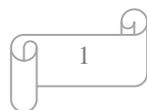


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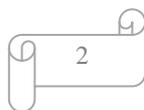
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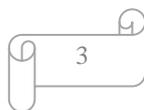
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The original names of our Creator, Yahweh, and his Son, our Savior Yahshua, are also used throughout. The name Yahweh or YHWH is in the original Hebrew manuscripts 6,823 times. Almost every translation on earth, including the King James, takes out the Creator's personal name and replaces it with the name Lord, a generic title that means Baal or Master. Also, our Savior's true given Hebrew name, Yahshua, which means "Yah is salvation" is changed to a Greek hybrid of Jesus, which is a poor transliteration from the Greek IE-Zeus. The English transliteration of Yahshua would be the equivalent to Joshua. There was no letter J in any language until the 16<sup>th</sup> century. So the Greek name "Jesus" would not be the name of our Savior. The third commandment strictly forbids taking Yahweh's name in **vain**. In vain literally means to change, falsify, or make common. Taking the name Yahweh or Yahshua and changing it to Lord or Jesus is definitely going against the clear instruction of the third commandment. So we will use the original, true Hebrew names of the Father Yahweh and the son Yahshua in this book. We will also use the Hebrew word, Elohim, instead of God.



## INTRODUCTION

Do we realize how much of our daily life is controlled by habits and traditions? Have you ever questioned any of those habits or traditions in your own personal life? I have. I have always been a person who is driven by truth and logic. I hate being lied to or deceived.

I was raised in a Roman Catholic family. While growing up I thought that every real Christian was a Roman Catholic. I thought Peter was the first Pope and that Yahshua (*Hebrew name for Jesus*) started the Catholic Church. I was very successful at a young age, too. I was in the stock market at 12 years old, I owned my own business at 18 (*a courier service with over 20 employees and drivers*) and owned my own house at 19. I was not one for wasting time on myths and fantasies. My motto was "*whatever the mind can believe and conceive, the mind can achieve.*" I also did not want to spend even one minute believing in a God who, like Santa Claus or the Easter bunny, was just another meaningless tradition taught to me as a child. I always wanted to know the reason why. As I said, logic was a main part of my mind set.

If there was a creator, I knew that there had to be some sort of purpose to this life. People live and people die, and what is the purpose? I also thought that, if there was a creator, then why did He make me? Why am I here on the earth at this point in history? Many of my beliefs as a Roman Catholic were challenged. I had to have answers. I sold out of my business to get into a more lucrative business, but it didn't work out. So I found myself with the greatest asset that we humans can have ...Time. We all have 24 hours a day to be productive or to waste time and opportunities. We can waste that precious time, if we so choose, on endless pleasure seeking mindless things such as the idiot box (TV). I spent the next 6 months doing an

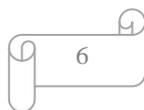
intensive research project to obtain my answers. First, I wanted to find proof that there was a Creator. That was easy. When you look at the stars, moon, sun, trees and flowers, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to know they came from somewhere.

The big bang theory makes no sense. Again, without being a scientist, logic tells me explosions create chaos, not order. It is also true that life can only beget life. So from where did the first cell originate? Science has no answers. Ps 53:1 states it plainly "**the fool has said in his heart there is no Elohim**"(true Hebrew title for God). When studying the human anatomy, it is absolutely absurd to think there is no creator.

What convinced me the most were the Holy Scriptures themselves; the most amazing book ever written, but unfortunately so few read it. If most believers would just read the Holy Scriptures, it would probably not even be necessary to write a book like this. One of the biggest mysteries to me personally is that man has written literally millions of books over the 6,000 years of his existence on this planet, and yet mankind never gets tired of reading them. Whereas our Creator wrote one book, (the instruction manual for humans) and hardly a Christian in the entire world has read it in its entirety, and few continue to read it daily. No wonder the world is on the brink of total annihilation. The rejection of the Creator's word is so illogical. If you bought a computer you would read its manual to know how it works. If you bought a VCR you would read its manual to know how to program it. Yet, the one book (manual), written by the Almighty, Creator to teach us how to love Him with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and love our neighbor as our self, is ignored. Most will say the Bible cannot be understood. That is only half true. To the natural, carnal, selfish mind it does seem foolish, hut to the pure hearted, who seek a true relationship with the

One who created them, it has the words of eternal life. It is just a matter of how much you love the truth. I'm not asking if you are a truth seeker, there are plenty of those around these days, but a lover of truth? The difference is that the truth seeker picks and chooses the truths that fit his personal lifestyle and belief, while the truth lover lets the word cut to the heart like a two edged sword, convicting the soul to repent (**Heb 4:12**). The truth lover changes when truth is presented and proved from Scripture because he knows that those who worship the Father must worship in spirit and truth (**Jn 4:24**). He wants a real one-on-one relationship with our Heavenly Father that can only be achieved through truth and not through the lies and traditions of men and churches.

I said I set out to find answers. The very answer to the question "*why was I on this planet?*" I said I searched for 6 months, and I got my answers. I want to share those answers with you in this book. The answers I received will shock you, amaze you, and hopefully awake you, as our beloved brother Jude stated in Jude verse 3 "to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints." I have studied church history for almost 27 years now. I want to share with you the factual, provable evidence of my research. I want to show you that you are being deceived by the corrupt money-making businesses, called churches, in today's society. I don't want you to take my word for it. Everything that I have written is backed up with historical, archeological, and most of all the Scriptural proof. I have included the names of other reference books for your continued research and study the things laid out in this book. If you are looking for truth, and if you love the truth, then read on. You have found it. And the truth will set you free!



## CHAPTER 1 - CHRISTIANITY UNVEILED

I said the things written in this book will amaze and shock you, but to others who refuse the truth, it will highly offend. I just want to state before I start that my sole purpose for writing, is to try to bring Spirit- begotten children of the living Elohom (True Hebrew title for God) of the universe into a real, more productive one- on- one relationship with Him through truth. Nothing good ever comes out of a lie. Most times many more lies have to be made up to cover the first lie. To our Heavenly Father there is no such thing as a white lie.

We are to be children of the light and children of truth, not lies. When I did my research project on my beliefs as a Roman Catholic some 27 years ago, I was shocked that most of what I had been taught was a lie. It angered me that almost nothing taught in Catholic school was biblical, but only traditions of church fathers. It angered me even more that not only weren't any of these beliefs biblical, but just the opposite, they were steeped in 100% pagan worship, which is strictly condemned throughout the entirety of the Holy Scriptures, Old Testament and New.

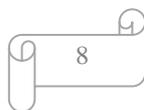
***Deuteronomy. 12:30-32 - Take heed to yourself that you not be snared (trapped) by following them, after they be destroyed from before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? I will do likewise. You shall not do unto Yahweh thy Elohim: for everything hateful to Yahweh, which He detests, they have done to their gods. For they have even burned their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. What thing so ever I command you, observe to do it; you shall not add to it, or take away from it.***

Wow, those are clear, powerful words. We should not take Pagan traditions, such as Easter (name of Babylonian mother earth goddess) and Christmas, and change them

around some to try to worship the true Creator through ancient pagan customs. We must worship Him on the days He has already given us in Leviticus, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter. We mustn't add to His commands and we mustn't take away from them. That seems clear enough for a child to understand. When the Israelites were taken out of Egypt by the powerful miracles of Yahweh, the Creator, He took them to Mount Sinai to reveal the truth to them of who He was, and what His eternal laws are, and how to live an abundant, happy life. But what happened when Moses went up the mount to receive His eternal law? They built a golden calf to Yahweh and worshipped Him through the calf. They did not get a new god, but worshipped the One and Only true Elohim (True Hebrew title for God) the only way they knew how, through the pagan customs from Egypt. This was not and still is not acceptable to Yahweh. He is a jealous Elohim (**Deut. 5:9**) and will not give His glory as eternal authority of the universe to another, and rightly so. If He has given us truth, if He has laid out exactly how and when to worship Him in the Holy Scriptures, and more specifically in Leviticus 23, why should He accept false, changed paganism? Since the creation of the printing press every single person in the industrialized world, and even beyond has had access to a Bible. The truth is so readily available. People can easily find it and should accept it. Since it is so easy to access, why should the One and Only true Elohim accept lies and false pagan worship toward Him? The answer is He doesn't, He never did, and He **NEVER** will.

***John 4:24 - Yahweh is a spirit, and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.***

The traditions of men, which the devil tries to pawn off as Christian, are nothing more than wasteful pagan lies, that go back in some cases over 4000 years to ancient Babylon.



Paul to the **Galatians in Chapter 4:8-11** -  
***"Howbeit, then indeed not knowing Elohim, you served as slaves, to the ones not by nature being no gods. But now being known by Yahweh, how do you turn back again to the weak and poor elements in which you again wish to be enslaved. You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. I fear for you, lest somehow I labored among you in vain. "***

These Galatians, once pagans and now believers, known by the Only true Creator of the universe were turning back to their pagan ways and observing the pagan practices they had come out of. I'm sure they were telling Paul they were now worshipping Yahweh through their pagan holidays. But again Paul said this was not acceptable. If a Moslem or a Buddhist became a believer in Yahshua as Son of Elohim and Creator of the world, but still bowed down to the stone idol of Buddha and now called the idol Jesus or Yahshua, a child could see this is against the commandment and blasphemy to Yahweh. When someone is truly baptized as a mature adult and not as a newborn baby (another lie of Catholicism), why is it so hard to see he, too, must put away the pagan practices of Christmas, Easter, Halloween? He must worship Yahweh in Spirit and truth.

I would now like to take the time to show you some references, so you can see that these practices truly are not Christian but are pagan to the core. Actually any encyclopedia can give you all the information that I will give you now, if you would only take the time. But I have done your reference work for you, so here it is.

**Christmas** - is not a Christian holiday. Yahshua was not born on December 25<sup>th</sup>. **Luke 2:8** states that at the birth of Messiah shepherds were in the field. This could not be on December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Catholic Encyclopedia<sup>1</sup> says "*Christmas*



*was not among the earliest festivals of the church.” It did not start to be observed as the birth of Messiah until the late 4<sup>th</sup> century by the Catholic Church, who had taken over the true church by this time. I will go into detail of that history in a later chapter. Here is a paper by Shannon Achey explaining, with references, the origin of this pagan practice.*

### **Unveiling the Christmas Story<sup>ii</sup>**

By Shannon Achey

The festival of Christmas was celebrated by pagan sun worshipers long before Yahshua Messiah was ever born. It was originally called Saturnalia, or Paganalia. A great compromise started when the early Christians at Rome sought for a way to convert more pagans into Christianity. They knew that the pagans celebrated Saturnalia in late December, so they set the birth date of Yahshua to fall at that time. These pagans worshipped their sun god on December 25, as they kept the festival of Saturnalia. So the church at Rome set Yahshua’s birth date to be on December 25. They believed that this was a way to gain more converts to Messiah. However, their intent was to increase the size of the Roman church. This act allowed two major religions to become united, and everyone was happy, except for Yahweh! This was one of many compromises done to keep peace between the different religions.

*"After the triumph of Constantine, the church at Rome assigned December 25 as the date for the celebration of the feast (Messiah’s birth), possibly about 320 A. D. or 353 A. D. By the end of the fourth century the whole Christian world was celebrating Christmas on that day.... The choice of December 25 was probably influenced by the fact that on this day the Romans celebrated the Mithraic feast of their sun-god (Mithras), and that SATURNALIA also came at this time", from Collier's Encyclopedia.*

The original name of Rome was Saturnia, meaning the city of Saturn. Saturnalia was one of Rome's great feasts. It was celebrated from December 17-24. It was their ancient belief that the winter sun was slowly dying because it was seen rising further and further to the south each morning. By December 25, it could be recognized that it was coming back north, and it was said to be reborn on this day each year. This day was called Brumalia. During this ungodly festival, the city of Rome was covered with drunken people, and orgies were taking place everywhere; ivy, ribbons, wreaths, and garbage covered the streets. This was the pagan festival of the winter solstice then called Saturnalia, and now called Christmas!

Mithraism was the largest pagan religion in the Roman and Greek world at the time of its rival religion, Christianity. The Mithraists were keeping the winter festival called "the nativity of the sun", thus named because they believed that the sun was born each year on December 25. They also celebrated December 25 as the date of Mithras' birthday because he was their sun god. The religious headquarters of Mithraism was at Rome. And finally, a man by the name of Constantine, the Pontific Maximus (High Priest of Mithraism), emerged on the scene. He felt inspired to blend Christianity and Mithraism in order to bring peace between both rival religions, and he did it. This diabolical move has affected countless numbers of people through the ages.

***"Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"  
2 Corinthians 6:14***

**CHRISTMAS GREENERY** - The ancient Druids considered mistletoe to be so sacred that they worshipped it, and even used it to cast spells! The primary belief was that if they held it over a woman's head she became powerless to resist, and they could then have their way with her sexually.

From this comes the custom of hanging it over doorways, and the tradition that if a girl is caught under the sprig of mistletoe, she may be kissed and may not resist.

Since the earliest times the fir (Christmas) tree has been worshipped as a phallic symbol, representing sexual potency, reproduction, and fertility. The pagans of old brought these trees into their houses and set them up as idols. Then they decked the tree with balls (male testes) symbolizing life and fertility. All this was done to honor their gods with all kinds of perversions.

**ELVES/SANTA** - The word elf means, "a nightmare!" According to tradition, while a person slept, he or she was attacked in the night by falling elves. It was believed that this is where nightmares and bad dreams came from. These elves are otherwise known in reality as evil spirits.

Many pagan societies have worshipped a hearth god, clad in red, who came down the chimney to bless those who pleased him, and to curse those who didn't. Food and drink offerings were left for him on the hearth or mantel in an effort to appease him.

The whole winter festival of Christmas is full of lies. Why do multitudes of families tell their children that Santa Claus is coming to bring them gifts? Why do you lie to your own kids?

***"Do not give FALSE TESTIMONY." Matthew 19:16-19  
"You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of Elohim in order to observe your own traditions!" Mark 7:9***

***"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the IDOLATERS, and ALL LIARS- their part***

***will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death. " Revelation 21:8***

Not one of these traditions is found anywhere within the Holy Bible, so why are they all being practiced within the Christian faith? It is because the devil has been working hard to mingle his lies, into the lives of Yahweh's precious saints. Prayerful thought will bring us to the only conclusion of why multitudes of unbelievers and heathens celebrate Christmas, yet they don't even believe in the Messiah, nor do the things that Yahshua taught. The reason is because Yahshua never did fit into this heathen festival. Please, let us stop trying to mingle Yahshua in with the worship of pagan gods and idols."

***( end of quote)***

***"They worshipped the Almighty, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought. " 2 Kings 17:33***

***Jeremiah 10: 1-8 " Hear the word that Yahweh speaks unto you, o' house of Israel. Thus says Yahweh, learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: For one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with gold and silver, they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them. For they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good. For as much as there is none like unto thee, o Yahweh thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee o King of nations? For to thee doth it appertain: For as much as among the wise men of the nations, and in all there***

***kingdoms, there is none like unto thee. But they are altogether stupid and foolish. The tree is a doctrine of vanities".***

Sounds a lot like the Christmas tree. It is well known that the Druids (ancient pagans) worshipped pine trees because they did not lose their needles in the winter, when it appeared that all other trees lost theirs. Another meaningless pagan tradition of man having absolutely nothing to do with our faith in Yahshua as Messiah for forgiveness of sin, but again more idolatry.

**EASTER SUNDAY** - This false pagan day has not even tried to be masqueraded by a Christian name. The very name Istar is the name of the pagan goddess Mother Earth, straight from Babylon. Again the early congregation never celebrated Easter but rather the Yahweh ordained festival of Passover.

***1 Corinthians 11:23-24 "For as I have received of the Master, that which also I have delivered unto you, that the Master Yahshua, the same night in which He was betrayed (Aviv 14, Passover Luke 22:7-20) took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME".***

Again the Yahweh- ordained institution of Passover, to be kept in its season from year to year, (***Exodus 13:10***) was thrown out by the unholy Catholic bishops in favor of their pagan customs. As a matter of fact, if you look at the only sign Yahshua gave that He is the Messiah; most of Christianity rejects it by accepting a Friday crucifixion and an Easter Sunday resurrection.

**Matthew 12:39-40** ***"But He answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a***

***sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. "***

Out of the Savior's own mouth! He would only show one sign that He was indeed the Messiah. For three days and three nights would He be in the grave. Now a child can figure out that from sunset Friday to Sunday morning it is impossible to come up with three days and three nights. That's, because our Savior was not crucified on a Friday or rose Sunday morning; which is another tradition of men, never questioned by most, but which could be proven from history very easily. If you look at the scripture below from Luke you will clearly see that our Savior could not have been crucified on a Friday.

***Luk 24:18 And answering, one of them whose name was Cleopas, said to Him, Are you only one who resides in Jerusalem and do not know the things happening in it in these days?***

***Luk 24:19 And He said to them, What things? And they said to Him, The things concerning Yahshua the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet mighty in deed and word before Yahweh and all the people;***

***Luk 24:20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the judgment of death, and crucified Him.***

***Luk 24:21 But we were hoping that He is the One going to redeem Israel. But then with all these things, this third day comes today since these things happened.***

If this was on Sunday afternoon, then all we have to do is simply count back three days from Sunday afternoon and you will see the day that Yahshua was crucified. Anyway that you count you will not come up with a Friday

crucifixion counting back three day from Sunday. Clearly He was crucified on Thursday.

Where then did a Friday crucifixion and Sunday resurrection come from? Well, first let's take the crucifixion.

***Luke 23:54 " And that day was the preparation and the Sabbath drew on. "***

That verse has been taken by many to mean the weekly Sabbath or Saturday. So at the first glance you would think this day of preparation is a Friday. But **John 19:31** correctly states,

***"The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day (for that Sabbath day was a Holy Day)."***

The book of **Leviticus, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter, verses 4-7,** states:

***"These are the (Holy Days) feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their seasons. In the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (Jewish calendar, April) at even (sun setting) is Yahweh's Passover. And on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the same month is the feast (Holy Day) of unleaven unto Yahweh, for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. In the first day you shall have a holy convocation (Holy Day Sabbath), you shall do no servile work."***

The Sabbath spoke of in **John 19:31** was not the weekly Sabbath (Saturday), but the Holy Day of unleavened bread. So all we have to do is to go back and look in 30 A. D., when the Messiah died, and see on which day the Passover fell and on which day the Holy Day fell. The Jews have records of all Holy Days, going back 1,000's of years. And you will find that the Passover started on the evening of April 5<sup>th</sup>, which was a Wednesday. And since the Jews start

their days correctly at sunset, Yahshua kept the Passover meal according to scripture that evening and was crucified Thursday afternoon. He was three days and three nights in the grave, just like He said in **Matthew 12:39-40** and he rose from the dead after sunset Saturday evening. See the chart below, which can be checked for accuracy on any computer. Isn't it time to start to wake up to the truth, and stop believing these lies that have been perpetrated for 2000 years?

April 30 A.D.

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Also look at the following scripture to prove that Messiah was not resurrected Sunday morning at sunrise.

***Joh 20:1 But on the first of the week, Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark. And she saw the stone had been removed from the tomb.***

***Joh 20:2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Yahhsua loved, and said to them, They took away the Master out of the tomb, and we do not know where they laid Him.***

When Mary came it was still dark and the tomb was already empty, clearly Yahshua was resurrected Saturday evening and not Sunday morning. Also in Mathew 28:1, in the original manuscripts it states “after the Sabbaths” being plural, a holy day Sabbath on Friday, and a weekly Sabbath on Saturday. Yahshua was three days in the tomb

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and three nights, Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday night until He was resurrected.

The following is a paper that I put together with full references, showing where Easter traditions come from.

### **EASTER - PASSOVER CONTROVERSY -**

By the end of the first century, True believers came face to face with the Babylonian paganism in its various forms that had been established in the Roman Empire. The early congregation refused to have anything to do with its customs and beliefs. Much persecution followed. Many Christians were falsely accused, thrown to the lions, burned at the stake and in other ways tortured and martyred. (From the book, Babylon Mystery Religion, by Woodrow)

EASTER SUNDAY – Istar, Ashorah, Astarte - Mother earth, Semeramis, was celebrated as the pagan rites of spring. It was also known as the equinox of Venus, which is when they believed the Mother Earth was being impregnated by the sun. Nimrod stood for the sun god Baal. People had great sex orgies on this day. Early gentile churches as early as 100 A. D. began to keep this Holiday instead of Passover. People like Simon Magus of Samaria were doing miracles and deceiving the people. Supposedly Ashorah hatched from a giant egg when born. The egg represented the sun. Easter worship began according to a letter by Iraneous, a 2<sup>nd</sup> century Christian and historian, during the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century, by bishop Sixtus of Rome. Rome began holding Sunday services and taking the Eucharist instead of observing Sabbath and Passover.

Cladius Philo came to Rome in the 60's A.D.(Philo was ascetic and a philosopher). Even though he was ascetic, he welcomed with whole-hearted approval the apostolic men of

his day, who it seems were of Hebrew stock and therefore, in the Jewish manner, still retained most of there ancient customs (such as Sabbath keeping and Holy Day keeping),( by Eusebius, Church History.)

In 135 A. D. Bishop Marcus, an Italian, became bishop of Jerusalem. Crimes of heresy and schism were imputed to the obscure remnant of the Nazarenes who refused to accompany their Latin bishop in pagan worship but rather continued in the Apostles example of Sabbath and Passover. (Gibbons, Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire)

In the second century Polycarp Bishop of Smyrna was the primary leader of the church in his day. Polycarp had been a personal disciple of the apostle John and had kept the Passover with him on several occasions. The churches under his leadership remained virtually the only area where Yahweh's festivals continued to be observed throughout the remainder of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. In his old age, Polycarp even made a journey to Rome, seeking to convince the bishop of Rome, Anicetus, of his errors in not celebrating the biblical Passover and observing in its place an annual Easter Sunday worship, with a weekly celebration of the Eucharist. Anicetus answered that he must keep Sunday in honor of the Roman forefathers before him. (Early Church and Eusebius)

Polycrates was the successor of Polycarp. About 50 years after Polycarp's journey, Victor, now bishop of Rome, sought to intimidate the churches of Asia Minor with excommunication if they did not keep Easter Sunday and drop Passover and Sabbath.

The world has been deceived into dropping the Yahweh ordained festival of Passover to commemorate the death and shed blood of our Savior. They have replaced it with the

abomination of the pagan festival Easter, after the sun god Baal and his wife Istar. Yahweh strictly forbids this.

***Deuteronomy 12:30-32 "Do not inquire after their gods, saying, how did these nations serve their gods? Even so I will do likewise. Thou shall not do unto the Yahweh your Elohim! For every abomination to the Yahweh, which He hates, have they done unto their gods, for even their sons and their daughters have they burned in the fire to their gods. WHAT THING soever I COMMAND YOU, OBSERVE TO DO IT; THOU SHALT NOT ADD TO IT, NOR TAKE AWAY FROM IT.***

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** - There is not one scripture in the entire bible that endorses Sunday worship. There are well over 100 scriptures commanding the observance of Sabbath to honor Yahweh as the Creator. We will get into the Sabbath in detail later. Sunday, like Christmas and Easter was never part of the congregation that Yahshua started; rather it crept in almost a 100 years after His resurrection. This is something of much irony and hypocrisy. When you ask most professing Christians why they worship on Sunday instead of the scripturally- ordained Sabbath, they will most undoubtedly tell you, "because Yahshua was resurrected on Sunday morning." Yet when you prove to them dogmatically, as we just did, that He was indeed resurrected on Saturday evening, they still will not start observing Saturday instead. The truth of the matter is, they are observing Sunday because of tradition. Most people don't have a strong one-on-one relationship with Yahweh but do with their local church or Pastor. They don't want to rock the boat, even if what they believe is proven wrong. When you bring up these topics to a Pastor or church Elder, and if you are convicted about the truth of the scriptures, they will almost always try to get rid of you. This is called damage control. The truth is not high on the priority list in most churches, but money and control are. What I hear most

often is, "yes, you might be correct but we are comfortable with our traditions."

The following is an excerpt from Ralph Woodrow's *Babylon Mystery Religion* page 146-147, and deals with the Easter and sunrise Sunday tradition from Rome.

*iii"At the Easter season is it not uncommon for Christians to attend sunrise services. It is assumed that such honor Christ because He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up. But the resurrection did not actually occur at sunrise, for it was yet dark when Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and it was already empty. On the other hand, there was a type of sunrise service that was part of ancient sun worship. Rites with the dawning sun - in one form or another - have been known among many ancient nations. The sphinx in Egypt was located so as to face the east. From mount Fuji - Yama in Japan were prayers made to the rising of the sun. The pagan Mithrists of Rome met together at dawn in honor of the sun - god. The goddess of spring, from whose name our word "Easter" comes from, was associated with the sun rising in the east. Even as the word east-ER would imply. Thus the dawn of the sun in the east, the name Easter and the spring season are all connected.*

*According to the old legends, after Tammuz was slain, he descended into the underworld. But through the weeping of his "mother," Ishtar (Easter), he was mystically revived in spring. "The resurrection of Tammuz through Ishtar's grief was dramatically represented annually in order to insure the success of the crops and the fertility of the people. Each year men and women had to grieve with Ishtar over the death of Tammuz and celebrate the god's return in order to win*

*anew her favor and her benefits!" When the new vegetation began to come forth, those ancient people believed their "savior" had come from the underworld, had ended winter, and caused spring to begin. Even the Israelites adopted the doctrines and rites of the annual pagan spring festival, for Ezekiel speaks of women weeping for Tammuz" (Ezekiel 8:14). "*

As believers, we truly believe that Yahshua Messiah rose from the dead - not merely in nature or in the new vegetation of spring. Because his resurrection was in the spring of the year, it was not too difficult for the church of the fourth century (now having departed from the original faith in a number of ways) to merge the pagan spring festival into Christianity. In speaking of this merger, the Encyclopedia Britannica says, "Christianity... incorporated in its celebration of the great Christian feast day, many of the heathen rites and customs of the spring festival. "

Everything that we are looking at here is history. It is not opinion. I know to some it must hurt deeply, if you are hearing these hard, cold facts for the first time, but believe me, I understand. Remember, I was brought up in Catholicism. It deeply angered me when I found out that I had been deceived. I truly felt I was honoring our Heavenly Father and our Savior. But that anger should turn into joy when we really think about how blessed we are to have Yahweh bringing us these truths.

***Proverbs 25:11 " A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. "***

Again when these pagan traditions are truly exposed, what will we do with this information? Will we follow the crowd and con ourselves that it really doesn't matter, or will we repent, change, turn back to the truth of scripture and honor Yahweh in spirit and truth.

***Jeremiah 6:16 "Thus says Yahweh, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk there in, and ye shall find rest to your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein".***

How about you, will you walk in the scriptural path or will you continue in vain pagan worship?

***Mark 7:6-7,9 "Yahshua answered and said unto them", "Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning you, hypocrites, as it has been written, this people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men". Full well you, reject the commandment of Yahweh that you may keep your own tradition.***

Here are several other references showing the origin of Sunday observance.

SUNDAY - Romans, like the Greeks, Persians, Egyptians, and Babylonians before them worshipped the sun. A person could easily find the pagan temple because it was the tower raised high above the other buildings, and would ring out loudly, each Sunday at the rising of the sun. (Fossilized Customs)

After the flood, a king named Nimrod from Babylon, with his mother Semiramis developed a way of worshipping the sun god Baal, who was said to be Nimrod's father. Sunday worship was incorporated into Christianity at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century and early 2<sup>nd</sup> century in honor of Easter Sunday and the resurrection. The early Roman gentile churches, whose background was primarily from paganism, gladly accepted Messiah but worshipped Him in the form of their other pagan gods. (History of the Church) Pagans also called Sunday "Baal's day." (Fossilized Customs) The center of the

Mithra sun cult was Rome. The leader was the Pater (Latin for father), they wore crosses and wore black. The cult was for men only. The cult had a trinity of Mithra, Rashnu, and Vohu-Manah, three persons but one god. Sunday was kept hallowed in honor of Mithra the sun god, (Fossilized Customs). The Romans felt that it would be easier to control people with familiar concepts, and not demand any real changes. (History of the Church)

***Ezekiel 8:12-16 "And He said to me, son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each man in the rooms of his image? For they are saying, Yahweh does not see us; Yahweh has forsaken the earth. And He said to me, you turn again, you shall see greater abominations that they are doing. And He brought me to the opening of the gate of the house of Yahweh, toward the north. And, behold, women were sitting there, weeping for Tammuz. And He said to me, have you seen son of man? Yet turn again; you shall see greater abominations than these. And He brought me into the inner court of the house of Yahweh. And, behold, at the opening of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar were about twenty five men with their backs to the temple of Yahweh, and their faces eastward. And they bowed themselves eastward to the sun. "***

Here are two more references from Alexander Hislop's famous book, "The Two Babylons." These deal with the origin of Easter eggs and the hot cross buns (cakes to Astarte, read **Jeremiah 7:18**)

<sup>iv</sup>*"In ancient times, eggs were used in the religious rites of the Egyptians and the Greeks. They were hung up for mystic purposes in their temples. From Egypt, these sacred eggs can be distinctively traced to the banks of the Euphrates. The classic poets are full of the fable of the mystic egg of the Babylonians;. An egg of wondrous size is*

said to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves having settled upon it, and hatched it, out came Venus, who afterwards was called the Syrian goddess - that is Astarte (pronounced Easter). Accordingly, in Cyprus, one of the chosen seats of the worship of Venus, or Astarte, the egg of wondrous size, was represented on a grand scale."

