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## Ha Shem – The Name

Because I will publish THE NAME of Yahweh:  
Ascribe ye greatness unto our Elohim.

Deut. 32:3

... Blessed be THE NAME of Yahweh.

Job 1:21

Let them praise THE NAME of Yahweh: for He  
Commanded, and they were created.

Psalms 148:5

THE NAME of Yahweh is a strong tower:  
The righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Proverbs 18:10

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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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ORIGINALLY INSPIRED  
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## Editorial

# FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The Feast of Tabernacles is a highly anticipated and joyous time of the year. This harvest festival was proclaimed in the set apart Scriptures (Leviticus 23:34, Deuteronomy 16:13-16, Nehemiah 8, Zechariah 14:16, John 7:2-37). In John 7:8, Yahshua told his disciples to go up to the Feast. We are His disciples today; we should listen to His commands also. Yahshua was obedient unto His Father Yahweh so in turn we should be obedient unto Yahshua our Saviour.

The timing of Yahweh's Feasts and world events in the months of September and October 2015, were not just coincidence – Yahweh's Feast of Blowing of Trumpets, September 15, Day of Atonement, September 24, Feast of Tabernacles, September 29-October 5, and the Last Great Day October 6. The 7<sup>th</sup> month of Yahweh's Calendar was eventful – a total lunar eclipse September 27 coincided with a "Supermoon," (nickname "blood" moon, red color). The Catholic Pope of Rome visited the United States and spoke to Congress September 24 (Day of Atonement) and the next day before the United Nations Assembly – he received a first class reception from the U.S. Government and the President. There are a large number of Roman Catholics in the Senate and the House of Representatives in leadership roles. The Pope received a much warmer reception from the White House than Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel a few months earlier.

When the true Messiah Yahshua arrives on earth, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess and every eye shall see Him (Isaiah 45:23, Romans 14:11, Revelation 1:7). The Scriptures warn of false Messiahs trying to deceive the very elect. There is a promise for the Elect in the latter days – Matthew 24:31, And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. This is our hope to be of that select group. Yahweh's Feasts are a foretaste of a time when all the Saints will be gathered together.

**FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2015, Eaton Rapids, Michigan** – The theme this year was: ... Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21:28). Scriptures pertaining to keeping Yahweh's Feasts were read the first evening, with testimonies from the audience as to why they come to the Feasts and how many years attended (quite a span of years from the 1<sup>st</sup> year to 74 years).

Some comments were: came to keep the Feast in obedience to Yahweh, to enjoy the fellowship and hear the Word; came 300 miles to leave the world and be here with my Heavenly Father and the saints of Yahweh; came to fellowship and hear the prophetic Word; the Feast gives our soul a recharge, so we can be effective witnesses; came to keep an appointment with Yahshua our King; thanked a brother for telling him about the Eaton Rapids Assembly that keeps the Feasts and was thankful he had found a devoted wife at the Assembly; one had heard The Sacred Name Broadcast from Bethel, PA and was glad to find a Feast location closer to his home. Believers came from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia, and India, as well as from all over Michigan.

Many uplifting and spirit filled messages were shared including: Are We Answering the Wake-Up Call?; Walking in Yahshua's Footsteps and Listening to His Voice; The Spirit of the Messiah; Be Not Deceived; To The Law and To The Testimony; just to name

a few. Five brethren were immersed into Yahshua the Messiah in the Grand River and welcomed into the Family of Yahweh. We all enjoyed the special songs and testimonies throughout the Feast. Children and adults alike enjoyed all the activities – kids movie night, horseback riding, ladies tea and men’s golf outing, field trip to the Aviation Museum in Kalamazoo, the hayride and hot dog roast, wild edible walk and much more.

It’s always a blessing to get together with “Yahweh’s wonderful people.” May Yahweh bless and keep us all until we meet again. Looking forward to our next appointment with Yahweh and Yahshua.

Samuel A. Graham

Hello to Pastor Sam and all in the AOY, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

It is nearly 2 a.m. here and I am up and awake because I have been working night shift at my place of employment. Having the night off, I have little to do and find myself deep in Prayer as often happens. This has led me to reflect upon my relationship not only with our loving Father Yahweh but upon my brothers and sisters in the faith, most of whom I have met during my twenty years of attending Tabernacles with your Assembly.

I can't remember if I wrote upon returning to my home here in Ohio from the Feast of 2015 about what a wonderful SPIRIT I felt at the feast this year? Here it is, the month of December and yet I am still filled with the Comfort and Joy through the presence of Yahshua and the Word in my heart. This is a direct influence of the SPIRIT that was present at the Feast of 2015 and I hope and pray each of you whom attended felt, yes, still feel that in your walk with Messiah!

It is a privilege to serve Yahweh and to carry the name of Yahshua in my heart and on my lips every day of my existence. Your Assembly is truly a special place on this earth and though it is and should be on all our hearts to travel to Jerusalem one day, I feel so very blessed that you are willing to open your Doors and hearts to travelers such as myself during the Feast time each year.

