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## Yahshua The Messiah King of Kings

Yahweh thy Elohim will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; Deuteronomy 18:15

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:5-6

Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not the Messiah to have suffered these things, and to enter into his majesty? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:25-27

... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:25

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. John 14:28

And now, O Father, honor thou me with thine own self with the majesty which I had with thee before the world was. John 17:5

For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. John 17:8

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# **Spiritual Salute to the Ministers of Yahweh And the Household of Faith...Halleluyah!**

My prayer is for you that you continue in the faith and come up higher into spiritual truth and into the revelation of Yahweh's will. The revelation of truth comes in many forms, yet it comes to lead and guide.

This end time age has brought to us many changes in our world and in our congregations and the influence of Yahweh's truth has sometimes fallen on deaf ears. In these last days, men have given heed to seducing spirits. The web of deceit has spun quickly and silently among true believers. Yet, Yah has a remnant preserved and ready and taking heed to what is being revealed.

**Go to the ant, thou sluggard and be wise.** The animals in the animal kingdom are preparing their food and getting set for the tough times ahead. Even so, many of us are preparing our hearts and minds for the lean times ahead. The Scripture declares that the time will come when men will run to and fro seeking a word, but there will be dearth (famine) in the land, not for physical bread, but for the Word of Yahweh. Yahshua said I am sending the Comforter to lead and guide you in the truth.

A dearth has already started in the land. Staple food that used to be stored up for years has now dwindled to a mere few weeks and much of the food has been reserved for the wealthy and for the military. New food sources have been cloned for human consumption and preserved in various quadrants of the country. Only those who have been pre-qualified have access to the food sources.

**What about our Spiritual Food?** True spiritual food has become scarce and true vision and judgment has become cloudy. Men of renown have been infused with a spirit of fear and perverseness—for Yahweh has mingled a spirit of perverseness in the midst causing strong leaders to become spiritually drained. A mix of made to order and take-out messages have been exchanged for truth and sincerity. Compromise and deception (CD's) have become the order of the day. New supplies are on back order and the modern programs (MP's) have made true conversions, spiritual restoration and law abiding, a mere spectator sport with free popcorn praise and entertainment included—setting us up for the showdown! 911 was simply a Wake-up Call and many have turned over and gone back to sleep. Beloved, my people are destroyed for not just the lack of knowledge but what to do about it once we receive it.

**Why do men reject knowledge?**--because their consciences (minds) have not been seared with the Sword of the Spirit, Yahweh's Word. The essence of Yah's Word has been watered down and caused us to have poor spiritual insight and true vision. When the seed of faith is nurtured and watered, it causes us to put aside our differences and apply Yahweh's inspired Word to our lives. This produces profound changes in our lives: peace, love and unity are entwined. A three-fold is not easily broken and the truth marches on; it is not easily buried. The truth is that extreme measures have already been taken to destroy the people of Yahweh. Laws change lives for good and for bad. Pick up any major newspaper and you will see these glaring headlines: health care costs skyrocket, health inoculations mandatory for all children; Patriot Act—anyone can be imprisoned for fitting profiles, unarming the public; U.S. Constitution Amendments 5, 6 & 7 gone with the stroke of a pen.

Some recent headlines in major U.S. Newspapers:

Collapse of the United States Economic/Money System

Financial Disclosure of Gun exchanges for drugs and food

Human rights violated at terrorist containment centers  
Cloning of humans, cattle and goods in Britain, China and U.S.  
Taking and taxing of the U.S. Social Security System  
Enemies and Allies surround the Holy City Jerusalem  
No more educational funding for clergy students

**So what does that have to do with me, you ask? Stay tuned!** In order to conquer a people, you must influence change in their thinking. Change the law and you control the people. It is no longer business as usual. The adversary Satan has stepped up his level of attack and the people of Yahweh must match [and overcome] the tactical maneuvers of the enemy. Not by Power, not by Might, but by Yahweh's matchless Spirit. Why? Because many lives are at stake and every believer is at the crossroads. So, where do we go from here?

