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YAHSHUA

Son of Yahweh

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim. *Matthew 16:15 & 16*

...See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Yahshua the Messiah is the Son of Elohim. *Acts 8:36 & 37*

Concerning his Son Yahshua the Messiah, our Master, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of Yahweh with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. *Romans 1:3 & 4*

For there is one Yahweh, and one mediator between Yahweh and men, the man Messiah Yahshua; *1 Timothy 2:5*

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EDITORIAL

AWAKE O ISRAEL

Awake thou that sleepest, Ephesians 5:14. How close is the day of Yahweh's vengeance? Isaiah 34:8, Jeremiah 51:6. A day of weeping, Isaiah 22:12. A day of judgement, Matthew 10:15. Darkness and gross darkness, Isaiah 60:2. The sun and moon shall be dark, Joel 2:10. The indignation of Yahweh is upon all nations, Isaiah 34:2. Awake out of sleep, Romans 13:11. Awake to righteousness, 1 Corinthians 15:34.

This nation is in the throes of an epidemic and it is not covid. The stores are full of it; it is almost unbelievable as to how much. Some people are anxious and overcome with the preparations for it. If only it were for something that is everlasting, but it is soon over and the clean-up begins. I am sure we all know what the epidemic is without even spelling it out.

There is an idol in this nation, and it is in the form of a white haired and bearded little old man in a red suit. Many a tale has been told regarding him: stories of him and his reindeer traveling through the sky to deliver gifts to children; of him coming down the chimneys no less. All in the name of harmless fun and games? Any student of the Scriptures (the Bible) knows the truth of the matter.

Don't let the promise of Yahshua's return be overshadowed by falsehood. We shall not all sleep, ... be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Master, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Don't let the seemingly harmless fun and games attract you, entice you, lure you, or tempt you. There is nothing lasting about this season, it is over quickly, leaving some with a sense of "is that all there is?" and some with monumental debt.

We, who are awake have hope and faith in an everlasting promise; the promise of life everlasting with Yahshua the Messiah. We have accepted the free gift of salvation through Yahweh's only begotten Son, our Savior Yahshua the Messiah. The gift of Elohim is everlasting life through Yahshua the Messiah our Master. There is no greater gift than this. However, we are to repent, believe, be baptized (immersed) and endeavor to live a righteous life until Yahshua's return. 1 Thessalonians 3:13 – To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in moral purity before Elohim, even our Father, at the coming of our Master Yahshua the Messiah with all his saints.

Come out of her my people, Revelation 18:4. Choose you this day whom you will serve, Joshua 24:15. Jerusalem, which is above is free, Galatians 4:26. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Elohim is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and Elohim himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim. Revelation 21:1-3. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:14.

Let us be awake and stay awake. Remember, we are in this world but we are not of this world. Ye are of Elohim, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. See 1 John 4:3-10.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

WHY STRESS TORAH OBSERVANCE?

By Dennis E. Green

“You're just preaching bondage to rules and regulations.” “The Messiah set us free from the yoke of bondage.” “All we need is to love [Yahweh] and obey the teachings of the New Testament.”

People often make statements very much like the ones written above when the topic of Torah observance is broached. With a less than adequate understanding of the nature and purpose of Torah it is easy to arrive at similar conclusions. Depending upon the context in which the above statements are made, they could all be very accurate or far from the truth.

As a Messianic believer, one must be sure to have a proper understanding of the role Yahweh's Torah is to have in your life. With this proper understanding of our Father's instructions, we will find peace and security in a lifestyle of yielded obedience. Likewise, if a believer has an improper balance in their doctrinal stance with regards to grace, Torah observance will inevitably lead to a life of struggle as one sees their own inadequacy to uphold an extensive list of do's and don'ts.

Wasn't the law given in the Old Testament, abolished under the New?

“Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one iota or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:17-19). See also, Luke 16:17; Rom. 2; 6; 7; 1 Tim. 1:8; 1 Jn. 1: 8; 2 Tim. 3:16.

The Law was given to mankind for several reasons. Some are expounded upon at great length while others are less obvious but no less important. Since Adam, all of mankind has had to walk within specific guidelines which were laid down by a caring Father. Without these “rules” and “regulations” man would be free to pursue any and every hellish perversion that entered his mind. Without "Law", Yahweh would be unable to convict and condemn sin for without the Law there is no sin. As One who is pure, our Elohim by His very nature requires and demands purity in the lives of those who have been created in His very image. The guidelines or "Law" which were set forth not only brought light into the darkness of fallen man, but they also brought death in that this newly awakened man was now accountable for his actions (Rom. 7:12, 13). He now had a line which he was not to cross. This Law which now showed the way of righteous living also became that weight under which man was to struggle in an effort to please his maker. Without the power of Yahweh's Spirit giving the inward desire and ability to obey His commands, the Law can quickly be seen as a mountain to be climbed while suffering with broken legs.

