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FOLLOW ME

The voice that called in Galilee,
To fishermen beside the sea,
Is calling now to you and me
"Forsake thy nets, and follow me."

Chorus:

"Follow me, follow me,"
Yahshua's voice is calling thee;
"If thou wouldst worthy of Me be
Renounce thyself, and follow me."
"Follow Me, follow Me,"
"Forsake thy nets, and follow Me."

As seamen answered Yahshua's call:
And straightway left their nets and all,
Will you respond to Him to-day, --
Yahshua, the Life, the Truth, the Way.

(Chorus)

The Holy City spurned His call
Some forty years before her fall;
Now Babel spurns His loving plea,
But from her midst, He summons thee.

(Chorus)

Yahshua shall not come again
Till men shall hallow Yahweh's Name;
You'll see Him naught till ye proclaim
"Bless him who comes in Yahweh's Name."

Tune: "O Happy Day." John Briggs

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Editorial

FOLLOW YAHSHUA

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2) Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 9) This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10) For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living Elohim, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. 11) These things command and teach. 12) Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in behaviour, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. **1 Timothy 4:1, 2, 9-12.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh, and the Word was Elohim. **John 1:1.**

Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7) In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8) Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. **Titus 2:6-8.**

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. **1 Corinthians 13:13.**

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of Elohim: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of Elohim: Every spirit that confesseth that Yahshua the Messiah is come in the flesh is of Elohim: **1 John 4:1, 2**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2) For by it the elders obtained a good report. **Hebrews 11:1, 2.**

When we read this whole chapter, we can read of many saints that stood the test. To name a few are Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, and Rahab.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and *of* Barak, and *of* Samson, and *of* Jephthah; *of* David also, and Samuel, and *of* the prophets: **Hebrews 11:32.**

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: **Hebrews 11:39.**

Therefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. 2) Looking unto Yahshua the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the torture stake, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim. **Hebrews 12:1, 2.**

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 14) Let all your things be done with love. **1 Corinthians 16:13, 14.**

Our example for purity is quoted in **1 Timothy 5:1, 2** – Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren; 2) The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

The Apostle Paul in these passages was directing his followers to look unto Yahshua the Messiah.

Yahshua calls out to many, Follow me, in **Matthew 4:19, 20** – And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20) And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

Yahshua laid a test question on to Simon Peter in **Matthew 16:15-17, 19-21** – He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim. 17) And Yahshua answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. ... 19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: ... 20) Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Yahshua the Messiah. 21) From that time forth began Yahshua to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

This prophecy was about Yahshua's future. This act was for those that followed him from that date and was Yahweh's plan for his creation to save them. This is the moment in time revealed to Yahshua's disciples by Yahshua's own words.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16) For Yahweh so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17) For Elohim sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **John 3:14-17.**

If we go back to our reading in **Matthew 16:15-17, 19** – Yahshua was asking his disciples (followers), whom say ye that I am? 16) Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim. 17) Blessed art thou, Simon Barjonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. In verse 19) Yahshua told Simon Peter, I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: ... If we recite this same answer as **Matthew 16:16** and proclaim, thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim (Yahweh), will we get the keys to the kingdom also? These keys might be labels of righteousness, mercy, faith, meekness, pure in heart, peacemakers, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled, and persecuted for righteousness sake.

Let us turn to **John 10:1, 4, 5, 7, 9** – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 4) And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5) And a stranger will they not follow, ... 7) Then said Yahshua unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ... 9) I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

This word pasture has a definition of providing food. Mankind needs physical food and also Holy Spirit guidance. We know the source of physical food and the Holy Spirit, Yahshua the Messiah. Follow Him.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. **Revelation 22:17.**

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

PUTTING PAUL IN HIS PLACE

(PART I – Setting the Stage)

Greetings brethren, in Yahweh and Yahshua's Name! Having begun my walk in this faith more than 30 years ago now I thought I would take some time over the next year or so collecting my thoughts on the Apostle Paul and sharing them with you in a series of short articles on the subject. I'm sure most of you have experienced being challenged with his writings when taken out of context by those in mainstream Christianity. Often called the Founder of Christianity, his life and writings have been used to justify the radical departure from biblical religion that we now see all around us as represented by Roman Catholicism and its offshoots created during the Protestant Reformation.

