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Leviticus 23

The Connection

The Sabbath

For the Son of man is master even of the Sabbath day.

Matt. 12:8, Mark 2:28

Passover

For even Yahshua our passover is sacrificed (offered) for us.

1 Cor. 5:7, 1 Pet. 1:19

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Memorial of Children of Israel delivered from bondage in Egypt.

Exodus 13

Yahweh sent Yahshua to preach deliverance to the captives.

Luke 4:18

The creature shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption.

Romans 8:21

Yahshua which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess. 1:10

First Fruits

But now is Yahshua risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

1 Cor. 15:20-23

Trumpets

. . . They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather His elect . . .

Matt. 24:30, 31

Atonement

We joy in Yahweh through our Master Yahshua the Messiah, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Romans 9:11, Heb. 9

Feast of Tabernacles

Then saith He unto His disciples, the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Master of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

Matt. 9:37, 38

Another angel came to Him that sat on the cloud, crying "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

Rev. 14:15

Contending for The Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 3

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

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EDITORIAL

Repent/Repentance

The words Repent and Repentance are used throughout the Scriptures (both the Old and New Testaments). Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines repent as 1: to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life. 2: to feel regret or contrition. Repentance is defined as the action or process of repenting esp. for misdeeds or moral shortcomings.

Even Yahweh repented in Exodus 32:14 – And Yahweh repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. Moses had besought Yahweh for mercy because the children of Israel had made a molten calf and worshipped it, and Yahweh's wrath grew hot against them. And in Ezekiel 18:30 – Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Sovereign Yahweh. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

What was the first word Peter said to the people when they asked – What shall we do? Acts 2:38 – **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Verse 39 – For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call.

Yahshua said in Luke 5:32 – I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. See also Matthew 9:13 and Mark 2:17. Luke 24:45-47 – Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved the Messiah to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Our Creator has asked us to repent from wrongdoing, the breaking one or more of his commandments, throughout the Scriptures. His 10 commandments were given to the children of Israel as listed in Exodus 20 and written with his own hand on tablets of stone. His words have been published through the written word and published in many languages (on CD's and DVD's that can be listened to and watched anywhere). Today we are without excuse to know what the Creator of heaven and earth wants us to know and do.

Man has thought to change times and laws (the Emperor Constantine, at the Council of Nicea for one example), but Yahweh in Malachi 3:6 said, For I am Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Verse 7 – Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Yahweh of Hosts.

When a person sees his or her error, the first thing to do is ask Yahweh to forgive them (repentance), then change their behavior and lifestyle, walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4), and be baptized (immersed) into Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins. Peter wrote comforting words in 2 Peter 3:9 – Yahweh is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

A promise Revelation 2:7 – He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Elohim. To me overcoming is sister (similar) to repentance. Another promise in Revelation 22:14 – Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Transliteration vs. Translation, A Second Look

An Ancient Authority Speaks Again

Michael A. Banak

Introduction:

In a previous article published in The Faith [1], I presented the principle of Transliteration from an historical and Scriptural standpoint. We learned how a pagan editorialist named Celsus indicated [2] that some Christians of his era were using a Hebrew Pronunciation of Yahshua's Name, and that these Christians asserted that Greek and Latin would not do.

This is an important historical note because it is the first reference we have that proper use of Yahshua's Name was an issue among some of the earliest believers.

[As I warned in my previous article [1], Hoffman, the translator who published Celsus' work, is not a dedicated Christian, as can be discerned by his aloof manner of writing. His interest lies in studying Christian origins. I don't encourage anyone to waste money on this book. It is saturated with worldly values and carnal logic. If you do decide to pick it up or read it, be sure you are spiritually strong first. Fasting, prayer, whatever it takes. The book is a vicious attack on all of the Scriptures.]

Despite the offensive nature of Celsus' writings, and the translator's writings, the book manages to provide a critical historical proof of the principle of transliteration.

For clarity, I re-state the principle as follows: The Blessed Names are to be TRANSLITERATED from Hebrew into the various languages. This means that, in the course of translation, the translator must make every reasonable effort to carry-over the sound of the Blessed Names from Hebrew into the target language. The key is NOT to translate, but to carry-over the sound of the original Name into a different alphabet. True, some sounds may be unavailable in the target language, and in some ways our efforts may fall short. But we should do the best we can reasonably do. Anything less shows dishonor for the Name which we are commanded to never misuse.

This is why so-called "Sacred Name" brethren will use Names such as "Yahweh" and "Yahshua" in worship. It is a matter of honor and reverence, and definitely not an attempt at salvation by works. We do this, not to be saved, but because we are saved.

While it was great to see this principle held up by early believers in the eyes of history, we also explored, in the previous article, how Yahweh transliterates even his own Name across the ages. We saw how His Name is constructed from a very ancient form of the verb "to be", HWH, [Strong's #1933]. And even though it was replaced with HYH [Strong's #1961] in Moses' time and beyond, Yahweh still constructed His Name with the ancient verb, by adding a yodh to the beginning of it [Y+HWH = He is / He will be]. Thus the Elohim of the Heavens makes no effort to "update" even His own matchless Name, continuing to construct His Name around an ancient and obsolete form of the verb "to be".

