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

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*This issue contains the main beliefs of the Assembly of Yahweh. We read in the Word of the Prophets, Apostles and Yahshua the Messiah, keeping these commands of Yahweh and these commands are necessary for everlasting life.*

*"Here is the patience (endurance) of the Saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yahshua." Revelation 14:12.*

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# WHAT IS THE ASSEMBLY OF YAHWEH?

We are often asked these questions: What is the Assembly of Yahweh? Where is your headquarters? Who is your leader? These questions can be readily answered from the Scriptures.

In most of our English translations of the New Testament we find the word “church” being used (Matt. 16:18, 18:17, Acts 2:47, etc., etc.) This word is translated from the Greek word “ekklesia,” which means “a calling out,” “a congregation” or “an assembly” of people. In today’s common usage, when one refers to “a church,” he is usually talking about “a building.” The Scriptural meaning is “the people,” specifically the “called out” believers. All those who have heeded the call of Revelation 18:4 “... Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” Upon heeding this call, what must a person do? This question was asked on the day of Pentecost by the people after they had heard the message of salvation, as it was presented by the Apostle Peter. “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, men and brethren, What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). Peter answered, “... Repent and be immersed 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. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, save yourselves from this perverse generation. Then they that gladly received his word were immersed: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” (Acts 2:38-41). Reading down to verse 47 we find “... And Yahweh added to the assembly (ekklesia) daily such as were being saved.”

## THE NAME OF THE WHOLE FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH

In Ephesians 3:14-15 we read, “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Master Yahshua the Messiah. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.” Through the Scriptures it has been revealed that the name of the Father would be hidden, even from His people Israel. For we read the word of the prophets concerning the day, “... that thou shalt call Me Ishi (My Husband); and shall call Me no more Baali (My Lord). For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.” (Hosea 2:16-17). Again we read, “So will I make My Holy name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let them pollute My Holy name any more; and the heathen shall know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel.” (Ezekiel 39:7).

## THE FATHER’S NAME IS YAHWEH

By many Scriptural proofs we know we are living in the last days of this age. The time just before the coming of the great and dreadful DAY OF YAHWEH: the time of the coming of Elijah (Malachi 4:5), whose very name means “MY MIGHTY ONE IS YAHWEH.” Just as it was foretold by the prophets of old, our Heavenly Father’s name has been revealed in these days; that name is YAHWEH (Psalms 68:4, 83:18, Isaiah 42:8, Exodus 3:15, 20:7).

Knowing these things and remembering that the promise is still for us today, as Peter said, “... and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call.” He is still calling out a people for His NAME (Acts 15:14). In view of these facts we can say, THE ASSEMBLY OF YAHWEH IS: a group of people who are of one accord in

that they have repented of their sins and have been immersed into Yahshua the Messiah (Rom. 6:3, Gal. 3:27). ...

In the Scriptures we find that our Saviour Yahshua is ascended on high (Ephesians 4:10), He is on the right hand of the Father (Acts 7:56, Ephesians 1:20), He is our only mediator (1 Timothy 2:5), He is our High Priest (Hebrews 5:10), and our King (1 Timothy 6:14-15, Revelation 19:16). **YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH IS OUR LEADER, HIS HEADQUARTERS AT THIS PRESENT TIME IS IN HEAVEN.**

The Assembly of Yahweh has no other membership book than that mentioned in the Book of Life, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels." (Rev. 3:5, compare 13:8, 20:12-15, 21:27).

Yes, Yahshua is the head of the body of the anointed. He is the Head of the ONE body of which there are many members (Acts 4:11, 1 Corinthians 11:3, 12:1-31, Ephesians 1:20-23, 4:4, 4:15, 5:23, 1 Peter 2:7). ...

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of the Messiah: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of Yahweh, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Messiah: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (Ephesians 4:11-14).

There are thousands of religious groups, hundreds claiming to be followers of the Messiah – you can test them to see if they are really following the Master's example: -

Are they named by any other than the one name by which the whole family in heaven and earth is named? Do they claim a central headquarters on earth? Do they have a man or a woman as their head? Do they beg for money continually? Do they offer all kinds of doctrines not found in the Scriptures? These groups will almost never fail to be identified by the names of Blasphemy, that they use (Rev. 17:3). The Pagan names of idols that they prefer in place of our Father's name and the name of His Son. May all readers of THE FAITH be warned of these organizations of MEN.

## **Why Reprint this Issue of The Faith?**

1 Timothy 4:6 and 16 – If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Yahshua the Messiah, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Hebrews 10:23-25 – Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more as ye see the day approaching.

*The Faith Staff felt led to reprint this issue (15,000 copies) in order to have a booklet (a manual) containing the main beliefs of The Assembly of Yahweh on hand ready to distribute (to mail or hand out) to those searching and seeking more truth.*

# STARTLING FACTS

“Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, if thou knowest it?” Prov. 30:4.

“I am YAHWEH: that is My name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.” Isa. 42:8.

“Sing unto Elohim, sing praises to His name: extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name YAH, and rejoice before Him.” Ps. 68:4. Yah is the last part of Halleluyah. Halleluyah means Praise ye Yah.

“Thou shall not take away the Name of Yahweh thy Elohim to bring it to nought, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh away His Name to bring it to nought.” Ex. 20:7. (3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment).

“And ye shall not falsify My Name, neither shall thou profane the name of thy Elohim: I am Yahweh.” Lev. 19:12.

In “The Ministry” of May 1958 on page 36 is the following quotation from the S.D.A. Bible Commentary. “The divine title most common in the Old Testament (some 5,500 times) is the sacred word YHWH ...” YHWH is vocalized as Yahweh. See Tetragrammaton in The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary.

“Another common error among most of the translators is their elimination of heaven’s revealed Name of the Most High, Yahweh, and the Name of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, and substituting the names of the local deities of the nations among whom they dwelt (Psalms 96:5), expressly transgressing Yahweh’s commandments as given in Exodus 20:7 and 23:13 ...

The substitution of the Names of Yahweh and Yahshua by the names of the pagan deities of the nations has brought immeasurable harm ... By employing these names the people unknowingly turn the worship of Yahweh into that of idols and actually ascribe the benevolent characteristics of the Mighty One of Israel to the pagan deities. Hosea 2:8.” The above quotation is from page five of the Preface of the Holy Name Bible, in which the divine Names and titles are restored.

In the introduction of the James Moffatt translation on pages 20 and 21, he makes it plain that he would have had no hesitation in using the Name Yahweh in his translation if he had intended it for students of the original.

We find the following in the preface of the Goodspeed translation. “The Hebrews called their deity by the Name Yahweh, and in a shorter form Yah.” They admit using substitutes for the Name Yahweh.

Read the reference given for Ex. 3:15 in the Revised Standard Version. Also page six of the preface of the same version.

In the International Bible Encyclopedia of the King James Version, published by the Garden City Publishing Co., we find the following under the name “Jehovah.” “It is believed that the correct pronunciation of this word is ‘Yahweh.’ ”

In “The Oxford Cyclopedia Concordance” on page 121 we find the following, “Jehovah, the name revealed to Moses at Horeb ... Its real pronunciation is approximately Yahweh ... The Name itself was not pronounced Jehovah before the 16<sup>th</sup> century.”

The Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. 7, Page 88: “The reading Jehovah is a comparatively recent invention. Jehovah is generally held to have been the invention of Pope Leo the 10<sup>th</sup>’s Confessor, Peter Galatin (De Arcanis Catholic Veritates 1518, Folio XLIII), who was followed in the use of this hybrid form by Fagius Drusius. Van de Driesche, who

lived between 1550 and 1616, was the first to ascribe to Peter Galatin the use of Jehovah, and this view has been taken since his day.”

A New Standard Bible Dictionary. “Jehovah” ... “properly Yahweh” ... “the form ‘Jehovah’ is impossible, according to the strict principles of Hebrew vocalization.”

“And in all things that I have said unto you, be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other elohim, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.” Ex. 23:13.

“Our help is in the name of Yahweh, Who made heaven and earth.” Ps. 124:8.

“Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion ... Yahweh is His name.” Amos 5:8.

“It is He that buildeth His stories in the heaven, and hath founded His vaults in the earth ... Yahweh is His name.” Amos 9:6.

“His name shall endure forever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: ...” Ps. 72:17.

“Give unto Yahweh the glory due unto His name; worship Yahweh in the beauty of holiness.” Ps. 29:2.

“Praise Yahweh, proclaim His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted.” Isa. 12:4.

“I Yahweh am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” Isa. 49:26.

“And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Yahshua: for He shall save His people from their sins.” Matt. 1:21.

In John 5:43 Yahshua said, “I am come in My Father’s Name ...”

In the preface of the Holy Name Bible, on page seven we read, “His Name is composed of two parts: Yah-Hoshua (Saviour). Thus, the contraction Yahshua signifies Yahweh-Saviour and strikingly bears out the logic of Matthew 1:21.”

“Wherefore Yahweh also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a Name which is above every name: That at the Name of Yahshua every knee should bow ... And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua the Messiah is the Saviour, to the glory of Yahweh the Father.” Phil. 2:9-11.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12.

“To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His Name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.” Acts 10:43.

“And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the Name of His Son Yahshua the Messiah ...” 1 John 3:23.

“Sing forth the honour of His name: make His praise glorious.” Ps. 66:2. “O come, let us sing unto Yahweh: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.” Ps. 95:1.

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## REPENT OR PERISH

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There is no hope for us without Yahweh’s intervention. Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened (Matthew 24:22). The goodness of Yahweh leads you to repentance (Romans 2:4). Will you answer your call when it comes? Have you answered your call? Are you continuing to live a repentant life?

# IS JESUS THE NAME?

There is power, there is salvation, in the Name of the Son of the Most High, and it behooves us to learn just what name the Heavenly Father ordained He should bear, when He was born into this world as the Messiah and Saviour of men.

The Saviour promised unlimited power to His followers who used His right Name, when they prayed unto the Father, saying, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." "If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it." (John 14:13-14, 15:16). "In that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the father in My Name, He will give it you, Hitherto ye have asked nothing in My Name: ask, and ye shall receive." --- John 16:23-26.

For these many centuries believers have been praying heavenward in the name of Jesus, being taught that it is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew Yahshua (often called Joshua in English). But what are the facts of the case? We should know for a certainty.

In Colliers magazine of Sept. 11, 1937, appeared a statement which scholars know to be a fact, but which the average layman does not understand; or, if it is known, it is thought inconsequential. Paul Parnell wrote, as follows: "The founder of Christianity probably never heard Himself called Jesus Christ during His life. He was known by His Hebrew name Joshua. After the crucifixion, He was referred to as Joshua the Messiah, until the time many years later, when His name was changed into Greek, and became Jesus the Christ."

The Hebrews were very careful of their names, and the name of the Supreme was often used as a part of the name of Israelites, such as EliYAH, JeremYAH, DaniEL, JoEL, etc., etc. The same idea prevailed among the heathen religions, and the worshippers of Baal, Zeus, and other deities, were careful to affix the name of their deity to their children, and so we find, Jezebel (JezeBaal), Nebuchadnezzar (Nebochadnezzar), Baaliada (Baal knows), etc., etc. Among the Greeks we find this same rule prevailing, and it was adhered to when the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into the Greek, as in the Septuagint.

In William Smith's Bible Dictionary, relative to the Septuagint Version, we read: "Proper names are sometimes translated, sometimes not." "**The divine names are frequently interchanged.**" "The version is therefore not minutely accurate in details." "We find a marked distinction between the original (Hebrew) and the Septuagint (Greek)."

The Septuagint Version was translated in Alexandria, Egypt, as some say, for Greek speaking Jews, but Josephus says it was made because the king of Egypt commanded it to be done, that he might have a copy of the Jews' greatest literature. The fact is that whoever made the translation, and for whatever purpose, willingly covered up the sacred Name of Yahweh by substituting the name Kurios, and by other means: See the Septuagint Version itself for proof.)

Under the Greeks, in the following centuries, the names of places were Hellenized: Rabbath-Ammon to Philadelphia; Armoab to Areopolis; Akko to Ptolemais. The same occurred with personal names. Homi became Menelaus; Joshua became Jason, or Jesus. (See The Jewish Encyclopedia, article on Hellenism.)

The Greek practice of changing names or persons, removing the abbreviated forms

of rival deities and replacing them with the abbreviated form of their supreme deity, Zeus, is readily seen in such prominent changes as that of the Hebrew prophets: Elisha (El of supplication) became Eliseus (my El is Zeus). Other prophets as Jeremiah, had the Yah ending changed to "S", the Grecian terminal referring to their deity Zeus. Elijah (My El is Yahweh) became Elias (My El is Zeus).

