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## PSALM 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress: my Elohim; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made Yahweh, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

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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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# EDITORIAL

## FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2012

Yahweh reminds us to rejoice at Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles (Deuteronomy 16:14, Leviticus 23:40). Yahweh wants his creation to keep (guard) his feasts. Why? We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Yahweh has given us a chief shepherd Yahshua the Messiah to lead us back to Yahweh and his blessings to Israel a people nigh unto him. Romans 9:4

Brothers and sisters in Yahshua came from the North, South, East and West to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles at Eaton Rapids. There was a spirit of awakening, and revival, with many praises to Yahweh. This awakening to keep Yahweh's feasts had roots in many believers who once belonged to a large worldwide organization that in the past had observed Yahweh's feasts. Ezekiel 20:12, 20 – ... And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you ... There's a new generation of Feast Keepers awakening also. They read in the Torah, Leviticus 23:39, Numbers 29:12 and Deuteronomy 16:15 – Ye shall keep (Strong's #2287 to observe a festival), a feast unto Yahweh. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto Yahweh seven days: on the first day shall be a Sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath. (The eighth day of the Feast represents the millennium age after the 7,000 years of man on this earth.)

The theme of the Feast this year was from Psalm 22:27, 28 – All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto Yahweh: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. **For the Kingdom is Yahweh's: and he is the governor among the nations.** The theme was strongly emphasized because this year (2012) the news was filled with the race for a new leader in the U.S.A. Daniel 2:21 reminds us who is in control. And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding. The world at large has forgotten who is ultimately in charge of all.

The believers who gathered at the Eaton Rapids Feast site were and are well aware of who is in charge. All came to rejoice, and sing songs of praise, with testimony after testimony of how Yahweh had influenced their lives and how they had been blessed in serving him.

The very first gathering was on the eve of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (October 2). Pastor Samuel Graham read from Leviticus 23:33-43, Nehemiah 8:12-18 and John 7. Yahshua told his disciples in verse 8, Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. Then in verse 37, In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. Those in attendance were asked to stand and give the history of their feast keeping and why they had come to this feast. The second meeting was the next morning at 10:00 a.m. and Pastor Samuel anointed each one there "In Yahshua's name". A similar anointing service occurred on the Day of Atonement also.

Mark Biggs gave the first sharing on the theme – Yahweh is the Governor of the Nations. Mark also gave the last message – The Kingdom is Yahweh’s. Jerry Shrader’s message was – The Spirit of Yahshua. Don Frith – The Yachad of Tabernacles. Bill Jackson – The Eternal Bank, Put Your Treasure In. Bob Wells – Psalm 148, We are Few in Number, Great in Power. Bob McDonald – How to proclaim Yahweh and Yahshua with a T-shirt ministry. Sam Graham – Keys to the Kingdom. Jeff Kopp – Are We Willing to be Changed?

Other highlights of the Feast were Mary Hayes’ testimony/praise report of her jail ministry in the Harrison, Michigan area. Jeff and Pam Kopp have moved to Harrison to help in the outgrowth of Yahweh’s work there. Together with Mary they hold a conference call each Sabbath, with Services in the morning and Torah study in the afternoon. It is truly a blessing for homebound believers to be able to call in and take part in these Sabbath Services.

There were several meetings scheduled for those with hearing difficulties. An interpreter signed the whole meeting, not only the messages/sermons but the singing, prayer and testimonies. One special note: the hand sign for Yahshua the Messiah, Yahweh’s only begotten Son, is different than the sign for Jesus (Greek).

Mark and Beth Biggs provided T-shirts with the Feast Theme imprinted on them for all the workers/helpers/children who wanted them. The T-shirts were a popular item throughout the Feast.

During the week of the Feast at three different intervals, twelve believers were baptized/immersed into Yahshua the Messiah. Special guests were Mary Dodd Ling (C.O. Dodd’s daughter) and her daughter Margy, who for years carried on the work of the Faith Bible and Tract Society. The Book of Deuteronomy was read throughout the week of the Feast. On the outing day, the Assembly visited the State of Michigan Library and the Capitol in Lansing, Michigan. We did see the 10 Commandments displayed at the ground level in the Capitol building. Halleluyah!