We also explored, in the previous article, how the Name of "Ihsous" in the Greek was probably a very honest attempt at transliterating "Yahshua" or "Yehshua" in the past. Remember, it originated, not in the Christian Greek Scriptures, but in the Old testament Septuagint, about 300 BCE, in reference to Joshua, son of Nun. So the recent pronunciation "Yay-sus" is way different than anything the ancient scribes ever heard.

As we will see in this article, the principle of transliteration is upheld in the Scriptures with astounding consistency in the most unexpected places. Yahweh's example extends beyond the careful handling of His own Ancient Name. He also exercises the same care with the names of gentile personalities and pagan deities.

Yahweh, The Highest Authority on the Subject, Speaks Again:

In this section we see how Yahweh exercises the principle of transliteration in some depth.

A look at several names of individuals in Scripture shows that the Hebrew text exhibits a very strong trend to carry-over the original sound of gentile names into sounds available in the Hebrew alphabet.

Please consider Table 1, below, a sampling of names foreign to the Hebrew Language. Here we see the foreign pronunciation compared with the Hebrew transliteration. For the sake of clarity, the Hebrew alphabet is vocalized with English letters to show how the Hebrew pronunciation would approach the original. As you read through this sample of foreign names, please keep the following in mind:

- Strong's Concordance often reveals two very similar spellings in the Hebrew. I picked one or more which illustrates the point.
- Foreign names can also have variations in spelling and pronunciation, thus a perfect comparison of all sounds is difficult. **This is a key point.** In those cases where the "scholars" think the pronunciation in the Hebrew Scriptures is off, I would argue that their understanding of the pagan tongues is off, or else their understanding of Hebrew pronunciation is in need of adjusting. It's so common in any language to have some letters silent in a certain word, and some letters to have a sound seemingly unrelated to its main sound, that I am cautious about accepting the gentile name pronunciations as given in the references. The inspired Hebrew spelling, without the vowel points, is the closest we will ever come to knowing how these foreign names were pronounced. In short, when in doubt, the Scriptures have the pronunciation right.
- In Hebrew, the addition of vowel sounds is somewhat arbitrary. The King James pronunciation is based on Masoretic vowel points which are often erroneous, sometimes on purpose. For example, we will see a little later how two of the pagan names used in this article purposely had wrong vowel points placed upon the gentile name, in order to give it the vowels of a word meaning "shameful" or "detestable". Thus, it is best to focus on the Hebrew Spelling, anglicized in column 3, as shown, without adding extra vowels.
- The foreign pronunciations are from references [3] and [4]. These could have the vowels somewhat in error because different references will often provide differing pronunciations for these foreign names.
- Strong's Concordance or Gesenius' Lexicon provided the Hebrew Spellings which I anglicize in Table 1.

Table 1. Gentile Names as Transliterated to Hebrew. Note Columns 3 and 5

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KJV Name	Strong's Number	Hebrew Spelling Using English Ltrs	Original Language	Approx. Original Vocalization	Meaning
Cyrus	3566 3567	KURSH or KRSH	Persian	Koorush [3]	??
Tirhakah	8640	TRHKH	Nubian or Egyptian	Taharka [3]	??
Darius	1867, 1868	DRYUSH	Persia	Darayavaush [3]	“Possessing the Good” [3]
Sennacherib	5576	SNKHRIB	Akkadian (Assyrian or Babylonian)	Sin-ahhee-eryeba [4]	“Sin (the moon god) has replaced the (lost) brothers” [3] “Sin has replaced the dead brothers” [4]
Nebuzaradan	5018	NBUZRADN	Akkadian	Nabu-Zeer-iddina [3]	“Nebo has given off-spring” [3] [4]
Nebuchadnezzar	5020	NBUKDNTSR	Akkadian	Nabu-Kudurri-Usur	“Nebo, defend the boundary” [3]
Nebuchadrezzar	5019	NBUKDRATSUR		[3] [4]	
Nebushazban	5021	NBUSHZBN	Akkadian	Nabu-Seezibanni [3] Nabu-Soozibanni [4]	“Nebo, save me” [3] “Nebo, deliver me” [4]

The first step in using the chart is to ignore the first and second columns. The English Names and Strong's Numbers are provided for reference only.

The main features are found in the third and fifth columns. The third column with the names of these gentile figures as they appear in Hebrew, are represented with English Letters. With a little imagination it can be seen how a Hebrew could vocalize the above names with the appropriate additional vowels (which are never shown in ancient Hebrew), and come very close to the sound of the name in the original tongue, as shown in the fifth column. (The Hebrew variations in the name of Nebuchadnezzar are probably due to variations common in his time). The overall impression one gets from the chart is that the inspired Scriptures show a strong trend towards TRANSLITERATION of these proper names, and NOT translating them.

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Note, in particular, the use of the pagan deity "Nabu" in some of the above names. Yes, Yahweh even transliterates the names of pagan deities. This suggests that we look at the names of other pagan deities for a similar pattern. This is done for several pagan deities in Table 2, below. Note, again, the transliteration from the foreign tongues.