Thank you! Each of you who work so hard to make it possible for us to find Shalom in your place of worship! May Yahweh continue to bless the AOY in Eaton Rapids for as long as there are those seeking his Name!

Brother Mike Runkel

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Unity Conference**  
**Is scheduled (Yahweh Willing)**  
**For August 5, 6 & 7, 2016**  
To be held at Yahweh’s Restoration Ministry  
Assembly in Holts Summit, Missouri

# TORAH FOR TODAY

By Doug Beatty

Only those who are willing to accept the instructions of the Torah as binding upon them are true followers of Yahshua Messiah even though they may not be able to realize all of its teachings or follow all of its commands in life.

The Torah is the life plan for our individual lives and the law given to us by Yahweh our Elohim. It is through this divine law that we can come into a single community, the holy community of our Creator, Elohim, as a member of His Holy Kingdom.

It is the embodiment of the Divine Will in terms of specific teachings whose acceptance and application insures man a life in this world that is in perfect harmony with Yahweh.

The word Torah itself means instructions: religious instruction. These instructions are what lead us to be followers of the Way of our Messiah. Yahshua said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6, (also see Acts 4:12).

Paul at his trial before Felix, in Acts 24:14 said, "But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call a sect, so I serve the Elohim of our fathers, believing all things are according to the law, and are written in the law and prophets."

It is the way which leads us to Yahweh. It is of symbolic significance that the Holy Torah and the spiritual way taught by our Messiah are based on the symbolism of a journey; all life is a sojourn, a journey through the transient world of Holy Presence.

Torah is the narrower way for those who have the capability and profound urge to attain sanctity here and now and seek a path whose end is the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Torah is divine law, in the sense that it is the positive embodiment of the Divine Will of Yahweh, according to which man is to live in both his private and public life. This is the moral and spiritual instructions of Elohim. Not only is man to be charitable, humble and righteous but it is by these Holy Instructions we are told how to apply Torah to particular situations in our lives.

It is the law according to which Yahweh wants a true follower to live. It is therefore the guide of human action and, encompasses every facet of human life. By living according to the Torah man places his whole existence in Yahweh's hands.

The Torah, by considering every aspect of human action, will bless the whole of life and give a spiritual significance to what may appear as the most mundane of activities.

The lack of understanding of the depth of the Torah by modern western churches is due to its all-encompassing, all embracing nature. A Jew who believes in Talmudic Law can understand what it means to have a divine law whereas for most Christians, and therefore for secularists with a Christian background such an understanding comes with difficulty: In Christianity there are no clear distinctions between Torah and the traditions of the Pharisees, their understanding ends with a blending of secular law and church traditions.

In Christianity, traditions and church have taken the place of the Divine Will of our Father Yahweh as He expressed it through Torah.

The difference between the concept of Holy Torah in Messianic Followers and Christians comes from the Christian belief that Torah was done away with by the death of our Messiah Yahshua. But how does this belief line up with Scripture? In Deuteronomy 12:28 we read, "Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go

well with you and with your children after you forever when you do that which is good and right in the eyes of Yahweh your Elohim.” In Psalms 89:34 Yahweh says, “My covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.” And in Psalms 105:8-10, “He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant.” Psalms 119:89 “Forever, O Yahweh, your word is settled in Heaven.” Psalms 119:160 “The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever.” And Malachi 3:6, “For I, Yahweh, change not, therefore you, O sons of Jacob are not consumed.” And our Messiah also: Hebrews 13:8, “Yahshua the Messiah the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Just how long is forever?

In the face of this mountain of evidence how can one deny the truth of Torah?

We can start to find the answer in Malachi 3:7, “From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My ordinances, and have not kept them, return to Me and I will return unto you,” says Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 29:4, “Yet Yahweh hath not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear to this day.” (also see Romans 11:8). In Matthew 13:13-17, “Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they see not and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.” And to them is filled the prophesy of Isaiah which says, “By hearing you shall hear, and shall no wise understand: and in seeing you shall see, and no wise perceive for this peoples heart grows fat, and their ears are dull of hearing. And their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and should turn again. And I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and saw them not, and to hear the things which you hear, and heard them not.” And in Matthew 22:14, “For many are called, but few chosen.” Also in John 15:16 “You did not choose me, but I chose you.” Once more in Isaiah, 30:8-10, “Now go write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever, and ever. For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the Law of Yahweh; to the seers they say see not, and to the prophets they say prophesy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things prophesy deceit.”

How is it possible that so many people have become deceived in the belief that Torah does not apply to them today? They have been misled by the father of lies!

In Genesis and in Exodus we can read of the ten plagues Yahweh placed on Egypt, of how the sea parted to allow the people to cross on dry land, and then how the seas came back together to drown Pharaoh and his army, and of water coming out of rocks and bread falling from the sky, and these people even heard the voice of Yahweh telling them the ten commandments. But yet seeing all these acts of Yahweh they still allowed themselves to be deceived. Satan was able to deceive many of those people who were being led out of bondage that they needed a golden calf and a false feast, in less than forty days!

Satan has had almost two thousand years to twist and turn the Way of Messiah into a lawless Christianity.