Dr. W. F. Wilkinson, M.A., Vicar of St. Werburgh's, Derby Joint Editor of Webster and Wilkinson's Greek Testament, in his book, "Personal Names in the Bible," edition 1886, says, "The name Joshua (Yahshua) derives its greatest importance and highest sanctity from the fact that it was sacredly chosen as the name to be borne among men by the Messiah . . . When the name Yah was prefixed to the word Hoshua, the compound resulting was, as given in our version (Num. 13:16), the word Jehoshua (Yahshua). This word . . . was **altered** in the pronunciation of the Alexandrian Jews, into Jesus; just as Elisha was into Eliseus. And this word (Jesus) is always written in the Septuagint Version wherever Jahoshua or Jeshua (Yahshua) occurs in the Hebrew. Hence Jesus is read for Joshua (Yahshua) in the Greek of the New Testament and **retained very inconveniently in our version**, in Acts 7:45 and Heb. 4:8." --- pages 342-343.

Dr. Hislop, in his, "The Two Babylons" says, "It has been all along well enough known that the Greeks occasionally worshipped the supreme deity under the title of "Zeus the Saviour . . ."

The plan of the Greeks was simple, they merely dropped the Hebrew terminology of names which referred to the Hebrew deity, and substituted the name, or letters, referring to the name of the supreme deity, Zeus. Thus Eliakim became AlcimUS, Elisha became EliSEUS, while Yahshua became (JeSUS) Iesus.

Ernest Renan, in his work, "The Life of Jesus," says, "It is not probable that the Saviour knew Greek. This language was very little spread in Judea, beyond the classes who participated in the government, and the towns inhabited by the pagans, like Caesarea."

After the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, the Hebrews hated the Greeks and detested their language. In the first part of the Talmud, the Mishna, the Jews are emphatically taught it is worse for a Jew to learn Greek than to eat swine's flesh.

Dr. F. C. Burkitt of Cambridge says, "But our Saviour and His first disciples spoke Aramaic; there is nothing to suggest that they were acquainted with the current Greek Version (the Septuagint). In the synagogues they would hear the Scriptures read in the original Hebrew, followed by a more or less stereotyped rendering into the Aramaic of Palestine the language of the country, itself a cousin of Hebrew. A faithfully reported saying therefore of (the Saviour) or of Peter ought to agree with the Hebrew against the Greek." --- Quoted in Gospel Light, p. 27.

"From all these considerations must be drawn the conclusion that (the Saviour) grew up speaking the Aramaic tongue and that He would be obliged to speak Aramaic to His disciples and to the people in order to be understood." . . . The Saviour "had taught in the Aramaic; and in that language the Hebraists must have taught concerning Him in (their) worship, if the address were to be intelligible at all. If, further, the substance of such an address were noted down for the Aramaic speaking Hebraists; composition in Hebrew after the model of the Biblical books was not inconceivable, especially as the Jews who could read were also able to understand Hebrew; but the most probable course with material already formulated by oral delivery was to write it down in the language in which it was spoken, particularly if the record were designed to afford convenient and



reliable information for further recital or public exposition.” --- Pages 11 and 16, “Words of Jesus.”

From the above evidence, and other that could be provided were space available, we must conclude that the pious Hebrews, disciples of the Saviour and otherwise, were not dependent upon the Septuagint Version, with its substitutions, but used the Hebrew Scriptures expounding them in the Hebrew-Aramaic. All the earliest evidence of the disciple writers of the first centuries is that the first Gospel Scriptures were written in Hebrew-Aramaic. Scholars of renown of our day are coming to the opinion from internal evidence and linguistics that all the New Testament was originally penned in Hebrew-Aramaic, and later translated into Greek and other languages. This would explain the substitution of the Grecian forms of Hebrew Names, for the Greek translators would largely follow the current Septuagint Version of the Greek; of which we learned that in this Version the names of the prophets were changed, as Elisha to Eliseus, and Yahshua (Joshua) to Iesous (Jesus).

Now as to the name Jesus; Hastings in his, “A Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels,” Charles Scribners’ Sons, New York, says, “It is strange that even this name (Jesus) has not been explained with certainty.”

When the name Jesus is broken down into its composite parts, as other sacred names can be, we find that it is made up of two words, “Ie” and “Sous,” (Iesous, Greek). Now there was in the trinity of the gods of Babylon, one whose name was Ie (EA, the god of healing). Zeus, as we learned from Hislop, was the Greek Saviour, as well as Supreme deity, Ie (Ea) coupled with Sous, the Zeus terminal, gives us the Grecian form Iesous, “the healing Zeus,” now called in English, Jesus. This is a peculiar way to pronounce the name of the Israelite leader, Joshua, or the Name of the Son of the Most High, Yahweh’s Saviour.

But the fact is well known among scholars that the Galilean never heard himself called by this hybrid pagan name. Consider this: “It is interesting that throughout his life (the one now known as) Jesus Christ never did hear himself called by that name. Jesus was the Greek word for the Hebrew (Yahshua) Joshua or Jeshua; and Christ or Christus was the Greek word for Messiah or Redeemer.” --- “Man’s Great Adventure,” by Edwin W. Pharlow, professor of history, Ohio State University.

### **The Bible Evidence**

The heavenly Messenger came to the unlearned but pious maid of Galilee, and said unto Mary, “Thou shalt bring forth a Son, and call His name YAHSHUA.” (Luke 1:31). To the espoused husband of the mother-to-be of the Saviour, the Angel declared, “She shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name YAHSHUA.” --- Matt. 1:21.

Why do we place the name as YAHSHUA instead of Jesus, when the English Versions render the Greek text as Jesus? Because of the Scriptural evidence, as well as the internal evidence in the verse under consideration. The explanation of the Name by the Angel to Joseph was, “He shall be called Yahshua” (Yahweh-Saviour) “For He shall save His people from their sins.” If Yahweh was to save His people from their sins through the person of the Son to be born to Mary, then His name would be Yahshua (Yah-Hoshua) to denote His office and mission, that it’s to be Yahweh’s Saviour to His people.

Now, if the Greeks had wished to translate the Hebrew Name into Greek faithfully, instead of substituting a name having the terminal of their supreme deity, they would have written it Yah-Soter, or “Soter” the Greek word meaning Saviour.

But, further proof of the substitution, and how we may know just what the Scriptural Name of our Saviour is, can be learned from a comparison of Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8 with other instances where the name Iesous (Jesus) appears in the Greek text. In Acts 7:45 it is clearly evident that the writer is referring to the Israelites entering the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua (Yahshua); but the Greek text, following the Septuagint Version example used not the Hebrew name Yahshua (Joshua), but the Greek "Iesous." This is also the case in Hebrews 4:8.

Now the above is evidence that the Greek translators willingly substituted the Grecian name Jesus for the Hebrew name Yahshua, when referring to Moses' successor. But this same Greek name Iesous is not only used of Joshua (Yahshua) the Israelite leader, but it is used also when referring to the Saviour. It is the same word when recording the message of the Angel unto Mary and Joseph. So, from this evidence, we know that the original not only of Acts 7:45 and Heb. 4:8 was Yahshua, but Matt. 1:21 and Luke 1:31 and all other texts bearing this name Jesus (Iesous) would also be rendered as Yahshua, meaning Yahweh-Saviour. We should therefore Anglicize the Hebrew Name instead of the Greek, and would have thus, Yahshua, instead of Jesus.

### Further Scriptures

The Saviour said, "I am come in My Father's Name" (John 5:43). This brings us to the question of the wise man, "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is His Name, and what is His Son's Name, if thou canst tell? --- Prov. 30:4.

"What is His Name?" The Psalmist answers, "Fill their faces with shame that they may seek thy Name, O YAHWEH. Let them be confounded and troubled forever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish; that men may know that thou whose Name alone is Yahweh art the most high over all the earth." --- Psa. 83:16-18.

Here the Psalmist has said that the Eternal's Name alone is YAHWEH (Jehovah in the King James Version, Yahweh in others). Scholars of the Hebrew tell us that this name is made up of two parts, "Yah" and "Hawah," having the meaning of "the Eternal Yah." The shorter form of this Name is therefore YAH, and we find it so in hundreds of instances wherein the word HalleluYAH is found in the Hebrew Scriptures. This name is also brought out very prominently in Psalm 68:4, "Sing unto the El (the Mighty One), sing praises unto His Name; extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by **His Name YAH**, and rejoice before Him." Here the name YAH is said to be that of the Eternal One, and this is the form that we find used in the names of the prophets as EliYAH, HezekiYAH, JeremiYAH, IsaiYAH, ObadiYAH, ZephaniYAH and ZechariYAH. Therefore, from the Saviour's own words, we would expect the name of YAH to be in that Name in which the Son of Yah came and did His wondrous work of redeeming mankind. Since the Name denoted the mission, and the Saviour came in His Father's Name, which is YAH, then His Name would undoubtedly be as in the Hebrew YAH-HOSHUA, Yahweh-Saviour, or as transliterated into the English (by-passing the Greek), it would be YAHSHUA. Truly He came in His Father's Name.

The Name of the Father and the Name of the Son is One, just as any son of any parent carries his father's name legally. That One Name is referred to in Rev. 14:1, where the 144,000 are seen with the Lamb, having His Name and the Name of His Father in their foreheads. Yes, YAH-shua came in the Name of YAH-weh, and the Jews

received Him not; another came in his own name, and the Christian world received him. The Name is Yahshua, not Jesus!

Great and wonderful things are promised to the believers who are in the Name of Yahshua. Paul says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Master YAHSHUA, giving thanks to the Elohim (Mighty One) and the Father by Him." -- Col. 3:17.

Again, Peter says, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." --- Acts 4:12.

There is healing in the name of YAHSHUA (Acts 3:16). Signs and wonders were done in the name of YAHSHUA (4:30). They baptized in the name of YAHSHUA (8:16). Forgiveness of sins was received through this Name of YAHSHUA (10:43). Devils were cast out in the Name of YAHSHUA (16:18). There is power in the Name. HalleluYAH!

Yes, beloved, Jesus is not the Name, for the Saviour came in His Father's Name. Read it (John 5:43), and do not doubt. There are great and wonderful things to be done in these closing days of this Age. The harvest is great and the laborers are few, but unlimited power is promised unto the few, the little flock. "The Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things" (John 14:26). Hear Him, and take Him at His word. Do you need wisdom, power, salvation? Then ask: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it (to) you."

You question the name "Christ." Space will not allow for details, but we'll cite John 1:41, wherein two Hebrew brothers were speaking. Andrew said to Simon, "We have found the Messiah." Being Hebrews they understand one another. But a Greek translator added, for his Greek readers, "Which is, by interpretation, the Christ." The real meaning of Messiah is Anointed. See the marginal reading at this text. If you don't want to use Messiah, then use Anointed, which is its exact English Interpretation, but do not use Christ, a derivation of Chrisna, an ancient pagan god worshipped in India centuries before our Saviour was born. You should not use the name of a pagan city in your worship of the Saviour of Man (For a fuller study send for our tract, Messiah, Not Christ.)

At first thought, the reader may think it matters not what name we call the object of our worship; but the Heavenly Father is precise. He says He is jealous of His Name (Ezek. 39:25), and not to call Him Baal (Lord) any more (Hos. 2:16-17). The law condemns using names of pagan gods in the true worship, saying, "But the prophet (Preacher) which shall presume to . . . speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet (preacher) shall die" (Deut. 18:20). Plain enough, beloved? The Scriptures have spoken! What is your answer?

Before this you have seen nothing, compared with what you shall see in the days ahead in the lives of true saints who witness in the Name of YAHSHUA, as He promised, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name (You have been asking in the name of another); ASK, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

"These are written (beloved), that ye might believe that YAHSHUA is the Messiah, the son of YAHWEH, and that believing ye might have life through His Name." --- John 20:31.

# WHAT THINK YE OF THE MESSIAH

(A Discussion of the Virgin Birth of Our Saviour)

By A. B. Traina

“What think ye of the Messiah, Whose son is He?” (Matt. 22:42) My unqualified answer is this: He is the true Son of the Most High El. He is the **only begotten of the Father**, full of grace and truth.

The foundation for this affirmation is found in the record of His birth, as recorded by Matthew: “Now the nativity of the Messiah Yahshua was thus: Miriam His mother had been pledged to Joseph; before they were united, she was discovered to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph, her affianced husband, being a just man, and unwilling to expose her, purposed to divorce her privately. But while he was reflecting on these things, behold, an Angel of Yahweh appeared to him in a dream saying, Joseph, son of David, fear not to take Miriam thy affianced wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name YAHSHUA: for He shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of Yahweh through the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel (Emma-with, Nu-us, El, which signifies, “El with us”). Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of Yahweh had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name YAHSHUA.” – Matthew 1:18-25.

It was the absolute conviction of the truth of this narrative that broke the shackles of sin from my soul, burst asunder the bands of Catholicism, superstition, and ignorance, and gave me knowledge and hope of eternal life. This was the starting point of my spiritual birth, and the continuing nourishment of my soul on the word of Yahweh through which I have grown in grace and knowledge of Him, Who is my Saviour, my life and my all.

What think ye of the Messiah, Whose Son is He? Was He merely the son of Joseph? Or was He, as He maintained, the Son of El? This question is not a new one. It has been asked throughout the centuries. Carnal men have said, “He is the perfect Son of man,” spiritual men have answered, “He is the son of El.”