Table 2. Names of Pagan deities as Transliterated to Hebrew. Note Columns 3 and 5

KJV Name	Strong's Number	Hebrew Spelling Using English Ltrs	Original Language	Approx. Original Vocalization	Meaning
Nebo	5015	NBU or NBO	Akkadian	Nabu [3] Nebo [4]	“To call/Announce” [3] “Announcer” or “One who is called” [4]
Ashtaroth (plural of Ashtoreth)	6252	ASHTROTH or ASHTRTH	Canaan	'Ashtart [3] 'Astart [4]	“To be rich” [3]
Chiun	3594	KIWN	Akkadian	Kaiwaynu [3]	“Saturn” [3] “Steady one” [4]
Rimmon	7417	RMUN, RMN or RMUNU	Akkadian	Ramaynu [3]	“Thunder” [3]
Merodach	4781	MRDK	Akkadian	Marduk [3]	“Calf of the sun” [5]
Tammuz	8542	TMUZ	Sumerian	Dumuzi [4]	“The good (right) son” [5]

Again, with a little imagination, vocalization of these names in Hebrew becomes a bona-fide transliteration. Sometimes knowledge of how consonants change and are perceived over time will help. For instance, the letters "T" and "D" are essentially the same, except that the vocal chords start vibrating sooner when making the "D" sound. Try it for yourself and see. Now apply this to the name of Tammuz and suddenly the Hebrew looks very close to the Sumerian. Also, variations on the name "Ashtoreth" throughout the Middle-East were so different and widespread, that the Hebrew transliterations will naturally seem a little variant. Today, of course, people in our culture would pronounce it as "easter". In reference [3], it is shown that the names of Ashtoreth and Chiun were vowel-pointed, in later Hebrew manuscripts, to make them have vowel sounds for the Hebrew words for "Shame" (Bosheth) and "Detestable thing", (Shikkus), respectively. Reference [4] also mentions this later distortion for the name "Ashtoreth". I mention this only to show that most vowels in the English translations are derived from a fluid and arbitrary process, and thus should be ignored for the sake of this study.

The trend towards transliteration (and not translation) is really quite obvious, especially if we ignore Masoretic vowels, which were never inspired by Yahweh to begin with. Indeed, the situation is so consistent that there are some pagan names for which we have no known meaning...simply because these names were never Spirit-Breathed as a translation.

It's as though Yahweh shows more care in transliterating the names of pagan deities than we do for transliterating His precious Name.

His example, alone, should be sufficient for us.

What more proof could we want??

One Possible Objection Answered:

One might argue that there are some names in the Scriptures which are translated. Particularly, in the New testament, there are the names of Kephaz (Peter) and Thomas (Didymus).

It is true that at least two names in the New Testament have a translated form presented as well. One is Kephaz the Apostle, whose Greek Name "Petros" is a pretty good translation of the Aramaic Name Kephaz, meaning stone.

Similarly, the Apostle Thomas has his name translated three (3) times in the book of John as "Didymus", meaning twin.

On the basis of these two items in the Scripture, you might ask yourself if transliteration really is a Heavenly ordained principle. But there is another way to look at this. A very Scriptural way.

The real question is this: Why is it that the vast majority of Names in the New Testament are never translated for us? After all, if this matter of translation is so natural, as opponents of The Name would argue, we should expect to find it everywhere.

Why is it that these two names, Peter and Didymus, are offered as translations into Greek, while the names of other Apostles, like Matthew and Simon (both Hebrew Names) are offered with no Greek translation? Likewise, Andrew and Philip (both Greek names), are offered with no translation into Hebrew.

The answer is really very simple: Kephaz and Thomas each had two names. One from their native tongue, and the other in Greek. Both names were in common use in their personal worlds. If the Scripture shows that they each had two names, I am going to accept it. It turns out that other people in the New Testament had more than one name. You may find examples of this by looking up the word "surname" and "surnamed" in your concordance. In the cases of Kephaz and Thomas, their alternate names were simply translations into Greek.

In contrast, the Apostle Andrew's name is not presented with any translation into Hebrew, even though it is a Greek name, simply because he was known by just this one name. Likewise for Philip.

In this light, the name of Apollos is particularly thought-provoking. His name is allowed to stand, untouched and unchanged, even though he was obviously named after the Greek sun-god. This echoes the alternate name for Daniel, who was also called Belteshazzar. Though Belteshazzar is not a translation of "Daniel", it is an offensive name (meaning "may baal protect his life"), but nevertheless faithfully reported in the Scriptures.

The principle of transliteration still stands. If someone in the Scriptures had a name worth reporting, it is presented as is, with no editing, even for a name as troubling as Apollos.

Supplementary Material:

For those who are impressed only with the observations of published scholars, the following two references are offered.

From Reference [6], A.R. Millard (School of Archaeology and Oriental Studies, The University of Liverpool, England) writes:

"From our survey of the Hebrew scribes' attempts to transmit foreign names to their fellows, we can deduce that they worked with care, and their successors, copying the

texts over the centuries, preserved what they found in their exemplars with remarkable accuracy."

And from Reference [7], Robert Dick Wilson writes: "Moreover, an extraordinary confirmation of the careful transmission of the Hebrew documents from original sources lies in the exact manner in which the names of the kings are spelled. The twenty-four names of the kings of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, et al., contain 120 consonantal letters, of which all are found in the same order in the inscriptions of the kings themselves or in those of their contemporaries. That the Hebrew writers should have transliterated these names with such accurateness and conformity to philological principles is a wonderful proof of their thorough care and scholarship and of their access to the original sources."

(From this point, Mr. Wilson cites examples of extremely sloppy transliteration in the annals of gentile historians).