Most people's understanding of Paul really comes from looking through the lens of the early Church Fathers and the later theologians of the Catholic Church. Martin Luther also, antisemite that he was, worked to deepen the perceived conflict between Paul and the religion and way of life of his ancestors. But is that disconnect justified? If we wipe away the centuries of dogma and just let Paul's words speak for themselves, what do we end up with? Something much different as most readers of this magazine already know! Please bear with me over the next few articles as I seek to lay out a logical and more historically plausible way of reading the writings of Paul within the larger context of the early Messianic Faith.

Before we start, it's important to first set some ground rules to guide our understanding on the subject. I would like to set forth 3 assumptions that I think are important when approaching the writings of Paul:

1. There is an Elohim and He cares about His creation.
2. He inspired the writing and sustainment of the Biblical Canon.
3. The Biblical message is complete, consistent and simple to understand.

I call these assumptions because I will not seek to argue them here. I'm sure that most, if not all, of the readers of The Faith would agree with these three points. I think it also goes without saying that most modern Biblical Scholars would not agree with at least two of them and most likely not agree with any of them at all. Oddly enough, however, due to the increasing secularization of the scholarly community many of them are starting to see that Paul can best be understood from a Jewish perspective. Sometimes called the "New Prospective on Paul" or the "Radical New Perspective on Paul", scholars like Mark D. Nanos are starting to read Paul's writings unencumbered by church tradition and instead starting from within a Jewish context which is much more defensible on a purely historical basis.

Many mainstream Christians would assent to all three of the above assumptions but upon closer examination would be found to fall far short in upholding the third point. The Catholic Church is quite dogmatic in claiming that the church alone is the final authority in rightly interpreting the Scriptures. This hamstring the believer into giving more weight

to the teachings of St. Augustine than the Apostle Paul himself for example. The Protestant denominations have largely rejected this haughty assertion but still allow their respective interpretations to create divisions within the word. They often allow faulty understandings of Paul's writings to contradict the more direct and straightforward teachings of the Torah and even the Messiah Yahshua himself. We will not do that in this Study!

Our goal here is to start fresh and allow the Apostle to speak for himself while trying to understand the background and setting behind everything he says. Instead of using the many years of ever evolving church tradition as the basis of our understanding we will try to place ourselves in Paul's time and read his letters as his first followers would. We'll try to get in their heads so to speak.

But first, we need to lay some ground work...

Historical Setting

It is important to note before we begin this discussion that the Messianic movement was almost exclusively an internal Jewish phenomena prior to the Roman war in 66-70 CE. Despite the giving of the Great Commission at the end of Matthew, the Apostles did not immediately set out to take their message to the ends of the known world. They were driven to this by persecutions (Acts 8) and the prodding of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9). The main actor mentioned in the initial push to the Gentiles was not Paul but rather Philip (Acts 8) and the Apostle Peter (Acts 10). All of their first converts had some connection with Judaism, however. Whether they be Pilgrims to the Feasts in Jerusalem like the Ethiopian Eunuch, loosely affiliated communities like the Samaritans or G-d Fearing centurions like Cornelius. In fact, we read in Acts 11:19: "Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only."

The outreach to the Gentiles, however, would take on a greater emphasis in Antioch. At the time, Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman Empire and the capital of the Roman province of Syria - which included Judea and Galilee. It was also not far from Paul's hometown of Tarsus and we see that Barnabas (who was sent by the Jerusalem Assembly) actually brought Paul into the ministry at Antioch directly from Tarsus (Acts 11:25-26). It was here that the Holy Spirit singled out Paul and Barnabas to travel throughout the Roman Empire spreading the Good News of Yahshua the Messiah. Paul's first missionary journey was at least 10 years after his Damascus Road conversion, however.

