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Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

For the bread of Eshkin is he which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world. John 6:33

And Yahshua said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:25

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11

And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. Luke 22:14. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. Luke 22:19, 20

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:3

... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8

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

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Editorial

HAS TRUTH FALLEN IN THE STREETS?

Isaiah 59:14 – And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Equity (Strong's #5229 – straightforwardness, integrity, uprightness).

Has society legislated (passed laws) their doom by rejecting the set apart Scriptures and the counsel of Yahweh the Almighty? Luke 7:30 – But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of Elohim against themselves, being not baptized of him. Have we reached another point in time as in Genesis 6:11,12 – The earth also was corrupt before Elohim, and the earth was filled with violence. And Elohim looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. Corrupted (Strong's #7843 – to decay, cast off, cause ruin, destroy, lose, perish, utterly waste).

Is there a way of escape? We know the whole earth will not be flooded again. Genesis 9:15 – And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Has Yahweh provided a way tested and proven for mankind to be forgiven for sins and shortcomings? Yes, see Acts 2:21 – And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved. Acts 2:38,39 – Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call.

Can mankind start anew, a new beginning? Nicodemus asked this in John 3:3-5 – Yahshua answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Yahshua answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim.

Is there a remnant still on the earth? Remnant (Strong's #7611 – a remainder or residual, surviving, that had escaped, be left). Are these people recognizable? See Zephaniah 3:13 – The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down and none shall make them afraid. The regathering of Israel is recorded in Zechariah 8. Verse 6 – Thus saith Yahweh of hosts; If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes? saith Yahweh of hosts. Verses 16 and 17 – These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith Yahweh.

The remnant must keep their eyes on the prize. Apostle Paul encourages the brethren in Philippians 3. Verse 14 – I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in the Messiah Yahshua. Just as Moses made a choice in Hebrews 11:26 – Esteeming the reproach of the Messiah greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

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FAMILY, THE BUILDING BLOCK OF THE ASSEMBLY

From the perspective of many scholarly and even some not so scholarly people in our world today, the traditional family is still considered the cornerstone of a healthy, thriving society. This is also a fundamental principle laid out clearly in the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, and it has been proven over time to hold true. The basic arguments of this philosophy stem from two critical, yet basic points. The first is reproduction of children (literally keeping the earth populated) and the second is a cohesive bond that allows for a righteous type of hierarchy handed down from parents to their children. In other words, the parents take responsibility for nurturing, discipline, and ultimately setting a righteous example through their own actions. For many of us, this has become too much of a “secondary” responsibility. We have become too comfortable with the idea of others “raising” our children. When in fact, for all society, but especially for believers in Messiah, our main focus should be the “tribe” mentality where family matters are concerned. It takes an entire assembly to raise a child wholly (and holy!). It sets in place the moral fiber which should enable all people to coexist without the threat of destroying each other and it’s done one family at a time! When families are torn apart or made to believe they are the exception in our society, and the fiber begins to rot, the whole fabric deteriorates. This opens the door for a completely new “moral” code. One that man has invented and not Yahweh!

Today there is much conversation within the body of Messiah about the importance of family and how it relates to a healthy body. A body that is capable of the things that Yahweh has laid out for us from the beginning. Let’s look at some of those things that make a body truly healthy which also leads to efficiency and a zeal to serve. 1) Proper nourishment (mainly spiritual but also physical)-given the appropriate food, a body operates most effectively and with the most energy. 2) Nurturing-placing high importance on teaching and commending. A method of training that proves successful time and time again. It fuels both the mind and the spirit. Which in turn helps to keep the body healthy. 3) Discipline-part of discipline falls under teaching, an aspect of nurturing. However, it also requires a concerted effort on the part of the teacher/parent and the student/child. Discipline is a daily and lifelong commitment which over time creates an atmosphere of purity and a willingness to take on whatever Yahweh has handed you to accomplish. Discipline also plays a part in enabling a body to overcome obstacles. When these things are implemented in individual families and the body at large, and in proper proportion, the results can be dramatic!

