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### UNITY

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Ephesians 4:3** 

Till we all come in the unity of the faith,
And of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim,
Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature
Of the fullness of the Messiah

**Ephesians 4:13** 

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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 YAHSHUA, Son's. rather than substitutions. upholds the Ten It 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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### **Editorial**

### ARE WE HOLDING YAHWEH'S BANNER HIGH? Yahweh-Nissi – Yahweh is My Banner

Eighty plus years ago there was a rediscovery of the Heavenly Father's sacred (set apart) Name. The Elders in the late 1930's were very courageous men and women when they rediscovered the Hebraic Names and decided to vocalize them in public. Were they and their newly found truths accepted by the main stream believers in the church/religious world?

Most of these pioneers of the Sacred Name movement were attending services in various churches (Baptist, Methodist, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Church of God, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, etc.) They started keeping/celebrating the seventh day Sabbath and the seven annual Feast Days mentioned in Leviticus 23, Deuteronomy 16, Exodus 12 and John 7:8 (Go up to the Feast). Apostle Paul in Acts 18:21 - ... I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem

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One segment of believers in central Michigan observed/celebrated the Feasts in 1925. These bold believers were answering the call of Revelation 18:4 regarding Babylon – Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. These Bereans of the 1930's and 40's (Acts 17:11), found other believers around the United States that had searched the scriptures and could see truths that churchianity had left out. Some excuses were that the Old Testament laws, feasts, Sabbaths, clean food laws, etc., were nailed to the tree/cross and did not require observance. One example is in Acts 11 – Peter's vision.

These early believers stood up for the truths they had found in their Bible studies. Their friends and neighbors and families noticed when they stopped attending church services on Sunday and began worshipping on the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath. Others noticed also when they began observing the clean and unclean food laws (no more pork or shellfish for instance). Were these believers holding up a Banner or standard? Yes, they were.

When we stand up for truth, others can see it. We don't have to wave a Big Flag for the truth to be seen or noticed; our daily lives reflect our beliefs. The early believers at Eaton Rapids, Michigan repeated the Ten Commandments at every Sabbath meeting. Yahweh's Commandments are not suggestions, they are instructions. The first commandment in Exodus 20 begins with – I am Yahweh thy Elohim, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Egypt represents sin. Yahweh does not want us to be indebted to sin. Yahweh wants us to be set free. John 8:32 and 36 – And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. Galatians 5:1 – Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith the Messiah hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

When the Sacred, set-apart, Holy (Kodesh) Name was introduced to the Eaton Rapids Assembly, the believers saw another truth revealed and accepted it wholeheartedly. They could see the deception of early writers who tried to hide the true names of the Heavenly Father Yahweh, and His only begotten Son Yahshua the Messiah. Some had thought and wrote that Yahweh's Name was too Holy and sacred to use. Psalm 68:4 tells us to: Sing unto Elohim, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name YAH, and rejoice before him.

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We must hold up a banner to our Heavenly Father Yahweh's great and marvelous Name, just as Moses built an altar, and called the name of it, Yahweh-Nissi in Exodus 17:15. We need to have all of our being dedicated to Yahweh and his Son Yahshua. This means both feet planted and our arms and hands holding up Yahweh's Banner. We must make a choice as Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:21 - Ye cannot drink the cup of Yahweh, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of Yahweh's table, and of the table of devils.

We can be assured that as we are wholly devoted to Yahweh and Yahshua, if we have battles in our lives, we can count on Yahweh's help as He promised in Exodus 14:14 – Yahweh shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Psalm 72:17-19 – His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be Yahweh Elohim, the Elohim of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his honourable name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his honour; Amen, and Amen.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 – Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Let's hold up Yahweh's Banner and be Blessed.