This is not to say that the Law or loving instructions of our Father are hard beyond measure or that they had to be grievous. Often it is our perception of the command that makes it a blessing or a burden. David eloquently put his heartfelt love for these instructions to music (Ps. 119). Even a cursory overview of the Psalms will reveal that the Law was a delight to one whose heart yearned after intimate fellowship with the Father. (See also Romans 7:12, 22).

Torah was not given for a righteous one but for the unholy and profane (1 Tim. 1:9). Torah was not revealed to Adam to the extent in which it was later revealed to Moshe (Moses). The reason is simple, a man doesn't need a command not to do something when that thing is not in his power to attain in the first place. When Adam and Eve lived in a state of purity, free from the inclination to steal, lie, murder, etc., they did not need to be told, "You shall not steal, lie, murder, etc." The one prohibition laid down, "You shall not eat from the tree...", should not have been a burden to uphold, but through that one commandment, their weakness was revealed. Through disobedience to that one commandment they were convicted as sinners. One must realize that even though Adam was not given many of the later prohibitions revealed to his descendants, the morality upon which those later commandments were based was simply the very nature and character of the Heavenly Father. Yahweh's Torah, as expressed in the Pentateuch, is ultimately an owner's manual written by our creator by which we find the proper and expected way to live out our lives for the Father's good pleasure.

Torah brings to light our inability to live up to Yahweh's standard of righteousness. The Law makes us ever sure that we need something outside of our own strength and wisdom to be accepted as righteous by [Yahweh]. In the Epistle to the Galatians we are shown that Torah, as a schoolmaster, was to lead man to the Messiah (Gal. 3:24). While striving to be made perfect through obedience to Torah we see that we often fail. The penalty of this failure is death. Woe unto me if I fail to cleave to the Messiah for redemption and His imputed righteousness, for without His atoning work, I would never be free from the cycle of temptation, struggle, failure, sin and death. It is only through faith in the atoning work of the Messiah Yahshua that I live in the freedom to obey His commandments with heartfelt gratitude. His Torah is for our good and it is with great desire that I now seek to obey its instructions because they show me how to perfectly walk in this perverse generation without offending my Elohim or my fellow man. We were never set free from the requirement of obedience to our Father. His Spirit within us now gives the strength, joy and peace we need as we walk as He would have us to walk and though we may fail, we are assured of His mercy and grace to guide and lead us without condemnation.

The scriptural arguments so often used to deny the authority of Yahweh's loving instructions in our lives are most often out of context with the unbroken flow of biblical thought. Sha'ul (Paul) fought constantly against those who would belittle the fact that we can only be justified by faith. He consistently made statements which reaffirmed the fact that no flesh shall be justified by the works of the law (Rom. 3:20; Acts 13:39). This fact needed to be stressed to a people who felt that it was their own righteousness, earned through Torah observance, that would save them. Abram was justified before the Law was completely revealed. It was for his faith in, and loving respect for Yahweh that he was accounted as righteous. Being righteous through faith in Yahweh in no way exempted him from the requirement of obedience to the laws of Yahweh. One in no way negates the other.

It's all about love, right?

The central purpose of Yahweh's instructions can be summed up in the following.

"All things therefore whatever you would have men should do to you, even so do you also to them: for this is the Torah and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12).

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? And he said to him, You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, You shall

love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments the whole law hangs, and the prophets” (Matt. 22:36-40).

“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, even this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Gal. 5:14).

Now one might say, “I love [Yahweh] and my neighbor so why push Torah?” Depending on one’s culture, upbringing, and entire world view, an individual’s understanding of what true love for Yahweh and his fellow man is may vary greatly. If our Father threw out a command to “love” without instructing us as to what pure love is, we would be free to decide for ourselves how to work it out. I’m sure the outcome of that experiment would be disastrous. Torah shows how we are to live out our love for our neighbor and the Post-Messianic writings clarify and strengthen those commands (2 Tim. 3:16).

If one reads through the “laws” of the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) he would be struck with the realization that obedience to these instructions would leave him healthy, fruitful, loving, prosperous, reverent, generous and happy. The curse of the law comes in our inability to faithfully walk this wonderful road. Our failure shows us our inherent inability to be the perfect man we should. HalleluYah, it doesn’t end there. With the Messiah we are free from bondage to the ways of the transgressor. We now, with perfect freedom, seek to obey the Father’s instructions from the heart. A heart on which His Torah has been engraved (Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10; 10:16). He has made a perfect man out of something very much imperfect. With the Psalmist I can truly rejoice “Oh how I love your Torah! It is my meditation all the day” (Ps. 119:97) and “Great peace have they that love your Torah; And they have no occasion of stumbling” (Ps. 119:165).