Where did the idea of hot cross buns come from. It came from the same pagan celebration and customs as did the egg.

<sup>v</sup>"In *"The Two Babylons"*, on pages 107 and 108, we read about buns and Easter. . The hot cross buns of Good Friday, and the dyed eggs of Easter Sunday, figured in the Chaldean rites just as they do now. The "buns" known too by that identical name, were used in the worship of the queen of heaven, the goddess Easter, as early as the days of Cecrops, the founder of Athens - that is, 1500 years before the Christian era. One species of sacred bread, says Bryant, which used to be offered to the gods, was of great antiquity, and called "boun."

Although many people think that the church is an organization, or a building, the word church (Ekklesia in the original Greek), literally means "called out ones." Our Father in heaven has called us out of the unfruitful works of darkness (paganism) to the light of His truth.

***Ephesians 5:7-11 "Be you not partakers with them. For you were sometimes darkness, but now you are light in Yahshua; walk as the children of light. For the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth. Proving what is acceptable to Yahweh, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."***

Yahshua's last prayer to the Father before His crucifixion is in the book of John.

***John 17:15-17 He said, "I pray not that thou should take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. "***

If something is truly of the Holy Spirit, it will always be backed up by the written word of scripture.

***1 Corinthians 10:14 Paul tells us, "wherefore my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."***

***Verse 20-22 "But I say, that the things which the gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to Yahweh, and I would not that you have fellowship with devils." You cannot drink the cup of Yahshua, and the cup of devils; you cannot be partakers of Yahshua's table, and the table of devils. DO WE PROVOKE OUR MASTER TO JEALOUSY? ARE WE STRONGER THAN HE?"***

I know first- hand how hard it is when you stop practicing paganism and that you will be judged by the world around you.

***1 Peter 4:2-4 "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lust of men, out of the will of Yahweh. For the time past of our life may have been sufficient to us to work out the will of the gentiles, having gone on in lasciviousness (lawlessness), lusts, drunkenness, parties, carousings, and unlawful idolatries; (which, if you're honest with yourself, you will realize that many of these pagan holidays are full of them)."***

***Verse 4 "In which they are surprised, that you not run with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you. "***

It is not so much the truth that hurts someone, but the fact that, if what you are telling them is true, then what they are doing is false. But if you love the truth, then it should convict you to change from these pagan practices. In the next chapter we will get into the true Elohim - breathed Holy Days of Scripture.

## CHAPTER 2 - HOLY TIME

It's true that there are many pagan traditions that have been mixed in with Christianity, but what's worse is the fact that they have been exchanged for Yahweh's true Holy Days. Whereas the pagan traditions have no meaning or value (such as coloring eggs, or putting an evergreen tree in your living room), the Holy Days of Yahweh tell his entire plan of salvation. It is so sad that most professing Christians do not even know what these days are. When questioned, most will say "You mean the Jewish Holy Days," and I will properly respond "NO, Yahweh's Holy Days."

***Leviticus 23:1-2 "And Yahweh spoke unto Moses saying, speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, concerning the feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be Holy convocations, even these are MY FEASTS."***

Did you get that? They are not the Jews' feasts, but Yahweh's feasts. They are days that explain the very redemptive work He is doing on earth through the saving blood of His Son Yahshua. Notice that the feasts are for all the children of Israel, not just for the Jews. Abraham had Isaac as his son; Isaac had Jacob (whose name was later changed to Israel). Israel (Jacob) had 12 sons; one of those sons was named Judah (the Jews). The Jews (or tribe of Judah) make up only a twelfth of Israel. As a matter of fact, the first time the word Jew is even mentioned in the scriptures is (**2 Kings 16:5-6**), where Israel is fighting with the Jews. The other 11 children of Israel are as follows, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin. With Judah (the Jews), they are the 12 sons of Israel (Jacob). David, of the tribe of Judah, was king over all Israel. Each tribe had its own land. Any good bible will have a map of Israel in the back showing which land belonged to which son or tribe. After David's

death his son Solomon took over as king. Yahweh blessed Israel much at that time. Solomon was the richest man who ever lived. He had about a third of the wealth of the whole world. You can read about it in the book of Ecclesiastes in your bible. But Solomon turned away from Yahweh. Guess how? By marrying pagan wives and following pagan customs and holy days. Yahweh took the throne away from him for that. You can read the account in:

***1Kings 11: 1-13 "And king Solomon loved many foreign women, even the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, Hittites; of the nations which Yahweh said to the sons of Israel, you shall not go in to them, and they shall not go in to you; surely they shall turn aside your heart after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. And it happened, at the time Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his Elohim, like the heart of his father David. And Solomon went after Ashtoreth (Easter), goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcolm, the abomination of the Ammonites; and Solomon did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and did not go fully after Yahweh like his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech (Baal), the abomination of the sons of Ammon; And so he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. And Yahweh was angry with Solomon, for his heart had bent away from Yahweh, Elohim of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had given a charge to him concerning this thing, not to go after other gods; And he did not keep that which Yahweh commanded. And Yahweh said to Solomon, because this has been done by you, and you have not***

***kept My covenant and My statutes that I charged upon you, I shall surely tear the kingdom from you and shall give it to your servant. Only, I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I shall tear it out of the hand of your son. Only, I will not tear away all the kingdoms; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen."***

Wow, some heavy words! So, for leaving the word of Yahweh and following pagan gods and customs, the kingdom was ripped away from Solomon (Judah), and after Solomon died the kingdom was divided. The ten brothers of Israel were given the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, was king over Judah and Benjamin. The land of Benjamin went right through Jerusalem, so they stayed with Judah. Later, due to false worship, Levi (the priests) came to dwell in Judah. Levi was never given any land of inheritance because they were priests. They had cities in each of the other tribe's lands. The tribe of Joseph was split into the two tribes of his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, but the ten brothers also rebelled against Yahweh. They worshipped under paganism! Remember the practices of Christmas, Easter and Halloween? They did not keep Yahweh's holy Sabbaths. Remember, the Sabbaths were not just the weekly Saturday - Sabbath, they were also His annual Holydays of **Leviticus 23**. So Yahweh let them be taken into captivity, for this reason. It is very important to know that these Sabbaths and Holydays were Yahweh's, not the Jews'. They were and are holy time, revealing Him as the only true Creator (unlike the pagan days). They set Israel apart as a special people to Yahweh. Read about this in:

***Ezekiel 20:2-24 "And the word of Yahweh was to me, saying, son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, so says Yahweh your Elohim; Have you***

***come to inquire of Me? As I live, declares Yahweh your Elohim, I will not be inquired of by you. Will you judge them; will you judge, son of man? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers. And say to them, so says Yahweh your Elohim: In the day I chose Israel, and lifted my hand to the seed of the house of Jacob - and I was made known to them in the land of Egypt -when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I am Yahweh your Elohim; in that day I lifted up My hand to them to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, the glory of it is to all lands; then I said to them, let each man cast away the filthy idols of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am Yahweh your Elohim. But they rebelled against Me, and would not listen to Me. They did not each man throw away the filthy idols of their eyes, and they did not forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, I will pour out My fury against them, to fulfill My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations among whom they were, for I made Myself known to them in their eyes, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt. So I made them leave from the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them My statutes, and I made them known My judgments, which if a man does them, he will even live by them. And I also gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh, who sets them apart. But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments; which if a man does them he will even live by them. And they greatly profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I worked for My name's sake that I should not be profaned in the eyes of***

***the nations, before whom I brought them out, in their eyes. And I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given, flowing with milk and honey - it is the glory to all the lands; because they despised My judgments, and they did not walk in My statutes, and they profaned My Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. And My eye spared them from destroying them; and I did not make an end of them in the wilderness. But I said to their sons in the wilderness, do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, and do not keep their judgments, and do not defile yourselves with their idols. I am Yahweh your Elohim. Walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them. And keep My Sabbaths holy; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am Yahweh your Elohim. But the sons rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, and they did not keep My judgments to do them; which if a man does them, he shall live by them. They profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them, to fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness. But I withdrew My hand and acted for My name's sake, that I should not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, from whom I brought them out in their eyes. And I lifted up My hands to them in the wilderness, to scatter them among the nations and sow them among the lands, because they had not done My judgments, and had despised My statutes, and had profaned My Sabbaths; and their eyes were after their fathers idols.***

How important are Yahweh's Sabbaths and Holy Days? A whole nation of His chosen people were dragged off into slavery for breaking them. Notice also how He calls them His Sabbaths (not the Jews'), and that they are a mark of identity of His true people. Only Yahweh can make something holy. Human beings cannot! We can only keep

that which has been made holy by Yahweh, or we can profane it. He set the Sabbath apart from creation to show a world of pagan idolaters the One and only true Elohim, and to sanctify (set apart for, a holy purpose) His chosen people. The Moslems honor Friday, to their false god Allah (Allah means curse); the Christians honor Sunday (as the pagans before them) to the false sun god Baal. Only the true spiritual seed of Abraham honor our Creator on Sabbath (Saturday), as the only true Elohim of the universe.

***Genesis 2: 2-3 "And on the seventh day, Elohim completed His work that He made, and He rested (in Hebrew it is Shabbath) on the seventh day from all His work, which He had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day and sanctified it (set apart for a holy purpose), because He rested from all His work on it, which Elohim created to make."***

Did you get that? He completed His work on the seventh day by resting! He literally created the Sabbath by the very act of resting. The work was not complete until the rest took place. Just as the work of creation, 6000 years are given to man, to make his own governments, schools, financial systems. After 6000 years, Yahshua will return at a point when mankind is ready to destroy itself and save it from this destruction. Then you will have the true Sabbath, the last 1000 years of peace, with Yahshua reigning as King of Kings over all the earth. In the Holy Scriptures this is called the Millennium. Millennium means 1000 years. Why do you think Yahshua called himself in **Mark 2:27-28** Master of the Sabbath? Why do you think most of His healings were done on Sabbath days? Because it is a foreshadow of the complete great healing during His earthly millennial reign.

The weekly Sabbath points to Yahshua as a Creator and Millennial King. This day was set apart at creation

before there was an Abraham, an Israel, or a Jew. So it cannot be the Jewish Sabbath. But Yahweh says in **Ezekiel 20**, that He shared His Sabbath with Israel to sanctify them. It is something created. No matter who you are, or what race you belong to, each week you are blessed with food, shelter, clothing and much more. So every seventh day you have the duty, or better, privilege to honor Yahweh and Yahshua as Creators of the world and everything you have been blessed with.

***Ecc. 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter (life). Fear Yahweh, and keep His commandments; For this applies to every man.***

Keeping the commandments (all 10 and not 9) applies to everyone, not just the Jews. From creation, it was wrong to lie, steal covet, commit idolatry, take Yahweh's name in vain, commit adultery, worship idols, kill, dishonor your parents and also from creation it was sin to break the Sabbath day. I have heard every excuse in the world why people do not honor Yahweh, the Father and Yahshua His Son, every seventh day, Saturday, on his set-apart Sabbath day; from “we can honor Him every day,” to “that was nailed to the cross.” And we can and should honor Him every day, but only one day is holy and that is SABBATH (Saturday). (Actually sundown Friday to sundown Saturday-**Leviticus 23:32**). We need to work, cut the grass and do food shopping, and our Father knew that from creation. That is why he set up from creation that no matter how busy our week was, we would come every Sabbath and put all the fleshly and worldly cares aside and look forward to the true Sabbath rest of Yahshua's millennium. Yes, they are shadows, and the reality is in Yahshua, but **Col 2:16-17** tells us that they remain shadows of coming things!

When Yahshua came to earth 2000 years ago He gave His body as the one-time, ultimate sacrifice for sin. But the

plan is not over! **Daniel 9:24** states that when Yahshua returns, He will put an end to rebellion, make an end of sins (completely), bring in everlasting righteousness and be anointed King. That has not happened. Remember, this prophecy is to the Israelite people and the city of Jerusalem. I have lived there on and off for the last 9 years, and I can tell you that it has not happened. There is much more to the plan! How could you think the plan is finished when over 2 million babies a year are aborted in America alone? When half the world is starving and when child slavery is still rampant in Africa. The Kingdom (Millennium) will not start until the King (Yahshua) steps His feet on the Mount of Olives (**Zech 14:4**). You should also ask yourself this question; if the Sabbath was fulfilled in Yahshua and is no longer necessary, then why will all the earth come and worship before him every Sabbath during the millennium?

**Isaiah 66:23 "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh."**

Also ask yourself if all the holy days are done away with, then why will all the nations left after the battle of Armageddon come each year to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, or be plagued?

**Zechariah 14:16,18 " And it shall be, everyone who is left from all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be whoever will not go up from the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, there shall be even no rain on them. And if the family of Egypt does not go up, nor come in, then the rain shall not be on them; but the plague with which Yahweh shall strike the**

***nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles."***

The truth of the matter is, these days were never done away with, as this world's pagan corporate churches would have you believe. They were established at creation and what Yahweh creates, man cannot destroy.

***Genesis 1:14 "And Elohim said let the lights be in the expanse for the heavens to divide between the day and the night. Let them be for signs, and for seasons, and days and years."***

The Hebrew word for season is "mowed" and it literally means an appointment or a festival (holy day). How awesome is that? Yahweh made time (sun and moon to show time) so that you would know exactly when to keep your appointment with Him. He is literally making an appointment with you every Saturday (Sabbath), and during each Holy Day during the year. In **Leviticus 23:2**, it states that these are holy convocations, and that word means assemblies and also means rehearsals. Since the Holy Days are all shadows of the plan of Salvation through Yahshua, we literally rehearse His arrival and Kingdom by gathering to worship on these days. How awesome! If Yahweh is making a personal appointment with you through these days, why on earth would you not want to honor Him as Creator and Savior and be there to observe them? Some of the days, like Passover, are memorials of the redemptive work of conquering sin, which Yahshua has already done; others, like Tabernacles, point to the wonderful millennium of peace just ahead. The Sabbath does both. It points to our spiritual rest from sin in Yahshua, but also to the ultimate rest of the world from sin in the millennium. That is why in **Heb 4:9** it states:

**Hebrews 4:9 "Therefore remains the keeping of the Sabbath to the people of Yahweh."**

He had just gotten through explaining why the nation of Israel did not enter the Promised Land (type of millennium) because of lack of faith, and we are warned that we will not enter our promised land (millennium) for the same lack of faith. And since the millennium is not here, and we have not entered that rest yet, therefore remains the keeping of the Sabbath (shadow) to the people of Yahweh. The Sabbath is actually referred to as the faith commandment. Why? Because anyone can say they don't lie, or steal or kill, but remember, the spirit of the law is in your heart. And who knows if someone in his heart is hating his brother or looking lustfully on a woman? But the Sabbath is known to all. You will stand out like a sore thumb when you do not work or do menial tasks each Saturday. Some will even lose their jobs. But being a Sabbath and Holy Day keeper for almost 27 years, I have never heard one bad result from the obedience to these days. On the contrary, I have heard story after story of people getting better jobs and being blessed tremendously for obedience to Yahweh. Remember Yahweh proclaims blessings for obedience and cursing for disobedience. It is Satan who will try to deceive you into disobedience, telling you obedience is "legalism." That is the way he deceived Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and it is the way he has deceived many for almost 6000 years. You will never find one curse on anyone, in all the Holy Scriptures, for being obedient to the law of Yahweh. We find just the opposite, faithful Abraham was blessed because of his obedience.

**Genesis 26:5 "Because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my Torah (Torah means laws in Hebrew)."**

One of those commandments (there are 10) was the Sabbath day, and the Holy days are called statutes. Don't let Satan deceive you. Being nice is not enough. Yahweh expects us to be obedient to His word.

***1Samuel 15:22 "has Yahweh great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."***

Please write for a free tape [How the Sabbath was Changed to Sunday](#). It was not changed by Yahweh but by the Catholic Church at the council of Nicea in 325 AD by a Roman emperor, Constantine.

The Sabbath actually tells us the timing of Yahweh's plan for mankind. In Genesis we read that Elohim created the heavens and earth and all things in 6 days and rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, the Sabbath.

***2Peter 3:8-9 tells us that "a day with Elohim is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day."***

Yahweh has given men 6000 years to make their own governments, schools, money and even churches. Then at the end of 6000 years (if you count the years from Adam to today we are just about there), Yahshua, Messiah will come back to earth for his 1000 year millennial Sabbath rest on earth. It will be rest from war, from famine, and most importantly from sin. The Sabbath not only points to Yahshua as Creator of all, but also as the soon coming ruler of the earth; as King of Kings. That is why he even called himself in ***Mark 2:28 "Master of the Sabbath"***.

If you ask a Sunday keeper to show you where in Scripture the Sabbath was changed to Sunday, he will not

have much to say. The only Scripture that they think even mentions about meeting on the first day of the week is a mistranslation. It is **Acts 20:7**, properly stated in the original Greek "**and on one of the Sabbaths.**" The word for Sabbath is 4521 in the Strong's Concordance. Most translations erroneously translate this verse, as "*the first day of the week.*" That is why it is vital, if you truly want to learn Scripture, to get an Interlinear Bible with the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. Most translations today are greatly flawed, and most of the new translations, like the NIV, are horrendously inaccurate. When you bring up these facts, your average Pastor or Sunday keeper will tell you about the resurrection being on Sunday morning. We have already proven from history that it was not, rather it was late Saturday evening. However, this will never make them change, because they do not love truth but rather the traditions and praises of men.

***Luke 16:15 "And Yahshua said unto them, ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but Yahweh knoweth your hearts. For that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of Yahweh."***

And even if one Scripture mentioned gathering on a different day, how would that annul the Sabbath? It is not logical. It's like saying "since I'm meeting you on a Tuesday I can steal from you." This reasoning is of the devil.

I would like to briefly show you the plan of Yahweh from the holy days of **Leviticus 23**, and show you the awesome plan that our heavenly Father and his only begotten son Yahshua are working out for mankind.

In **Leviticus 23:4-8** we have the Passover and Unleavened Bread holy day season. First, Passover commemorates the beaten body and shed blood of Yahshua for the forgiveness

of our sins, and also the rededication of our baptism commitment to accept his sacrifice, so that we can come under the covenant of grace through faith. **John 6:53-58** states that unless you eat the body of Yahshua and drink his blood (Passover), you have no life in you. After this commitment to Yahweh to repent of our sins and live by true faith in Messiah, the 7 days of Unleavened Bread commemorate taking sin out of our lives. As leaven puffs up so does sin and pride to a believer. Each year during the days of Unleavened Bread, a believer, before the Holyday starts, takes all leaven products out of his/her dwelling place, and as we clean the crumbs in the back of our cabinets, we reflect on hidden sins, not so easily seen. Eating unleavened bread for 7 days, called in the Scriptures *the bread of affliction*, reminds us of the sacrifice that Messiah made for us and the hard, narrow road to salvation (**Matthew 7:13-14**). These practices were strictly followed by the Apostles and the early church after Yahshua's death. **1Cor 11:23-29, and 5:6-8** shows the Apostle Paul commands the observance of these days.

***1Co 5:7 Then purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Passover was sacrificed for us.***

***1Co 5:8 So let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of evil, but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.***

**Leviticus 23:9-22** tells us of the next holy day season, Pentecost or in Hebrew, Shavuot. Pentecost reminds us of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the 1st century church in **Acts 2**, and also of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pentecost, when Yahweh will again work with the children of Israel and give them a new heart, (**Jer. 31:31-34**.) That is why, when the omer (first ripe grain) was offered during Unleavened Bread (The Messiah was the fulfillment of that omer to Yahweh at the resurrection), it was made into two leavened loaves for

Pentecost, which represented one loaf for the New Testament congregation (Sons of Ephraim) and one loaf for Israel (Jews). Jewish tradition states that the 10 Commandments were given on Pentecost (the letter of the law), and the Holy Spirit (spirit of the law) was also given on this day. The Apostles continued to keep this festival after the resurrection of Yahshua, **1Cor 16:8**.

That brings us to the fall holydays, which tell the fulfillment of the plan of Yahweh. **Lev 23:23- 25** tells of the Feast of Trumpets, which pictures the return to earth of Yahshua our Messiah.

***Revelation 11:15 " And the seventh angel sounded and there were great voices in heaven saying, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Master and His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever."***

In ancient Israel, a trumpet was blown to either alert people to war or to coronate a king. Yahshua will do both at His return.

Then comes the fast Day of Atonement or at-one-ment, which pictures our being at one with Yahweh when the Messiah returns and abolishes sin. This is also most likely the day of the wedding supper of the lamb.

***Revelation 19:7-9 "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. Blessed are they who are called to the marriage supper of the lamb."***

Then comes the Feast of Tabernacles, **Lev 23:33-44**, a seven-day feast, which pictures the millennial rule of Yahshua and the completeness of the plan of Yahweh.

***Isaiah 35:5-6 "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped."***

It will be a total healing. That is why Yahshua did so many healings on the Sabbath, because it pictures this time of the millennium in the near future.

***Micah 4:3 "And He shall judge among the people, and rebuke strong nations afar off, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."***

It will be a time of total peace. Israel dwelled in tents during Tabernacles to show us humans how temporary we are. Yet, it is a great feasting time, and Yahweh commands us to rejoice and to be with brethren and share a foretaste each year for seven days of His kingdom. The day right after Tabernacles is called the Last Great Day and pictures the great white throne judgment of all who ever lived (**see Rev 20:11-15.**) It will occur just like this holy day, directly after the millennium.

These holy days which are Yahweh's, and not the Jews' (**Lev 23:2**), are an annual reminder of Yahweh's plan of redemption for mankind. That is why it states in:

***Colossians 2:16-17 "Let no man judge you for keeping them because they remain a shadow of coming things."***

The Colossians, who came from a pagan gentile area were under pressure from surrounding people to keep the pagan traditions of men instead of the Yahweh-ordained holy days

that the apostle Paul was teaching. It is not much different today. You may ask, "does it really make a difference?" But the whole world has gone to other gods because they lost the meaning of Yahweh's plan through these days.

***Genesis 1:14 states "Elohim made the lights in the firmament (moon, stars) for season and days."***

This literally means for holy days. If it was important enough for Yahweh, then it is important enough for us.

***John 4:24 says "We must worship Yahweh in spirit and in TRUTH."***

Christmas and Easter are lies. Yahshua was not born on December 25 and was not raised on Easter Sunday. The holy days of **Lev 23** are TRUTH. They tell the beautiful plan that our loving Creator is doing with us. Through the holy days **of Lev 23**, that plan has not been lost for almost 6000 years to those who seek truth.

Did you know that the same word translated for "holyday" (Mowed) is also used for congregation? It actually means an appointment with the congregation. These days are setting apart (sanctifying) Yahweh's congregation (appointed ones), from the Gentile world around them. We are to be in the world, but not of the world. How could Christians totally abandon these meaningful days that explain the plan of salvation and exchange them with such meaningless pagan customs, which are full of lies? Yahweh was actually setting the Sabbath as an identifying mark for His people, forever.

***Exodus 31:12-18 "And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying: And you speak to the sons of Israel, saying, you shall surely keep My Sabbaths; for it is a sign between Me and you for your generations; to know that***

***I am Yahweh your Sanctifier. And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you; the profaners of it surely shall be put to death; for everyone doing work in it, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of His people. Work may be done six days, and on the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to Yahweh; everyone doing work on the Sabbath day surely shall be put to death. And the sons of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to do the Sabbath for their generations; it is a NEVER - ENDING covenant. It is a SIGN FOREVER between Me and the sons of Israel; for in six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth; and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed. And when He finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave to Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, WRITTEN BY THE FINGER OF YAHWEH.***

Do you realize that mankind has literally written millions of books, but the Ten Commandments are the only things on record in mankind's history which are written by the finger of Yahweh? It says that they are a never ending, perpetual covenant for all time. How could anyone be deceived that they are done away with or don't matter? Some may say "but that is only for the children of Israel." But as previously stated in ***Ecclesiastes "It applies to all men."*** Let us not forget that Yahweh has revealed Himself as the Elohim of Israel.

***Zephaniah 2:9 "Therefore as I live, says Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel."***

The covenant was made with Abraham, as we will see in a later chapter.

***Galatians 3:29 " And if you be Messiah's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.***

Gentiles get grafted into the tree of Israel; Yahweh did not become a Gentile God. Read **Romans, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Chapters**. Also, consider this very interesting note on a fleshly basis. We have discussed the difference between the Jews (Judah and Benjamin) and the house of Israel (lost ten tribes). There has been much evidence unearthed in the past century which shows the migration of the lost ten tribes of Israel to modern day Western Europe and America. Americans come from England who are Anglo-Saxons. The word I-saac or Sax-ons (sons of Isaac,) who was the father of Jacob (Israel). There is much information documenting these facts. You may request for a book I wrote on the subject entitled "*The Chosen People*." So you may be more physically and spiritually tied to Israel than you know.

**Romans 2:29 "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men, but of Yahweh.**

**Leviticus 24:22 "Ye shall have one manner of law, whether a Gentile or one born in the land. I AM YAHWEH YOUR ELOHIM."**

Yahweh is not a respecter of persons, the same law applies to both. Some will still go to **Romans 14: 1-5** and state that Paul said that it does not matter which day you want to keep holy. They are twisting the scriptures to their own destruction. If one is honest with himself, **Romans the 14th chapter** never mentions the Sabbath at all. **Food** is the issue! Some Roman brethren were abstaining from meat from the local markets because it may have been sacrificed to an idol, so they had become vegetarians. Paul is stating, not to judge each other in matters that are not scriptural. In verse 5 it talks about one setting aside a day to fast, while others were not fasting. Paul explained that if you fast, you can also give the day to Yahweh. The Sabbath is never

mentioned! As a matter of fact, this could never be referring to the Sabbath, because the Sabbath is a Feast day, not a Fast day. The Jews (according to law) would not ever fast on the Sabbath. Paul was never speaking against the Sabbath; on the contrary,

***Acts 17:2 "And Paul, as his custom was, went in to them and three Sabbath days, reasoned with them out of the scriptures.***

***Acts 18:4 " And he (Paul) reasoned in the synagogue EVERY Sabbath and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks (Gentiles).***

That is very interesting! If the gentiles were observing Sunday, why would scripture tell us that they were observing Sabbath? Because the early congregation never worshipped on the sun - day (Baal's day), but were commandment keepers, and honored our Creator on every Sabbath. You will find more about all of that in the next chapter on the history of the early congregation.

Very soon the world will be going through the worst time it has ever seen or ever will see. This is going to happen right before the return of Yahshua to the earth where he will start His millennial rule. He tells us all the signs of this near-future time. Read about it in the book of ***Matthew in the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter***. Interesting enough in ***verse 20*** He says:

***Matthew 24: 20 " But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day.***

Here it is, a time yet in the future and the Sabbath day still exists. It is one particular day (every seventh or Saturday)! Some people try to spiritualize away and claim that the Sabbath is every day. Yet we have shown the very clear scripture of Paul on keeping this one day (Saturday) as the true Sabbath. Matt 24:20, also states that our flight be

not on the Sabbath. This day honors the only true Elohim and is so important because it does identify His chosen people. In Ex. 31 it also says that it is "*a sign*." A sign is an identifying mark of evidence. It truly shows the world who the true Creator and His people are. Unless you love the truth, these things will seem like foolishness to you.

***1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receives not the things of the spirit of Yahweh; for they are foolishness unto him. Neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.***

But to the one seeking and loving truth, these are beautiful, wonderful words that open up the door to eternal life. It also opens up a deeper relationship with our Savior Yahshua. It does not come through the meaningless pagan traditions of men but through the spirit-breathed word of Elohim.

I would like to end this chapter with two scriptures from the book of Isaiah which show, out of Yahweh's own mouth, that the keeping (observing) of Sabbath is "pleasing" to Him. It is both for Israel and also for the Gentiles joined to Israel, and the reward of it is to ride on high mountains (the kingdom), to have a new name and eternal life.

***Isaiah 56: 1-7 "So says Yahweh: keep justice and do righteousness, for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO DOES THIS, and the son of man who lays hold on it; KEEPING SABBATH FROM DEFILING IT; and keeping his hand from doing every evil. And do not let the son of the foreigner (Gentile) speak, he who joins himself to Yahweh, saying, Yahweh surely separates me from His people; and not so let the Eunuch say, Behold I am a dried tree. For so says Yahweh to the Eunuchs who KEEP MY SABBATH AND CHOOSE THINGS I AM PLEASED***

**WITH, AND TAKE HOLD OF MY COVENANT: I even will give them in My house and in My walls a hand and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, which shall not be cut off. And the sons of the gentiles who join themselves to Yahweh to serve Him, and to love Yahweh's Name, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant: even them I will bring to My holy mount and take them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on My altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.**

**Isaiah 58: 13-14 "If you turn your foot away because of the Sabbath, from doing what you please on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, glorified to the holiness of Yahweh; and shall glorify it, away from doing your own ways, from finding your own pleasure or speaking your word; then you shall delight yourself in Yahweh. And I will cause you to ride on the heights of the earth, and make you eat with the inheritance of your father Jacob. For the mouth of Yahweh has spoken".**

YOU HAVE THE CHOICE NOW! Will you continue to worship Yahweh in falsely-added man-made traditions?

**Mark 7:7 "Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of Men."**

By obedience to His royal law and honoring His Holy Days, which are given by Yahweh in the Holy Scriptures, you will be set apart from the world.

**Deuteronomy 12:32 "Whatsoever thing I command you, observe to do it! Thou shalt NOT ADD thereto, NOR TAKE AWAY from it!"**

Remember, Yahweh does not change!

