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YAHWEH

...And, Let every one that nameth the Name of
Yahweh depart from iniquity.

2 Timothy 2:19

thou holdest fast my Name,
and hast not denied my faith...

Revelation 2:13

And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount
Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four
thousand, having His Name and His Father's Name
written in their foreheads.

Revelation 14:1

Who shall not fear thee O Yahweh, and magnify thy
Name? for thou only are holy (qadosh): for all nations
shall come and worship before thee;...

Revelation 15:4

And they shall see His face;
and His Name shall be in their foreheads.

Revelation 22:4

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EDITORIAL

STORMS OF LIFE

The Very Intense Storm of August 24, 2023 – We expected some rain on August 24 and most of the gardeners and farmers in Central Michigan would have been happy to have it rain. Suddenly our cell phones rang out, Severe Thunderstorm Warning with destructive winds expected up to 80 mph, take cover, seek shelter or go to the basement. What a blessing for that warning call on our cell phones.

Another storm has been brewing for about 2,000 years, and it was written down in the Scriptures for our learning. Our Master and Savior Yahshua the Messiah spoke these words and prophecies in Matthew 24.

This warning from Matthew 24:27 – For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. If we back up to verses 3 through 7, we can see some of these warnings in our daily news. Verse 4 – And Yahshua answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. Verse 6 – and ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars... Verse 7 – For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. Again in Luke 21:8-11 – Be not deceived...wars and commotions, be not terrified...nation against nation...great earthquakes, fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

When we see the parallels in the Scriptures with what is reported in the newspapers and on the nightly news, we should take heed. We need to examine ourselves. Do we measure up to Yahweh's standard of Faith? Are we walking in the footsteps of our Savior, Redeemer, and soon coming King Yahshua the Messiah? Remember: **Today is the day of Salvation.**

We can take comfort in knowing that Yahweh is in control. Psalm 22:28 – For the kingdom is Yahweh's: and he is the governor among the nations. Psalm 24:1 – The earth is Yahweh's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Psalm 91:2 – I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress, my Elohim; in him will I trust. The name of Yahweh is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Proverb 18:10.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto Elohim. And the peace of Elohim, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through the Messiah Yahshua. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the Elohim of peace shall be with you. Philippians 4:6-9.

Samuel A. Graham

The Name, YHWH

In view of the following Scriptures, how can anyone ignore the name Yahweh? The following Scriptures advise us to:

Acknowledge The Name	1 Kings 8:33, 35
Bless The Name	Psalm 145:21
Call on The Name	Psalm 99:6
Confess The Name	2 Chronicles 6:24, 25, 1 Kings 8:35, 36
Declare The Name	Romans 9:17, Hebrews 2:12, John 17:26
Do not despise The Name	Malachi 1:6
Exalt The Name	Psalm 34:3, Isaiah 2:4
Give thanks to The Name	Psalm 106:47
Glorify The Name	1 Chronicles 16:9, 10, Psalm 86:9, 12
Honor The Name	Psalm 66:2, 4
Love The Name	Psalm 5:11, 69:34-36; Isaiah 56:5, 6
Magnify The Name	Psalm 69:30
Make Known The Name	2 Chronicles 2:1-6
Mention The Name	Isaiah 12:2, 4; 26:13
Praise The Name	2 Samuel 22:50; Psalm 148:1, 2, 11-13
Publish The Name	Deuteronomy 32:3
Remember The Name	Exodus 3:15, Psalm 45:17
Sacrifice [Offering] to The Name	Psalm 116:13, 17
Sing to The Name	Psalm 9:1, 2
Think on The Name	Malachi 3:16
Trust in The Name	Isaiah 50:10

It was a criminal act to delete the name of Yahweh Most High, and replace it with substitutes.

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THE ORIGINAL NEW TESTAMENT

Did It Contain The Name YHWH?

Yahshua the Messiah made known to his disciples the Father's name (John 17:26). Why? For what purpose? Did they learn The Name only to lay it on a shelf, or did they regularly call on and worship that name? The latter is the more reasonable. There is reason to believe some, possibly most, of the New Testament was originally written in the Hebrew language. If true, then it is likely the name YHWH appeared in the texts.

We can with reasonable certainty affirm that the Book of Matthew and the Letter to the Hebrews, when originally written, contained the name YHWH. According to ancient witnesses, these books were written in the Hebrew language. Later, Luke carefully translated them into Greek (reported by Clement, and Irenaeus, recorded in Eusebius Ecc. History, Book V, Chapters VIII & XIV; Papais, Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 1, Eerdmans, 1956, page 154B).

It is reasonable to believe the original N. T. Scriptures contained the name YHWH, since the Sacred Writings of the O. T. contain this Name 6,823 times. The preface to many Bibles, footnotes in Bibles, encyclopedias, Bible dictionaries, and other reference books assure us the true name is Yahweh.