This is an eye opener; some probably never thought or looked at Psalm 23 in this way, even though we say it over and over again.

PSALM 23

1. **YAHWEH** is my Shepherd (That’s Relationship!); I shall not want (That’s Supply!).
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures (That’s Rest!); he leadeth me beside the still waters (That’s Refreshment!).
3. He restoreth my soul (That’s Healing); he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness (That’s Guidance!) for his namesake (That’s Purpose!).
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death (That’s Testing!), I will fear no evil (That’s Protection!); for thou art with me (That’s Faithfulness!); thy rod and thy staff they comfort me (That’s Discipline!).
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies (That’s Hope!); thou anointest my head with oil (That’s Consecration!); my cup runneth over (That’s Abundance!).
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (That’s Blessing!); and I will dwell in the house of YAHWEH (That’s Security!) for ever (That’s Eternity!).

Face it; **YAHWEH** (The Father) loves you! What is most valuable is not what we have in our lives, but WHO we have in our lives!

Submitted by Russell Medina

WISDOM

Wisdom according to the English Dictionary means experience and knowledge shown in making decisions and judgments. In our present day and with the high spate of technology, one is prone to believe that knowledge and divine wisdom comes or can be acquired through education or with age. This wisdom is greatly sought among the human race but the crowning irony of it is not everyone knows how to come by it. It has to be sought diligently of Yahweh through whom every good gift comes.

Like King Solomon, who was bequeathed the crown in his youth, felt it wasn't in efficient hands and asked Yahweh for wisdom, the wisdom of Yahweh distinct. James spoke correctly in his epistle, James 3:17: "But the wisdom from above is first pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and hypocrisy." These qualities completely contrast the common earthly wisdom which is sensual, full of pride and selfish.

Our ever example, Yahshua the Messiah, despite his youth illustrates divine wisdom during his discussion and sermons in the temple. "Now so it was that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." (Luke 2:46, 47). Yahshua increased in wisdom (Luke 2:52). With Yahshua, wisdom was knowledge of his Father in action.

Wisdom is invaluable, it's more precious than rubies (Proverbs 3:15). It is a quality or rather gift which has to be desired, earned and cherished. Have we sought to acquire this great gift? If we really seek this divine wisdom, how can we get it? The Almighty Yahweh in his words laments that his people die for lack of wisdom. Also, Yahshua advises that we be as wise as the serpent. He gave many of his teachings in parables. This is to say that wisdom is a vital weapon to understanding Yahshua and his words. One of such precious parables is that concerning the wise man who built his house on the rock. Another is about the wise five virgins who had extra oil for their lamps (Matthew 25:1-5).

Brethren, I personally believe Yahweh and his word which is represented by the Scriptures. You and I can get wisdom from Yahweh who freely gives it to those who desire it. In Proverbs 1:20-25, wisdom calls aloud in the streets. Read Proverbs 2:2-5 as how to obtain it. The question remains, are you willing to walk according to the dictates and statutes of Yahweh, to fear him and keep all his commandments? He will then store up wisdom for us (Psalms 19:7).

We are created in Yahweh's image. "By wisdom Yahweh founded the earth, ordered the seasons, established the heavens, and arranged the stars to his pleasing." (Proverbs 3:19). Since we are created in his image, he surely has made a great provision for his divine wisdom in us. With such wisdom, we are happy and content in life. Read Proverbs 3:13-18 for the benefits of wisdom. Also, with divine wisdom we are saved from the way of the evil, from men who are perverse and from the wrath of Yahweh (Proverbs 2:10-15). With wisdom, we are prepared for whatever lies in the future. The wise man built his house on the rock which we all know means Yahshua – he obeyed the words of Yahshua.

Let us also beware of the wisdom of this age. I have observed that most people prefer this worldly wisdom to Yahweh's divine wisdom. Well, we all want to flow with the dictates of this world or rather, the environment in which we find ourselves... Important as that may seem, Paul in his epistle to the saints in Corinth writes: "For it is written I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age?" (See 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and 2:1-16). Only by becoming fools of this age can we become wise before Yahweh.

The wisdom of this age is foolishness with Yahweh. He has chosen the foolish, base things of this age to confound the wise. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26. The wisdom of Yahweh has been ordained before the ages, yet it is hidden from the mighty and the rulers of this age. It has been and is only being revealed through his spirit to them who are ready to be fools of this age. Love Yahweh and do his will. Only when the spirit of Yahweh gives such revelation and wisdom can we understand the will and teachings of Yahshua. Only then can we listen to him and do as he instructs us. Only then can we understand that his commandments, Sabbaths, statutes and feast days are binding and cannot be changed. Just as Yahshua told his disciples, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Yahweh..." (Matthew 13:10-12).