Modernists of the present day are straining every effort to prove that He was the natural offspring of Mary and Joseph, but this is not new. Infidels of every age since His birth have contended the same thing. But the orthodox Spirit-born man will repeat the words of Nathanael, “Thou art the Son of El,” “Thou are the King of Israel.” John 1:49.

Some pseudo-believers say He had no pre-existence. The Saviour Himself said, “Before Abraham was I AM.”

The believing Saints (the Prophets) in the Old Testament believed in His pre-existence, and that He was the active Agent of creation. In this connection see Psalm 102:25-27 and Hebrews 1:10. Moses knew Him as the Liaison Agent. See Exodus 23:20-23, Exodus 34:5-6, together with 1 Corinthians 10:4. Job knew He was living in his day, and looked forward to the day of his manifestation in the flesh, when He would walk on this earth. See Job 19:21. The prophets believed, even before His manifestation, that He was the Son of the Most high El, that as such He was to be given to the world, and that he would bear the responsibility of world direction, as recorded in Isaiah 9:6. Likewise, they believed that in this earthly manifestation He would be born of a virgin, as written in Isaiah 7:14. Micah even described the location of His birthplace, Bethlehem of Judah. Micah 5:2.

David was convinced of it, so that in the second Psalm he quoted Yahweh's decree concerning His Son, saying, "Yahweh hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day I have begotten thee." (Psalm 2:7). And again in the last verse of the same Psalm, "Do homage to the Son, lest He be angry and ye be lost on the way, for His wrath is speedily kindled. Happy are all they that put their trust in Him."

All the prophets looked forward, not to the production of the perfect son of man, but to the manifestation of the Gift of Yahweh, even the Son of the Most High El, as envisioned by Isaiah in chapter 9, verse 6.

What think ye of the Messiah, Whose Son is He? When the question was asked of the Pharisees they answered, "The Son of David," but their hearts were not open to perceive the Truth. If they had been they would have known that He was what they had been waiting for, and Jewish history might have taken a different course. When the same question was asked of the apostles, the answer from their spokesman was, "Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the Living El" (Matthew 16:16). If we ask John the writer of the fourth evangel, his answer is, "He is the Word made Flesh." See John 1:14, about the Word that was existing in the beginning with El. Also see John 1:1-2.

If we ask John the Baptist, "What think ye of the Messiah?" his answer is without hesitation, "The Lamb of Yah, Who takes away the sins of the world." The Roman centurion who witnessed His death on the [stake], saw the Saviour die, not as a human, but as Super-human, in majestic beauty, resigned, and composed, with an expression of love and pity not for Himself but for His enemies. If we ask him the question, "What think ye of the Messiah, Whose Son is He?" he will answer unhesitatingly, "Truly He was the Son of El." – Mark 15:39.

One may ask, "Is there any evidence in the Old Testament that the Messiah Yahshua was in the beginning with El?" The answer is, Yes. In Genesis 1:1, where we read, "In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth," the word Elohim is the plural of El (the Mighty One). Therefore in the beginning we have not a singular personality, but a plural, Elohim (Mighty Ones), thus demonstrating a cooperation of multiple personalities which eventually are identified through revelation as being two, the Father and the Son. This uni-plural noun confirms the statement made by our Saviour, when He said, "My Father and I are One." It also proves the close cooperation in their work, which caused John to remark, "Without Him, was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:3, also see Col. 1:16). More evidence of this is found in the 26<sup>th</sup> verse of the first chapter of Genesis, where we read, "Let US make man in OUR IMAGE." This demonstrates not only plurality, but also similarity of substance, ability, and uniformity of thought. This interpretation is shared by the Spirit-inspired writer of the book of Hebrews; for, he writes about the Messiah Yahshua as follows: "Who, being [the brightness] of His (the Father's) glory, and an exact impress of His (the Father's) substance, sustains all things by the word of His power." (See Hebrews 1:3, Emphatic Diaglott)

Again, in Colossians, the apostle Paul emphasizes his belief in the pre-existence of the Saviour, when he says, "He is a likeness of the invisible El, the Firstborn of all creation, because in Him were created all things, those in heaven and those on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or governments, or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him, and He precedes all things, and in Him all things have been permanently placed" (Colossians 1:15-17. Emphatic Diaglott). Paul also believed in the virgin birth when he said that, "When the completion of the (appointed) time arrived, Yahweh sent His Son having been produced from a woman, in order that He might redeem those under the law, that we might receive the sonship" (Galatians 4:4-5,

Emphatic Diaglott). Again, Paul, in bringing the message of Salvation to the Romans, said, “That He was declared to be the Son of Yah with power, as attested by the Spirit of Holiness, and by the resurrection from the dead.” See Romans 1:4.

If we ask the highest authority, the Most High El, to give us His definition of Yahshua, the Messiah, His answer is, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.” – Matt. 17:5.

In the first chapter of John, we are told that the Messiah is the light of the world, “The true light was that which coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made (sustained) through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own domains, and yet His own people received Him not. But as many as received Him He gave power to become the children of Yahweh, to those believing on the Name of Him **Who was born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Yah.** And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, a glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” – See John 1:9-14

Power is the heritage of the children of Yahweh, and this power cannot be realized without belief in the virgin birth. Herein lay the secret of the apostolic power. In the Scriptures quoted above, we are told that as many as “believed in the Name of Him Who was born NOT OF BLOOD nor of the will of the **flesh**, nor of **man** but of **Yah**,” received power. **It was to these that believed in the Virgin Birth** that the Saviour said, “Ye shall receive power” not only to preach, but to work miracles, to lay hands on the sick “that they may be healed.” Power that they may be able to stand against the evil day, power to be called the “Sons of Yahweh.” Paul tells us that the preaching of this message is foolishness to the Greeks, and a stumbling block to the Jews, but to us who are saved it is the Power of Yah. See 1 Cor. 1:23-24, and Romans 1:16.

It was this power of which the Saviour spoke when He said to His followers, “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8. And, armed with this power, they were to go forth in His Name to do prodigies for Him. They not only preached the evangel against great odds, but wrought miracles, healed the sick, and even raised the dead. It was this same power that caused the martyrs to die for the Faith. It was all based on their faith in the pre-existence and in the virgin birth of Yahshua the Messiah.

The early believers were nourished upon this doctrine of the pre-existence and the virgin birth. In Paul’s letter to the Philippians, he teaches them of Yahshua, the Messiah, “Who, though being in the form (nature) of El, yet did meditate a usurpation to be like El” (Phil. 2:6. Emphatic Diaglott). This is evidence of the pre-existence. Now for the transition: “But divested Himself, taking a bondsman’s form, having been made in the likeness of men” (Phil. 2:7. Emphatic Diaglott). This, as a result of their belief in the virgin birth, gave the Philippians the faith that drew praises from Paul, and stood them in the hour of their trial.

Luke, one of Paul’s converts, had no difficulty in believing the virgin birth, nor in his day was there doubt as to the virgin birth. The evidence for this we have in Luke’s own writings, when he said, “Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those **things which are most surely believed among us.** Even as **they** delivered them unto us which from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of

the Word. It seems good to me also, having had **perfect understanding of all things from the very first**, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, that thou mayest **know the certainty of those things wherein thou hast been instructed**” (Lk 1:1-4). He also wrote: “In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from EL unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin’s name was Miriam. And the angel came in unto her, and said, “Hail, thou art highly favoured, Yahweh is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him she was troubled at this saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Miriam: for thou hast found favor with Elohim. And, behold, thou shall conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call His Name YAHSHUA. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and Yahweh Elohim shall give unto Him the throne of His Father David. And He shall reign over the House of Jacob for ever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end. Then Miriam said unto the angel, **How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?** And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of Yahweh ... for with Elohim nothing shall be impossible.**” – Luke 1:26-35, and 37.

All difficulties in the virgin birth disappear when we realize that it is not a matter of generating something out of nothing, but of incarnation, “The Word became Flesh.” The word “incarnate” means **in-fleshed**. He that was with the Father, made of the same substance as the Father, and Who shared in the power and direction of the worlds with the Father, for the purpose of redeeming a fallen creation, willingly divested Himself of that substance and existence with the Father, left the heavenly abode to descend to this earth and become in-fleshed, or incarnate, taking upon Himself a human body, for the time-being, in order to accomplish the plan of salvation.

**In conclusion of the whole matter let the Saviour Himself ask you the question? “Believest thou in the Son of Yahweh?”** (John 9:35). If, like the blind men of old, you would know who He is, hear then the words of those who lived with Him, and know Him intimately. “Believe on Yahshua the Messiah, and thou shall be saved.”

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**THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND BIRTHDAY OF YAHSHUA**  
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S. No.	English Months	Jewish Months	No. of Days In Jewish Mo.	Course of Priest Hood As in 1 Chron. 24:7-18	S. No.	Jewish Months	No. of Days	Description of Gestation Period	No. of Days
1.	Mar.-Apr.	Abib	30	JEOIARIB - 1					
2.	Apr.-May	Iyar	29	JEDAlAH - 2					
3.	May-June	Sivan	30	HARIM - 3					
4.	June-July	Tammuz	29	SEORIM - 4					
5.	July-Aug.	Ab	30	MALCHIJAH - 5					
6.	Aug.-Sept.	Elul	29	MIJAMIN - 6					
7.	Sept.-Oct.	Tishri	30	HAKKOZ - 7					
8.	Oct.-Nov.	Heshnev	29	ABIJAH - 8					
9.	Nov.-Dec.	Chislev	30	JESHUA - 9					
10.	Dec.-Jan.	Tebeth	29	SHECANIAH - 10	5.	Ab	30	Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> month complete.	
11.	Jan.-Feb.	Shebat	30	ELIASHIB - 11	6.	Elul	29	Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> month complete.	
12.	Feb.-Mar.	Adar	29	JAKIM - 12	7.	Tishri	30	Elizabeth 3 <sup>rd</sup> month complete.	
				HUPPAH - 13	8.	Heshnev	29	Elizabeth 4 <sup>th</sup> month complete.	
				JESHEBEAB - 14	9.	Chislev	30	Elizabeth 5 <sup>th</sup> month complete.	
				BILGAH - 15	10.	Tebeth	29	Elizabeth 6 <sup>th</sup> month Luke 1:36.	29
				IMMER - 16	11.	Shebat	30	Virgin Mary's Vision (1 <sup>st</sup> Month). Mary 2 <sup>nd</sup> month.	30
				HEZIR - 17	12.	Adar	29	Mary 3 <sup>rd</sup> month.	29
				APHSES - 18	1.	Abib	30	Mary 4 <sup>th</sup> month.	30
				PETHAHIAH - 19	2.	Iyar		Mary 5 <sup>th</sup> month.	29
				JEHEZEKEL - 20	3.	Sivan		Mary 6 <sup>th</sup> month.	30
				JACHIN - 21	4.	Tammuz		Mary 7 <sup>th</sup> month.	29
				GAMUL - 22	5.	Ab		Mary 8 <sup>th</sup> month.	30
				DELAIAH - 23	6.	Elul		Mary 9 <sup>th</sup> month	29
				MAAZIAH - 24	7.	Tishri		MESSIAH BORN ON 15 <sup>TH</sup> 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.



# WAS THE LAW ABOLISHED?

*“Let’s not make a decision until we study”  
“The law of Yahweh is perfect . . .”*

**Psalm 19:7-8**

Laws of our country, and others, are based upon the Ten Commandments. These were taught first of all to Adam, and then to the patriarchs until Moses was called up to Mt. Sinai and given the two tables of stone on which The Mighty One had written them (Exodus 31:18).

Yahweh set one day apart from the other six days as holy and sanctified. “And Elohim (Mighty One) blessed the seventh day and sanctified it . . .” (Genesis 2:3).

The Commandments were broken by Eve when she was deceived by Satan in the garden. Eve listened to another voice after Yahweh had given His instructions. When Eve took of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she coveted that which was Yahweh’s (10<sup>th</sup> Commandment). As she tasted the fruit and gave it unto her husband, she took that which was Yahweh’s without His permission. (8<sup>th</sup> Commandment).

The Sixth Commandment, “Thou shalt not commit murder,” was known to Cain. Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him. And Yahweh said unto Cain, Where is Abel, thy brother? And he said, I know not; and am I my brother’s keeper? And He said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now are thou cursed from the earth . . .” (Genesis 4:8-11).

Again, we find the first commandment was broken by those who sought to set up the tower of Babel to exalt themselves. “. . . let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name . . .” (Genesis 11:4).

Ham, son of Noah, was cursed for breaking Yahweh’s law to honor thy father and mother. (Deuteronomy 27:16, Leviticus 18:7). The Seventh Commandment was broken by the daughters of Lot (Genesis 19:32). Even Joseph knew adultery was sin or he would not have refused to lie with his master’s wife (Genesis 39:7-9).

Jacob knew the law that forbids idols. “. . . Put away the strange deities that are among you, and be clean . . .” (Genesis 35:2).