For example, take the preface to the Emphasized Version, by Rotherham. He wrote several pages explaining the importance of The Name, and pointing out that it was a grave mistake to have deleted this name from the Sacred Writings in our English Versions.

Obviously, the Most High El is pleased with His name. Proof: As stated above The Name Yahweh appears in the O. T. alone 6,823 times, I am told. He requests (or commands?) all to worship that name, to call upon that name, to extol that name. Why do so many people refuse to do so? With most people it is because they do not know His name. But what about those who know His name and still refuse to call on the name Yahweh?

Yahweh is pleased, joyous and proud of His name. Therefore He would not suddenly change His name in order to please the Gentiles of the 1st or 2nd century. We can be certain this did not occur. However, if He had chosen to do this, we can be sure He would have made it known to His people, especially the Apostles. But there is no record of such a name change. To emphasize the importance of the name Yahweh, please note the Scriptures on Page 4 of this issue of The Faith.

Submitted by Elder Voy Wilks

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Page Five

The Congregation of Yahweh

What is the Assembly of Yahweh? Who composes the congregation? Is it a sect? A denomination? A religious organization? These questions we wish to answer from the Scriptures for the blessing of each of our truth seeking readers.

The Greek and Hebrew words both have the meaning of a called out class, a company of separated ones. The true meaning of the word is not “church” but assembly, or congregation. We have this word one hundred and fourteen times in the New Testament. We have the congregation of the Laodiceans, Thessalonians, Galatians, Gentiles, etc. These are local assemblies of believers in various cities or localities. Colossians 4:16, 1 Thessalonians 1:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:1, 1 Corinthians 16:1, Romans 16:4.

We wish to refer, however, not to a local assembly of believers, but to the one general congregation of Yahweh’s people – The Assembly of Yahweh. In 1 Cor. 14:33, this general assembly is called the “churches (assemblies) of the saints.” In Romans 16:16, it is called “the churches (assemblies) of the Messiah.” It is made up of the various assemblies over the world which were purchased with the blood of Yahshua, the Messiah, and the people who make up this select company are holy people, that is, “saints”. This thought is clarified in the Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 12:23. The text says, “But ye are come ... to the **general assembly and congregation of the first born, which are written in heaven.**”...

This can refer to no denomination, regardless of the sect, or the purity of its doctrine. Neither can it refer to any man-made organization, but to the assembly of saints of all ages, which compose the great body known as the “Congregation of Yahweh.”

The Assembly of Yahweh is not a religious organization, but a company of people, men and women. This is made clear in the record of Acts 14:27, where the church (assembly) is spoken of as the people of Yahweh. “When they (Paul and Barnabas) were come, and had gathered the congregation together, they rehearsed all that Yahweh had done with them.” These saints often in those days met in the homes of the people, and not in houses of worship, such as we have today; and as the temple was then, and these saints, who assembled from time to time were a “congregation”. “Greet the church (congregation) that is in their (Priscilla’s and Aquila’s) house.” Romans 16:5, Colossians 4:15.

Yahweh’s Congregation is not a sect. It is not a follower of Wesley, Luther, Campbell, Russell, Eddy, White, or any other mortal person, but of the immortal Yahshua, who purchased them for His very own. If all denominations make up the true congregation of the Most High, then Paul’s statement would not be true. “I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Master, Yahshua the Messiah, that you all speak the **same thing**, and that there be **no divisions** among you (such as we now see in Christendom), but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind in the same judgment. For it has been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of the Messiah. Is the Messiah divided? Was Paul crucified [offered] for you? Or, were ye baptized in the name of Paul?” 1 Corinthians 1:10-13.

We know that the Anointed One, or the Anointed Class, is not divided. Neither were we saved by Wesley, Luther, Knox, Paul or Cephas. We are property of the Messiah, who purchased us by His own life paid out on Calvary. So why call ourselves the congregation of some man, or the follower of some person? Paul says clearly, “Let no man glory in men (or a woman). For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas,

or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are the Messiah's and the Messiah is Yahweh's." 1 Corinthians 3:21-23.

Today we hear much of the Lutheran Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, etc., but few assemblies desire to have themselves called by the Scriptural name, by which the saints of the early centuries designated their little congregations.

It is true that various holiness bodies have sprung up, and seeking to get closer to the Scriptures, have designated their religious denominations as The Church of God, The Churches of God, and The Churches of Christ. These names, however, were never known to the early followers of the blessed Savior, but came into existence centuries after they passed from the picture, and are substitutes, and not translations of the original terms.

Take, for instance, the word Church, a sacred word to religious people of our day. Whence did the word originate? Was its origin holy [kodesh], should we continue to use it, just because it is commonly used? This word Church comes from the Latin, which in turn, comes from the Greek word Kuriake. This word Kuriake means, literally, "belonging to Kurios." And who was Kurios? He was the Sun deity in the Sanscrit language, and was adopted into the Greek. The early saints never used this term. They did not belong to Kurios, but to Yahweh. Their term used for the body of believers was the same as our assembly, or congregation with a sense of being separated from the world.