### CHAPTER 3 - THE EARLY CONGREGATION

One of the biggest mysteries in the world today is the mystery of the "church." Today's corporate million dollar business, called "Christianity" has virtually nothing to do with the spiritual organism that our great Master Yahshua the Messiah started almost 2000 years ago. This transformation started around the end of the first century A.D. and continued until about 400 A.D. at which point there were two totally separate entities. In the book "*The Story of the Christian Church*", by Jesse Lymann Hulbut, on pg 33 it states: "*For fifty years after St. Paul's life, a curtain hangs over the church, through which we strive vainly to look. When at last it rises, about 120 A.D., with the writings of the earliest church fathers, we find a church in many aspects very different from that in the days of St. Peter and St. Paul.*"

We have shown from a previous chapter that the pagan practices of Christmas, Easter and sun-day worship were never followed by the early believers. It was almost 100 years after the death of the Messiah that these practices started to creep into the congregation. I think that far too often, we don't realize that our Savior Yahshua Ha Mashiach was a Jewish carpenter. All of the twelve apostles were also of the Hebrew stock. All the early believers for roughly the first ten years of the church or more were only Israelites.

***Matthew 10: 5-6 "These twelve, Yahshua sent forth, and commanded them, saying go not into the way of the gentiles, nor enter into any city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. "***

And even when salvation was opened to the Gentiles, the early Gentile converts were semi - Jewish proselytes. They attended the synagogue, they also observed Sabbath and the Holy Days, and they did not eat unclean food (as prescribed in **Leviticus, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.**) The main difference of these early Gentile believers was not the law of Yahweh as told in the Holy Scriptures, but the fact that they were not circumcised. Circumcision was a physical sign of a national covenant to the land and nation of Israel, not to other gentile nations or peoples. Two types of blessings were promised to Israel. One was called the "birthright", which was passed through Joseph and his two children Ephraim and Manasseh. It was a physical blessing to the land and national blessing to the people of Israel.

***Genesis 48: 4 "And He said unto me (Yahweh to Israel), I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people. And I will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. "***

The second blessing was the "spiritual" blessing of salvation through Yahshua, which was given to Judah and it is called the scepter.

***Genesis 49: 10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. "***

If you look at verse 9, you will see that this is speaking to Judah.

Circumcision was a physical sign of the physical bloodline of Abraham's seed under the old covenant for physical blessings. The promise of the spiritual covenant

was to come out of Judah, which Yahshua was. Through Him we become the seed of Abraham (**Gal 3:29**) literally, through the blood of Yahshua, not the physical bloodline of Israel. Therefore, if circumcision has always been of the heart anyway (**Deut 10:16**), then physical circumcision is not required, for new Gentile converts.

Physical circumcision, and not Yahweh's eternal spiritual law, was the only question at the **Acts 15** council. The Gentile proselytes were already Sabbath and Holy Day keepers and also Torah (5 books of Moses) observant. But since they were not of the physical bloodline of Jacob, they were not circumcised. In **Acts 10: 2** it states that Cornelius (the first Gentile convert) was a devout man and one that feared Yahweh. Devout means "pious", which literally means that he was Torah observant. This quote is from the Ryrie study bible under the study note from **Acts 10: 2** by Charles Caldwell Ryrie. *"<sup>vii</sup>Cornelius, was a semi - proselyte to Judaism, accepting Jewish beliefs and practices but stopping short of circumcision."*

Listen also to what Kenneth Barker the editor of the Zondervan Study Bible writes about Cornelius who was praying at the Jewish hour of prayer (**Acts 10: 3**)<sup>viii</sup>. *"Here we have another indication that Cornelius followed the Jewish religious practices. At three in the afternoon was the Jewish hour of prayer."*

The early congregation was considered a Jewish sect to the Roman world around them. Ron Kelley expounds on this fact in "The History of the Church of God."<sup>ix</sup> *"The growth of the church went largely unnoticed in the Roman Empire. The church appeared to be no more than a Jewish sect. The early church kept the seventh day Sabbath and observed what most people called the Jewish Holy Days. They were also very zealous commandment keepers. This false idea about the law being nailed to the cross was never even thought of by the holy Israelite congregation."*

**Acts: 21:20 "And when they heard it, they glorified Yahweh and said unto him (Paul), do you see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are that believe and they are all zealous of the law."**

The law was not changed at all to the early believers, except for animal sacrifices becoming obsolete by Yahshua's ultimate sacrifice. They understood that the blood of bulls and goats could not cover one sin, but only remind them continually that they were sinners in need of a Savior. The difference between an early believer and a non-believing Jew had nothing to do with the eternal law of Yahweh, but with the belief in Yahshua's blood covering their sins. True believers believed that Yahshua's blood covered their sins and reconciled them back to the Father, the non-believers did not. There are also numerous scriptural references about the early believers and how they kept the the Holy Days of **Leviticus 23**. This is mentioned by Paul:

**Acts 20: 16 "For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia, for he hastened, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of PENTECOST. "**

**1 Corinthians 16:8 "But I (Paul) will wait at Ephesus until PENTECOST!"**

**1 Corinthians 5: 6-8 "Your boast is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the lump? Therefore, purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For also The Messiah, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. So let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of evil, but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."**

This scripture is very interesting! First of all, Paul tells the Corinthian brethren that they are unleavened. He wrote this letter at the Passover season, which is also the days of Unleavened Bread. This also proves that they were still taking the leaven out of the homes. It is very interesting to note also that these Corinthians were Gentiles. This epistle was written Around 56 A.D.; a good 26 years or so after the death of Yahshua. So if these days were done away with at His death, then why did these Gentiles still keep Passover and why were they still unleavening their homes 26 years later? The answer is, of course, that these days had never stopped being kept by the early congregation. They were and are HOLY TIME. Gentile converts, as well as Jews, worshipped on these days together during that first century A.D. The apostle Paul made a direct reference to Yahshua being our "Passover", and he also commands the brethren in **verse 8: Therefore keep the feast!** It does not sound at all like Paul is trying to do away with these days; on the contrary, he is establishing them.

**Romans 3:31 "Do we make void the law through faith? Yahweh forbid, yea we ESTABLISH the LAW!"**

In **1 Cor 11: 23-26**, Paul explains that what he is telling the brethren was given to him directly from Yahshua. **On Passover night, He took the bread and the wine and commanded to do this in memory of Me (Yahshua), verse 26, for each time ye eat this bread and drink this cup, you show Yahshua's death until He comes.** That is very clear. We are commanded once each year to memorialize Yahshua's death and great sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins, by partaking of His Passover. Yet so few Christians do! Paul then went on to emphasize what a serious ceremony this yearly Passover is. We have to thoroughly examine ourselves (our life and commitment) for Yahshua, before partaking in the Passover symbols. It was so serious that brethren were even getting sick and even dying,

because they did not truly examine themselves correctly. (**1 Corinthians 11: 30**)

***Exodus 13: 10 clearly states "Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in its SEASON from YEAR to YEAR.***

Today, the majority of Christians do not keep the Passover at all, and they substitute for it, with a weekly or monthly communion. Yet there is not one word of scripture to back them up. It is no wonder there is so little truth, and so little true spiritual growth in the corporate churches of this world. Yahweh made man in His image, and now man has made God in His image! They have made their own gods, just like the golden calf. They have made their own days of worship, just as king Jeroboam did in ancient Israel and was cursed for it. They have made their own day of worship. Sun - day or Baal's day, with all their own customs, none of which even remotely resemble anything in the scriptures.

Be honest with yourself for one moment. If you were part of that early congregation that kept Sabbath, the Holy Days and the law of Yahweh (excluding sacrifices), and I came to you for the first time and brought to you all the pagan customs, (Christmas, Easter, Sunday, Halloween) and tried to convince you to leave the Holy Scriptures and follow these days, what would you have said? The early brethren in many cases were willing to, and did, lose their lives for Yahweh's truth. Ask yourself (be honest), Why are you doing the things you are doing? Now, why don't you do the things that are clearly commanded in the Scriptures? The only answer is tradition, convenience and fear of men!

Out of love for Yahweh's people am I writing this book, to alert them, to wake them up because our Savior is coming shortly. Remember Satan is the father of lies; he was a liar in the beginning and still is today. In this society where truth is a rare commodity, most don't see any problem with

lying! There is an old expression "*My word is my bond,*" What it means literally is, your word is your security. When in the business world, there was a time I was able to borrow large sums of money on a handshake because my word was my bond. Yahshua is the Light; there is no darkness in Him. We also have to be children of the light, not of darkness. Remember what Paul said:

***"A little leaven, leavens the whole lump"(1 Cor 5:6)***

Our testimony needs to be PURE! We, as believers, also have a ministry of reconciliation (**2 Cor 5: 18**). How can we expect to bring unbelievers to the Messiah if our testimony is packed with half-truths and lies? Our belief in Yahshua as the Messiah has to be more than just a religious tradition. It has to be "A way of life." Did you know the early believers were called "**The way**" (**Acts 9: 2**), because of the way in which they lived? In Yahshua, our high calling is so much greater than vain traditions. We are being prepared for rulership with Him in His kingdom.

The aspect of Yahshua coming back to earth for a literal 1000 year millennium is much lost in many churches today. But this was a stark reality to early believers. I had mentioned how Israel had gone into captivity due to idolatry and Sabbath breaking. After 70 years of captivity in Babylon the Jews were allowed to go back to Jerusalem. Some, like Nehemiah, had learned their lesson regarding disobedience, others did not.

***Nehemiah 13: 15 - 22 "In those days I saw in Judah ones treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading asses; and also wine, grapes, and figs, and all burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I testified against them on the day they sold food. Men of Tyre also lived in it, who brought fish and all wares, and were selling on the Sabbath to the sons of Judah even in Jerusalem. And I contended with the nobles of***

***Judah and said to them. What is this evil thing that you do, defiling the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers do this, and did not our Elohim bring all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by DEFILING the SABBATH. And it happened, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened until after Sabbath. And I made stand some of my servants at the gates, so that there should be no burden brought in on the Sabbath day. And the merchants and sellers of all the wares stayed the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them and said to them, why are you staying around the wall? If you do it again, I will send a hand against you. From that time they did not come on the Sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should be cleansing themselves, and they should come guarding the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. O, my Elohim, remember me for this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy."***

Nehemiah, like many other Jews realized why they had gone into captivity. That is why some Pharisees went overboard with making up laws and oral traditions that were NEVER in the scriptures. In the time of Yahshua, the Jews had gone through 600 years of oppression, first by Babylon, then Persia, then Greece and lastly Rome, which was the worst. The Romans hated the Jews with a passion because they would not blend in with all their Greek, paganized customs. That is why the Israelites in the time of Yahshua visualized a real kingdom with a real king. They knew what the prophets said and also that Israel would be restored again like in the days of King David. It was known to them, that the Messiah would rule over Israel from Jerusalem.

***Acts 1:6 "When they therefore were come together, they asked Him, saying Yahshua, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"***

Here we have something which the Jews did not comprehend; their idolatry and Sabbath breaking held much greater penalty than the many years of slavery which they had been under. What they understood was that the kingdom is not in your heart or just an analogy, but a real kingdom with the real Messiah reigning from Jerusalem.

***Ezekiel 18: 4 "The soul that sins , it shall die!"***

The whole nation had a death penalty hanging over its head, yet none of them were aware of this fact. As soon as you start giving the glory to yourself for the keeping of Sabbath or the Holy Days, instead of humbly giving the glory to the One who created it, you are missing the point and you are losing the blessing. This was the problem of ancient Israel. They became so self-righteous in their keeping of Yahweh's law (like some do today), that they failed to see the need for grace and, through that, and they rejected Yahshua as the Messiah. The true believers who saw their need for redemption through Yahshua's shed blood, were greatly enhanced by these special days because both the Sabbath and the Holy days point to the redemptive work that the Father is doing through the great sacrifice of His Son Yahshua. Let us now look through the eyes of history and find out how this early Sabbath keeping and commandment-keeping congregation turned into the pagan church we know today as "Christianity."

The heresies of exchanging the Sabbath and Holy days for the pagan Roman days of Easter, Sunday and Christmas did not start to come into effect until the beginning of the second century A.D. Before that, as we have shown, all the believers, including gentile converts,

kept these holy days, which are out lined in Leviticus 23. This is not a focal point in the New Testament, only because nobody refuted these days as holy or commanded. Overwhelmed with joy were the Gentiles when they were grafted into the tree of Israel. They would have never thought of changing these days. These early gentile converts were already semi - Jewish proselytes who already were Sabbath and Holy Day keepers, and they also kept the dietary laws of Leviticus 11 but stopped short of circumcision. In Acts, chapter 13:14 we see Paul going into a synagogue on the Sabbath day, then he goes on to preach about Yahshua as Messiah, and in verse 27 it states that "the prophets are read every Sabbath." He goes on to tell them that, although they (the Jews) led him to be crucified, the Father raised Him up on the third day, according to the scripture. Now let's take a look at verse 42.

***Acts 13: 42 "And when the Jews had gone out of the synagogue, the gentiles begged that these words be spoken to them the next SABBATH. "***

***Verse 44 "And the next SABBATH day, came almost the whole city together to hear the word of Yahweh.***

This is a very telling verse. If the New Testament church was keeping Sunday, instead of Sabbath, why did the Gentiles meet with Paul on Saturday (Sabbath)? Even more telling is that when they wanted to hear more, why did they wait a whole week (seven days), to hear, until the next Sabbath? Why didn't Paul tell them (if they were worshipping on Sunday), "I will continue tomorrow during our normal Sunday service?" The answer is very clear; Paul just like the early believers (including the Gentiles) was a Sabbath keeper. There is not one scripture in the entire Holy Bible that even hints to a departing of the Sabbath for Sunday. That did not happen for about 100 years.

So who do you follow, Yahshua the Savior and the Apostles, including the early congregation, or the pagan,

Roman, murdering bishops of the unholy Roman Empire? Also, for those who believe that the Sabbath is every day thereby spiritualizing away Yahweh's law ; these scriptures are very clear. In the days of the early church there still was, just like at creation, the "SABBATH DAY." Nowhere in the scriptures is the Sabbath ever brought down to just a spiritual idea or concept. As previously stated in: **Matthew 24:20** (to a time in the future, right before the great tribulation) **"Pray that your flight be not on the SABBATH DAY."**

**Hebrews 4:9 "Therefore remains the KEEPING OF THE SABBATH, to the people of Yahweh."**

Yahweh's people will still be observing Sabbath and giving Him honor as Creator in the end time. Since Holy time was not an issue to the early gentiles, then what started the heresy, which led to the changing of the Sabbath and Holy Days, 100 years later? First of all, let's establish that as early as around 50 A.D., the false teachings started to creep into the church. In Paul's epistle written to the Galatians at around 50 A.D., he states:

**Galatians 1: 6-7 "I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Messiah unto ANOTHER GOSPEL. Which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Messiah."**

We can see here, 50 A.D. or so, already false teachings started to creep in. There was actually heresy even before that coming from Simon Magus, a sorcerer that you can see in Acts 8. He was a well-known sorcerer who deceived many through false signs and wonders. It started to become a major problem around 50 A.D.; not really before that. How did these false teachings pervert the Good News? First, as

we saw from an earlier chapter that some gentiles were turning back to the pagan practices.(Ga 4:8-11)

It was a big problem that Gentiles were starting to turn back to their old pagan ways. Some have tried to say that this scripture is referring to the Sabbath and the Holy days, but the gentiles never knew those days. So how could they turn back to what they had never known? Why would Paul tell them not to keep Sabbath and the Holy days when he kept all these days himself?

It's sad to say, but people will try anything to rationalize the truth of the scriptures. When I first found out about the lying in the corporate churches and the truths of the scriptures, I wanted to tell as many people as I could. I naively thought that people would be so happy to find out the truth so that they wouldn't have to be deceived any longer. I was very amazed in the beginning when I found out that people would rather stay in their deception than know and follow the truth. The Truth is very important, we have to love and cherish it or we lose it. The main heresies of the early church in 50 A.D. and beyond were Syncretism, Gnosticism, and Asceticism.

**SYNCRETISM** is the blending of paganism, mysticism and biblical practices together. This is most likely the main sin of Christianity today. If you ever studied the Catholic mass you would see that it is full of this. Beginning at the lighting of the candles, then the black robes, unmarried priesthood, indoor altars, Mary worship, and there are statues and idols everywhere. It is epitomized with the Eucharist ceremony, where they believe their little sun wafers (communion) literally becomes the body of Yahshua.

**GNOSTICISM** is derived from the Greek word for knowledge. It was a blend of Babylonian mystery religion with Greek philosophy, with an overlay of biblical terms. Gnostics thought that biblical accounts (like the creation in Genesis),

were not to be taken literally, but were a higher form of spiritual enlightenment to the higher enlightened ones of Gnosticism. Everything in Gnosticism had a dual and spiritual meaning. This is where the idea of the Sabbath being on every day came from. How much of Christianity today is filled with these beliefs? They never take Yahweh at His word, always making a vain, worthless analogy for everything and doing away with the clear reality of the intent by doing so. This is why so many today, calling themselves Christians, do not believe in the return of Yahshua to the earth, nor do they believe in a literal 1000 year millennium. They believe the kingdom is here already in our hearts. The devil's deception is bigger than most think. He makes people believe that the time in which we are living is Yahweh's kingdom, when in reality Yahweh says it is the worst time in the history of humanity! How could this be Yahweh's kingdom, when over 20 million babies are being aborted every year? There are 180 wars ongoing worldwide. Plagues like Aids are killing millions of people. They get Christians to believe that a great revival is taking place, when in reality the tribulation is coming. And it is coming, not because of the great revival, but the opposite, because mankind has turned away from the laws of Yahweh. Most people, who are living on the earth today will not be alive at the return of Yahshua. This doesn't have to do with revival but with rebellion. Listen to what the prophet Isaiah writes about the coming great tribulation and what destruction it will do.

***Isaiah 24: 1-6 "Lo, Yahweh empties the earth and makes it bare, and distorts its face and scatters its inhabitants. And as it is with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with the master; as with the maid, so with her mistress, as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. The earth shall completely be emptied and utterly stripped,***

***for Yahweh has spoken this word. The earth mourns and languishes; the world droops and languishes; the proud people of the earth droop. And the earth is profaned under its inhabitants, because they TRANSGRESS LAWS and VIOLATE a STATUTE, and BREAK the EVERLASTING COVENANT. On account of this a curse has devoured the earth; and they who live in it are held guilty. For this the dwellers of the earth are consumed, and few men are left."***

I challenge you to examine your beliefs. Take the time, one by one and prove whether your beliefs are in the scriptures, or part of these ancient heresies. Another Gnostic belief was that all matter is inherently evil. This is why in **Col 2:16**, Paul states, "let no man judge you in eating or in drinking, or in any part of your New Moon or Holy day observances." Gnosticism, as any good commentary will tell you, was a major problem of the Colossian heresy. Since Sabbath and Holy days (except for Atonement) are Feast days, the brethren would have fellowship meals on these special days, much like many congregations do today. But Gnostics thought of feeding the flesh as non-spiritual and evil, and they judged the brethren for keeping the Sabbath and Holy days in this way. It is interesting to note that the observance of these days was not in question yet, rather **how** these days were to be observed was.

Gnostics also believed that they had a higher knowledge which could not be gotten from the Scriptures but only from them. Modern Freemasonry has stemmed in part from Gnostic beliefs. In Freemasonry, you work your way up the ranks to 31<sup>st</sup> or 32<sup>nd</sup> degree and at each step you are enlightened to this false knowledge of so called truth. Much of modern Freemasonry, like ancient Gnosticism, is pagan and demonic. Many of the rituals performed at the higher rankings are identical to rituals done in witchcraft and Luciferian worship.

The trinity is another false heresy that came from Gnosticism. Most Trinitarians do not actually realize what they are admitting they believe when they state that they believe in the trinity. If you believe in the trinity, then you are denying our Master Yahshua. The Catholic Encyclopedia defines trinity this way: *“the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three hypo-stases or personalities of one being.”* I may be a good baseball and basketball player. That may be two character traits of me but I am still one person. This is the belief of the trinity. The Catholic Encyclopedia uses the analogy of the Sun. The Father is the sun, Jesus is the rays of the sun (one aspect of his personality), and the Holy Spirit is the brightness. But let's be logical. This is still saying there is one sun. That is why you need to beware of all kinds of spiritual analogies that lead nowhere. An analogy is only as good as to the truth it leads you to.

They say the Father poured himself out and became the Son. This is denying a Father and a Son. Scripture is very clear: **Gen 1:1 "In the beginning, Elohim, created the heaven and the Earth."** Elohim (title for God) is a plural word. Eli would be one, Elohim denotes more than one. **Gen 1:26 "Let us make man in our likeness."** Again, more than one. **Jn 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word (Yahshua) and the Word was Elohim."** The proper name Yahweh is a family name. Yahweh the Father and Yahweh the Son (Yahshua), just like my family name is Esposito, and my father is Esposito. This is hard for Jews to accept, more than one member in the Elohim family, but it is clear from the Old Testament. **Deut 6:4 The great Shema "Yahweh our Elohim is one (united) Elohim."** The word one here is the Hebrew "*echad*", which literally means united. It is the same word used for when a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife and the two become one (*echad*-united). Yahweh is not a trinity, but a family. He

sacrificed His only Son (Yahshua), but through that sacrifice He is bringing many sons to salvation.

***Jn 12:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a grain of wheat fall unto the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it brings forth much fruit."***

Get this fact straight; the trinity denies the existence of a Father and a Son. I can not stress that fact enough. Please study this more on your own. Go to the Catholic Encyclopedia and read it. Scripture is clear! The Father did not pour himself out and become the Son. The Son existed with the Father from all eternity.

***Jn 17:5 "And now O Father, glorify me with your own self (two separate beings) with the glory I had with you (two) before the world began."***

It is the Holy Spirit that makes them one. They are in complete harmony. Same thoughts, same love, same purpose, and the same spirit, but two distinct, separate beings, each with his own will that they have freely submitted to each other.

***Mt 26:39 Yahshua prayed "not my will be done, but your will, Father."***

Yahshua had his own will, but for eternity has freely submitted his will to the perfect will of the Father. When you deny this fact, of two separate beings but one Spirit, you are denying the Savior. The trinity was not a doctrine of the early congregation but was officially indoctrinated by Constantine at the Council of Nicea in 324 AD. This was also a major heresy of Gnostics around 60-100 A.D. They were teaching, (although Scripture did not say this), that you could learn this higher spiritual truth through them (Gnostics).

Now read **1 John 2:18-27** because this is the exact heresy John is dealing with, the denial of the Father and Son, that the Father was the Son poured out.

***1John 2:18-27 "Young ones, it is a last hour, and as you heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have risen up, from which you know that it is a last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us. For if they were of us, they would have remained with us; but they left so that it might be revealed that they all are not of us. And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because every lie is not of the truth. Who is the liar, except the one denying, saying that Yahshua is not the Messiah. This is the antichrist, the one denying the Son does not have the Father. The one confessing the Son also has the Father. Then what you heard from the beginning let it abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you will abide both in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise which He promised us: everlasting life. I wrote these things to you concerning the ones leading you astray. And the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you. But as His anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and as we taught you, abide in Him.***

John is not telling these brethren that there are not Ministers, or ordained teachers, as some have tried to twist this Scripture to say. John is specifically talking about the Gnostic heresy of saying the Father “poured Himself out” and became the Son, and that they are the same being, but with different quality traits of that being. That is exactly what the Trinity teaches - one being with 3 personalities, not

3 beings that are united as most think. In **Jn 8:17-18** Yahshua himself stated He and the Father were two beings. ***"It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bears witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me."*** According to the Gnostic teaching of the trinity, if the Father and Son are the same being, then who raised Yahshua from the dead? The trinity is not correct. It was heresy then, and still is today. John called this teaching that of Anti-Christ.

**ASCETICISM** Is the last of these heresies. This was the worship of angelic beings. Again with this teaching, the written word of Yahweh is made into nothing more than spiritual analogies where someone's faith is solely dependent upon their emotions, which is blindly confused with the Holy Spirit. Again these people thought anything dealing with the flesh (such as a Sabbath fellowship meal) was of negative energy. Much New Age thinking today comes from this type of thinking. It also puts you into a fantasy world, where after a while, one cannot tell the difference between fantasy and reality. I once met a person on an airplane back in 1991, the day the Gulf war started with Iraq, with this type of thinking. The U.S. and allies had just bombed Saddam Hussein heavily the night before. I asked this person what they thought about the war. The person told me there was no war, because to think about war brings negative energy. So they just don't think about it and then there is no war. Now that may sound silly to you, and it is, but it is no sillier than saying the Kingdom of Yahweh is here or that the Father poured himself out and became the Son. David was a real king. Israel is a real kingdom where he ruled. Likewise, Yahshua will literally come back to earth and rule the world from Jerusalem. If we don't wake up to reality and start reading the Holy Scriptures daily and believing them literally, that day is going to come on us unaware. The 1<sup>st</sup> century congregation believed in a literal Kingdom.

They fought these philosophical heresies tooth and nail. They loved the truth. These heresies started with Simon Magus (**Acts 8**), and as the Apostles and church leaders started dying off, the heresies got worse.

**2Tim 3:13 "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."**

What speeded up and perpetuated these deceptions was the anti-Semitism that was growing rapidly in the Roman Empire and Middle East. The Caesars were trying to get stability in this vast, growing empire by Hellenizing the entire region. This meant pushing the previous Greek philosophy and paganism to have a uniform people for greater peace and control. The Jews, believing in one Elohim and not many false gods, would not allow this to happen in Israel. A serious Anti-Semitic campaign started against the Jews and Christians, who were looked at by the Romans as a Jewish Sect. Remember, they were keeping the law, Sabbath, etc.

In his book "God's Church Through the Ages", John Ogwyn explains this time period

*\* "During the last part of the first century and the beginning of the second, the Roman world became increasingly hostile to the Jews. Extremely oppressive laws and heavy taxes were directed against them by the Roman Empire as punishment. Between the first (66-73 A.D.) and second (132-135 A.D.) Jewish revolts, there were many violent anti-Jewish programs in places such as Alexandria and Antioch. Reacting to this, the Jews rioted in Mesopotamia, Israel, and Egypt."*

Frequently, Christians suffered as victims of these outbursts because they were regarded by the authorities as a Jewish sect. However, they were considered by the Jewish "freedom fighters" to be traitors to Judaism and to

Jewish political aspirations because they would not fight alongside the rest of "Israel." During these times, hundreds of thousands of synagogue and church members - those who worshipped on Sabbath days and studied the Scriptures - perished at Roman hands or by mobs.

During this dangerous era, the Roman church, under its Bishop Sixtus (116-126 A.D.), began holding Sunday worship services and ceased observing the annual Passover, substituting Easter Sunday and "Eucharist" in its place. This is the clear record preserved by Eusebius of Caesarea, a late third and early fourth century A.D. scholar, who became known as the "father of church history." Eusebius quoted his information from a letter of Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons (c. 130-202 A.D.) to Bishop Victor of Rome. Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi, in his book "From Sabbath to Sunday," acknowledges "There is a wide consensus of opinion among scholars that Rome is indeed, the birthplace of Easter Sunday. Some, in fact, rightly label it as "Roman - Easter" (p. 201).

So it was during this time period, 66 A.D. to 135 A.D., that this anti-Semitism led to the abandonment of Sabbath, Torah, Holy Days, to the Hellenized customs of the Roman Emperors. In 66 A.D., the Jews revolted against the Romans and were defeated. In 68 A.D., after the death of Nero, Titus and his son put down this revolt. It ended with the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem in 70 A.D. The believers had fled a few months before to Pella, a city northeast of Jerusalem. Never again did the Jerusalem congregation ever get the predominance it once had under James and Peter. The leadership of the church moved to Asia Minor under the Apostle John at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, and his disciple, Polycarp. Jewish hatred continued during this time period, and came to a head under the Roman Emperor Hadrian in 135 A.D.

In C.E. 132, the Jewish people again revolted against the Romans. Hadrian, who crushed this revolt (in 135) ruled from 117 to 138 and placed harsh laws and cruel punishment upon the Jewish people, as had some of the Roman Emperors before him. Jews were required to pay more taxes than anyone else, and it was unlawful to keep the Festivals. To these exacting laws were added the following:

1. "The death penalty for Sabbath keeping
2. The death penalty for studying Scripture
3. Death penalty for circumcising children
4. Death penalty for any Jew for entering, or residing in, the city of Jerusalem. <sup>xi</sup>"

This was a real turning point. For the true believers, Jewish hatred and anything dealing with Judaism was despised. The western church in Rome had already gone into much heresy and apostasy as we have seen. And it was at this point that the church split from the Sabbath, Passover, keeping believers in Asia Minor, turning to the paganized church in Rome, with Sunday and Easter.

The Roman paganized believers did not think it was worth the persecution, to keep the commandments, considering this Anti-Jewish sentiment.

"Roman Authorities considered Jewish every person who kept the Sabbath, so they mistreated Gentile believers as if they were Jewish. When these cruel persecutions arose, many Gentiles chose not to be labeled as Jews. To convince authorities they were not Jewish, most Gentiles dropped the "Jewish" law and the "Jewish" festivals."<sup>xii</sup>

Remember, the Romans controlled much of the developed world at that time. They were ruthless dictators. They did not want any part of the Elohim of Israel. Yahshua himself was crucified for claiming to be a King.

The early believers were willing to die for their love of the truth. All 12 Apostles were martyred. They realized that obedience is better than sacrifice. They realized that our reward is in the Kingdom of Yahweh, not in this world which is run by Satan. They stood fast to the truth. They would not compromise.