Samuel A. Graham

### THE 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE

The 2018 Unity Conference is scheduled for August 3, 4 and 5, 2018 At the Assembly of Yahweh 1017 North Gunnell Road, Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Motels are available in Charlotte, Michigan (8 miles away) at Comfort Inn/517 543-7307, Americas Best Value Inn/517 543-8288, Holiday Inn Express/517 541-5000. Campsites are available on the Assembly grounds. Meals will be provided. Help-yourself breakfast items will be available. Please call to reserve a campsite and/or to let the Assembly know how many are planning to attend which will help in the amount of food to prepare.

The first meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 3. There will be regular Sabbath Services at 10:30 a.m., with the Conference coming to a close after lunch on Sunday, August 5. Elders, if you have a subject you wish to present, send one copy to: Samuel Graham, at 1020 Scout Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827, at least one month before the Conference and bring 75 plus copies with you to distribute. For more information call: 517 663-3724.

All brethren of good will are invited to attend.

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#### STEWARDSHIP

A steward identifies himself with his master. He accepts the responsibilities of a steward, and he must act in his master's stead, doing as his master would do were he presiding. His master's interests become his. The position of a steward is one of dignity because his master trusts in him. If in any wise he acts selfishly and turns the advantages gained by trading with his master's goods to his own advantage, he has perverted the trust reposed in him.

How can we better learn the important concept that we are indeed stewards of what we possess in this life? How should this realization impact all that we do?

Study the life of Yahshua. Attempting to improve quality of life and resulting in a closer relationship to Yahshua and a better life regarding health, wealth and kingdom blessings. Being careful and prayerful with every step that we take. Not taking any second, mile or penny for granted. To remember that everything we are given is actually Yahshua's and that we want the mind of the Messiah so we can know what His will and purpose is for everything that He has entrusted us with.

Stop and take time to analyze your daily routine and the consequences of little decisions, for example, practice having enough time to not be in a hurry.

Ephesians 6:13-20 — Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of Elohim, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the good news of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Yahweh. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the good news. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Regarding the armor in Ephesians, and stewardship, what have we been given by our Master, that we are to be stewards of? Why is the proper management of these things so crucial to us? It is extremely important because the armor of YAH is our protection against the enemy. We need to be protected so we can be good stewards of the good news and every spiritual blessing. The armor empowers us to be good stewards.

It is essential in order to please our Master, to fulfill our calling, and to fulfill our obligation to the covenant; in order for us to have the inner peace and assurance that comes with obeying YAH; in order not to compromise and be a "settle for less" kind of believer; in order to maintain the kind of relationship the Father wants with us.

If we don't obey the Word and put on the armor of YAH, then the enemy can come and take away the armor due to our disobedience.

#### Keith Webb

And the Master said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his master when he cometh shall find so doing. Luke 12:42,43

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of the Messiah, and stewards of the mysteries of Yahweh. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:1,2

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### TORAH TIDBIT #11

Fellowship! We were called to it!

1Co 1:9 YAHWEH is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Yahshua Messiah our Master.

Yes! That means you, and I, and everyone else who has entered covenant relationship with Yahshua. So what do we do with this? What is expected of us? Can we just show up when everything works out to make it convenient? Should we be able to visit around with those of different beliefs and just show up now and then so that we can continue to be considered a part of His assembly? If so, then how could we follow the directions in Acts?

Act 2:42 And they were continuing steadfastly in the doctrine of the apostles, and in fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

There are four things listed here that we should be "continuing steadfastly" to do;

