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YAHSHUA THE SON OF YAHWEH

Of a truth thou art the Son of Yahweh.
Matthew 14:33

Truly this was the Son of Yahweh. Matthew 27:54

Thou art my beloved Son, in whom
I am well pleased. Mark 1:11

Which shall be born of thee shall be called
the Son of Yahweh. Luke 1:35

Thou art the Messiah the Son of Elohim. Luke 4:41

And declared to be the Son of Yahweh with power.
Romans 1:4

Whosoever shall confess
that Yahshua is the Son of Elohim,
Elohim dwelleth in him, and he in Elohim.

1 John 4:15

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Editorial

BE NOT DECEIVED

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 – Now we beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Master Yahshua the Messiah, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of the Messiah is at hand. 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. Matthew 24:24 – For there shall arise false Messiahs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

A falling away? With this “pandemic” people were encouraged not to meet together (even in houses of worship), making it easier to not follow Yahweh’s Commands, as just one example. No, we must not fall away. Hebrews 10:23-25 – Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner off some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. The Ten Commandments are a perfect example of holding fast the profession of our faith, not wavering. The seventh day Sabbath is a sign between Yahweh and the children of Israel forever, see Exodus 31:13-17.

1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4, 5 and 6 – For yourselves know perfectly that the day of Yahweh so cometh as a thief in the night. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. Matthew 26:41 – Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

We know of the prize awaiting us at the end of our journey. Philippians 3:14 – I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in the Messiah Yahshua. 2 Peter 1:10 and 11 – Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Master and Saviour Yahshua the Messiah.

Remember the warnings in Matthew 24:4-7 – And Yahshua answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Messiah, and shall deceive many. 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. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. We know that many of these events have occurred and are still occurring. Famines, (Amos 8:11) – Behold, the days come, saith the Sovereign Yahweh, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Yahweh.

Revelation 13 – All the world wondered after the beast; And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast. Revelation 13:8 – 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. Don’t fear, we must keep our eyes on, and put our trust in the promises of Yahweh and Yahshua, they will carry us through. We have to have the spirit of Yahweh on us and in us at all times so that we are not deceived into accepting the things in this world that may cause us to lose sight of the kingdom.

We cannot and must not accept the mark of the beast, therefore we need to be aware of what that might be. Revelation 13:16-18 – And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and

poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred sixty and six. See also Revelation 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2, 19:20 and 20:4.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 – Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of Yahweh? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of Yahweh. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Master Yahshua, and by the Spirit of our Elohim.

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. Ephesians 6:13. And, May Yahweh bless us and keep us; may Yahweh make His face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; may Yahweh lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace. Numbers 6:24-26.

TO THE LAW AND THE TESTIMONY

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20. “The law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple.” Psalm 19:7.

As we search the Scriptures (as John 5:39 indicates), we are in need of direction and are looking for direction from above. Mankind needs instruction in right living or we could say instruction in righteousness. Yahweh’s ways of communicating with the believers is through His written word and the witness of his Kodesh (set apart) Spirit. Yahweh’s Spirit seems to bring these written words alive and quickens the Kodesh Spirit within us. What a joy to feel a part of His plan for the end-time work.

We as individuals need to grow day by day into the stature of a righteous believer (follower). Many of us have lived through the age of Aquarius (anything goes), Dr. Spock, Madeline O’Hare, Roe versus Wade, World War II, the Korean conflict, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan and not to forget the 1967 Israeli war which was marked with miracle upon miracle. The various methods of directions from authorities and political leaders have failed. We, as His true people, His true Assembly must see the difference between Yahweh’s directions through His Word and the commandments of men.

We must confess Yahweh’s way was and is right and the royal ten commandments are perfect guidelines, perfect instructions in righteousness. Yahweh has a plan for all of us from the time we are born until our last breath and also as we are resurrected at Yahshua’s return. The scripture, “It is your life to keep the commandments,” (Deu. 32:46, 47) comes to mind.

Do our lives measure up to the Creator of heaven and earth’s expectations? In Leviticus 19:2 and 1 Peter 1:16, we are told “Be ye holy; for I am holy.” This would be better read, “Be ye separate, for I am separate.” This is parallel to Revelation 18:4, ... “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

Yes, the pathway to everlasting life is a narrow way, which leads unto life and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:14. Notice the word life, (Strong’s 2222). Yahshua said in Matthew 19:17, ... “but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.” Yahshua kept His Father’s commands, and wants us to do the same.