As the second century came to a close and the third century moved on, this division in the congregation grew wider and wider. Toward the end of the second century, Polycrates had taken over leadership from Polycarp (who was martyred) in Asia Minor. Victor Bishop of Rome tried to intimidate the congregations to celebrate the Roman Pagan Easter and drop the Scriptural Passover. Here is Polycrates' original letter to Victor: *"We therefore observe the genuine date Passover, neither adding to it or taking away. For in Asia great lights have fallen asleep, which shall rise again in the day of our Master's appearing, in which he will come with glory from heaven and will raise up the saints. Philip, one of the 12 Apostles, who sleeps in Hierapolis... John, who rested on the bosom of our Master... Polycarp of Smyrna, all these observed the 14<sup>th</sup> day as the Passover according to the Gospel, deviating in no respect, but following the rule of faith, and my relatives always observed the day when people threw away the leaven from the house, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib. Therefore brethren, I am now 65 years in our Master, who having conferred with the brethren around the world, and having studied the whole of the sacred scriptures, am not at all alarmed at those things which are threatened, to intimidate me. For they who are greater than I have said we ought to obey Elohim rather than men.<sup>xiii</sup>*

This division continued until around 315 A.D. Then a Roman ruler named Constantine had a vision and saw a cross. The next day he won a decisive battle of war and claimed he was a Christian. He refused either to be

baptized or to change any of his pagan customs, but still announced Christianity as the State Religion.

Constantine then had his wife and son murdered. Listen to what Gibbons tells us of Constantine's Sun Worship.<sup>xiv</sup> *"Constantine's religious devotion was "peculiarly" directed toward the genius of the Sun... and he was pleased to be represented with the symbols of the God of Light and Poetry. The unerring shafts of that deity, the brightness of his eyes, seem to point him out as the patron of a young hero. The altars of Apollo were crowned with the votive offerings of Constantine, and the credulous multitude were taught to believe that the emperor was permitted to behold with mortal eyes the visible majesty of their tutelary deity... The Sun was universally celebrated as the invincible guide and protector of Constantine."* (The Triumph of Christendom, p.309)

Let's be frank. Constantine was a murdering sun-worshipper before his so-called conversion, and also afterward. He also, like his Roman counterparts before him wanted conformity. He set up a council in 325 A.D., called the Council of Nicea. It was from this council that it became Roman law to worship on Sunday, keep Easter, and believe in the trinity. This is the result of his edict:

**Council of Nicea 321 A.D. and Council of Laodecea 363**

**A.D.** A Council over the issue of the trinity and Easter. The church was brought under one authority, from Constantine the Emperor to the Bishop of Rome that he would set up. Catholic Church officially set at Nicea Sunday laws brought into effect. Anyone caught Judaizing (keeping of Sabbath or Holy Days] would be penalized with death. Constantine says all things that are a duty to do on the Sabbath we will change to Sunday, ***the venerable day of the Sun.*** We will have nothing to do with the hostile rabble of the Jews. **(Dan 7:23-25)** Catholic Church totally leaves truth for

complete paganism, loss of identity. Christmas also instituted at this time.

Constantine also made an edict that anyone caught Judiazing (keeping of law, Sabbath, Holy Days) would have their houses confiscated and would be put to death. This caused many of the true believers to flee the Roman Empire for the East. Many hid in the mountains of Armenia, the Balkans, and even as far as China to get away from the persecution. But they loved and held on to the truth. Here is part of an original letter of Constantine of the edict to the true believers, telling them to join the Catholic Church or else:

Constantine continues: "For as much, then, as it is no longer possible to bear with your pernicious errors, we give warning by this present statute that none of you henceforth presume to assemble yourselves together. We have directed, accordingly, that you be deprived of all the houses in which you are accustomed to hold your assemblies: and (we) forbid the holding of your superstitious and senseless Sabbath meetings, not in public merely, but in any private house or place whatsoever... Take the far better course of entering the Catholic Church... We have commanded... that you be positively deprived of every gathering point for your superstitious meetings. I mean all the houses of prayer... and that these be made over without delay to the Catholic Church; that any other places be confiscated to the public service, **AND NO FACILITY WHATEVER BE LEFT FOR ANY FUTURE GATHERING**, in order that from this day forward, none of your unlawful assemblies may presume to appear in any public or private place. Let this edict be made public."<sup>xv</sup>

Here is a quote about where these people went, from John Ogwyn.

*"After Constantine began the systematic enforcement of compliance with Roman theology in 325 A.D., the remnants of the true Congregation were in large part forced to flee the bounds of the Roman Empire into the mountains of Armenia, and later into the Balkan areas of Europe. They were few in number, utterly lacking in prestige or wealth and labeled as enemies of the state by supposedly "Christian" Roman Empire. In God's sight, however, they were precious. It wasn't God's purpose that His true Church grow into a great, powerful organization that would "Christianize" the world. His true Church was to remain a "little flock" (Luke 12:32). Its continuity would be measured, not by a succession of proud, powerful presiding bishops in a particular city (cf. **Heb 13:14**), but by a succession of a faithful, converted people who, though scattered and persecuted, continued to worship the Father in spirit and in truth (**John 4:23-24**). There would be times when God would raise up faithful leaders to revitalize His people and do some sort of work that had public visibility, at least in localized areas. There were other times when God's Church continued to exist in such scattered obscurity that it was visible only to the Creator. Nevertheless, it never died out.*

*And regardless of their circumstances, the people who have remained a part of the true Church of God down through the ages have been those who have had a deep, abiding loyalty and commitment to God and to the practice of His Truth. They have kept His commandments (**Rev. 12:17**) and have been willing to be faithful to their calling, even unto death!"<sup>xvi</sup>*

In the book of Daniel, this whole history, from the time of the Babylonian captivity to the time of Constantine, is prophesied. Daniel saw 4 beasts. The first was Babylon. The second was Media-Persia. The third was Greece, and the fourth was Rome. The fourth had 10 toes, which were 10 persecutions on the Jewish nation and Yahweh's people, the last being that of Constantine. **Dan 7:23-25** says that he will change times and laws and he did just that. He

changed the Holy Sabbath of Yahweh that points to Him as Creator of the Universe to Baal's day (Sunday). As Constantine called it. "The venerable day of the sun. Early Catholic historians such as Irenaeus, Justin Martyr, Ignatius, Origen and Tertullian all come from this pagan Roman mold. They were Catholic historians who, although some may have had right motives, mixed pagan practices and perverted scripture. Only the true remnant, who hold fast to the truth under severe persecution and even death, stuck to the truth. An amazing fact is that since the iron curtain came down in 1989, some groups claiming to be remnants of these people have emerged as far as China. They are believers in Yahshua who have been Sabbath, Holy Day and Commandment keepers for centuries. What many do not realize is that the book of Daniel, like much prophecy, is dual and is to be fulfilled in our time. There will be again a resurrection of the unholy Roman Empire, and another leader like Constantine, who will look religious, but will persecute true believers.

I must now ask you a very serious question: Who is your Master? Which congregation do you belong to? The one that Yahshua started almost 2000 years ago, like the early believers who kept the Commandments and were Sabbath and Passover and Holy Day keepers or is your Master Constantine? Do you belong to the same congregation as those true believers, who were killed, or is Constantine your leader with his pagan Sun-day, Easter, Trinity and Christmas, and so on? I don't mean to offend, but this is too serious a question not to be asked. It is never too late. Yahshua died so we would not have to be in bondage to sin any longer. You can repent and turn back to our Creator and obey his Word. He is faithful to forgive those who repent and follow him in spirit and truth.

This is the true history of the early believers and how the truth of Yahweh was turned into a lie. You may ask how Yahweh could allow that to happen. But remember,

Satan has deceived the whole world (**Rev 12:9**). Yahweh loves us so much that He gives us free choice. That is real love. Not forcing your will on someone. He gives us His eternal Word, and tells us in **Deut. 28 and Lev. 26**, of the blessings of obedience, and the curses of disobedience. He says He puts before us life and death. ***The wages of sin (disobedience) is death (Rom 6:23), but the gift of Yahweh is eternal life through his Son Yahshua.*** You need not stay deceived any longer.

Rejoice that Yahweh has shown you these things. Turn back from the paganism of Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Rome, and follow the beautiful loving commands that our Heavenly Father so wonderfully shares with us. Step out on faith and worship Yahweh in spirit and truth. I will guarantee that there is a blessing waiting for you.

## CHAPTER 4 - LAW & GRACE

When you talk about the great falling away, there is not a greater deception perpetrated by Satan than law and grace. It is the most foundational, yet misunderstood, teaching in the body of Messiah today. Satan has pawned off the false idea that Yahshua went through his great suffering, beating, and crucifixion, not to save us from our sins, but in our sins. Also, that the Son somehow has a different code of conduct than his "harsh" Father and that he has come to save us from Yahweh's harsh, mean laws, instead of the penalty for breaking them. And sad to say, most of Christianity has bought this lie. Satan knows that mankind does not have a physical mind to love or obey Yahweh's law. **Ro 8:7 "Because the carnal mind is enmity (hatred) against Yahweh. For it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither indeed can be."**

Satan has played on mankind's selfishness,, vanity, lust of the eyes, and pride of life since the Garden of Eden. Yahweh laid out his rules (laws) to Adam and Eve. He explained to them right (righteousness) from wrong (sin). He told them to believe and trust him (faith). Then what did Satan do? He told them to trust in themselves. Satan told them that the reason Yahweh wanted to keep them from sin was not for their good, but to keep them from being happy. They bought the lie and paid the penalty. Death! **Ezek18:4 "The soul that sins, it shall die."** And what is sin? **1Jn 3:4 "Sin is the BREAKING of the LAW !"**Every human being since Adam and Eve (excluding Yahshua) has also bought this lie. The carnal mind is only selfish, lustful, proud, and let's not forget covetous. That is humanity, folks. We hate to be so blunt, but it is true. Apart from Yahweh's spirit living in us, there is nothing good about any of us. Listen to what Yahweh says about the human race that he created:

**Gen 6:5-7 "And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of**

***the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented Yahweh that he made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And Yahweh said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, and the creeping things, and the fowls of the air. For it repents me that I have made them."***

Those are sobering words. It should truly humble us when we read such scriptures. Only through the imparting of the Holy Spirit can one even begin to put on the mind of Messiah. And even then, unless we pick up our cross daily and **deny self**, we will never truly change. Yahshua Messiah came to earth nearly 2,000 years ago, not to do away with Yahweh's eternal law, but to do away with our wicked human nature.

***Is 55: 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, saith Yahweh."*** He did not come to save us from law, but from sin. He did not come to do away with the law, but the enmity (hatred) that mankind has toward it.

***Ps 19:7-11 "The law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of Yahweh are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than fine gold. Yea, than much fine gold. Sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb, moreover by them is **THY SERVANT WARNED, and in KEEPING them is GREAT REWARD!***** The Father and the Son did not share their perfect eternal law with mankind to burden us, but to show us the only way to true happiness. Yahweh's law, (all of it) is a perfect law of love. First, it teaches us how to love

Yahweh with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Then, secondly, how to love our neighbor as ourselves. Every law he gave us was for our good.

**Deuteronomy 10: 12 - 13 "And now Israel, what does Yahweh, thy Elohim, require of you, but to fear Yahweh, thy Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahweh thy Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. To KEEP the COMMANDMENTS of Yahweh and his Statutes, which I command you this day for YOUR GOOD."**

Mankind in his carnal, immoral state of flesh, does not and cannot, make decisions based on the love of Yahweh. The thoughts of man are vanity and selfishness. You may think this is too harsh, but it is not. Only when you come to the realization of your total worthlessness without Yahshua can you begin to enter grace. Only when you internalize your total helpless state and one hundred percent dependency on Yahweh, can your grace begin. You must have this dependency, not just every day, but every second of every day, to put on the needed humility for true grace. There is a problem with the way people define grace nowadays. They do not want to accept their total inability to obey Yahweh's law. Nor do they want to totally surrender to him so that they can overcome sin. But instead true grace is exchanged for a cheap grace—a quick prayer, an emotional experience—then back to the old sinful, selfish life again. True grace is not accepting Yahshua into your life but creating a brand new life in him. You must come to the realization that apart from him, every deed you have done in the flesh is toward self. You work to feed yourself, cloth yourself and shelter yourself. You buy mountains of new clothes, cars, and jewelry while many in this world do not even have food to eat. To truly put on grace, we must admit that, even at our best, we are a complete failure, without the shed blood of Messiah. He did not die to save us from law, but from **OURSELVES!**

The problem with the law is not actually the law itself. It is its inability to change the heart. The law can teach you right from wrong but cannot make you choose right. So, for 4,000 years until the life, death, and resurrection of Yahshua Messiah mankind has always made the wrong decision. It is like an alcoholic who knows that it is wrong to get drunk, but he cannot control himself. He has to take the drink. Under the new covenant, Yahshua has freed us from that. He has not freed us from law but from sin. The law can only tell you right from wrong, but cannot make you choose right. The renewed covenant gives you a new spirit (Holy Spirit) that convicts you to do right. No longer does the alcoholic take the drink, nor does he want to. **Gal 3:21** tells us that if there was a law that could have been given to give us salvation, Yahweh would have given it. But the law can only lead you to righteousness. It is the spirit that makes you righteous. Now think for a moment. What got mankind into this trouble of being unrighteous before Yahweh to begin with? SIN! REBELLION! Would Yahshua die to do away with law, or sin (rebellion)? If you believe that the law is nailed to the cross, then you are saying that Yahshua died to legalize sin. It is like saying that we have a problem in our neighborhood because three homes were broken into last week. You have a town meeting with the mayor to solve the problem. The mayor comes into the meeting and tells the town folk, "The problem is solved. I just made it legal to break into homes. There is no more problem of someone illegally breaking into your home, because now it is legal." It sounds ludicrous. But no more ludicrous than saying that, since we have a death penalty over our heads because of our sins, Yahshua did away with the law. Yahshua did not do away with the law. On the contrary, he paid the penalty for all of our law breaking. If we continue to sin willingly after we accept his shed blood for the forgiveness of our sins, we are no longer under grace. Read carefully the following strong words of warning.

***Heb 10:26-31 "For if we are willfully sinning after receiving the full knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice concerning sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and zealous fire being about to consume the adversaries. If anyone did not regard the Law of Moses, that one dies without pities on the word of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment do you think he will be thought worthy to receive having trampled on the Son of Yahweh, and having counted the blood of the covenant in which he was sanctified, common, and having insulted the spirit of grace? For we know who has said, "Vengeance belongs to me, I will repay" says Yahweh. And again, "Yahweh will judge his people" it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."***

Yahshua Messiah paid a great penalty for us to have our sins forgiven. Nowhere does it say the law is done away with.

***Ro 6:15-18 "What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the penalty of law, but under grace? Yahweh forbid! Know you not that to whom you yield yourself slaves for obedience you are slaves to whom you obey. Whether of sin to death or obedience to righteousness, but thanks to Yahweh, that you were slaves of sin but you obeyed from the heart the form of teaching which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you were enslaved to righteousness. (Ps 119:172) "All thy commandments are righteousness."***

There it is! Romans, written 25 years after the crucifixion and resurrection of Messiah, says there is still sin. Think logically. If there is no law then there is no sin, and if there is no sin, then why do we need to repent and accept Yahshua as Savior? Where there is no law there is chaos. That is exactly what Satan wants the world to believe.

What he has done in the body of believers is gotten people to believe that the law is done away with, and has gotten them to exchange their own human conscience for moral right and wrong. People will tell you what they feel, or what is in their heart, instead of looking to Yahweh's perfect law for judgment. What does Yahweh think about judging by our conscience or by our heart rather by his law?

***Jer 17:5-7,9 “So says Yahweh, cursed is the man that trusts in man, and who makes flesh his strength; and who turns aside his heart from Yahweh. (vs. 7) Blessed is the man that trusts in Yahweh, and Yahweh is his trust. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters. It sends out its roots by the stream, and will not fear when the heat comes. But its foliage will be green and it is not worried in the year of drought. Nor will it cease from producing fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things and it is desperately wicked; who can know it?”***

This is the greatest deception that Satan has used on the world and it shouldn't be overlooked! It is the Garden of Eden all over again. Only this time the stakes are even higher as we read in **Hebrews 10:26-32**. Our eternal life depends on it. And what a slick lie! Just like he did with Adam and Eve, he has convinced mankind that he knows better than Yahweh. Yahweh's law is perfect and teaches right from wrong. Satan has deceived people into believing that, on their own, they may decide what is right and what is wrong, depending on their own perverted conscience. Where does your conscience get its orders? It gets them from your carnal, fleshly human nature; your own reasoning and your own heart. They are hatred toward Yahweh's law. Satan uses vanity. That is how he works on human beings, through pride, lust and covetousness. He tried it on Yahshua, but to no avail.

**Matt 4:8 "Again the devil takes him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the Kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. And said unto him, All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."**

It is interesting to note that Yahshua did not question his authority over this world's kingdoms. Many in this world too often blind themselves to the fact that this world, with all its governments, schools, financial institutions, and even most of its churches, are part of Satan's system. The system is based on greed, lust, pride and self-pleasure. Yahshua did not fall for this. Look closely at Yahshua's reply and you will see that he combated Satan's evil with scripture.

**Matt 4:10 "First he rebuked Satan, and said, "Get thee behind me Satan, for IT IS WRITTEN, thou shalt worship Yahweh thy Elohim, and him only shall thou serve."**

We need to follow Yahshua's example in our fight against Satan. Not with our own human reasoning, but with the powerful written word of Yahweh. The law cannot save you, but it can tell you right from wrong and teach you proper judgment. You cannot know right from wrong through human reasoning. The law was not changed at Yahshua's death, but our judgment for breaking it was. Under the blood of the new covenant we are no longer judged by law but by faith. We no longer need to feel unwarranted guilt if we repent each time we slip up and sin unwillingly. It does not change the fact that sin is still the breaking of the law and the penalty of sin is still DEATH. Even after conversion, willful sinning still brings death. This seems to be missed by most professing Christians today. The penalty of our sins at baptism is not ignored, or excused, but rather PAID for. There is always a penalty to be paid for sin. Yahweh never excuses sin. On the contrary, Yahshua

paid a great price for every sin ever committed on this earth. His crucifixion did not excuse, but rather paid for our sins.

What started our separation from Yahweh was rebellion (sin). Mankind thought that he knew better than Yahweh's rules (laws, statutes and commandments) laid out in the Garden of Eden. Each one of us, through sin, put Yahshua on the tree of the crucifixion. If all the world's problems originate with sin, why would we think by having the penalty of those sins paid for, that we would have license to go back to the very act that caused us the death penalty to begin with? For instance, if you were speeding on a highway, going 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, and you were pulled over by a policeman, and he explained to you that, since he has already pulled you over, he has to give you a ticket—a penalty for speeding has to be paid. That is the law. Then he tells you that he will pay the ticket himself, out of his own money. He gives you grace—unmerited forgiveness. What will you do when you get back on the highway? Will you go 55 mph as the law states, or will you go back to breaking the law by going 70 mph? The policeman's grace did not give you a special license to break the law (continue sinning). In the same way, Yahshua did not suffer a horrible crucifixion and death to save us *in* our sins, but *from* our sins. Listen carefully to what Yahshua tells the crippled man that he heals in **JN 5:14**. ***“Behold thou art made whole: SIN NO MORE lest a worse thing come unto thee!”***

This does not sound like he is giving this man an unlimited amount of “get out of jail free” cards. He is very clear—**SIN NO MORE**. We are saved by grace through faith in Yahshua Messiah, for the forgiveness of our sins. The sins that we have already committed before baptism leaves us with a death penalty hanging over our heads. Nothing we can do can erase that. If you kill someone you must pay the penalty. No amount of law keeping can make up for the past

sins committed. Only the acceptance of Yahshua's shed blood for the forgiveness of sins, can pay the penalty for those sins. But after baptism—after your sins have been forgiven—you must be like the crippled man whom Yahshua told to go and sin no more. We must be obedient to the best of our ability to the written word of Yahweh. Obedience does not earn us our salvation because it is already promised to us upon accepting Yahshua as Savior. We now obey the law, not to *be* saved, but because we *are* saved. Listen to what the apostle Paul tells us about the law after our conversion.

***Ro 3:31 “Do we make void the law through faith? Yahweh forbid, yes we ESTABLISH the law!”***

The law is called the perfect law of liberty because it will keep you free. The blood of Yahshua will set you free from the death penalty brought on by breaking the law, and obedience after conversion will keep you free. Satan is the one trying to deceive the flock of Yahweh by saying that to obey Yahweh's law is legalism. But you will not find one penalty, from Genesis to Revelation, for obedience to the word of Yahweh. Every penalty or curse comes because of disobedience or law-breaking.

***Deut 11:26-28 “Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. A blessing if you obey the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, which I command you this day. And a curse, if you do not obey the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day.”***

Every word that Yahweh gave for mankind is for his good. Look at the subject of clean and unclean meats for a moment. Some will argue, "The dietary laws are done away and I have freedom to eat what I want." My only question to that is, "Is eating pork going to make your body (the Temple of the Holy Spirit) stronger, healthier, or is it going to hurt it?" Pork was never meant to be eaten. They were created

among other things to dispose of garbage. Pigs also are a source of trichinosis worm infestation. Others will say, "but it is only food." Wasn't the Garden of Eden about food? Yahweh told them some food was good and some was bad. He told Adam and Eve not to eat the bad. They did not believe him and suffered the consequences. How about you? Do you believe Yahweh when he says that certain foods, like pork, are not good to be eaten? Yahweh gave us this law, not to deny us something good, but because he knew that pork was a vile animal not to be eaten. He gave us this law to make us healthier, stronger and happier. Many people, who laughed when I told them I did not eat pork, eventually got sick, and when they went to a doctor, the first thing the doctor told them was to not eat pork. It is very bad for your heart. It has the highest fat content of just about any animal known.

That is just one example to make a point. I realize the Kingdom of Yahweh is not meat and drink. But I am just simple enough to believe and trust every last word of the Holy Scriptures. I know how subtle Satan is. I also know how flawed my own human reasoning is. So I just trust Yahweh and his word **literally** for everything. It is the secret to a rich, wonderful and fulfilling one-on-one relationship with Yahweh, and also the key to a happy life. We must enter the kingdom as a little child or not enter at all. Children are trusting, simple and humble. I am not ashamed to admit that Yahweh knows all and I know nothing. The problem is that mankind does not want to believe this. Pride, vanity, and self-worth stop us from this child-like humility and obedience. Yahweh warns us not to lean on our own understanding.

***Deut 12:8 "You shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, everyone doing what is right in his own eyes."***

Obedience and faith go hand in hand. It is Satan that is trying to make Christians choose one or the other. But you cannot truly have one without the other.

***James 2:17-18*** ***“Even so faith, if it has not works is dead, being alone. Yes, a man may say, you have faith, and I have works; Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”***You cannot have one without the other. The works are the **evidence** of your faith. Faith without works is a dead faith—in word only—not being true faith at all.

***1Cor4:20*** ***“For the kingdom of Yahweh is not in word, but in power.”*** Works without faith is pure self-righteousness.

***Is 64:6*** ***“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as a filthy rag” [literally a women's menstrual cloth].***You must put faith and works together, and faith must always come first. Nothing we can do can redeem our lost souls back to Yahweh. Only by accepting, from a humble spirit, that we are all together worthless can we freely accept the shed blood of Yahshua to cover our sins and reconcile us to the Father. However, there is much we can do after accepting this shed blood that can separate us from our Creator. Willful sinning after the full knowledge of the truth can eternally separate us from our heavenly Father. That is why **Acts 2:38** says to **repent** and **believe!** Repent means to “turn back to.” Turn back to what? To the obedience of Yahweh's commandments and laws. Then and only then can we humbly accept Yahshua's sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. If we think the law is done away with, we will never truly grasp our fallen nature. We will never truly repent for going our own way rather than the way of Yahweh, our Father. Repentance is a full 180° turn around. It is not making excuses for our old way of life with all its pagan worldly influence. It is changing, maybe even with

tears, finally realizing that our own way has only brought us the death penalty that must be paid. Our death penalty was paid! It was paid at Golgotha by our Savior Yahshua.

We need to get rid of the hatred for Yahweh's law. Romans 8:7 tells us that we hated Yahweh's law before baptism and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We have to stop our rebellion and self will and follow every word that comes from the mouth of Yahweh (**Matt 4:4**). There is nothing that grieves my spirit more than the hatred in Christianity today for Yahweh's law of love. Our father loves us so much and shared his eternal spirit and law with us, as his children, out of love. All he asks in return is that we obey his law of love. He wants us to obey because it is the only way that will bring true happiness to us and to all around us. Listen to what our loving Father expects from each and every one of his children.

***Deut 10:12-13 "And now Israel, what does Yahweh thy Elohim require of thee, but to fear Yahweh thy Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahweh thy Elohim, with all thy heart and with all thy soul. To keep the commandments of Yahweh, and his statutes (Holy Days) which I command you this day for your good!"***

There is not one of the laws of Yahweh that will hurt you. Rather, every law will lead to happiness and to eternal life. More than 25 years after the resurrection, Paul wrote in **Romans 6:23** that the wages of sin are still death. Back then and still today, sin is the breaking of Yahweh's law (**1Jn 3:4**).

Now let us address another subject. Did Yahshua do away with his Father's law? **Malachi 3:6** states, "**For I am Yahweh, I change not!**" **Hebrews 13:8**, "**Yahshua Messiah, the same yesterday, today and forever.**" Elohim, unlike man, does not change or go back on his

word. He is not double minded like mankind. **2 Timothy 3:1-4** tells us that in the end time people will be very evil. One trait that is mentioned is that people will be truce breakers. They will not keep their word. That is true today. People will not think twice about lying or going back on their word, for their own self-interests. Yahweh is different. When he speaks it is as if it has already happened. That is what faith is. It is believing Yahweh at his word, even if it has not yet come to pass. If you believe that the law is done away or nailed to a cross, then you don't have faith, because you do not believe the promises that Yahweh made concerning His law.

***Is 55:10-11 "For as the rain and the snow goes down from the heavens, and do not return there but waters the earth and makes it bring forth and bud, and give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater- So shall my word be, which goes out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in what I send it to do."***

Yahshua is the testator of the New Covenant or Testament. A testament is just like a will.

***Hebrews 9:16-17) "For where a testament is, the death of the testator must be offered. For a testament is of force after men are dead. Otherwise it is of no force at all while the testator lives."***

If someone makes a will, he or she may change that will right up to their death. Once they are dead, it's too late. Whatever the will or testament says, it cannot be changed at all. It is even called a last will and testament. So if any law was changed or done away with by our Savior, you must find it between Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It must be right out of Yahshua's own mouth. It must be in red letters. Needless to say, you will not find one word in the entire Holy

Scriptures and in the original law changed, broken, or done away with by Yahshua. The only exception was his being the ultimate sacrifice on the stake. This fulfilled the symbolic ordinances of animal sacrifices that **Hebrews 10:1-4** says never did away with one sin, but only reminded them (Israelites), year after year, that they were sinners in need of a Savior. Not only did he obey every law perfectly to the letter and spirit, but commanded others to do so also.

***Matt 5:17-20- "Think not that I have come to do away with the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fill up (add to). For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all comes to pass. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the Kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, that accept your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of heaven."***

Then he went on to explain what he meant. The letter of the law says "thou shalt not kill," but he said that even if you are angry toward your brother without a cause, then you have committed murder. The law says you shall not commit adultery. Yahshua said that if you even lust after a woman in your mind, then you have already committed adultery. Those are hard words. It does not sound like he is doing away with the law, but actually making it harder. As it stated in **verse 17**, he is adding to, or filling it up. The letter of the law was incomplete, as it only dealt with physical actions and not the intent of the heart. The spirit of the law deals with issues of the heart. You can keep the letter without the spirit, as the Pharisees proved, but you cannot keep the spirit without the letter. You cannot murder

someone and say, “but I was not angry with him in my heart.” Or commit adultery and say, “but I did not lust in my heart.” You can keep the letter without the spirit, but you cannot keep the spirit without the letter. That is why Yahshua plainly stated in **verse 20** that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees (putting the letter with spirit), you shall not enter into the kingdom of Yahweh. The law can only tell you right from wrong, it cannot change your heart. Only by true repentance (turning back from breaking Yahweh's law) and belief in Yahshua as Son of Yahweh for forgiveness of sins, can you receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit that changes the heart. Once you receive the gift of grace, you are no longer under the penalty of law. You are completely forgiven. Your covenant has changed from one of law to one of faith in Yahshua. But that does not change or alter the law one bit. As a matter of fact, now with a new heart of the New Covenant, you should want to obey Yahweh with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. Faith does not do away with the law, it establishes it (makes stand, upholds) the law. **(Romans 3:31)** Let us hear who Yahshua says is a wise pupil.

***Matt 13:52 "Then he said unto them, therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is a master of a house, who puts forth out of his treasure NEW and OLD."***

The apostles and the early believers, as we have seen, were all law-keepers, including Paul. Wicked men started to creep into the church around 50 A.D., bringing in different philosophical heresies. One heresy was that the bible was only an analogy and that we did not have to keep the law. That philosophy was condemned by Yahshua during his ministry and also by the early believers. Paul was trained as a Pharisee. He had learned the letter of the law without the spirit, and he saw that the letter kills, but the spirit gives

life. The letter without the spirit is only self-righteousness, but the spirit without the letter is empty. It has no substance. It is only theory and not reality. Faith without works is dead. Listen to what the Apostle Paul says about the law.