Unify through Prayer and Fasting and Study.  
Love out of a Pure Heart without being partial.  
Correct in Love and Restore one another.  
Respect one another's rights, property and opinion.  
Do not allow your energy to be drained, get some rest.  
Know how to and delegate authority to the right people.  
Hold each other accountable for your actions.  
Cast out all evil imaginations, forgive and forget.  
Encourage your leaders and lift up their hands.  
Form joint ventures and build ministries together.  
Communicate often your visions and dreams.  
Merge small groups and congregations.  
Know those that labor among you.

**Prophecy is being fulfilled as we speak and we are living witnesses. Come now let us reason together...Isaiah 1:18 is a beginning. Leaders—stand up, be vigilant and make the vision plain!**

Minister R. E. Portier

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## **Feast of Tabernacles Trip to Kenya**

... First, the trip to Kenya was a great success. We were blessed to form two new assemblies while there, and a third was formed the following week as a result of our visit. Yahweh is certainly at work among the people of that nation. It touched me many times as I remembered my childhood and how we would have to literally travel for hours to worship with others using the Sacred Names. Now, it is possible to travel halfway around the world and walk into a congregation where several hundred people are praising Yahweh in their native tongue. From that perspective, Yahshua is surely working quickly in our time. It is such a privilege to witness the great working of the Holy Spirit among men. ...

We would also like to get several more cases of Bibles sent to Kenya. It would be good for each elder in every assembly to have a Sacred Name Bible. As there are presently 29 congregations in Kenya, this computes to quite a few Bibles!

... There is so much work to do, and the more of us that join together, the more quickly Yahweh will be glorified and the souls being called by Him will be saved.

Jacob C. Meyer

# TRUE OR FALSE “GOOD NEWS” OF SALVATION?

The time for easy “beliefism” is ending. The 21<sup>st</sup> century requires a new and better commitment to Yahshua and better preparation for unprecedented tribulation and spiritual warfare. Preparation begins with a solid and true salvation experience and commitment.

Modern evangelicals present a watered down partial gospel (good news) that is more deceptive and dangerous than no “good news” at all. They falsely tell people that all they need to do to be saved is “believe in Yahshua” without explaining that the word “believe” means, “to have faith, to entrust—believe, commit,” (Strong’s Greek Dictionary #4100). The Amplified Bible explains the word “believe” to mean “trust, clings to, relies on.” Believing is more than intellectual agreement with the facts about Yahshua. It means to entrust your entire life for this present lifetime and for eternity to Yahshua the Messiah.

Many evangelicals urge people to “invite Yahshua into their hearts” to be saved, using John 1:12 as a proof text. But there is much more to being saved than just asking Yahshua into your heart. Verse 13 of John 1 says that receiving the Savior involves being born not of our human will but by the Spirit of Yahweh. Being born again is more than a superficial religious experience. It is being transformed from living by human life to living by the divine/eternal (everlasting) life of the Messiah in us (Galatians 2:20).

Many believers including preachers fail to tell you all the Bible says about being saved. They leave important parts out of the good news message. The Bible says we/you need to:

- \*Repent—turn from self and sin to Yahshua the Messiah — to be saved (Acts 2:38).
- \*Follow and obey Yahshua (John 10:27-28, 14:15, Luke 9:23).
- \*Have an intimate relationship with Yahshua the Messiah living in you (John 15:5, 1 John 5:11-13).
- \*Believe (trust) in Yahshua as Master, Commander of your life (Acts 16:31), not just ... as your Savior (like a fire insurance policy).
- \*Be baptized in the name of Yahshua the Messiah (Acts 2:38) — adult believer’s baptism.
- \*Many people say they love Yahshua, but loving Yahshua is more than an emotional feeling of endearment. Yahshua says, “If you love me, keep my commandments,” (John 14:15, 21).
- \*Then many believers make the error of telling people they have eternal (everlasting) life after a superficial presentation and an equally superficial commitment such as raising your hand in a meeting or repeating a little prayer. 1 John 5:11-13 is used as a proof text, a good and proper scripture, but not to be used too quickly and especially not when people have been manipulated into a “decision” or when people do not understand the full “good news” and what it means to lay down our lives for Yahshua the Messiah (Luke 9:23), turn from living for self and sin to live for the Master Yahshua. Let’s not inoculate people with a superficial commitment and false assurance of salvation that comes short of really being saved, ... instead of true salvation and eternal (everlasting) life).