Brethren, it is the wish of most people to be wise and many go in pursuit of it in schools while many others resort to elders, but Yahweh Elohim is the giver of wisdom. If we come to him in prayer, believing and trusting, he is ever able to supply our needs according to his riches in Yahshua the Messiah. Hallelu Yah.

Shalom in the Name of our Saviour, Yahwehka Anikwue. Enugu, Nigeria.

THE EARTHEN VESSEL

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Michigan. I heard him there and asked if I might use some of the concepts he set forth. He was very agreeable and sent his notes to me, to be used to the [high esteem] of Yahweh and Yahshua, for which I thank him.

By Jean Zachary

FORGIVE

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (*Mark 11:25 & 26*)

PUT ON LOVE

Put on therefore, as the elect of Elohim, holy and beloved, tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as the Master forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. (*Colossians 3:12-14*)

THE EARTHEN VESSEL

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of power may be of Yahweh, and not of us.” (II Corinthians 4:7)

This treasure is the light in our hearts, understanding the [high esteem] of Yahweh and seeing it in the face of Yahshua. (See verse 6.) He put it in earthen vessels, the most fragile of all the vessels, who, when He gives us power, everyone knows it is not of us, but of Him. Light and power--in earthen vessels: That is what we have and are.

Yahweh Elohim formed man from the dust of the ground ... (Gen. 2:7) He is of the earth. When you mix earth with water, you have clay, which can be molded into vessels and baked in the sun forming useful articles made to hold things. Job said, “I also am formed out of the clay.” (Job 33:6) It wasn’t just Adam: we are all made of clay. We live in earthen vessels.

Not all of us are full of treasure, however. He made some to honor and some to dishonor. Romans 9:21 tells us, “Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor and another to dishonor?” Yahweh is the Potter. We are the clay. It goes on to say He has been longsuffering to the vessels of wrath which are fitted to destruction, so that He might make known the riches of His [high esteem], on the vessels of mercy ... even us. (verses 22, 23)

Please note, Yahweh has a law concerning earthen vessels. Leviticus 11:33 says that if any unclean animal falls into an earthen vessel, “...ye shall break it.” It is unclean and cannot be used anymore for its intended purpose. It is then in pieces--potsherds. Breaking the earthen vessel surely has multiple meanings. You can physically break an earthen pot. On another level our body (vessel) can be broken mentally, physically, and spiritually, when we repent of having allowed unclean things to fall into our vessel. If we don't repent Yahweh will break our vessel on judgment day, according to law.

Some things that fall into our vessel cannot be cleaned out by us. Some of these are represented by the animals named “creeping things” in the passage Leviticus 11:29-33. That is why we must be broken--so that our vessel cannot be used by Satan to contaminate others. It is possible to give our life's abilities to the contaminating things that come into us. In fact, they have no life of their own, if they are not being parasites on us, dragging us down, according to their orders from Satan, who would like to steal from us, lie to us, and destroy us. They are a kind of unclean spirits, in the category of creeping things.

We have a choice. We can allow our vessel to be dishonored and be “fitted to destruction” or we can choose honor and learn the riches of Yahweh's [high esteem], by His mercy.

If our vessel is left uncovered, some of the unclean animals (spirits) mentioned in Leviticus 11 are sure to run across, jump into, or fall into it. There is, however, good news about a lid, which we will discuss later. Right now, let's study the eight unclean animals we are warned against, and expound on the meaning we can only learn from a concordance, showing the Hebrew roots and meanings. You will see that none of these animals are limited to carrying the surface explanation.

There is a lesson in this for us, just as there is a deeper meaning of the twenty-one unclean birds mentioned in this chapter.

Here is a list of the animals mentioned in Leviticus 11:27-30, along with their characteristics, according to *Strong's Concordance*:

weasel - (“mole” in some translations) #2467 “a weasel (from its *gliding* motion)... same as #2465.” #2465 “...means to *glide* swiftly; *life* (as a *fleeting* portion of time); hence the *world* (as *transient*)...”

mouse - #5909 "...in the secondary sense of *attacking*, a *mouse* (as *nibbling*)... from #5908." #5908 "... literal sense of *entangling*: a *spider* (as *weaving* a network...)"

tortoise - ("great lizard" in some translations) #6632 "...from an unused root mean. to *establish*; a *palanquin* or *canopy* (as a *fixture*); also a species of *lizard* (prob. as clinging *fast*)--covered, litter, tortoise."

ferret - ("gecko" in some translations) #604 "some kind of lizard, prob. the *gecko* (from its *wail*)—ferret. Same as #603." #603 "...*shrieking*--crying out, groaning, sighing."