The hay ride and hot dog roast was a big hit as usual with a song and testimonial service afterward. The new addition to the Assembly, with two classrooms/meeting rooms, one for the smaller children and the other for the older children, was a special blessing.

The 2012 Feast of Tabernacles was considered a milestone feast, with history made by those who attended. It was truly a blessing for all.

In His Service,  
Pastor Samuel A. Graham

## **REMINDER**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Conference will be held at  
The Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan  
August 2, 3 and 4, 2013

# CHRISTMAS

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

....Encyclopedia Britannica

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

....Collier's Encyclopedia

## When Christmas Was Banned in America

Christmas was once banned in Boston! In fact, throughout the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the 1600s, it was against the law to stay home from work, feast or celebrate Christmas in any other way. And if you broke the law, you had to cough up a 5 shilling fine.

At that time the residents of Massachusetts, mainly Puritans, looked on the celebration of Christmas as a pagan tradition, said Prof. Stephen Foster of the Northern Illinois University history department. ... If something wasn't in the Bible, the Puritans believed there was something funny about it – and December 25 is not found in the Bible, said Prof. Foster. ...

....National Enquirer

## JEREMIAH 10:1-5

Hear ye the word which Yahweh speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith Yahweh, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

# BE RECONCILED TO YAHWEH!

Our Heavenly Father Yahweh Almighty has provided a way for all mankind to be reconciled back to Him. It is our iniquities (Sins or transgressions of Yah's Laws) that have separated us from our Elohim (Mighty One), as it is written in Isaiah 59:1-4. Yet Yahweh in His great mercy has provided the perfect Lamb as an Atoning sacrifice for all those that will believe. How do true believers demonstrate our faith that the precious Blood of Yahshua the Messiah was shed for the forgiveness of our sins? We repent (turn away from) sin and are immersed (baptized) in Yahshua's Name Believing that our sins are left in the watery grave, and forgiven. And by the "Laying On of Hands" the Elder Prays that the new family member will receive the Promise of Yahweh's "Holy Breath" (Holy Spirit) or Ruach Ha Kodesh to renew the believer's mind and help the believer to become a new man and a Son of Yahweh! For only by the forgiveness can we be reconciled to Yahweh, and only by His Ruach Ha Kodesh can we stay reconciled to Him!

Step one: Repent - Acts 2:38.

Step two: Be immersed/baptized in Yahshua's Name for the remission of sins - Acts 2:38-41.

Step three: The Elder anoints (Lay his hands on) the newly baptized believer's head with oil and prays to Almighty Yahweh asking that he will place His Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit/Breath) in him or her: Deut. 34:9; Acts 8:37, 9:17, 13:3; 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 4:14, 5:22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 1:6.

The Word of Yahweh states that under the New Covenant Yahweh Almighty will put His Laws on our hearts and minds and that He will cause us to Keep His "Statutes and Judgments" by putting His Ruach (Spirit/Breath) in us (Jer. 31:33; Eze. 36:26,27). Yahweh gives His Ruach (Holy Spirit/Breath) to those that are obedient to Him (Acts 5:32). There is only one name by which we can receive salvation. Likewise, the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit/Breath) will be received as a result of being immersed (baptized) in the one true Name as instructed by Peter under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), and that Name is Yahshua Messiah! By being immersed in Yahshua's Name, you are being baptized into the Name of the Father and into the Name of the Son. How is that so? It is due to the fact that the "YAH" in Yahshua's Name means "Yahweh" and the "SHUA" means "SAVES or SALVATION." Therefore, if you are immersed/baptized in the Son's true Name (Yahshua), then you are immersed in the Father's Kodesh/Holy Name (Yahweh). For, Yahshua means that "Yahweh is Salvation!" Remember that our Messiah (which means "Yahweh's Anointed") came in His Father's Name to bare witness of His Father (Psa. 118:25,26; Matt. 21:9). Our Messiah's true Name bares perfect witness that Yahweh is Salvation, HalleluYah (Praise Yahweh!).