These are just a few scriptural proofs which teach us the law of Yahweh was from creation; and men knew it and obeyed, unto righteousness and blessing, or disobeyed it unto sin and chastisement. They would not have known sin had the law not been taught to them. Sin is the transgression of the law. (1 John 3:4); and “. . . I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust except the law had said thou shalt not covet (Romans 7:7). A great number believe that “The Moral Law” or the “Ten Commandments” were to be abided by from Moses’ time through the crucifixion of our Saviour. However, many believe they were nailed to the tree which our Saviour hung upon. Could this be true? Let’s not make a decision until we study a few more scriptural texts.

At that time of Moses there was another law given to the people. This was the ceremonial law which was spoken by Moses to the people. It contained burnt offerings, trespass offerings, consecrations and the sacrifices of the peace offerings. (Lev. 7:37-38). Moses wrote of the words of this law in a book and commanded the Levities to put it in the side of the ark of the covenant for a witness. (Deut. 31:24-26).

In Matt. 19:17 Yahshua said, if you will enter into life, keep the commandments. He also said, Think not that I am come to destroy the law . . . (Matt. 5:17). Yahshua

died for us, and we are saved by His life (Romans 5:8-10); but we keep the commandments because we repent of sin and come into covenant with Yahweh to receive the promises of the obedient (Romans 6:16).

More than sixty years after Yahshua's death and resurrection, John wrote the following scriptures:

Revelation 12:17 --- "And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep THE COMMANDMENTS of Elohim and have the testimony of Yahshua."

Revelation 14:12 --- "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep THE COMMANDMENTS of Elohim, and the faith of Yahshua."

Revelation 22:14 --- "Blessed are they that do HIS COMMANDMENTS that they may have right to the tree of life; and may enter in through the gates into the city."

It appears, does it not, that the apostles kept the law, the same law which was given to Adam by the Creator, our Mighty One.

To what purpose would the Bible serve humanity if there were no Ten Commandments, no moral laws, no Exodus 20:1-17? This chapter alone is the starlight that shines above any other part of this book. It transcends all other subjects; it is a sacred academy, the highest school of thought and learning, and perpetuates true love, devotion and obedience to Yahweh. It is the sole copyright of Yahweh alone, written with His own hand (Exodus 31:18). It is our salvation through Yahshua the Messiah for a better life in a better world, comparable to the Garden of Eden. All that was lost through disobedience of our first parent Adam, is restored through the Messiah, the spiritual Adam. All Yahweh's promises are yours if you fear Elohim and keep His Commandments for this is the WHOLE duty of man. (Ecclesiastes 12:13). As our Saviour said, "If ye love me, keep my Commandments." (John 14:15).

From a tract of Agnes Kwiatkowski – revised by George Kinney

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## THE SABBATH MADE FOR MAN

(Continued from Page 22)

Hear now the admonition in Hebrews 4:1, "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest (you have just read it from Isaiah 56<sup>th</sup> chapter) any of you should seem to come short of it." "There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of Yahweh." --- Heb. 4:9.

The Sabbath is one of the commandments of the Law, and John says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." --- 1 John 3:4.

The keeping of the commandments is linked with the faith in our beloved Saviour. "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yahshua." --- Rev. 14:12.

"Blessed are they that do His commandments (including the Sabbath), that they may have a right to the tree of life" (Rev. 22:14). "Blessed . . . is the man that keepeth the Sabbath" (Isa. 56:2). These wonderful promises of temporal blessings as well as eternal life are for you, dear reader. If you are not a commandment keeper; if you do not observe Yahweh's Sabbath, make today, this very moment, the time to say, "Just now, Father, I take you at your word. I keep from this time on, by your grace, your Sabbath rest. Bless me, according to thy promises, that I in turn, may be a blessing to others."

# THE SABBATH MADE FOR MAN

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In the Book of Mark, we read where the Saviour said, "The Sabbath was made for man." --- Mk. 2:27.

The question is, "What was the Sabbath, which was made for man? Who made it? For what purpose? We trust to give the answers to this problem from the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make a man wise unto Salvation. May we now take heed unto what we find in the Bible concerning this truth.

## *The Sabbath at Creation*

The first reference to the Sabbath is found in Genesis (2:2), where it reads, "And on the seventh day the Elohim (Mighty One) ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the Seventh Day from all His work which He had made." Notice that after working the six days, beginning with the first day of creation, the Creator made an end to work and rested on the seventh day. From the Hebrew we learn that Sabbath (Shabbath) means rest, to desist from toil, to cease from work. Referring then to what the Master said, "The rest was made for man," and from the text in Gen. 2:2, we learn the Creator Himself desisting from further work and resting upon a certain day, which the Scriptures say was the "seventh day."

"The rest," or "the Sabbath," then, which the Creator made for man, is that period of time corresponding to that upon which He rested, and which is stated clearly to be "the seventh day."

## *The Sabbath Lost?*

Some claim that time has been lost, that the Sabbath was lost in Joshua's long day, that the people of Yahweh as a whole entirely lost contact with the Creator, and hence failed to keep the identical day upon which the Creator Himself had rested; but this is easily answered from the Scriptures, if we but take heed unto them. Yahweh, Who created the Sabbath for man, certainly knew which day corresponded to that seventh day upon which He rested, and so we find Him revealing it unto His "Chosen People" in such a definite way that they could not be uncertain about it. This was 2500 years after Yahweh had made the first Sabbath for man. Israel had been delivered from Egyptian slavery, and were being provided with Manna rained from heaven, as they journeyed through the wilderness. For the first six days of the weekly cycle the Creator rained down Manna for Israel, but on the seventh day, the rest day for them, He rained none, but the sixth day they were to gather a double portion to provide for the Sabbath need.

The record states, "Then said Yahweh unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." And Moses conveyed the word of Yahweh unto the people, saying, "This is that which Yahweh hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto Yahweh: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein." Moses said, "Eat that today; for today is a Sabbath unto Yahweh: today ye shall not find it in the field. Six days shall ye gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none." Some, perhaps, doubted, and went out to see if Yahweh was really

working through Moses, and then they learned that Yahweh did know which day was His Sabbath, for He provided none on that day. "It came to pass that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none." And there Yahweh revealed that not only was the seventh day still the Sabbath, as it was at Creation, but it was a part of His law and one of His commandments --- and this was before His Ten Commandment Law was given to Moses and Israel at Mount Sinai. --- Exo. 16:1-5 and 23-30.

### *The Sabbath of the Law*

At Sinai, in the first week of the third month, Yahweh revealed His Ten Commandment Law unto Israel, and in that law was the command to rest upon the seventh day, saying, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh thy Elohim (Mighty One); in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." --- Exo. 20:8-11.

Recall now that before this Law was given, Yahweh had made Israel to understand which day was His Sabbath by refraining to rain down Manna from Heaven for them on the seventh day. Even if every man on earth at that time had forgotten which day was the Sabbath, Yahweh had made the seventh day clear unto Israel, as He fed them week after week, for forty long years in the wilderness; therefore, the day was definite which He called THE seventh day, when He gave them the Sabbath commandment.

From the time Yahweh revealed the Sabbath day to Israel, until the Saviour came, some 1500 years later, there were always faithful servants of Yahweh on earth, who faithfully kept His commandments. Like Abraham, who kept the law before Sinai, after Sinai, obeyed Yahweh's voice, kept His charge, His commandments, His statutes, and His laws (Gen. 26:5). And so when the Messiah came, we find Him repeatedly referring to "THE" Sabbath, not "a" Sabbath. "THE Sabbath made for man," which Yahweh had revealed to be the seventh day.

### *Sabbath Abolished?*

That the Master did not abolish the law, nor do away with the Sabbath commandment, we may learn from His words, as in Matt. 5:17-18, "Think not that I come to destroy the law, or the prophets, but to fulfill. Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Heaven and earth are still here: all has not been fulfilled; therefore, not one jot or tittle, according to the Master's word, has passed from the law, and so the Sabbath stands firm. The women who ministered unto Him, and heard the teaching from His own lips, knew that He upheld the force of His Father's commandments, the Sabbath among them, and so we find them, after His death, observing the fourth commandment of the Decalogue, having "rested the Sabbath day, according to the commandment." Luke 23:56.

### *The Sabbath in Our Week*

Now, lest one wonder what day was the Sabbath in the time of the Saviour, we refer to Matthew 28:1, where it states that the Sabbath was the day which preceded the first day of the week, just as it did at Creation, as it did at Sinai, and as it does today. Nowhere in all the Scriptures do we find other than the Seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh, and our Calendar bears witness to the fact that the week still has seven days, and the Sabbath (the seventh) is that which ends the cycle.

That period of time in the weekly cycle from Friday evening at sunset until Saturday evening at sunset is, was, and will continue to be "the Sabbath" of the Bible, for we learn

that it will be observed even into the Millennium (Isaiah 66:23). That it remaineth in this dispensation, we have but to hearken unto the words of the writer of Hebrews, as he says, "If Yahshua had given them rest (Sabbath), then would He not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest (keeping of a Sabbath, See margin) to the people of Yahweh." --- Heb. 4:8-9.

The Sabbath precedes Sunday, or the first day of the week: The first day of the week, or Sunday, follows immediately after the close of the Sabbath. "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn (or draw on) toward the first day of the week," was the relation of the Sabbath and the Sunday in the New Testament. This order has not altered; the Sabbath is still at the end of the week: Sunday is still the first day of the week. (Please take time to look at your own calendar upon the wall. It will verify our statement.)

### *The Sabbath a Sign*

The Sabbath is a sign between Yahweh and His chosen people: "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed." (Exo. 31:17). It is also a sign between Yahweh and His obedient people whatever the race, in all ages.

In Isaiah 58:1, Yahweh rebukes His people, saying, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew MY PEOPLE their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins." And then the Sabbath sin is brought right out into the light, that "MY PEOPLE" might know wherein they transgressed, and a glorious promise is made to the one who takes Yahweh at His word and keeps the Sabbath holy. Listen: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing THY pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath, a delight, the holy of Yahweh, honourable, and shall honour Him, not doing THINE own pleasure, nor speaking THINE own words; then (please get this, "Then") SHALT THOU delight THYSELF in Yahweh, and I (Notice this "I") will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken it." --- Isa. 58:13-14.

### *The Sabbath for All Mankind*

Let's recall that the Saviour said, "The Sabbath was made for man," not for the Jew, not for a chosen few, but for "man," all inclusive, for mankind, or the human race, if you please. Now, please refer to the promise Yahweh made unto "man" --- yes, any man --- (See Isaiah 56:1-3) "Thus saith Yahweh, Keep ye judgment and do justice; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man (Yes, "man") that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." If the keeping of the Sabbath is reserved for Jews only, and not for all mankind, then, likewise, the command to refrain from doing "any evil" is also for the Jew alone, and the remainder of the human race may do as it pleases.

And then to make the matter more clear, the prophet continues with Yahweh's words, thus: "Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to Yahweh, speak, saying, Yahweh hath utterly separated me from his people." Do you get this wonderful truth? Even if you are not of the Israel race, those known as "my people," the promise is for you, whether black or white, Jew or Gentile --- If you have joined yourself unto Yahweh (Have you?) then do not say that Yahweh hath separated you from His chosen people. Please don't say, then, that the Sabbath is for the Jews only, for Yahweh has not made a separation between you and the Jews. The Sabbath was made for "man," and being a "man" it was made for you, and the blessings attached to it are yours as well as the most devout Jew, IF you take hold and obey the Sabbath command.

### *The Messiah's Example*

Even if time had been lost prior to the Saviour's advent into this world, yet would He have known the correct day for the Sabbath. He said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness (John 8:12). Peter also said "The Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye (we) should follow in His steps." --- 1 Peter 2:21-22.

On the traditional Sabbath day, the day before the first day of the week (Sunday), we find Yahshua in the Sabbath services. "As His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read" (the Scriptures). Again we read that He "taught them on the Sabbath days." --- Luke 4:16 and 31.

If the Messiah had wished to abolish the Sabbath day, surely He would have taught His disciples so; but that He did not so teach them we can know by the fact that after His death His intimate followers were still found resting on "the Sabbath day according to the commandment," as found in Exodus 20:8-11.

### *The Apostle to the Gentiles*

Paul was an Apostle especially called to take the glad tidings to the Gentiles, and as he had learned the truth by a personal experience with his risen Master, as well as from the teaching of those who had followed the Saviour in His ministry, he would surely have known of the abolishment of the Sabbath, had there been such. However, on the contrary, we find Paul following the example of his Master, and saying, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of the Messiah." --- 1 Cor. 11:1.

Since Yahshua was a seventh-day Sabbath keeper, we would expect to find Paul observing the same Sabbath likewise, and we are not disappointed, as we read: "Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures" (Acts 17:2). At Antioch, too, Paul went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and preached the glad tidings (Acts 13:14-16). When the Jews were gone out, the Gentiles requested Paul to preach the glad tidings to them the next Sabbath day. This would have been an excellent opportunity for Paul to have told them that the Sabbath was abolished, or that the next day was Sabbath, if he had wished, but we find no such record; but on the contrary, "The next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together (Jew as well as Gentile elements) to hear the words of Yahweh." --- Acts 13:42-44.