chameleon - ("crocodile" in some translations) #3581 "...to be *firm*; *vigor*, lit. (*force*)...also a large *lizard*—ability, able, chameleon, force, fruits, might, power, (-ful), strength, substance, wealth."

lizard - #3911 "from an unused root mean. to *hide*: a kind of *lizard* (from its *covert* habits)..."

snag - ("sand reptile" in some translations) #2546 "...prob. mean. to *lie low*; a *lizard* (as *creeping*)—snail."

mole - ("chameleon" in some translations) #8580 "...a hard *breather*, i.e. the name of two unclean creatures, a lizard and a bird (both change color through *irascibility*) prob. *tree-toad* and *water-hen*—mole, swan. From #5395." #5395 "...to *blow away*, i.e. *destroy*—destroy."

Are these really unclean animals we might want to eat? They don't seem very appetizing, although they have been eaten by law breakers or those who do not know Yahweh's law. It would seem there is another level to understand here, as given in Yahweh's Word. These animals are called "creeping things that creep upon the earth," in Leviticus 11:29. They are unclean to us. If we touch their dead bodies, we are "unclean until the evening." (verse 31) "Every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth....shall be unclean; and ye shall break it." We cannot wash the earthen vessel and get it clean, even in water.

We might even get all eight of these unclean things in our vessel if we toy with salvation and don't fill our vessel with Yahweh's Word. Notice Matthew 12:43-45. "When an unclean spirit is gone out of a man he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I return into my house from whence I came out, and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation." (Emphasis added.)

Unclean spirits, by their nature, cannot find rest outside living bodies. This one had been cast out. He decided to go back. This house (earthen vessel) was empty. It had not been broken, as the law required, nor changed, protected and covered by Yahshua. Therefore, the unclean spirit brought seven of his friends to dwell there with him--eight in all. It was legal for him to do that. The house was swept clean of spiritual things and empty. (There was no sign of clean thoughts and beliefs.) It was garnished, or decorated with worldly things. These eight would be happy here, although their presence would make the state of the man "worse than the first." Is it a coincidence that this typical unrighteous man is filled with eight unclean spirits? No, it is likely they were the eight unclean creeping things mentioned in Leviticus 11, and that this is the way it is promised to be, in the endtime wicked generation.

Their characteristics would have been swiftly gliding as the weasel; attacking by nibbling and entangling in a network like a spider, called the mouse; a great lizard that is hiding in a covering, but clinging to its place, called the tortoise; a loud, shrieking groaning, sighing kind of lizard, called the ferret; a vigorous, able, powerful forceful crocodile called

the chameleon; a hiding, covert lizard; a creeping lizard that lies low, sometimes called a sand reptile, but here called a snail; and an irascible cross between an unclean lizard and an unclean bird which can blow away or destroy you, called a mole. How can a crocodile fall into an earthen vessel? Think about it. These are unclean spirits! What's more, they are leaders in the unseen world, and have many followers.

How do you think a man or woman would feel if all these were inside? If they did not break their vessel, then Yahweh would need to do so at the judgment, to fulfill the law. As hard as it might be, they should repent and let Yahshua change them. "If a man therefore purge himself ... he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use.." (II Tim. 2:21) (Did you notice the wifely, help meet language?)

Again, *Strong's Concordance* helps us with underlying meanings. "Creeping" is #8318 and means "a *swarm*, i.e. active mass of minute animals: creep (-ing thing), move (-ing creature)." We see by this that these unclean creeping things come in swarms, or groups. Each category has many members (in swarms), which do their work in our earthen vessels. They swarm on and in the earth (the land, clay, or dust) of our bodies, in a literal and spiritual realm. They are real not figurative.

Strong's tells us that "earthen" means "a piece of pottery--earth." "Vessel" is #3627 and means "something *prepared*, i.e. any *apparatus* (as an implement, utensil, dress, vessel, or weapon):-- armor ([bearer]) artillery..pot, plus psaltery...." The Greek for "vessel" is G. #4632 and says "...a *vessel, implement equipment or apparatus* (lit. or fig. [Specifically, a *wife* as contributing to the usefulness of the husband])..."

Did you see that? Does this sound like a clay pot to you? We are more than dust. We have been made to be a very complicated instrument that can bear armor or artillery. We, as a wife, should contribute to the usefulness of the husband! Whose wife are we? We were made for this purpose. We were also specially made for this war! How revealing this definition is! Before we were formed of this clay, by the Master Potter, He knew the purposes He had in mind. We have a job to do. Going back to II Corinthians 4:6, 7, He has given His vessels of honor light and power! But, some fell to dishonor and will be broken.