Many have the preconceived notion that Paul went from city to city drawing converts directly from pagan society establishing completely separate messianic assemblies. This is simply not the case. We read on many occasions that Paul's practice was to go to the synagogues first and then once that connection was made, witness to the surrounding community. Acts (9:20, 13:5, 13:14-15, 14:1, 17:1-2, 17:10, 17:17, 18:4, 18:19, 19:8) The initial gentile converts were mostly found among the many proselytes and G-d Fearers that were already at least loosely attached to these synagogues. The Jewish diaspora at that time was known to be widespread indeed. It is commonly recognized that there were already more Jews living abroad than in the land of Israel during the time of Paul. All of the cities

he visited were also known for having large, well established Jewish communities. Jacob's decree at the end of the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15 assumes that the believing Gentiles are attached to local synagogues and learning the basics of the faith (Torah): "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to Elohim: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication and from things strangled, and from blood. **For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.**" Paul did not have to start from scratch or work in a vacuum...

Paul – Who Was He?

When we first come across Paul he was just a "young man" watching the belongings of those stoning Stephen in Acts 7. Unfortunately, the only sources for Paul's life are the book of Acts and his letters in the New Testament. Taken together, however, these texts do paint a pretty good picture of who Paul was and layout an organized timeline of his many missionary activities. I won't recount all of the details here but will just point out a few things pertaining to the present study.

1. He was a Torah Observant Jew. A Pharisee. Trained in the Law at Jerusalem under the direction of Gamaliel. (Acts 22:3)

Interestingly enough, Gamaliel (who is a renowned figure within Judaism) intervened for the Apostles in Acts 5. He was a grandson of Hillel the Elder and most likely the "president" of the Sanhedrin at that time according to early Rabbinic sources.

2. He persecuted the Messianic believers with a zeal above and beyond his contemporaries. (Acts 9:1-2, Gal 1:13-14)

The fact that Paul was able to so vigorously persecute the believers (even dragging them to prison) shows that those people were still under the authority of the Jewish community. Paul himself continued to submit to Jewish oversight and punishment throughout his life. (Acts 14:19-20, 2 Cor. 11:24-25) As a Roman citizen there was no need for him to do this. The stoning mentioned in Acts was to the point of death! Far from disowning his people he always sought to work for their salvation from within.

3. After his conversion on the Damascus Road, he did not immediately enter mission work but was only called to this task several years later. (Gal 1:13-21, Acts 11:25-26)

Similarly to what I mentioned earlier relating to the Great Commission. Paul was told from the beginning what his mission was (Acts 9:15-16) but it took the interventions of others and the working of the Holy Spirit over many years to bring that mission into fruition. Similar to Jonah, the salvation of the Gentiles was not of any concern for him until the Almighty made it so. His work was not the result of any personal desire or ambition on his part. It was solely the result of Yahweh's intervention in the affairs of men (Isaiah 66).

4. He was an independent thinker, known for his biting sarcasm and intensity. He worked for Yahweh not Man. This occasionally brought suspicion and distrust from those within the Assembly and without. (Acts 21:20-24, 2 Peter 3:15-16)

Many of Paul's letters are filled with sarcasm. Galatians is a prime example. It's not always so obvious in the English translation but one needs to understand this in order to properly interpret his writings. He also commonly uses intense athletic imagery in his analogies. In 2 Timothy 4:6-7 he says that "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course (*the race*), I have kept the faith". Nothing or no one would stand in the way of completing his mission!

5. The last we know of his life he was still working to convince his people (the Jews) of the Messiah. Never giving up on them, he preached the Messiah to them to the end. (Acts 28)

There are some early traditions that state Paul later went to Spain. This is doubtful in my view but does not affect the argument either way. Jews are known to have been in Spain by the time of Paul. If he did go there, he most certainly stopped at the synagogue first!-)

Using this Historical Setting and what we know of the life of Paul I would like us to go through the scriptures together with a fresh mind set. Did Paul turn away from the faith of his ancestors and seek to set the Gentiles free from the Law or did he strive to bring them into the Family of Yahweh alongside his fellow Jews – separate from the world and dedicated to the teachings/practice of the Torah?

I hope to show in the following few articles the truth of my three main assertions regarding the Apostle Paul and his work:

1. Paul was a faithful Jew to the end of his life always working to bring the Gentiles into the Family of Yahweh at the end of the age. He expected Yahshua's return in his own lifetime.
2. The two main issues he deals with in his letters are Circumcision and Idolatry and that knowing this is the key to understanding his writings. The Gentiles he wrote to were already learning the basics of Torah from their local Jewish communities.
3. There is nothing in his letters that suggests he was founding a new religion or was teaching something different than the Apostles in Jerusalem. Rather, everything he says can be understood from within a Messianic Jewish context.