***Ro 7:12 "Wherefore the law is Holy and the commandment Holy, and just and good. (Vs 14) "For we know, that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin."***The problem was not with the law but with our inability, in our weak carnal flesh, to obey Yahweh's perfect law of liberty.

***1 Corinthians 7:19- Paul again states, "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing but the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh!"***

***Acts 25:8 "While he answered for himself (Paul), neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I offended anything at all. ( Acts 24:14 ) "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the Elohim of my Fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets."***

In all of Paul's writings, he never once spoke against the law or against obedience to the law. What he was continually battling was the question of whether you can earn your salvation? Can law-keeping save you? The Jews of his day had made thousands of extra laws never mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. They had created their own righteousness apart from the law. This is what Paul was contending with. The very definition of grace is not only unmerited forgiveness of sin, but also the desire to want to give back for being forgiven. The way we give back is by living a holy, righteous life in Yahshua and by showing the world that the only way to happiness is by obeying **all** the words of our heavenly Father and accepting Yahshua's

sacrifice for the forgiveness of past sins. We should be holy, as Yahweh is holy, just and good.

***Romans 10:4 "For Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."***

If you look up the word "end" in the original Greek, you will find that it is the word "telos" and it means "end result" or "goal." In other words, the purpose or what one sets out to obtain. Now, this definition makes more sense. Yahshua is our goal or end result. What did He do? He kept all of Yahweh's law perfectly!

***Matt 4:4 "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word out of the mouth of Yahweh."***

Yahshua is our goal. We ought to strive to live exactly as he did. Living in the letter and the spirit one hundred percent of the time.

***1Jn 2:3-6 "And by this we know that we have known him, if we keep his commandments. The one saying, I have known him, and not keeping his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in that one. But whoever keeps his word, truly in this one the love of Yahweh, has been perfected. By this we know that we are in him, the one saying to rest in him, ought so to walk himself, as that one walked."*** Many people say how much they "love Jesus," yet how many are even willing to keep the 10 commandments?

***Jn 14:15 "If you love me KEEP my commandments!"***

***Jn 14:21 "He that has my commandments and keeps them, it is that one who loves me; and the one that loves Me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."***

Contrary to what many churches teach today, Yahshua never came as a rebel Son and changed his Father's commandments. He only spoke what the Father gave him and not his own words.

***Jn 5:19 "Then answered Yahshua and said unto them. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do. For what things so ever he does, these also the Son does likewise."***

In **John 10:30**, Yahshua states, "I and my Father are one." As we have already explained, the word "one" in Hebrew is "echad" and means united. One in thought, mind and spirit. There is never disagreement or disunity between the Father and the Son. They are in perfect harmony. The laws of Yahweh are natural laws of love that are actually the very character of the Father and the Son.

***1Jn 4:8 "The one who does not love, has not known Yahweh, because Yahweh is love."***

The law is the love of Yahweh expressed internally in us. Just as a husband is incomplete without his wife, the letter is incomplete without the spirit. The great mystery of the congregation of Yahweh is that His love is transferred to every believer by the Holy Spirit.

***Jn 17:21 "That all may be one as we are one. As you are in me, Father, and I in you, that they also may be one in us. That the world may believe that you sent me."***

This is not talking of a closed trinity but an open family. The one and only Elohim of the universe is creating children. How is Yahweh doing this?

***Col 1:27 "To who Yahweh would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory."***

How awesome! Yahweh is taking carnal, selfish flesh, and creating spirit-begotten children of the living Elohim. But if we are truly begotten of the New Covenant, we will have a new heart. Not one of human conscience or reasoning according to the human mind, because remember, the human mind hates Yahweh's law (**Ro 8:7**). The new believer has a renewed mind of obedience from the Holy Spirit. The following shows the way that a new covenant believer is supposed to be.

***Heb 8:6-12 "But now he has obtained a more excellent ministry, by much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which is established upon better promises. For if the first covenant had been faultless, then there should no place had been sought for the second. For finding FAULT with THEM (The fault of the old covenant was not the law but the people's hardened heart of disobedience to obey) He said unto them," behold the days are coming , says Yahweh, and I will make an end on the house of Israel, and on the house of Judah; a new covenant shall be, not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in my covenant, and I did not regard them, says Yahweh. Because this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh, giving my LAWS into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. And they shall no more teach each one his neighbor, and each one his brother saying, know Yahweh; because all shall know me, from the least of them to their great ones. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and I will not at all remember their sins and their lawless deeds."***

This is the New Covenant. How I look forward to the day when a book like this one will no longer be necessary because all will have the love of Yahweh's laws in their hearts. Do you have the love of Yahweh? Here again is the scripture that tells us what the love of Yahweh is.

***1Jn 5:2-3 "By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Yahweh, and KEEP his COMMANDMENTS! For this is the LOVE of Yahweh, that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome (heavy, grievous)."***

Satan has deceived the Christian world today by making them think that these commandments of love are a burden. These laws will be enacted in Yahshua's millennial reign. Only when all men on earth are keeping Yahweh's law will there be peace and happiness. The following scripture in Micah tells of this glorious future time when all the earth, even the Gentile nations, will have a new heart and want to obey Yahweh's law.

***Mic 4:2 "And many nations will come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: For the LAW shall go forth from ZION, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem."***

What a glorious time it will be! We must realize that Yahshua did not change or alter these commandments in any way. In John 1:1, he is actually called THE WORD, or "logos" in the Greek. He is the messenger of the covenant. When we try to do away with any part of Yahweh's word, we are trying to do away with "THE WORD," Yahshua himself. Listen carefully to Yahshua's response to a man that asked the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

***"Matt19:16-22 "And behold coming near one said unto him, good teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? And Yahshua said unto him, why do you call me good? No one is good accept one, Yahweh! But if you desire to enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS! He said to him which? And Yahshua said, you shall not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The young man said unto him, all these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack? Yahshua said unto him, if you desire to be perfect, go sell your property and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me. But hearing the word, being grieved, the young man went away for he had many possessions."***

There are a number of very telling items in this passage. First of all, Yahshua is asked plainly, "How do I get eternal life?" His first response is, "call no man good" except Yahweh. He was trying to show this man that, without Yahweh's spirit, carnal, sinful, fleshly man has no good in him. Only by repentance, and having your sins paid for, can you inherit eternal life. Then he plainly tells the man that he still has a responsibility to obey Yahweh's commandments. He then names them. These are, without controversy, the 10 commandments. He did not say that they were changed, altered or spiritualized away. He said that to enter into eternal life, you must keep (obey) them. In the Hebrew language the word for keep is to "guard and to protect", just as we are doing in this book. He also showed the man that the letter of the law without the spirit is self-righteousness. Yahshua added to the law and also showed the man the spiritual intent. "Sell everything you have and come follow me." The letter says do not steal, but the spirit says "share all you have." The letter says "do not murder," but the spirit says to love everybody, even your enemies. It is interesting

to note what happens next. Yahshua tells his disciples that it will be very hard for those trusting in materialism to enter into his Kingdom. Why? Because it is the “get” way. It is the way of self, greed and covetousness. Because the renewed spirit wants to share, give, and help those in need.

***Lk 3:11 "If you have two coats, give to him who has none."***

After hearing this, the normal response from the disciples was "Who then can be saved?" Then Yahshua replied, "***With men this is impossible, but with Yahweh all things are possible.***" This is the difference between the old covenant and the new. It is not the keeping of the letter of the law that counts, but the motivation of the heart. In the carnal, fleshly state in which we were born, we cannot have the love (agape) of Yahweh. It only comes from the imparting of the Holy Spirit. The man seeking eternal life in the above scripture had obeyed in the letter from his youth. Only by receiving the free gift of the Holy Spirit could he obey from the heart with the true agape love of Yahweh. He obeyed in the letter, which is the least we should do. It is so sad today to see that most of professing Christianity says that the law is done away. They are not reading their bibles daily. In reality, through the Holy Spirit, it should be the very opposite. We should love Yahweh's law and want to live by every word (Matt 4:4). It is no wonder that the young people of this world are exactly like the Apostle Paul prophesied.

***2 Tim 3:1-5 "But know this that in the last days, grievous times will be at hand. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy; without natural feelings, unyielding, slanderers, without self-control, savage, haters of good, betrayers, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather***

***than lovers of Yahweh, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it-even turn away from these."***

If you are honest, you can see that this scripture is referring to the generation that we live in today. Sure, some of them have a form of godliness. They go to church, they wave their hands, they say they love Jesus. But they also deny the power of Yahweh's eternal laws. The power of the Holy Spirit comes through the blessings of obedience, not through sin and rebellion.

***Acts 5:32 "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom Yahweh has given to them THAT OBEY HIM."***

In America they have taken the 10 commandments out of the schools. They have also taken out prayer and any form of worship toward Elohim. Look at the result; all the things mentioned in **1 Timothy 3**. America has brought up a godless and rebellious generation.

***Deut 6:6-7 "And these words which I command you this day, shall be in your heart (New Covenant). And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up."***

How many parents follow this scripture today? How many diligently teach Yahweh's law to their children when they wake up, when they walk (daytime), and when they lie down to go to sleep. Instead, today parents teach their children all kinds of wicked lies. Instead of teaching about Yahweh and his word and plan of salvation through his Holy Days, they teach Santa Claus and the Easter bunny and all kinds of fairy tales. They wonder why their children stop believing when they grow up. How can you teach children a bunch of empty lies from birth, and expect them to have faith in Yahweh, the only real being in this universe.

I am a Pastor and have been blessed to travel to many areas of the world to spread the Good News of Yahshua's coming Kingdom. I can tell you first hand that the difference between children who are brought up with Yahweh's word and law in their mouth and those that have been brought up with empty paganism, is like night and day. ***Pr 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he shall go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."***

This scripture is so true and it really works. If we would only teach our children from birth to love Yahweh, with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength and to love his law like King David, who wrote; ***Ps 119:97 "O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day long (vs. 105). Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (vs. 66-67). Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have BELIEVED thy COMMANDMENTS. Before I was afflicted, I went astray, (before baptism) but now I have kept thy word (vs. 113). I hate the halfhearted, but I love thy law (vs. 172). My tongue shall speak of thy word, for all thy commands (ten, not nine) are righteousness***

This is what the new covenant is all about. I cannot stress this enough. The new covenant is the renewing of your mind and heart from hatred of the ways of Yahweh, to love of his eternal words. The cross of Yahshua is not the end of your salvation, but only the beginning.

***Ro 5:9-10 "But Yahshua commends his love to us in that we, yet being sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more than, being justified by his blood, we will be saved through him from wrath. For if being enemies, we were reconciled (atoned) to Yahweh through the death of his Son, much more being reconciled we shall be saved by his life."***

It was sin that separated us from our heavenly Father; the breaking of his Holy, righteous, eternal law. It was sin, and in particular idolatry and Sabbath-breaking, which sent the whole nation of Israel into a national captivity. It is only the perfect, sinless life of Yahshua that qualified him to be the perfect and sinless "Lamb of Yahweh." When we are baptized, it is just the beginning. We are reconciled back to the Father by the forgiveness of our sins through the blood of the Son. But we must continue our walk of grace through his life. We must walk as he walked, in holiness, love and obedience.

***Ro 6:1-7 "What then shall we say? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Let it not be! We who died to sin, how shall we still live in it? Or are you ignorant that all who were baptized into Yahshua were baptized into his death? Then we were buried with him through baptism into death, that as Yahshua was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life. For if we have been joined together in the likeness of his death, so also shall we be in the resurrection; knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with him, that the body of sin might be annulled, so that we no longer serve sin. For the one that died has been justified from sin."***

We cannot end our eternal road to salvation at baptism. It is a wicked world and we need to separate from the world and its ways.

***Jn 17:15 "I pray that you should not take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil."***

Our lives should be filled with the Word and prayer and fasting, instead of TV and every imaginable form of pleasure seeking. Yahshua said in Matt 7:16 "You shall know them by their fruits."

Let's look at a few more scriptures that have been misapplied by most clergymen today. They are turning our liberating grace into lawlessness.

First let's look at Colossians the second chapter in verse fourteen.

***Col 2:14 "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances against us, which were contrary to us, even he has taken it out of the midst, nailing it to the tree."***

This is one of the main scriptures used by worldly Christianity to try to say that the law is done away with. What is this scripture really saying? First of all, what ever was nailed to the tree was against us and was contrary to us. Tell me one law in all the Holy Scriptures that is against us? Just one! On the contrary, they were given for our good (***Deut10:13***). What, then, was nailed to the tree? If you look up the Greek word for "handwriting of ordinances," you will find that it is the word "cheirographon," and it means a legal code of debt. It is like an IOU, or a contract to pay, such as a mortgage. In Israel at the time of Yahshua, when one was crucified, their charge was hung over their head. "Here is Joe, a thief!" In Yahshua's case they wrote, "Yahshua, King of the Jews." According to the law of the Caesars, there was a death penalty for anyone claiming to be a king. That is why Herod in ***Matthew 27:11***, asked Yahshua, "are you a King?"

When Yahshua was crucified on the torture stake, he took all the sins charged on mankind, from Adam to present. Why did we all have a death penalty? For sin—for the breaking of Yahweh's law. Yahshua did not nail the law to the cross, he nailed each and every one of our IOUs, our legal debt for breaking Yahweh's law, to the cross. We simply need to repent (turn back) from law breaking and accept Yahshua's blood for our IOU to Yahweh! The law itself is not against us, but the penalty for breaking it is. As we mentioned earlier, there is not one penalty in the entire Holy Scriptures for obedience, only for sin; the breaking of the

law. Satan has deceived the masses through his false clergy, who preach that in some mysterious way, Yahweh's mercy and forgiveness gives us license to sin. In addition to that, they teach that pagan worship is now acceptable to Yahweh, when before it resulted in death. Remember **Rev 12:9**. Satan has deceived the whole world. What a great sacrifice Yahshua made, and how deceptive it is for his clergy to preach that sacrifice was made to save us *in* our sins, instead of *from* our sins.

I recommend that you buy an interlinear bible that has the original Greek and Hebrew text of the Bible. All translations today are just that— translations. They are translated from the original manuscripts by men who have been deceiving you since the invention of the printing press. Do you want to know exactly, word for word, what Yahweh wrote or do you want to read a man's translation? Most of the scriptures used in this book are from the J.P. Green's Interlinear Bible, which contains the original Hebrew and Greek text, along with an English translation. I also took some scriptures from the King James Bible. The King James Bible is probably the best of the traditional translations, but it still has many hundreds of mistakes. If you want to discover what any word or text in the Bible means in the original language, find the word in a Strong's Concordance and it's corresponding number and look up the definition in the back of the concordance.

I also want to note that since the last printing of the Great Falling Away, the Congregation of YHWH Jerusalem has been blessed to do a most accurate translation that can be freely downloaded at [www.coyhwh.com](http://www.coyhwh.com). I have left the scriptures in this book as that from the Interlinear so that no bias could be accused of the author.

Another misquoted scripture is **Galatians 3:24-25**, where it states that the law was our schoolmaster. Again, let's look at this scripture in context. The question being

dealt with is, are we saved (justified, sins paid) by law-keeping or by faith in Yahshua. We have discussed, at great length, that a good act does not make up for a bad act (sin). We must internalize that fact. We are totally carnal, immoral flesh without Yahshua. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh. Paul was stressing this with some of the self-righteous Pharisees of his day. It was not their law-keeping that was wrong, but their self-righteous attitude and their lack of faith, love and mercy.

***Matt 23:1-3 "Then spoke Yahshua unto the multitude and to his disciples saying, the scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses seat. All therefore they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not after their works. For they say and do not. (Vs 23) "woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise, and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and Faith. These you ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone."***

Yahshua never condemned their obedience to the letter of the law, but rather condemned their omitting the spirit of the law. Paul did not teach that we should omit the law, but that we should first have complete faith in Yahshua. Total faith in Yahshua is the only road to salvation. Only after we enter that road through repentance and belief in Yahshua for forgiveness of sins, can our works of law be accounted for righteousness. In **Galatians 3:13**, Paul is explaining that Messiah saved us from the curse of the law. The curse was the penalty for breaking it. There is no curse for obeying it. He goes on to explain in **verse 14-18**, that Abraham was blessed because he had faith in Yahweh. He was obedient. Yahweh spoke and he followed. Now if the promises were given to Abraham through faith, how can we, his children, obtain them by works? We can't. We receive the promise of eternal life through faith, just like Abraham. Our obedience to Yahweh's law is a result of our faith in him, and not because of our self-righteousness.

Continue reading in **verse 19**. “Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions (sin), till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made.” Let's take a closer look at this verse. We know that the 10 commandments were in effect from creation. It has always been wrong to lie, to murder, to covet, to commit idolatry, commit adultery, and to take Yahweh's Name in vain. Even the Sabbath day, as shown in this book, was in effect from creation. So, which law was added? The only law that was added was the Levitical Priesthood and the animal sacrifices. Why were they added? Because of sin! Animal sacrifices never did away with one sin. They were a shadow—a reminder that we are sinners in need of a redeemer.

***Heb 10:1-6 "For the law had a shadow of the coming good things, not the image itself of those things. Appearing year by year with the same sacrifices, which they offer continually, they never are able to perfect the ones drawing near. Otherwise, would they not have had to be offered, because those serving did not still have conscience of sins, having once been cleansed? But in these there is a remembrance of sins year by year- for it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. For this reason, coming into the world, he says, sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you prepared a body for me. You did not delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as to sins."***

The only law that was added was the sacrificial system that was added only until Yahshua came in the flesh to give the one, true, supreme sacrifice. That was the only law that Yahshua completely fulfilled at his first coming. He sacrificed himself for the sins of mankind—past, present and future. The law of animal sacrifice was a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly reminder of our sinful nature. These animal sacrifices are the ***works of the law*** that Paul is referring to, that will not save us, only Yahshua's blood. In the Renewed Covenant, we are to offer *ourselves* as a daily, living sacrifices to Yahweh (**Ro 12:1**). We do this by following

every word of scripture and being in his complete will. We do this by loving him first, and secondly, our neighbor as our self. Also **Galatians 3:24** correctly translated states, "So, as the law, a trainer of us, has become Messiah." As mentioned before, the letter is incomplete without the spirit. Yahshua became the law to show us the law in practice. He is the goal or end result of our law-keeping (**Ro 10:4**). We should be striving to be like he was; perfect in letter and spirit!

Let's now take a look at an endtime prophecy in the book of Malachi. It is about the very end time, right before the great tribulation and the return of Yahshua Messiah to the earth. **Mal 3:16-18** *"Then those fearing Yahweh spoke together, each man to his neighbor. And Yahweh gave them attendance and heard. And a book of remembrance was written before him, for those who feared Yahweh, and for those esteeming his name. And they shall be mine Yahweh of hosts, for the day that I will make up my treasure. And I will pity them, as a man has pity on his son who serves him. Then you shall again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between them that serves Elohim, and him who does not serve him."*

This is a very important scripture for all believers living in the end time. Yahweh says that he will have pity on, and bless, those that serve him. He also says that his people will see the difference between the righteous (**Ps119:172 all thy commandments are righteousness**) and those that are wicked (the lawless). Note also in chapter four of Malachi, it is specifically speaking of the day of Yahweh, and the coming tribulation:

**Mal 4:1-2, 4-5** *"For behold the day of Yahweh comes , that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be as stubble, and the day that comes , and the day that comes shall burn them up, says Yahweh of hosts, that it will leave them neither root nor branch.(Verse 2) But unto you, who fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with*

**healing in his wings. And you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. ( Now look at the warning in verse four to those who fear Yahweh and have turned back to obedience to him) (Verse 4) "Remember you the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb, for all Israel with the statutes (Holy Days) and judgments (How to love neighbor as yourself). (Verse 5), behold I send to you Elijah the prophet before the coming and of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh."**

Could it be any plainer? The first time Yahshua came, it was as a lamb, and yet everyone was expecting a Lion. The second time he comes, they will look for a Lamb, and the Lion of Judah will appear. He is coming to destroy all iniquity (lawlessness), and to reward the obedient and faithful, wise servant. This chapter will be ended with one more sobering verse for you to meditate on, and to pray to your heavenly Father about. It is a warning straight from our Savior.

**Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, Master, Master will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but the sons who do the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say unto Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophecy in your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, those working lawlessness! May we heed these solemn words and be ready for His coming!**

## CHAPTER 5 - GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM

I am amazed how many people who call themselves Christians have no idea about the Kingdom of Yahweh. When you tell them that Yahshua is coming back to earth to destroy all the lawbreakers and that He will restore peace to all the earth for one thousand years, people tell me that they have never heard about it! Why is it that the Catholic Church, with almost a billion believers worldwide, has never preached this message? Is it because the pope is more involved in politics than in spreading the good news about the awesome Kingdom of Yahweh? In the Christian world the message *of* the Kingdom of Yahshua has been changed into a gospel *about* the person of Yahshua. They will talk about "Jesus" and His love, but will never tell you the message that He preached.

***Matthew 4:17 "From that time, Yahshua started to preach and to say, repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."***

The Jews of Yahshua's day missed the Messiah's first coming because they were looking for the literal Kingdom of Yahweh right then.

***Acts 1:6*** tells us that even the apostles were looking for it. ***"When they had therefore come together they asked of Him, Master wilt thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?"***

It is understandable why they wanted the Messiah to return and bring the Kingdom. They had just gone through over six hundred years of suppression and captivity. First by the Babylonians, then the Persians, followed by the Greeks and then by the last and worst, the Romans. Romans were brutal warriors and killed many Jews who were dispersed because they would not blend into the Greek/Roman paganized customs. There were fierce battles and much bloodshed and many Jews were slaughtered. These people knew the prophecies and also that the throne of David would be restored to the Messiah. They even knew, from the

seventy weeks prophecy of **Daniel 9:24-27** when the Messiah would come , but they did not understand that the penalty for their law breaking went much further than physical captivity. They all had an eternal death penalty hanging over their heads.

**Ezekiel 18:4 "The soul that sins, it shall die."**

Before the Kingdom could be restored to Israel, they had to have their sins paid for, and that is exactly what Yahshua did by his death. When the veil in the temple, (which was seventy feet high and four inches thick), was torn in two from top to bottom, we gained access to the Father through the blood of the Son. This was only the beginning. Yahshua is coming back to earth to reign for one thousand years of peace. All those who truly repent from their sins and are baptized into His name and believe that His shed blood has covered their sins, will start a new life in holiness, and will reign with Him.

**Hebrews 9: 28 "So being once offered to bear the sins of many, Messiah shall appear a second time without sin to those expecting Him for Salvation."**

**Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls of the ones having been beheaded because of the witness of Yahshua, and because of the word of Yahweh, and who had not worshipped the beast nor its image and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years."**

This is the good news of the Kingdom, but this is just one part of it. Let's go back to where the promise of eternal life started and to whom it was promised. This is a great mystery in most corporate churches today because of replacement theology. Replacement theology is basically changing the clear written word of Yahweh, and replacing it with symbolism. The only problem with symbolism is that since everybody thinks differently, everyone's symbolism is

different. Instead of just believing Yahweh at His word, they change it because they have no faith.

Because of the faith and obedience of one man, Abraham, we have the opportunity with Yahweh for covenant relationship, and we have the great hope of reigning with Yahshua during the millennium.

***Genesis 12: 1-3 "And Yahweh said to Abram, go out from your land, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing. And I will bless those who bless you, and curse the one despising you. And IN YOU ALL FAMILIES of the EARTH SHALL be BLESSED."***

Here we have a very important prophecy in verse three and it affects everyone who has ever lived who is not an Israelite. Yahweh promised Abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed through him. This prophecy was fulfilled by Yahshua the Son of Yahweh being born through the seed of Abraham. Remember that Yahweh is revealed as the Elohim of Israel.

***Isaiah 37:21 "Thus says Yahweh, ELOHIM of ISRAEL."***

Although Yahweh is the Creator of all things in the universe, He only made a covenant through one bloodline. It started with Adam then through his son Seth and through Noah. Yahweh continued this covenant through one man, Abraham, and his "seed", the physical descendants of his son, Isaac.

***Hebrews 11: 17-18 "By faith Abraham being tested, offered up Isaac; and he receiving the promises was offering up the only begotten, as to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR SEED SHALL BE CALLED."***

Isaac was the son of promise. Abraham had a son named Ishmael previous to Isaac by his wife Sarah's

handmaid. In **Gal 4:21-31** these two sons are allegorized as the two covenants. One was made at Mount Sinai, which gave no way for redemption of sin. Then there was the giving of the New Covenant through Yahshua (the seed of Isaac) which brought a way to have our sins forgiven and the promise of eternal life (**Heb 8: 6**). It was a better covenant built on better promises. Some have mistakenly taken this analogy of **Galatians 4** to mean we do not any longer need to obey Yahweh's law. We have already proven that is one of Satan's lies. Law-breaking (sin) is never condoned in any scripture, and only leads to death.

**Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin are death."**

What this allegory is trying to show us is that the first covenant (Mount Sinai and the Law) was incomplete because it had no clause in it for forgiveness of sin, only an animal sacrificial system to remind them year by year that they were sinners. Where Israel went wrong, (*as some believers do today*), is that instead of looking to the law as a mirror to show us our downfalls and how to live a holy righteous life, Israel looked at it as a means of salvation. They built a self-righteousness based on the law instead of faith in Yahweh. The law cannot save us; it only reminds us that we need the blood of Yahshua every day of our life. But through this faith in Yahshua and Him living in us, we establish the law (make stand, keep firm) in our lives. (**Romans 3:31**)

**(Ro: 7:12) "Although the law is holy and just and good," We are not. (Romans 7: 14) "For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin."**

We all have pride to different degrees, but most people never face the fact of it in their lives. It is impossible for Yahweh to work through you, if you are full of pride.

**James 4: 5-6 "Do you think the scripture says in vain, the spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy. But he gives more grace, wherefore He says, Yahweh RESISTS THE PROUD, but GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."**

It is pride that leads us to blame someone else for our mistakes. We don't want to look deep inside and see that we are the problem, not Yahweh's law. All of us have gone astray. We are all creatures, full of pride and vanity, and without Yahweh's spirit dwelling in us, we are worthless. Some will say the words, but will not internalize these words and reflect it in their lives. Most of the time people just want to accept "*Jesus*" in their heart, blame Yahweh's law for all of mankind's problems, and believe in a Savior who allows them to live in sin. They believe in a Savior who allows them to be who they are— corruptible, prideful and lustful, instead of what He can make them into—righteous servants. No, the law can't save you, but it points you, with every letter, to the righteousness in Yahshua.

Remember, Yahshua wrote every word of the law (***John 1: 1-3***). The problem is our fallen state; our pitiful, helpless state which we are in without Yahshua in our life. If we are trying to earn our salvation and accept the law before faith, we are no better than the Pharisees or non-believers. Our obedience is the evidence of our faith, but like our forefather Abraham, faith must come first, then the works made his faith perfect.

***James 2: 21-24*** "Was not our father Abraham justified by works, offering up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith worked with his works, and by the works, the faith was made complete. And the scripture was fulfilled saying, and Abraham believed Yahweh, and it was counted for righteousness to him. And he was called friend of Yahweh."

Because of this covenant that Yahweh made with Abraham and his seed (physical descendants), Yahshua was born from his physical bloodline.

***Galatians 3: 16*** "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He did not say seeds, as to many, but as of one, and to thy seed, which is the Messiah."

Abraham had other children after Sarah died; he had children by another wife named Keturah. The promise of the covenant was only to Isaac, who fathered Jacob and whose name was changed to Israel. He had 12 sons. One was named Judah. It was through Judah that Yahshua was born. Now, since Yahshua is our Maker and Creator through his blood, the everlasting covenant of salvation can go to anyone in the world. Since He is the Lamb of Yahweh, slain from the foundation of the world, we can be grafted into the tree of Israel by the blood of Yahshua. In **Luke 2:32**, which is a prophecy from **Isaiah 42: 6**, told by Simeon at Yahshua's birth, Gentiles are grafted into the tree of Israel. Before that, Gentiles had no hope. Remember, the promise of eternal life in the physical land of Israel was only given to Abraham and to one seed, Isaac.

***Genesis 17: 1-9 "And when Abram was ninety - nine years old, Yahweh appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the Almighty Yahweh! Walk before Me and be perfect; and I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face. And Yahweh spoke with him, saying, as for Me, My covenant is with you and you shall be a father of many nations. And your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. And I will make you very fruitful, greatly so. And I will give you (for) nations. And kings shall come out of you. And I will ESTABLISH My COVENANT between ME and YOU, and your SEED after you in their generations, for an EVERLASTING COVENANT, to be Elohim to you and to your seed after you. And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their ELOHIM. And Yahweh said to Abraham, you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations."***

This is the only lineage in all of humanity with which Yahweh made this particular covenant. He did not make it with all mankind, but rather with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel). Before Yahshua's sacrifice of blood, Gentiles were unable to be grafted into the everlasting covenant. They were all lost. There are no promises in the scriptures to China, Russia, or India. The promises are only made to the descendants of Abraham and the physical **LAND of ISRAEL**. Yahweh sanctified Israel and kept them separate from the Gentiles. When they entered the land, they were told to kill every man, woman and child, so as not to be influenced by these pagan cultures.

***1 Samuel 15: 3 "So says Yahweh, now go, and you shall strike Amalek, and destroy all that he has. And you shall have no pity on him, and you shall put to death all, from man to woman, from little one to suckling, from ox to sheep, from camel to ass."***

Yahweh kept Israel away from these people because He knew if they intermarried, they would start to follow the Gentile pagan practices. As Solomon proved, Yahweh was, and is, correct. You cannot mix good and evil. Most of the time fornication in the Bible is spoken of as a spiritual condition. Spiritual fornication is a mix of the truth of Yahweh with pagan Gentile practices.