- **Doctrines of the apostles**; The doctrines of the glad tidings are the principles or truths taught by Yahshua and his apostles. We should be in agreement with those doctrines and to do so we must learn and understand what they are. To achieve that goal we need to spend time with teachers and brethren so that we can gain total understanding of these doctrines, and in practicing them.
  - Heb 13:9 Do not be carried away by various and strange doctrines; for it is good that the heart be confirmed by grace, not by food, for it did not benefit those who greatly sought after it.
- <u>Keeping fellowship</u>; You cannot keep fellowship without showing up when brethren are gathered together, even two or three. Keeping mostly to yourself is not considered fellowship.
  - Pro 18:1 He who separates himself seeks his own desire, he breaks out against all sound wisdom.
  - Not only is it not wise to keep yourself separated from other brethren, it is an act of selfishness, in that not only do you neglect to get to know your brethren but neither do they get to know you. How can you help others (Second Great Commandment) if you know nothing about them, nor they you?
- <u>Breaking of bread</u>; Not many interactions help to draw people together than sharing a meal. It can be a formal occasion, a fellowship meal or anything in between, the important aspect is the sharing. As the occasion progresses, the sharing progresses from food to thoughts, to wishes, to family challenges and most every aspect of the lives of those involved. This is an opportunity to get to know our brethren more intimately and create that bond of family in Elohim.
  - Act 2:46 And continuing steadfastly with one mind day by day in the sanctuary, and breaking bread from house to house, they shared food in gladness and simplicity of heart, ...

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• **Prayers**; There is an old saying that "the family that prays together stays together". This also extends to our family of brethren and does aid in the knitting and bonding of our relationships. Actually, this is where the first three aspects come together. We have come to an understanding and acceptance of doctrine, we are consistent in our participation of fellowship and through the sharing with our brethren, we should have made a list of the challenges and needs of our extended family, and should daily intercede on their behalf in prayer (**Jac 5:13-16**). Never pass up an opportunity to pray for someone, especially if you are enduring a trial yourself. Not only will the effort help you to empathize with others, it will also help you move away from becoming self centered (and self consumed) over your own problems.

There are some few who tend to visit with several groups, usually on a feels-good basis. What actually happens is that the individual is exposed to conflicting understandings on several basic doctrine or principles, and then moves through his circle of groups spreading false teachings and confusion to others. This becomes a very destructive process to the spiritual well being of everyone involved. It is as Elijah said;

1Ki 18:21 And Elijah came near all the people and said, **Until when are you limping over two opinions?** If YAHWEH is Elohim, follow Him; and if Baal, follow him. But the people did not answer him a word.

Any time that we meet with a new or different group we need to be especially sensitive to false and/or twisted teachings. Some groups are built on errant teachings simply because many are drawn due to their desire to have "special knowledge", which more often than not are falsification of truth, and straight from Ha Satan.

2Co 6:15 And what agreement does the Messiah have with Satan? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?

2Co 6:16 And what harmony has the sanctuary of Elohim with idols? For you are the sanctuary of the living Elohim, even as it is said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people." (Lev 26:12; Eze 37:27)

Any occasion that we move away from the covering of Messiah, we risk becoming corrupted with false teachings, not to mention allowing ourselves to be exposed to false and demonic powers. What ever the reason, it generally boils down to the lack of desire to make any commitment to, and supporting a group. As mentioned before, how long will you be halt between two, or three, or four, .... opinions? It should be easy enough to identify a group that is following the basic tenants of Torah. That is not to say that they are perfect in any aspect, but the group should be free from splintered teachings and leadership. The primary concern should be that the focus and worship are toward Yahweh.

1Jn 1:3 We announce to you what we have seen, and what we have heard, that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Yahshua Messiah.

The group should also demonstrate the spirit of love and concern for one another.

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Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another, to incitement of love and of good works, Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling together of ourselves, as is the custom of some, but exhorting, and by so much more as you see the Day drawing near.

Fellowship is not something that should be taken lightly. These are the occasions where so much of our training, edification, encouragement and confirmation are received. It is at these times that we have opportunity to practice and make more perfect our efforts to share the glad tidings, what scripture describes as "iron sharpens iron" (Pro 27:17). Fellowship should become a habit, or better yet, a way of life that compliments and reinforces our bible study, prayer and desire to share in His way of life. We don't want to be caught flat-footed and off on our own when Yahshua returns.