I urge every person in the spirit of my Elders and brothers Kepha (Peter) and Shaul (Paul), be immersed in Yahshua Messiah's Name for the remission (forgiveness) of sin and you will receive the promise of the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit/Breath), and be reconciled to Yahweh Elohim (Yahweh our Mighty One!). Acts 2:38,39; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:17-20!

Yahweh Bless You and Keep You!  
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# An Early Elder's Thoughts on Revelation

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There have been many opinions voiced on the subject of the Two Witnesses in the past and many more are being proposed today. Among the most popular are the Old and New Testaments, Moses and Elijah, and Enoch and Elijah. But aside from various opinions what exactly does the Word of Yahweh tell us about these "Two Witnesses?"

Revelation 11:3,4 says, "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth. THESE ARE THE TWO OLIVE TREES, and THE TWO CANDLESTICKS standing before the Elohim of the earth." The text tells us exactly who these witnesses are. It is not necessary to guess or assume who they might be or could be. It says THESE ARE THE TWO OLIVE TREES, and THE TWO CANDLESTICKS. It is now up to us to find out about the olive trees and the candlesticks and what they symbolize Scripturally.

In Jeremiah chapter eleven Yahweh tells Judah that there will be a curse on them if they do not obey His covenant, but if they do, that Yahweh will be their Elohim and they shall be His people (verses 1-4). Further in the chapter Yahweh says of Judah, "Yahweh called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken" (verse 16). Notice in verse seventeen that not only Judah, but both the house of Judah and the house of Israel are included in this description.

As you probably remember, I Kings chapter twelve deals with the dividing of the Kingdom of Israel into the two kingdoms of Judah and Israel after the death of Solomon. Judah is called "A green olive tree" in Jeremiah and since both the house of Judah and the house of Israel are the same root, both are typical of the olive tree. Notice also that the olive tree is green. A green tree is alive and growing, not dead. The same is true of these two kingdoms and they do typify live olive trees.

Zechariah received a beautiful vision which is of utmost significance to this study. In chapter four the angel awoke him and asked, "... What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof" (verses 2-3).

In verse twelve the question was again asked: "... What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?" The reply was: "These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Master of the whole earth" (verse 14). Notice carefully that these two olive branches and candlesticks standing by (or before) Yahweh are symbolically the same as the two olive trees and candlesticks in Revelation 11:14.

In Isaiah forty-three Yahweh says of Jacob and Israel, "Ye are my witnesses ... and my servant whom I have chosen ..." (verse 10). These two olive trees are Yahweh's witnesses and were chosen by Him and not man. Verse 12 declares why these are His witnesses as Yahweh says: "I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange deity among you: **therefore ye are my witnesses**, saith Yahweh, **that I am Elohim.**" Jacob and Israel were chosen to be Yahweh's two witnesses to proclaim that **Yahweh is Elohim** and not the deities of the world! That is the same basic message that these two witnesses will proclaim in the time period of Revelation.

The Gentiles are typical of the wild olive tree. Paul says to them as a wild olive tree “That at that time ye were without Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Elohim in the world” (Ephesians 2:12). In Romans 11 Paul goes on to show that it was by their faith in Yahshua that they were grafted into the tame olive tree where the branches of Israel were broken off in unbelief. By being grafted into the tame olive tree, the Gentiles could now partake of the root and fatness of the olive tree (Romans 11:17-24).

Let us look for a moment at the candlesticks and see what their purpose is. Candlesticks give light, do they not? The Psalmist wrote “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105). Yahshua also, in talking with His fellow Israelites, tells them that they “... are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). How then did Israel give light? Paul says that through Israel came “the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of Yahweh, and the promises” (Romans 9:4,5). It was through these two candlesticks (Judah and Israel) that the world received the light or WORD from Yahweh. It did not come through any other nation or people, but through the nation of Israel. The two olive trees are symbolic of the two houses of Israel and the candlesticks are a symbol of the light that shined forth as Yahweh gave it through them.