If you are truly a follower of Yahshua and have had the laws of Yahweh put into your inward parts and written in your heart, as we are told Yahweh will do under the renewed covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34), and if Yahweh has taken your heart of stone and given you a heart of flesh as He has said in Ezekiel 36:26, it is then that we begin to answer the call of Yahweh: “Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them,

Ye shall be Holy: for I Yahweh your Elohim am Holy.” (Leviticus 19:2; Deuteronomy 18:13 and 1 Peter 1:16).

This is our call to blessings; This is our call to life!

Our Messiah Yahshua said in John 15:10, “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.”

Paul said in Philippians 2:8, “And being found in the fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even death of the stake.” Obedient to whom? Obedient to what? Yahweh and His Holy Torah!

Yahweh Himself tells us He will show us mercy if we keep His commandments: Exodus 20:6, “And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.”

It was prophesied that the people would not obey in Jeremiah 23:25-27, “I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart. Which think to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal.” And in Daniel 7:25, “And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

Satan has, over the course of time indeed been able, through his false prophets and false messiahs, to cause people to forget our Elohim Yahweh’s name and to change His laws and His days. By false teachings and misinterpretation Satan has been able to use a paragraph here and a sentence there to overcome a mountain of truth with a pebble of lies.

“Oh, it is alright to call him god; he knows who you mean! No, no the Torah was nailed to the cross with Jesus! You don’t have to do that, those laws were just for the Jews.” Satan has used this same kind of lie from the garden to this very day. It is only through the truth of Yahshua Messiah that we can overcome the lies of Satan.

Yahshua taught us the truth in John 4:34, He tells his disciples, “My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.” In John 6:38 Yahshua says, “I came down from Heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.” As we have seen earlier, Yahweh’s Divine Will is found in His Holy Instructions, Torah.

If you engage in even a cursory study of the book of Acts you will see that the Disciples of Yahshua followed Him in the Keeping of Yahweh’s instructions; they kept the feast days, they used the sacred names of Yahweh and Yahshua; they kept the Sabbaths, not in order to earn favor or to repay for the grace they received, but from the highest of motives: Love!

Each of the twelve Disciples, as well as most of the earliest followers of the Way of Yahshua Messiah were Jewish, and as such, they had heard Torah spoken of daily since childhood. They understood who the Law-giver was: “Only one is the law giver and judge, He who is able to save and destroy, but who are you who judges his neighbor?” James 4:12, and also in Isaiah 33:22, “For Yahweh is our judge, Yahweh is our law giver, Yahweh is our King; He will save us.” There was not doubt or confusion in these men’s minds as to how to follow the Way of Yahshua Messiah.

Yahshua had told them he would leave them a “comforter;” John 14:16, 17, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth ...” and once more in John 14:26, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all

things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 16:13, “Howbeit when the Spirit of truth, is come He will guide you into all truth; For he shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show it unto you.” And once more in 1 John 2:20, “But you have an unction, (Greek khrismah; anointing), from the Holy One, and you know all things.”

If these men, apostles and disciples, had received an anointing from the Holy Spirit to know all truth, and know all things, how could they have been confused about how they were to follow the Messiah? After the death of our Messiah they continued to follow in the footsteps of Him in all things. They absolutely understood that to be true followers of Yahshua Messiah they must follow the example He had left them. They, like Messiah, were to walk in obedience to Torah, keep the commandments, the Sabbaths, and the Feast Days of our Elohim.

We too, to be true followers of the Way, are instructed to obey those same commandments, Sabbaths, and Feast Days. In 1 Peter 2:21 we are told, “For to this were you called; because the Messiah also died for us and left us this pattern that you should walk in his steps.” And in 1 John 2:6, “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked.”

As we saw earlier in Hebrews 13:8, “Yahshua the Messiah the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Yahshua was in perfect obedience to His Father Yahweh. He never changed and he never told us to change from a Torah-filled lifestyle!

How did the churches lose the Way? Why would they ignore the commands of Yahweh, when they have a perfect example left to us by Yahshua Messiah? Once more let’s look to Scripture; in Matthew 24:11 Messiah tells us “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” And in Mark 13:22, “For false messiahs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it be possible, even the elect.” And Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Messiah. And no marvel for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.” And again Paul warns in Colossians 2:8, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Messiah.” And Yahshua Messiah himself in Mark 7:7, “Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

Why would Christian church leaders lead people away from the spoken word of Yahweh and the living example of his son Yahshua Messiah? Are the men of the pulpit today evil, or demon driven? No, they are merely deceived men who are following their deceived fathers. In Hosea 4:6 we are told, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because they have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your Elohim, I will also forget your children.” I would like to ask some of those early church fathers some questions, like if Yahweh had intended that Torah would one day be done away with why did He tell Moses to have the people to stone to death the man who was gathering wood on the Sabbath (Numbers 15:32-36)? That man was killed because of a transgression of the Law, but a man today would not be killed for the same action. Could Yahweh be unjust? He could not, because it would be against His nature; we have already seen that he does not change in Malachi 3:6. Or how about Leviticus chapter 19; was it done away with? How about 19:18, “Thou shall not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself: I am Yahweh.”