And what about the word God? Readers of **The Faith Magazine** who have studied lessons in our earlier editions know from whence this word came. It was not known to the prophets, except in an evil sense, as a name of a pagan deity, who was worshipped in opposition to Yahweh. See Isaiah 65:11, margin, and Hebrew text. This same deity-name came down through the apostate Israelites until it became a fixed term for any deity by the pagan Teutonic tribes. Webster's Unabridged Twentieth Century Dictionary says of this word God: "The word is common to Teutonic tongues, but was not identified outside of them ... It was applied to heathen deities and later, when the Teutonic people were converted to Christianity, and the word was elevated to the Christian sense."

In other words, the heathen deities the barbaric Teutons worshipped were known to them as "god". Later they learned of the true Creator of heaven and earth, and so they were taught that He was another of their deities and so they called Him God also. Later the false deities were forgotten to an extent, and no longer worshipped. They sought to worship the true Creator, but instead of using His divine name, by which He always refers to Himself; they continued to call Him God.

Today we have Churches of God and The Church of God, whose original meaning is, belonging to the (Sun-deity) Kurios God. Call these Scriptural terms if you wish, but to me they are rank substitutions for the inspired terms, properly translated as Congregation of Yahweh or Assembly of Yahweh. Let's get back to the original meaning, if we wish to be Scriptural.

In the New Testament the word Kurios is used when the Savior is meant. Often there is no way to tell the original meaning, except by the context. However, one may readily see, by comparison of the New Testament and the Hebrew Old Testament texts, that not only is Kurios used when the Hebrew Scriptures say "Yahweh," but, also we find that the Greek Theos is used in the New Testament, when substituted for the Hebrew sacred [set apart] Name of Yahweh. For instance, compare Matthew 4:5 with the original in Deuteronomy 8:3, and thereby learn that Yahweh has been changed into Theos or God. Hence, the Churches of God and the Church of God of the New Testament are really The Congregation of Yahweh or the Assembly of Yahweh. The words congregation and assembly are synonymous, and may be used interchangeably, and they really convey the

meaning of the New Testament scribes, but they are not tainted with sun-god worship, as is the word Church.

The husband and wife union pictures the true Assembly of Yahweh and her head, even Yahshua the Messiah. "The husband is the head of the wife, even as the Messiah is the head of the Assembly" (Ephesians 5:23, 24). A human body complete with the head, the seat of intellect, driving force, as well as the senses, is another picture of the Assembly of Yahweh with its head Yahshua the Messiah. "He (Yahshua) is the head of the body, the Assembly." Colossians 1:18.

As long as we look to another head, be that woman or man, ever so pious, we cannot be of that body whose head is Yahshua. Let's look at these things candidly, even though they do hurt us. The truth will set us free, if we allow it free course in our lives.

All saints, all the holy men and women, all the called out people from the world, are the True Congregation of Yahweh. "These things I write unto thee ... that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of Yahweh, which is the Assembly of the living Elohim, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:14, 15). All saints, everywhere in all ages, regardless of all denominational fences or sectarian ties, if they be saints, make up the general company known as the Assembly of Yahweh, which alone is the foundation and support of all truth. There is but one true Assembly, not several, nor is it divided. "There is one congregation [body], and one Spirit (Ephesians 4:4).

Eight times in the New Testament the heavenly Father's earthly assemblies of worshippers are designated as The Congregation of Yahweh. Acts 20:8; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10:32, 11:22, 15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5. Three times Yahweh's children are designated as Congregations of Yahweh. 1 Corinthians 11:16, 1 Thessalonians 2:14, 2 Thessalonians 1:4. The term Assembly of the living Yahweh is used once. 1 Timothy 3:15.

From these texts one may readily learn that the accepted name for the children of the Heavenly Father was The Congregation of Yahweh, not the Church of Luther, or the Church of Wesley, nor the Church of the Baptist.

Once in Romans 16:16, the assemblies are designated as The Congregations of the Messiah. Some think this is a sectarian name, and so we have Churches of Christ, but the context proves that the term is used in referring to the Congregations of Yahweh. Paul says, "Ye are (property of) the Messiah, and the Messiah is of Yahweh" 1 Corinthians 3:23.

Though there be multitudes (saints of all ages) in the Assembly of Yahweh yet it is the same Congregation. "We being many are one body (assembly) in the Messiah and every one members of one another" Romans 12:5. "Now ye are the body of the Messiah, and members in particular" 1 Corinthians 12:27. ...

We do not join this company by a hand shake, a card, or otherwise, but we are drawn into it by the Spirit of Yahweh Himself. ... "Yahweh added (and still adds) to the Assembly daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:47.