People often cite the example of the dying thief on the cross (stake) who made a simple request of Yahshua without having time to mature in faith and yet he was told he would be in paradise with Yahshua. Yahshua knows our hearts and that is what really counts. The dying thief's request shows an understanding and implies a commitment about the heart issue of the good news, the kingdom of Yahweh, that few believers know anything about.

Today's generation of so-called believers typically live for themselves instead of for the Savior (the Messiah). They do not know the crucified, sanctified life in the Messiah. They are carnal sons of the world, not sons of Yahweh and His glorious kingdom. These false believers are on the way to destruction ... having no part in the Messiah and His everlasting kingdom which is only for His truly born again and faithful followers.

Beware of false religious preachers/teachers and churches of men who fail to tell you clearly all that the Bible says about being saved.

Read the Bible for yourself to find out what Yahweh says about the way of salvation and everlasting life. Trust in Yahshua, not a religion or church of man, to be saved. Turn from living for yourself and the world, to live for the Messiah and His kingdom. Follow and obey the Master Yahshua as the Master of your life. Identify with Yahshua the Messiah and His life, death and resurrection by being baptized, adult believer's baptism. Prove your love for Yahshua by keeping His commandments.

Al Van Dyk

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## **How to Estimate the Season of The Messiah's Birth**

[Yahshua] is generally thought to have served a three and one-half year ministry, after which He was crucified at Passover time (Matthew 26). Since Passover occurs, at the latest, in April, simply count back three and one-half years and we come to October, when His ministry would have begun. Count back another 40 days to allow for His temptation in the wilderness (Luke 4), and we arrive at the time He was baptized – undoubtedly in early September. And what does the Bible say in this regard?

“And [Yahshua] himself began to be about 30 years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, ... (Luke 3:23).

Yes, “He began to be” about 30 – that is, He passed His 30<sup>th</sup> birthday – at the time of His baptism, which was some time in September.

So [Yahshua] was not born in the wintertime after all. And, that being true, Christmas cannot be considered as commemorating His birth.

Author unknown.

Submitted by Voy Wilks

# Is Our Savior's Birth The Origin of Christmas?

All we hear and are being told is that our Savior was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, in the dead-cold of winter, some 2,000 years ago; without even proving from the Bible the date exactly on which He was born and the command to observe, commemorate or celebrate His birth. But December 25 is a Roman calendar dating. The Gregorian-Roman calendar vastly differs from the calendar in the Bible given by this our very same creating Savior whose birth-transformation into the flesh is supposedly being observed in the celebration of Christmas. Had He meant for us to or instructed that we observe/celebrate His birth and on the very same date that He was born IF celebrating birthdays is an acknowledged practice by our Creator's worshipers in the Bible, wouldn't he have preferred that the date we celebrate in honor of His birth be the Hebrew Bible lunar calendar date on which He was born IF the Bible tells on its calendar what this date is seeing it is He who has created and given to man the calendar in the Bible from the heavens of His Father's own designing?

Yes, indeed, for a surety, our creating Savior was indeed born from the womb of a virgin into this world of sin in the form of a human being to have become our heavenly Father's provided atoning sacrificial Passover lamb for the remission of our sins. But on what Bible calendar date was He born? Is there any evidence anywhere at all whatsoever throughout the New Testament writings in the Holy Bible where He pin-pointedly declared to His disciples the date on which He was born with the command that it is to be observed in honor of His birth as He gave command to observe His death? If not, then the following quoted authorities which are probably taking dust on your in-home library bookshelf are altogether correct in what they are saying in connection with the yearly celebration in winter supposedly in remembrance of the birth of our Savior and the origin of Christmas. These are but merely a few that might be available at a free public library in or not too far from your local home town, city, or village of residence or perhaps on your in-home library bookshelf as well as from the various publishers of this wealth of information.