My understanding and belief are that the family is the first ministry for believers to partake of in many cases. In other words, it is your initial training ground for other ministry. If you look at the qualifications for an elder or deacon (overseer) in the body, both require you to run your households well. The family unit you have been charged with needs to be in good working order. If we aren’t able to run our households well, how can any of us be expected to guide an assembly of believers well? What does it say to the body of Messiah if you’ve been given a position within the body, but your household is clearly not in order and little is being done to fix it? That is not something that instills confidence in the flock you will be helping to lead and oversee! With that said, there are many pitfalls within the

family environment which cannot be ignored or taken lightly. They don't necessarily disqualify anyone from service, but do need to be worked on consistently to ensure the healthiest environment possible at any given time. Generally speaking, simply raising children on a day to day basis poses many challenges. More specifically there are things we never really prepare for which we are forced to deal with at times. These include the many growing pains, physical affliction, temptations, sin, etc., that are present in all families in one form or another. As we work within the body of Messiah, we must be careful not to ignore the challenges at home. And we cannot use our work in the body of Messiah as a "distraction" from our own family life. So, we are charged with working within our own family structure, kind of like a mini congregation (or not so mini in the case of some families!). This prepares us in many ways for further work in the greater body of Messiah at large. It also enables the blessings within the family structure that are evident when the family is a cohesive unit. These blessings often translate into energy injected into the greater body. A win for everyone!

So, with the understanding that the family is an integral part of the core of ministry and the building block of a healthy body, what must be done to ensure it is a priority for all of us? First, we need to recognize that each building block (family) must take responsibility for its own health. Being confident that the rest of the body is the support staff to help along the way. Next, we need to realize that some families are in better shape (spiritually) than others. Always remember this is not a competition to see who has the best family. Like any other aspect of building the body, it is a cooperative effort. Our objective should be the same, to build a healthy overall body that functions well with the spirit of Yahweh and Yahshua leading the way. So, the healthier families help to nurture those that need it with encouragement and understanding. They also support in other ways as needed. The elders and deacons play a key role as well. They help to council and facilitate other types of assistance as it is needed. In my way of thinking the role of council should fall heavily on those trained specifically in this area with guidance from the elders and pastors. Again, it's a combined effort in hopes of producing the best results. In other words, using all of the resources we have to foster an environment of healing and one that Yahweh is pleased with. Biblical counseling is an invaluable tool that can help to fix many issues that fester under the surface and keep the body from becoming healthy. Again, like any other aspect of spiritual health, you have people within the body that have been given the gifts and ability to take the lead in this area. This is not something that should fall solely on the overseers in the assembly just because they carry that title. And yet they do play a role in counseling including the assurance that the day to day ministry is operating as it should and is producing fruit. A cooperative effort in this area can produce much fruit in a relatively short period of time. Think of it this way: if you have a business that relies on a small fleet of delivery trucks to make daily deliveries and many of them are in need of repair, your risking failure in the core of your business. Efficiency is going to suffer significantly each time a truck goes down. The business may even fail if too many trucks go down at once! You rely on each truck to run a different route and you have little room for down time before the delivery schedule gets messed up and you fall behind. If you can get just a few of those working in short order, your business efficiency will improve quickly. It is no different with individual families in the body. Each one has its unique "delivery route" within the body if you will. If you can help one family at a time reach the goal of togetherness, that family will give back in untold ways. One family working

effectively in the body can make a difference. Just their example and testimony alone will produce fruit in the body. But also, whatever gifts there are among those family members, they can now be offered without reservation. Whereas before that family was in good working order, those gifts were likely hindered and unable to flourish. A healthy environment encourages a zealous attitude for serving our creator. People are willing to work hard for a cause when the environment is inviting and encouraging!

Finally, a few thoughts on what it will take. First and foremost, it will take an effort on the part of each individual and each family. We must look at ourselves first and assess what can be done to improve our family situation and the ministry(s) we've been charged with. Next, we look to our brethren for examples of solid family ideals (things that work for them) and implement similar things in our lives when reasonable to do so. Remember, it is prudent to follow righteous examples. Often some form of pride will get in the way and keep us from taking hold of change. We need to look to Yahweh to help us open our hearts and push pride aside for the sake of a healthy body. Lastly and maybe the most overlooked aspect involves the assembly in whole. It must be a body that doesn't employ unrighteous judgement and instead is filled with a spirit of cooperation and understanding. A group of people looking to the needs of others first for the good of all.