In sects, church rolls are of great importance, and the longer the roll the more successful the church is supposed to be; but Yahweh's Congregation also has a roll book, and that book is not touched by human hands, but the names of the members are added and removed from that precious document by angelic hands. This General Assembly and Congregation of the first born (are the ones) which were written (margin: enrolled) in heaven. Hebrews 12:23.

Bless Yahweh, there is no preacher who can remove my name from the Lamb's Book of Life, only I, by my deeds, can cause that name to be erased. Halleluyah!

How do we become members of this Assembly of Yahweh, you may ask? There is a

path clearly marked in the Scriptures, which one follows until he is added unto Yahweh's Congregation.

1. We must realize our lost condition, our unrighteousness, our inability to do anything about it of our own selves. "There is none righteous (of himself), no, not one" Romans 3:10, 5:12.
2. We must have faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please Yahweh; for he that cometh to Yahweh **must** believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" Hebrews 11:6.
3. We must regard Yahweh as the essence, and source, of all holiness [kodeshness], and all goodness. "The reverence of Yahweh is the beginning of Wisdom. No man can come to me (said the Savior), except the Father which hath sent me draw him" John 6:44.
4. We must repent of all sin. Not only does the Scripture teach that we must be sorry for our sins, but we must be sorry enough that we will seek Yahweh's forgiving grace, through His blessed Son – the only remedy for sin. Acts 3:19.
5. We must accept Yahshua the Messiah as our personal Savior, as the remedy for all sins, the cleansing agent for all uncleanness, the power of a righteous life. His promise is, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6.
6. Our sorrow and repentance must lead us to a new life, one free from sin. We must change our ways. We must be converted. "If ye will be my disciple (says the Master), you must deny yourself, then take up your cross [stake] and follow me" Matthew 16:24.
7. Having taken the steps outlined in the Scriptures, and daily walking in the light of Yahweh's Word, we are then considered right by the Most High. No man has the authority to say we are right. "It is Yahweh that justifieth" Romans 8:33.
8. We are then, after being accepted by Yahweh, new creatures – really new beings, men and women who have passed from sin to holiness [kodeshness], from death to life. "If any man be in the Messiah, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" 2 Corinthians 5:17.
9. New creatures are then anointed for service. In the temple, in type, the priest poured the anointing oil on the head of the consecrated person, and the oil ran down from the hair of the head over the shoulders, even to the feet (Psalm 133:2). "He (Moses) poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him to sanctify him" (set him aside for sacred service, Leviticus 8:12). **The Messiah, our example, was anointed of the Holy Spirit** at His baptism at the river Jordan, for service. The apostles were anointed for service, at Jerusalem on Pentecost day. The Gentile believers were anointed, for service, at the home of Cornelius. All were anointed even as was Aaron – as a sanctifying act – sealing them for service.*
10. Having been forgiven of our sins, cleansed of our filthiness, made new creatures in Yahshua, we are then sanctified – by accepting, living, and teaching His Word. Only the Scriptures are instruments of Yahweh's sanctifying act. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" John 17:17.

In the Assembly are various servants of the Master, used in different capacities, as **He** wills. Bishops, elders, deacons, pastors, teachers, helpers are listed as servant classes in the Assembly of Yahweh; but such in no way excuses the rest of the members from doing the very best in a sanctified service for His Name's Sake. Yahshua is the true Head, the

only Leader and in Him rests supreme authority in the Assembly. Yahweh “hath put all things under His (Yahshua’s) feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the Congregation, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all” Ephesians 1:22, 23.

The Assembly of Yahweh needs feeding today, just as in all ages. The servants entrusted with the feeding of the sheep of the True Flock are admonished to feed them well. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves (you teachers), and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Congregation of Yahweh, which He hath purchased with the blood of His own” Acts 20:28.

The food for the sheep is found in the Scriptures and emphasized by the decrees of the holy [set apart] men at Jerusalem, which are recorded in the New Testament. “They delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the Congregations established in the faith, and increased in numbers daily” Acts 16:4, 5. In so far as we cling to the Scriptures, so much as we are strengthened with power from above, and by our lives impel others to be drawn by the Father into the same general Assembly.

Being members of the Assembly of Yahweh, we are thus a real priesthood, even as Peter explains saying, “Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood **to offer up sacrifices** acceptable to Yahweh by Yahshua the Messiah” 1 Peter 2:5. These sacrifices **acceptable to Yahweh** are not the life and blood, and bodies of bulls, goats, lambs, and doves; but they are the living bodies of the members of the Assembly of Yahweh. Each member as a priest, offers up his own body, **by Yahshua the Messiah**, just as literally as the Aaronic priest offered up the animal upon the altar. Paul says, “I beseech you, therefore, brethren, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Yahweh, which is your reasonable service” Romans 12:1.