"And any earthen vessel whereinto any of them falleth...shall be unclean..." (Lev. 11:33) When we look at the word "falleth" in this verse, we find it does not just mean that the unclean animal touches it or dies in it. "Falleth," #5307, also means "...*(make to) rot, slay, smite out, X surely thrown down.*" When these unclean beings fall into our vessel, they slay us and cause us to die and rot. We will surely be broken or thrown down at one time or the other.

Strong's also says when the unclean being dies (verse 31), that "dies" means, figuratively, that it brings pestilence and ruin. These beings don't really die or lose their existence in our vessel. They just bring us plagues and ruin. When these unclean beings have defiled our vessel, we cannot clean it, so we must break it. Part of the definition of breaking is "broken hearted." As we die to sin, our vessel is broken. As we repent, we are brokenhearted. This fulfills the law that says we are to break our vessels. We should live on with a vessel cleaned in the only way it can be cleaned--by the blood of the Lamb.

Unclean beings are what we must fight against with the armor and artillery our vessel has. Ephesians 6 describes the enemy and our weapons. We are told to "...be strong in Yahshua and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of Yahweh, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [Note: wicked spirits in heavenly places]." (Eph. 6:10-12) The armor Yahweh provides for us in this battle is truth, righteousness, the

[glad tidings] of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Yahweh. (Eph. 6:13-17)

These unclean spirits are not flesh. However, they are created to need flesh to trouble, in order to fulfill their fighting orders. This is the battleground Yahweh chose—our flesh is the place where Yahshua clashes with Satan. This is where His power excels. We cannot fight this battle alone. We must use Yahweh's power, through Yahshua, in our earthen vessels, to show His excellent power (II Cor. 4:7). Can you grasp it? He didn't need us to defeat Satan and his army, but He chose to involve us in this war—to cleanse us and to teach us. Yahshua defeated Satan already, but He wants us to overcome him too, by His sacrifice, blood, and Name. This is why we were made. We are instruments of war, created to help our husband, Yahshua, overcome Satan and his hordes and cast them out of those who have been bought by Him, and who live in this fleshly existence.

Has anything unclean run across or fallen into your earthen vessel? If so, it needs to be broken. The good news is that “broken” doesn't mean “to die.” #7665, broken means “...to *burst* (lit. or fig.):--break (down, off, in pieces, up), broken ([hearted]), bring to birth, crush, destroy, hurt, quench...” As you can see, it can mean to break up into pieces, crush, hurt and destroy.

However, it does not have to mean those things. If we see we need to be broken, we can just be broken hearted, to fulfill the law. Yahweh will draw us to His Son, Yahshua, where we can be broken upon the Rock. He will quench our thirst with living water. We will be begotten by the Spirit and eventually be brought to birth with a spiritual body in the Kingdom.

Now, to discuss the lid for our earthen vessel; it is Yahshua. The scripture says we will be unclean until evening, after we come in contact with these unclean beings. Evening means dusk, but is identical to #6148 in *Strong's*, meaning “a covering.” It is “...to *braid*, i.e. *intermix*, tech. to *traffic* (as by barter) to *give or be security* (as a kind of exchange) ... surety...” We become clean gradually, even as evening intermixes darkness with daylight and slowly covers the earth (us) with a covering. It involves bartering with the unclean so He, Yahshua, can become our surety. No one else is qualified to be this surety. We need this covering over our vessels so no unclean things can fall into it. Only Yahshua can cast out the unclean, because He is our sacrifice. He died and shed His blood to give us salvation, which is deliverance, by His blood and His name. We are unclean until evening—evening being when we are given security and covered by Yahshua. He does not do this all at once, even as He says He will not drive the Israelites' enemies out in one year, “...lest the beasts of the field multiply against thee.” (Ex. 23:29) This is part of His show of power. He cleans us up as we obey and ask Him to, little by little (Ex. 23:30), when nothing else can clean us. Only Yahshua can cover our vessel and keep it from further uncleanness. “For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance because thou hadst a favor unto them. Thou art my King, O El: command deliverances for Jacob. Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we lead them under that rise up against us.” (Ps. 44:3)

Atonement also means “a covering.” It is #3722 and means “...to *cover* (spec. with bitumen); fig. to *expiate or condone*, to *placate or cancel*:--appease, make (an) atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-iation).” Yahshua has done all these things for those of us who have broken our vessel. He has paid the price to reconcile us to Himself, because we have allowed the unclean into our vessels, and have bought into their lifestyles. It appears He has covered our cleansed, newly begotten vessels and sealed them with pitch, like an ark, to preserve

us. The Bible tells us we are sealed until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30) This probably has to do with the ark of the covenant and the mercy seat. The High Priest went in there once a year on the day of Atonement.