***Ezekiel 23: 5 "And Ohalah (Israel) whored under Me (they worshipped to pagan practices) and she lusted after her lovers (Gentile pagan nations) to Assyrian neighbors."***

Ironically, the Assyrians were the ones who destroyed her and took her captive in 722 B.C. for this idolatry. Yahweh had tried to keep Israel pure. There were no promises made to the Gentiles. There was actually a hatred that developed between Israel (the chosen people) and the Gentiles (everyone else). Through Yahshua, Yahweh did away with the hatred between Israel and the Gentile nations,

and through Yahshua's bloodline (shed blood), He brought salvation to **all** that believed. He broke down the wall that had been between Jew and Gentile. This was literal. At the temple in Jerusalem there was a court of the Gentiles and also an inner court for Israelites. There was literally a great wall separating the two. Yahshua broke down that wall.

**John 2:19** when asked for a sign that he was the Messiah, He answered "***Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up***". The temple is Yahshua's body and all believers are part of that body. He destroyed the old temple with the middle wall of partition and rebuilt a new spiritual temple that all believers, Israelites and Gentiles, can be part of. The following scripture shows the joining of Israelite and Gentile through His blood.

**Ephesians 2:11-22** *"Therefore remember that you, the nations, were then in the flesh, those having been called uncircumcision by those having been called circumcision in the flesh made by hand, that at that time you were without Messiah, alienated from the common wealth of Israel and strangers of the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Yahweh in the world. But now in Yahshua you who then were afar off came to be near by the blood of Yahshua. For He is our peace, He making us both one, and breaking down the middle wall of partition, annulling in His flesh the enmity, the law of the commandments in decrees, that He might in Himself create the two into one new man, making peace; and might reconcile both in one body to Yahweh through the stake, slaying the enmity in Himself. And coming, He preached peace to you, the ones afar off, and to the ones near. For through Him we both have access by one spirit to the Father. So, then, you are no longer strangers and tenants, but you are fellow citizens of the saints and of the household of Yahweh, being built up on the foundation of the*

***apostles and the prophets, Yahshua Himself being the cornerstone; in whom all the building fitted together grows into a holy sanctuary in Yahweh; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of Yahweh in the spirit."***

Some have erroneously used this scripture to say the law was abolished. But if we read the scripture in context, we will see that it is not talking about the Law of Moses at all. It is talking about the Jewish law separating Jew and Gentile.

***Acts 10:28 listen to what the apostle Peter tells the Gentile Cornelius, "And he (Peter) said unto them, you know how UNLAWFUL it is for a Jew, to unite with or to come near to one of another race (Gentile). Yet Yahweh showed me not to call a man common or unclean."***

The law that was being abolished was the Jewish law of separating Jew and Gentile. As the literal wall that separated the court of the Gentiles from the court of the Jews at the temple was torn down, Yahshua through His death broke down this wall in the new spiritual rebuilt temple, which was his body (the congregation). Look carefully at ***verses 11-14***, and note that before this, Gentiles literally had no hope; they were aliens, strangers to the promises and covenant of Yahweh. I cannot stress this enough. This is the crux of the whole matter. Yahweh has only revealed himself as the Elohim of Israel. But now Gentiles are able to be grafted into the tree of Israel, and become the seed of Abraham. Even Israelites living abroad in Gentile nations were not even considered Israelites any more by the Jews living in Israel. Because they had lived among the Gentiles for so long and assimilated into their culture, they were considered Gentiles by the Pharisees of Yahshua's day.

***Galatians 3: 29 "And if you are of Messiah, then you are Abraham's seed, even heirs according to promise."***

When we are baptized into the name of Yahshua, you put on Yahshua and become an Israelite.

**Galatians 3: 27 "For as many of you who have been baptized in Messiah, you put on Messiah."**

This is the mystery of Yahweh. Not only will He redeem the nation of Israel when He returns, but He has also grafted in (adopted) any Gentile who will believe in Him as Savior. Then by repenting of sin, and believing in Yahshua for forgiveness of those sins, you are grafted into the family of Israel.

**Ephesians 3: 4-5 "By the reading which you are able to realize my understanding in the mystery of Messiah. Which has not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it now has been revealed to His holy Apostles and prophets in spirit for the Gentiles to be joint heirs of the SAME body."**

**1 Corinthians 12:13 "For by one spirit are we all baptized into ONE BODY, whether we be Jew or Gentile."**

What an awesome plan. However, you can be sure of one thing, that because Gentiles can be adopted into the family of Israel that it did not make Yahweh become a pagan god. No, it was the Gentiles who are joined into this New Covenant by the sign of immersion of baptism. The Old Covenant of flesh was through circumcision, (that was to the birthright promise), but the sign of the New Covenant, was immersion (baptism). Yahweh never became a Gentile god, and it is just as wrong to try to worship him with pagan practices under the New Covenant as it was in the Old Covenant. Any new Gentile convert has no excuse not to obey Yahweh's law, because at baptism he has become a spiritual Israelite or Jew.

**Romans 2: 29 "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit and not the letter, whose praise is not of men, but Yahweh."**

Remember, the covenant and promises were only made to Abraham, then only through one seed, his son Isaac and then Isaac's son Israel, and then on down to Yahshua.

The only way Gentiles can receive the promise of eternal life is by being grafted into the tree of Israel.

***Romans 11: 11-24 "I say then, did not they stumble that they fall? Let it not be! But by their slipping away (Israel) came salvation to the Nations to provoke them to jealousy. But if their slipping away is the riches of the world, and their default the riches of the nations, how much more their fullness?"***

***For I speak to you, the nations, since I am an apostle of the Nations - I glorify my ministry, if somehow I may provoke to jealousy my flesh, and may save some of them (Israelites). For if their casting away is the reconciliation of the world, what is their reception, except life from the dead?"***

***Now if the first fruit is holy, also the lump. And if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you being a wild olive tree were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, it is not you that bears the root but the root bears you. You will then say, the branches were broken off that I might be grafted in. Well! For unbelief they were broken off. And you stand by faith. Do not be high - minded, but fear. For if Yahweh did not spare the natural branches (Israel) lest it may be He will not spare you either (Nation)). Behold, then the kindness and severity of Yahweh: on those having fallen, severity. But on you, kindness - if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise, you will also be cut off. And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For Yahweh is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the natural wild olive tree, and were against nature***

***grafted into a good olive tree, how much more these being according to nature will***

If only Christians today could understand this simple fact. Our Savior, whose name in Hebrew is Yahshua, meaning ***Yah is Salvation***, was a Jewish carpenter. He came to His own people Israel (not just Judah) and He is the Savior of Israel. Listen to the prophecy of Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist concerning Yahshua Messiah.

***Luke 1: 67 - 77 "And his father Zacharias was filled of the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, BLESSED BE YAHWEH, THE ELOHIM OF ISRAEL, because he visited and worked redemption for his people. And he raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; even as He spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from the age before: Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all those hating us; to execute mercy with our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant, the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, to give to us that we being delivered out of our enemies hand, in order to serve him without fear, in consecration and righteousness before him all the days of our life. And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the face of the Master to prepare his ways, to give a knowledge of salvation to his people by forgiveness of their sins."***

These scriptures are very clear. Yahshua came to earth as the Messiah of Israel to redeem his chosen people and to fulfill his promises to his servant Abraham. By his mercy and love, He opened salvation to the nations to be grafted into the one tree of Israel. What the Gentiles have done for the last 1900 years is make Yahshua into a Gentile Savior and Yahweh into a Gentile god. You never see this in scripture. One of the most deceptive doctrines taught today is called "*replacement theology*." This is the idea that Yahweh is no longer the Elohim of Israel but that the church has replaced Israel. That is absolutely not true. The wonderful

plan of salvation that we understand from the above scriptures not only includes the marvelous plan of grafting the Gentiles into the one tree of Israel, but that in the end time, the natural branches would again be grafted into their own tree.

***Romans 11: 1-2 "I say then, did Yahweh cast away his own people? Let it not be. For I am an Israelite, out of Abraham's seed, of the tribe of Benjamin. Yahweh did not thrust away His people, whom he foreknew. Verse 5 "So then, also in the present time a remnant according to election of grace has come into being."***

***Romans 11: 25 - 32 "For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be wise within yourselves, that hardness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Nations comes in; and so all Israel will be saved, even as it has been written, the deliverer will come out of Zion, and he will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins. Indeed, as regards the gospel, enemies for you; but as regards the election, beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the free gifts and the calling of Yahweh are without repentance. For as you also then disobeyed Yahweh, but now have obtained mercy by the disobedience of these; so also these now disobeyed, so that they also may obtain mercy by your mercy. For Yahweh shut up all in disobedience, that He may show mercy to all."***

No, Yahweh has not cast away His people Israel. He plans to graft in these natural branches back into their own tree in this end time.

In ***Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28*** listen to what Yahweh says to Israel about entering the New Covenant in the end time.

***"For I will take you from the nations and gather you out of all the lands, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean waters on you (baptism), and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your defilement and from all your idols. And I will also give you a new heart and will put a new spirit within you (Holy Spirit), and I will take away the stony heart of your flesh, and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do them (notice how the law is still in affect). And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your Fathers. And you shall be a people to me and I will be an Elohim to you."***

Another very exciting thing about this end time is the uniting again of the kingdom of Israel (the northern ten tribes) with Judah and Benjamin for the first time since King Solomon. Remember earlier in this book, we discussed the separation of the ten sons of Jacob (Israel) with the other two sons (Judah and Benjamin). Israel was taken into captivity in 721 B.C. by the Assyrians. Then Judah was taken into captivity beginning in 605 B.C. by the Babylonians. Although Judah (the Jews) was allowed to return back to the land of Israel, they never had sovereignty until 1948. The northern ten tribes disappeared (mainly to Europe) and have not been recognized to this day. (request our gift book called *"The Chosen People"*) Listen to this great prophecy in ***Ezekiel 37: 15 - 28*** about the regathering of Judah and Israel for the Messiah's 1,000 year reign.

***Ezekiel 37: 15 - 28 "And the word of Yahweh was to me saying, and you, son of man, take one stick to yourself and write on it for Judah, and for his companions, the sons of Israel. Then take another stick and write on it for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions. And draw them one***

***to one for yourself, into one stick. And they shall become for oneness in your hand. And when the sons of your people shall speak to you saying, will you not declare to us, what these mean to you? Say to them, so says Yahweh; behold, I will take the stick of Joseph which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions, and I will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and will make them one stick; and they shall be one in my hand. And the sticks shall be in your hand, the ones on which you write, before their eyes. And say to them, so says Yahweh: I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations, there where they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and will bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation, in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one King shall be a King to all of them. And they shall not be two nations still. And they will not be split into two Kingdoms anymore. And they will not still be defiled with their idols, even with their filthy idols, not with all their transgressions. But I will save them out of all their dwelling places, in them where they have sinned; and I will cleanse them. And they shall be to me for a people: And I will be to them Elohim. And my servant David shall be King over them. And there shall be one Shepherd to all of them. And they shall walk in my judgments and keep my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell on the land that I have given to my servant, to Jacob, there where your fathers dwelt in it. And they shall dwell on it, they and their sons, and the sons of their sons, forever. And my servant David, shall be a ruler to them forever. And I will cut a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them, and multiply them. And I will give my sanctuary in their midst forever. And my tabernacle shall be with them. And I will be their Elohim, and they shall be for a people to me. And the nations shall know that I,***

***Yahweh, sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in their midst forever."***

These covenant promises made by Yahweh to Abraham have been virtually lost for the past 1900 years. He promises Abraham to restore the nation of Israel in the millennial Kingdom. The reason that this knowledge has been lost is that Christianity has used paganism, and replacement theology, maybe even unwittingly, to suppress the true good news message brought by Yahshua of Nazareth (a Jew) almost 2,000 years ago. They preach about the person of "Jesus" but they do not tell the message that Yahshua brought. The message of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh! The message that He will be King in Jerusalem, and all 12 tribes of the sons of Israel will be restored to their land for a 1,000 years of peace and prosperity. Yahweh will once again be their Elohim, and Israel will be his people.

The prodigal son of **Luke 15** is Israel, and the faithful son is the New Testament believers. Just as the father told his son to rejoice because his brother who was dead is now alive, we too, should rejoice at the regathering and restoring of Israel in the coming days of the Messiah. Yahweh has not cast away his people, as Romans the 11th chapter tells us. He has only stirred them to jealousy by opening up salvation to the world. Yahweh will fulfill his word and covenant promises made to faithful Abraham.

***Mic 7:18-20 "Who is an Elohim, like you, forgiving iniquity, and passing by the transgression of the remnant of his possession? He does not make strong his anger forever, for he delights in grace. He will return to show us compassion; he will trample our iniquities; and you will call our sins into the depths of the sea. You will give faithfulness to Jacob, and kindness to Abraham, which you have sworn to our Fathers from the days of old."***

Every single word of the Holy Scriptures will be fulfilled exactly as written. When Yahweh speaks, it is as if it is already done.

***Is 55:11 "So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth. It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it."***

Every word that Yahweh said in the entirety of the Holy Scriptures will come to pass. It is a shame that modern Christianity has spiritualized away most of the Bible. They have literally made Yahweh a liar. The preachers will tell their congregations, "Oh that is only spiritual." What they really mean by spiritual is **"done away with."** Almost every prophet in the Bible talks of a literal restoring of the 12 tribes of Israel to their land. The Bible is very clear that when a Gentile joins the one tree of Israel, he becomes an Israelite of the seed of Abraham through Yahshua Messiah.

***Gal 3:29 "And if you be in Messiah, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."***

Do you know that the word "new" in New Covenant actually means **"repaired" or "refreshed," having its original qualities (the Law) unchanged!**

The Old Covenant was a covenant about the law, but it was not the law itself. In the New Covenant the law has not changed, but our judgment for sin (breaking of the law) has been changed. There was no removing of the penalty of sin in the Old Covenant, simply a covering (atonement) for sin, just the continual reminder, through animal sacrifices, of their helpless state. In the New Covenant we have true atonement and a full covering of our sins, through faith in Yahshua's blood. The law has not changed. Sin is still sin; the breaking of the law. Only our judgment has gone from the letter to faith. The nation of Israel will again get their

chance to accept Yahshua's blood for the atonement of their sins. They will again be restored to their land with our father Abraham and Yahshua for a 1,000 years of peace.

***Zech 10:6 "And I will make stronger the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph (10 tribes), and I will return to save them (Yahshua), for I will have pity on them. And they shall be as though I had not rejected them. For I am Yahweh, their Elohim, and I will answer them."***

Almost the whole book of Zechariah talks about the end time and the return to earth of Yahshua to save his people Israel. Many in Christianity today focus only on the aspect of Yahshua returning back for his bride, the congregation of believers. It is true that He is returning for his bride! But it is only half of the story. He is also coming back to save his people Israel from surrounding armies. It will be the worst time that the world has ever known or ever will know.

***Zech 14:1-9 "Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, and your spoil shall be divided among you. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem. And the city shall be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half the city shall go into captivity, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. And Yahweh shall go out and fight against the nations, like the day he fought, in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall divide from its middle, from the east and to the west, a very great valley. And half the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And you shall flee to the valley of the mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, King of***

***Judah. And Yahweh, my Elohim shall come, and all the saints with you. And it will be in that day, there shall not be light, the glorious one will shrink. And it will be one day which will be known to Yahweh; not day and night, but it will be, there will be light at evening time. And it shall be in that day that living waters will go out from Jerusalem; half of them shall go toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and winter it shall be. And Yahweh shall be King over all the earth. In that day there shall be one Yahweh, and his name one (United)."***

Yahweh loves Israel. True believers should be overjoyed to be able to preach the same good news that Yahshua, our Savior, preached—the restoring of Israel. Listen to the warning of Yahweh about anyone who tries to harm Israel.

***Zech 2:8 "For so says Yahweh of hosts, he has sent me after glory, to the nations that plundered you, for he that touches you (Israel) touches the apple of his eye."***

Yahshua wept over Jerusalem. He said He would have taken them under his protection like a mother hen if they had only known their time of visitation.

***Luke 13:34-35 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! The one killing the prophets, and stoning the ones having been sent to her; how often I desired to gather your children, in the way that a hen gathers her chicks under her wings; and you did not desire it. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. And truly I say to you, you shall not at all see me until it come when you say, "Blessed is the one coming in the name of Yahweh."***

Yes, Israel was cast away but not forever. Yahshua said they will only be cast away until they see His return. Then they will see the holes in his wrists and in his feet from the way He was crucified him. Then they will repent and mourn for

him and accept Yahshua of Nazareth as the Messiah, the Son of Yahweh.

***Zech 12:9-10 "And in that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of prayers. And they shall look on me, (Aleph & Tav) whom they have pierced, (hands, feet) and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for a only Son, and shall be bitter over him, like the bitterness over the firstborn."***

It is interesting to note that in the original Hebrew, between the words “me” and “whom”, are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet, the “aleph” and the “tav”. **Rev 1:8** tells us that Yahshua calls himself the “alpha and the omega.” These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. So here in **Zech 12:10**, He has actually revealed one of His names to His people Israel. What a glorious event that will be! They will know that they rejected the Messiah. They will bitterly repent and Yahweh will have mercy on them and forgive them. How exciting it is to be a true believer today and have Yahweh reveal these wonderful truths to his true believers.

***Luke 10:23-24 "And He turned unto his disciples and said privately, Blessed are the eyes that see the things that you see. For I tell you that many prophets, and kings, have desired to see those things that you see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which you hear and have not heard them."***

How do you feel? Do you feel blessed to find out the true plan of Yahweh? Do you feel excited and joyful for the redeeming of the sons of Israel by Yahweh? Do you go forth with a voice of singing, as it states in **Isaiah 48:20** to declare (utter it) even to the ends of the earth. Saying **“Yahweh has redeemed his servant Jacob.”**

Just like the shame that Israel will feel when they realize they rejected Yahshua the first time, many Christians will feel the same at rejecting his word and his law. Yahweh does not want to condemn you, but restore you. Just as He will have mercy on the sons of Israel, He will give all Christians mercy if they leave their vain pagan customs of men and repent. Our Father is waiting with outstretched, loving and forgiving arms, if we will only admit our sin, repent, and turn back to him in obedience. Do you want to reign with Yahshua during this glorious time? If you do, you need to live a life of truth and holiness and faith in these promises that we have been reading. This is what the whole millennium is all about—the restoring of Israel and the law going forth from Zion. Israel will be a model nation to the rest of the world to show them that Yahweh's laws work for true happiness. Yahshua will reign over all the earth from Jerusalem, as King of Kings. Let us end this chapter with another passage about the great hope of this soon-coming Kingdom.

***Is 65:17-25 "For, Behold, I create a new heavens and a new earth. And the things before shall not be recalled, and shall not go up on the heart. However, be glad and rejoice forever in what I create. For, behold, I create Jerusalem, a rejoicing and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people. And the voice of weeping and the voice of crying shall no longer be heard in her. There shall not still be an infant of days, or an old man that has not filled his days. For the youth shall die the son of a hundred years, but the sinner the son of a hundred years, shall be accursed. And they shall build houses and live in them, and they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another live in them; They shall not plant, and another eat. For like the days of a tree are the days of my people; And my elect shall grow old to the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor***

***bring forth for terror. For they are the seed of the beloved ones of Yahweh, and their offspring with them. And it will be, before they call, I will answer. While they are speaking, then I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed as one; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And dust is the food of the snake. They shall not do evil nor destroy in all my holy mountain, says Yahweh."***

***Micah 4:1-7 "But it shall be in the end of days, that the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established on the top of the mountains; and it shall be lifted up from the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations will come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And he will teach us from his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge between many peoples, and will decide for strong nations afar off. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up a sword against nation, nor shall they learn war anymore. But they shall each one sit under his vine, and under his fig tree; and there shall be no trembling, for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each one in the name of his god; but we will walk in the name of Yahweh, our Elohim, forever and ever. In that day, I will gather the lame, declares Yahweh, and I will gather the banished, and the one that I have afflicted. And I will make the lame into a remnant, and her who was cast off, into a strong nation. And Yahweh shall reign over them in Mount Zion, from now on and forever."***

May that day come quickly and may we be spotless and holy in his sight at his return!

## Chapter 6 “What’s in a Name”?

When we are looking at the Great Falling Away, no greater place has deception started than with the very name of the Creator of the universe who has always existed, and created every single piece of matter that is in the universe and beyond. Names are extremely important and in Hebrew every name has meaning and yet we are to think that somehow the creator of the universe, the name above all names, doesn't have a name, and doesn't care what we call him.

I find it most interesting that every human is so prideful about his own personal name. If your name is Bill and someone kept calling you Fred, it would be quite offensive. It would not only be offensive, but hurtful, if someone that you know very well, such as your Pastor of 10 years, suddenly forgot your name. In Hebrew every name has meaning. *Eliyahoo* (Elijah) means *Yahweh is my El*, Daniel means *Elohim is my Judge* and so on. Most people believe that you can call Yahweh Kyrios, Theos, Zeus and even Baal or just about any other pagan name and that it is acceptable to him, but it is not according to scripture.

***Exo 3:15 And Elohim said to Moses again, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, YaHWeH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial from generation to generation.***

The third commandment tells us “***You shall not take the name of YAHWEH, your Elohim in vain.***” In vain means to *change, falsify* or to *make common*. A child could see that taking out the personal name of **YaHWeH**, or in Hebrew, it is the letters **Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey**, and replacing it with a

generic title of *lord* or *God* is definitely breaking the third commandment.

Let's use common sense and agree that the original scriptures were written in Hebrew. Deut 4:2 strictly tells us we are not to **add or take away** from the word of scripture. Yet, if you look in any interlinear bible, you will see that the personal name of our Creator, Yahweh, has been taken out of scripture almost 7,000 times from the original Hebrew, and replaced with generic titles such as lord or God. God is not a personal name of the Creator and I can prove it. In the preceding verse in Exo 3:13 Moses is speaking with the creator and listen to what he says to Him.

**Exo 3:13- And Moses said to God, behold I shall come to the sons of Israel and say to them, the God of your fathers has sent me to you; and they will say to me, what is his name, and what shall I say to them.**

First, Yahweh goes on to say that "*He is that He is*" and doesn't need to prove himself to anyone, but then tells Moses his name for all generations is Yahweh, as we saw in verse 15. Clearly God or more correctly rendered Elohim in the Hebrew, was a generic title and was not his name because they asked "which God." Going back to the Israelites and telling them that God appeared to him would have brought the question, "which God?" Clearly God is **not** the personal name of the Creator.

God can mean any God. Allah is god to the Muslims, Vishnu is god to the Hindus, and the Hebrew word Elohim, which is being translated in most bibles as god, is a generic title for deity, as where Yahweh is a personal name. I stopped using the generic title God several years ago while in Israel, because once I was casting out a horrific demon from a man and when I said "*I come in the name of Yahshua, the Son of*

God”, the demon asked me “***which God***”. When I commanded it to leave in Yahweh’s name, the demon left.

In such an ecumenical time as which we live, where Christian ministers pray together with Muslim clerics, and the Pope wants you to believe that we all worship the same “god”, can’t we see the need to use the proper name of our creator and not only generic titles. On the US dollar it states in God we trust, but which god? Would the US congress ever print money that says in Yahweh we trust; no of course not, because by saying in God we trust it can mean any god and we know our government does not obey Yahweh, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

There is another very important point about the name “god” that must be brought up. As already stated, the original language of the bible was Hebrew. In Hebrew the generic word for deity is El or Eli and in plural Elohim. The English name “god” in Hebrew is only in one scripture when Yahweh is rebuking the Israelites for worshiping the false Babylonian deity. The personal name of the Babylonian deity is *god* or phonetically pronounced *gawd*.

***Isa 65:11 But you are those who forsake Yahweh, who forget My holy mountain; who array a table for Gawd (god), and who fill mixed wine for Fate.***

In your English bible it may have the word troop, but look in a concordance and it is the word 1408, *gawd*. Personal names are transliterated and except for phonetic changes from language to language, the name stays the same. Listen to a news broadcast in a foreign language. You will hear *dot, dot, dot, George Bush*; in any language, his name stays the same. I also find it most interesting to a world that has been blinded to the true personal family name of our Heavenly Father Yahweh, that the name of *satan* is not lost or contested in any language but is very clearly pronounced in

his world, and since names are transliterated, isn't it very suspect that the personal name of the Babylonian deity "god or gawd" has been used in English for the generic title to replace the personal name of Yahweh. This is even more important in the light of the following scriptures.

***Exo 23:13 And be watchful in all that I have said to you. And you shall not mention another Elohim by name; it shall not be heard from your mouth.***

This scripture in the Hebrew does not mean not to read the name of a pagan deity when you are reading scripture, but actually means *praying to or making a vow* by the name of a pagan deity. Also look at;

***Exo 22:20 One sacrificing to another Elohim shall be destroyed, unless it is only to Yahweh.***

Are you starting to see the picture? Clearly from scripture, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob tells us His personal name is **Yahweh**, and also clearly from scripture He says He is a jealous Elohim and will not give His glory to the **names of pagan deities**.

***Isa 42:8 I am Yahweh; that is My name; and I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to engraved images.***

With that being the fact, are we giving homage to Yahweh when we pray to *god or gawd*, the name of a pagan, Babylonian deity?

**Let's now list only the facts that we have discovered.**

- 1) **The original bible was written in the Hebrew language.**
- 2) **In the original Hebrew language the personal name of our Creator Yahweh has been taken out almost**

**7,000 times and replaced with generic titles and pagan names.**

**3) Names are transliterated, NOT translated and stay the same in any language.**

**4) Satan's name is the same in every language and has never been in dispute.**

**5) God or gawd was the personal name of a Babylonian deity and is only used once in scripture in Isaiah 65:11 naming the Babylonian deity.**

**6) Yahweh states in the Torah that we shall not pray to the personal name of any other deity but Him, Yahweh.**

**7) Most people today calling themselves Christians have done away with our Heavenly Father's Torah and also worship Him using pagan customs such as Christmas and Easter (the personal name of the nature goddess) and call him and pray to him by using the name of the Babylonian deity named gawd.**

**8) Many Sabbath covenant believers still pray to a deity called gawd or god and not to Yahweh even though scripture states this is clearly His NAME (Exo 3:15).**

I am not judging the motives of why people are praying to the name of a Babylonian deity, I am simply stating the fact that it is being done. Some new believers believe the name of Yahweh is too sacred to be pronounced, but they are getting this incorrect teaching from Rabbinical Judaism and not from scripture. Read the Torah and the Psalms; Yahweh's name is there 7,000 times and you could not read the bible without saying His name. We are told to praise the name of Yahweh, to pray to His name and to uplift His name; you could not do any of these if you bring His name to nothing and never pronounce it when you are reading scripture or praying. Look how David exalted our Heavenly Father's name.

**1Ch 16:8-9 O give thanks to Yahweh; call on His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; tell of all His marvelous works.**

**1Ch 16:10 Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those seeking Yahweh rejoice.**

**1Ch 16:23 Sing to Yahweh, all the earth, proclaim His salvation from day to day.**

**1Ch 16:25-26 For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised; and He is to be feared above all gods. All gods of the peoples are nothing; yea, Yahweh has made the heavens.**

**1Ch 16:28 Give to Yahweh, O families of the people, give to Yahweh glory and strength.**

**1Ch 16:29 Give to Yahweh the glory of His name; bring an offering and come before Him; worship Yahweh in the adornment of holiness.**

**1Ch 16:31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let them say among nations, Yahweh reigns.**

**1Ch 16:35 And say, O save us, Elohim of our Yahshua; and gather us, and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name, that we may glory in Your praise. 1Ch 16:36 Blessed be Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting. And all the people said, Amen, and gave praise to Yahweh.**

Clearly, David knew and used the name of Yahweh. In scripture you will find that only Yahweh is the personal family name of our Heavenly Father and is used almost 7,000 times in the Old Testament alone; by far almost 70 percent of every reference made to our Creator is with his personal family name Yahweh.

The next most used name is Elohim, that is again not a personal name but a title, and the rest of the names used, El Shadai (*Almighty El*), Adonai, healer, deliverer, Omnipotent

one, etc. are fine attributes of our Father, but are titles and not personal names. They are only used a handful of times except for the word Adonai, which is used about 408 times compared to our Father being called Yahweh 7,000 times.

Of course a name means more than just the letters that it is printed with. It means the character and authority of the one who has the name, but let's be honest, it also means the letters that make up the name, so we know exactly who we are talking about. In a day where the world council of churches in conjunction with the Catholic church and the ecumenical movement is trying to say that the god of the Muslims is the same god of the Hebrews, I will continue to honor my Heavenly Father by not only using titles to show his greatness, but giving glory to the personal name of the only one, **Yahweh**, who deserves that greatness. John 17:11 states that Yahshua said he would keep the congregations ***in the name of the Father.***

***Eph 3:14-15 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, of whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named,***

This subject on the name of the Creator is not meant to judge those who may out of ignorance have never known the true name of our Heavenly Father, but rather to enlighten all those to the truth of the wonderful blessing of being able to call on the name of Yahweh and reap the blessings that scripture tell us are to those who call on His name.

***Mal 3:16 Then those fearing Yahweh spoke together, each man to his neighbor. And Yahweh gave attention and heard. And a Book of Remembrance was written before Him for those who feared Yahweh, and for those esteeming His name.***

So our next question is how do we pronounce the name of **YHWH?** After the Babylonian captivity, the Rabbi's felt this

name to be too sacred to speak and started to hide the phonetic pronunciation of the name **YHWH**. The Talmud tells us that they even wrote it incorrectly so that if someone was reading the name they would not accidentally pronounce it.