Again, at Corinth, we find Paul working the six days of labor, but on the Sabbath days, teaching the people the glad tidings of His risen Saviour. Here in this Gentile city he worked with his hands to support the ministry, but reserved the Sabbath day for teaching the Scriptures, not for one or two Sabbaths, but for "a year and six months," seventy-eight weeks of toil, and seventy-eight Sabbaths to be kept holy, for the worship of Yahweh. Yes, the Sabbath was made for Paul, as well as for the Jews, or for you and me. "The Sabbath was made for man."

Listen to this Sabbath promise, "Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to Yahweh, to serve Him and to love the name of Yahweh, to be His servants, EVERY ONE that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to my mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer . . . for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." Yes, Yahweh's house is a house of prayer for all people, and the Sabbath is Yahweh's appointed rest for "all people," even for "every one." Read carefully Isaiah 56:1-12, and soak in its wonderful promises for those who take Yahweh at His word, become His servants, revere His sacred name, and keep His sacred Sabbath day holy.

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# **FOOD LAWS OF THE KINGDOM**

Health is man's most valuable asset. This is evidenced in the fortunes that are spent to regain health by those who have awakened too late to the realization of a heritage they have lost. Disease is as much a destroyer of the body as sin is of the soul. A sickly individual with a diseased body, racked with pain, cannot give of his best spiritually. This being so it would be strange if the Book dealing with spiritual well-being failed to give the precepts for physical health also. The fact is that the Bible does give instruction for continuous health and provides a way of healing for those who have lost that health.

We live in a strange world. Professing believers seldom, if ever, search the Scriptures for guidance in their everyday activities and especially is this true in the requirements for health. Certain fundamental laws are given in the Bible which, if kept, would give that health and vigor so characteristic of the life of Moses. Moses died at the age of one hundred and twenty years and the record states, "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deuteronomy 34:7). Moses kept the laws of health and such continuous uninterrupted health will never be the heritage of any man who violates these laws. Many believers, who are spiritually right with Yahweh, suffer and go to an untimely grave, because they failed to keep His laws of health. Because the results of breaking the law does not instantly manifest itself men labor under the false impression that these laws of health are not now in operation.

When Noah began to load the ark he was instructed to bring in seven pairs each of the clean and one pair each of the unclean animals. This presupposes a knowledge of such classification long before similar instructions were given to Israel at Mount Sinai.

"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat," (Genesis 9:3-4). Here we have a definite prohibition regarding the eating of blood.

Israel forgot Yahweh and failed to keep His laws, experiencing the diseases of Egypt during the years of their bondage (Deuteronomy 7:15). The result was that in Israel many were sick and ailing. But Yahweh had a plan whereby the health of His people could be maintained. Israel had come to Marah where they complained because the water of the place was unfit to drink. Here Yahweh made for them a statute and ordinance to prove them, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am Yahweh that healeth thee:" 'Yahweh Ropheka' (Exodus 15:23-26).

The health of the people became a matter of law under Kingdom requirements while it also was made an ordinance in ecclesiastical activities. This statute and ordinance has never been abrogated and is still in operation for those who will claim the benefits by fulfilling the above conditions. This fact was recognized by Moses. When instructing Israel he showed them how the nation could be free from sickness --- "And Yahweh will take away from thee all sickness and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee" (Deuteronomy 7:15).

That which men consume will mean for them either health and life or sickness and death. When finally the full story is written it will be found that the diseases which afflict mankind are the direct result of eating forbidden things. The “Thou shalt not” of the Ten Commandments is no more binding than the “Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.”

When Israel had received the law regarding meat Yahweh said, “**Thou shalt not**” eat certain animals. Again the rule is simple as to what could be eaten: of the four-footed animals only those that have both the cloven hoof and chew the cud; of life in the water only the fish that have both fins and scales; of the fowls only those birds that were not birds of prey. The detail is given by Moses in Deuteronomy 14:1-21 and Leviticus 11:1-45.

Along with other prohibitions, the swine or pig is strictly forbidden to be eaten. While it has the cloven foot, lacking the double digestive system, it does not chew the cud. Through Isaiah Yahweh said of our generation, A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick (established Church practices); which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments (with the burial places of their dead marked by monuments in their churches), which eat swine’s flesh (the Anglo-Saxon’s consume great quantities of such flesh), and broth of abominable things in their vessels (clam chowders, oyster stews, etc.) (Isaiah 65:3-4).

Examination of the mummies of Egypt has disclosed the fact that the Egyptians were subject to the diseases that afflict our nation today. Elohim declared that the Violation of His laws would bring upon us all the diseases of Egypt, also every other sickness and plague of long continuance (Deuteronomy 28:58-61). We have them all. The judgment as pronounced has come upon us. This is evidenced in the sickness and suffering for our failure to keep the law. “Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.”

Men are resentful when there is interference with their appetites. Believers who would not think of violating any of the Ten Commandments will deliberately violate the laws of continued health. Later in life, when the inevitable happens, and health is gone, they blame Elohim, though Moses said, “See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love Yahweh thy Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply” (Deuteronomy 30:15-16). Why blame Elohim when you have deliberately chosen the way of death and evil? Because the penalties of such violation are deferred men have hardened their hearts and cite New Testament passages to justify themselves in the sins they commit.

Paul told Timothy that meat was to be eaten, provided it was sanctified (that is, set apart) by the Word of Elohim (1 Timothy 4:4-5). **The only Word of Elohim** for Timothy **was the Old Testament** wherein we have listed the meats set apart for man to eat.

Some cite Peter’s vision wherein he saw a sheet let down from heaven with all manner of four-footed animals and creeping things upon it for their justification in eating abominable things. Read that vision carefully (Acts 10:10-28) and note that Peter did not slay and eat. After he awoke he knew no vision could set aside the plain teachings of Scripture. In his perplexity as to the meaning which the context shows he finally



understood **it had nothing whatsoever to do with eating**. Peter tells us what the vision meant: “Elohim hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.” To put any other interpretation to this vision than that given by Peter is to change the Word of Yahweh.

Yahshua said, “Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man” (Matthew 15:11). This had nothing to do with the eating of forbidden food. Yahshua was using this as a lesson for the Pharisees who had complained that His disciples were eating with unwashed hands showing that that kind of dirt did not defile. He reminded them that what came out of their mouths was what defiled and they were angry with Him. ...

The healing of the body is as much a part of the atonement as is the forgiveness of sins. Both can be claimed through Him when we act upon the promises and comply with the conditions. “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases” (Psalms 103:3). When both forgiveness and healing have been received then go and sin no more.

It is not the purpose of Elohim that His people suffer. Sickness is the result of failure to comply with the laws of Yahweh. Healing is a gift of Elohim through His Son Yahshua the Messiah who made a demonstration of the Kingdom laws of healing and health in operation. He restored the lame, halt and blind to perfection, and healed all diseases. Isaiah prophesied of coming Kingdom blessings, the benefits of which Yahshua so successfully demonstrated, “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold your Elohim will come with vengeance, even Elohim with a recompense; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing” (Isaiah 35:3-6).

Healing was also an ordinance in the Assembly. James said, “Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Assembly; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of Yahshua; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and Yahweh shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him” (James 5:14-15).

It is sorrowful that the leaders of the Assembly and the followers of Yahshua have too long neglected these great truths, seeking the physicians instead of Yahweh. For this reason affliction and suffering are the lot of many of His people, though many in the Assembly have utterly failed to give instruction in health and healing. It is also a law in the Kingdom as well as an ordinance in the Assembly, the full benefits of which may be claimed by the citizens of that Kingdom as their right when they do and keep the law. May that day hasten when, as a result of complying with the conditions, sickness and suffering will never more afflict our nation and the hospitals will be empty and the asylums will be closed.

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# BEGINNING THE MONTH

“ . . . in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets . . .” (Numbers 10:10). Also see Numbers 28:11. *What is the beginning of the month and its significance?* As believers of the Scriptures, let us consider some of the evidence.

In the Scriptures we find that the word “chodesh” is translated “new moon” and “month;” so when a day of the month is spoken of, such as in Exodus 12:6, we know it must be speaking of a day of the new moon, and that the new moon begins the month. For further proof that the new moon begins the month, read 1 Samuel 20, verses 24 and 27. Here we find that the day after the new moon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the month.

We find by observation, almanacs, etc., that the moon is seen from day to day with varying degrees of light. It appears to us at different times either all lighted, partly lighted, or not lighted at all. At the time of the *conjunction*, when the earth, moon, and sun are in line, we see no light in it. This happens once a lunar month. This is the time almanacs, etc., give as the time of the new moon. We see the moon shortly after this time, in the west after sunset, as a thin crescent of light.

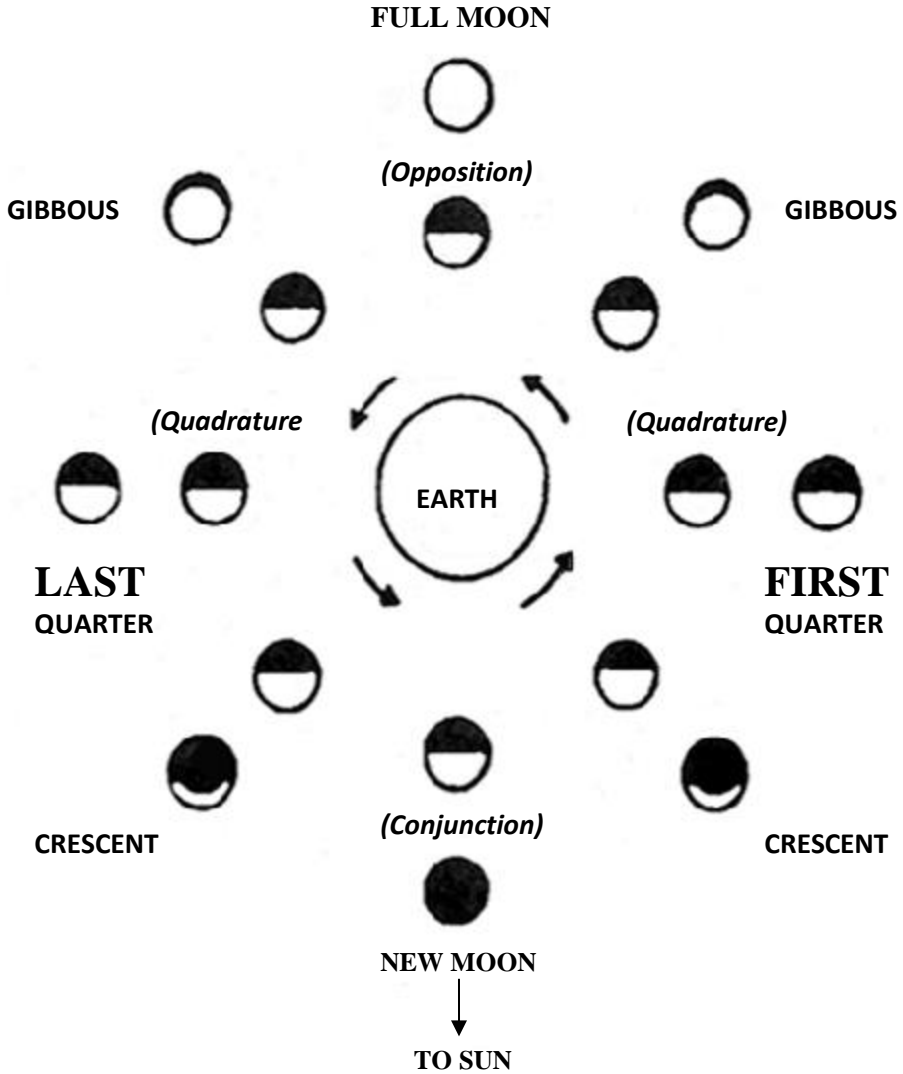
It is believed that new moon day is this day when light can first be seen. We read in Genesis 1:14 that the LIGHTS in the firmament of the heaven are for signs, seasons, days, and years; and in Psalms 104:19, He appointed the moon for seasons (“seasons” in both verses being translated from the word “moed” meaning set times or appointments). So we calculate our years, months, annual Sabbaths, and feasts in accordance with the new moon day being the first day of the month, and one new moon day being the first day of the year.

Should we observe the new moon day in some special way today? We read in Colossians the second chapter of the period of time in which we are now living. That is -- the age since the Messiah, Yahshua, has died for our sins and gone to heaven, and before He comes again to earth to receive His own. We read in the 14<sup>th</sup> verse that His death blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way; but we read in the 17<sup>th</sup> verse of some things which ARE (*present tense -- still here -- not done away with*) a shadow of things to come. In the 16<sup>th</sup> verse we find mentioned feasts, new moons, and Sabbaths. Individually, we must decide for ourselves what we will do. Let no man defraud you of your reward . . . intruding into those things which he has not seen (18<sup>th</sup> verse). We should let no man judge us nor should we judge (16<sup>th</sup> verse and Romans 14:4, 10, and 13<sup>th</sup> verses) how others in the faith (Romans 14:1) observe; but surely we in the faith SHOULD OBSERVE Yahweh’s days and ways. It is man’s new moons, sabbaths, and feasts that Yahweh hates; not His own (Isaiah 1:13-14). Surely these rulers of Sodom and Gomorrah were not observing Yahweh’s days. We are warned of one who will *think* to change times and laws (Daniel 7:25). Man has set up his own time for when to start his years and months, and his own days to celebrate such as: Sunday, All Saints Day, New Years Day, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, and Easter. We are to observe Yahweh’s ways ---- not man’s.