Chapter 19 of Leviticus is easy for us to understand: Other chapters may not be so easy for us to understand the reason for them. Because it is hard for us to understand the reason for them the dietary laws, the sacrificial laws, and the circumcision laws are universally rejected by churches today.

In Deuteronomy 29:29 we are told, “The secret things belong unto Yahweh our Elohim; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” So let’s examine some of the things we can understand: Circumcision, what does Scripture say to us today?

Deuteronomy 30:6, “And Yahweh thy Elohim will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed to love Yahweh our Elohim with all your heart and soul, that you may live.” Deuteronomy 10:16, “Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.” And once more in Jeremiah 4:4, “Circumcise yourself to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart ...” Why are these instructions repeated over and over? If we look to Ezekiel 36:26 we can begin to see the why. Yahweh tells us, “And a new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh.” It is only through this new heart and this new spirit that his laws can be written on our hearts and minds as it says they will be in Jeremiah 31:31-34. How about sacrifice? Surely that is done away with! Once more let’s look at some Scripture and see if we have any understanding. Psalms 51:15-17, “Yahweh open my lips; and my mouth shall show forth your praise. For you delight not in sacrifice; else I would give it. You have no pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart; O Elohim you will not despise.” And in Psalms 141:2, “Let my prayer be set forth as incense, and lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”; Hosea 14:2, “Take with you words, and return to Yahweh: say to Him, take away all iniquity, and accept that which is good: so we will render as bullocks the sacrifice of our lips.” Also, Hebrews 13:15, 16, “Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to His name. But do not forget to do good and communicate; for with such sacrifice Yahweh is well pleased.” Romans 12:1-2, “I beseech you brethren by the mercies of Yahweh, to present your bodies as living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Yahweh, which is your spiritual service.” Our prayers, songs, speaking to people about the Way of Messiah and Yahweh and his love for us these are the sacrifices of today; how we walk in our following of Torah, the example we set for others by how we live our lives, good works, charity, humbleness, and of course how we love Yahweh and each other.

Many today don’t know who they are in fact following. In 1 Corinthians 1:13 Paul asks, “Is Messiah divided? Was Paul impaled for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”

For me the foundational question was, whose blood was I washed in? Who was sent to show me the way of Yahweh my Elohim? Only one, Yahshua Messiah; who said in Matthew 16:24, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his burden, and follow Me.” In 1 Peter 2:21, we are told how to follow Him: “For to this were you called: because the Messiah also suffered for you leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps.” And in John 15:10, we find we are to keep his commands just as he kept his Father’s commands: “If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” The same message is found in 1 John 5:3, “For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”

If we are to be true followers of Yahshua Messiah we too must be obedient to our Father’s commandments, just as Messiah was. For it is then that we begin to answer the

call of Yahweh, “Ye shall be holy; for I Yahweh your Elohim am holy.” This is our call to the blessings Yahweh has promised us; this is our call to life, life as our Creator meant us to live it, to the glory of Elohim.

The followers of the way of the Messiah have a notion of Torah that is the opposite of the prevalent church conception of law. It is a religious notion of law, one in which law is an integral aspect of faith. In fact, to a true follower the holy instructions of Yahweh include not only universal moral principles but details of how man should conduct his life and deal with his neighbor and with Yahweh himself: how he should eat, how he should buy and sell; and, of course, and above all else, how he should pray and perform other acts of worship. It includes all aspects of human life and contains in its tenets the guide for a believer to conduct his life in harmony with the Will of Yahweh. It guides man towards an understanding of Yahweh’s will by indicating which acts are obligatory and which acts are forbidden (sin). Through this balance, the value of human acts in sight of our Elohim are made known to man so that he can distinguish between the Way of our Messiah and that which will lead him astray.

The Torah provides for us the knowledge of right and wrong. It is however, by his free will that man must choose which path to follow, life or death. These instructions contain the norm of the ideal human life. It is a transcendent law which is at the same time applied in human society, but never fully realized because of the imperfections of all that is human.

Each generation of believers should seek to conform to its teachings and apply it anew to conditions in which it finds itself. The duty of each generation is not to remake the law but to reform men and human society to conform to the law. Torah should not be reformed to conform to the ever changing and imperfect nature of men but men should reform themselves so as to live according to the Holy Will of Yahweh Elohim. In accordance with the real nature of things it is the human that must conform to the Elohim and not the Elohim to the human.

Our duty, as followers of Yahshua Messiah is to seek to reshape human attitudes and social institutions so as to make them to be in harmony with the Divine Will of Yahweh as it is expressed in Torah. It is to lead a revival in our society by an infusion of Torah attitude, not only by our spoken words but also by the example of how we live our lives. Just as Yahshua showed the worth and value of obedience to the commands of Elohim by words and actions, we too must set an example for others to follow.

Our leadership, both secular and religious, is a reflection of our values which have moved further and further away from the Divine Will of our Father. Such movement is brought about, to a great extent, not only through the weakening of religious faith but also because the modern mentality which originated with those of a permissive Christian background, who cannot conceive of an immutable Law which is the guide of human society and upon which man should seek to model his individual and social life.