What they started to do was take the vowels from *Adonia*, (Hebrew word translated as Lord), mix it with the consonants for YHWH, and come up with *Jehovah*. They only used *Jehovah* so no one could pronounce the name correctly. Very easily you could see that *Jehovah* would not be the correct pronunciation of the sacred name as there is no letter “J” in the Hebrew language and in Hebrew the name “*Hovah*” comes from Strong’s Concordance #1943 and means *ruin* or *mischief*. The name of our Heavenly Father is not ruin or mischief. Also *Jehovah* or *Yehovah* is grammatically impossible in the Hebrew language. Please refer to the many references at the end of this book.<sup>xvii</sup>

Another misconception on the pronunciation of the name of **YHWH** that has come up recently is *Yahuah*. In Hebrew a vav can be a consonant or a vowel but cannot be both at the same time. So pronouncing YHWH as *Yahuah*, you are using the vav first as a vowel, and then by putting another vowel after it, goes against the grammatical laws of Hebrew.

The argument for using *Yahuah* is because the name *Yahudah* (Hebrew for Judah) has the same letters as YHWH but adds a dalet. So some think just remove the dalet, and that is how to pronounce YHWH. This is not the way the Hebrew language works and again goes against the grammatical laws of Hebrew. In Hebrew every word goes back to a 2 or 3 letter root, and then is vowel pointed.

Therefore, although in English it may seem that **YHWH** is simply *Yahudah* without the dalet, but in Hebrew, it does not even come from the same root. Check this out for yourself. In Strong’s concordance *Yahudah* is word number 3063 and

comes from the root word 3034 *Yadah, Yod, dalet, hay*, whereas the name **Yahweh** is Strong's 3068 and comes from the root 1961 *hayah* or in Hebrew *hey, yod, hey*. So you can see they do not even have the same root and certainly cannot apply a new rule of dropping the dalet and coming up with a new pronunciation.

Also the argument goes that since some names in Hebrew end with "Yahu" such as *Eliyahoo*, then Yahweh's name must start as *Yahu* and then add another syllable "ah" at the end. Again, anyone who is thinking this way does not really understand Hebrew and Hebrew grammar.

There are quite a few references in scripture that refer to our Heavenly Father merely as "Yah".

***Isa 12:2 Behold, El is my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid, for my strength and song is Yah Yahweh; yea, He has become my salvation.***

***Psa 118:14 Yah is my strength and my song***

The Aramaic Peshitta, which is also the oldest New Testament writing, has the form *Mar Yah* for YHWH in its Tanach almost 7,000 times. *Mar Yah* simply means *Master Yah*. Yahweh is a family name consisting of *Yah Yahweh* the Father and *Yahshua Yahweh* the Son. There is absolutely no question that the Father's shortened name is *Yah*. Even *Halleluyah*, which means praise *Yah*, uses His shortened name. So nowhere in scripture does it ever have our Heavenly Father's name in the Hebrew as *Yahu*.

Then where does the name *Yahu* come from in certain names such as *Eliyahoo*? In Hebrew, pronouns are added into the verb conjugation and *Yahu* simply means "He is *Yah*". Just like if you were going to say our "Elohim" in Hebrew, instead of using the pronoun our, with the noun *Elohim*, you would simply say *Elohenu*, which is "our *Elohim*". So having *Yahu* at the end of a name proves nothing

and certainly would not justify a Yahuah pronunciation, as not all names have this ending, such as Nehemyah, which simply has the correct shortened name of Yah.

Now with the Yah part being 100% confirmed we go back to the second century historian Origen and see that he clearly pronounced the second syllable as “**weh**”, again dogmatically proving from History that Yahweh was the pronunciation in the first and second century by Jews and Christians alike. Early Christian writers, such as Clement of Alexandria in the 2nd century, had used a form like Yahweh, and this pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton was never really lost.

Theodoret of Cyprus (5th Century AD) said the Samaritans of his time spoke the sacred name clearly as Yahweh. I believe that from historical and archaeological evidence, the closest pronunciation of the Sacred name of **YHWH** is phonetically pronounced as **YAHWEH**.

In 1898 A.H. Sayce transliterated 3 cuneiform tablets dating back to the time of Hamurrabi that clearly said “**Yahweh is Elohim**”(see *Haley’s bible handbook pg 62*).

Also, the Lachish letters that have been found in 1938 dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. are the oldest Hebrew writing with the sacred name on record, again clearly proving that the sacred name was pronounced **Yahweh**. What is also very interesting about the Lachish letters is not only the fact that they are written in ancient Paleo-Hebrew, but that they are also vowel pointed, something that is very rare for a document that ancient, and the vowel pointing clearly shows the pronunciation of YHWH as **YAHWEH**.

After this, the Masoretes worked to reproduce the original text of the Hebrew Bible from about the 6th to the 10th century AD, and replaced the vowels of the name YHWH with the vowel signs of the Hebrew words Adonai, or Elohim.

Thus, *the artificial name Jehovah* (YeHoWaH) (emphasis ours, ed.) came into being. Although Christian scholars after the Renaissance and Reformation periods used the term Jehovah for YHWH, in the 19th and 20th centuries, biblical scholars again began to use the true form Yahweh. Josephus stated that the pronunciation of **YHWH** is phonetically spoken like 4 vowels. *EE AHH OOOH AAA*. (EE + AHH = Yah,) (OOH + AAA = weh.) So when you phonetically pronounce the 4 letters together they sound like **Yahweh**.

According to the Rabbi's, who purposely write the name incorrectly so as not to be accidentally spoken, they only say the name once a year on the Day of Atonement and this only by the High Priest in the Temple, but later it was sanctioned by the Rabbi's that the name could be said by all Jews, but again only once a year and this only at sunset at the ending of Atonement. Out of curiosity I went to the Wailing Wall where this is done as Atonement was ending and I clearly heard the pronunciation of **YHWH** as **Yahweh** over and over for about 5 minutes.

Some have mistakenly tried to connect the name of Yahweh to the false god Jupiter because Jupiter was also called IOUE which can phonetically be pronounced Yahweh. It should be noted that ancient pagans had many gods and were not shy in accepting any new concept of deity as a god. This is one of the reasons that the Romans persecuted the Jews so heavily, because only the nation of Israel had a concept of a single deity. They were looked at as poor and weak because they only worshiped one deity. This is why the goddess *Istar* is also called *Semeramis* and *Diana* and *Athena* or *Aphrodite*. Now, none of these names phonetically sound alike and none are transliterations of the other name. It was just the common practice of pagan cultures to accept any new god and call him or her by the name of one of their old gods.

So, could pagan cultures when they saw the power of **Yahweh**, have used his name and called him also by the name of their other pagan deities? Logic and history tells us yes, they did. Does that change the name of **Yahweh**? Logic and history and archaeology tell us emphatically, **NO!** The way we know that our Creator's name is phonetically pronounced Yahweh is by the fact that Israel only had one deity and every credible scholar and every historical, biblical, and archaeological evidence distinctly points to the pronunciation of the only true deity, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as **YAHWEH**.

When we are discussing the name of Yahweh, we should make reference to the fact that our Savior, Yahshua (meaning Yahweh's Salvation) also had a Hebrew name and not a Greek one. Jesus could not be the name of the Savior as there was no letter "j" in any alphabet until the 16<sup>th</sup> century and there is still no letter "j" in Hebrew today. Look at the following scripture to prove this point.

***Act 26:13 at midday along the highway, O king, I and those with me saw a light from heaven shining around me above the brightness of the sun.***

***Act 26:14 And all of us falling to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew dialect, Saul, Saul why do you persecute Me? It is hard for you to kick against the prods.***

***Act 26:15 And I said, Who are you, Sir? And He said, I am Yahshua, whom you persecute;***

If the Savior was speaking in the Hebrew language, then He could not have said His name was Jesus, as there is no such name in Hebrew, neither no such letter J. Jesus is a Greek hybrid name without meaning, yet Yahshua is the Hebrew name of our Hebrew Savior from the tribe of David, and means Yahweh's Salvation. I have yet to find any biblical, archaeological, or historical proof that would back up either a *Jehovah* or *Yahuah* pronunciation.

## CHAPTER 7 - MAN OF SIN

Up to this point, I have been explaining the great deception that Satan has used on the planet Earth for approximately the past 1,900 years. We have seen remarkable changes during that time. Starting from the early believers, the church was built on the foundation of the law and the prophets. Yahshua himself is the chief cornerstone (**Ep 2:20**). The current church today looks vastly different than the early church. The church is filled with pagan customs, man-made hierarchies and a dangerously deceitful gospel message of lawlessness and replacement theology. Why is it that in such a technologically advanced world, where we have millions of web sites and every means of fast communication, are the majority of people are still deceived about these simple truths? The answer is two-fold! First, as we have already explained in depth, the fleshly human mind is enmity (hatred) to the law and ways of Yahweh. Most people are so overwhelmed in their quest to own homes, cars, VCRs, TVs and other pleasure-seeking devices. They don't have a real desire to know Yahweh. They want to know about Him so they can feel secure in their afterlife, but they don't want to know Him. Most Americans are so busy in this endless quest for material wealth and social status, that they are just too concerned with self to see the need for that one-on-one relationship. They just don't truly see the need to be one hundred percent dependent on Yahweh. And I can see why. Their own existence is based on themselves and there is no room left for faith. They earn a nice paycheck every week to pay for food, shelter, clothing and every form of pleasure seeking. They have every form of insurance so they don't need Yahweh for their health. Instead of living by faith, they are totally independent of the need of an Elohim and totally dependent on self.

My wife and I have been doing missionary work for ten years now. We have met many destitute believers from places such as Honduras, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Uganda, India and China, just to name a few. From these poor, almost broken people we see the contrast with the laid-back, totally-supplied American. They have a need for Yahweh, NOW!

***Revelation 3: 17 "Yahweh says, because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have needs of nothing, don't you now that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."***

That passage describes the average American and European believer. The concept of war, having no food, or living in a refugee camp for years is inconceivable, as it was to me before I got to see it and experience it with my own eyes. And yet, I hear American believers say the world is not that bad. How can a true follower of Messiah say that? Over 20-30 million babies are aborted worldwide each year. Two thirds of the world is living in dire poverty and don't even have clean drinking water. Over a billion are starving to death. Aids and all other types of horrible diseases are rampant. Violence is everywhere, and truly as **Matthew 24:14 states, "The love of many has waxed cold."** Hollywood and TV have become surrogate parents for many of our children today.

Words cannot even describe the immorality found in our entertainment industry. How can one claim to be a believer and yet watch endless hours of wasteful sitcoms, meaningless sports, and soap operas or sex-related violent movies? How can one do these things daily and say they have the mind of Messiah? How can women dress half-naked and be consumed with worldly fashion and say they have the mind of Messiah? How can women be more worried about a career than their family and say they have the mind of Messiah? And these same so-called Christians will

condemn the words in this book as legalism. The proof is in the pudding. The result of this pleasure seeking, selfish lifestyle has only led to more lawlessness and moral decay. The world is in trouble due to rebellion. Mankind's doom is due to the fact that he thinks he knows a better way than his Creator. His time is almost up. So, that is the first reason so many believers are deceived today. They just don't care. They don't see a need for Yahweh or repentance. They have lost their first love and the love of the truth.

**2 Thess 10:12 "And in all deceit of unrighteousness (lawbreaking) in those being lost, because they did not have the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved. And because of this, Yahweh will send them strong delusion, for them to believe the lie (law's done away), that all may be judged, those not believing the truth, but having delighted in lawlessness."**

This is a serious scripture. The love of the truth is not only a plus but a must to be saved! I made the comment earlier that this may be the most important book, after the Bible, that you have ever read, and I mean it. I honestly wrote this book out of love. There is a lot at stake here: YOUR ETERNAL LIFE! I don't mean to scare you, but this is serious. Most books you read are full of nice little stories, to warm the belly, but what I write is the truth of scripture. There has been a great deception by the devil.

**Rev 12:9 "Satan has deceived the WHOLE WORLD"  
2 Thess 2:3 "Let no man deceive you in any way, because that day (Day of Yahweh) will not come, unless first comes the falling away, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition."**

False corporate churches want to deceive you into thinking that there is a great revival coming before the return of the Messiah. That is absolutely not true. It is just the opposite. There is a great falling away into apostasy and lawlessness. And if you look around it is here. Most professing Christian ministries are preaching a prosperity

gospel and telling you how wonderful everything is. They are like the blind leading the blind. The Scriptures say that they will both fall into the pit. Satan has most people in this world right where he wants them—believing quick and easy answers. “Just say this quick little prayer” and hocus-pocus, all their problems are solved. “Don't worry about obedience” they will tell you, because the law has been nailed to the cross. Get divorced, cheat on your taxes, and don't worry about white lies because “Jesus loves you.” Satan has his army of clergy doing his work.

**2 Cor 11:13-15 "For such ones are false Apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into Apostles of Messiah. Did not Satan marvelously transform himself into an angel of light? It is not a great thing then, if also his ministers transform themselves as ministers of righteousness. Whose end will be according to their works."**

Which brings me to my second point regarding the great falling away. As stated in the above scripture, Satan has many in the corporate-church business of religion. They preach this lawlessness around the world. It is ironic that they will tell you not to obey Yahweh's law because that would be earning your salvation, and yet the above scripture plainly says, "Their end will be according to their works". They tell you half the truth. You cannot earn your salvation, which is true. But the other half of the story is that after you have received the promise of eternal life and forgiveness of sin by the blood of Yahshua, you will need to strive every day of your life to pick up your cross and follow him. You need to obey the law of Yahweh as a guide to your path (**Ps 119 :105**), then you need to come out of the world and seek Yahweh in holiness and humility. Don't store up earthly riches that will become moth-eaten and corrupt and that can be stolen, but store up heavenly riches that last for eternity (**Matt 6:19-21**).

Now, I'm going to be very blunt and tell you what I think of Christianity today. It is nothing more than a billion-dollar business. You are not a child of Yahweh in their eyes; sad to say, you are a market to make money—and lots of it!

**Matt 10:8 " You have freely received, freely give."**

This scripture is very plain. Yet in Christianity today there is a price tag on everything. "You need this tape for eternal life," they will tell you, "and it is only \$40.00." You hear them on radio and TV advertisements selling books, magazines, and DVD's, and they are always pleading for money. Some of them have pleaded for money every week for years. They tell you that unless you send in a certain amount; they will have to go off the air. One man actually had the audacity to say that if he did not get one million dollars by a certain date, that God would kill him. He did not get the money by the specified date, but said God needed him too much to take his life. They say obeying Yahweh's law cheapens their grace. I cannot think of anything that could cheapen my grace more, than by putting a price tag on it! Every sermon, every video, every tour; they are always making a profit.

Some of these men wear all kinds of gold and drive expensive cars, and some even have airplanes. This is NOT the example that our Savior set for us when He walked the earth.

**Matt 8:20 " And Yahshua said unto them, Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head."**

These false ministers not only preach an easy, worldly grace with no real repentance or holy living required, but have made a business out of the begotten children of

Elohim. Listen to the rebuke of our Savior Yahshua to the charlatans of His day that were doing the same thing.

**Matt 21:12-13 "And Yahshua went into the temple of Yahweh, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and over threw the table of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves. And he said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves."**

**2 Corinthians 6:16 "And what agreement has the temple of Yahweh with idols? For you are the temple of the living Elohim; as Yahweh has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."**

We are part of that temple and like our master Yahshua did almost 2000 years ago, we need to cleanse the temple of Yahweh. We need to reject these false teachers who are taking the most sacred thing in our life—our grace—and are making a mockery of it for financial gain.

**1Pe 5:2 "Shepherd the flock of Elohim among you, exercising oversight, not by compulsion, but willingly. Not for filthy lucre (money, greed) but readily."**

Brethren should know their responsibility to freely share their tithes and offerings for the preaching of the good news. However, to put a price tag on spiritual material is WRONG. Here is a copy of a letter that I have sent to hundreds of ministers over the last couple of years. Please feel free to copy and give it out as you are moved by the Holy Spirit.

To anyone of the body of Messiah who is selling the word of Yahweh (tapes, videos, books, sermons...)

“This is a message of rebuke but not of anger rather of concern and love. Yahweh Elohim has directed me to write this letter to you because He loves you enough to warn you of the grievous act you are committing. Just ponder on it for a moment. Do you believe in the Ten Commandments? I am sure you will say that you do. Are the words you speak on your tapes or books your own, or are they inspired by the only true Elohim of the universe? If the answer is "they are inspired by Yahweh," then you are stealing Yahweh's words by selling them. You are also coveting what is not your own, and you are lying by claiming your name or ministry to it for a price, and if it is inspired by Yahweh and important for the brethren you are not showing love for your neighbor as yourself.”

***Matt 10:8 "Freely you have received, freely you give."***

***Is 55:1 "Lo, everyone that thirsts, come ye to the waters, and he that has no money, come ye and buy and eat; come ye and buy wine and milk, without money and without price." I am not judging your heart, but your fruit (Matt 7:16).***

Repent immediately, and stop making a market out of Yahweh's word, or you will reap what you are sowing. And if the answer to the above question is, your words have not been inspired by the almighty Yahweh; then no one should want to hear them.

It is time to cleanse the temple of Yahweh! It is time to put an end to the market that has been made of the Holy Scriptures!

In ***1 Pe 4:17***, Yahweh Elohim tells us ***"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of Yahweh. And if it first began at us, what will be the end of those who obey not the gospel of Yahweh?" The time has***

**come for the Yahweh to cleanse the hirelings. Ezek 34: 1-3 "And the word of Yahweh came unto me saying, son of man, prophecy against the shepherds of Israel, prophecy and say unto them. Thus says Yahweh Elohim unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherd feed the flock? You eat the fat, and you clothe yourself with the wool, you kill them that are fed; but you feed not the flock!" Verse 10 Thus says Yahweh Elohim; "behold I am against the shepherds; and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock, neither shall the shepherds feed themselves anymore. For I will deliver the flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them." (Zec 11:8) "Three shepherds I will also cut off in one month; My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred Me."**

“Do you want to risk being one of these men? The true word of Elohim is the gospel of salvation. It is a free gift to all that repent of their sins and believe in the blood of Yahshua Messiah for the penalty for committing those sins. It does not have a monetary price. That cheapens our grace. That does not mean that a man whose life is the gospel, cannot live by it. **(1 Cor 9:14)** "Even so has Yahweh ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." That is where faith comes in. Our heavenly Father knows all our needs. He will provide "Freewill tithes and offerings" to support all your needs. But it is sin and abomination in His sight to sell His "Holy Words." That also includes, above all, charging at the door to hear a preacher give a message. His true church is not a business. All the brethren who partake in supporting and buying these things are partaking in their sin. We need to put the evil out from among us. Remember the ten virgins; the five foolish **(Matt 25:9-10)** went to buy their oil and were shut out. Do not give one more penny to a ministry or prophecy club which puts a price tag or makes a market out of Yahweh's people.”

***Matt 6:33 "Seek you first the Kingdom and his righteousness, and everything else will be given."***

“The choice is yours. I have sounded the message of the watchman (***Ezek 33:1-11***), repent or let the blood be on your own head.”

Let me show the strong judgment that Yahweh is going to give these greedy, money-making corporate ministers.

***Ezekiel 34:4 - 10 "You have not made the weak strong, and you have not healed the sick; and you have not bound up the broken. And the banished have not been brought back, and you have not sought the lost; but you rule them with force and with harshness. And they were scattered for lack of a shepherd. And they became food to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep strayed through all the mountains and on every high hill. And My sheep were scattered on all the face of the earth; and none searched, and none sought for them. For this reason, shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh. As I live, declares Yahweh, surely because My sheep became a prey, and My sheep became food for all the beasts of the field, from not having a shepherd; and because My shepherds did not search for My sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and did not feed the flock; therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh. So says Yahweh: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My sheep from their hand, and cause them to cease from pasturing the sheep. And the shepherds shall no longer feed themselves, for I will deliver My sheep from their mouth, and they will not be food to devour. "***

***2 Corinthians 6:17 "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, says Yahweh, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you."***

The problem with the money-making corporations today calling themselves churches is that they are not promoting a one-on-one relationship with Yahweh in spirit and truth. They do not teach, *really teach*, the Holy Scriptures. They tell a lot of stories and they entertain, and turn you into a passive spectator/believer. They will talk about faith, or love, or hope and other topics but never really delve into the truth of scripture. They want to keep you dependent on them so that you will come back every week and support them with your money. They will make up causes to get your money. Church buildings, preaching the gospel (which they don't), anything to get you to open up your wallet. They will flood you with social activities associated with church to make you feel even more of an obligation to go every week. If you visit other congregations of believers, they will frown on it. If you question doctrine, they will get rid of you. Their main purpose is not to rock the boat. Stability, not truth, is the main objective. They rate their success by how many people and how much money they bring in. Very few congregations in the world have both the true good news message covered in this book, and the power of the Holy Spirit. They may be emotional. They may sing and cry. They may even rattle off gibberish that they say is a tongue prayer. Yet, if it is based on pagan customs, lies and a false gospel message, how much can it really glorify our heavenly Father? Emotion does not glorify him. Knowledge does not glorify him. What glorifies him is to have a pure heart and to worship in spirit and truth.

In this end time, our heavenly Father is calling his true saints out of these corporate "fiascoes" to a spiritual wilderness in order to teach them personally.

***Ezek 34:11 " For so says Yahweh Elohim, behold I myself will search out for my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep, and will deliver them from all the places that they are scattered, in a day of cloud and thick cloud."***

That cloud that Yahweh speaks of is the cloud of confusion, which these moneymaking churches have created. Yahshua said that He would build his congregation-his called out ones. We are supposed to be one body, yet there are thousands of different corporate churches today, all claiming to be the right one. Can they all be the right one? There is nothing but confusion in the churches, and Yahweh is not the author of confusion (**1Cor 14:33**). When I was under the control of a corporate church, my liberty was taken away. I was only allowed to serve people within the organization. Now, as a minister of Yahshua, I can serve all the body. We judge whether someone is a true believer by their fruit, as the scripture says, not by their corporate affiliation. Did you ever wonder why, if we are one body, that when you enter any city in the world, there are hundreds of different Christian churches? What is more puzzling is that rarely do any of these different churches recognize, cooperate or fellowship with each other. Yahshua's body is a spiritual organism, not a physical organization. All these churches go down to the government and register with them. In America, they will fill out government form 5013c, for tax exempt status. What that does is merge them with the government. The government has become their partner, and in turn the government will monitor and control what can be preached and said. They have become a servant of the state, and all for tax exempt status (money).

***Matt 6:24 " No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will***

***hold on to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve Yahweh and materialism (money)."***

You are the slave to what you obey. Once you start to depend on a corporate check, from a church organization, you will compromise your values and beliefs for that paycheck. I believe in elderhood. I am an ordained elder myself. A true elder, though, needs to protect and care for the flock. He needs to be selfless and set the example to be the greatest servant.

***Matt 20:26 " He who shall be greatest among you, let him be your servant."***

A true elder is not there to rule over the flock, but to shepherd. He is one who should have a good knowledge of scripture, but also true love, for Yahweh's children. His job is to enhance, not tear down, the spiritual gifts of the flock. Why are the corporate churches so dead today? Why don't you see the power of the Holy Spirit? Because most leaders are not scripturally qualified to be true elders, Yahweh, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, makes someone an elder. You do not become a true elder by going to some college, or kissing up to some higher-ranking minister, or even by nepotism. This is widespread in corporate churches today. We do not see this example in scripture. 1Tim 3:1-7 gives a clear definition of the qualifications of an elder.

***1Tim 3:1-7 "Faithful is the word. If anyone reaches out for over-seership, he desires a good work. Then the overseer must be blameless, husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, modest, hospitable, apt at teaching; not a drinker, not a contentious one, not greedy of ill gain, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not loving money; ruling his own house well, having children in subjection with all reverence. But if anyone does not know to rule his own house, how will he care***

***for a Congregation of Yahweh? Not a novice, lest being puffed up he may fall into judgment of the devil. But he must also have a good witness from those outside, that he not fall into reproach, and into a snare of the devil."***

This scripture probably disqualifies between 70% to 80% of the current clergy in the world. He must have only one wife; that is very clear. Yet how many so called ministers today are on their second, third, or even fourth marriages? They cannot be a lover of money; however, this will disqualify most. He must be apt to teach. If a minister is teaching that the law is nailed to the cross, and that you can worship Yahweh through paganism, he is disqualified. Qualifications of elderhood are for men only, not women. This is also very clear from **1 Corinthians 14:34 - 40**. Yet there are many women today who claim to be pastors.

It does not matter how much other book knowledge a man may have; remember, that is worldly knowledge and comes from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He also must be hospitable. How many clergy out there are actually the opposite—they are not even approachable. They must have their children and family in order, and should not be a new convert. Do you know of any church organization on earth that truly uses these scriptures as their guide to ordination? If any, it is very rare. Do you realize that scripturally unqualified men give the majority of teaching coming out of these million-dollar corporate churches? No wonder the true message of the Good News of Yahshua's Kingdom has been suppressed. We are told to come out of the world, and yet most of these churches are right in the center of worldliness. Apostasy and heresy are serious sins in the eyes of Yahweh.

***2 John 1:9-11 "Everyone transgressing and not abiding in the teaching of Messiah, does not have Elohim. The one abiding in the teaching of Messiah, this one has the***

***Father and the Son. (His teaching was, if you love Me, keep My commandments). If anyone comes to you, and does not bear this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not speak a greeting to him. For the ONE SPEAKING to him shares in his evil works."***

I know that Christians who are only going to a church for social reasons will never understand this scripture. But if we are going to support a church or ministry that preaches against Yahweh's law and word, then we are partaking in their evil. We are getting close to the end of the age and the return to earth of Yahshua. There is no time for playing church any longer. We must separate from lawlessness and be holy vessels to Yahweh.

I want to go over some scriptures about these false teachers which explain why the flock has been so misled.

***Ezekiel 22:26 - 28 "Her priests have violated the law, and have profaned My holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and the profane, neither have they showed any difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My Sabbaths and I am profaned among them. Her rulers in the midst of her are like wolves, ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. Her prophets have daubed themselves with lime, seeing empty visions and divining to them lies, saying so says Yahweh, when Yahweh has never spoken."***

Does it sound familiar? This is exactly what the corporate ministers of today do. They do not teach the laws of Yahweh, they teach for greed and money. They profane the Sabbath day (interesting) and teach no difference between the clean foods and the unclean. Then they fill the poor, disillusioned brethren with vain visions and words, saying "the Lord told me this," "the Lord told me that." Do you

want to know what Yahweh says? Just open up the Holy Scriptures and hear it first hand from Him.

Here is another scripture in **Malachi 2:7 - 9** about these end-time charlatans.

**Malachi 2: 7-9 "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at His mouth (they certainly should, if they are true servants of Yahweh). For he is the messenger of Yahweh of hosts. But you have departed of the way. You have caused many to stumble at THE LAW; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says Yahweh of hosts. Therefore I have also made you despised and base before all people, according as ye have not KEPT MY WAYS, but have been PARTIAL IN THE LAW."**

Do not be surprised that this has been happening in the body. It was prophesied. Yahshua's disciples asked Him what would be the sign of His coming and the end of the world in **Matthew 24:3**. His answer in verses four and five is the number one thing to watch out for.

**Matthew 24: 4-5 "And Yahshua answered them, take heed that no man deceive you. For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Messiah and shall deceive the many."**

Do you know that the word for deceive in verse four means, "to cause to roam," "to seduce," "to roam from safety of truth, or virtue." Yahshua is warning His disciples about false teachers seducing believers to roam away from truth and safety. There is great reward in keeping the truth (**Psalms 19:11**). They will say Yahshua is the Messiah, the Son of Elohim; they cannot hide that fact, but they will deceive believers in the end time, making them think that by claiming or stating His Name gives them a license to sin; in other words, lawlessness. "Don't worry" they will tell you, "follow your conscience and just don't judge each other." It is

the blind leading the blind. The apostle Peter warned about this subject we are dealing with—that false teachers would twist the words of eternal life into lawlessness.

***2 Peter 3: 16-17 "As also in all his epistles, (Paul) speaking to them concerning these things, in which some things are hard to understand, which the unlearned and unstable pervert, as also they do the rest of the scriptures, to their own destruction. Then beloved, you knowing beforehand watch, lest being led away by the error of the LAWLESS, you fall from your own steadfastness."***

Don't be surprised at how large this great apostasy is. Remember that the end cannot come unless there is a great falling away (apostasy) and the man of sin be revealed.

***1Tim 1:6-7 "From which some have sinned, and turned aside to empty talking. Wishing to be teachers of the law, neither understanding what they say, nor about that which they strongly affirm."***

***2 Tim 3:14-17 "But you keep on in what you learned, and were assured of, knowing from whom you learned and that from a child you have known the Holy scripture, those being able to make you wise to salvation through belief in Yahshua. Every scripture is Elohim- breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; So that the man of Yahweh may be perfect, fully furnished for every good work."***

Now remember, when Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, there was no New Testament. The New Testament did not officially become part of the Holy Scriptures until around the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Paul never taught like the corporate churches do today, that Yahweh's law was done away with. The

corporate churches of today will probably agree with part of the above scripture. I'm sure they would agree that it is **profitable (\$)**. Paul also preached out of the Old Testament.