If Yahweh’s people had always been faithful in observing the new moon day, they would know exactly how to calculate it today.

# MOON'S ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH

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*The inner ring of moons shows position of the moon in its orbit around the earth, while the outer ring shows the corresponding phase appearance of the moon as seen from the earth. The arrows along the orbit show the eastward direction of the revolution of the moon around the earth.*

The Faith staff has determined the visible new moon crescent for the beginning of the year as follows. Take the new moon nearest to the Spring equinox (Gen. 1:14, Psalm 104:19, Jer. 31:35), and use as the starting point of the new year. This keeps

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# **Yahweh's Feasts We Are to Keep --- They Are Lasting. Leviticus 23:2, 41**

MAN'S FEASTS YAHWEH HATES --- THEY WILL CEASE.  
ISAIAH 1:14; HOSEA 2:11

Some people question, "in what manner do we observe Yahweh's feasts, appointed times, festivals?"; and, "how do we calculate when they are?" If one wants to learn something, let him ask Yahweh in prayer; and then walk in the light the Heavenly Father gives. He is willing to show us the truth if we earnestly, sincerely seek of Him. He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

If we will but obey Yahweh and come to the separated convocations (Leviticus 23:2) where He has placed His name (Exodus 20:24; Matt. 18:20; Deut. 14:23; 16:2-11), we can learn of His ways, and also be a blessing to others (1 Cor. 14:26). He will even help us to obey Him, but we must start making the steps. Then He will help, and we can get there. Remember, "CAN'T never did anything." All things are possible with Him.

So come to the Sabbath meetings and other set times and festivals where Yahweh has put His name; and be blessed, and learn the best way --- by being there. Generally, the meetings are conducted much like regular Sabbath meetings with probably some special emphasis made concerning the set time being observed. One might describe Tabernacles, as "More of everything" --- more people, more meetings, more baptizing, more singing, more testimonies, more special musical instrumental offerings, more eating, more special picture talks etc., more sermons with seven days and the Last Great Day to live and fellowship with all who come --- some usually from long distances; and even for the weekly Sabbath day, some travel many miles to get there.

We might point out that neither word "feast" in Exodus 12:14 is "moed." The first is "chag" and the second is "chagag" -- "festival," and "to observe a festival." Note this Passover day is a memorial. It is the day of the year on which Yahshua later died on the stake. At the beginning of this day we are now to observe the memorial of Yahshua's death --- partaking of the emblems of His body and blood, and washing each others feet (Luke 22:15-20; John 13:14-17).

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the lunar year and the solar year in a closer relationship. When the sun crosses the equator whatever the minute or second, a new year begins. That is an event for the whole world, whatever time zone we are in. Equinox --- the time when the sun crosses the equator, making night and day of equal length in all parts of the earth (Webster's New World Dictionary).

The Faith staff takes the visible sighting of the new moon crescent at Jerusalem rather than local sighting and considers the green ears of barley in Israel when determining Abib the first month of the year. When Yahshua returns to this earth and sets up His Kingdom, the law will go forth out of Zion and the Word of Yahweh from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3, Jer. 3:17).

# *Calculating Time*

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*The following letter was written in 1983 in the interest of unity concerning Yahweh's set times.*

Dear Brother:

Shalom in Yahweh and Yahshua. HalleluYah.

It has come to me to write this to you concerning a point, in the interest of all Yahweh's called observing the correct days. This is in accordance with a prayer of mine about 19 years ago.

First of all, I hope you had a trip to Israel that was a beneficial blessing. Also, I want to say I preach, and desire to be known as a minister that represents the entire assembly of Yahweh – not just the local FAITH assembly in Michigan.

Since you have just been to Israel, the point I make may be quite understandable to you; however, many have apparently not been able to see it.

Thinking of yourself as being in Jerusalem and observing the weekly Sabbath, you are observing a day that is called Saturday. Thinking of me as being in Florida and observing the weekly Sabbath, I also am observing a day that is called Saturday. We each observe the same day of the week, Saturday. I begin to observe it about 7 hours after you start, and those in Japan begin to observe it before you do; but we all observe the same day of the week, Saturday, when it comes to us. Some people might reason that if I am going to keep the same Sabbath as you in Jerusalem, I should begin to do it the same hour as you do in Jerusalem. We know this reasoning is [erroneous] don't we? Wherever we are on earth, we keep the same day of the week (Saturday) for the Sabbath, when it comes to us.

Now let us consider another sabbath, an annual sabbath, the day of Trumpets. Again think of yourself in Jerusalem and observing the Trumpets sabbath. Let's say that the particular year you are observing this Trumpets sabbath, it falls on a Friday. The person in Japan, and I here in Florida will also observe it on Friday when it gets to us, in the same manner as we observe the weekly Sabbath, Saturday, when it gets to us. Right? Yahweh is not the author of confusion is He? I do not think He tells some on earth to observe Saturday for the weekly Sabbath – and others to observe Friday. Neither, in this case of Trumpets sabbath, do I think He tells some to observe it on a Friday, and others on a Thursday. Forgive the use of the pagan names for the days of the week, which Yahweh likely would not use; but I thought this might make it plainer. We can substitute 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> for these days of the week in this letter.

I have probably made my point and maybe do not need to continue, however, I will elaborate a little more.

If in Jerusalem this coming day of Trumpets, I think you will find it to be on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week (Friday) as in the foregoing example. This is September 9, 1983 on the worldly calendar. The so-called conjunction is about 4:36 a.m., Sept. 7 Jerusalem time. The next sunset is only about 13 hours, 20 minutes later – the moonset less than 14 hours

after conjunction – not enough time from conjunction to see this new moon, you and I both believe. Therefore Sept. 8 would not be the day of Trumpets. Sept. 9 would, (Friday) the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week. As in our foregoing examples, I also want to observe this 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week for Trumpets sabbath no matter where I may be on earth.

It so is this coming Sept. that as we go west from Jerusalem that we might begin to see the new moon in the western U.S. the night (after sunset) of Sept. 7 – and of course it would also be seen that night west to the date line east of Japan; but not at Jerusalem (or east of it to the date line) this night of Sept. 7. Do we have a right to set a date line down through the U.S. and proclaim the sabbath west of it to be Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the week, and east of it through Jerusalem to Japan and Yahweh's date line (in the ocean), to be Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week? I think not. I believe Yahweh's date line, where days of the week start, is out in the ocean east of Japan at the latitude where we can draw a straight vertical line from north to south pole where it crosses no land (or nearly no land). There is only one such place like this on earth. If the date line came down through the land mass, it would cause quite a disturbance with it being one day of the week on one side of it, and another day of the week on the other side.

It is orderly and good, isn't it, that we keep the same day of the week for the weekly Sabbath, no matter where we are on earth. I think it will also be good when all the true believers around the world will also keep the same day of the week for Trumpets sabbath, and all the other new moon days as well.

Anciently, the new moon was spotted around Jerusalem, and the day of month beginning was proclaimed there. Why not do the same today and end the confusion of some people beginning a month on one day of the week, and others on another day of the week? At the year beginning, we consider the barley in Palestine, don't we – not somewhere else on earth. Why not go all the way in being correct, and go to Jerusalem to determine on what day of the week a month starts so we will all be using the same day of the week, in the same manner that we all use the same day of the week for the Sabbath (and go to the date line to say where it starts)?

Sunset is, of course, the time that a day starts wherever we are; but it is at the date line that determination is made as to what day of the week it is that is starting at sunset wherever we are. At every moment, the sun is setting somewhere on earth, and a day is beginning. Let's say Sabbath is beginning. As the earth rotates, Sabbath keeps beginning later in time westward. We cannot continue to say that Friday is ending and Sabbath is starting. Eventually, as we go west, we must say at some point that it is not Sabbath starting now – it is Sunday starting now. This point is, I believe, Yahweh's date line (not man's crooked international date line). Because, in this example, it is Sabbath on one side and Sunday on the other, it is good that the date line is over water – not land where there would be confusion among the populace. Is it not significant that if we divide the earth at the date line, and spread it out as a flat map, we find Jerusalem nearly (or maybe exactly) in the center of the land mass?

This might be another reason to say that Jerusalem is the spot to say when it occurs, "We see the new moon now. It is the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week just starting. This day of the week is the month beginning throughout the earth." Someone might say that a problem with this reasoning is that this day had already started in Japan and beyond to the date line BEFORE it was proclaimed at Jerusalem to be the new moon day; so how did those people know to observe it as new moon day? Firstly, if Yahweh indicates to determine it from

Jerusalem, we do not argue with Him. Secondly, those in Japan can calculate from Jerusalem just as we in the U.S. can. Others might say, "How can we expect people to calculate things without instruments?" I will ask a question: "It has been cloudy weather for several days. We have not seen the sun. How am I going to know when it is sunset to start the Sabbath?" The answer is obvious. By calculation. Have not Yahweh's people always been intelligent enough to figure and calculate a little bit? Another question has been, "How can we know without instruments when is the equal day and night in the spring?" If a person can count, he can simply count about 365 days from the last time. Or he can set up a couple stakes lined up east and west. When the sunset is in line with them, it is the equal day and night time of year. By the counting of days from this time, he can know ahead of time when the next such time will occur. If we were alone somewhere, such as on an island, would we not also do a little calculation to keep track of what day of the week it was? I would say calculation is not an unsurmountable problem. If it was, then we might have to say that the day of the week of the new moon should be determined by the new moon sighting at the date line. But then, who would be out there in the water to observe it?

I hope I have not digressed so much that my main point has been lost; and that point is: If we all keep the same 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week Sabbath, should we not also all keep the same day of the week for the Trumpets sabbath – and all month beginnings?

It would follow, of course, that moonsightings at various spots around the world would not necessarily all be significant in determining the beginning of the month; but have you not already indicated this a year or so ago in a newsletter, on one occasion of moonsighting, that even if they saw the moon a day earlier, it would not change the day that had been already determined? People can still observe the new moon everywhere for its interest, beauty, and educational value.

Sincerely,  
George Kinney

**2 Chronicles 7:14 – If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

## **WATER BAPTISM**

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May we now ask you a very personal question, dear reader, "Have you become sorry of your sinful life? Have you repented of your sins? Have you accepted Yahshua as your Saviour? Have you been immersed in His Name? Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?" If not, dear reader, there is no better time than now. Today is the day of salvation. Delay is dangerous. Now is the accepted time. Kneel now --- where you are -- - kneel now, repent of your sins, give Father Yahweh your heart; and, through faith in the Saviour Yahshua, start on that road of repentance, conversion, baptism, and receipt of the Holy Spirit, which, if followed, will lead you into eternal life. May Yahweh help you.

# AS IT IS WRITTEN

## FEASTS OF YAHWEH

As the end of the age draws nearer, the confused state of man becomes more and more evident in the eyes of those who are striving to follow the way set forth in the scriptures for all mankind.

Sometimes we discover that a thing is so simple we often skip right over it without even seeing it. The same is true with the plan of Yahweh. Instead of simply accepting His Word just AS IT IS WRITTEN and as little children; believing it in all sincerity, we begin by using our own reasoning and thereby injecting our own thoughts into Yahweh's word.

First of all, it says in Hebrews 11:6 that we who come to Yahweh must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. We must also believe that His Word is Truth and we must trust Him to accomplish in us what He needs to in order to bring us into His plan.

Simply believe. Yahweh does nothing but what is for our good and we must fit into His plan and not try to make His Word fit our plan.

From the beginning Satan has been working to destroy Yahweh's Word and has deceived many into thinking His Word is not important and that He doesn't really mean it for us or our day.

The whole plan of Yahweh from Genesis to Revelation concerns the salvation of mankind. Right from creation Yahweh's plan was put into effect and if man will simply believe and follow it he will find salvation.

In our day we find ourselves amidst the extreme of unbelief as the world is in gross darkness as to Yahweh's plan. Satan has been successful in his efforts to bring Yahweh's Word to nought, in the minds of most people. Nevertheless, His Word is true and when Yahshua returns He will find some who are endeavoring to follow it, AS IT IS WRITTEN.

All scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of Yahweh may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Does this mean we have the authority to take some of His Word and leave the rest as unimportant?

Beware lest you be found guilty of adding to and taking from making the Word of Yahweh of none effect, thereby bringing upon yourself damnation.

Some say that Yahweh's set times or feast days were written for those people prior to Yahshua and that we are not told in the New Testament how to keep them, therefore, they reason in their minds that they are not important and not for our day.

Dear brethren, don't be deceived, Yahweh's Word is for His people of all ages. The reason the New Testament doesn't explain just how the Feasts are to be kept is because, IT IS WRITTEN and explained in the Old Testament, the very source of Yahweh's instruction to man. There is no mention in the New Testament of Yahweh's holy days being abolished. Paul was preaching to the gentiles at Colosse when he said, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days . . ." Colossians 2:16.