2Th 2:1 And, brothers, we entreat you, by the coming of our Master Yahshua Messiah, and of our gathering together to Him,

B'Shem Yahshua, Paige

### LETTER TO THE FAITH

Greetings Pastor Graham:

We have been receiving "The Faith" booklet for some time and enjoy the articles and used some of them in our newsletter. We have two copies of "The Word of Yahweh" Bibles and they have been very helpful in translating the names. A friend of ours shared "YHWH". We have enjoyed it and thought that you would also. If so it is alright to copy it and share it with others.

How few can say, "I am dead to the world; the life I now live is by faith in the Son of Almighty!" While those around us may be vain and engaged in pleasure-seeking and folly, our conversation is in heaven, whence we look for our Saviour; the soul is reaching out after our heavenly Father for pardon and peace, for righteousness and true holiness. Converse with our heavenly Father and contemplation of things above transform the soul into the likeness of our Maker.

As we are looking for the revelation of Messiah in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, as King of kings and Sovereign of sovereigns, in life and character we will seek to represent Him to the world. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." We will hate sin and iniquity, even as Messiah hated sin. We will keep the commandments of Yahweh, as Messiah kept His Father's commandments. We will realize that it is not enough to agree with the doctrines of truth, but that the truth must be applied to the heart, practiced in the life, in order to be followers of Messiah we must be one with Him, and that each one may be as pure in their sphere as Yahweh is in His sphere.

Yours in the blessed hope, Richard & Bonnie Stratton

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### LOVE THE GOOD WHEREVER YOU FIND IT

We can admire the boldness of a Baptist, the Pentecostal's openness to the Spirit's lead, the Mennonite's willingness to be different than the world, the fearless evangelism of a Jehovah's Witness, Catholicism's service to the poor and needy, the family values of a Mormon, the modern evangelical's resistance to liberalism, the Adventist's commitment to understanding the end times, the sense of community among the Amish, Judaism's commitment to consistency, and the Messianic's desire to return to the ancient paths.

Yet we don't need to join any of them to be a believer, and none of each group's attributes will give them a ticket to salvation.

Still, we can learn from the positive examples of each without adopting the unscriptural baggage of any.

In truth, we can actually learn from the examples of all human beings on the earth. The scriptures are full of both good and bad examples for our learning:

1 Corinthians 10:11 - Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Romans 15:4 - For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

As far as various religions and denominations go, they have the tendency to assume they have the complete picture while only holding just a part of it.

I say, let's simply seek to be disciples of Yahshua the Messiah, without restriction, and without reservation.

We cannot get complacent in our own walk. Yes, we should observe the Sabbaths of Yahweh, eat clean and call upon the true names of the Father and Son. But this is not the complete picture either.

Let's seek to excel in each of the positive attributes seen in this list, and let's pray that Yahweh would lead each one of us to follow the Good Shepherd, with a sincere commitment to truth, without the hindrance of any human organization, yet with full accountability to the Most High.

Ephesians 3:14-21 - For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height-- <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Messiah which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of Elohim. <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, <sup>21</sup> to Him *be* glory in the assembly by Messiah Yahshua to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The favor of our Master Yahshua the Messiah be with all who love Him in sincerity,

Tom Martincic - www.EliYah.com

### YAHSHUA or YESHUA is Pronunciation Important?

All Hebrew names have meanings. If we look at *Matt. 1:21* we can see the meaning of the Messiah's name. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Yahshua; for he shall save his people from their sins." The Word of Yahweh. The name of the Messiah means "Yahsavior" or "Yah is salvation" and its meaning is derived from the Hebrew word for salvation.

One thing the movie <u>The Passion</u> succeeded in doing is to introduce the majority of Christians to the Hebrew pronunciation of the savior's name. The question to consider: is the pronunciation presented in the movie, and used by the majority of Messianic believers correct, or is there a more accurate pronunciation.