Remember, if you intend to run a marathon but have a broken leg, the bones must be set and allowed to heal first. Then you strengthen and condition the muscles in the leg, and finally get back into marathon shape overall. It's a process that takes patience and endurance on the part of the runner. But if you have a heart to run the marathon, you will do what it takes to ensure the body is in proper condition to run the race! You prepare and train in order to be successful. If the leg is not properly healed or the body not in good enough shape when running the race, you will finish far back in the pack at best. At worst, it could be catastrophic, and you may not even finish the race! So, don't be afraid to work hard and allow time for healing. If you do, you will finish the race and maybe even finish near the top. Again, remembering that it's a long race and the brothers and sisters in faith are all part of it. Let's do our part in helping them train and get in shape. That way we can all be assured of finishing. After all, running a good race and finishing is what it's all about!

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THE F.O.T. AND BIRTHDAY OF YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH

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And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious, Isa. 11:10.

Unto you is born this day in the city of David, the Messiah (King anointed) who is Yah-Ho-shua (Saviour), Luke 2:11, Heb. 4:8.

Thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, Deut. 16:14.

Go ye up unto this feast, John 7:8.

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Note: Study the Chart on Page 9 carefully.

CHRISTMAS

What the Encyclopedias are Saying

The word “Christmas” is derived from “Mass of Christ” or “Christ-Mass”. The Christmas festival came to the Protestants and the secular world from the Roman Catholic church. However, the Roman Catholic church did not get Christmas from the original Apostles. It’s not even in the Bible!!

Now just in case you may think I just have something personally against Christmas; or as the psychologists saying, I just had a bad childhood so I feel bad about Christmas; or worse, I belong to a religious cult!; let us see what the Catholic and secular Encyclopedias themselves are saying about Christmas.

“Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church...the first evidence of the feast is from Egypt.”

“Pagan customs centering around the January calends gravitated to Christmas.”

“...In the Scriptures, no one is recorded to have kept a feast or held a great banquet on his [the Savior’s] birthday. It is only sinners who make great rejoicings over the day in which they were born into this world.” *Catholic Encyclopedia, 1911 Edition, published by the Roman Catholic Church*

“...Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church...”
Encyclopedia Britannica, 1946 edition

“Christmas... It 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 (e.g. Communion – death of Chr-st) rather than their birth...”

“...A feast was established in memory of this event (the birth of [the Savior]) in the fourth century. In the fifth century the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever ON THE DAY OF THE OLD ROMAN FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF SOL (SUN), as no certain knowledge of the day of [the Savior’s] birth existed.” (EMPHASIS MINE) *Encyclopedia Americana, 1944 Edition*

Christmas was not celebrated by the Church UNTIL the FOURTH CENTURY. Christians did NOT celebrate Christmas for the first 300 years – longer than the entire history of the United States of America!

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~gregga/xmasency.html>

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND BIRTHDAY OF YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH

Christendom is observing the 25th of December as the birthday of Yahshua the Messiah (J-sus Chr-st) without any Biblical foundation. When the earthly kings and great personalities visit other countries, their entire programme, including the dates of arrival and departure is chalked out and published long, long before they do so. Are the scriptures silent about the first advent or the birthday of the saviour of the world? Definitely not.

Search the scriptures and find out as admonished by Yahshua the Messiah “Search the scriptures.... they testify of me.” John 5:39.

The object of celebrating such feasts of “Appointed times” is that they are boundaries or boundary stones by which people “might feel after him and find him.” Acts 17:26, 27.

Let us now search the scriptures and ascertain the actual date of the birth of the saviour of the world, Yahshua the Messiah. When Elizabeth, the barren wife of the aged priest Zachariah, (Luke 1:7) was in the sixth month of her pregnancy Mary conceived Yahshua in her womb.