You may have noticed in Zechariah four that it talks about two olive branches. A branch is not all of a tree, but only a part or a remnant. Paul, in Romans 9:27, speaks of what Isaiah said concerning Israel. “Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a **remnant shall be saved.**” A remnant is only a small number from a much larger group and this fact has direct application to the subject under study.

Prophetically, winds refer to wars (Daniel 7:2) and waters refer to peoples or nations (Revelation 17:15). In Revelation chapter seven John is shown “four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.” John then saw “... another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Elohim: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the **servants** of our Elohim in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel” (Revelation 7:1-4).

Notice that these 144,000 are sealed from the tribes of the children of Israel. These are also called Yahweh’s SERVANTS just as Isaiah describes them by saying, “Ye are my witnesses, saith Yahweh, and **My servant** whom I have chosen” (Isaiah 43:10). Truly Yahweh chose Jacob for His servant and it is Jacob’s children who will be his witnesses.

These two olive trees could be correctly called Jacob and Israel as they are identified in Isaiah 43:1 and 44:1. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin and a part of Levi remained at Jerusalem when the ten tribes departed into idolatry. Since Jacob is the father of all twelve tribes, these few separate tribes (Judah, Benjamin, and Levi) could correctly be called Jacob according to the Scriptural usage.

These 144,000 Israelites are sealed with a seal **in their foreheads**. Many interpretations have been proposed as to what the seal might be, but the Scripture says that these 144,000 have the name of the Lamb’s Father **written in their forehead** (Rev. 14:1). This seal is implanted into their minds by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30), not only to these 144,000, but to all who want to receive His seal. But specifically, in relationship to this study, we have a remnant of Israel who are sealed with Yahweh’s Name.



In Revelation chapter twelve a marvelous scene is described. “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered ... And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto Yahweh, and to His throne” (Revelation 12:1,2,5).

In verse one John saw in vision a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. To understand the meaning intended, the symbols must be identified as John saw them.

Genesis chapter thirty-seven relates an event which took place over 3,000 years ago. Joseph, the son of Jacob, had a dream in which he saw the sun and moon and eleven stars bowing down to him (verse 9). Joseph did not understand the significance of the dream, but it was fulfilled several years later when he was sold as a slave into Egypt. As you remember, Joseph became governor of Egypt and when a famine came upon the land, his brethren came to him to buy food, not knowing who he was. The rest of the story shows that his brothers did, in fact, make obeisance to Joseph as the dream had predicted many years before.

In this dream Joseph saw the sun as representing his father Jacob and the moon his mother. The eleven stars portrayed his eleven brothers, Joseph himself being the twelfth. The application to verse one of Revelation twelve is that the woman is symbolized as representing literal Israel. The sun and moon are her parents and the twelve stars their children or the twelve tribes of Israel.

Verse two says that “she (Israel) being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered,” and she brought forth a man child. An interesting parallel concerning Israel is found in Isaiah 66:7,8. “Before she travailed, she brought forth; before pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.” The woman, representing Israel, brought forth the man child (her children) who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.

Concerning this man child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, Revelation 2:26 and 27 says, “And he that overcometh and keepeth my words unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.” This man child must also be an overcomer, and because he is an overcomer he is given rule over the nations.

You are probably asking the question: ‘Isn’t this man child representative of the Messiah?’ Let us establish the time period of this event from the context of the chapter. By identifying the great red dragon in verse three, we can identify in what historical period this event takes place.

Notice carefully that this dragon has seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. This dragon is the devil, Satan (verse 9), portrayed as the leader of a governmental system in Revelation known as the Beast.

This Beast is described in Daniel seven as the pagan Roman Empire. It was upon the seven remaining kingdoms or mountains of Pagan Rome that Papal Rome built its kingdom (Daniel 7:24 and Revelation 17:9). These seven heads are identified as the seven remaining kingdoms of the Germanic tribes that invaded the Roman Empire and caused its fall in 476 A.D.

In order for the man child to be the Saviour, Rome must have had **seven heads** (with crowns) and **ten horns** at His birth. It is historically impossible for the dragon to have seven heads and ten horns at that time in history.