You ask, Shall my sacrifice [offering] be literal? Our answer is, Yes! Just as literal as was that of our Savior, who offered himself a sacrifice for others. His submission unto His Father’s will, which led eventually unto death, is an example of the type of sacrifice that we are called upon to offer unto our Maker. Peter states the thought in these words, “For hereunto were ye called; because the Messiah also **suffered for us, leaving us an example** that we should follow in His footsteps” 1 Peter 2:21.

**Editor’s Note: As Yahshua our Chief Shepherd was baptized (immersed) setting a pattern for us to follow, so must we be baptized as Yahshua commanded. (John 3:5, Acts 2:38)*

The true Congregations of Yahweh are made up of saints, real flesh and blood men and women, but holy [set apart]. Some churches do not have any living saints, but wait until some die and then make saints of them. But in the Congregation of Yahweh the members are saints. If they are not saints, then they are not members of that saintly Assembly. Paul says, “Yahweh is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in **all assemblies of the saints**” 1 Corinthians 14:33.

Yes, the Assembly of Yahweh is made up of holy [set apart] people. Paul greeted them as sanctified ones. I believe there are such saints living today. Am I one? Are you one? I still believe there are saints today and such make up the body of believers which Yahweh has chosen to call the Assembly of Yahweh.

Paul greeted the Corinthian Congregation as sanctified people saying, “Greetings unto the Congregation of Yahweh which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in the Messiah Yahshua, called to be saints” 1 Corinthians 1:2. This type of greeting is applicable to each **true Assembly of Yahweh**; and each Congregation claiming to be Yahweh’s should be

Elijahs Wanted

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to their children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. – Malachi 4:5-6.

Malachi plainly tells us that in the last days Yahweh will send us Elijah to warn us of the coming of the dreadful day of Yahweh and turn the hearts of the people unto righteousness so that they should not be smitten by the curse. The Jews asked the Savior when this would occur. He told them that He was the promised Messiah. They asked, How can this be? Was not the Messiah to be preceded by the coming of the prophet Elijah? The Savior answered, Yes, the Messiah was to be preceded by Elijah, but Elijah had come and preached repentance, and they had killed him: “This He spake of John the Baptist.” – See Matthew 17:10-13.

In verse thirteen we are told that the apostles recognized John the Baptist as the Elijah who was to come, for the Savior had said that not the original personal Elijah was to precede him, but one possessing the same spiritual power.

The Jews, in the days of Yahshua the Messiah, were looking for the personal Elijah, and they did not recognize the Elijah who fulfilled the prophecy. Today, we are confronted with the same condition. The preachers and teachers of the present day are teaching the return of a personal Elijah, and the people as a whole are believing and looking for the miraculous resurrected Elijah the Tishbite, and, like the people of the Savior’s day, they will not recognize the person, or persons, sent in the spirit and power and service of Elijah. They will reject and refuse to listen to them, even doing them violence, so that it behooves us to examine the evidence and the identification marks, so that we may be able to identify those sent to fulfill the Elijah work, that is, to warn the people of impending judgments and to restore righteousness through the everlasting evangel. This study is dedicated to the purpose of identifying the modern Elijah, or rather, the Elijah movement.

When the Ten Tribes of Israel separated from Rehoboam and established themselves into an independent government in Samaria, under the leadership of Jeroboam, the latter, fearing that Israel would return to the House of David if they continued to go to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh, thought to perpetuate his reign over them by establishing a religion of his own and enforced it by decree. He ordered the casting of two golden calves, and proclaimed, “Behold thy deities, O Israel, which brought thee out of land of Egypt.” And he set the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. This thing became a sin; for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan (1 Kings 12:28-30).

This continued until the reign of Omri. When Omri died, Ahab his son succeeded him, and intensified Israel’s apostasy, as we read in the Scripture: “And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of Yahweh above all that were before him, and it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel, (the virgin of Baal) the daughter of Eth-Baal (the Man of Baal), king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal (the L-rd) and worshiped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove (a shrine) and Ahab did more to provoke Yahweh the Elohim of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. (1 Kings 16:30-33). Thus Baal worship was introduced in Israel.

Elijah, a man of faith and conviction, lived in Israel at that time. He was in communion with Yahweh, and Yahweh gave him a commission. It was not an easy task that Yahweh

had given him. But because Elijah was a man of courage and conviction, he did not ask to be excused. His was the responsibility of rebuking the king, as well as the people, for apostasy, and to pronounce the sentence of punishment. “As Yahweh the Elohim of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.”

He then, in obedience to the commandment of Yahweh, turned eastward and hid himself by the brook Cherith, near the Jordan River, where some nomad Arabs supplied him with bread and flesh every morning and evening, and he drank water from the brook. (I know that some of you will want to correct me on this, saying that it was the ravens that fed Elijah, but the Hebrew word for raven is “Arab” the very same word that is used in describing a person of Arabian nationality. It is also a word used for Arabia. The King James translators, wanting to bring some magic into the story, translated it raven. But let me emphasize this fact: It was more of a miracle for the Arabs to feed Elijah than it would have been for the bird we call the raven to do so. The Arabs hated an Israelite bitterly, and would rather have killed him than feed him. It was a miracle for Yahweh to have so touched the hearts of the Arabs as to feed his servant Elijah.)

