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Revelation 3:5

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:12

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohim, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my Elohim, and the name of the city of my Elohim, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim: and *I will write upon him my new name.*

Revelation 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

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Editorial - ANOTHER BEAST APPEARED

We want to look back on some articles that were once printed in *The Faith*. We are at a point in time where these old warning articles of the 1980's are coming to the forefront of U.S. citizens in our hometowns and that is a large sign of latter days. *The Faith* magazine had a picture of a building in the shape of a pagan cross on its cover, this was in 1980. This building is located in Brussels, Belgium. It was the Common Market Headquarters, an alliance of 10 nations, from out of what was once the Roman Empire. This information about the Common Market Confederacy was printed in Moody Magazine from Chicago. It was shared to us by Pastor Leroy Sanders.

It was reported back in 1980 that in Brussels, Belgium, The Common Market Confederacy had a gigantic computer that took up three blocks at the administrative building headquarters. They have been working on a plan to computerize all world trade. The master plan involved a digital numbering system for every human on earth. They have labeled it "The Beast." It was said to be alive, because it made up its own sentences and held conversations. Our cell phones now have an app for this today. Bible readers, was this a clue to the future and the latter time we live?

We have several Bible texts that reveal how this word "Beast" has to do with our thoughts. **Daniel 7:23** – Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. **Revelation 13:1-4, 7** And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Questions that are forefront on believers minds today:

What war will bring to pass? **Matthew 24:6-8** And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

When will the great tribulation come on the earth? **Matthew 24:21** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

What shall the true believer do? Where do we turn to? The answer is in **Deuteronomy 4:30, 31** When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to Yahweh thy Elohim, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; For Yahweh thy Elohim *is* a merciful El; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

In tribulation, how are we to act? **Romans 12:12** ...patient in tribulation. **2 Corinthians 7:4** ...I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

When tribulation comes, there is another test for true believers. **Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of the Messiah? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,

or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

There is a new development in our midst called AI Artificial Intelligence. They say it is a big asset for city townships for bringing in tax revenue (money). But so many unanswered questions. If all these data centers are pushed through, what will be the end results?

The question is why do we need these giant centers? What are these centers for? Control of the populace? Are we being told the whole story? Are the developers being fully transparent with populace? Transparency is the quality or state of being transparent. This word has come to light in news casts and reporting on someone's life history in political offices and when running for office.

On one of the major news programs on July 24th, it was reported that there are 3000 data centers in the U.S. and 1,500 more to be built. The Texas governor is against building any more new centers. They reported that 71% of U.S. citizens are against building more data centers. Why the push for these data centers?

Transparency with our creator Yahweh - **2 Chronicles 16:9** For the eyes of Yahweh run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. **Psalms 145:17** Yahweh is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. **Proverbs 5:21** For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of Yahweh, and he pondereth all his goings. **Proverbs 15:3** The eyes of Yahweh *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good. **Proverbs 16:7** When a man's ways please Yahweh, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. **Isaiah 2:3 and Micah 4:2** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. **Isaiah 30:21** And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. **Isaiah 35:8** And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

We are in the last half of 2026. Where did June and July go? Are we accepting this turmoil, commotion, uncertainty in so many facets of our life? We live in an ever changing society. Our price of food for our family, meat prices, rent or house payments and the price of new houses. The price of an average car purchase is forty-five to fifty thousand. The cost of insuring a house, property and an automobile. Our electric bill as these companies ask for rate increases and receive them. There are more debts a family has to overcome such as dental, eye doctor and specialty doctors.

A financial class should start from the Bible. An example is **Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:1-4** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day Elohim ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which Elohim created and made. These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh Elohim made the earth and the heavens. Notice it says to work 6 days and rest 1 day. The divine order. This is a good starting point for financial success for all. **Exodus 20:1-20** recommends six days of labor and the seventh day or Sabbath of Yahweh.

Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

PUTTING PAUL IN HIS PLACE

(PART III – Wrestling with his Writings)

Greetings brethren, in Yahweh and Yahshua's Name! In the previous article I talked about a couple of the biggest issues Paul was dealing with in his day - Circumcision and Idolatry. In this essay I would like to look at his writings as a whole and go more in depth on a few passages that are always brought up in discussions on the Law and how it applies today.