Conclusion:

Celsus, a pagan editorialist, operating sometime after the apostles, indicates that there were believers back then promoting a particular pronunciation of our Teacher's Name. All facts point to that being a Hebrew Name, unacceptable in Latin or Greek [1, 2].

It does seem regrettable that, today, a truly sincere Christian could have a lively familiarity with such names as Lucifer, Baal, Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Marduk, etc., but little or no understanding of the true Names of the Most High and His Son. "What is His Name and His Son's Name, if thou canst tell?" (Proverbs 30:4-b)

For me, Yahweh's own example, transliterating the names of pagan kings, pagan deities, Greek-named and Hebrew-named Apostles, Belshazzar, Apollos and even His own Name through the ages, is reason enough for me to stick with transliteration for His Blessed Name, and His Son's. And He represents the foremost authority in the universe.

Therefore, I too, will use the Blessed Names in prayer, worship, etc., pronouncing them as best as I honorably can.

I appeal to Christian Brethren of good will everywhere to give this Scriptural Principle every possible consideration, for this is the example of The Most High.

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FEAST OF WEEKS-FIRSTFRUITS-PENTECOST

Luke 24:36, 49 – And as they thus spake, Yahshua himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 2 – And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ... But Peter, standing up with the eleven, ... And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith Elohim, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams ... Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 20:16, 22-24 – For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Spirit witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Master Yahshua, to testify the good news of the grace of Elohim.

1 Corinthians 15:20, 22, 23 – But now is the Messiah risen from the dead, and become the Firstfruits of them that slept. For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: the Messiah the Firstfruits; afterward they that are the Messiah's at his coming.

Exodus 34:22, 23 – And thou shalt observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Sovereign Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel.

Numbers 28:26 – Also in the day of the Firstfruits, when ye bring a new meal offering unto Yahweh, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

Leviticus 23:9-16 – And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. (Septuagint says “on the morrow of the first day.” The context defines “first day” as the first day of the feast of unleavened bread.) ... And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 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 ... (The Word of Yahweh Third Edition)

Deuteronomy 16:9-11 – Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou

shalt keep the Feast of Weeks unto Yahweh thy Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto Yahweh thy Elohim, according as Yahweh thy Elohim hath blessed thee: And thou shalt rejoice before Yahweh thy Elohim, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which Yahweh thy Elohim hath chosen to place his name there.

Joshua 5:10-12 – And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

PENTECOST – A solemn festival of the Jews, so called because celebrated on the fiftieth day after the sixteenth of Nisan, which was the second day of the Passover. It was called the feast of weeks, because it was celebrated seven weeks after the Passover. ... (American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster 1828)

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). This festival was observed 50 days after the offering of the barley sheaf at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. (On the second day of the festival, a priest waved a sheaf of first-ripe barley before the Lord [Yahweh]). It marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the seasonal offering of first fruits (Exod. 23:16; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26-31; Deut. 16:9-12). This one-day festival was observed as a Sabbath with a holy gathering at the tabernacle. (The Bible Almanac)

First-fruits. 2. On the morrow after the Passover Sabbath i.e. on the 16th of Nisan, a sheaf of new corn was to be brought to the priest and waved before the altar, in acknowledgement of the gift of fruitfulness (Lev. 23:5, 6, 10, 12). (Key to the Bible)

Pentecost. 1. To be fifty days from the second day of the Passover. Lev. 23:15 – 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. 16. Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall you number fifty days.... Deut. 16:9 – Seven weeks shall thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. (Hitchcock's Topical Bible and Cruden's Concordance)

SHABUOTH – (weeks; more accurately, Hag Hashabuoth, Feast of Weeks), a festival celebrated in the month of Sivan; its name is derived from the fact that it was celebrated in Bible times seven weeks after the bringing of a sheaf of barley as an offering on the festival of Passover (Lev. 23:15, 16). It is denoted in the Bible also by the names *yom habikkurim* (day of first-fruits; Num. 28:26) and *hag hakatzir* (feast of harvest; Ex. 23:16). (The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia)

Pentecost, that is, the fiftieth day (from a Greek word meaning fiftieth), or Harvest Feast, or Feast of Weeks, may be regarded as a supplement to the Passover. It lasted for but one day. From the sixteenth of Nisan seven weeks were reckoned inclusively, and the next or fiftieth day was the day of Pentecost. (Smith's Bible Dictionary)

Pentecost – Pentekostos, an adjective denoting fiftieth, is used as a noun, with "day" understood, i.e., the fiftieth day after the Passover, counting from the second day of the Feast... (An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words by W.E. Vine)

REGARDING THE SON OF YAHWEH

By Ruth Fink

In Hebrews 1:1, we read: “ELOHIM, who at sundry times and in various manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, (2) hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son . . .” As 2 Corinthians 5:19 tells us: “Elohim [Yahweh] was in the Messiah reconciling the world unto HIMSELF [Yahweh].” We read that at Yahshua’s baptism, the fullness of the Holy Spirit rested upon and remained on HIM, John 1:33; Matthew 3:16, 17. We know that Yahshua was Yahweh’s LAMB, John 1:36. We know that Yahshua is Yahweh’s SON, John 3:16. We know that Yahshua is Yahweh’s servant, Isaiah 42:5; 49:1, 6, 7.