Zachariah the priest, was on duty in the temple (Luke 1:9), when the angel Gabriel appeared to him and said “Fear not, Zachariah for thy prayer is heard, and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son and thou shalt call his name John, verse 13. He was of the course of Abiyah, verse 5.

There were 24 courses or orders during the year of twelve months – each month having two courses, 1 Chronicles 24:1-19. Zachariah was in service in the temple according to the 8th order of Abiyah which occurred in Tammuz, the fourth month of the Hebrew Calendar, verse 10. After completion of the day of ministration in the temple he departed to his own house, that is at the end of the fourth month, Luke 1:23. Immediately in the fifth month Ab, his wife Elizabeth conceived and hid herself for five months, verse 24. Five months after Elizabeth’s conception would mean the beginning of the tenth month Tebeth, in which month Mary conceived. In other words, this tenth Biblical or Hebrew Calendar month Tebeth is the six-month pregnancy of Elizabeth and also the first month of Mary’s conception, Luke 1:26, 36.

Mary’s conception was in the beginning of Tebeth, the tenth month as proved above. According to medical science the gestation or pregnancy period of a healthy child should be 280 days; 280 days from the tenth month Tebeth, would be 15th of Tishri, the seventh month as seen in the chart. This 15th of Tishri is the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, and on this festive day the Messiah and the only saviour of the world was born. Halleluyah!!!

The Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated for eight days from 15th to 22nd of Tishri. The Messiah was born on the 15th Tishri and he was named as Yah-Ho-shua on the 22nd Tishri – the eighth day of the feast (Lev. 23:36, Luke 2:21). The 15th of Tishri is the first day of the feast and an annual Sabbath and on this day the Messiah was born; 22nd Tishri or the eighth day of the feast, is the end of the feast and also an annual Sabbath and on this day He was named (on the circumcision day, what an amazing coincidence)! Praise be to Yahweh the Eternal Almighty.

This is the day which Yah hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it, Psa. 118:24.

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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND BIRTHDAY OF YAHSHUA

S. No.	English Months	Jewish Months	No. of Days In Jewish Mo.	Course of Priest Hood As in Chron. 24:7-18	S. No.	Jewish Months	No. of Days	Description of Gestation Period	No. of Days
1.	Mar.-Apr.	Abib	30	JEHOIARIB - 1					
2.	Apr.-May	Iyar	29	JEDAIAH - 2					
				HARIM - 3					
				SEORIM - 4					
3.	May-June	Sivan	30	MALCHIAH - 5					
				MIJAMIN - 6					
4.	June-July	Tammuz	29	HAKKOZ - 7					
				ABIYAH - 8					
5.	July-Aug.	Ab	30	YAHSHUA - 9				Zachariah of the Course of Abiyah, Luke 1:5.	
				SHECANIAN - 10	5.	Ab	30	Elizabeth 1 st month complete.	
6.	Aug.-Sept.	Elul	29	ELIASHIB - 11	6.	Elul	29	Elizabeth 2 nd month complete.	
				JAKIM - 12	7.	Tishri	30	Elizabeth 3 rd month complete.	
7.	Sept.-Oct.	Tishri	30	JESHEBEAB - 13	8.	Heshnev	29	Elizabeth 4 th month complete.	
				HUPPAH - 14	9.	Chislev	30	Elizabeth 5 th month complete.	
8.	Oct.-Nov.	Heshnev	29	BILGAH - 15	10.	Tebeth	29	Elizabeth 6 th month V:36.	29
				IMMER - 16				Virgin Mary's Vision (1 st Month).	
9.	Nov.-Dec.	Chislev	30	HEZIR - 17	11.	Shebat	30	Mary 2 nd month.	30
				HAPPIZZEL - 18					
10.	Dec.-Jan.	Tebeth	29	PETHAHIAH - 19					
				JEHEZKEL - 20					
11.	Jan.-Feb.	Shebat	30	JACHIN - 21					
				GAMUL - 22					
12.	Feb.-Mar.	Adar	29	DELAIAH - 23					
				MAAZIAH - 24					
					12.	Adar	29	Mary 3 rd month.	29
					1.	Abib	30	Mary 4 th month.	30
					2.	Ayar		Mary 5 th month.	29
					3.	Sivan		Mary 6 th month.	30
					4.	Tammuz		Mary 7 th month.	29
					5.	Ab		Mary 8 th month.	30
					6.	Elul		Mary 9 th month	29
					7.	Tishri		MESSIAH BORN ON 15 TH OF THIS MO.	15
				Seventh Month					
								TOTAL NO. OF DAYS:	280