Paul's writings taken together constitute almost half of the entire New Testament. Of the 27 books in the N.T., 14 were authored by Paul. Yes, I know that modern scholarship rules out Hebrews and the Pastoral letters as being authentically Pauline, but I find no good reason to doubt them. We should also include the Book of Acts here as it gives an accurate account of Paul's travels and some of his teachings. So, in all, we have letters to Assemblies, letters to Pastors, letters to fellow believers (Philemon), a formal treatise on how the Messiah's sacrifice relates to the then existing temple cult (Hebrews) and a first-hand account of his missionary activities written by one of Paul's closest companions (Acts).

He left behind quite a legacy Brethren! And in all those writings there really are only a handful of passages that can be taken out of context and twisted into supporting No Law arguments. I would like to look at a few of those today. But before we go there, I want to remind everyone of one of my assumptions in the first article of this series; that the Biblical Message is complete and *consistent*. It is easy to be led astray without this foundation. Indeed, even Peter says in his 2nd letter: "Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." (2 Peter 3:15, 16)

I would like to begin this discussion in the Book of Galatians. This was written to a group of Paul's followers in what is now modern-day Turkey. It was one of the first places Paul visited upon embarking on his missionary activities. As I pointed out in the first article these Gentile believers in Galatia were almost certainly already attached to the local synagogue in some way. The background of the book is that these new believers are being pressured to actually join the synagogue as full fledged Jews through the rite of circumcision. Paul could not be more adamant that not only was this not necessary but actually contrary to their newfound faith in Messiah. (Gal. 5:2, 3)

Justification by Faith is what Paul is known for right? Much of Paul's instruction boils down to this basic but often misunderstood principle. Earlier in Galatians he says "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Yahshua the Messiah, even we have believed in Yahshua the Messiah, that we might be justified by the faith of the Messiah, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." (Gal. 2:16) Rather than a license to do as we please (Romans 6) it is the understanding that our own human efforts nor the animal sacrifices required by the Law will ever take away our sins or make us clean in the Father's sight (Heb. 10:4). It is

with this backdrop that we should understand a couple of the more difficult analogies contained within Galatians.

The Law as a School Master analogy given in Galatians 3:23-29 is often used by mainstream Christianity to claim that the Law is no longer applicable. The Greek word behind the term School Master (paidagogos) implies something much more than what we probably think of in our own context. In the ancient Greek and Roman world this figure was both a guardian and disciplinarian in addition to being responsible for the child's earthly instruction. He had the authority and right to physically punish the child whenever and however he saw fit. That authority was temporary, however, and ended when the young man reached puberty. The resulting implication here is that we are no longer subject to the punishment of the Law after coming to maturity in the Messiah. A death, whether our own or that of an animal taking our place, does not have to occur each time the Law is broken (Lev. 4:27-29). Does this mean that we no longer seek to apply the Law to our lives? Do we forget everything our instructors have taught us growing up? Do we throw all of those valuable life lessons and standards of conduct away as soon as we are no longer under their authority? Hardly, but rather as we grow into maturity they become even more valuable to us even though we are no longer subject to the punishment of our former "School Masters". The punishment of the Law (Sacrificial System) is no longer there for those that believe in the Messiah. He has entered once and for all time into the Heavenly Holy of Holies. (Heb. 9:11, 12) The commandments still represent Yahweh's Ways, however, and the true child of Yahweh continues to seek them out and apply them to their lives as best they know how...