We also know from the Scriptures that Yahweh created the heavens and the earth, Isaiah 42:5; Genesis 1:1; 2:4; Exodus 20:11. We read that Yahweh is the only Mighty One, Isaiah 45:5-8, 12, 18. We know that Yahweh spoke and it was done, Psalm 33:6, 9; Genesis 1:3. We know that the gathered Israelites at Mount Sinai HEARD Yahweh speak, but saw no similitude, Deuteronomy 4:12. Moses wrote in Deut. 4:35: “Unto thee it was shown” that “Yahweh, He is (the) Elohim, the Mighty One and there is none else besides Him.” He is the SUPREME BEING!

ELOHIM is a plural noun, but it is used with a singular verb, and shows the plurality of Majesty and Power. Deuteronomy states: “Yahweh, our Elohim is one Yahweh.” In the King James version, the word LORD (in all capitals) is used twice. You read: “The LORD our God is one LORD.” The word LORD replaces the NAME YHWH (Yahweh) in the original Scriptures, and it was capitalized by the translators over 6800 times to show where the NAME occurred in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Romans 11:33-36 is an important scripture referring to Yahweh: “How rich are the depths of Elohim – how deep His wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate His motives or understand His methods! Who could ever know the mind of Yahweh? Who could ever be His counselor? Who could ever give Him anything? ALL that exists comes from Him; all is by HIM and for Him. To Him the glory forever and ever!” – The Jerusalem Bible. Yahweh is the Source of all; HE is the Sustainer of ALL; and ALL is for and by Him! And Revelation 4:11 says: “Thou art worthy, O Yahweh, to receive glory and honor and power: for THOU hast created all things, and for THY pleasure they are created.”

In Isaiah 40:13, 14 we read: “Who hath directed the Spirit of Yahweh, or being HIS counselor, hath taught Him? With whom took HE counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of Judgement, and taught Him knowledge . . .?”

The beliefs of the translators caused them to translate Isaiah 9:6 as we read it in the King James version, But Yahshua is not THE MIGHTY ELOHIM! He is the Son of Yahweh and the counselor FOR the Mighty El, and Yahshua is the prince of peace.

We read in Hebrews 1:8 “Unto the Son [Yahshua] HE [Yahweh] saith, Thy throne, O Elohim, is for ever and ever.” The word elohim denotes plurality of majesty and power, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent when applied to THE ALMIGHTY, whose name is Yahweh. But it is also used of man meaning magistrate (one having certain judicial and

executive powers). Yahshua will have powers in ruling, when he returns to set up The Kingdom, and He will rule for the time appointed. He also will have power in judging the world, for Yahweh has set a day when He will judge the world by THAT MAN whom he hath ordained, Yahshua! (Acts 17:31).

Again, we read: "THOU [speaking of Yahshua the Son], didst love righteousness . . . therefore thy Elohim [Yahweh] hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows" (associates in the Diaglott).

Yahshua is not Yahweh; He is the Son of Yahweh and came to bring many sons to the Father. Yahshua is Yahweh's KING (Psalm 2:6), and will reign with his saints for 1000 years and then turn the Kingdom back to the father (1 Corinthians 15:24). That will fulfill Yahweh's promise to Miriam (Luke 1:32): "Yahweh the Mighty One will give him [Yahshua] the throne of his father David and He shall rule over the House of Jacob to the ages," (Diaglott). Solomon and David sat on Yahweh's throne (1 Chronicles 29:23).

When Yahshua hung on the tree, the fullness of Yahweh that had been in him from the beginning of his ministry lifted from him, and Yahshua cried out: "My Elohim, my Elohim, why has thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 26:46 and Psalm 22:1). And Yahshua yielded up his breath and died. Then, after three days Yahweh raised Yahshua from the dead, and he became the first fruits of them that slept (Acts 2:24 and 1 Cor. 15:20). Then Yahshua was immortal, really born again, the first of mankind to become what Yahweh planned for man – to have eternal life and live forever.

PURPOSE

What is our purpose for going to the Assembly of Yahweh or church. Think about it, examine your reasons. Is it for fellowship, music (songs), business, entertainment or lunch, or all of the above?

Our main purposes are: Praise, Prayer, Honor, Glorify (Magnify), Thanksgiving, Obedience, Studying the Word. We need to be preparing ourselves for His coming, learning how to be a follower of Yahshua, understanding His way of life; to be in his footsteps preparing the way for ourselves and others for His return, not wavering to the left or to the right.

Do we carry on through the week practicing what we learned and celebrated or do we forget about everything until the next Sabbath needing a fresh renewing of His Word. We need to be exercising our belief daily. Halleluyah!

Douglas Panetta

JOHN 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace.

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;

I have overcome the world.

R. Medina

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

(Ps. 23:1-4) “Yahweh is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

Beloved brethren of the household and lineage of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Yahweh, our “Good Shepherd” promised that no matter what happens to us, “He will never leave us or forsake us!” (Heb. 13:5) Many of us are going through severe trials, which at times seem to never let up!

A close dear brother in the Messiah shared with me that “The Good Shepherd” will always “work together for our good to us who love him, and are the called according to his purpose!” (Rom. 8:28) “That the trying of our faith worketh patience.” (Jas. 1:3) These and many others are verses that we all are familiar with, yet when severe trials come our way, it becomes difficult for us “to see the forest for the trees!” We become so focused on our circumstances that we fail to recognize that every one of our brethren have “their plate full of severe trials as well!” Trials are promised to each and every one of us as we pursue our father Yahweh and his truths! (1 Peter 4:12, 13) “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of the Messiah’s sufferings; that, when his honour shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

Yes, our Flesh wants to recoil and even rebel and defend ourselves when the world around us assails us, but we must train our “spirit” man to respond as our Messiah would! He is our example!