If we have broken our vessel, as we are told to do, Yahweh will beget us with His Spirit, so a new vessel will be shaping up. He tells us He can burn off the dross and purify us as gold in the fire. (Rev. 3:18). "Therefore saith Yahweh of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies. And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross..." (Isaiah 1:24, 25) When we ask Him to rid us of the unclean things, which are His adversaries and enemies, too, He will do it, thereby purging away our dross. This is a promise. In Daniel 8:24, we find the last king will destroy the "mighty and the [separate] people." These are Israel and the holy [separated] people of Yahweh. Job tells us that the mighty are afraid of leviathan and "...by reason of breakings they purify themselves." (Job 41:25) Daniel 12:10 tells us that "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." This is speaking of the end time. It is for us, now. Yahshua gave Himself for us to redeem us "...and purify (us) to Himself, a peculiar people..." (Titus 2:14)

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and earth; some to honor and some to dishonor." (II Tim. 2:20) Might we be begotten unto a vessel of gold or silver, after we repent and break our earthen vessel? It is something to think about.

If we stay covered by Yahshua, after breaking our contaminated vessel, our new vessel will not need to be broken in the judgment. We probably won't stay completely clean, but, in that case, we will find that another vessel has been broken in our place! Yahshua was clad in an earthen vessel, and it was broken (Matt. 26:26). Also see Isaiah, chapter 53. His vessel was not unclean, but, by His sacrifice, He took our place, and died for our sins. He bought us. We are His and should be happy to be in His army.

We must make clear in our minds what is clean and what is unclean. The food we put in our mouth is important but is only a type of the spiritual food we "eat." We must be doubly clean. We must chew the cud (meditate on Yahweh's Word) and have a cloven hoof (rightly divide the Word of Yahweh--II Tim. 2:15). We need to distinguish between the holy (clean) and profane (unclean). We have choices, not only physically, but, perhaps more importantly, spiritually, too.

We must purge our vessels, break them on the Rock, by repentance, and let Yahweh beget us with a new vessel. Then we must keep it clean, with Yahshua's help. Let Him be our lid or covering, as we walk more closely with Him.

As we gain light in our hearts, and begin to understand Yahweh's [high esteem], we will see it in Yahshua's face. We will be given light and power, for their [high esteem]! (II Cor. 4:6) The power we need is to fight Satan and his evil, unclean helpers. This is for now! And, eventually, He will make a covenant for us "with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground." He will "break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely." (Hosea 2:18)

These are all evil, unclean creatures, and they are our enemies in a powerful battle now. Yahweh will move the battle from out of the earth (us). We will be changed. We will have no more Baals (Hosea 2:17). Yahweh has promised.

The basic research for this study was first done by Roger Norman, of Fort Worth, Texas. He spoke on part of his findings at the Feast of Tabernacles, in Eaton Rapids,

WHY I DO NOT CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Multitudes of people do not know WHY they celebrate Christmas. Some think they keep it because The Savior was born on the 25th of December. But many know that he was NOT born on the 25th of December, but they keep it anyway not wanting to be different from the world. Most people are happy to keep it because the world keeps it.

There are people who wish that they did not have to celebrate it, but they do not have what it takes to refrain from being like the world. Many preachers and church people know that Christmas is from Paganism, but they still keep it. They keep it because they do not fear The Almighty and consequently His law and commandments. It is white washed over with sweet talk and a big talk of giving, and talk of love, or generosity which is mistaken for love.

It is an offering that is not accepted by The Almighty Creator because it was from Pagan worship. It is not accepted any more than Cain's offering was accepted. "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15:22.

Verse 24, Saul sinned because he feared the people. This is the sin that besets Christendom today. They want to be like the world and they fear the people.

Proverb 29:25 – The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in Yahweh shall be safe.

John 12:42 & 43 – Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise (or favor) of The Almighty.

The plagues will fall upon all who will not receive His name, and believe and keep His laws. Revelation 14:-1-12. The Almighty's true name will have power over the plagues. Revelation 16:9.

Revelation 18:4, 5 – ... Come out of her MY PEOPLE, that you be not partakers of her sins and receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached into heaven and The Almighty hath remembered her iniquities. Verse 8 – Therefore shall her plagues come in one day (one year, a day for a year in prophecy). ...

Luke 21:36 – Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

When the Savior was born ... It could not possibly have been in December, as it was terribly cold in the winter and the shepherds were out keeping watch over their flocks by night. So it had to be warmer weather than December, Luke 2:8. They would not leave their sheep out in bitter cold weather.

By most people Christmas is kept with hypocrisy and partiality. It is a burden to the poor and a grief. The poor go in debt for presents that they cannot afford. They are sometimes until June or July paying off their Christmas debts, which many of their friends or relatives do not appreciate.