The Two Covenants allegory in the next chapter (Gal. 4:21-31) has also been a difficult passage for those who believe in the continued validity of Torah in our lives. The key to understanding this is the contrast between earthly and heavenly – or fleshly and spiritual principles. Paul is adamant in Romans that the Law is Spiritual and spends much of Hebrews explaining how the early Temple System has been replaced with the true High Priest (Yahshua) and Heavenly pattern. This is what Paul is referring to when he says "For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." (v25, 26)

Mainstream Christianity is not wrong in emphasizing the role that faith and trust in Yahweh's promises play in this analogy brethren. Paul says in verse 28: "Now we brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise." The implication here is that Ishmael was the result of Abraham and Sarah taking matters into their own hands and trying to work out their own rewards through earthly strivings. Thus, Ishmael was labelled as "born after the flesh" in the following verse. It is a warning against those who feel that they have to earn their own salvation through circumcision or strict obedience of any of the commandments for that matter. But again, does this imply that we throw the Law away? No (Rom. 3:31). The true Child of Yahweh keeps the Law out of a sincere love for Yahweh's ways not as a means to earn salvation...

The next passages I would like to consider are in the books of Ephesians and Colossians. I will treat them together as the Letters are quite similar in both content and structure. They are both written towards the end of Paul's life while he was in prison. Paul

had actually spent a lot of time in Ephesus and knew that congregation well. The assembly at Colosse, however, appears to be a transplant via Paul's converts in Ephesus (Col. 1:7, 4:9, 12). Thus, the two situations are closely intertwined and as a result explains a lot of the commonality between the Letters.

Again, it appears that as in Galatians, Paul's main purpose in writing these letters is to combat false teachings being spread by those either without a proper understanding of the message or even with malicious intent. We read in Colossians: "Beware lest any spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after the Messiah" (2:8) In Ephesians also he warns us "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (4:14) This is good admonishment for us today as well brethren!

Paul mentions the law specifically – and that only in passing references in only a couple of verses in each one of these books. Paul did not need to teach these Gentile converts the basics of Yahweh's commandments and how to keep them. As I mentioned at the outset of this series, these Gentiles were already familiar with the Torah from the local synagogues in each one of these communities.

In Colossians 2 Paul is dwelling on the "mystery" of the Messiah and His preeminence in the life of every believer. He goes on to make it clear that Yahshua has effectively circumcised these uncircumcised Gentiles through a "circumcision made without hands" in the believer's baptism. "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses**; Blotting out the **handwriting of ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his stake." (Col. 2:13, 14) The Greek behind this translation points more clearly to a record of debt or past violations and this can be seen in other more modern translations. An indictment with a list of crimes/infractions is exactly what is alluded to in the previous verse when it says that we have been forgiven our past trespasses. When the books are opened at the end of the age (Dan. 7:10, Rev. 20:12) our past transgressions will *be blotted out* and no longer appear! Mainstream Christians like to force a cancellation of the law into this reading. It is the transgressions not the Law that is being cancelled.

Reading further in this passage we have: "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come but the body (*is*) of the Messiah." (Col. 2:15-17) Many in mainstream Christianity will seize on this verse as "evidence" that the Food Laws, Feasts and even the Sabbath are no longer applicable. There are different ways to translate this verse and what I have just reproduced in the above quotation is how it reads in The Word of Yahweh translation (*italics* not appearing in the text). Personally, I prefer the reading given in the NRSV and NIV among others that clearly emphasize the fact that all of those things mentioned (as commanded by the Law) point to Messiah and indeed are ALL about him.

There are many nuances to keeping the Feasts and eating Kosher – some biblical but some just based on the tradition of men as mentioned in Colossians 2:8. If we're honest

with ourselves brethren, we will admit that there have been many arguments and conflicts within the Sacred Name community alone about the feast calendar, what is allowed on the Sabbath, what is really a clean food, etc... The Messiah and what he means to us today is getting lost in these battles! Let us all focus on Yahshua and what he has done for us rather than criticizing our brother who is probably just doing the best he/she can at the moment...

In Ephesians 2 on the other hand, Paul is encouraging his Gentile converts to forsake their past sinful lives and recognize that they are now full members of Yahweh's family through Yahshua's sacrifice. "But now in the Messiah Yahshua ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of the Messiah. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down **the middle wall of partition between us**; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even **the law of commandments contained in ordinances**; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto Elohim in one body by the torture stake, having slain the enmity thereby." (Eph. 2:13-15)

As in Colossians, Paul is using parallelism to explain the second thought with the first, more concrete, concept. Here the middle wall of partition refers to the stone wall in the temple dividing the Gentile and Israelite areas of worship. Portions of this wall have actually been excavated with the following inscription being found: "No foreigner may enter within the balustrade around the sanctuary and enclosure. Whoever is caught will have himself to blame for his death which ensues."