Several years ago, I read a book written by a Franciscan Monk called, “*What Would Jesus Do?*” In every testing, trial and circumstance he attempted to respond as the Messiah Yahshua would have responded according to Yahweh’s word. Recently, another brother in Messiah pointed out that “The truth will always set us free” in any and all of our encounters with others (Jn. 8:32). The context appears to refer to the truth of the Scripture, but it also points us to always being truthful to those we encounter on a day to day basis, praise Yahweh!

Back to our topic, Yahweh and Yahshua our “Good Shepherds” have not, nor never will, leave us hanging nor forsake us” (Heb. 13:5). What an awesome comfort to know that our “Good Shepherd, Yahweh” will “Gather us into his bosom” (Isa. 40:11). (Eze. 34:12, 13, 23-25) “As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered . . . And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, . . . And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I Yahweh will be their mighty one, and my servant David a prince among them; I Yahweh have spoken it. And I will make with them a covenant of peace . . .” (Eze. 37:24). “And David my servant shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.” (Jn. 10:11) “I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (1 Peter 5:4) “And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of honour that fadeth not away.”

As we conclude today’s message, let us be encouraged and lifted up by our closing scripture: (Jas. 1:12) “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Master has promised to them that love him.” Hallelu-Yah!

Your servants and brethren in Yahweh and Yahshua, Mike and Linda

THINGS WE WATCH ON TELEVISION

I'm sure that most people feel that they are watching things on TV that are alright. But yet I am also sure Yahweh isn't pleased with most of the things we are watching. Proverbs 16:2, 3 says, "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but Yahweh weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto Yahweh, and thy thoughts shall be established."

Isaiah 55:8, 9 adds, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith Yahweh. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." Have you ever asked Yahweh to reveal His ways and His thoughts to you? We need to have the desire to know His ways and thoughts.

1 John 2:15-17 states, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is NOT in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Yahweh abideth for ever." What is Yahweh's will, thoughts and ways concerning the television?

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside EVERY WEIGHT, and the SIN which doth so EASILY beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Yahshua the author and finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was before Him endured the [stake], despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Yahweh." (Hebrews 12:1, 2). The more you read Yahweh's Holy [set apart] Word, the more you devote yourselves to prayer, the more you fix your eyes on Yahshua, the more you will be like Him. Many people are more devoted to their TV than to Yahshua. You work a hard day, come home to relax and where are you found . . . watching the tube; then when it is time to go to bed, you are TOO tired to pray, to read the Word, and life goes on.

I am reminded of the Apostle Peter and the account that is recorded in Matthew 14. The disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee being tossed about by the waves when they saw Yahshua approaching the boat walking on the water. After Yahshua calmed their fears, Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came towards Yahshua. The disciple became afraid and took his eyes off Yahshua and began to sink. He immediately cried out, "Master, save me!" Yahshua stretched out His hand, took hold of him and delivered him.

We need to keep our eyes FIXED on Yahshua so the wicked waves of sin do not cover us up. If we start to sink, we desperately need the help of our Master. If we do not seek His face, there is none to save us.

Hosea 4:6 states, "My people are destroyed for lack of (spiritual) knowledge, because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be not priest to Me, seeing thou hast forgotten the Law of Elohim, I will also forget thy children." We, as Yahweh's children, are being destroyed and don't even seem to realize it, or most of us don't. We are too busy with the cares of life and lusts of our flesh that we don't have time to do the things that Yahweh wants us to do. There is a GREAT emptiness in the hearts of all men. Yahshua was meant to fill this void that we all experience. If this emptiness remains, we desperately seek to fill it with something else. TV helps fill the void that Yahshua was meant to fill.

MEDITATION

When we watch TV, our minds are totally devoted to what is happening on the screen. We are basically meditating on what we are watching. Let us see what David says about meditation in Psalms 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT, O Yahweh, my Strength and my Redeemer." What kind of programs are we watching, meditating on? Paul adds in Philippians 1:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK (meditate) ON THESE THINGS." Do our TV shows correspond with what the Apostle Paul admonished the Philippians? We are advised to do the same, to meditate on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report. A lot of programs are true, but yet they are not pure.

Joshua 1:8 tells us, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Watching TV or having a good education will not make you successful, but meditating on His Word daily will.

Time to time I hear people make prayer requests that they want a closer walk with Yahshua. This closer walk will come when we start spending MORE time in prayer, meditation, fasting and study of the Bible. Psalms 1:2, 3 adds, "But his delight is in the law of Yahweh; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

DEFILING THE TEMPLE

Holiness comes from Yahweh, not from man. We can become holy if we allow Yahshua's righteousness to dwell within us.

A clean cloth will never cleanse a dirty one, but a soiled rag will spot a clean one on contact. Never expect to be made pure by associating with the saints, and DO NOT expect to remain a saint BY ASSOCIATING WITH THE WORLD. In the fourth chapter of James we are told that whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of Yahweh.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of Yahweh, and that the Spirit of Yahweh dwelleth in you? If ANY man defile the temple of Yahweh, him shall Yahweh destroy; for the temple of Yahweh is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17.