Yahshua warned His followers to be aware of the traditions of men. ... “Thus have ye made the commandment of Yahweh of none effect by your tradition... This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Matthew 15:6-9.

DISCIPLESHIP

Samuel – I hope all is well since the last correspondence that was sent to you earlier this year about discipleship and some of the similarities that can be gleaned about how the Navy SEALs exhibit various qualities of the disciples from centuries ago. Beginning in January 2018, I began studying the daily habits of NAVY SEALs to glean a deeper understanding of how these certain men operate under duress and stress. They have an ability to overcome (i.e. “to him that overcomes...” written in numerous passages) which is repeated multiple times in the Book of Revelation. Apparently billions are not going to overcome. As such, I wanted to examine the characteristics of a group of men that make a daily habit and train their mind – body - soul & spirit to overcome. They choose to forgo a life of comfort and train to be comfortable being uncomfortable.

Where other men quit, the NAVY SEAL finds a way through endurance to prevail. As such, I didn’t want to just wait until the Tribulation begins (which is a possibility in my lifetime) to prepare my mind on how to overcome. In particular I wanted to learn how these NAVY SEALs do everything and see if there are qualities they exhibit that resemble the life of a disciple. I was hoping you could read this material and give me any feedback you might have that could improve upon the material enclosed herein.

Our identity emerges out of our habits. We are not born with preset beliefs. Every belief, including those about ourselves, is learned and conditioned through experience. More precisely, our habits are how we *embody* our identity. When we do those things YAHSHUA told the disciples to do, we reinforce our identity as being a disciple for YAHWEH. The more we repeat the behaviors, commands He gave His disciples, the more we reinforce the identity associated with those behaviors that identify with being disciples. In fact, the word *identity* was originally derived from the Latin words *essentitas*, which means being, and, *identidem*, which means *repeatedly*. Your identity is literally your “repeated beingness.”

YAHSHUA told the disciples, “...Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast...” (**Matthew 22:9**)

YAHSHUA said (to Peter), “Feed my sheep.” (**John 21:17**)

YAHSHUA said, “Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest...” (**John 4:35**)

YAHSHUA said, “Labor not for the food that perishes but for the food which endures to life everlasting...” (**John 6:27**)

Notice what YAHSHUA told the disciples about doing the works of YAHWEH.

“...This is the work of ELOHIM, that you believe on Him whom He has sent...” (**John 6:29**)

There are many self-professed “believers” who each week make daily habits that reflect that they don’t truly want to feed His sheep, go into the highways and invite others to the wedding feast, do any labor for the food that endures to everlasting life or work in the field that is ready to harvest. They make a habit to show up to a building every seventh day and quote some Scripture but their daily habits don’t produce any fruit for the kingdom because they fill their schedules with busy work instead of doing the works YAHWEH assigned them.

This kind of rebellion reflects that they don’t truly believe on Him (YAHSHUA) whom He (YAHWEH) sent. They may claim to believe Him, but in works they deny Him. This is because they choose to make daily habits that prioritize other activities over His works. Their habits don’t identify with true disciples from the patterns laid out by YAHSHUA and Apostle Paul. Instead their identity is based around habits that are more “*worldly*” in nature (i.e. watching Fox News, chasing the American Dream, and other time-wasters that don’t produce anything for YAHWEH). Unbelievers have a condition known as “mental assent.”

The condition referred to as “mental assent” occurs when one tries to act as if they are in faith when they are really still in hope. Hope comes before faith. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **Hebrews 11:1**

As you see in the above verse – faith is (present tense) the substance of things hoped for (past tense). Faith is the substance of things already hoped for. Hope is primarily in the mind. Faith is primarily in the heart. “Mental assent” occurs when the hopeful mind thinks that it is a believing heart. You know when you are in faith and you know when you are not in faith. Your heart knows and your mind should know.