NOTE: As per Medical Science too, - It takes 280 days for an Healthy Male Child to be born.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

The season is again upon us when the world is busily planning for a big celebration on December 25th. Gifts are exchanged, millions of greeting cards are sent, thousands of barrels of strong drink are consumed, a fat man in a red suit is glorified, and the birth of our Saviour is discussed.

Why such a big thing over this day, when we read nothing in the Scriptures concerning celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Yahshua? We read nothing of His birth being on this big celebration day. Rather, the Scriptures indicate He could not have been born this time of year. Many, even knowing this, still engage in the worldly celebration. Why? Why do people do it even if they know it is a day of pagan customs and celebration? What makes peoples' minds think it is alright to partake of the heathen customs and associate the birth of our saviour with it? Every year we can read in the newspapers of the paganism in it. Why do people not even know the true name of our Saviour, Yahshua? Why do they think it is alright to call Him something else? Why do they think it doesn't matter what they call Him or His Father, Yahweh? Why have they forgotten the Scriptural Sabbath, the seventh day of the week? Why do they think time has been lost and that we don't know which day of the week is the Sabbath? Why do they even think it makes no difference which day we keep; or if indeed we should cease from our labor in business, and buying and selling, any day at all? Why don't they know the truth of these things? Why don't they know what the Scriptures say? Why do they not know the Word is truth? Why don't they know?

Actually, I was once caught up in this situation. As a young boy I loved the Christmas time -- the pretty trees -- the thrill of santa claus. I remember looking through the newspaper to see how many pictures of santa claus I could find. It all made me feel wonderful. A lovely feeling came over me. It was what is called "the christmas spirit". It was a thrilling feeling. But where did this spirit come from? Why would partaking of paganistic practices and believing a lie make me feel good?

WHY DO PEOPLE BELIEVE LIES? The Scriptures give us the answer. "For the secret of law violation does already work. Only he who now restrains will restrain, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall the lawless [one] be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and render entirely idle by the manifestation of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that PERISH, BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, that they might be saved. AND FOR THIS CAUSE THE ALMIGHTY SHALL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE, that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12.

Because they receive not THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, they believe lies. They will perish (10th verse) unless they repent. Yahshua said, "REPENT... [or] PERISH." Luke 13:3. Yahweh is not willing that any should perish, but wishes that all would repent. 2 Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 33:11. **BUT THEY MUST REPENT -- OR PERISH.** They must repent of sin -- the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4) and start to obey Yahweh and keep His commandments. The atonement for our sin is by the death of our Ruler, Yahshua the Messiah; and it is a free gift. Romans 5:11 & 15. Then they can know the truth: "If you love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH,

WHICH THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE IT SEEKS HIM NOT, neither knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you, and shall be in you." John 14:15-17. "Howbeit when the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." John 16:13. Yahshua prayed, "Separate them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth." And He said, "If you continue in My Word, then are you My taught ones indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 17:17 & 8:31-32.

There came a time in my young life that my dad decided it was time I knew the truth about santa claus. Guess what? On x-mas eve at my maternal grandparents farm house with decorated tree cut by grandfather from his own land, when I was with great expectation and joy, dad, aside, told me there was no santa claus. My dad was very effective in stating things in a few words at opportune times. And he saw to it that I learned Scriptural truths.