In the next article I plan on focusing on the two primary questions/problems mentioned above: Gentile Circumcision and Leaving Idolatry. Please join me in the next Faith magazine as we strive to understand Paul together and put him back in the Place he belongs. As a faithful believer in Messiah working under the direction and with the approval of the Messianic Jewish leadership in Jerusalem.

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Looking Forward

The world with its sacred seasons and holidays is careful to observe them from year to year, not only in memoriam of events they commemorate, but also as an inspiration to the living that a lesson may be taught from the past.

ORDAINED FROM AGES PAST

As the saints enter another Sacred Year, with the observance of the sacred feasts and days that Yahweh has ordained from ages past, we hope to look into their meaning today for us, and thus get a portion of their treasure for those of us who wish to obey in the least jot or tittle of the law which governs our obedience.

Three annual special feasts were appointed unto Israel, and with them seven annual Sabbaths, in addition to the weekly Sabbath day. At each of these all men of Israel, with the strangers dwelling in their midst who wished to worship the Elohim of Israel, were commanded to be present annually, and to take part in the worship.

Why was Yahweh so careful about this? Why were these feasts to be kept? What did it all mean? Did Yahweh merely crave praise and worship from His creatures? Or, were blessings hidden in these feasts that the worshippers would receive when obedient? Yahweh forbid that we should think of Him as being anything but desirous of the welfare and blessing of His creatures, and with this in mind, may we proceed to the examination of the sacred seasons, called “Feasts of Yahweh.”

PASSOVER

Passover, the fourteenth day of the first sacred month, was a commemoration of the deliverance of the firstborn males among Israel in Egypt. On this night the climax of the persecutions of the Egyptians against Israel came, and the glorious deliverance of the firstborn among Israel. It is not only a commemoration of Egypt’s persecution, but also a memorial of the deliverance of the firstborn through obedience.

YAHSHUA OUR PASSOVER – LAMB SLAIN FROM FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

Let us look deeper, however, and find a wealth in the Passover memorial. Prophetically Passover day, and Passover memorial, pointed unto the true Lamb – “slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8), slain in type in every death, whether of goat or lamb or bullock. It was in Egypt that the great Passover memorial began; and at the Passover at Calvary, in fulfillment of the prophetic picture painted upon the minds of the worshippers for the centuries past, the Savior of the world became, and was clearly seen to be by the true worshippers, the true Passover Lamb, and of Him Paul states this fact, “Messiah our Paschal Lamb is sacrificed; therefore, let us keep the feast.” (1 Corinthians 5:7, 8).

PASSOVER FROM DEATH TO ETERNAL LIFE – REDEEMED

Passover pointed forward to Messiah’s death; but, far more wonderful it pointed also to His deliverance as the “firstborn of every creature.” Not only does Passover commemorate for us the death of “Messiah our Paschal Lamb,” but it also is a memorial of the deliverance of every one of us (as the firstborn, born-again creatures) from the death common to the world, and the guarantee of resurrection from that death, through the merits of

His death, just as the firstborn of Israel were delivered from the death angel, through the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb.

“THIS DO FOR A REMEMBRANCE OF ME”

So, to us who enter fully into Passover, the message is forceful. Not only do we look back to the deliverance of the firstborn sons in Egypt, and the death of the firstborn of the persecutors; but we today, by being in Messiah, enjoy the blessings that came to us through Passover, even more so than fleshly Israel enjoyed the benefits of the Egyptian Passover. But what of the future? As the Master said unto His followers, “This do for a remembrance of me.” And Paul states, “As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Master’s death – till He come.” (1 Cor. 11:23-26).