After you have been in faith, you will be able to tell the difference. Faith is based on hearing YAHWEH and knowing that you know that you know. It is a knowing at your deepest level. “True disciples” make daily habits their mission to be sold out for doing YAHWEH’S works out of faith and not “mental assent.” They schedule their habits each day to prioritize doing YAHWEH’S work (in other words, their habits are a byproduct of their faith). A question that needs to be asked daily is which habits need to be dialed up and which ones need to be discarded and replaced?

Our daily habits contribute the most evidence that shapes our identity as disciples for YAHWEH. In this way, the process of building habits is actually the process of becoming a disciple. Purposefully deciding to schedule activities every day that are commensurate with the “actual” works that disciples in the New Testament were doing thousands of years ago. This requires discipline and a commitment to examine all of our habits and making the necessary changes to fill our daily planner with the works of disciples instead of waiting for YAHWEH to intervene. We need to take the leadership NOW and make His works our priority.

This is a gradual evolution. We do not change by snapping our fingers and deciding to be someone entirely new. We change bit by bit, day by day, habit by habit. We are continually undergoing microevolutions of the self.

Every action you take is a vote for the type of person you wish to become. The reason NAVY SEALS overcome is that they make daily habits to prepare their mind with other like-minded and disciplined brothers that are preparing for the mission where they will be sent. How much more should disciples of YAHWEH be doing with their time for this “spiritual war” that we have been born into during these End of End Times?

Every day we have a choice as to whether we want to pursue YAHWEH by just being decent and go through the motions. There are a few elite soldiers for YAHWEH who detest mediocrity and wouldn't dare cheapen His ministry by having a mindset to just be decent. These elite disciples don't just want to be the best – they actually desire to be the very best disciples. They are uncommon amongst the billions of common unbelievers who have a mindset to be literally obsessed with doing His work for His people. They don't just talk about it – they are about doing His works. They do today what others won't so that tomorrow they will do what others can't.

There is a huge difference in effort and the type of habits required to be the very best. This requires every disciple to ask themselves whether they are comfortable just going through the motions and ask whether they are truly making a daily habit of leaving everything on the table for YAHWEH by giving all their heart – mind – soul and strength. Should anyone ever wake up and think YAHWEH would think it acceptable to only give a *decent* performance? There are clear distinctions between what it takes to be decent, what it takes to be good, what it takes to be great, and what it takes to be among the best. If your goal is to be mediocre, then you have a considerable margin for error which means in all probability you aren't hearing His voice and promptings by His Holy Spirit. People that are satisfied with only giving a decent performance are going through the motions. This is a dangerous area to operate from.

If we truly want to *be the best*, disciples must decide every day to die to themselves and allow YAHWEH to use them according to His will and purposes. This includes dying to comfort. Josh Waitzkin (author of the “The Art of Learning”) is a world chess prodigy who does one-on-one consulting services with high-level executives and has a curriculum devoted to maximizing each student's unique potential. On his website, the candidate is disclosed the following statement before they enroll: “**DO NOT APPLY TO WORK WITH ME UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO ACT AS IF YOU JUST ENTERED A WORLD CHAMPION TRAINING CAMP.**” How much more should disciples wake up each morning willing to act as if they just entered a *world champion disciple training program*?

To do this requires stepping up our game during these End of End Times and our commitments to YAHWEH to endure to the end. Being single-minded in our desire to help disciple the other spiritually wounded souls to cross over the finish line and help them fulfill their calling before YAHSHUA returns.

YAHWEH BLESS,

Curtis Crow

HIS NAME

His Name is not LORD. It is not GOD. Scholars readily admit this, such as in the introduction to the Moffatt translation of the Scriptures, pp xx and xxi, and that YAHWEH would be proper.

Doesn't it behoove us to not be denying His Name, Revelation 3:8, and to hold it fast, Revelation 2:13, and to keep our first love, verse 4? And also to consider the warning of Malachi 2:1-3?

“And now, 0 priests, this command is for you. If you do not hear, and if you do not take it to heart, to give esteem to My Name, said Yahweh of hosts, I shall send a curse upon you, and I shall curse your blessings. And indeed, I have cursed them, because you do not take it to heart. See, I shall rebuke your seed, and scatter dung before your faces, the dung of your festivals. And you shall be taken away with it.”

Too, shouldn't we praise His Name, as well as Yahweh, Himself?