If I came over to your house and said, "I came over to celebrate your birthday" and you said "But it is not my birthday" and I said "No, I know it is not, but it is MY birthday and I am giving YOU MY BIRTHDAY; I will celebrate YOUR BIRTHDAY on MY BIRTHDAY." What would you think? Well we should consider the Almighty's will and ways MUCH MORE important even than people. But the trouble is the people profess Him with their lips but they really do not believe in Him. They only believe in TRADITION. See Mark 7:7, 9, 13.

What do you think the Savior would say if you told him to his face that you were celebrating HIS birth on the birthday of an old wicked king, Nimrod. The Almighty would not accept such as that for an offering any more than He accepted Cain's offering.

The Christmas Tree. Jeremiah 10:2-4 – “Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.” See Psalm 115:4-9. The origin of the Christmas tree is from heathenism, we should NOT BE LIKE THE HEATHEN...”LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN.” Verse 8, “They are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities.” (See Revelation 17, 18) In Revelation the doctrine of the wicked religionists is called wine, the wine, (or doctrine of HIS WRATH).

December 25th, Whose Birthday? The festivals of Rome are innumerable, but two of them are Christmas and Easter, they are Babylonian. How come these were connected with December 25? From Hislop, page 246... Now this god of the sea, when his worship had been firmly re-established, and all formidable opposition had been put down, was worshipped also as the great god of war, who, though he had died for the good of mankind, now that he had risen again, was absolutely invincible. In memory of this new incarnation, the 25th of December, (Christmas day) was celebrated in Pagan Rome as, “Natalis Solis invicti,” the birth-day of the Unconquered Sun. We have equally seen that the very name of the Roman god of war is just the name of Nimrod.

The New Catholic Dictionary. Christmas (O. E., Cristes Maesse, Christ's Mass, or feast of nativity 25th of December celebration of the birth of our Savior). In the early days of the church there was no such a feast ... The First mention of the feast then kept on the 20th of May was made by Clement of Alexandria, c 200. The Latin church began c 300 to observe it on 25th December.

The Scofield Reference Bible, Page 985. In 170 B.C. Antiochus after repeated interferences with the temple and priesthood, plundered Jerusalem, profaned the temple, and enslaved great numbers of the inhabitants. On December 25th 168 B.C. Antiochus offered a sow upon the altar and erected an altar to Jupiter (Zeus), the temple worship was forbidden and people made to eat swine's flesh. ...

Obedience is Better Than Sacrifice. 2 Corinthians 6:17 & 18 – Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith The Almighty, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith The Almighty. Isaiah 52:11 – Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of The Almighty.

Mark 7:6-13 – ... This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. ... Full well ye reject the commandment of The Almighty, that ye may keep YOUR OWN TRADITION. ... Making the word of the Creator of none effect through your tradition which ye have delivered: ...

Revelation 3:20-22 – Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: IF ANY MAN hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, LET HIM HEAR what the spirit saith unto the [assemblies] churches.

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)

STRESS BUSTERS

Young people are stressed out! The pressure from friends, social media and the crazy world we live in, can get to you. Here are some tips to help you cope:

- **Breathe in (inhale) & breathe out (exhale) 7 times.**
- **Tell yourself to stay calm→Yah is in control over everything around you.**
- **Exit the stressful situation.**
- **Play fun games (besides video games, there are so many games that you can play). Try a new or old board game.**
- **Write how you feel in a journal. Learn to express yourself.**
- **Tell a parent or someone you trust how you are feeling.**
- **Get outside→Enjoying the fresh air & connecting with Yah's nature can relax you.**
- **Stay Active→walking, playing sports, skipping, jumping jacks, creative dance exercises etc.**
- **Get rest→Sleep is important for your health.**
- **Be creative→Explore new hobbies (learn to play a new instrument, create your own song, be a chef etc.).**
- **Laugh more→Watch or read something funny.**
- **Avoid negative friends. It is not the quantity of friends that matter but the quality of friends. Two good friends are better than five bad friends.**
- **Embrace Yahshua's love for you. He is hugging you. Squeeze him. Tell him everything. Let him deal with it. ☺**

STRESSED OUT!!



WHAT SHOULD I DO?

TRUE or FALSE

- 1. Don't tell anyone how I feel. _____
- 2. Hang out with bad friends to be popular. _____
- 3. Explore a new hobby. _____
- 4. Breathe in & out. _____
- 5. Don't exercise or be active. _____
- 6. Get rest. _____
- 7. Get outside. _____
- 8. Write in a journal. _____
- 9. Over eat. _____
- 10. Block Yahshua out. He does not care. _____
- 11. Ask Yahshua for help. _____

Answer=6 True



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

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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