These ten horns are represented in Daniel two as the ten toes of the image. They are ten kings which are to arise in the last days at the time when Yahweh sets up His Kingdom (Daniel 2:44). Revelation 17:12 shows these ten kings do not receive their kingdoms, but they are to receive power from the Beast, which is fulfilled as they receive their crowns in Revelation 13:1. This event is still future as ten nations or kings have not united in a coalition with Papal Rome.

Let us look again at Revelation eleven. Verse three tells us that these two witnesses will prophesy for 1260 days. Continuing further in the chapter, “And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall **make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.** And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Master was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves ... And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from Yahweh entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour there was a great earthquake ... The second woe is past; and behold, the third woe cometh quickly” (Revelation 11:7-14).

These witnesses, after finishing their prophetic mission, were slain by the Beast and ascended to heaven before the second woe was sounded for those who have equated this earthquake with the great earthquake mentioned in Revelation 16:18-20. Ezekiel 38:20 and Zechariah 14:4,5, please notice that these later events occur at the time of the **third woe** or the sounding of the seventh Trumpet Angel, whereas this earthquake occurs before the **second woe**.

Notice also that the time span of their prophecy was 1260 days. The beast also made war against them, overcame them, and killed them. The same time period identified as 42 months mentioned in Revelation 13:5 and the beast was given this time “to make war with the saints, and to overcome them” (verse 7). This same time period is also mentioned in Revelation twelve where the dragon makes war with the remnant of her (Israel’s) seed while she is protected by Yahweh for those 1260 days or 3 ½ years (verse 6).

It was the beast with seven heads and ten horns that came out of the bottomless pit making war with the two witnesses and killing them. **Do you think that a government would have to make war with these two witnesses if they had only been two men? This is very unlikely, yet this beast government did make war with the two witnesses because they are more than just two men. They comprise 144,000 men who are filled with the Spirit and preaching by the power of Yahweh.**

A very interesting point now emerges which ties all three groups, i.e., the man child, the two witnesses, and the 144,000 together as one and the same group of individuals. All three are taken from the earth prior to the second coming and first resurrection. Revelation 12:5 says the man child was “caught up unto Yahweh, and to his throne.” Revelation 11:12 says that the two witnesses “ascended up to heaven in a cloud.” And Revelation 14:3,4 says that the 144,000 were “redeemed from the earth ... being the first fruits unto Yahweh and to the Lamb.”

Three other parallels are noticed in Scripture in reference to His second coming. **Revelation 14:1 says that these 144,000 are standing on Mount Zion with Yahshua and Zechariah says that all the saints (including these) will be with Him on Mount Olives at His return (Zech. 14:4,5).** Jude also records what Enoch prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Master Yahshua coming with ten thousands of His saints” (Jude 14). From these accounts it appears that these three diversely described, but self-same groups not only are taken to heaven prior to the second coming of Yahshua, but are there with Him at His return to earth as He stands on Mount Zion (Olives).

Earlier we had read in Revelation seven where the four angels were standing on the four corners of the earth holding back the four winds. These winds were not to blow on the earth until the sealing of Yahweh’s servants had taken place. After this group is sealed, they will literally fulfill Yahshua’s statement of Matthew 24:14. “And this glad tidings of the kingdom shall be preached in **all the world** for a witness unto **all nations**; and then shall the end come.”

The two witnesses do fulfill this commission and after they have finished their testimony of 3 ½ years, the four angels can now loose the four winds that they have been holding. **This loosening is sounded by the sixth trumpet angel, which is also called the second woe angel (Revelation 9:13,14). The loosening of these winds is the preparation for the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-17), which will climax at the sounding of the seventh trumpet Angel (third woe) and Yahshua’s personal return to this earth.**

In brief summary: The two olive trees are a symbol of the remnant of the two houses of Israel. They are the candlesticks as it was through them that Yahweh gave the light which all the world now has access to.

**The man child is symbolic of the 144,000 born of the woman Israel: these are a remnant sealed with Yahweh’s Name.** This group has but one purpose and that is to proclaim with a loud voice: “**Fear Yahweh, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come ...**” (Revelation 14:7). These messengers “witness” to the peoples of the earth for the 1260 days (42 months or 3 ½ years) of the tribulation. After their message is finished, they are slain and taken to heaven and return with Yahshua.