They praise Your Name, great and awesome, It is separate [Kodesh], Psalm 99:3. 0 Yahweh, You are my Elohim. I exalt You, I praise Your Name, for You shall do a wonder -- counsels of long ago, trustworthiness, truth, Isaiah 25:1. All day long I bless You, and praise Your Name forever and ever, Psalm 145:2. See also Joel 2:26, I Chronicles 29:13, Psalm 7:17, 9:2, 54:6, 74:21, 113:1-3, 135:1, 148:5, 13, and 149:3.

... Praise Yahweh, call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His Name is exalted, Isaiah 12:4. Sing to Yahweh! Praise Yahweh! For He has delivered the being of the poor from the hand of evil ones, Jeremiah 20:13. Let all that have breath praise Yah. Praise Yah! Psalm 150:6.

Are we praising Yahweh, and His Name? Yahweh inhabits the praises of Israel, Psalm 22:3.

Yahweh's Name appears thousands of times in Scripture. Doesn't that tell us something? Dare we take away from the Word, or substitute? Deuteronomy 4:1-7, Proverbs 30:4-6.

Yahweh is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all mighty ones, Psalm 96:4.

Teach me Your way, 0 Yahweh; Let me walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your Name. I praise You, 0 Yahweh my Elohim, with all my heart, And I esteem Your Name forever. Psalm 86:11, 12.

By: Elder George Kinney

Yahweh gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.
Psalm 68:11

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING OUR OBEDIENCE TO THE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES OF OUR LAND

There has been much debate in the body of believers over this issue. Should we be subject to an unrighteous government and the laws they have in place? The questions in the subject range from paying taxes, taking on social security numbers, filing birth certificates, marriage certificates, obtaining licenses, property titles, etc.

There are many reasons formulated by man to support their cause, both for and against the issue (Proverbs 21:2). Rather than state all the arguments of both sides, this study will focus on the scriptures that pertain to our responsibility to governmental authorities and discern their real meaning by establishing a pattern of examples from both the old and new testament writings (Matthew 4:4, II Timothy 3:13-17, Proverbs 3:5-7).

The scriptures declare that our Savior Yahshua was in all points tempted like we (Hebrews 4:15), which includes the issue of this study, therefore we need not rely on human reasoning for the answer to this issue. The example that our Savior Yahshua left us should be enough evidence to the way he expects us to follow.

Paul addresses this issue in his letter to all the saints in Rome. Rome was the most powerful city in the ancient world and capital of the vast empire which bears its name. Traditionally founded in 753 B.C.[E.] and located on the Tiber River in central Italy, Rome was a truly cosmopolitan city, attracting people from all over the Mediterranean world. It had in Paul's time over 1 million (one inscription says over 4 million). It was full of magnificent buildings, but the majority of the people were slaves. The Assembly in Rome was well known and it had been established for several years by the time of Paul's letter to them (Romans 14:14, 15:23). (References on Rome from "The Laymans Bible Encyclopedia" and "The New Open Bible.")

Romans 13:1-7, (Rom. 13:1 KJV) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of [Yahweh]: the powers that be are ordained of [Yahweh].

Strong's definition of "SUBJECT": #5293. hupotasso, hoop-ot-as'-so; from G5259 and G5021; to subordinate; reflex. to obey:--be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submit self unto.

Strong's definition of "HIGHER POWERS": #5242. huperecho, hoop-er-ekh'-o; from G5228 and G2192; to hold oneself above, i.e. (fig.) to excel; part. (as adj., or neut. as noun) superior, superiority:--better, excellency, higher, pass, supreme. #1849. exousia, ex-oo-see'-ah; from G1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subj.) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (obj.) mastery (concr. magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:--authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

Strong's definition of "ORDAINED": #5021. tasso, tas'-so; a prol. form of a prim. verb (which latter appears only in certain tenses); to arrange in an orderly manner, i.e. assign or dispose (to a certain position or lot):--addict, appoint, determine, ordain, set.

Are unrighteous higher powers from and ordained of Yahweh?

I Chronicles 29:10-13, Thine O Yahweh is the greatness and the power ... for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

Proverbs 8:15, 16, By me kings reign ... By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

Daniel 2:20, 21, . . . And he (Yahweh) changeth the times and seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:

Proverbs 21:1, The kings heart is in the hand of Yahweh ... he turneth it whithersoever he will. Example: Romans 9:17, 18, For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh ... have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee...