For those who did not view the movie, or are unfamiliar with Messianic Judaism, the pronunciation most used is Yeshua or Y'shua. The Ye & Y' is sounded as in yesterday. The pronunciation used by the author and by the publishers of The Faith Magazine is Yahshua, the contracted form of Yahushua. The Yah is sounded as is Yahweh. This article will try to explain why there are different pronunciations, and if one is closer to the original than the other.

Please look in a *King James Bible* at *Acts 7:45* and *Hebrews 4:8* now look at these same scriptures in any other translation. (I choose not to write out the scripture because I really believe it is important in this case to check it out for yourself). Hopefully you have done so. You will see in the KJV that the name Jesus is used in Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8. In all other translations the name has been correctly written as Joshua. The person spoken of in these 2 instances is NOT the savior, the son of Yahweh. The person spoken of is Joshua, the one who took leadership of Israel after Moses. The KJV translators mistakenly inserted Jesus. This tells us that the Savior's name is the same as Joshua who led the Israelites into the Promised Land. We also know the "J" did not exist until the 16<sup>th</sup> century so his name was spelled with a Y.

In Strong's Concordance, when referring to Joshua #3091, the pronunciation is **Yehowshuwa**. Now look at the definition: **Jehovah saves**. We know the term Jehovah was an attempted translation of **Yahweh**. The **Jeh** would be **Yah**. So now let's change the short "e" in Jeh to the more correct pronunciation of Yah. The successor to Moses was Yahushua. The Hebrew letters for this are "הושוע". The correct meaning of the savior's name is **Yahweh saves** or **Yahweh is salvation**.

After the Babylonian captivity, the shortened, contracted spelling was used when referring to Joshua. For example: Neh 8:17 "for since the days of *Jeshua* the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so." (KJV) See Strong's #3442. This is written as שוני. Reading it in the present *Modern* Hebrew, it would be Y'shua. With this in mind, most would conclude that this pronunciation for the Messiah is Yeshua. Modern translations such as the NIV and the NKJ have the pronunciation *Joshua*. You would also agree this is the same person mentioned in the earlier books of the Scriptures (Exodus and Joshua). The long form pronunciation is Yahushua. The question now is this: what is the correct pronunciation of the shortened form?

Most will admit our <u>Modern</u> English is far removed from the 1611 King James English. If you could obtain a copy of this version in a library you would see that it is quite difficult to pronounce many of the words. The J sound was not even used. Also consider Shakespeare; how difficult it is to pronounce some of those words. This is only

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400 years ago. Consider how much the language would change in 2000 years. After leaving Babylon Aramaic was the language used by the Jewish people.

The scriptures were translated from the Masoretic texts, which were done several hundred years after the death and resurrection of the Messiah. Since there were no vowels in the original, the Masoretes took it upon themselves to decide how words and letters were to be pronounced. One example would be the Hebrew  $\$  wav, some pronounce this as vav and write words using it with a  $\underline{\mathbf{v}}$  instead of a  $\underline{\mathbf{w}}$ .

In Marks and Rogers "Handbook to Biblical Hebrew", pg. 7, we can read the following quote. "Originally Hebrew had no written vowel; the following consonants, however were often used to indicate long vowels. ", ", ", a, w, h, y." When the Masoretes introduced their vowel signs, they added their signs to these consonants. Consider that 3 of the letters mentioned are used in the Tetragrammaton of Yahweh's name.

It was these same Masorete scribes who took liberty with Yahweh's Name in many texts, replacing it with the titles Adonai and Elohim in many places. These places have been footnoted in the **Word of Yahweh Bible**, published by the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, MI.

It is taught in Rabbinical Judaism that the name of Yahweh should not be pronounced. They substitute Adonai and HaShem for the true name.

