N. Roxby (A servant of Yah)

# 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)*

**"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM YAH.."**

(Ps 46:10a)

### THIS VERSE MEANS:

- ✓ YAH IS IN CONTROL ALWAYS.
- ✓ YAHWEH CHANGETH NOT; HE IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY & FOREVER.
- ✓ HE IS ALL POWERFUL.
- ✓ HE CARES FOR HIS PEOPLE.
- ✓ YAHWEH WANTS US TO TRUST HIM WITH AN EVERLASTING TRUST.
- ✓ HE LOVES US.
- ✓ HIS WORD STANDS FOREVER.

When in trouble, remember Yahweh and Yahshua are always there for you. **REPENT** and **TRUST** him. He is in control and has your back. 👍

**ALERT!!  
INTERESTING FACTS!!**

**LAUGHTER IS A GREAT REMEDY TO REDUCE STRESS,  
BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM AND CAN EVEN HELP  
TO ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE.**

(Source: helpguide.org).

In the bible, Proverbs 17:22a, also confirms that “a merry heart doeth good like medicine.”

Take some time out to watch a clean comedy  
(try Looney Tunes or a classic like Laurel & Hardy),  
read a good funny comic or reflect on  
funny events in your life.

**LAUGH, LAUGH, LAUGH!!**



**BIBLE JOKE**

**WHAT FRUIT WENT ON NOAH’S ARK?**

(Clue: Rhymes with bears)



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# Yahweh's 2020 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 8 Celebrate APRIL 7 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 27 Feb. 25 (Borderline) Mar. 26 Apr. 25 May 24 (Borderline) June 23 July 22 (Borderline) Aug. 21 Sept. 19 Oct. 18 (Borderline) Nov. 17 Dec. 16 (Borderline)	<b>FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD</b> APRIL 9 through APRIL 15	April 9 April 15 May 29 Sept. 19 Sept. 28 Oct. 3 Oct. 10  7 days in all – the number of completeness
	<b>FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS</b> MAY 29 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	
	<b>FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS</b> SEPTEMBER 19	
	<b>DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT</b> SEPTEMBER 28	
	<b>FEAST OF TABERNACLES</b> (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 3 through OCTOBER 9	
	<b>LAST GREAT DAY</b> OCTOBER 10	

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

**Regarding the above "borderline" dates for New Moon Days. If the new moon crescent is not sighted on these dates in Jerusalem, Israel; observe as you are led, the next or following day as New Moon Day.**

*Isaiah 2:1-3 – The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.*

*Micah 4:2 – And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.*

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