Yahweh declares in his word that he is over all the earth and heavens, he sets up kings and turns their heart according to his will. These powers he sets up are all part of his plan, to accomplish his goals, and to bring glory [high esteem] to his great name.

(Rom 13:2 KJV), Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of [Yahweh]: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

(Rom 13:3 KJV), For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

(Rom 13:4 KJV), For he is the minister of [Yahweh] to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of [Yahweh], a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Does the word “minister” used in verse 4 and “ministers” in verse 6 refer to ministers of faith? Lets look at the Strong’s definition of these words.

Minister in vs. 4 is #1249. diakonos, dee-ak'-on-os; prob. from an obs. diako (to run on errands; comp. G1377); an attendant, i.e. (gen.) a waiter (at table or in other menial duties); spec. a Chr. teacher and pastor (techn. a deacon or deaconess):--deacon, minister, servant.

Ministers in vs. 6 is #3011. leitourgos, li-toorg-os'; from a der. of G2992 and G2041; a public servant, i.e. a functionary in the Temple or Gospel, or (gen.) a worshipper (of [Yahweh]) or benefactor (of man):--minister (-ed).

By definition these are simply people who run errands and are public servants. It can apply to ministers as we know today or it can represent anyone that carries out errands for the public. In looking at verse 4, this minister (servant) bears a sword as a revenger to execute wrath. In the previous chapter, Romans 12:17-21, Paul is telling the saints in Rome that vengeance is not ours but Yahweh’s. His saints are not to take part in avenging, therefore these ministers cannot be referring to his saints.

(Rom 13:5 KJV), Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Lets look at some examples in scripture where saints of Yahweh were subject to unrighteous rulers.

Genesis 39:1-6, Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt. Joseph served under an Egyptian master, a heathen authority. His master was so impressed with Joseph as a servant, he put him over all his house, because he saw Yahweh was with him. Did Joseph gain favor with a spirit of resisting authority? No, but through a spirit of submission. Did Joseph break Yahweh's commandments while being under this authority? No, for Yahweh was with him. He was able to honor Yahweh and yet still be subject to a heathen master. Eventually Joseph became the second highest in command in Egypt, second only to Pharaoh (Genesis 41:37-43). Pharaoh was not a terror to Joseph, but showed good unto him because of his obedience to them.

Jeremiah 25:1-11, Yahweh is giving the people of Judah a chance to repent from their evil ways, and if not then they would be taken captive to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of

Babylon. Notice in vs. 9 Yahweh calls Nebuchadnezzar his servant, and that he will use this higher power to bring wrath (revenger) upon Judah because of their sins. In other words he will be a terror to them if they do not repent.

Jeremiah 27:1-17, Because Judah did not repent, he gave their lands into Nebuchadnezzar's hand, and COMMANDED them to serve the heathen king, his son, and his son's son. If they refused to serve him, Yahweh would punish them with the sword until they would be consumed. So those who resisted the higher power would receive to themselves damnation. On the other hand those who did serve the heathen king, those would he let remain in their own land; they would see good.

Jeremiah 29:1-14, Yahweh commands those in captivity in Babylon to build houses, plant gardens, marry, bear children, and SEEK THE PEACE OF THE CITY WHITHER I HAVE CAUSED YOU TO BE CARRIED AWAY, AND PRAY UNTO YAHWEH FOR IT. "For in the peace thereof shall ye have peace." Then after the 70 years of captivity, they were to call upon Yahweh, and pray, and then "ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Judah was not asked to resist the heathen authority to be delivered, but rather be subject to them and pray for Yahweh to deliver.

Daniel 6:1-5, Daniel was conspired against by the other presidents and princes. They sought to find fault wherewith he could be accused but could not.

Acts 25:7-11, The apostle Paul affirms that he did not offend (transgress) against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor yet against Caesar.

John 19:13-15, The high priests of Yahshua's day acknowledged being subject to Caesar as a king.

John 19:4-6, Pilate, a heathen ruler affirmed that Yahshua himself was found to have no fault in him, both concerning Roman law and the law of the Jews.