PASSOVER PROPHETICALLY POINTED FORWARD TO CALVARY

Just as Passover memorial throughout past ages prophetically pointed forward to Calvary, to the supreme sacrifice, and the deliverance of the firstborn in the Anointed; so, today, as we from year to year observe the Passover, not with the old sacrifices, but with the greater Lamb, of which the bread and fruit of the vine are memorials, we look forward to a greater deliverance than that of Egypt, - even to the resurrection of the dead, who come forth in the first resurrection, and over which the second death hath no power, because the blood of the great Paschal Lamb has been applied, and with it has come a guarantee of life far greater than that of the firstborn in Egypt. “Messiah our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed for us; therefore (for that reason) let us keep the feast.” Hallelu-Yah.

UNLEAVENED BREAD

The Feast of Unleavened Bread followed the Passover (Leviticus 23:5, 6), reads, “In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is Yahweh’s Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the month is the feast of unleavened bread.” The first and the last days are Sabbath days.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread commemorates the flight from Egypt, and the deliverance of the entire company of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. Their flight from bondage, and toward the Promised Land, began on the fifteenth – following the Passover. Numbers 33:3 records, “And they departed from Rameses in the first month; on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the Passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.”

Because Israel had no time for preparation of the dainties of life, and no time to wait for the rising of the dough, they ate bread unleavened during their flight from Egypt. To Israel this feast was given as a memorial of their flight from Egypt, and of it Yahweh said Israel shall teach its meaning unto their children, saying, “And thou shalt show thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which Yahweh did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that Yahweh’s law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath Yahweh brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.” (Exodus 13:8-10).

FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF THE WORLD

Like Israel in Egypt, mankind was in bondage to Satan before Messiah became our Passover upon Calvary. Since then, in this season, the days of unleavened bread, we have been fleeing from the bondage of the world, toward the Promised Land. While the world

may live on its dainties and pleasures, the child of deliverance cannot partake of the table of devils and of the Savior at the same time. Ours is a life of denial, while under the leadership of a greater than Moses, toward the Promised Land – the New Heaven and the New Earth. A fitting symbol of our life of denial of the things of the world, and a memorial of our haste in flight, and our deliverance, is the feast of unleavened bread.

And Paul makes its wealth of meaning for us so clear. Since we are now in the days of unleavened bread, in our flight from Pharaoh Satan and his hordes, and since yesterday our Passover was sacrificed, today our diet is not as heretofore, but one truly represented by the unleavened bread. Paul says, “Let us keep the festival: - and How? Not with “old leaven” for that is not a suitable type to commemorate our bread. But keep the feast with the unleavened principles of sincerity and truth, truly represented by the body of our Savior and Deliverer, who said, “This (unleavened bread) is my body (free from leaven, sin and malice) broken for you.” And again, “Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you: ... “This is that bread which came down from heaven ... He that eateth of this bread shall live forever.” (1 Corinthians 11:26; John 6:53-58).

And for tomorrow? Not only do we look back to the beginning of man’s deliverance from bondage yesterday at Calvary, but must realize our journey today, as we subsist upon His broken body, the true bread unleavened. But tomorrow, as the days of unleavened bread end, and our flight brings us through the Red Sea, and we see the enemy of our soul destroyed, and we are safe, then shall we recall that Moses and the children of Israel sang that great song of deliverance, known as the song of Moses (Exodus 15), and we shall join in that great antitypical song of “Moses the servant of Elohim, and the song of the Lamb” (Rev. 15:3). Hallelu-Yah.

By C. O. Dodd (deceased)

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YAHSHUA OUR PASSOVER

**For even the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed (offered) for us: –
1 Corinthians 5:7**

**Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which taketh away the sin of the
world. – John 1:29**

**Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with
corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain manner of
living received by tradition from your fathers; But with the
precious blood of the Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and
without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation
of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, –
1 Peter 1:18-20**

JEWS DISCOVERED AMERICA, BRANDEIS PROFESSOR ASSERTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 (AP) – A Brandeis University professor said today evidence has been discovered that Jews fleeing Romans in the Middle East came west and discovered America 1,000 years before Columbus.

Cyrus H. Gordon, professor of Mediterranean studies at Brandeis, said the evidence is an inscription found in a burial mound in Tennessee in 1885.

Photographed in 1894

The inscription, he said, was found on a stone under one of nine skeletons in the mound, but when the inscription was photographed and published by the Smithsonian Institution in 1894, it was printed upside down and its significance went unnoticed. The stone is at the Smithsonian museum in Washington.