The "law of commandments contained in ordinances" can thus be understood to be those laws which enforced the separation of the Gentiles. Mainly circumcision and the sacrificial law. This is exactly the subject of the Book of Hebrews. "The Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing. Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and **sacrifices**, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining the conscience; Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and **carnal ordinances**, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But the Messiah being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Heb. 9:8-12) Paul is not doing away with the entire Old Testament law in this one short verse in Ephesians brethren. He is only magnifying the Messiah's role as the great unifier of His people in bringing the Gentiles into the Family of Yahweh once and for all time...

In the next and final article, I would like to take a higher-level approach to Paul's view on the Law, the place of Gentiles in the Family of Yahweh, and his vision of the coming Kingdom. I'll also give some of my own ideas on why he has been so misunderstood and how we can bring ourselves into closer alignment with the true intent of his teachings. Please stay with me as we bring our journey through Paul's life and writings to a conclusion.

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I AM

I AM YAHWEH'S CHILD, BORN OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE SEED [1 PET. 1:23]

I AM THE SALT OF THE EARTH [MATT. 5:13]

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD [MATT. 5:14]

I AM SET FREE [JN. 8:31-33]

I AM PROTECTED BY THE POWER OF HIS NAME [JN. 17:11]

I AM FILLED WITH JOY [JN. 17:13]

I AM KEPT FROM THE EVIL ONE [JN. 17:15]

I AM MADE RIGHT IN YAHWEH'S SIGHT BY FAITH [ROM. 5:1]

I AM AT PEACE WITH YAHWEH [ROM. 5:1]

I AM CONFIDENTLY AND JOYFULLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BECOMING
ALL YAH HAS IN MIND FOR ME [ROM. 5:2]

I AM REJOICING IN TROUBLES, BECAUSE THROUGH THEM YAHWEH
IS BUILDING ME UP AND MAKING ME STRONG [ROM. 5:3-5]

I AM MADE ALIVE WITH THE MESSIAH YAHSHUA [EPH. 2:6]

I HAVE BEEN SAVED BY FAITH THROUGH YAHWEH'S GIFT OF GRACE
[EPH. 2:8]

I AM YAH'S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN THE MESSIAH UNTO GOOD WORKS
[EPH. 2:10]

I AM ABLE TO WALK BOLDLY INTO YAH'S PRESENCE [EPH. 3:12]

I AM STRENGTHENED WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT
IN THE INNER MAN [EPH. 3:16]

I AM INDWELT WITH THE MESSIAH TO KNOW THE FULLNESS OF HIS LOVE
[EPH. 3:17-19]

I AM RECEIVING EXCELLING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT I ASK FOR
OR THINK [EPH. 3:20]

I AM VICTORIOUS [REV. 21:7]

I AM CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL NEVER LEAVE ME AND I FEAR NOT
WHAT MAN CAN DO TO ME [HEB. 13:5, 6]

I AM ABLE TO COME BOLDLY BEFORE THE THRONE OF GRACE
TO FIND MERCY AND GRACE [HEB. 4:16]

I AM DELIVERED FROM EVERY EVIL DEED AND WILL BE
BROUGHT SAFELY TO HIS KINGDOM [II TIM. 4:18]

I AM NOT GIVEN A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER, AND OF LOVE
AND A SOUND MIND [II TIM. 1:7]

I AM ADEQUATE, COMPLETE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK
[II TIM. 3:17]

I AM BECOMING MATURE, THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE
OF THE FULLNESS OF THE MESSIAH [EPH. 4:13]

I AM NO LONGER A CHILD BUT GROWING UP IN ALL ASPECTS
OF THE MESSIAH [EPH. 4:14, 15]