The Torah is for followers of the Way of Yahshua Messiah that which gives us the ability to give religious significance to our daily lives and be able to harmonize our lives to the spiritual will of our Elohim. Man is driven on many different levels, both religious and social, and the only way he can bring all of these activities in to obedience to Yahweh is through the knowledge of Torah and much prayer.

The difficulty of living a Torah lifestyle today is the amount of ridicule that is directed at followers of the Messiah; we are called legalizers or Judizers, and told we are not “under grace” because we are “under the law.” Satan has been able to turn the word of Yahweh upside down; if you obey the law you are a sinner who lacks faith and thus are not under grace, and if you disobey the divine commands of Elohim you are saved by grace only.

It is so very easy for us today to forget that Satan also has a spirit and he has minions to work for him. Job 1:7 tells us, "And Yahweh said unto Satan, whence comest thou? And then Satan answered Yahweh, and said from going to and fro in the earth from walking up and down in it." And in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." We must always be aware of the fact that Satan is real, and is in this world today, and has great power to deceive people.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation we are told how the "Dragon" (Satan) will come to have power over "... every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the lamb who was slain." v.7 (in part) and v.8.

We have seen how easy it was for Satan to lead the people into idol worship at Sinai. What idols do we as a society create for ourselves? What do we love the most, computers, movie stars, sports figures, music? The list is endless. Every single thing we put before Yahweh can, and may well, become an idol for us.

As we saw earlier in Malachi 3:7, Yahweh tells us, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Yahweh of hosts, but you said, wherein shall we return?" This is also the question we face today, in what way are we to return? This year, 2015, is a sabbatical year, a shemithah year, (Strong's #8059), Deuteronomy 15:1-15. This is a year of release; a year of remission. What a great time for us to put away those things we love that may be coming between us and Our Elohim Yahweh and to seek remission from Elohim for the many sins we have committed.

In 1 John 3:4 we are told exactly what is sin; "Whosoever committeth sin also transgresseth Torah: for sin is the transgression of the Torah." Let's look at more Scripture for the definition of sin. Proverbs 24:9, "The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to man." John 8:34, "Yahshua answered them, verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." Romans 3:20, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

For us to be able to repent (return) we must understand what sin is, and who we are sinning against. In Psalms 51:3, 4 David says; "For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight ..." All sin, no matter how small, is against our Elohim and him only. By this we can see that Torah has never been annulled or changed. For if Torah had been done away with how could we know how to conduct ourselves in our daily lives? What criterion will we be judged by?

If there is no Torah there can be no sin. Romans 4:15, "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression." But we are told, All have sinned by breaking the law; Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim." If it is true, that we have all sinned, then Yahweh's Torah is still in effect today. In Romans 3:31 Paul tells us, "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not; yea, we establish the law." And in Romans 7:1, "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth."

Let me categorically state that you cannot earn favor, much less salvation through obedience to Torah! It is only through the grace of Yahweh that we are forgiven our sin. I cannot proclaim that I am saved, nor can any man lead me to salvation; salvation comes only from Yahweh, through Yahshua Messiah. And it is only by following the example given by Yahshua, as we saw in 1 Peter 2:21 and 1 John 2:6, that we are led to salvation.

## EXCERPTS ON XMAS

... “Were you told that Christmas is an institution of the early followers of the Messiah, honoring Him on His birthday? Did you know that almost every “Christmas” custom so familiar to us today was practiced at this season by pagans many centuries **before** the birth of the Messiah?

... That December 25<sup>th</sup> was the date of the winter solstice in ancient Rome? ... That the pagan sun-worshippers of Mithraism celebrated December 25<sup>th</sup> as the “birthday of the invincible **sun**” because on this day the sun began its return to northern skies?

... That December 25<sup>th</sup> was the date of the pagan Brumalia festival in Rome before Yahshua’s birth (and was preceded by the Saturnalia festival, December 17-24, in honor of the Roman god Saturn)? ... That the Saturnalia and Brumalia festivals, with their riot and merry-making, were so popular among the heathens and so deeply entrenched in their customs, that rather than attempting to reform the pagan populous the fourth-century Roman Church chose to merely absorb these pagan festivities into “Christianity”?

... That almost every “Christmas” custom – from the spirit of merriment, the giving of gifts, caroling, and the closing of schools, to the Christmas tree, Yule log, holly wreaths, mistletoe, and the lighting of candles – was inherited from heathen customs of Roman and Teutonic paganism?

... That the Bible teaches to commemorate our Saviour’s death; that it nowhere encourages the observing of a day in honor of His birth?”-----

... “There are some apparent good aspects associated with Christmas: giving, sharing, friendliness, fellowship with family and friends, and being reminded of the Messiah’s coming into the world to be our Saviour. But why take all the bad with good? Why put up with all the negative things about Christmas just because there are some good elements in it?

Yahshua taught very plainly that giving should be from the heart – with no thought of getting anything in return. Read Luke 14:12-14 and Matt. 6:1-3. The Christmas concept of **exchanging gifts** just doesn’t fit in with His teachings!