We see that those who believe lies and perish, have pleasure in unrighteousness. They do not know the truth because they do not love it. They do not seek it. If they would only love the truth simply because it is the truth, they could ask Yahweh and He would show them the way. He would show them the true way of healing, repentance, and salvation. Let us love every bit of the truth we learn and follow all of it, so we will not believe lies. "But we are bound to give thanks always to the Almighty One for you, brethren beloved of Him, because He has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through separateness of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Whereunto He called you by our glad tidings to the obtaining of the esteem of our Master Yahshua the Messiah. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or our letter. Now our Master Yahshua the Messiah Himself, and the Almighty, even our Father, which has loved us, and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through favour, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17.

Elder: George Kinney

CUSTOMS – The Great Festival

Nineveh saw nothing like it, Imperial Rome would have been abashed, and Solomon, in all his glory, could not have afforded it. It is America's great Christmas festival. ...

Pagan Rights. As usual, there is considerable hand-wringing by purists and priests, who complain that the cash box has replaced the crèche. But the fact remains that Christmas never completely belonged to the church. It began as a pagan festival, and it has slowly been changing back into one for the past half-century.

Long before the birth of Chr-st, December 25 was celebrated in pagan societies as the day on which the sun began its yearly rebirth (astronomically they were only three days off). Peasants in northern Europe decorated their homes with evergreens as a tribute to nature's victory over the numbing winter, held lengthy feasts and processions. The Romans celebrated the entire winter solstice season to honor Saturn, the god of agriculture. During the Saturnalia everyone ate, drank and exchanged presents in one long bacchanal. When the Christian missionaries began to comb the countryside for converts, they found that few were willing to give up their pagan rites. Figuring that pragmatism was called for, they combined the two holidays into the mixture of religious and secular customs that remains today.

Excerpts from TIME Magazine (Modern Living) December 10, 1965

XMAS AND ITS ORIGIN

Excerpts from *Too Long In The Sun* by Richard M. Rives

“The traditional customs connected with Christmas have developed from several sources as a result of the coincidence of the celebration of the birth of Christ with the pagan agricultural and solar observations at midwinter. In the Roman world the Saturnalia (December 17) was a time of merrymaking and exchange of gifts. **December 25 was also regarded as the birth date of the Iranian mystery god Mithra, the Sun of Righteousness.**” Encyclopedia Britannica

“After the triumph of Constantine, the church at Rome assigned December 25 as the date for the celebration of the feast, possibly about A.D. 320 or 353. By the end of the fourth century the whole Christian world was celebrating Christmas on that day, with the exception of the Eastern churches, where it was celebrated on January 6. **The choice of December 25 was probably influenced by the fact that on this day the Romans celebrated the Mithraic feast of the Sun-god (natalis solis invicti), and that the Saturnalia also came at this time.**” Collier’s Encyclopedia

“Both encyclopedias plainly reveal that the source of the celebration of December 25 is the birthday of Mithra, the pagan sun god.”

Saturnalia, December 17-24, was the observation of the winter solstice in pagan Rome. The winter solstice was the shortest day of the year. Sun worshippers of antiquity, fearful that the sun would continue to decline in the sky, and not return, observed Brumalia, December 25, as the birth of the new sun when the sun began to rise higher in the sky.

The basis of this celebration can be traced back to the kingdom of Nimrod, Babel. After the death of Nimrod, who seems to have been considered the sun god, Ninus was born to Beltis and considered to be the reincarnation of Nimrod (god incarnate). This is **the origin of the worship of the “Mother and Child.”** Because of this, Beltis, the wife of Nimrod and mother of Ninus, became known as “the mother’s husband – the mother of god – queen of heaven.” This fable has been the basis of pagan worship throughout history.

There are many more features of Christmas that can be traced back to pagan sun worship such as Christmas trees, yule logs, mistletoe and other things. These facts are easy to research and document.”

Excerpt from *The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*

“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 God with the physical sun, may have led Christians of the fourth century to feel the appropriateness of making the birthday of the Son of God 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.”

WHY THE ACCOUNT OF YAHSHUA'S BIRTH IN THE SCRIPTURES?

Was it so we could celebrate "Christmas"? (NO!)

Is there any command to remember Yahshua's birthday or sanctify it? (NO!)