Last August, Gordon said, Dr. Joseph D. Mahan Jr., of the Columbus, Ga., Museum of Arts and Crafts, sent a photograph of the inscription to Gordon because Mahan was convinced there were connections between the Indians of the southeastern United States and the peoples of eastern Mediterranean in ancient times.

Upon studying the inscription, Gordon said, he discovered that its five letters are in the writing style of Canaan, the “promised land” of the Israelites somewhere between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean.

“Land of Judah”

The fifth letter of the inscription, Gordon said, corresponds to the style of writing found on Hebrew coins of the Roman period. He translates the inscription to read “for the land of Judah.”

“The archeological circumstances of the discovery,” Gordon said, “rule out any chance of fraud or forgery and the inscription attests to a migration of Jews . . . probably to escape the long hand of Rome after the disastrous Jewish defeats in 70 and 135 A.D.”

Gordon, who presented the findings to a meeting of the North Shore Archeological Society on Long Island, said scholars must now reassess other findings.

Mediterranean Descent

In eastern Tennessee, for example, Gordon said, there is a group of people known as the Melungeons, who are neither Indian nor Negro, who are Caucasian but not Anglo-Saxon. They are, Gordon indicated, descendants of Mediterranean people and they believe that they came to the new world in ships about 2,000 years before Columbus.

Gordon said the inscription was found in a burial mound at Bat Creek, Tenn., in 1885 by Cyrus Thomas, who worked with the Smithsonian.

“Various pieces of evidence point in the direction of migrations from the Mediterranean in Roman times,” Gordon said, “The cornerstone of the historic reconstruction is at present the Bat Creek inscription because it was found in an unimpeachable archeological context under the direction of professional archeologists working for the prestigious Smithsonian Institution.”

(Chicago Tribune, 10/19/70)

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Buttner, Algonquin, IL

SURELY WE NEED YAHWEH OUR EL

NOW MORE THAN EVER

Yahshua our Rock in Him we hide: a shelter in the time of storm. Secure whatever ill be tide: a shelter in the time of storm.

The raging storms around us beat. A shelter in the time of storm. We 'll never leave our safe retreat: a shelter in the time of storm.

Exodus 19:5 “Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people for all the earth is mine.”

Let us embrace the mandate given = To Obey Yahweh our EL.

Deuteronomy 6:25 “And it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments before Yahweh our EL, as He hath commanded us.”

Do what we are commanded to do!

We must prove our loyalty to Father Yahweh. We must prove to Him that we love Him. **Deuteronomy 6:4, 5 (Read)** “Thou shall love Yahweh thy EL with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”

John 14:15 “If ye love me keep my commandments.”

Proverbs 18:10 “The name YAHWEH is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”

Surely Father Yahweh will hear the cry of the righteous and surely, we need His protection and care now more than ever; but we must live righteously.

Do what's right and pleasing to Father Yahweh. **1 John 3:7** “He that doeth righteousness is righteous.”

We surely want Father Yahweh to hear us when we call, so let us try our best to live righteously, because we need Father Yahweh and Yahshua now more than ever.

Halleluyah!

N. Roxby
(A Servant of Yah)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

PROCLAIM THE WORD

(DON'T CHANGE IT)

Bible Publishers are especially careful to guard against typographical errors, but occasionally errors have slipped through. Here are just a couple of examples: The "Printers Bible" (KJV of 1612), so named because in Psalm 119:161 it read "Printers have persecuted me without cause," instead of "princes." Worse than this is the so called "Wicked Bible" (KJV of 1631). The word "not" was accidentally omitted from the seventh commandment. The result was Exodus 20:14 read "Thou shall commit adultery," instead of "Thou shall not commit adultery."

Even one small change of Yahweh's Word can turn something holy into something wicked. Your responsibility too is great. Yahweh has given us His Word. Read it. Treasure it. Receive it. Believe it. Hold to it. Proclaim it. Do it. Don't change it. Don't mold it to match your life. Don't soften it to match your ideas, your ways or your actions.

If you change, even by one letter, you turn something holy into something wicked. Instead of changing the Word to meet your life, change your life to match the Word. Take the Word as it is, let it change your life.