There are other Hebrew proper names that use the form Yah in the beginning of the name. Jehonathan or Jonathan (shortened form) which means *Yahweh gives*, Strong's #3083. Jehosaphat, or Joshaphat, meaning, *Yahweh has judged*, Strong's #3092. There are many other examples. In Strong's the Yod Hey is pronounced Yeh instead of Yah. Remember that Strong's gives the incorrect pronunciation as Jehovah, not Yahweh.

Let us consider the words of the Messiah; *John 5:43* "I am come in my Father's Name and you receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." Besides being our savior, it has always been the Messiah's purpose to point us back to his Father. His Name does that.

The remnant believers alive at the Messiah's return are commended in Revelation for not denying His Name.

In summary:

The Messiah has the same name as the one we know as Joshua. The full form in Hebrew would be pronounced as Yahushua. Meaning Yahweh saves.

After the Babylonian captivity this person is referred to in a shortened form.

Aramaic was the spoken language after Babylon

Language changes after time.

The Masoretic Scribes are responsible for vowel pointing the Modern Hebrew.

Modern Hebrew is quite different than Ancient Hebrew.

The Masoretic Scribes are also responsible for removing the Father Yahweh's Name in many places in the scripture.

Judaism removes the Father's name completely.

There are many proper names that use the form Yah in the beginning of their name.

The Messiah came in his Father's name. His name points us to Yahweh.

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Let us take a close look at the message sent to the Assembly in Philadelphia. Remember this is the Messiah speaking.

Rev. 3:7-13, And to the angel of the Assembly in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth: I know thy works: Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohim, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my Elohim, and the name of the city of my Elohim, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim; and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Assemblies.

Let us not deny the Name of the Son of Yahweh. The one whose name means "Yahweh is Salvation". That name is Yahshua.

T. Wells

### LET NOT SIN THEREFORE REIGN IN YOUR MORTAL BODY, THAT YE SHOULD OBEY IT IN THE LUSTS THEREOF. (Rom. 6:12)

During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we were reminded to be more consistent in practicing to keep our spiritual temples clean from sins of:

- -old leaven, malice, wickedness (1 Cor. 5:8)
- -manmade traditions that make the law of Yahweh of no effect (Matt. 15:3,6)
- -sins of disobedience to Yahweh's words
- 1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

When we looked in the mirror of Yahweh's words, we could see that the leaven found in one's spiritual temple exceeds the leaven found in our homes. We also realized that cleaning the spiritual temple is a continuous process to ensure that sin doesn't reign within it.

Father Yahweh's Spirit that is given to those who obey him (<u>Acts 5:32</u>) can conquer sin through the blood of Yahshua. It is required therefore, that we sincerely and faithfully obey Him. We must stay connected on the Vine Yahshua in order to be spiritually nourished with the energizing power of Yahweh's Spirit.

Don't ignore sin offering, <u>1 John 1:8-10</u>. Yahshua is the remedy for sin and its reality on mankind. No one is perfect, so we must acknowledge our sins. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Just don't let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey it. Halleluyah!

N. Roxby (A servant of Yah)

## FEAST OF WEEKS DAY OF FIRSTFRUITS PENTECOST

Exodus 23:14-16 – Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: ... And the feast of harvest, the **firstfruits** of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, ... Exodus 34:22 – And thou shalt observe the **feast of weeks**, of the **firstfruits** of wheat harvest, ...

Leviticus 23:9-21 — And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it....And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete. Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meal offering unto Yahweh ... And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Numbers 28:26 – Also in the **day of the firstfruits**, when ye bring a new meal offering unto Yahweh, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

Deuteronomy 16:9-12 – Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the **feast of weeks** unto Yahweh thy Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto Yahweh thy Elohim, according as Yahweh thy Elohim hath blessed thee:...

Joshua 5:10-12 – And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Chronicles 8:12-13 – Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto Yahweh on the altar of Yahweh, which he had built before the porch, Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the **feast of weeks**, and in the feast of tabernacles.

Acts 2:1-4 – And when the day of **Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 20:16 – For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the **day of Pentecost**. 1 Corinthians 16:8 – But I will tarry at Ephesus until **Pentecost**.