Was it because the people had either forgotten or were not aware of what had happened 30 or so years before? (Many were obviously unaware of Yahshua's birthplace or circumstances; see the response of the people as recorded in St. John 7:37-44).

John 7:37 "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. John 7:38 - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John 7:39 - (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.) John 7:40 - Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. John 7:41 - Others said, This is the Messiah. But some said, Shall Messiah come out of Galilee? John 7:42 - Hath not the scripture said, That Messiah cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? John 7:43 - So there was a division among the people because of him. John 7:44 - And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him."

Was it not then included in the recorded account of the birth of the Messiah to confirm that this Yahshua was indeed the son of David and was indeed born in Bethlehem of the virgin Mariam fulfilling the promise of Genesis 21:12. "And Elohim said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called." And to confirm that this man, Yahshua, was indeed born in Bethlehem, Matthew in chapter 2 verses 5,6 quotes from Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." And, of course in both Matthew and Luke is recorded Yahshua's genealogy or pedigree showing his ancestry and linkage back to Abraham and Adam including King David.

So Why?

I believe the Matthew and Luke accounts of Yahshua's birth was to answer the question those of his day before his death, burial and resurrection were asking about the origin of just who this person was that was making these claims, (see John 7:42) – "*Hath not the scripture said, That Messiah cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?*" They either didn't know or had forgotten the events that occurred 30 years earlier.

Jim Maring

HAS TRUTH FALLEN IN THE STREETS?

(Continued from Page 3)

In this issue of The Faith several articles are included regarding the truth of the celebration of xmas (Christmas) which now seems to include the whole month of December. Yahweh's remnant people must make some hard choices this time of the year. We too must have respect unto the recompence of the reward. Samuel A. Graham

LETTERS WE RECEIVE

Shalom to my True Family in Yahweh!

I received a precious packet of gifts from you in the mail yesterday and I want to thank you so very much for each one of them! Yesterday I watched the Sabbath that the children lead, and I was very inspired by each one of these precious jewels. I enjoyed every moment. I also cherish the 10 Commandments, using the Sacred Names. I want to get a frame for it, so I can see it always.

I pray that your baptisms in Muskegon went well. I cherish every second of mine. I have that Pearl of Great Price. I cannot adequately describe the incredible Peace I feel.

Last July I began a stringent set of testing to see if I qualified to donate one of my kidneys. It was by Divine inspiration that I did this. I underwent testing for 3 ½ months, and I passed everything very well, and on December 17, I underwent the surgery. All went very well and I came home the next day. It was awesome to help a total stranger have a new lease on life, who had been on a 5-7 year waiting list for a kidney. I said to our FATHER: What can top this? Well, His opening my heart to THEIR TRUE NAMES in June, has topped it! I now await His call to go where He leads, and Be His for whatever He wants for me to do for His Glory. In Spirit, I fall at His feet, in total humility and meekness. Now I think: Wow, what is next!

Shalom!

What an honor it was to receive your letter along with this precious pin which came on the Sabbath, and perfectly intact. Thank you so very much! I love it.

I felt the zeal of the prisoners' precious immersions, and especially the brother who had been waiting for 6 years! His joy has to be running over 24/7.

The day of my baptism marks the beginning of True Life Change. To be truly one of His children and be in His loving care and know I am sealed, changes all outlook and focus for me. To think He would call me, to be one of the Firstfruits is more valuable than all the gold in the world. I know that I cannot fail because He will never leave me and I cling to my Elohim tightly. There is nothing else that can give me True peace, meaning and purpose. And it all began on October 10, 2019! Randy has a picture of us on the computer, when it first comes on, of us coming back to the shore, each one of us has a smile, and I just love to see it every day! Plus I can read the scripture on your shirt and on Joe's shirt. Precious.

Shalom!

What a wonderful blessing to visit your son and family in South Carolina, plus keep the Sabbath in the upper room replica. I'm going to do a Google search and check it out. It has to be a "surging joy" in the Spirit to hear other groups using the True Name of our Elohim and learning the pastor knew about His True Name from other Bibles. It's always been interesting to me that I remember different Bibles using "Yahweh" in footnotes. I pondered this and stored it in my heart, and then when Yahweh took the veil and blinders off my eyes, the TRUTH flooded over me and I then KNEW this Life Changing Truth!