The so-called “Christmas spirit” of friendliness, of love, giving, and sharing should be a daily way of life for believers – not something reserved for one season! So should the giving of gifts. They should come from the heart – with no thought of receiving in return. And they should be given all year long.”...

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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 (Deceased)

# Testimony of the Statutes

Shabbat Shalom Pastor Graham!

I spoke with you on the phone a few months ago when I was looking for your Word of Yahweh Bible. During our conversation I shared with you how my husband and I were brought to believe in the Statutes slowly by Yahweh's Word being revealed to us. You asked me if I would be willing to write my testimony to you for sharing in your magazine or where it might encourage others. I am finally getting around to this after the feasts are past.

My curiosity was roused when I was teaching Sabbath School at a Seventh-day Adventist church here in Hawaii. I came across a quote by Ellen White in the teacher's volume of the quarterly that said we should be keeping more of the Levitical Laws than we currently do. I wondered what those laws were and if I was even keeping any of them. I had been a Seventh-day Adventist Christian for only a couple of years at that point. I figured I would find the laws in the book of Leviticus. I did find them, and was surprised to read all the laws that I hadn't really thought of as valid for anyone these days. I also found that I had been keeping the law of clean and unclean meats, and being vegetarian I was keeping the law of not eating the blood as well. Our church also taught the principle of tithing, and I found laws regarding marriage in that book as well. I began to question my pastor as to why we didn't keep all of the laws. He said we really couldn't keep them all today. When I asked him why we chose just the few we kept as a denomination, he said he didn't know.

We happened to be expecting our first child at this time. The laws pertaining to childbirth and circumcision were especially relevant to me. Finding no answers for or against keeping these laws in my own denomination, I thought I would ask a Jewish Rabbi. He might be able to shed some light on the subject. I found a number in our phone book and made the call. I asked the purpose for the waiting period after childbirth, the meaning and application of the time of purification and the term "unclean," as well as the circumcision on the eighth day. He first asked me if I was a Jew. I told him I was not, and he said it didn't pertain to me, and our conversation was over.

My husband Denny and I had committed to serving Yah in every area of our lives. Even though we didn't understand why or necessarily how to do it, we decided to follow the guidelines regarding childbirth as best as we could. Further studies brought us to the realization that the unclean status was for the protection of the people. In the case of leprosy, it was to protect the people. In the case of the new mother and baby, it was a protection as well. The best way for us to practice the time of separation was to stay away from potential harm in our interactions with people. We already understood that a mother provides immunity to her newborn baby through her breast milk. We were already natural health educators and understood that to a certain degree people develop a bit of immunity to those they encounter on a regular basis in terms of minor germs and pathogens (not contagious diseases, of course). At this point in time we decided that the time of separation for baby and me would be spent in our home and out in nature where we could control those who would come close to us. We would limit our visitors to those people we knew and saw on a regular basis. That meant that we would not attend church during this period of forty or eighty days (depending on the gender of our baby) because there would likely be visitors, we wouldn't go on public transportation, shop at stores, or go anywhere new people would be sharing the same air space as us.

We were blessed to have had a midwife-assisted home birth producing a healthy baby boy. We had been prepared in the case of a boy for the circumcision to happen on the eighth day. It was a challenge to figure out how we would do this without introducing him to new people or taking him to a clinic that might be full of sick people. Yah had led Denny to our pediatrician friend from church. She reluctantly agreed to perform the procedure at our home without the normal Vitamin K shots. She was concerned about bleeding, but we were certain Yah would protect, and He did.

At that time we did not understand what we understand now about the eighth day of a newborn's life and its blood coagulating mechanism. Later we learned that science backed the eighth-day circumcision because studies showed that when a baby is born, the blood coagulating mechanism is not fully developed. It continues to develop until the eighth day of its life when it is functioning at one hundred and ten per cent. On the ninth day, it drops back to one hundred per cent. That was amazing to us!

While I always wondered why the time of separation was different for male babies than female babies, we were still prepared to abide by the days when our second child was born. During my pregnancy Denny and I were being certified in live blood cell analysis. After understanding what normal white blood cell counts looked like under the microscope, I was shocked to see my blood showing few and very slow white blood cells. I was going the extra mile in taking care of my health during my pregnancy. I asked the doctor who was teaching us, and he said it was because I was pregnant. He said the body has to shut down its immune system to a certain point because of the fetus. I asked him if he knew any reason behind the difference in the separation of days in Leviticus. He said he didn't know about Leviticus, but what he shared astonished me. He said that when a woman is pregnant, her body's own immune system is alerted to the developing being. If the immune system is not suppressed, it will abort the baby. He went further to say that because the chromosomal makeup of the girl fetus matches that of the mother, there is a greater risk of the mother's immune system aborting the baby. During pregnancy with a female baby, the mother's body has to further suppress the mother's immune system to prevent it from aborting the baby. It all made sense to us then. Of course, if the immune system was further suppressed, it would take longer to recover.