**Where does the word Christmas come from?** "Christmas predates the Messiah by 2,000 years. It was first observed in rites of idolatrous pagans, and the Creator punished Israel for becoming involved in these rites. He also warns you not to learn heathen ways. The word Christmas derives from the old English Cristes-masse, a Catholic mass that grew out of a feast day established in the year 1038. A mass is a prayer for a dead person. Why is it applied to the birth of the messiah?" (The Real Story of CHRISTMAS, inside front cover and page 4; a booklet published by Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah, 401 N. Roby Farm Road, Rocheport, Missouri 65279, U.S.A.).

**When was a feast supposedly in celebration of our Savior's birth first instituted?** "Christmas was according to many authorities not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian Church as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons rather than their birth. A feast was established in the memory of the birth of the Savior in the Fourth Century." "**Who ordered the celebration, supposedly in honor of our Savior's birth, for a particular day?** "In the Fifth Century the Western Church [Roman Catholic] ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman Feast of the birth of Sol [the sun]." (Encyclopedia Americana, 1942 edition, volume 6, page 623).

**What was that date chosen on which to observe our Savior's birth, and by whom?** "...The Latin Church...placed it on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, the very day on which the ancient Romans celebrated the feast of their goddess Bruma. Pope Julius I was the person who made this alteration." (Clarke's Commentary).

**Is it our Savior's birth which brought about the feasting on December 25<sup>th</sup>, which we are witnessing today, in honor of Christmas?** "Long before the fourth century, and long before the Christian era itself, a festival was celebrated among the heathen at that precise time of the year, in honor of the birth of the son of the Babylonian queen of heaven; and it may fairly be presumed that, in order to conciliate the heathen, and to swell the number of the nominal adherents of Christianity, the same festival was adopted by the Roman Church, giving it only the name of Christ." (The Two Babylons, page 93).

"December 25 was the date of the Roman pagan festival inaugurated in 274 as the birthday of the unconquered sun which at the winter solstice begins again to show an increase in light. Sometime before 336 the Church in Rome, unable to stamp out this pagan festival, spiritualized it as the feast of Nativity of the Sun of Righteousness." (New International Dictionary of the Christian Church, page 223).

"Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church." (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1946 edition).

"For the first 300 years, the religious writers are silent regarding the Christmas observance. An Armenian writer of the eleventh century states that the Christmas festival was first celebrated in Constantinople in 373. In Egypt the western birthday festival was opposed during the early years of the fifth century, but was celebrated in Alexandria as early as 432." (The Real Story of CHRISTMAS, page 4).

"The well-known solar feast of Natalis Invicti [The Nativity of the Unconquered Sun] celebrated on 25 December, has a strong claim on the responsibility for our December date." (Catholic Encyclopedia, volume 3, page 727).

**Christmas is taken into custody, tried and imprisoned with rejection for a while on the grounds of being of pagan origin.** ... "In England, for example, the Puritans could not tolerate this celebration for which there was no biblical sanction. Consequently, the Roundhead Parliament of 1643 outlawed the feast of Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, along with the saints' days." (Celebrations, page 312).

"In 1644 the English Puritans forbade any merriment or religious services by act of Parliament on the grounds that Christmas was a heathen festival. They were so opposed to its observance that they ordered a fast on December 25. Why didn't the early converts celebrate Christmas and what made it a heathen festival?" (The Real Story, page 4). ...

**The December 25<sup>th</sup> festivity claimed in honor of our Savior's birth today originates from ancient idol-sun worshipers.** "In the Julian Calendar the twenty-fifth of December was reckoned the winter solstice, because the day begins to lengthen and the power of the sun to increase from that turning point of the year. Now Mithras was regularly identified by his worshipers with the Sun, the Unconquered Sun, as they called him; hence his nativity also fell on the twenty-fifth of December." (The Golden Bough, page 416).