Elijah stayed in this hiding place until the drought dried up the brook; then he received his marching orders from Yahweh. He was told to go to Zarephath near the city of Sidon, where Yahweh had touched the heart of a widow outside the confines of Israel. She would give him food and lodging for the duration of the drought which was to last three and one-half years. (See Luke 4:25, 26).

Elijah was not inactive during this time of hiding from the authorities who were seeking to kill him. Both Jezebel, representing the church of that day, and the King, representing the government, were after him. During this time Elijah was preaching under cover, but his services were only to those who were worthy. He was also performing miracles. There was a famine in the land – for the word of Yahweh as well as for bread and water. What a preview for the last days. (See Revelation 11:3-8). After three and one-half years of this suppressed witnessing, Elijah was commanded to come out of hiding and show himself to Ahab and to challenge both the church and state to a showdown. (1 Kings 18:1). So Elijah went forth to meet Ahab.

“And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of Yahweh and thou hast followed after Baalim (L-rds): Now, therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets (preachers) of Baal four hundred and fifty, and prophets of the groves (shrines) four hundred which eat at Jezebel’s table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel and gathered the prophets together unto Mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If Yahweh be Elohim, follow Him; and if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered not a word.” (1 Kings 18:17-21).

In reading the verses quoted above, we notice that the people answered not a word. They did not seem very enthusiastic about it. In fact, they did not even understand what it was all about. They had been taught that when they were worshiping Baal or Adonay (Chaldean, of the English word L-rd), they were worshiping the Creator of heaven and earth, the Mighty One of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Holy One of Israel who had brought their forefathers from Egypt. They did not know that it made any difference by what name they called Him. They did not know that by not calling Him by His original name they had actually separated themselves from the worship of the True Creator and Everlasting Father. It came as a shock to them to hear from Elijah that there was a marked

difference between Baal, Adonay, which the apostate church of Israel had substituted in the place of the true Elohim of Israel, and the sacred name, Yahweh, the name by which the Creator had revealed himself.

What a picture we have before us – a whole nation indifferent to their true religious standing; a corrupt clergy following the line of least resistance (state religion), playing politics; and the challenge of one man with convictions and the courage to stand out and oppose the false systems of worship.

The contest was on; Elijah said to the multitude, “I, even I only, remain as a prophet of Yahweh; but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men.” (1 Kings 18:22). Elijah brought the fight to the enemy. Having made the rules of the debate, he told the prophets of Baal to sacrifice their bullock, and let their Baal send the fire to consume it.

The prophets of Baal, having carefully made their preparations for their sacrifice, began to pray that Baal would send the fire. Their cries of “Baal, send the fire,” brought no response. They leaped up and down upon the altar; still no response. Elijah taunted them, made mockery of their devotions until they went to the extreme of cutting themselves and letting their blood run on the sacrifice to show their sincere devotion to their deity, but Baal answered them not. Finally they were exhausted and gave up in despair.

All Israelites knew that the name of their Elohim, the Holy One of Israel, was Yahweh, but they had been taught by their prophets and preachers that there was only one Elohim, and it did not make any difference what name they called Him, as long as they were religious and observed the golden rule. In fact they had been taught that they should not use the true name, because it was supposed to be unpronounceable. All nations, these teachers said, believed in one deity, The Creator of heaven and earth, and as all nations spoke different languages, they reasoned that they all called him by a different name. Therefore, they should use the name that was most popular.

It was this kind of reasoning that brought about the condition of which the prophets complained, as in Jeremiah 23:27. “Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.” And also in Jeremiah 23:13, the prophet says: “And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria (the ten tribes), they prophesied in Baal (in the name of the L-rd), and caused my people Israel to err.”

Elijah did not reason this way. He knew otherwise. He knew that Yahweh was and still is JEALOUS of His name (Exodus 34:14, and 23:13). He also knew that the third commandment of the Decalogue, reading from the Hebrew, says: “Thou shalt not falsify (or substitute) the name of Yahweh thy Elohim; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who falsifies his name.”

Elijah contended for this truth, that there was no other Elohim but Yahweh, and that the deities of other nations were but deified men. They were the SUN deities, who were the descendants of Ham, who became mighty men in opposition to, or in the face of, or before, Yahweh. And behind the names adopted for these deified men, was the old enemy of the Garden of Eden, Lucifer himself, the old devil, or the Satan [the adversary], who hid behind these different masks of names in order to divert the people from the worship of Yahweh to himself (1 Corinthians 10:19-21 and Isaiah 14:12-14).