We decided to experiment a little ourselves. At the birth of our daughter, we looked at her blood and mine under the microscope to see our white blood cells (which indicate the strength of the immune system). Both of us had few white blood cells, and those we did see were hardly moving at all. This was not a sign of a strong army to fight disease if it were encountered. We repeated the test on the fortieth day of our daughter's life. This time we had an increased number of white blood cells; and they were more active, but still not strong enough to face the world. When we looked at our blood on the eightieth day of her life, both of us had fully functioning white blood cells that were active and numerous. We could see with our own eyes how we are fearfully and wonderfully made. What an awesome Yah we serve!

These and other studies of the statutes and the science behind them have led us to ultimately adopt Torah as a way of life. We are still learning to observe it as Yah reveals His will to us. It is a blessing to see others around the world learning and embracing these Truths as well.

Brenda Kaneshiro  
Molokai, Hawaii

# 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)*

### ***EXPLORE YOUR TALENT!!***

Do you know that you have talent? Yahshua has blessed his young people with amazing talents. Remember you are "wonderfully made" Ps 139:14. The Toronto Assembly had their annual talent show with skits, songs, music and poems from young people from 3 to 15 years old. When young people do something for Yahshua, he makes them shine. It could be a small talent or big talent but whatever you do for Yahshua, it will be special to him for you are his precious jewel.

Here are some of the poems from the talent show by Yahshua's young people.

#### ***THE SABBATH***

***Today is the day of rest.  
Today is the day we are blest.  
Today we come to praise his name,  
and a week from today we'll do the same.  
For those who don't know what is today,  
listen up this I say.  
It's the Sabbath, 24 hours of peace  
and to give him our best; try at least.  
That's the end of this poem for this week.  
Sorry, I know you're on the edge of your seat.***

***By: Joshua R, Age 14***

**LIGHT**

**What is light?**

**If we hath not eyes would we still know its glory and might?  
If we had called it by another name, would it still be as bright?**

**Brightly shine my light.**

**Darkness walks with night.**

**But what is darkness?**

**Is it not just an enemy with a flimsy shield?**

**A shield made to yield,**

**For the arrow of light pierces it as it were a beast to the  
arrow of a hunter.**

**Oh mighty Yahshua, you rule day and night.**

**Yahshua you are the light.**

**With you we shall shine bright.**

**By: Jonathan R, Age 15**

**CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THIS SENTENCE?**

**I \_\_\_\_\_ too.  
VAHE A E L T N T**



# LETTERS TO THE FAITH

Dear Brother Ed,

Shalom Aleichem. Thank you for the time you and the other staff members at the Assembly of Yahweh set aside for the brethren and sisters in different states and other countries. Especially for us who are incarcerated.

I received The Word of Yahweh bible last Wednesday night on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It means everything to me. I can exalt the Most High and feel the Spirit of Yahweh when I say His Name, instead of reading the titles. I count my blessings. Everything worked out well and went smoothly. Thanks for sending the request form I sent back. I am staying focused. I wanted to drop these few lines to show my appreciation.

Life is great. Life is very unique. Many people travel through life and lean on their own understanding, coming up with their own opinions. I often laugh because they can never dispute fact. A large number of people still try, but they are blinded and become indoctrinated by false beliefs. Those false beliefs can take over their minds, it is as if they are brainwashed.

Scripture states: For many are called, but few are chosen. It's real. I always attempt to share with family and friends the true name of the Almighty (Yahweh). But many are stiff-necked and caught up in their own beliefs, or the way they were raised. We are an imperfect people who strive to be perfect. I advise family and friends that there is nothing wrong with being thirsty, righteous, hungry and holier than thou; but if Yahweh's name isn't being uplifted or mentioned their worshipping is in vain.

Everybody wants to be dominant or in control, especially when it comes to religion. This is the issue. That's why I don't have a religion; I have Faith. Religion is what is keeping the world divided. Why? People stick to their belief or culture, or the way their parents raised them; refusing to study, research, or seek the truth. Failing to have an open mind is a major part that plays into it too. ...

Thanks again for The Word of Yahweh bible. Tell everybody else at the Assembly of Yahweh thanks also. Big things are about to happen. I will keep you all in prayer. Please keep me in your prayers as well.

Sincerely, Nate

Dear Brother Graham,

We have already been corresponding. B'shem our Master Yahshua. I want to say thank you for your willingness to keep a light shining in this ever darkening world. I am in contact with a few Assemblies even though out here in Nevada I haven't found one. Getting back to the reason for writing is because I understand that you and your family were at the beginning of the Modern Movement for the Call to get back to holding the NAMES up as a banner, and to obey Torah so as to be the light to the Nations.

What I am saying is, I would like to ask you to tell ANYONE you know who has also been in this SAME movement who has stayed the course through ridicule and reviling and even blasphemous evil speech; anyone who has held the battleground for my generation to have a chance/opportunity to come to the truth. TELL THEM THANK YOU.