"Between 1400 B.C.E. and 400 C.E., Persians, Indians, Romans, and Greeks worshiped the deity Mithras. He was particularly important in the Roman Empire in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries." (Encyclopedia of World Religions, page 94). "The Persian Mithras was a god of contract, a mediator between gods and man, and was closely connected with both the sun and the kingship, the principle of law and order in society." (Page 97).



“Mithraism, in fact, was one of the last of the oriental ‘mystery cults’ to reach the West. It became the chief rival of Christianity. Altars to Mithras, dating from the first to the fifth century, are common in England. The pagan feast of the Saturnalia, which the Romans celebrated in honor of the deity Saturn from December 17 to 24, eventually encompassed the feast of Mithras. Many of the practices of Christmas trace to the Saturnalia celebration. At the Saturnalia, Romans lavishly decorated their homes with evergreens. Men discarded their togas for more festive holiday garments. Families and friends exchanged gifts of candles and clay dolls. Nero enjoyed having himself appointed ‘Lord of the Misrule,’ or the one who presided over Saturnalia merrymaking. He is reported to have led the grand parade, playing his harp and singing bawdy ballads. And even today, Christmas time—like the Saturnalia—lasts seven days. The Saturnalia was instituted under the name Brumalia, which meant ‘Winter solstice.’ How, then, did these rankly pagan festivals of sun worship become entwined with the worship of the Savior of men? The same way December 25 came to be accepted.” (The Real Story, page 11).

**Usage of Babylon-based idol-sun worship practices called Christmas in observance of our Savior’s birth spread the world over from ancient Rome.** “Gradually, through trade, influence of Babylon spread to other nations as they incorporated its government and religious system. ...the customs, practices, and beliefs of these heathen Babylonians have survived to this day and are found in nearly every nation on earth.” (The Real Story, page 5).

**How did the Babylon-based Christmas idol-sun worship come to be employed by Bible believers supposedly in observance of the Bible accounted birth of our Savior?** “The pagan Saturnalia and Brumalia were too deeply entrenched in popular custom to be set aside by Christian influence. The recognition of Sunday (the day of Phoebus and Mithras as well as the Lord’s Day) by the emperor Constantine as a legal holiday, along with the influence of Manicheism, which identified the Son of [Yahweh] with the physical sun, may have led Christians of the fourth century to feel the appropriateness of making the birthday of the Son of [Yahweh] coincide with that of the physical sun. The pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit or in manner. Christian preachers of the West and the Nearer East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which [Yahshua’s] birthday was celebrated, while Christians of Mesopotamia accused their Western brethren of idolatry and sun-worship for adopting as Christian this pagan festival.” (The New Schaff-Jerzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, page 48).

“Merely to placate the heathen and bring them into the Church, the pagan festival of Christmas was adopted. In other words, they could have their cherished old Saturnalia as well as their new faith—merely cloaked in a different name!” (The Real Story, page 12).

“The heathen winter holidays (Saturnalia, Juvenalia, Brumalia) were undoubtedly transformed, and, so to speak, sanctified by the establishment of the Christmas cycle of holidays; and the heathen customs...were brought over into Christian use.” (Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, page 276).

“There can be little doubt that the Church was anxious to distract the attentions of Christians from the old heathen feast days by celebrating Christian festivals on the same days. On December 25 was the dies natalis solis invicti or the sol novus (new sun) especially cultivated by the votaries of Mithraism.” (Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, volume 3, page 607).

“December 25, the birthday of Mithra, the Iranian god of light and contract and the day devoted to the invincible sun, as well as the day after the saturnalia, was adopted by the Church as Christmas, the nativity of [Yahshua], to counteract the effects of these festivals.” (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 15<sup>th</sup> edition, volume 7, page 202).

“Mithra, the Iranian god of light and sacred contracts, is described as being born from a rock, the birth being witnessed by shepherds on a day (December 25) that was later claimed by Christians as the nativity of [Yahshua].” (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 15<sup>th</sup> edition, volume 4, page 552).