The clergy of Israel, having miserably failed to prove their contention that Baal was the name by which the Almighty was to be called, stood by, while the lone Elijah began to prepare his case to prove that Yahweh was the only true name by which the Eternal should be addressed.

First, he gathered twelve stones, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel, to symbolize that the One who separated Israel unto Himself, saying "Israel is thy name," would manifest himself to the people of His choice. With these stones Elijah built an altar to the name of Yahweh. Then preparing the sacrifice, he called upon Yahweh to receive it by sending down fire from heaven. Yahweh heard the petition addressed to Him in the Sacred Name, by which He had revealed himself to Abraham and his seed; and as a result, He sent the fire and consumed the sacrifice, thus vindicating His Name. Elijah was proved the true prophet, despite the fact that he was in the minority.

"El-i-jah" means El is Yah, bringing to us the conclusion that this intrepid prophet was raised up for the purpose of contending that El is Yah, and thus turning the people's hearts back to the true Elohim and His righteousness. While Israel had gone into apostasy by adopting the names of the deities of the nations, Yahweh raised up a man and called him by the name of the cause he was to proclaim, the great truth that "El is Yah," and beside Him there is no other. And no other name is given unto men whereby we must be saved but the name YAHSHUA, Yahweh is Salvation.

Elijah won the contest and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal were slain; but he had to go and hide himself from the wrath of Jezebel. Having gone into the wilderness of Beersheba, he complained to Yahweh of the weariness of his life. Here an angel was sent to comfort him, and make preparations for his successor and wait for his translation.

Israel of the present day as well as Israel of old, in contacts with other nations, has adopted the names of the deities of those nations, viz.: the Manito of the Indians, the Iesus of the Greeks, the Pan Bog (the goat g-d) of the Poles, Nehusta (the snake g-d) of the Hungarians, the L-rd (Baal) of the English, Deus of the Latins, the Dio of the Italians, Dios of the Spaniards, and so on, ad infinitum. These are the names which in this very day and age, are being applied to the Holy One of Israel, the Mighty One of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the accepted Bibles of the Catholic and Protestant churches of these and other countries.

The great and dreadful day of Yahweh is near, with the attending apostasy. Therefore, there is now due the promised coming of Elijah to warn the people of impending judgment and turn them back to the worship of Yahweh. In the words of Jeremiah the prophet, "The harvest is passing, the summer ending, and we are not saved." – Jeremiah 8:20.

We have come to the end of the age; the time of the world's great harvest, and in the words of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, "the harvest is great and the laborers few." We need to pray, therefore, not only for Yahweh to send laborers into the field, but prepare us to take the field. Not only are the present laborers few, but all are so divided and so scattered, that they are ineffective. Our Savior obtained his workers from among the common people; from the fishing nets, from the farms, and from the slums. Having united them around Himself, and they in turn being united and with the mind of the Savior, accomplished a great work in laying the foundation for the New Covenant Assembly. While this spirit of unity prevailed, success followed; but jealousies began to creep in, and thus, competition started, ending with the Nikelaity taking over. Once again our Savior is looking for real workers for His harvest. He wants men and women who will volunteer for service in this EL-I-YAH group, not for men who consider themselves sole Elijah's, but for men who are willing to take their places in the Elijah group. Each member of this great body, whose head shall be Yahshua Himself, shall function according to the plan derived from the Scriptures alone.

Those who consider themselves as the only representatives of Elijah and do not realize that Yahweh has His seven thousand who have not bowed their knees to Baal, are hindering

not only their own progress, but also, the work which an enlightened assembly ought to be doing. We all know of the great exploits of the one Elijah, how he confounded the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of the groves, but do we realize what seven thousand such Elijahs could have accomplished had they been in touch with each other and cooperating with one consent? They could have confounded all the forces of evil, and would have destroyed forever the altars of Baal. Think of it, if one could chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, at that ratio what could seven thousand Elijahs have done in eliminating Baal worship from Israel?

Once again is evident the great challenge between Baal-worshipping Israel with a Baal-worshipping ministry; against the minority of Yahweh worshipers. The superior number of the enemy should not confound us, but the separation in our ranks should make us ashamed; for, while united we may stand, divided we shall surely fall, and the work of preaching the everlasting evangel is left undone. Truly the laborers are few, not for lack of individual believers, but for lack of cooperation among them.

The day for the appearance of the evangelical Elijah is here, and Yahweh is looking for those whom He can send forth into the field already white with harvest. As in the days of Isaiah, Yahweh is looking for those who are willing and ready to go forth. Yahweh's message is still, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" It is expected that those who have received and believed the message will answer like Isaiah of old, when his lips were touched with the Holy Spirit, and the flame of the Sacred Name Message was burning in his heart, "Here am I, send me."