The Colossians were being criticized for keeping Yahweh's feasts which proves they knew how to keep them and were following Paul's teachings to keep them. He warned



them not to return to their pagan ways but to follow Yahweh not letting man judge them for it.

Some will say these are the laws of Moses but be faithful and check it out for yourself. In Exodus 12 prior to the time that Yahweh made a covenant with Moses, Yahweh's annual holy days were observed.

Yahweh gave man the weekly Sabbath as a reminder to him that He, Yahweh, is our creator and to keep us in true worship of Him.

The seven annual Sabbaths or Holy Convocations were given to keep His people in constant memory of Him and His plan for our redemption.

These feasts tell the whole story of His plan in a symbolic manner constantly keeping our minds on Him so we will not be snared in Satan's plan to destroy us.

Just as the world has lost sight of the true Sabbath, they also have lost sight of their creator, Yahweh.

The beautiful symbology of Yahweh's Feasts and what they represent takes us step by step as we observe each one, to a clearer understanding of His wonderful plan for His people.

When we fail to observe these set times, we miss out on the depth and beauty of His great wisdom and how he is trying to lead us along the way as we walk through the darkness of this world which is controlled by Satan.

Leviticus 23 outlines Yahweh's festivals or set times. First it lists the weekly Sabbath then the seven Annual Sabbaths or Holy Convocations which come in their seasons.

PASSOVER marks the beginning of Yahweh's plan of salvation. The perfect sacrifice for sin was made through Yahshua His Son. This sacrifice was made on Yahweh's set time, not a day before or a day after.

**FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sabbaths or Holy Convocations) - In 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 Paul said, For even Yahshua our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the Feast. Yahshua had died so Paul was saying let us keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread which represents putting away sin out of our lives by eating the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, Yahshua being our example. The first day being an Annual Sabbath or Holy Convocation and the last day an Annual Sabbath or Holy Convocation. Acts 20:6 and Acts 12:3-4 verify that this Feast of Unleavened Bread was observed in the New Testament.

**FEASTS OF FIRSTFRUITS** (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sabbath or Holy Convocation) - Also called Pentecost and Feast of Weeks. This is a feast of harvest of the firstfruits of the year and represents the spiritual harvest of souls. The two wave loaves symbolize the called out ones who have been and those who will be gathered out of the world as the firstfruits of His salvation to reign with Him as kings and priests in His kingdom. Rev. 20:6, 1 Peter 2:5. Yahshua's followers observed this feast as recorded in Acts 2:1. See also 1 Corinthians 15:20 where Yahshua is called the firstfruits of the dead. James 1:18 and James 5:7 calls the redeemed a kind of firstfruits.

**FEAST OF TRUMPETS** (4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sabbath or Holy Convocation) – “. . . at the last trump of Yahweh the dead shall be raised incorruptible . . .” 1 Corinthians 15:52 also 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17. This 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sabbath or Holy Convocation points to Yahshua's return and the resurrection of the righteous dead.

**DAY OF ATONEMENT** (5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sabbath or Holy Convocation) – This is to be kept as a statute forever just as the weekly Sabbath is to be kept forever. The Day of Atonement is kept to symbolize Yahshua as our atonement for sin. He became our High  
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Priest when he entered into heaven within Yahweh's throne making reconciliation to Yahweh for us. Acts 27:9 refers to the Day of Atonement which Paul observed.

**FEAST OF TABERNACLES** (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sabbaths or Holy Convocations) – The first and eighth day of this feast are annual Sabbaths. Lev. 23:39. This is a Feast of Ingathering of the Fall Harvest. This symbolizes the great harvest of the souls to be gathered by Yahweh in the end of the age to inherit the kingdom. Matthew 25:34 and 1 Corinthians 15:50. The dwelling in booths represents our early bodies or tabernacles which we dwell in temporarily while on this earth.

Truly Yahweh's wisdom is far above our reasoning for He knew that without a vision His people would perish. I believe that is why He considered it so important to give us the Feasts in which we could be revived spiritually and have our faith renewed so we could carry on with a much greater hope lest we would all faint and perish.

Because the people of the world have forgotten Yahweh's Sabbath, they are no longer called His people and therefore, will have no part of the kingdom, nor receive His blessings.

Likewise, is it not possible that we too, who know the Sabbath but fail to take ALL the scripture and observe ALL of Yahweh's set times will miss out in Yahweh's great plan of salvation when Yahshua returns for His own?

**SIMPLY BELIEVE IT, AS IT IS WRITTEN.**

**By Helen Trowbridge**

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## **WATER BAPTISM**

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the master, Yahshua, the Messiah," and until such a time as the child can believe, baptism is not in order. --- Read Acts 16:31, 8:37.

Some teach that men may be baptized, but not female believers; but it is recorded that Phillip "baptized both men and women" in Samaria (Acts 8:12). We are safe to follow this example.

Yahshua gave command that baptism was to be practiced throughout the glad tidings age, saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." --- Matt. 28:19-20.

When should baptism be administered? After genuine repentance for **sins past**. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). If you have truly repented, made things right with your heavenly Father and with your fellow man, and accepted the Saviour, Yahshua the Messiah, as your sin offering, your atonement, you are then ready for baptism --- thus showing unto the world your faith in Him who died, was buried, and arose again by the power of Yahweh.

After baptism, which followed true repentance, the Holy Spirit gift is yours by promise, and we find Paul (by example) laying on hands for the Spirit to come upon those who were baptized (Acts 19:5-6). Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot live a consecrated holy life. It enables us to "walk in newness of life." May we follow the example of the saints of the Messiah Yahshua.

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## YAHWEH'S FEASTS AND THEIR MEANINGS

FEAST	UNDER THE LAW	UNDER FAVOR	SCRIPTURE	EVENT
Passover (Precedes the feast)	Israel redeemed from Egypt.	Believers redeemed from sin through the blood of Yahshua.	And He said unto them, this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many. Mark 14:24	Yahshua impaled.
Feast of Unleavened Bread	Purging out of all sin.	Believers are cleansed from sin.	Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened; for even Yahshua our Passover is offered for us. 1 Cor. 5:7	Setting apart of believers.
Feast of Weeks	Feast of thankfulness for first harvest.	Yahshua the firstfruit from the dead. Believers filled with the separating spirit and Yahweh's laws written in our hearts.	But ye shall receive power, after the spirit is come upon you. Acts 1:8	The resurrection of Yahshua and the Comforter sent unto believers.
Feast of Trumpets	Trumpets blown for preparation in the day of Atonement, solemn assembly.	Regathering of Israel.	In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Cor. 15:52	Yahshua's return.
Day of Atonement	High priest entered into the most separated place to make atonement for himself and the people.	Atonement was made once through the blood of Yahshua.	For there is one mighty one, and one mediator between Yahweh and men, the man, the Messiah, Yahshua. 1 Tim. 2:5	Time of reconciliation fulfilled.
Feast of Tabernacles	Celebration at the end of harvest.	Yahshua's rulership.	... everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Zec. 14:16	The millennium.
Last Great Day	8 <sup>th</sup> Day Following Tabernacles		Rev. 21:1-3, 22:1-5	Time everlasting after the millennium.

# REPENT OR PERISH

By Elder George Kinney

Some children grow up in a home where it is taught that they should be living in obedience to the Almighty One, keeping His commandments. We read, "... if you will enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17); "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua" (Revelation 14:12); and, "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).

Yes, these children are taught these things as they grow up – attending meetings on the sabbath day (fourth commandment), perhaps studying the Bible in a children's class and taking part in other activities of commandment-keeping groups. They may go through many motions of a saved person – going along with their family and their associated group. They even may be baptized. They may grow up learning of and somewhat following, "the way." They may come to know very much about the Holy Scriptures. They may feel quite accomplished and even delight in the fact that they know more Scriptural truths than most other people.

Now that they have grown up in a good home, know much truth, associate with commandment keepers, and somewhat follow Bible teachings, are they now saved and ready to inherit everlasting life when Yahshua, the Messiah, returns to establish the kingdom of Heaven on earth?

Let us examine more Scriptures. We will find that commandment keeping in itself does not save us. We must admit that we have sinned. We must have a renewing of our mind and REPENT. REPENT means to think differently – reconsider – feel compunction; that is: poignant uneasiness proceeding from a sense of guilt. A repentant person, realizing guilt, is sorry for his error and humbly comes before Yahweh in prayer asking forgiveness, accepting the sacrifice of Yahshua, the Messiah, which washes away the sins. He has had a turn about (conversion) in his life. He no longer wants to do his way; but humbly submits to Yahweh's way, wanting to know and follow all the truth He shows him – not wanting to hold on to old error – but carefully, prayerfully searching the Scriptures for the right way as the Holy Spirit leads (John 16:13, 14:26) – not antagonistic towards it, but fearfully accepting each truth as it is learned – not wanting to hold on to any old falsehood because it was loved before. Now, it is time for baptism, which shows he is dead to sin and therefore buried in the water, rising up to newness of life. Many are called – few are chosen. Few repent and want to follow "the way," loving the truth; thus most perish, believing lies (2 Thes. 2:10-11).

Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). By the law is the knowledge of sin (Romans 3:20). I had not known sin, but by the law; for I had not know lust, except the law (Ten Commandments) had said, you shall not covet (Romans 7:7). By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified (Romans 3:20). For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of Yahweh – not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He shed on us abundantly through Yahshua, the Messiah, our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of everlasting life (Titus 3:5-7). Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of

the law, but by the faith of Yahshua, the Messiah, even we have believed in Yahshua, the Messiah, that we might be justified by the faith of the Messiah, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified (Galatians 2:16). “Justified” means to render innocent. Our law breaking (sin) is not washed away merely by our beginning to obey the law. Yahshua’s blood – His sacrifice – does that at the time of our repentance; and we are saved by His life (Romans 5:10). We then obey Yahweh and keep the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17) because we do not want to sin anymore (Romans 6:6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18).

All have sinned and come short of the glory of Yahweh (Romans 3:23). There is no man which sins not (2 Chron. 6:36, 1 Kings 8:46). If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8). For there is not a just man upon the earth, that does good, and sins not (Ecclesiastes 7:20). We read even of complete and upright Job (Job 1:1, 8) repenting – perhaps because he was righteous in his own eyes (Job 32:1), perhaps thinking he could not err; but he knew transgression should not be held within one’s self (Job 31:33) saying, “Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6). He was then greatly blessed (Job 42:12-17). The Scripture has concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Yahshua, the Messiah might be given to them that believe (Galatians 3:22).

Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish (Luke 13:3). Yahweh is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). He that covers his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy (Proverbs 28:13). If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid, I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Yahweh; and Thou forgave the iniquity of my sin (Psalm 32:5). Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you 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 (Acts 2:38-39). Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (Matthew 4:17). Bring forth therefore fruits answerable to amendment of life (Matthew 3:8). Repent therefore and be converted, for the blotting out of your sins, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of Yahweh (Acts 3:19). Joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance (Luke 15:7).

He [Yahshua] spoke this parable unto certain men which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, Elohim, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, Elohim be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for every one that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted (Luke 18:9-14). Yahshua, said, Verily I say unto you, Except you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 18:3-4). Humble yourselves in the sight of Yahweh, and He shall lift you up (James 4:10) . . . be clothed with humility, for Yahweh resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of Yahweh, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you (1 Peter 5:5-7).

Carefully note each of these traits. Do you bear them all: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. And they that are Messiah's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:22-26). Do we fearfully love all the commandments – keeping the sabbath day holy, not doing business or buying or selling on Yahweh's holy day – honoring and respecting our parents – putting no thing or great man before Yahweh?

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? By no means. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know you not, that so many of us as were immersed into Yahshua, the Messiah, were immersed into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by immersion unto death; and like as the Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection; knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with the Messiah, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that the Messiah being raised from the dead dies no more. Death has no more dominion over Him; for in that He died unto sin once; but in that He lives, He lives unto Yahweh. Likewise reckon you also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto Yahweh through Yahshua, the Messiah, our Saviour. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield you your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto Yahweh, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto Yahweh. For sin shall not have dominion over you; for you are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? By no means. Know you not, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey – whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But Yahweh be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, you became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh; for as you have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when you were the servants of sin, you were free from righteousness. What fruit had you then in those things whereof you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death; but now being made free from sin, and become servants to Yahweh, you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of Yahweh is everlasting life through Yahshua, the Messiah, our Saviour (Romans, chapter 6).

There is a calling to be answered – or rejected: Yahshua said, “I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Matthew 9:13). Many are called, but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14). We also read, For the gifts and calling of Yahweh are without alteration (Romans 11:29). There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you, are called in one hope of your calling (Ephesians 4:4). I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Yahweh in Yahshua, the Messiah (Philippians 3:14) ... give diligence to make your calling and election sure ... (2 Peter 1:10). See also Acts 2:39, 1 Thes. 5:24, 2 Thes. 1:11, 2 Timothy 1:9, Hebrews 3:1.