**Not pinpointed or commanded in the Bible, can the date or time of year when our Savior was born be arrived at?** “There is no historical evidence that our [Savior’s] birthday was celebrated during the apostolic or post-apostolic times.” (The New Schaff-Jerzog Encyclopaedia, “Christmas,” page 47).

“The day was not one of the early feasts of the Christian church. In fact the observance of birthdays was condemned as a heathen custom repugnant to Christians.” (The American Book of Days, by George W. Douglas, page 658).

“Inexplicable though it seems, the date of the [Messiah’s] birth is not known. The Gospels indicate neither the day nor the month.” (The New Catholic Encyclopedia, volume 3, page 656).

“The fathers of the first three centuries do not speak of any special observance of the nativity. No corresponding festival was presented by the Old Testament ... the day and the month of the birth of [the Messiah] are nowhere stated in the Gospel history, and cannot be certainly determined.” (Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature, “Christmas,” page 276).

**During what time of the year could our Savior have been born?** “Historians have long recognized that Yahshua the Messiah was born in the autumn and not in the dead of winter. The sheep were still in the open fields.” (The Real Story, page 8).

“It was a custom among Jews to send out their sheep to the deserts about the Passover [early spring], and bring them home at the commencement of the first rain. The first rain commences in October or November. As these shepherds had not yet brought home their flocks, it is a presumptive argument that October had not yet commenced, and that, consequently, our Savior was not born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, when no flocks were out in the fields ... the flocks were still in the fields BY NIGHT. On this very ground the nativity in December should be given up.” (Clarke’s Commentary, by Adam Clarke, volume 3, page 370).

“Furthermore, at the time of the Savior’s birth, Caesar Augustus was collecting taxes from Palestine, Luke 2:1-5. Each had to make a journey to ‘his own city’ to pay his taxes. Joseph and Miriam (Mary) traveled to Bethlehem. Requiring the people to make such journeys at the severest time of the year—in the dead of winter—would have sparked a revolt against the hated Roman Empire. The simplest and most logical policy would be to collect taxes after the fall harvest, when store houses were full and resistance would be the least.

Then there is the fact that the Jews would be congregating in the autumn anyway, ‘going up’ to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:8-10, Acts 18:21). Perhaps this is the reason the parents of Yahshua found ‘no room for them in the inn:’ the cities were swollen with travelers to the Feast of Tabernacles.

We can determine the approximate date of the Savior’s birth by knowing when John the Baptist was born. Worship at the time centered on the temple at Jerusalem, where priests were required to perform duties for a week twice in the year, 1 Chron. 24:1-18.

John's father Zacharias was from the family of Abiyah, and had his turn on the eighth week of the year, 1 Chronicles 24:10.

Beginning the count from the Days of Unleavened Bread at the beginning of the year, we come to the third Hebrew month Sivan. It was at this time that the angel of Yahweh told Zacharias he would become the father of a son, Luke 1:13. When his duties were finished he went home, verse 23. At that time Elizabeth conceived, verse 24. This was about the middle or end of our June. Moving forward nine months in the gestation period we come to March and John the Baptist is born. Luke 1:36 notes that Yahshua was six months younger than John. So six months later, the Savior was born—at the end of September or first part of October.

It is commonly recognized that our Savior's ministry lasted three and a half years. He began when He was 30 years of age, Luke 3:23, Numbers 4:3.

Therefore, He was put to death at the age of 33½ and died at Passover—which falls in the spring at about April. Starting in April and counting back six months to His birthday, we end up with an autumn birth date.” (The Real Story, pages 8-9).

**With no apparent existing command to observe our Savior's birth being found in the Bible, and Christmas at the pens of historians and scholars fails with its supposed Gregorian-Roman December date of our Savior's birth, but as having originated from ancient idol-sun worshipers, what is now left to be done?** “Thus says Yahweh; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against Me, a destroying wind; And will send to Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of Yahweh's vengeance; He will render to her a recompense.” (Jeremiah 51:1-2, 6 KJV).