If we allow the Spirit of Yahweh to lead us and not rely upon various ideas we have heard in the past, we will be led into a greater and deeper understanding of Yahweh’s word. May Yahweh bless you with light and understanding in your study of this subject.

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# OUR MASTER'S POVERTIES, OUR RICHES

By Michael D. Hammons

When first reading the title of this article some may be taken aback by the phraseology. We don't often hear the plural of the word "poverty," and reading it seems odd. But it was purposely used here, and the rest of the article will elucidate as to why. Also, I hope to bring to light what our riches are. May Yahweh bless this endeavor.

First of all, let us read the statement at 2 Cor. 8:9 quoted from "*The Scriptures*" published by Institute for Scripture Research, South Africa. "For you know the favour of our Master uSwhy Messiah, that being rich, He became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich through His poverty."

Notice that this verse states that our Master was rich. What does this mean? Does it mean, as some popular preachers teach, that while here on earth Yahshua was financially wealthy? I do not think it means that. After all, our Savior was born to a poor, humble, Hebrew family. Compare Luke 2:22-24 with Leviticus 12:6-8. Miriam and Yoseph offering only "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons" indicates they lacked the resources to offer also the "year old lamb."

So, what does it mean when it says our Master Yahshua was rich? I think it means that He was rich with spirit life before He became a human. See John 1:1,14 and Philippians 2:6,7. We see that He gave up being in the form of Elohim to become human. This indeed is giving up great riches, more than we can even imagine, and plunging oneself into poverty. For our Savior to empty Himself of His pre-human spirit form and become a man must have been a great sacrifice. We need to try to comprehend this so we will appreciate more and more what our Savior has done for us.

But there must be more to the story since I used the plural form of "poverty." How could our Master become poor again? To understand this we need to remind ourselves that while our Savior was one-hundred percent human while here on earth, He wasn't just any kind of human. He was born of a virgin (Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35) which means the Adamic death penalty was not transferred to Him, He was not under the usual Adamic condemnation. He was sinless, undefiled, separate from sinners (Heb. 7:26). He had a perfect human nature mentally, morally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. He gave up such great riches as these to die as the sin offering for Adam and the whole human race condemned through Adam. Twice our Master gave up great riches for our sake that we might become rich through His poverty (or, poverties). We need to praise Him and show Him we appreciate all He has done, we need to obey Him and let His gift of salvation cleanse us in thoughts and deeds. We need to become purer and purer by means of Yahweh's Spirit which He gives to the obedient (Acts 5:32).

How will we be made rich? Just feast your mind on some or all of the following scriptures! Rom. 2:7, 8:16-18; 1 Cor. 6:2,3; II Tim. 2:11,12; Rev. 5:10, 20:6, 22:5; Dan. 2:44, 7:21,22.

Amen. Praise Yah for such great blessings to come to us through the poverties of the Messiah Yahshua, our Master and Savior!

# CHERRY TREES

We spent summers at our cottage on Morrison Lake when I was a kid. My two brothers and I were walking down the road one sunny day coming back from somewhere and we saw some cherry trees full of fruit. We went over and picked a few and started eating them and then walked home. About ten minutes later Mrs. Rose, the woman who owned the trees, came knocking on the door. My mom answered it. Mrs. Rose proceeded to tell my mom that we had eaten some cherries off her trees and she didn't appreciate it at all. My mom, bless her heart, said "those boys couldn't have eaten but a few, but I'll talk to them" and then said thank you and good-bye and closed the door. Our mom then told us to leave those cherry trees alone from now on and we agreed.

A short while later it started to get dark across the lake. A storm came up and rolled over the water. The wind blew really hard and created waves on the lake that day and this is a lake that never had waves. My mom was praying like always. My mom hated storms and always got scared when a storm came.