The pattern is very evident in the scriptures that whenever Yahweh's people were placed under heathen authorities, they were to be subject to them by obeying their laws and ordinances. Even with the exodus of Israel out of Egypt, Moses honored the king by appealing to Pharaoh to let Israel go. You may ask, where in the law are we commanded to honor heathen rulers? Is it not contained in the second greatest commandment? Leviticus 19:18, ... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Romans 13:9, 10).

Also it is commanded in the law that we are not to curse "the ruler of thy people" in Exodus 22:28. See also Ecclesiastes 8:1-4, and 10:20.

How far do we go in submission to a ruler or governing authorities? This is very simple, in the law also we are commanded to keep certain laws, statutes, and judgments. If the laws of our ruling authorities would cause us to break one of Yahweh's laws, then we are to obey Yahweh rather than man as Peter stated in Acts 5:29.

Daniel 3:1-18, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego while living under Nebuchadnezzar's rule, were commanded to bow and worship a golden image. They appropriately denied his request.

What about paying taxes to an unrighteous government?

(Rom 13:6 KJV), For this cause pay ye tribute also, for they are [Yahweh]'s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

(Rom 13:7 KJV), Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Luke 2:1-5, Joseph, who was a just man went up to Jerusalem to be taxed. In Clark's Commentary Vol. V, page 369 concerning vs. 3; "And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city." The Roman census was an institution of Servius Tullius, 6th king of Rome.

From the account which Dionysius of Halicarnassus gives of it, we may at once see its nature. "He ordered all the citizens of Rome to register their estates according to their value in money, taking an oath, in a form he prescribed, to deliver a faithful account according to the best of their knowledge, specifying the names of their parents, the names of their wives and children, adding also what quarter of the city, or what town in the country they live in."

A Roman census appears to have consisted of these two parts: 1) The account which the people were obliged to give their names, quality, employments, wives, children, servants, and estates; and 2) The value set upon the estates by the censors, and the proportion in which they adjudged them to contribute to the defense and support of the state, either in men or money, or both; and this seems to have been the design of the census or enrollment.

Matthew 17:24-27, Peter confirmed that Yahshua paid tribute (taxes). Yahshua himself paid the tax. In Clark's Commentary Vol. V, page 179 concerning this tribute Yahshua paid; this was a temple tax, and not a tax to be paid to the Roman government. The amount paid was a shekel. This was enough for both Peter and Yahshua as the law required in Exodus 30:13, a half shekel per person per year.

Concerning Yahshua's point to Peter in vs. 25 and 26; Yahshua because he was the Master of the Temple, and the disciples his children, they were not required to pay the temple tax (not the Roman taxes), BUT so that they offend not, they should go ahead and pay.

Acts 5:28-39, Gamaliel, a Pharisee and doctor of law, gave the suggestion that if the work of the apostles was of Yahweh, it could not be overthrown. Gamaliel used the examples of two men whose work did come to nought showing that it was not of Yahweh. The one man was Judas of Galilee in the days of taxing, who drew much people after him, but perished, and those that obeyed him were dispersed. Who was this Judas of Galilee, and what was his work?

In "The New Bible Dictionary" by J.D. Douglas, on page 203 it states under the definition of the word "CENSUS"; "The census of Acts 5:37, which was marked by the insurrection (a rising against civil or political authority) led by Judas of Galilee, was held in A.D.[E]. 6. In the year that Judea was incorporated into the Roman provincial system, a census was held in order to assess the amount of tribute which the new province should pay to the imperial exchequer. The census was conducted by P. Sulpicius Quirinius, at that time imperial legate of Syria. The suggestion that Israel should pay tribute to a pagan overlord was deemed intolerable by Judas, and by the party of the Zealots, whose formation is to be dated from this time."

This Judas of Galilee resisted the pagan authorities by rising against them because he felt paying tribute (taxes) to a heathen government was intolerable. As Gamaliel confirmed, his work was not of Yahweh because it came to nought.

This issue, as you can see, was common in the days of Yahshua. How did Yahshua respond? Matthew 22:16-22, Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto Yahweh the things that are Yahweh's. If Yahshua would have felt it would be wrong to pay tribute to a heathen government, he would have stated it here.

As stated in Romans 13, the higher powers are used by Yahweh to punish evil doers. In our land we have local authorities that maintain law and order, and a military force that protects our borders. This protection carries a cost. We enjoy this protection which Yahweh is in control of. Should we not help pay for this since we are receiving this service? We also enjoy a freedom to practice our beliefs. Is this not worth something?