If we allow impure thoughts to enter this temple, we are defiling HIS temple. We are keepers of His temple and we will have to give an account on how clean and pure we maintain this temple. 1 Peter 1:15, 16 says, "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in ALL your conduct; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

Galatians 6:7, 8 states, "Be NOT DECEIVED: Yahweh is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

If we allow profanity, greed, pride, deceit, anger, immorality, strife, mockery to be sowed in our minds, we begin to think and act in these ways. If we meditate on love, joy, peace, purity, humility, truth, honesty, gentleness, these are the things that we will reap, things that lead to eternal life through Yahshua the Messiah.

Titus 2:11, 12 says, "For the grace of Yahweh has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, INSTRUCTING US TO DENY UNRIGHTEOUSNESS AND WORLDLY DESIRES and to live sensibly, righteously, and holy in the present age."

Our salvation comes through Yahshua by denying all WORLDLY DESIRES. Are the TV shows that we are so caught-up in spiritual or worldly?

Ephesians 5:10-12 says, "Proving what is acceptable unto Yahweh. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful WORKS OF DARKNESS, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret." If it is disgraceful to even speak of unfruitful works of darkness, it also is shameful to watch and listen to them on TV.

ARE WE DENYING YAHWEH?

Titus 1:15, 16 says, "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They PROFESS that they know Yahweh; but in works, THEY DENY HIM, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work, reprobate."

- 1) We deny Him if we do not abstain from ALL appearances of evil (1 Thess. 5:22).
- 2) We reject Yahweh if we love to watch evil (Psalms 97:10, Amos 5:15).
- 3) We are refusing His ways if we set wicked things before our eyes (Psalms 101:3, 4).
- 4) We disclaim Him if we mind earthly things (Philippians 3:19).
- 5) We are denying Yahweh if we make provisions for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof (Romans 13:14).
- 6) We reject Him if we become friends with the world (James 4:4). People like to spend their time with their best friend. Where is your time spent?

We cannot continue to watch carnal and worldly programs and expect to come to worship and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

1 Corinthians 5:6 states, "Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?" Do you not know that a little sin corrupts the whole temple of Yahweh?

Television can be a HINDERANCE TO THE LIFE FLOW FROM YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH. It can be a seed of cancer that eats away at our spiritual lives that could bring spiritual death. Getting rid of the TV will not make us any holier, but having one and not being careful of what we watch, could make us become unfruitful.

"Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 15:2, 6).

The Apostle Paul admonished the Colossians to set their affections on things above, not on things on the earth. And also whatsoever you do, do ALL to the glory of Yahweh!

Jon D. Klopfenstein (Adapted)

[With the worldwide use of television, computers and cell phones, there seems to be no end to the influence of information available good and bad. What the believer must do is decide what is good and what is not. We are the receivers and we must decide what to receive. Isaiah 26:3 – Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. James 1:27 – Pure religion and undefiled before Yahweh and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.]

ABIDING ... “ABIDE IN ME”

The basic purpose of the Word of Yahweh from Genesis to Revelation is to acquaint the reader and the believer with Yahweh’s Almightyness. Great blessings will follow those who, in yielding obedience, abide in Yahweh’s laws.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and lust of the eyes, and pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abideth for ever.” 1 John 2:15-17. The rule of a normal believer’s life should be totally to expel the lust of the world and be completely committed to the love of the Father. Abiding means staying in Yahweh’s unchangeable love. The life and will of Yahweh are unchangeable. Allow no doubt to enter your thoughts.

The grandness of the world is fleeting, it passes away with all its splendor and glory, but the Word of Yahweh and His Commandments are firm and eternal. It was from the beginning Yahweh’s will to send His Son to give His life to deliver mankind from this world. In Romans 12:2, we read not to be conformed to this world. It is evident the power of this world is strong and we feel the conflict between its powers and the power of Yahweh’s Spirit. So, as the believer accepts and does the will of Yahweh in his life, his life will be changed and he will be freed from the instability of the world. He who does the will of Yahweh abides forever.

Elohim created man with a will, but when we adhere to the Father’s will, when we prevail over our enemies, overcoming the obstacles that come our way, and stay on the straight and narrow pathway, it is then that Yahweh becomes the strength in our lives. If men and women accept Yahweh’s will, He can work through them making them fellow workers.

When Yahshua came to this earth He restored human nature to its original destiny. He showed us the blessedness and high esteem that comes when we are living and doing the Father’s will. Many are convinced they are doing the will of Yahweh, but their spiritual eyes are blinded. Doing good works, feeding the hungry, clothing the ones who are cold, visiting the old and the sick, these are all praiseworthy duties in human eyes, but what does Yahshua say to those who are busy with such activities and yet are not obedient to His Father’s will? The answer is found in Matthew 1:21-27. “Not every one that saith unto me, Sovereign, Sovereign, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Sovereign, Sovereign, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”...

There is no uncertainty in Yahshua’s walk on earth; He gave us the perfect example to walk according to the Father’s will. He kept His Father’s laws, demonstrating love to everyone, but gave warnings to those who would not do all the commandments of Yahweh. Matthew 5:17-20, ... “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”... Yahweh’s Sabbath was made for Yahweh’s creation (Genesis 2:2-3); six days we shall labor, the seventh day is for rest and worship. Isaiah 58:13-14 says we are to turn away from doing our pleasure on His holy (separated) day. We are to call the Sabbath a delight, honoring Him; and He will cause us to ride upon the high places of the earth.