Then be sure you get the message that follows: "Go and tell this people, in hearing, you listen, but you will not understand; seeing, you see but you will not learn. For this people's hearts have grown fat, their hearing has been dulled, and their eyes blinded, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts and be converted and saved." – Isaiah 6:9, 10 (Sacred Name Version).

What better or clearer description could be given of the condition of the supposed believing church today? What is harder for them to understand than the Sacred Name message with its purifying doctrine? Their teachers have immunized them against the Elijah message, hardened their hearts against the truth, and made it more difficult for them to hear and believe the truth.

May Yahweh open your hearts, not only to the truth, but also to the obligation of your part to cooperate in the spreading of this Elijah message for the closing days of this age. Closer cooperation and more constant communication among the Yahwist groups should be maintained. May Yahweh enlarge our vision is my prayer.

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composed of such believers that they could truly be called sanctified saints. To be less is to deceive our own selves, and lose eternal life. We cannot afford to be less than the best. The promise is, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" Revelation 2:10.

As these lines fall under the eyes of the readers, may Yahweh, the Eternal Father, by His goodness, His mercy, His wisdom, His power, His love, draw us into the one body, The Congregation of Yahweh, the pillar and ground of the truth, of which Yahshua our Savior is the head, our all in all. Yahweh bless you in Yahshua.

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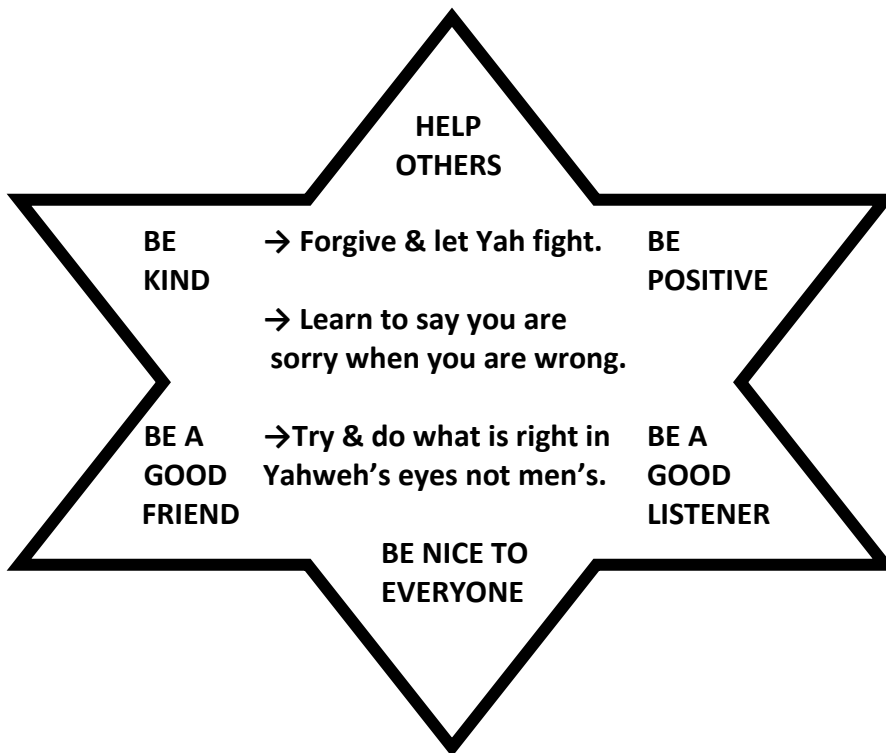
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SHINE YOUR LIGHT!!

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt 5:16)

The world has a lot of darkness and needs Yahshua's light. Yahshua wants us to shine light into the world (do good deeds and actions). How can we shine light in the world?



Being a light is not always easy; but remember the King of Kings is on your side and will bless you in his time. Yahshua always loves you!



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Brad needs help in doing what is right. How can we shine light to help him? (Hint: 4 statements are TRUE)

- | | TRUE | or | FALSE |
|--|-------|----|-------|
| 1. Watch bad things on social media. | _____ | | _____ |
| 2. Be thankful everyday: count your blessings. | _____ | | _____ |
| 3. Being popular is not everything if you are with bad people that can hurt you. | _____ | | _____ |
| 4. Hang out with positive friends. | _____ | | _____ |
| 5. It is ok to have fun in the world. Just ask yourself would Yahshua do this? | _____ | | _____ |
| 6. Talk back to your parents. | _____ | | _____ |
| 7. Go out with bad people. | _____ | | _____ |
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 We are not dead & boring stones.
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Feb. 22		April 12
Mar. 23 (Borderline)	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 26 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 26
Apr. 22		Sept. 17
May 21	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 17	Sept. 26
June 20		Oct. 1
July 19 (Borderline)	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 26	Oct. 8
Aug. 18		7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 17		
Oct. 17		
Nov. 15		
Dec. 15	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 1 through OCTOBER 7	
	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 8	

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