A very common question concerning paying taxes, if it supports evil causes and we pay taxes then are we supporting an evil cause? Is it unlawful then to pay taxes? What do all the examples in scripture show? It is not unlawful to pay taxes. We are each individually responsible for obeying Yahweh's laws. We are not responsible for what the government does with the money they require of us. When we buy products from the stores, are we responsible for what that business does with our money? No. Most products today are made and sold by people who do not follow Yahweh. In fact, most businesses work on the sabbath days. Does this mean if we buy their products we are responsible for their sins? No. Was not Lot who lived in Sodom and Gomorrah considered a righteous man, and who do you suppose he did business with?

We are going to be judged according to our own works, not the works of others. Jeremiah 17:10, II Corinthians 5:10.

Romans 13:8-14, The situation in Rome at the time of Paul was very trying for the saints. As mentioned earlier it was a city where slaves made up most of the population, therefore he establishes the importance of submitting to the Roman authorities, for they are Yahweh's ministers. To do otherwise would be making provisions for the flesh to sin. The scriptures declare that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft in I Samuel 15:23. In this case Saul thought he was doing Yahweh a favor by keeping back the best of the sheep for sacrificing, yet that is not what Yahweh requested.

I Peter 2:9-23, Peter affirms the importance of submitting to every ordinance of man for Yahweh's sake, whether it be to the king, or governors, for so is the will of Yahweh that with well doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. For even hereunto were ye called: because the Messiah suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps. This was Paul's goal as he mentioned in Acts 24:16 in which he states: "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward Yahweh and men."

I Corinthians 10:32, 33, Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of [Yahweh]: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

It is difficult sometimes to obey authorities that are not righteous, but it is required just the same as it is for children who are commanded to obey their parents. It is not conditional based on them being righteous or not. Remember that Yahweh's children are a peculiar people zealous of good works to show forth the praise of our maker. We are not to render evil for evil, but rather good for evil just as Yahshua did. Let us strive to have a life void of offense, that we not bring shame to Yahweh whom we serve. Is this not what Yahshua did for his father?

Hebrews 12:14, 15, Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see Yahweh. Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of [Yahweh]; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

James 3:13-18, Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Conclusion: According to scripture we are commanded to obey our governing authorities in all things with one exception. If they require us to violate Yahweh's law, then we must obey Yahweh. To Yahweh be the glory [high esteem].

Mike Klopfenstein.

YAHSHUA, OUR EVERLASTING FOUNDATION

When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation. Proverbs 10:25

In I Corinthians 3:10, 11, the apostle Paul tells how, by the grace of Yah, he has laid a foundation in the lives of people and that no one can "lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Yahshua the Messiah." Therefore, we see that Yahshua is indeed our foundation. And, He is an everlasting foundation -- from age to age. He doesn't change. He is sure. He is steadfast. If we are founded upon Him, we shall be steadfast. How do we become founded upon Him, this Everlasting Foundation? He gives us the answer in Matthew 7:24:

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

We are His "house," Heb. 3:6. When we hear the Word--Yahshua--and act upon Him and obey Him, He becomes the everlasting rock and foundation of our houses. We then become steadfast, unmovable by "every wind of doctrine," and therefore, as stated in Proverbs 10:25, "When the whirlwind passes [and] the wicked is no more," we, the righteous, founded upon Yahshua, the Everlasting Foundation, still stand.

Your Servant, Roger Norman

THE BIBLE (SCRIPTURES)

It contains the mind of Yahweh, the state of man, the way of salvation; the doom of sinners, and the *happiness* of believers! Its doctrines are holy [set apart], its precepts are binding, its histories are true, its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy [set apart]. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the believer's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Yahshua is its great subject, our good its design, and the glory of Yahweh its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle and manipulate its sacred contents!!!

Sir Jones

I BELONG TO A KING

I belong to a King. He came to this earth and gave His life for me.
He died for me, So that I might live, the most precious gift that anyone can give.

I belong to a King. His Father raised Him from the grave for me.
He is now in heaven at our Father's throne waiting for the time
When He returns to claim the earth and what is His own.