**Pentecost** – Pentekostos..., an adjective denoting fiftieth, is used as a noun, with "day" understood, i.e., the fiftieth day after the Passover, counting from the second day of the Feast, Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1 Cor. 16:8. For the Divine instructions to Israel see Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26-31; Deut. 16:9-11. (Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words by W.E. Vine)

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### **OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT!**

(Using the Jerusalem Bible (JB) and New King James Bible (NKJB)

We, Edward L. Hayes and Flora E. Warnock Hayes, desire to bestow all **our Yahweh** given love to our children, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law.

And as joint heirs with Yahshua we can leave you with the promise of the Mansion that He has for us in His Kingdom. John 14:1-4 (JB) which reads: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in Yahweh still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; If there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared a place for you, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Zechariah 8:4,5 (JB) – "Yahweh Sabaoth say this, 'old men and old women will again sit down in the squares of Jerusalem; every one of them staff in hand because of their great age. And the squares of the city will be full of boys and girls playing in the squares."

**Ezekiel 47:12** (JB) – Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal."

This place is located in the New Jerusalem. Then so you will know you are there when you arrive, and in order to receive the deed to this piece of real-estate, you must appear before the Great Law Giver, Yahweh. He will direct you to His Son Yahshua to receive the Keys and deed to the Kingdom.

But before you receive the deed there will be some paper work to be done, by studying to show yourself approved before Him. 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV) – "Be diligent to present yourself approved to Yahweh, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Then when you have been approved you will receive the Power of the Attorney (Spirit) given by The Son Yahshua. **Acts 1:8** (NKJV) – "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When you arrive you may be approved to have authority over ten cities. **Luke 19:17** – "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.""

You will rejoice to see that in this New World where there will be no more wars. And your sons will not be called to go off to fight. **Isaiah 2:4** (NKJV) – "He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people. They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Oh, by the way, you need not fear the animals there, for they will not be vicious anymore. Isaiah 11:6-9 (NKJV) – "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea."

**D**o you realize you can become Kings and Priests in Yahweh's Kingdom? **Revelation 1:4-6** (NKJV) – "John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace

### YAHSHUA'S JEWELS



### Yahshua's Young People

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

### DON'T GIVE UP!!!

Yahshua came and spake unto them saying:
"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Matt. 28:18

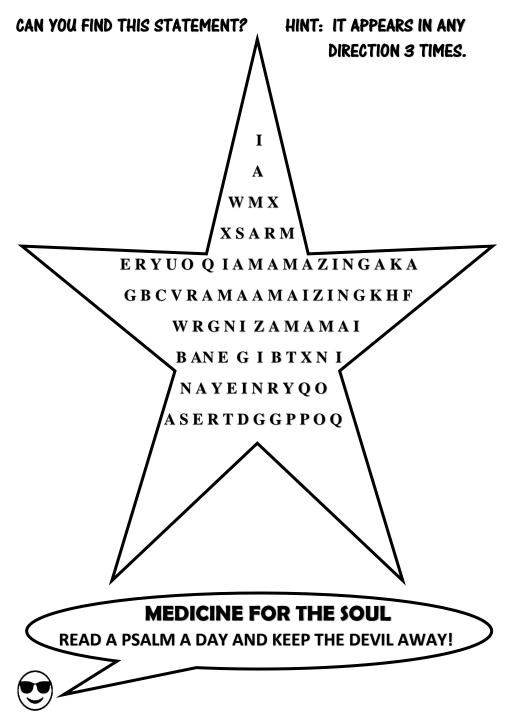
Yahshua knew that we could not make it on our own. He knew that we could not overcome sin, our problems and the pressures of life on our own. For these reasons, he died to make us overcome any obstacle. To make us win!!