... “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. ... Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and [Elohim] has remembered her iniquities.” (Revelation 17:5, 18:4-5 KJV).

... “for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what concord has [the Messiah] with Belial? And what agreement has the temple of [Yahweh] with idols? For you are the temple of the living [Elohim] ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says [Yahweh], and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says [the] Almighty [Elohim].” (2 Corinthians 6:14-16, 17-18 KJV).

Submitted by: Augustus Paul

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14. Don't try to incorporate all of these recommendations in one day. Develop a plan. Pinpoint priorities and keep a journal of your progress and remember, every day is a new day to start again.

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# **FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2004**

## **Eaton Rapids, Michigan**

The Feast of Tabernacles is always a joyous occasion at the Eaton Rapids Assembly of Yahweh. The planning and anticipation; seeing brethren we haven't seen since the last Feast, and meeting new brethren. The joy and sense of fulfillment in keeping Yahweh's appointed times, the inspiring sermons and sermonettes, the special songs of praise, the field trips, the hayrides and hot dog roasts, the immersions, etc., are just a part of what makes the Feast of Tabernacles a delight.

Believers began to arrive a few days before the Feast, pitching in and helping to groom the Assembly campgrounds; an example of the ministry of helps that we read about in 1 Corinthians 12:28.

The first meeting was at the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (sundown), and started with prayer and songs of praise. Scriptures were read regarding the command from Yahweh to keep His Feasts (appointments); Leviticus 23, Zechariah 14, John 7:2 & 37. Those attending stood and gave their testimony of why they keep (celebrate) the Feasts and the number of years they have attended.

The theme for this year's Feast was "Cast thy burden upon Yahweh and He shall sustain thee:" from Psalm 55:22. Below is a list of speakers and the titles of their presentations.

Otto Miesel – Elohim Called Us; We are the Children of Israel; and Psalm 91.

Bill McDiarmid – Pre-existence of Yahshua; and Tribulation is a Way of Life.

Rock Key Yah – Garbage; and Are We Willing?

Mike Runkle – Read the Red Letters.

Baruch Bobo – Process to Salvation; Don't Sweat the Small Stuff; and Love is the Key.

Bob Wells – Five Deceptions of Islam.

Jesse Boone – The Heart of Man.

Peter Danke – Who are the Blessed?

Samuel Graham – Feasting at Yahweh's Table; A Sower Went to Sow; The Keys of The Kingdom.

There were two immersions on the Last Great Day of the Feast. It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day on the bank of the Grand River at the Eaton Rapids Campground and Retreat; truly a blessing to all who were witnesses. Incidentally, unbeknownst to them, these two sisters in the Faith, Carol Powers and Ellen Sasse, in addition to being reborn on the same day, share the same birthday (same day of the month and the same year). Coincidence? We don't think so, more spirit led. Praise Yahweh!

The Toronto, Ontario Assembly was well represented, coming for several days, and blessing us with songs of praise to Father Yahweh. One song we always enjoy is, Walking up the King's Highway.

Another highlight of the Feast was the reading of Deuteronomy by various brethren. For the field trip, we traveled to the Binder Park Zoo in the Battle Creek area to enjoy seeing the many different, exotic animals that Yahweh created.

The eight days flew by and before we knew it we were saying good-bye again to the Saints. The Feast of Tabernacles, Yahweh's beautiful plan to end the harvest season and give us respite from worldly cares. Just come together on Yahweh's Feast Days, be rejuvenated and then go out with joy. HalleluYah! Pastor Samuel A. Graham