Thank you for writing to keep in fellowship, it means so much to me. I still think back on October 10th frequently; the day I was truly born! My desire is to worship with you on Sabbath soon.

With love in our Elohim,
Terri Vining

THANKSGIVING

Thank You Thank You Thank You
O my Elohim, I thank You for my life
A broken spirit and contrite heart; my humble sacrifice
Thank You, for Your cleansing and all-encompassing love
For the righteous atonement of Yahshua's Blood
For creating in me a right spirit and clean heart
That in You Messiah, my life has a new start
Thank You, for Your Spirit, my Comforter and Counselor
For Your righteous love that no man can pull asunder
That You put the desire in my heart to guard Your command
For the praise in my heart and the Rock of Truth on which I stand
Thank You, YHWH Almighty for salvation and sanctification
For serenity, wisdom, mercy and righteous emancipation
Thank You Father, for the glory and splendor of Your might
That in Messiah Yahshua, I am established in Your sight
That daily I die more to this sinful carnal world
For the filling of Your Spirit and the promise of Your Word
For the only love, joy and peace that is true
Thank You Father YHWH Thank You

Abraham Nixon

IN MEMORIAM

Harvey Williams – Harvey was born January 20th, 1935 in Crowder, Oklahoma. He passed May 29, 2019 in Springfield, Oregon. Harvey was a staunch believer in Yahweh and Yahshua, and is awaiting the Second Coming of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah. He is survived by his wife Mary Williams, three children, and five grandchildren.

Edward Lloyd Hayes – 87, a resident of Lincoln, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, October 30, 2019 in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born February 27, 1932 in Formoso, Kansas, the son of Colvin and Eva (Stone) Hayes. Edward served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired from the University of Arkansas. He attended the Assembly of Yahweh in Kansas, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Frances Cossel Hayes, daughter Dolores and grandson Coy. Survivors include his wife Flora Warnock Hayes, four children, ten grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and one brother Edwin.

Alvin "Al" Raines – born March 15, 1953 in Anson, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2019, in his home in McCurtain, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife Jeanne. Al was a follower of Yahshua and devoted his life to spreading The Word and increasing the Body of Messiah. He is greatly missed by all who he touched and met through his journey of life.

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YAHSHUA'S JEWELS



Yahshua's Young People

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Tim 4:12)

5 KEYS TO SUCCESS!

- 1. YAHSHUA**→ Yahshua has all power in heaven and earth. He wants to blow you away with his goodness (1 Cor 2:9,10). Repent and ask him for help.
- 2. AMBITION**→ A strong desire for achievement. To persevere and not to give up too easily.
- 3. CONFIDENCE**→ Remember who you are. You are a child of the King of Kings. You are royalty. Don't show off but be assertive in how you present yourself to the world.
- 4. GOALS**→ Everyone needs a goal and objective in life. Goals can be big or small but help to give us direction.
- 5. BALANCE**→ This is the spice of life. Doing things outside of work and school that give us enjoyment and stress relief. This includes sports, hobbies, having fun with family and friends and just simply having some good fun!!

YOU HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL!!!!

UNLOCK THE 5 KEYS TO SUCCESS

(Match each key to the correct statement.)



YAHSHUA

I am royalty.



AMBITION

I enjoy playing sports with my friends.



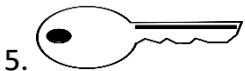
CONFIDENCE

I want to eat healthy.



GOALS

I failed Math but I am not giving up.



BALANCE

With me you can do great things!

REMEMBER YAHSHUA IS THE #1 KEY FOR SUCCESS!!

CHECKOUT ALL EDITIONS OF YAHSHUA'S JEWELS ONLINE:

<http://assemblyofyahweh.com/youth>

****PLEASE REMEMBER TO PASS ON YAHSHUA'S JEWELS
TO YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Yahweh's 2020 Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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