I AM LAYING ASIDE THE OLD SELF, RENEWING MY MIND FOR LIVING A LIFE
OF HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS [EPH. 4:22, 24]

I AM LAYING ASIDE LIES, ANGER, STEALING, UNWHOLESOME
COMMUNICATION [EPH. 4:25-31]

I AM KIND, TENDERHEARTED, AND FORGIVING [EPH. 4:32]

I AM STRONG IN YAHWEH TO FIGHT OFF ALL SATAN'S ATTACKS
[EPH. 6:10, 11]

I AM CONFIDENT OF HIS FINISHING THE WORK IN ME UNTO PERFECTION
[PHIL. 1:6]

I AM ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING [PHIL. 4:11]

I AM GUARDED BY YAHWEH'S PEACE, MY MIND HAS NO TURMOIL
[PHIL. 4:6, 7]

I AM ABLE TO DO ALL THINGS THROUGH THE MESSIAH WHO
STRENGTHENS ME [PHIL. 4:13]

I AM HAVING ALL MY NEEDS MET ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES [PHIL. 4:7]

I AM STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER ACCORDING TO HIS MIGHT UNTO
ALL PATIENCE AND JOY [COL. 1:11]

I HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THE DOMAIN OF DARKNESS AND
TRANSFERRED TO THE KINGDOM OF YAH [COL. 1:13]

I AM REJOICING IN YAHWEH ALWAYS [PHIL. 4:4]

I AM FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL WISDOM AND
UNDERSTANDING [COL. 1:9]

OVERCOME THE WORLD

These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from Elohim. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from Yahweh. Yahshua answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. **John 16:25-33**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Elohim, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of Elohim. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as Elohim hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in the Messiah, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving Yahweh; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith Yahweh. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. **Romans 12:1-21**

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of Elohim abideth in you, and ye have overcome the

wicked one. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abideth for ever. **1 John 2:12-17**

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. **1 John 2:24-29**

Whosoever believeth that Yahshua is the Messiah is born of Elohim: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. **For whatsoever is born of Elohim overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Yahshua is the Son of Elohim?** This is he that came by water and blood, even Yahshua the Messiah; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of Elohim is greater: for this is the witness of Elohim which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of Elohim hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not Elohim hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that Elohim gave of his Son. And this is the record, that Elohim hath given to us everlasting life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of Elohim hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe; that ye may know that ye have everlasting life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of Elohim. **1 John 5:1-13**

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Elohim. **Revelation 2:7**

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. **Revelation 2:11**

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. **Rev. 2:17**

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: **Revelation 2:26**

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out

his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. **Revelation 3:5**

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohim, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my Elohim, and the name of the city of my Elohim, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies. **Revelation 3:11-13**

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies. **Revelation 3:20-22**

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Yahweh is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and Elohim himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim. And Yahweh Elohim shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his Elohim, and he shall be my son. **Rev. 21:1-7**

And I saw no temple therein: for Yahweh of Armies and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the splendour of Yahweh did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their praise and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the praise and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. **Rev. 21:22-27**

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. **Revelation 22:10-14**

For whatsoever is born of Elohim overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Yahshua is the Son of Elohim? 1 John 5:4, 5

Early History of the Holt Assembly

by Nina Bigford, wife of Earl Bigford

In the summer of 1927 at a Sunday School Class in the Methodist Church in North Lansing, Mich, Harriet (Mrs. Bill) Lasky invited the class to a Bible Study in her home. I attended that study. There I met the teacher, Mrs. John (Nora) Bush; Mrs. Vern (Mabel) Whitney, Mrs. Lee (Marguerite) Bashore, Mrs. Pearl T. Coulter, who later became Mrs. E. E. Smith. After Mr. Smith's death, she became Mrs. Tom Hogarth. There were others I won't mention at this time.

The studies were about the Sabbath, Second Coming, Clean and Unclean, Feast Days, and many other subjects we had never heard in the churches.