## Recommendations for a Healthy Lifestyle

1. 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.
2. Stop eating all non-foods. This includes any foods that will not contribute to your health and wellness, such as potato chips, soft drinks, coffee, white flour products, etc. (Call me if you need help identifying “non-foods.”)
3. Drink at least 6 to 8 eight ounce glasses of water daily to lubricate your system and eliminate toxins. There is a bacteria in your mouth that will help your elimination, so daily, upon arising, drink four glasses (1 quart) of water even before you brush your teeth. Note: Do not drink tap water unless you add drops of liquid oxygen or grapefruit seed extract.
4. Eat a fresh fruit breakfast daily. Be sure to chew each mouthful 21 times. This will activate the digestive enzymes in your mouth.
5. Take 5 wheatgrass (or barley green, etc.) tablets before each meal if you are not taking wheat grass juice.
6. If you are ill, eliminate all meat (this includes fish and chicken). You will get enough protein from nuts and green vegetables.
7. Exercise daily. Never watch TV while sitting or lying in bed. Earn the privilege to watch TV by moving while you watch.
8. Eat 25 to 55 grams of fiber daily — the more, the better. Eat only sprouted breads which you can purchase at the health food store (Ezekiel bread or Healthy Hemp.)
9. Eat two or more cups of sprouts (mung, lentil, fenugreek, chickpeas, green peas, cabbage, broccoli, etc.) and ¼ cup nuts daily. Use in salads or as snacks.
10. Take five deep breaths every hour.
11. Control negative thinking. Do not entertain negative thoughts. A negative idea might come, but dismiss the thought immediately and pray for self-control.
12. 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. If an individual attacks you with a negative remark, don't take it personally. That individual has a personal problem. Show them love.
13. Encourage your friends to join you in making lifestyle changes. Form a support group or join a healthy lifestyle support group.

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### LOVE KNOWS

My life belongs to thee, and dear Yah be pleased  
To live in me through time and eternity.

This is my only need, thy cleansing blood  
Can stop the roughest flood of all my sin and greed.

My desire is loving Yahshua in faith and trust.  
My hope is that my life be judged by my Father's righteousness.

Please give, King Yahshua your saving grace to me.  
Let me live my life with you and more abundantly.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Lillian R. Huddleston**, Flint, Michigan, died in Yahshua September 9, 2004. Sister Lillian was born October 7, 1902 to Thomas R. Ringo and Ella Mae Whittiker in Ringo, Missouri (named after her father) in the area of Charleston, Missouri. She was reared and educated in Boley, Oklahoma. At the age of eleven, Lillian was converted and accepted the true apostolic doctrine. She became a member of the North Street 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church, later joining the World Wide Church of God where she learned about the Holy Days of Leviticus. She learned about the Sacred Names and after study and prayer she accepted them. She was baptized into the true name of Yahshua at the Assembly of Yahweh in Messiah, Rocheport, MO, by Elder Pete Vacca and Brother Otto Miesel. Sister Lillian attended the Feast of Tabernacles at the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, for several years.

Sister Lillian was an evangelistic missionary and Bible teacher (her evangelistic work brought her to Flint). She was a self-employed tailor, was employed by Mott Adult Education and the Flint Board of Education in child accounting. Her main purpose in life was to try to show people a better way of life. She was active in volunteer work, receiving in recent years the Sojourner Truth Award, Volunteer of the Year Award, and Women of the Year Award; and served on the advisory board of the Hasselbring Community Center.

She leaves to cherish sweet memories: her son, Mr. Charlesmason (Cheryl) Ewing, Flint, MI; Granddaughters, Ms. China and Ms. Nikki Charue Ewing, Ypsilanti, MI; Sister, Mrs. Lorraine Rowlett, Pontiac, MI; nieces, nephew, many adopted children, a host of many good friends, and her spiritual brothers and sisters in the body of the Messiah.

Sister Lillian wrote many poems and words of wisdom, (several of which were printed in past issues of The Faith).

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## ATONEMENT AT ONE TOGETHER

At One Together: But with whom? Yahshua, the Messiah, of course. He made this possible when He died on the stake.

The next big step is ours to make. First, we repent, then we believe and are baptized, and all our sins are forgiven.

To be One with Him, we must: Think like Him, Live like Him, and Love like Him. And that means love one another, both your sister and your brother. Yes, and your enemy too. What? Hard, yes, but it's something we really must do!

So, let's ask Yahweh, our creator, to help us to obey. For it is the only way we can not only truly be one at atonement, but every day.

Yahweh Bless, Given to Sister Lillian on September 21, 1998

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