Douglas Panetta

CHANGE YOUR LIFE

by **Russell F. Medina**

Any living person can change their life by spiritually understanding that the Living word of YAHWEH has three components for salvation.

Profess - To the world that you are a child of YAHWEH.

Confess - Your sins and repent of them before YAHSHUA the Messiah... And become His disciple.

Then will the Heavenly Father,
His Son and the Holy (Kodesh) Spirit – **Bless -You.**

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Joseph Kennedy, Jr., age 80, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 19, 2026, surrounded by family. Born on October 30, 1945, in Bridgeport, CT, Frank was the loving son of the late Frank Joseph Kennedy, Sr., and the late Frances Elizabeth (Stead) Kennedy.

Frank proudly served in the United States Army for 8 ½ years, where he was stationed across Europe, Korea, and the United States. In 1967, while stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, Frank met his wife Gale at a Service Club. Their connection was immediate, and they married the following year in 1968. Together, they built a wonderful family, and a shared devotion to each other and their faith.

Frank worked as a truck driver, where he was known for his kindness and reliability. His time spent working with Operations Blessing reflected his desire to help others and contribute positively to the community around him. For over 20 years, Frank was a proud member of Yahweh's Free Brethren, where he served as an Elder. His spiritual journey was one of deep devotion, as he focused on being close and getting closer to Yahweh, guiding others in their own paths of faith.

Gale Kennedy

Announcement of the home-going of **Brother Ulf Oldenburg.**

Precious in the sight of [Yahweh] is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15.

Dear brothers and sisters in the Master,

Our beloved and highly treasured brother Ulf Oldenburg was called home by his heavenly Father on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the age of 94.

The funeral took place on Saturday, November 8, 2025. He was buried in the cemetery in Klein Rodensleben in Sachsen-Anhalt (Germany).

Brother Ulf left us an example of a life of devotion and faithfulness to his Master [Yahshua]. Through his life, we are also encouraged to follow our Master in word and deed. (Colossians 3:17).

Attached to this letter, you will find Brother Ulf Oldenburg's curriculum vitae. Unfortunately, we were unable to print it in English. We ask kindly for your understanding.

The brothers and sisters from the congregation in Hamm, Germany.

Markus & Lydia Brak

I have fought a good fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith:
2 Timothy 4:7

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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)

LOVE YOURSELF!!

 <p>You have many qualities.</p>	 <p>There is only one unique you.</p>	 <p>You are loved.</p>
 <p>Yahweh knows you the best, not friends.</p>	 <p>Ask Yah to help you to shine.</p>	 <p>Be friends with those who appreciate you.</p>
 <p>Be confident! But don't show off.</p>	 <p>It is ok to be different.</p>	 <p>Yahshua always loves you.</p>

Psalm 139:17- "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O Yah! How great is the sum of them!"

REASONS WHY I LOVE ME!

(Can you match the answers below?)

1. **Before I was born, Yah _____ me.** (Hint: Psa. 139:13)
2. **Yah made me for a great _____.** (Hint: Psa. 37:3-5)
3. **I am not perfect, but I thrive to be like Yahshua, the King. I am _____.** (Hint: 1 Pet. 2:9)
4. **I am Yah's _____: each day growing & transforming.** (Hint: Psa. 139:16)
5. **When I make _____, I learn from it and move on.** (Hint: 2 Chron. 7:14)
6. **I look through the mirror at myself through Yahshua's eyes, not the _____.** (Hint: Psa. 139:17)
7. **Yahshua is _____ there for me.** (Hint: Matt. 28:20)
8. **I am _____.** (Hint: Psa. 139:14)

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Yahweh's 2026 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 3 Celebrate APRIL 2 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 20	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 4 through APRIL 10	April 4
Feb. 19		April 10
Mar. 21	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 24 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 24
Apr. 19		Sept. 13
May 18		Sept. 22
(Borderline)		Sept. 27
June 17	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 13	Oct. 4
July 16		
Aug. 14	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 22	
(Borderline)		7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 13		
Oct. 12	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 27 through OCTOBER 3	
(Borderline)		
Nov. 11		
Dec. 11	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 4	

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