After the storm was over we heard a loud commotion outside. We all went out to see what was going on. Down the road where the cherry trees had been a tornado had touched down. Every one of those trees was uprooted and tossed around. The other neighbors were all checking out the trees and then some of them went and got buckets, pots and pans. Soon almost everyone on our road came out to get some cherries. They picked the cherries off of the uprooted trees filling up their buckets, pots and pans. Mrs. Rose stood and watched for a while and then started yelling to everyone, "take all you want, they're no good for anything anymore."

Of course the other neighbors did not know what had really happened, but we did. I became a believer that day.

By: Scott Wilber

## THE ASSEMBLY OF YAHWEH PRAYER AMBASSADORS

Sister Hiawatha Cromer and Brother Jim Graves are interested in starting a Prayer Ministry. This is a service where many of Yahweh's Faithful Followers will have the opportunity to serve the Body of Messiah by directing prayers to our great Healer, Yahweh.

We will be able to converse through free conference calling. The Prayer Conference will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in by calling 605-475-5900. When prompted enter the Access Code 9668846#.

With the uncertainties that exist in the world today, we need to devote more time to prayer and encourage others to do likewise. We believe that Praying Ambassadors can turn this country around. Suggestions to improve on this concept are welcome. Send comments or ideas to Prayer Ambassadors c/o The Faith Magazine.

# ABIDE IN ALMIGHTY YAHWEH!

Our Father Yahweh wants us to abide in Him just as our High Priest and soon coming King Yahshua the Messiah did. To “Abide” in Yahweh means to “Live in Him” and or to “Rest in Him.” As true Obadiyahs (Worshippers of Yahweh) we must learn to trust in, to depend on, and walk in His Spirit that He has sealed us with and has caused to dwell within us. To Abide in Yahweh is to walk in His Laws which He has placed on our hearts and minds (Yer. 31:33) through His Spirit. Therefore to abide (live in and walk in) in Yahweh one has to learn to submit to the promptings, leading, and guiding of the Spirit of Yahweh in us. Galatians 5:16,17; Rom. 8:4-17.

1. Psalms 90:1-3.
2. Psalms 91:1-15 (vs. 11-14 because He has known Yah’s Name, compare to Matt. 4:6 and Luke 4:10,11). Also see Psalms 9:10.

Note: Abiding in Yahweh is our protection. Psalms 37:7(a), 62:1,2, 71:1-5; Yahchanan (John) 15:1-17.

3. 1<sup>st</sup> Yahchanan 2:3-6; Col. 1:23; Eph. 3:17-20 (to walk in Yahweh is to trust in, believe in, and live by His Commandments, to live by the Word of Almighty Yahweh!).

I pray that this message will be a blessing to you!  
Yahweh bless you and keep you! Num. 6:23-27

By: Anthony J. Jones

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## HE CAME FOR YOU

**“For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost!” (Luke 19:10)**

There are so many churches and church goers today. There are so many who profess and claim to be believers. There are still, also, more devoted worshipers, but they are all really lost and need to be saved.

In spite of your claim to being a believer or a sincere worshiper, if you are still living in sin, you have not really repented and forsaken your sins, you have not accepted Yahshua the Messiah into your life as your personal Saviour. Then, you are in a miserable state of lost condition – and will go to hell fire if you do not repent.

You need to be saved. The Son of man came to seek and to save you from your sins and eternal damnation. He has warned, **“I tell you, except you repent you shall likewise perish.” (Luke 13:5)**

Except you repent and give your life to Yahshua the Messiah, ask Him to come into your life and change your life, you shall perish! But it is not the will of our heavenly Father that any one should perish but that all should come to repentance (Ezekiel 18:23, 33:11).

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## ***YAHSHUA'S JEWELS***

### **Yahshua's Young People**

***“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”***

*(1 Tim 4:12)*

### ***YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!!***

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy Elohim: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” (Isaiah 41:10)

Everyone feels alone at times. Even Yahshua felt alone in the Garden of Gethsemane when his friends, the disciples, fell asleep when he needed them the most. Yahshua felt so alone and sad. Yahshua sought the only one that would always be there for him: he prayed to his Heavenly Father for help. Yahweh gave him the strength and power to take on any challenge. Yahshua felt comforted and empowered knowing that the greatest being of the Universe was with him. He knew he was not alone.