IN MEMORIAM

Hiawatha Lovell Cromer was born in Mt. Meigs, Alabama September 12, 1932, to the late Lovely and Lena Williams and passed away December 19, 2022, in Ionia, Michigan. Hiawatha grew up in Birmingham, Alabama from the age of four, attending public schools and Miles College. She graduated Cum Laude from Miles College in 1952 with a BA in Sociology. She was married in 1954 to the late James W. Cromer. From this union her daughter, the late Annetta L. Cromer was born, with whom she was laid to rest.

Hiawatha received a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University in 1972 and was a caseworker for the State of Michigan. After retiring from the state, she devoted her life to health and wellness and served as director, instructor and kitchen manager at the Creative Health Institute in Union City, Michigan from 1993 to 2001.

Hiawatha was a woman of faith. During her formative years, she attended First Baptist Church West End in Birmingham, Alabama, where her father was a deacon. She greatly admired her father's speaking skills and would often say "I got my speaking skills from my father." She continued her faith as a member of the Assembly of Yahweh in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, joining in 1999 and established the Wellness Center, a Raw Foods Teaching and Residence Health Center in 2001.

Her commitment to health and wellness led her to become a certified health minister and laugh coach. She was also a published author of two books, *Recipes and Instructions for the Living Foods Lifestyle* and *Eating Raw, Living Well*.

Hiawatha always had a positive attitude and attempted to teach others the same. Her presence in the Assembly is greatly missed. On Sabbath she usually gave a health tip and an offering in song. Hiawatha is asleep, awaiting the resurrection. She finished her course, she kept the faith.

Some Recommendations for a Healthy Lifestyle

By Hiawatha Cromer

Make a commitment to improve your health. Pray about it, meditate on it, ask for help from the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh, your family and friends.

Eat healthy foods, green leafy vegetables, avoid processed foods; Drink good water; Exercise daily; Take 5 deep breaths every hour. Eat a fresh fruit breakfast daily (suggestion: try to chew each mouthful 21 times to activate digestive enzymes).

Control negative thinking. Do not entertain negative thoughts. A negative idea might come, but dismiss the thought immediately and pray for self-control. Avoid negative people and negative conversation. Change the conversation or terminate the contact. Share with your family and friends your desire to strive to be more positive in your interaction with people.

Encourage your family and friends to join you in making lifestyle changes. Form a support group or join a healthy lifestyle support group.

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ABIDING ... “ABIDE IN ME”

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Take time to read Yahweh’s Word. All your questions will be answered. Look into yourselves and find out how much you love Yahweh and are willing to do His Will. When we love the heavenly Father and want His blessings, then we will want to be obedient to His laws. May every one who commits himself to the Master be zealous to do the Father’s will and abide in it. Yahweh’s blessings will be bestowed and peace and love will fill our hearts.
By: Elder Otto Miesel

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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)

NEGATIVE WORDS CAN HURT!



"Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me." (Google-from ancient origins). This is a famous phrase; but words can hurt you. How do you defend yourself against these negative emotional attacks? Here are key points to remember:

- 1. Negative words to hurt you are from Satan. Satan will try to hurt you through others. Remember Satan is a liar and will always be. So, these negative attacks are lies. Do not believe them.**
- 2. Avoid hanging around or connecting with negative people. Satan will try and use them to bring you down.**
- 3. Focus on your positive qualities, goals, and aspirations. You are amazing and with Yahshua, you are destined for great things.**
- 4. Do activities that you enjoy and that build you up (e.g., try out for a school team, volunteer in something you want to explore, plan an outing with friends and family etc.).**
- 5. Talk to someone you trust about your feelings. Write it down.**
- 6. Ask Yahshua to heal the wounds and fight for you.**
- 7. Learn to forgive. Yahshua when he was being crucified said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34). Satan has blinded the world. Pray that if it is Yah's will, he changes them. Yahweh will judge them.**

Negative words do hurt; but positive words help us heal. Read your Bible, especially the book of Psalms and let Yahweh of hosts comfort you.



POSITIVE VERSES OF COMFORT

(Find the missing word)



- A) Yahweh is my _____ and my salvation; whom shall I _____? Yahweh is the strength of my _____ of whom shall I be afraid (Ps 27:1).**
- B) My _____ I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be _____ (John 14:27).**
- C) Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this _____ multitude; for the _____ is not _____, but Yah's (2 Chron 20:15b).**
- D) For the _____ of Yahweh run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself _____ in the behalf of them whose _____ is _____ toward him (2 Chron 16:9a).**

PERFECT	STRONG	BATTLE	EYES
GREAT	LIFE	FEAR	LIGHT
AFRAID	PEACE	HEART	YOURS

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REMEMBER TO PASS IT ON TO YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Yahweh's 2023 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 5 Celebrate APRIL 4 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 24	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 6 through APRIL 12	April 6
Feb. 22		April 12
Mar. 23 (Borderline)	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 26 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 26
Apr. 22		Sept. 17
May 21	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 17	Sept. 26
June 20		Oct. 1
July 19 (Borderline)	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 26	Oct. 8
Aug. 18		7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 17		
Oct. 17		
Nov. 15		
Dec. 15	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 1 through OCTOBER 7	
	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 8	

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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