I belong to a King. His Father made the world and through Him all things.
He went back to heaven to prepare a place for me, so that where He is I might be.

Yes, you and I belong to a King, but we must be faithful and make it to the end.
What He is preparing for you and me, the ear has not heard, nor the eye seen.

Yes, we belong to a King and when this age is over and His Kingdom has come,
The promises we carry in our hearts now will all have been done.
What is secret now will have been revealed.

We belong to a King and when our King has returned to take His Bride,
We will all be together close by His side,
Living at last in Paradise, The Garden of Eden restored at last. Halleluyah!

Brenda Riddle

WHO IS THE CHURCH OR ASSEMBLY?

Yahshua tells us in Revelation 1:20 about the seven stars and the seven golden candlesticks (menorahs). The seven stars are the angels (messengers) of the seven churches (assemblies) and the seven candlesticks (menorahs) are the seven churches (assemblies).

In Revelation chapters 2 and 3, for each assembly Yahshua mentions knowing their works and for the most part, each have different works displeasing to Yahshua. They are told to repent for He comes quickly, and that "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies".

With this in mind, there are seven assemblies, but who is it that makes up the assembly? It is each individual. We are those who make up the assembly, for each and everyone of us belongs to one or more of the seven assemblies which are; Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

I urge you to read chapters two and three if you are interested in finding, figuring to which of these assemblies you belong. I must say there is only One True Assembly and that is the Assembly Yahshua told the Apostles to teach as He did to the Jews when going to the Synagogue and teaching. Yahshua taught the Word and is the Head of the perfect Assembly.

All have fallen short from the true teaching of Yahshua's Assembly. Choose you this day which one you will follow; make your choice be the True Assembly.

Submitted by Douglas Panetta

[Strong's Concordance - #1577, ekklesia, ek-klay-see-ah; a calling out, i.e. (concr.) a popular meeting, espec. a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Chr. community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both): - assembly, church.]

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"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)



H O P E



*"Hope thou in Yahweh: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."
(Ps 42:5b)*



So many bad things are happening to me. I feel broken and crushed. Is there hope for me?

Each day as the sunrises and the sunsets, Yahweh is reminding us all that there is always hope. What is hope? **Hope means to believe and trust in someone. To have confidence that things will get better** (Source: Webster's Dictionary). What better hope can we have than in Yahweh and Yahshua who loves us with a perfect love and has all power in heaven and in earth. They are supreme.

In the belly of the big fish, Jonah was so down and broken. He disobeyed Yahweh's instructions and felt that Yahweh had abandoned him. But he did not give up hope. He cried out for help and told Yahweh that he was truly sorry. Yahweh commanded the big fish to set him free on dry land. Remember Yahweh and Yahshua's promises: I will never leave you nor forsake you (Heb 13: 5b). He only wants us to daily try and truly repent (be truly sorry for the bad things we have done).

BREATHE ... the breath of life in our bodies reminds us that we have hope. Each time we breathe, Yahweh is reminding us that we have hope and he is still there to help us.

Count your blessings throughout your life; praise Yahweh for his goodness towards you throughout your life. He has done good things to every living creature (Ps 145:16). Don't believe Satan's lies. Hope thou in Yahweh and praise his holy name! 😊



HOPE CHECKLIST



- ✓ **H**ave confidence, trust & believe in Yahweh.
- ✓ **O**bey → Try to obey Yahweh’s instructions.
- ✓ **P**raise Yahweh in all situations and pray for his help.
- ✓ **E**mpy all your problems & burdens at Yahshua’s feet. Tell him all your problems.

FIND THE WORD “HOPE”. IT APPEARS 7 TIMES.

(Hint: It may be spelt backwards)

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Yahweh's 2021 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) MARCH 28 Celebrate MARCH 27 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 15 Feb. 13 (Borderline) Mar. 15 Apr. 14 May 13 (Borderline) June 12 July 12 Aug. 10 Sept. 9 Oct. 8 Nov. 7 Dec. 6	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD MARCH 29 through APRIL 4	March 29 April 4 May 18 Sept. 9 Sept. 18 Sept. 23 Sept. 30
	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 18 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	
	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 9	
	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 18	
	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 23 through SEPTEMBER 29	
	LAST GREAT DAY SEPTEMBER 30	7 days in all – the number of completeness

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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