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# WATER BAPTISM

By C. O. Dodd

Many beliefs are prevalent concerning Christian baptism among the Roman Catholics and Protestant sects and orders. Some sprinkle a little water upon the head of the candidate, and call that baptism. Some immerse the person in water, some once, and some thrice. Some claim water baptism is not essential. These various teachings cause confusion, but this may be dispelled when the word of Yahweh is taken as authority.

Paul says, in Eph. 4:5, regarding the faith, that like as there is but one Yahweh, (or one Master) so there is but one baptism --- "One Yahweh, one faith, one baptism," and not many.

Baptism is very essential, regardless of the opinion of man. It is the gateway into the one body --- the body of Yahshua for "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles" (1 Cor. 12:13). Yahshua said, in Mark 16:16, that "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." This settles the matter for those who take the Scripture as authority; but there are other texts equally decisive. Peter, for instance, in 1 Peter 3:21, says that like as Noah and his family were saved by the ark from the great flood, "even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Yahweh,) by the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah." --- See Acts 22:16.

John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Savior, came preaching water baptism, the "baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Luke 3:3), and the Savior came to John for baptism, and that prophet forbade him; but the Saviour said, "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." --- Matt. 3:15.

These texts prove to the unbiased student that water baptism is essential to salvation. In the words of the Saviour, in His example, in the examples and words of the apostles, water baptism is essential, and was given to the disciples in the beginning of His ministry.

The word "baptize" is not an English word, but is a form of the Greek word "baptizo," which has been brought into the English language untranslated. The reason of this was that at the time the early English versions were translated, the various modes of baptism were practiced in the churches. To make a translation in harmony with all was a difficult task. To antagonize none, it was deemed best to leave the word "baptizo" untranslated, and this was done. The advocates of sprinkling, of pouring, of immersion, when reading the texts, with the word untranslated, would think of their accepted mode. Thus the word was used to fill a common need; but it has been the means of covering the real meaning of baptism and many therefore do not understand the Bible teaching on this subject. The Greek word "baptizo" means to dip, to plunge, to cover up. Knowing this, one cannot harmonize the thought of sprinkling, or pouring, with baptism; but rather think of an immersion, and this is right.

Baptism, as practiced by John the Baptist, by the Saviour and His disciples, was that of immersion. This is easily learned by reading the texts relating to baptism. Notice, for instance, that Paul, speaking of baptism, in Rom. 6:4, likens it unto a burial, saying, "We are buried with him by baptism into death." Here is the picture of a death, a burial, and a resurrection, all brought to the eye by the immersion of a repentant sinner, baptized into Yahshua by immersion in water. As the candidate has died to sin, and is buried in the water by immersion, and is raised from the water by the immerser, it tells to the world our faith

in the One who died for our sins, was buried, and arose from the dead again. No form of baptism can show this faith, save the baptism of immersion, and that alone.

The baptism of the Saviour by John shows us that immersion was the mode followed by the Saviour. When the Master was baptized, Matthew records (3:16) that “Yahshua when he was baptized went up straight-way out of the water.” Yahshua could not have come up out of the water unless he had been in the water. This would be true of immersion. In Acts 8:38, the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch by Philip is recorded, and it states that the one who was baptized and the one who did the baptizing, “Went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.” One may readily see that immersion was practiced here, for both went down into the water, and this would not be true in sprinkling or pouring. Again in the case of John the Baptist, John records (chapter 3:23) that he was baptizing his disciples in the river Aenon, “because there was much water there!” Much water is not needed for pouring or sprinkling hence immersion is implied. Surely these texts are sufficient to show the truth seeker that immersion was the original mode of baptism; yet we should also remember that the text used the word “baptizo” which means immersion. This can be verified by Greek lexicons, Bible dictionaries and Greek interlinear translations, as well as other reliable translations.

Whence came the various modes of baptism? We learn that they were practiced by the pagans, before Yahshua, in their religions; and when multitudes of these unconverted heathens came into the state church of the old Roman Empire, these rites came along. When the Roman Catholic grew out of the Roman state church, these rites were retained; when the Protestant sects came from the Roman Catholic fold, these various modes were never dropped; thus, we have them with us today.

Alexander Hislop, the noted English clergyman, in his “The Two Babylons,” says the pagans practiced baptism in various forms before Yahshua. He says, on page 133, that the Spaniards when they came to Mexico, found the pagan Mexicans observing sprinkling as it is practiced in the various churches today. He said that the mid-wife performed the rite; and after using various words and ceremonies, she “sprinkled water on the head of the infant.” He quotes Tiletanus, a Roman Catholic writer, that trine baptism was not Scriptural but traditional, hence pagan, by saying, “Yes, I pray you, whence cometh it, that we dip the child three times in water? Doth it not come of the hidden and undisclosed doctrine, which our forefathers have received” (P. 138). Again, as regarding pagan rites, Hislop says, “So far as heathenism is concerned, ‘Every person who came to the solemn sacrifices (of the pagan Greeks) was purified by water. To which end, at the entrance of the (pagan) temples there was commonly placed a vessel full of holy water.’” --- P. 143.

The early congregation, as set in order by Yahshua himself, always baptized by immersion. There was no exception. Later the Roman element which was the forerunner of the Roman Catholic Church of today, began to practice various modes, and these are with us today. During the Dark Ages, countless thousands were slain because they would not submit, but immersed their followers by true Scriptural baptism. The name of Anabaptists (or Rebaptizers) was given to all dissenters who practiced the original mode, and immersed their disciplines in opposition to Rome. These facts, long hidden to many, are due to the world, for all should know the truth, and be governed thereby.

Infant baptism came into the church from those who taught that children were born sinners, and would be lost unless baptized: whereas the Scriptures teach that we all must be converted and become as little children to be saved. To be eligible for baptism one must be old enough to believe, or have faith in Yahweh, for the command is, “Believe on

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# WITH WHAT BODY ARE THE DEAD RAISED?

By Voy Wilks

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Did Yahshua ascend to the Father in his physical body?

When we review the several Scriptures dealing with this topic of study, we will see that the Messiah did, indeed, ascend to the Father in the same body which was buried, although it had been changed from a mortal body (one subject to death), to an immortal body (one unable to die), but it was the same body. The scars in his hands, feet, and side were the very reason, it seems, that Thomas was convinced Yahshua had indeed risen from the dead. The Apostle Paul further explains this:

"Lo! I tell [explain to] you a **mystery**. We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be **changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised **imperishable**, and **we shall be changed**. For **this** perishable nature [or **body**] must **put on** the **imperishable**, and **this** mortal nature [or **body**] must **put on** **immortality**. When the **perishable** [**body**] puts on the **imperishable**, and the **mortal** [**body**] **puts on** **immortality**, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" (1 Cor. 15:52-55 RSV).

We mortal men and women gain the victory over death and the grave through Yahshua, the Messiah for, just as he arose from the dead to immortality, we too will rise from the dead to immortality (1 Cor. 15:42-44; Rev. 20:4-6). This **change** takes place when the dead come from the grave in the **first** resurrection. At that same time, the living saints will be changed in a moment (to immortality) to meet Yahshua in the air (1 Thes. 4:13-18). This will be at the sounding of the last (and seventh) trumpet (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 4:16; Mt. 24:31; Rev. chapters 8, 9, 10, 11, especially 10:7 & 11:15).

Scriptures tell us that even though we cannot completely understand it, we will "be like Him" (Yahshua) when he appears again (1 John 3:2). Job, the ancient saint, helped our understanding a great deal by writing,

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet **in my flesh shall I see Elohim: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another;** though my reins be consumed within me" (Job 19:25-27 KJV).

This indicates a resurrection from the grave. Job in the flesh will, with his own eyes (not the eyes of another) **see** Yahweh. This, of course, will be after Job's flesh has been **changed** to immortal (undying) flesh; that is, his physical body will be transformed into a spiritual body, then his eyes will see Yahweh.

Comprehension of the spiritual body is made easier by the proverb which says, "The physical body is tangible and **real**, but the spiritual body is **more real** than the physical body."

In line with this, may I call attention to Israel's great (and future) resurrection from the dead which Ezekiel predicted? It is found in Ezek. 37. Very dry bones lay on the plain of the valley, but at Ezekiel's command the bones stood upright, then sinew came upon them, then flesh came upon the sinew, then skin covered the flesh, after which breath came into each restored body. Because the exiled Israelites expected to die in a foreign land, many felt they were lost forever, so Yahweh revealed this prophecy to Ezekiel as an encouragement to the people showing he had not forgotten his promise to Abraham (Gen. 17) and to David (Jer. 33). There will be a resurrection from the dead and Israel will

return to the homeland, at which time they will once again become one kingdom with one king.

This is what "salvation" (being saved) is all about - being rescued from our greatest enemy - death and the grave (1 Cor. 15:26). It is our **physical bodies** which are held captive by death and the grave. Yahshua came to set us free from death, and from the fear of death (Ezek. 18:4; Rom. 6:23); "... to deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong **bondage** (Heb. 2:15). The Apostle Paul wrote that we and all creation are in "bondage" to decay and death, but we look forward to a time when we will be "set free" and will become children of Yahweh (Rom. 8:18-25). In the meantime "... we wait for the adoption as sons, the **redemption of our BODIES**" (Rom. 8:23).

In view of all these Scriptures it is reasonable to conclude that **this very human body** will rise from the dead, but in the moment of rising it will be given immortality, making it impossible to die again. **This** mortal "puts on" **immortality**, and so becomes a **spiritual being** at the moment of rising from the dead (1 Cor. 15:42-44). The fleshly body is first, and only later comes the spiritual body - the immortal body (1 Cor. 15:45-48). The very body which is placed in the grave (not some ethereal spirit within us) will be saved (redeemed) from death and the grave. Yahshua captured the keys of death and the grave, as indicated by the following Scriptures:

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the **living one; I died**, and behold **I am alive** for evermore, and I have the **keys of Death and Hades**" (Rev. 1:17-18 RSV).

He will, so to speak, unlock the doors to the prison which holds captive all mankind - death and the grave. This may be why the Messiah said to his disciples, "... be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

"As they were saying this, Yahshua himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed they saw a spirit [a ghost, or apparition]. And he said to them, 'Why are you troubled, ...? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit [or ghost, an apparition] has not **flesh and bone** as you see that I have. ... Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven" (Lk. 24:36-39, 50-51 RSV).

Halleluyah!

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## YAHSHUA'S SECOND COMING

- Dan. 7:13-14 ... one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, ...  
Matt. 24:27 ... For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.  
Matt. 24:30 ... they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven ...  
Matt. 25:31 ... the Son of man shall come ... and all the holy angels with him, ...  
Mark 13:26 ... then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds ...  
Mark 14:62 ... see the Son of man ... coming in the clouds of heaven.  
Luke 21:27 ... then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud ...  
Acts 1:11 ... Yahshua, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.  
1 Thes. 4:16 ... Master himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, ...  
1 Thes. 4:17 ... caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Master ...  
2 Thes. 2:8 ... lawless one be revealed, whom the Master shall ... destroy with the brightness of his coming:  
Rev. 1:7 ... he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, ...

**THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS – Matt. 12:40**

By: C. O. Dodd

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath	Sunday
<b>Abib 14th PASSOVER Lev. 23:5</b>	<b>Abib 15th SABBATH Lev. 23:6-7 John 19:31</b>	<b>Abib 16th WORK DAY</b>	<b>Abib 17th SABBATH Ex. 20:8-11</b>	<b>Abib 18th FIRST DAY OF WEEK Matt. 28:1</b>
<u>Night</u> (Tuesday Sunset)	<u>Night</u> (Wednesday Sunset)	<u>Night</u> (Thursday Sunset)	<u>Night</u> (Friday Sunset)	<u>Night</u> (Sabbath Sunset)
<u>Day</u> (Preparation Day)	<u>Day</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Day</u> (Dawning-First Day)	<u>Day</u>
Mark 15:42 Luke 23:54 John 19:14, 31  Crucifixion John 19:18  Death Matt. 27:46-50 Mark 15:34, 37  Burial Matt. 27:57-60 John 19:42	Rested Mark 16:1	Spices Bought Mark 16:1  Prepared Spices Luke 23:56	Women Rested Luke 23:56  Resurrection Matt. 28:1	Early Yet Dark John 20:1, 14  Rising of Sun Mark 16:2-6 Luke 24:1-6  Savior's Appearance Mark 16:9-14

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New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) MARCH 24 Celebrate MARCH 23 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 12	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD MARCH 25 through MARCH 31	March 25 March 31 May 14 Sept. 3 Sept. 12 Sept. 17 Sept. 24
Feb. 10 (Borderline)		
Mar. 11	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 14	
April 9	See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	
May 9		
June 7	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 3	7 days
July 6 (Borderline)		
Aug. 5	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 12	in all - the number
Sept. 3 (Borderline)		
Oct. 3	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts)	of
Nov. 2	SEPTEMBER 17 through SEPTEMBER 23	completeness
Dec. 1		
Dec. 31	LAST GREAT DAY SEPTEMBER 24	

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