Yahshua now sits at the right hand of his Father ready to help you in any situation. Yahshua reminds us “all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth”. Repent of your sins sincerely and call on Yahshua in any situation and he will help you. It could be peer pressure at school, a hard math test, help to master your favorite sport or times when you feel you're the only one standing up for what is right. Call on Yahshua and you will see his awesome power transform your life. Father Yahweh and His Son Yahshua love you with a perfect love. They are the only ones that will never fail you. They want you to have fun, live, laugh and enjoy your youth. Being a young person is more difficult today but with Yahshua it can be a BLAST!!

Yahshua and the whole host of heaven (thousands of angels) are ready to fight for you. Don't feel alone. Just call on him in truth and stand back and see the salvation of Yahweh in your life. You will never feel alone and he will help you to do amazing things in your life. Remember Yahshua rules and loves you greatly. With Yahweh all things are possible according to his will. What are you waiting for? Give him a try and the best is yet to come.

# WORD MYSTERY

**CAN YOU FIND THE MISSING WORD FOR THESE VERSES???**

**LIGHT**

**FEAR**

**GOOD**

**ALL**

**WORLD**

1. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but Yahweh delivereth him out of them \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue: Psalms 34:19)
2. The angel of Yahweh encampeth round about them that \_\_\_\_\_ him and delivereth them. (Clue: Psalms 34:7)
3. Ye are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. (Clue: Matthew 5:14a)
4. No \_\_\_\_\_ thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Clue: Psalms 84:11b)
5. I am with you always, even unto the end of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue: Matthew 28:20b)

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**REMEMBER YAHSHUA'S JEWELS (YOUNG PEOPLE)  
HE LOVES YOU BIG TIME!!!!**

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## ELECTION

We had a big Election this year for the President of our country. That Election is over but all our life has been an Election. "Choose you this day whom you will serve." Our Father in Heaven Yahweh or Satan; the choice is yours, the vote waiting to be cast.

If you already made your choice to follow Yahweh, it must be a sure vote not to be changed or compared to other possibilities. You must endure to the end before your Ballot is cast and finalized. Who you cast your vote for will be Victory for you or Defeat separated for Everlasting from the King, the real President of the Universe, our Father Yahweh the Creator of all things.

Douglas Panetta



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# YAHWEH'S 2013 CALENDAR

(Tentative)

## NEW MOON DAYS

January 13 <sup>th</sup> (Borderline)	July 10 <sup>th</sup> (Borderline)
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	August 9 <sup>th</sup>
March 13 <sup>th</sup> (Borderline)	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	October 7 <sup>th</sup>
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
June 10 <sup>th</sup> (Borderline)	December 5 <sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Regarding the projected March new moon sighting – can the moon be sighted March 12 in Jerusalem, Israel at 19 hours 54 minutes after conjunction (almost 20 hours) and the moon is up for 48 minutes? If it can, the New Moon Day will be March 13 with the following dates for March, April and May projected. If it is not seen March 12, then the dates for March, April and May will be one day later. Begin Yahweh's days at sunset the preceding day.**

## CALCULATED FEAST DAYS

Yahshua's Memorial (Passover)	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	OR	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	OR	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Last Day Unleavened Bread	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	OR	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Feast of Weeks	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	OR	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Feast of Trumpets	Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	OR	Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>
Day of Atonement	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	OR	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day Feast of Tabernacles	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	OR	Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Last Great Day	Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	OR	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>

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

## HE CAME FOR YOU

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**“For Yahweh so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but shall have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) ETERNAL LIFE IS HIS WILL FOR YOU!**

To receive the Son of Yahweh – Yahshua the Messiah into your life, say this prayer sincerely with your whole heart. Our heavenly Father, I come to you in the Name of your Son Yahshua the Messiah whom you sent to die for me. I believe in my heart that Yahshua is the Messiah, the true Son of Yahweh. I believe that He died for me. I accept Him as my personal Saviour and Redeemer. Son of Yahweh, come into my heart and make me a new man; in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah I pray, Amen.

By: C.C. Emeka

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