I would tell Earl what I had heard and he asked why the studies couldn't be held at night so the men could attend. Sister Bush said to find a place and she would come. It was decided to have them at our house. Meetings were called for Friday evening and all day Sabbath beginning at 9:00 in the morning. A round table was held all day on Sabbaths, with a pot-luck lunch served at noon. Women came bringing their babies and older children. We had a two-year-old girl, Marjorie, and then in Feb 1928, another little girl, Barbara was born. The studies went on as usual.

In April 1928, we kept our first Passover and Feast of Unleavened. They were held at the home of Sister Coulter. We met many more people there, as Sister Bush was holding studies in various places. Some of the new ones we met were Claude Biggs, who was the one who did the immersing for those wishing to be immersed. Also, Harry and Florence Mercer, who became Florence Butterfield many years later after Harry's death; John Corneil and his family; Bertha Ohlenkamp, now Mrs. Orva Saxman.

More kept coming to the studies at our house, including Oliver and Cora Mae Starks, his mother and aunt. There were many others I won't mention now. In the Spring of 1929 we exchanged our home in Lansing for a farm. The Bush's were renting the farm, and moved upstairs when we moved in. The studies and Feasts continued to be held in our country home until we rented a house in Lansing for the winter. Florence and Harry Mercer opened up their home for meetings until we returned to the country. The Bush's lived upstairs with us until Oct 1930, when our son Richard was born. The Bush's built a home on their land and began holding the studies and Feasts there. They invited people to build on their land. Several homes were built on the Bush farm, thinking it was a place of safety during the time of trouble.

In Feb 1936, we moved to Grand Ledge, Michigan. By that time Sister Bush was beginning to have poor health, and Sister Coulter took over the teaching by the request of the group. Meetings were held in our home in Grand Ledge, and Earl was asked to take over the duties of the immerser, which he did for many years. As Mr. Coulter had been dead for several years, Sister Pearl married E.E. Smith, who was a faithful Bible believer. The Smiths and Bertha Ohlenkamp bought a farm next to the Bush's and allowed people to build on it. Florence and Harry Mercer built a home on the land, and we began holding meetings there. It later became known as "The Camp of Yah". Marguerite Bashore's niece

Marjory, (Mrs. Wilbur) Graham bought a home that someone built and left the State. She is still living in that home.

Our group began to grow. Fred and Helen Duguid, Bill Graham and his sister Helen (now Mrs. Harvey Briggs) built a home in the Camp.

In 1939 or 1940, Brother Owsen from Detroit came with the name of Yahweh and Yahshua. We had read about those names in The Faith, but had not started using them. Soon after that at Pentecost time, Brother Dodd and Brother Traina suggested we have a three day meeting, which we did. We rented a big tent and quite a few people came. We began using the Sacred Name altogether. We had a Feast of Tabernacles meeting in a tent after that. More visitors began coming to our meetings every Sabbath.

Our group kept growing, some not mentioned before: Don and Helen Trowbridge and boys, Ethel and Adolph Florian, Brother Seaton, Cook, and Harriet Fisk, Lloyd and Ruth Helen Parry and family and many, many more.

In 1961, we bought a schoolhouse to hold the meetings and Feasts. The Elders took charge of the meetings, taking turns. Later Dick Francis (married Camille, Lloyd Parry's daughter) and George Kinney and wife, Bernita began meeting with us. Sam Graham (raised in the faith from a baby) became an Elder. Bertha Ohlenkamp married Orva Saxman. She began writing songs and poems in the Sacred Names. We have over 100 songs in a book we sing from.

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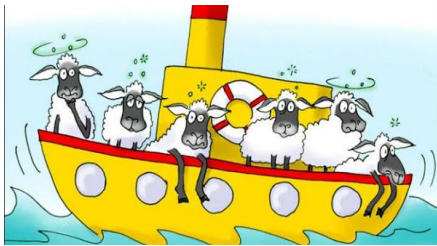
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Feb. 19		April 10
Mar. 21	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 24	May 24
Apr. 19	See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	Sept. 13
May 18		Sept. 22
(Borderline)		Sept. 27
June 17	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 13	Oct. 4
July 16		
Aug. 14	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 22	
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