You see Mr. Graham, Yahweh showed me His and Yahshua's Name while I was in prison. I didn't know of any Sacred Name Movement, yet Yahweh kept bringing me out of Christianity and began changing my mind on doctrines. After realizing there was no rapture, that we needed to obey Torah, (and a few others), He inspired me to turn in all of my research books and just let Scripture "brain wash" me and help me keep Narrow

mind. For 2 years I kept studying and praying YAHWEH would show me the Narrow Way people (remnant) He speaks of throughout Scripture. ... I've now been through the Bible 30-40 times in over 15 different translations in 5½ years, including now 2 Sacred Name versions. These were a long time in coming. I prayed as much for scriptures that were putting the Names back in them as I had for 2 years when Yahweh introduced me to the Sacred Name Assemblies. They came 2 years later after finding you folks. In His time!

Thank you for staying the course. Michael

## **CREATOR OF PERFECTION**

(2 Samuel 22:31, Psalm 18:30, Psalm 19:7)

There was perfection created for man  
There was the fall from perfection perpetuated by man  
There was a perfect plan to redeem man  
There was a perfect Truth given to man  
There was a perfect sacrifice given for man  
There is a choice for imperfect man to make  
There is a perfect revelation of the perfect plan's ending  
There is perfection waiting for the man who believes in the Creator of perfection.

Russell Medina

## **THESE WALLS**

Sin built these walls: each block, one upon another, each door that's set in place, every lock that's been installed. Whitewashed walls are deceptive; this place wasn't built on purity, but on hurt, harm, heartache. High fences erected to keep sinners captive in their mind. Satan walks the corridors: counting those in bondage, not desiring to set even one free.

There is only one way to Freedom. A full pardon may be obtained! Yahshua has paid the price, He has redeemed us from our sins. Only through Yahshua's blood can a pardon be received.

Thomas Black

# IN MEMORIAM

**Lance E. Ouellette**, St. Johns, Michigan, died Friday, December 4, 2015 at the age of 58 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born July 3, 1957 in Midland, MI the son of Floyd and Mary (DeChantal) Ouellette. Lance was a graduate of Dow High School, Class of 1976 and served in the U.S. Navy. Lance was active in the St. Johns community in many ways. He served on the DDA Board, was active in the development of the Clinton County Veteran's Memorial and a member of DAV Chapter #63. Lance had a great sense of humor and two of his favorite sayings were, "Just another day in paradise" and "I am Spartacus."

Surviving is his wife, Susan; children, Johnathon (Jasmine) Ouellette, Marie (C.J.) Lowe, Christa and Laurel Ouellette; grandchildren, Preston Schreiber, Noah Ouellette, Gavin Ouellette, Camryn Lowe, Mackenzie Lowe, and Elizabeth Hansen; his father, Floyd; brothers and sisters, Candace (Keith) Paige, Robin (Jim) Secrist, Cherie Athanasoulis, Forest (Karen) Ouellette, Pascal (Jan) Ouellette, Jeffrey, Laurel and Loren Ouellette, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary. Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 10, 2015 at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns with Pastor Samuel Graham officiating. Interment took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

[Lance also had another favorite saying, "Yahweh is in the Details." He attended the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, MI for several years before branching out with Yahweh's Assembly of St. Johns. He manned (with others) a booth at the St. Johns Mint Festival giving out many copies of The Word of Yahweh bible. He was not only a brother in the Faith, he was a friend. He will be missed. Our blessed hope and comfort is that we will meet again when that last trumpet sounds and we shall all be changed.]

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# YAHWEH'S 2016 CALENDAR

## NEW MOON DAYS

January 12 <sup>th</sup>	August 5 <sup>th</sup>
February 10 <sup>th</sup> (Borderline)	September 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Borderline)
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 31 <sup>st</sup>
July 6 <sup>th</sup> (Borderline)	

## CALCULATED FEAST DAYS

Passover	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	OR	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	OR	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Last Day Unleavened Bread	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	OR	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Feast of Weeks	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	OR	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Feast of Trumpets	Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup>	OR	Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Day of Atonement	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> or 13 <sup>th</sup>	OR	Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day Feast of Tabernacles	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> or 18 <sup>th</sup>	OR	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>
Last Great Day	Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> or 25 <sup>th</sup>	OR	Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>

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

## TORAH FOR TODAY

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If you are going to be a true follower of Yahshua Messiah and long with all your being to have Messiah in you, then you need to walk as he walked. Revelation 14:12 tells us of those who walk in such a manner: "Here is the patience of the Saints; here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yahshua."

The 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John shows the relationship of Messiah Yahshua to Yahweh our Elohim and what our relationship should be to both Elohim and Messiah. This is how Messiah walked, with love of the Father and love for all who obey His commands as He Himself obeyed the commands of Elohim.

In the true follower of Messiah the perspective is that Yahweh has revealed the Torah to man so that through it man can reform himself and his society. It is man who is in need of reform, not divinely revealed religion. The presence of the Torah in the world is due to the compassion and grace of Yahweh, for his creatures to know that he has sent an all-encompassing law for them to follow and thereby gain Joy in his love both in this world and the next. The Torah is thus the ideal for human society and the individual follower. To live according to Torah is to live according to the Divine Will, according to a norm which Yahweh has willed for man.

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