We are weak but he is strong. Yah has given Yahshua all power in heaven and in earth, to help us overcome any problem or obstacle. He specializes in the impossible. He can help you with getting good grades in school. Making better friends. Finding a good job. Overcoming any sin or weakness: be it lying, stealing, dishonoring parents ... anything. Always remember that Yahshua loves you with a perfect love and wants to bless you big time!!

Repent, tell him of your sins. He is there with open arms. He will help you. He has all power and wants you to be happy and to be a **CONQUEROR. DON'T GIVE UP! THE BEST IS YET TO COME.** ©

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### FEAST OF WEEKS-FIRSTFRUITS-PENTECOST

Luke 24:36, 49 – And as they thus spake, Yahshua himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 2 – And when the day of <u>Pentecost</u> was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1 Corinthians 15:20, 22, 23 – But now is the Messiah risen from the dead, and become the <u>Firstfruits</u> of them that slept. For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: the Messiah the <u>Firstfruits</u>; afterward they that are the Messiah's at his coming.

*PENTECOST* – A solemn festival of the Jews, so called because celebrated on the fiftieth day after the sixteenth of Nisan, which was the second day of the Passover. It was called the feast of weeks, because it was celebrated seven weeks after the Passover. ... (American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster 1828)

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). This festival was observed 50 days after the offering of the barley sheaf at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. (On the second day of the festival, a priest waved a sheaf of first-ripe barley before the L-rd [Yahweh]). It marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the seasonal offering of first fruits (Exod. 23:16; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26-31; Deut. 16:9-12). This one-day festival was observed as a Sabbath with a holy gathering at the tabernacle. (The Bible Almanac)

*First-fruits.* 2. On the morrow after the Passover Sabbath i.e. on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, a sheaf of new corn was to be brought to the priest and waved before the altar, in acknowledgement of the gift of fruitfulness (Lev. 23:5, 6, 10, 12). (Key to the Bible)

*Pentecost.* 1. To be fifty days from the second day of the Passover. Lev. 23:15 – And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete. 16. Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall you number fifty days.... Deut. 16:9 – Seven weeks shall thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. (Hitchcock's Topical Bible and Cruden's Concordance)

SHABUOTH – (weeks; more accurately, Hag Hashabuoth, Feast of Weeks), a festival celebrated in the month of Sivan; its name is derived from the fact that it was celebrated in Bible times seven weeks after the bringing of a sheaf of barley as an offering on the festival of Passover (Lev. 23:15, 16). It is denoted in the Bible also by the names *yom habikkurim* (day of first-fruits; Num. 28:26) and *hag hakatzir* (feast of harvest; Ex. 23:16). (The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia)

*Pentecost*, that is, the fiftieth day (from a Greek word meaning fiftieth), or Harvest Feast, or Feast of Weeks, may be regarded as a supplement to the Passover. It lasted for but one day. From the sixteenth of Nisan seven weeks were reckoned inclusively, and the next or fiftieth day was the day of Pentecost. (Smith's Bible Dictionary)

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<i>Yahweh's</i> 2018 Calendar				
New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 1 Celebrate MARCH 31 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days		
Jan. 19 Feb. 18	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 2 through APRIL 8	April 2 April 8		
Mar. 19 Apr. 18 May 17 June 15 (Borderline) July 15 Aug. 13 Sept. 11 (Borderline) Oct. 11 Nov. 9 (Borderline) Dec. 9	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 22 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 22 Sept. 11 Sept. 20 Sept. 25		
	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 11	Oct. 2		
	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 20	7 days in all – the		
	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 25 through OCTOBER 1	number of completeness		
	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 2			
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Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.

### **OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT!**

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from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; **And** from Yahshua Messiah, the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us Kings and Priests to Yahweh the Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

We leave our family with a final thought, that our only desire is for every one of you to be in the Kingdom of Yahweh with us. Ecclesiastes 12:13,14 (NKJV) – "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Yahweh and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For Yahweh will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing whether good or evil."

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