***Acts 28:23 "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many unto him into his lodging, to whom he is expounding earnestly testifying the Kingdom of Yahweh (Paul, like Yahshua, preached about the Kingdom) and persuaded them the things concerning Yahshua, both from the LAW of MOSES and the PROPHETS, from morning till evening."***

Going back to Matthew 24 and the prophecy of the end time, in verse 10 it states that many will be offended and will betray one another. The word "offend" literally means to entice to sin, apostatize. How true that is today. How many brethren or ministers love you enough to turn you back to the word of Yahweh in love? Not many. Most get angry and offended when you try to lovingly correct them from the written Word. They are trying to entice the majority into sin and lawlessness.

***Jeremiah 23: 1-3) "Woe to shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, declares Yahweh. So Yahweh the Elohim of Israel says this against the shepherds who shepherd My people: You have scattered My flock, and have driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings, says Yahweh. And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them there, and will bring them again to their fold. And they shall be fruitful and multiply."***

Our Heavenly Father is against these corporate ministers, and he is calling His people out into the spiritual wilderness, to take away all our impurities and get us ready

for Yahshua's return. In **Ezekiel 20: 33-38** it explains the end time plan of our heavenly Father to us.

***Ezekiel 20: 33-38 "As I live, says Yahweh, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will reign over you. And I will bring you out from the peoples, and gather you from the lands in which you are scattered among them; with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples; and I will be judging with you there face to face. Just as I was judging your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will be judging you, declares Yahweh. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. And I will purge from among you the rebels and the transgressors against Me, I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn. And they shall not enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am Yahweh."***

Yes, Yahweh is calling a remnant out of the worldly, moneymaking churches and calling them to a spiritual wilderness, where He can teach them correctly from His word. He states in **Jer 23:4** that He will give them good shepherds. There are good, true Yahweh-fearing pastors in this world. The problem is that there are not nearly enough compared to how many people there are in the world claiming to be believers. The good news is that you don't need to be enslaved by these corporate churches any longer. There has been a move in America, and also worldwide, of a growing number of home fellowships just like in the first century congregation. Did you know that most congregations met in homes in the early church? It was not until three or four hundred years later that big, million dollar church buildings were erected with pagan art inside and phallic-symbol steeples outside. Your grace is too precious to allow

men to make a market of you. You do not need to stay in the bondage of these false pastors any longer. Heed what the Apostle Paul stated in Romans the second chapter:

***Ro 2:13 "For not the hearers of the law shall be justified before Yahweh, but the doers of the law shall be justified."***

## CHAPTER 8 - TIME TO WAKE UP!

Yahweh's people need to wake up to the truth of the Scriptures from a prophetic point of view. We are living in what the Bible describes as the end times. What is described as the time of "Jacob's trouble", or the Great Tribulation, is just around the corner. All of Yahweh's children look with great joy and anticipation to Yahshua's coming Kingdom. But the hard, cold reality is that this great tribulation must come first. Many believe that they will be raptured up to heaven, but there is not a single scripture in the Bible that speaks of a pre-tribulation rapture. It is just another lie of the devil to keep Yahweh's people from striving to live a holy life.

***Jn 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am you may be also."***

Yahshua is coming back to Earth. We are not going to heaven. John 3:13 plainly states that NO MAN HAS ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN, BUT HE THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN even the Son of man that is in heaven. Why can't Christians plainly look at the word of scripture? No man is in heaven, not Abraham, not Jacob, not David, and not Moses. The Holy Scripture refers to the dead as asleep.

***1 Cor 15:51-52 "Behold I speak a mystery to you; indeed, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in a glance of an eye, at the last trumpet; for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."***

In Scriptures, the dead are known as sleeping in the grave. They are not in heaven.

***Heb 11:39-40 "And all these (The fathers of the faithful) having obtained a good report, through faith, received not the promise, Yahweh having provided some better thing for us, that they without us, should not be made perfect."***

Our promise is to be turned into spirit, like Yahshua at the resurrection of the saints, at His return. Also notice in **1Cor 15:52**, it tells when this resurrection will happen. It is at the LAST TRUMPET. In the book of Revelation there are seven trumpets blown by seven angels.

***Rev 8:2 "And I saw the seven angels which stood before Elohim; and to them were given seven trumpets."***

At the sound of the first trumpet, the Earth is smitten and one-third of all trees on Earth are burned, as well as all green grass. At the second trumpet the sea is smitten, the third trumpet—the waters. At the fourth trumpet the heavens are smitten, and a third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars are darkened. At the fifth trumpet two hundred million demons are let loose from the abyss. They are allowed to give grievous sores to anyone who does not have the seal of Yahweh. At the sixth trumpet a third part of mankind is killed. Then, and only then, after all this tribulation, does the seventh trumpet blow.

***Rev 11:15 "And the seventh Angel sounded, and there where great voices in heaven saying "The kingdoms of this world, are become the kingdoms of our Master, and of his Messiah, and he shall reign forever and ever."***

The dead will be raised, and those who are still alive and are faithful believers, will be caught up in the sky, to meet our Savior at his return (**Matt 24:13**).

***1Thess 4:15-17 "For we say this to you in the word of Yahweh, that we the living that remain to the coming of Yahshua, not at all will go before those who have fallen asleep; (the dead are sleeping, they are not in heaven). Because Yahshua Himself shall come down from heaven with a commanding shout of an arch – angel's voice, and with Elohim's trumpet (seventh trumpet after tribulation). And the dead in Messiah will rise first. Then we who remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to a meeting with Yahshua in the air. And so we will always be with our Master."***

Here we read that there is no pre-tribulation rapture, but we are caught up at His return at the seventh trumpet, *after* the tribulation.

***Matt 24:29 - 31 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall the tribes of the Earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."***

It is after the tribulation of those days that the saints will be gathered. The word heaven, erroneously translated in most Bibles, should read "sky." The Bible indicates three heavens; the sky, outer space and the third heaven where Yahweh's throne is. Where, then, does the idea of the rapture come from? It comes from the scripture we just quoted in **1 Thess 4:17**. The words "caught up" come from the Greek word "harpazo," where rapture comes from. But it is very clear, from this scripture and the others we have

quoted, that we are "*caught up*" at the last trump. Why is the pre-tribulation doctrine so dangerous? Many times I have spoken to Christians to try to wake them up to the seriousness of the times we are living in. The answer that they give is "I don't have to worry about the tribulation; I am going to be raptured before that." **Matthew 24: 13** clearly says, that we are to "***endure to the end.***" The rapture was not a belief held by early believers, but actually began in the 1800s from a "vision" of a little girl. The belief of protection through tribulation is not wrong. Yahweh *will* protect His true, faithful followers through this hard time coming on the Earth. What is dangerous about the rapture theory is that many are not preparing themselves for the hard times that are coming. We must wake up to our calling, as it states in Hebrews the third chapter, "***WHILE IT IS CALLED TODAY.***"

We must put away endless hours of pleasure-seeking and watching meaningless TV. We must stop relying on our weekly paycheck and IRA accounts, and start trusting in Yahweh. We must stop putting our faith in insurance and self-reliance. Our faith should be in Yahweh and him alone. We must truly learn to walk by faith, each day, not worrying about tomorrow. Only by faith do we enter the kingdom. We are living in the most sinful, pleasure -seeking society mankind has ever known.

**Luke 17:26-32** tells us that the end time will be like the days of Noah and the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. The problem in both societies was unbelief and moral laxity. Those societies have nothing on our society today. How can it get any more immoral? Homosexuality is legal and accepted by most and churches even accept homosexual pastors.. Babies can be legally murdered (abortion). Did you know that from as early as four weeks old, a baby has a heartbeat? They are developing a nervous system. They have little hands and little feet. The same people who fight to keep the murdering of babies legal, will also risk their lives to protect an animal or the environment. Why? Because the belief system of the human race is haywire, they have

exchanged the law of Yahweh for their own human carnal conscience. Since the removing of Yahweh's law and prayer from school, society has quickly gone downhill like a rolling snowball. The men of sin, who call themselves ministers of Jesus, have only set the stage for an even greater lawlessness to come. How can we expect the government of the United States to uphold the law of Yahweh, if ministers are all saying it is done away? The stage is set and the world is ripe for the true man of sin to be revealed. It is truly a lawless society.

It all goes back to the Garden of Eden. Eden literally means, "To be in the presence of Yahweh." It was not only a place, but also an environment. The way to stay in that environment is to believe Him; not just the things that seem convenient to us, but every last word.

***Matt 4:4 "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word out of the mouth of Yahweh."***

When Adam and Eve stopped believing Yahweh and bought the lie of the devil, they were cast out of the Garden of Eden or out of "the presence of Yahweh." Mankind has been under the curse of the law ever since. That curse is its penalty.

***Ezek 18:4 " The soul that sins, it shall DIE!"***

Yahshua came to Earth to redeem us from that death penalty, give us a new spirit and heart of obedience—to put us back in Eden "the presence of Yahweh." When He died, the veil of the temple (separation from Yahweh) was torn in two from top to bottom. The same thing that separated Adam from Yahweh's presence will separate you also.

**UNBELIEF!**

***Heb 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him. For he that comes to Yahweh must believe that he***

***is, and that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him."***

Every word Yahshua gave is for our good. Do you believe that? Do you believe that every law, every statute and every judgment is for your good? If you do, then why would you not obey them? Yahshua said the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath (**Mk 2:27**).

***Ps 111:7-10 "The works of his hands are truth and judgment; all his commandments are true, standing firm forever and ever; they are done in truth and uprightness. He sent his redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his name. The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice them have a good understanding; his praise is standing forever!"***

Listen to the promise that Yahweh makes with those that love him and KEEP (guard, protect) His commandments. When Yahweh promises something, it is as if it is already done.

***Deut 7:9-11 "Because of this, know that Yahweh, your Elohim, He is Elohim. The faithful Elohim, keeping the covenant and mercy to those that love him, and to those that keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. And repaying to his face those that hate him, to destroy him; He will not delay, he will repay him to his face. And you shall keep the commandments and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I am commanding you today, to do them."***

It was prophesied in the end time that false ministers would creep into the congregation of Yahshua and preach lawlessness, to set the stage for the man of sin, the false messiah.

***Jude 3-4 " Having made all diligence to write to you about the common salvation, beloved, I have need to write to you, to exhort you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. For certain men crept in secretly, those having been of old, marked out for this condemnation, ungodly ones, perverting the grace of Yahweh for lawlessness, and denying the only master Elohim, even our Master Yahshua."***

Satan has used these false teachers to blind most Christians today.

***2 Cor 4:3-4 "But also if our gospel is being hidden, it has been hidden, in those being lost. In whom the god of this age (Satan) has blinded the thoughts of the unbelieving, so that the brightness of the gospel, of the glory of Yahshua, who is the image of Yahweh, should not dawn on them."***

The false messiah is going to look like the real Messiah to the ones who don't know, or are indifferent to, the Holy Scriptures.

***2 Cor 11:14 " Did not Satan marvelously transform himself into an Angel of light?"***

The Bible says that this man of sin will do every form of false sign and miracles.

***2 Thess 2:9 "Even him (man of sin), whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. "***

***Rev 13:13-14 " And he does great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the Earth in the sight of men. And he deceives them that dwell on the***

***Earth by means of those miracles, which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the Earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had a wound by a sword, and did live."***

This man of sin does not come looking like the devil. No, just the opposite! He comes as a religious figure, such as the Pope, and the majority of the world who does not love the truth, will accept him. He not only claims to be a great religious figure, he claims to be Elohim himself.

***2Thess 2:3-4 " Let no man deceive you, by any means. For that day shall not come except there come first a falling away (from truth), and the man of sin be revealed, the Son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim, or that is worshipped; So that he as Elohim, sits in the temple of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim."***

The deception will be so great, that if possible, even the very elect will be deceived.

***Matthew 24: 24 " For there shall arise false messiahs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; in so much that, if it were possible, that even the very elect should be deceived."***

This is a scary thought. There is only a very small number who are the "very elect." The scripture says that many are called but few are chosen. This deception will come because love of scripture and the truth is not present in this current world. Yahweh will allow the deception because they love the world and the traditions of the world more than they love him.

***2Thess 2:6-12" And now, you know the thing holding back for him to be revealed in his time. For the mystery***

***of lawlessness is already working. Only He holding back now, until it comes out of the midst; and then the lawless one will be revealed, whom Yahweh will consume by the spirit of His mouth; and He will bring to nothing by the brightness of His coming. His coming is according to the working of Satan in all power and miracles and lying wonders, and in all deceit of unrighteousness in those being lost, because they did not receive the love of the truth in order for them to be saved. And because of this, Yahweh will send them strong delusion, for them to believe the lie, that all may be judged, those not believing the truth, but who have delighted in unrighteousness."***

What is so frightening about this scripture is that Yahweh allows this delusion to happen because people do not love His word. Millions of books written by men are read every year, but only one book was written with the finger of Yahweh. Sad to say, most Christians have neither read it completely, nor do they read it daily. The Holy Scriptures are our food, our lifeline. Can you imagine going weeks or months without food? Yet most Christians go without the most important spiritual food daily. Most of the world will reject the one and only true Elohim and will accept this false prophet with the end time beast because they have neglected the Word of Elohim.

***Revelation 13: 3-4 "All the Earth marveled at the beast, and they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like the beast, who is able to make war with it?"***

In **verses 16 - 17**, it speaks of a mark that will be given to the entire world in honor of this beast. The mark is placed in the right hand or in the forehead. It will be 666, the number of man. I have heard many believers say, "I will never take that mark, for all who take it will lose eternal life."

If you look closely at why the mark is in the hand or forehead, you will be surprised. We think with our mind (forehead) and we act with our hands. The mark of the beast goes far beyond having a literal mark or computer chip in you, although it literally will be on the ones who accept it. Our aim must be of having Yahweh's word in our mind (forehead) and turning those thoughts into actions (works with our hands).

***Deut 6:6 "And these words (his law), which I command you this day, shall be for frontlets between your eyes (forehead)."***

That is very interesting. The mark of Satan is the number of man, 666, and is in the hand and forehead. The mark of Yahweh is His law and is also in the mind, (faith) and accomplished through the hands (works). Many do not think that this world's substitute pagan worship of Yahweh and Yahshua make that much difference, but clearly you see two markings. The marking of man's system, with its pagan traditions, and Yahweh's sealing, with His royal law and Holy Days based in truth. We are too close to the end to play Russian roulette with our Salvation. We need not only to read the Holy Scriptures daily but to begin to believe them. In Revelation the sixth chapter it talks about seven seals that have to be opened in order to begin the great tribulation. Five of those seals are present today in one form or another.

FIRST SEAL

***Revelation 6:2 "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."***

This represents false religion, which is rampant in this world. Almost all organized religion is steeped in so much

paganism and false doctrine that it is hard to consider any of them true Christianity.

#### SECOND SEAL

***Revelation 6:4 "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the Earth, and they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."***

This represents war. There are currently over 173 wars being fought. Except for North America and Australia, there is war everywhere. Never before have there been so many wars.

#### THIRD SEAL

***Rev 6:5-6 "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."***

There is famine all over the world. Currently there are almost a billion people on Earth who are starving to death and it is getting worse. One half of the world is experiencing severe drought, and in other areas there is horrendous flooding. Asia and the Middle East and Africa are in a serious drought situation and some parts are suffering famine. There is a lot of suffering going on in Eastern Europe also. The AIDS epidemic in Africa is staggering. It is reported that in the black community of South Africa the AIDS rate is as high as 70% to 80%. Adding to the other woes are mad cow disease, hoof and mouth disease, and the Asian flu, which is affecting poultry. Millions of animals are being slaughtered.

#### FOURTH SEAL

***Rev 6:7-8 "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was death, and hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the Earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with beasts of the Earth."***

#### FIFTH SEAL

***Rev 6:9-11 "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of Yahweh, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Master, holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth. And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."***

More Christians have been killed in the last few years than the whole 2000 years before. Sudan, Egypt, China and Indonesia are just a few of the places where this killing is taking place. This is not publicized much in America due to politics and financial reasons. If a Moslem converts to Christianity there is a death warrant put on his life. We have met many from areas such as Africa and the Middle East that are in this situation. Many have had to flee for their lives. Statistics show that a Christian is killed somewhere in the world about every 8 minutes.

#### SIXTH SEAL

This is a great worldwide Earthquake that has not yet occurred. We are told that it is so strong that every mountain and island will be moved out of their place. After

this seal, God's wrath and the worst plagues ever to hit mankind will begin. The famine and the pestilence will get worse. Stars will fall from heaven and there will be hailstones weighing 100 pounds. Most people on the Earth will die during this time.

***Isaiah 24:1-6 "Behold, Yahweh makes the Earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with the master; as with the maid, so with the mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller, as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied and utterly spoiled: For Yahweh has spoken his word. The Earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away. The proud people of the Earth do languish. The Earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof: Because they have TRANSGRESSED THE LAWS, CHANGED THE ORDINANCES, BROKEN THE EVERLASTING COVENANT. Therefore has the curse devoured the Earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate; therefore the inhabitants of the Earth are burnt, and few men left."***

The seals of Revelation are paralleled in **Matthew 24** by Yahshua as He tells His disciples about what to expect during the end times. Yahshua mentions in **Matthew 24:7** that there will be "earthquakes in diverse places." It is interesting to see the rise of the number of earthquakes in the last ten years. The number has doubled and it has went up 1,000 fold in the last 40 years, according to the United Geological Survey. This is another sign showing us that his return is very near.

***Matthew 24:32 - 34 "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and puts forth***

***leaves, you know that summer is nigh: So likewise you, when you shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."***

We are, to say the least, seeing the birth pangs of Yahshua's coming Kingdom. With things growing worse so rapidly, we may be further down the line of prophecy than most want to admit.

ARE YOU READY TO MEET YOUR CREATOR?

***2 Corinthians 5: 10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad."***

What are your works? Does this scripture scare you? It ought to! The time for "playing church" is over. How many hours a day do you give to the Messiah as his servant? How many hours a day do you pray, study your Bible, and serve the widow, the orphan and the poor? Have you ever done this? It is time to lose self and pride and start seeking Yahweh daily if we want to be in His kingdom.

***Luke 17:26-33 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon***

***the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it."***

How many survived in the days of Noah? How many survived when Yahweh destroyed Sodom? Not very many! Read again: "***Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.***" This whole world is based on self, pleasure seeking and greed. There is no room for that in the Kingdom of Yahweh!

***Ephesians 5:5 "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of the Messiah and Yahweh."***

This world is passing away as you read this. It is time to look ahead to Yahshua's Kingdom and stop living for this godless world. Do you live as a slave to the Messiah or as a king to yourself? Your life has been bought and paid for!

***1 Corinthians 6: 20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify Elohim in your body, and in your spirit, which are Yahweh's."***

Yahshua tells us that He will turn many away who proclaim that they know Him!

***Matthew 7: 21 - 22 "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Master, Master, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy Name? And in thy Name cast out devils? And in thy Name done many wonderful works? And I will say unto them, I never***

**knew you, depart from me all you who work lawlessness!"**

Everything in life that is worthwhile takes hard work and dedication. If you are going to be a doctor or a lawyer, it will take years of hard work and schooling; why do we think that preparation to be a ruler with Yahshua in his Kingdom will be any different? In **Rev 2:17**, Yahshua says He will give the hidden manna to the one who overcomes. **Matthew 24:13** also says that He who endures till the END will be saved. You must wake up, and stop letting Satan control your time and your life.

**Ephesians5: 15-16 "Then watch how carefully you walk, not as unwise but as wise ones, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."**

Here is a fictitious story that was given to me. When you read it, it will make you wonder how fictitious it really is.

ARE YOU BUSY?

SATAN called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil demons, he said, "we can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from an intimate, abiding relationship experience in Messiah.

This is what I tell you to do:  
Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout that day!  
"How shall we do this?" Shouted the demons.  
"Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.  
Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow,

borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6 - 7 days a week, 10 - 12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon their home will offer no escape from the pressures of work! Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still small voice. Keep the VCR, TV, CD's and their PC's going constantly in their homes. Let them become busy at doing nothing! And see to it that every store, restaurant and business everywhere plays non-biblical music constantly. This will preoccupy their minds with messages of the flesh and break that union with the Messiah. Fill the coffee table with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds for 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail-order catalogues, sweepstakes and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services, and false hopes. Make sexuality pervasive. Put sexy, beautiful models on the magazines so husbands will lust after external beauty, and they will become dissatisfied with their wives. Give them movies that portray a luxurious gaudy, lustful lifestyle that does not actually exist. Keep them too busy to go out in nature to reflect on Yahweh's wonders. Give them thrills at amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead.

**KEEP THEM BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!**

And when they do meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip, envy, or self-righteousness, so that they leave with troubled consciences. This will restrict their conversations to shallow, vain, unimportant topics. Go ahead; let them be involved in soul winning. But crowd their lives with so many causes they have no time to seek power from the Messiah. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and families for the cause. They will lose sight in

how important a human soul really is. IT WILL WORK, I TELL YOU IT WILL WORK!

It was quite a convention. And the evil demons went eagerly about their assignment of causing "Yahweh's people" to be busy, busy, busy, and to rush here and there. The evil demons even stole the Yahweh ordained day of rest! ASK YOURSELF....Does this describe MY family? WHO is glorified by my lifestyle? Does Yahweh want my life to be DIFFERENT? Am I WILLING to do what it takes to change?

This story is so true. With time being so short, we really need to ask ourselves, "*does my life glorify Yahweh?*" How dedicated am I to my calling? We see many things going on in the world to show us how close the end is. But no scripture comes alive more than the following:

***Daniel 12:4 "But you, o Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."***

We definitely see that today. It is hard to imagine life without cars, airplanes, TVs, computers and electricity. But remember, for 5,900 years, since the creation of Adam there was no modern technology. Only in the last 100 years, and specifically the last 40 or 50 years, have things advanced so much. These advances are now bringing mankind's own destruction. With greater knowledge comes greater evil. We are facing major problems; from global warming and the destroying of our ozone layer, and atmosphere, to food problems caused by genetic engineering of our plants and animals. Let's not forget nuclear bombs that can destroy every man, woman, and child from off the face of the Earth. Mankind without Yahweh's Holy Spirit is only inherently wicked. With every new invention comes more destruction. Everything that Yahweh has created is good and mankind has destroyed it. It is to the point that, if Yahweh did not

shorten the days in the end, mankind would destroy every last creature on this planet.

**Matt 24:22 "And except those days should be shortened, their shall be no flesh saved. But for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened."**

**I Peter 4:17 "The time has come that judgment must begin at the house of Elohim. And if it first begin at us, what will be the end of them that obey not the good news of Yahweh?"**

The end of those that do not obey is eternal separation from Yahweh! Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. We have to grasp this great gift that has been offered to us and cherish it with all our heart.

**Matt 7:13-14 "Enter in at the straight gate; For wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many are there that go in. Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads into life, and FEW there be that find it."**

We need to judge ourselves, so we are not judged by Yahweh (**1Cor11:31**). If Satan has deceived the whole world (**Rev 12:9**), then it is time to come out of the world. Don't be fooled any longer. Listen to what the saints are doing during the great tribulation period.

**Rev 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints. Here are they that KEEP (guard, protect) the COMMANDMENTS of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua."**

Faith without works is dead, and there are Ten Commandments not nine!

***Ja 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all of it."***

We need to obey *every* word from the mouth of Yahweh and not pick and choose the ones that fit our lifestyle. Time is running out fast and we cannot wait one more day to make this full commitment to Elohim—to love and obey.

### **What to do next?**

There has been a lot of information given to you in this book. Many of the things that have been brought out to you, probably you have never heard before. It will take some time to let this entire information sink in. But the next question is, "What are you are you going to do with all the information in this book that our Heavenly Father has blessed you with?"

Although much of the evidence provided in this book has dogmatically shown the change of the true congregation that Yahshua started nearly 2,000 years ago to the corrupted pagan church of today, I'm sure many will still go on with their false pagan practices instead of changing to the Yahweh ordained festivals and worship, but that does not have to be you! If you look into the Bible, basically all throughout history the whole of mankind has been rebellious against our creator. Never has there been a time in the nearly 6,000 years of man's existence that the vast majority of society obeyed Elohim. Even in ancient Israel, as we have shown, the vast majority of the people never obeyed Yahweh and paid the penalty of Diaspora of over 2,500 hundred years. So it is not surprising, that even after the concrete solid evidence that I have provided, that most will not want to rock the boat in their families and congregations by starting to obey Yahweh's laws.

But as I stated above, that does not have to be you. If you look at the short quick breath of wind that passes,

that we call life, you will see that this whole existence of man's being on this earth is nothing more than a test. It is a test to see whether we will be obedient for eternity and if we can be trusted by our Heavenly Father to rule the universe as a King and a Priest to Him. I know to most that this short 70 to 80 years (if we are blessed to live that long) seems like an eternity. Most humans never want to look at their mortality.

***Psalms 49:11 "Their inward thought is that their houses shall last forever, their dwelling-places to all generations; they call lands after their own names."***

Mankind has never wanted to deal with his mortality. He goes to school for 15 and even up to 20 years to learn a trade that probably will not be here when Yahshua's kingdom comes. Our Heavenly Father has called us to a vocation that will last for eternity. He has called his chosen ones to help redeem the sons of mankind back to him.

If you look throughout the history of mankind you will see that in all generations it was only a small handful of people that truly followed the ways of our Heavenly Father, and that the vast majority of society went the way of the world or Satan's way. The whole everlasting covenant of faith was because of the obedience of one man Abraham. In the days of the flood, Yahweh only found one man, Noah, to be righteous before him. Again, during the days of Sodom and Gomorrah Abraham pleaded with Yahweh to spare the city if he could find just 10 righteous in it and except for Lot, he found none.

Since the decision of Adam and Eve to go their own way, instead of totally trusting that every way of our Heavenly Father is perfect, Yahweh has allowed mankind to use his free will to make decisions in his life, and all this test is, that we call life, is to see if we will fight the trend of 99% of the

world and still be obedient to him. Those are the ones that He can trust for eternity and make kings and priests in his kingdom. I am not saying that this will be easy. Just the opposite, it will be a life of trial and struggle.

***2 Timothy 3:12 “And, indeed, all desiring to live righteous in Yahshua Messiah will be persecuted.”***

I am not here to sugar coat the persecutions that come to all true believers to purify our souls for our Master’s return. I am here, although, to give you encouragement that if you do choose this higher calling that you will not do it alone.

***John 16:33 “I have spoken these things to you that you may have peace in Me. You will have distress in the world; but be encouraged, I have overcome the world.”***

When you make this full commitment to Yahweh and Yahshua and enter blood covenant with our Heavenly Father through the blood of his Son, no longer will you be fighting Satan and the world on your own, but now you will have the Almighty Creator fighting for you. You will have a covenant partner, that although he will allow you to suffer trial for your own purification, he will never leave you nor forsake you.

***Isaiah 49:15 “Can a woman forget her suckling child, from pitying the son of her womb? Yes, these may forget yet I will surely not forget you.”***

I can also honestly tell you that now, once you have a real one on one relationship with Yahweh through His son Yahshua, you will see miracles in your life and power from the Holy Spirit that you never thought possible. Once you start to step out in faith no matter what the consequences will be, than and only then, will you see the hand of the

Almighty like never before. Your life will completely change from the commercial fabricated false worship in the corporate money grabbing business's called churches to the one and only true congregation of Yahweh. The word translated "church" comes from the original Greek word "ecclesia" which actually means "called out ones." It is not a building with a pagan steeple and it is not some corporate entity that filed papers at their local government office. It is the very people, or called out ones, of Yahshua himself.

When Yahshua originally called out his first disciples, they met in the synagogue until they were thrown out and then most congregations met in homes.

***1 Cor 16:19 "The assemblies of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in Almighty, with the assembly in their house."***

Over the last 7 years many people who have read this book have written to me and said they left their false worldly church and now feel alone. I want to give you encouragement that you are not alone. When my wife and I left America 10 years ago to go out into the mission field, we also felt this way. We live in Israel most of the year and travel to the scattered Brethren the other half, and when we started, we virtually had no money and very little support. Over the last 10 years, Yahweh has blessed our feeble efforts that now we do outreach in over 30 countries and have a worldwide program called, "My Brother's Keeper" for helping the suffering Brethren in Asia and Africa and other places around the globe. We have helped to start and nurture many new congregations over the last several years, and I have immersed (baptized) more than a 1,000 new brothers and sisters into the family of Yahweh.

Many of these congregations are either small local fellowships or home congregations just like the first century. The Bible is like a circle that repeats itself. Many of the

prophecies of scripture have dual and sometimes even three fulfillments. Isn't it wonderful to see our Heavenly Father calling his people back to the true scripture ordained fellowships just like the early believers?

We have also been blessed by Yahweh to host the three pilgrim feasts of Passover, Pentecost (Shavout Hebrew), and Tabernacles (Sukkot Hebrew) in the land of Israel. Once again in this end time Yahweh is putting a presence in Jerusalem. We also have been taking Brethren on a pilgrimage of the land of Israel at Tabernacles each year. It is one of the most wonderful experiences you will ever have in your life to see the land of our eternal inheritance. It will make the Bible come alive to you like never before.

If this book has been a blessing to you and you would like to make this full covenant commitment to Yahweh and be immersed (baptized) into the one and only name in Heaven and earth where all men can be saved (Yahshua), then please contact us and we will try to make arrangements for you to do so with a true Elder of Yahweh. Every day that passes after reading this book and not changing, brings your chances to true change slimmer and slimmer. It is important for true covenant people to fellowship with each other and to be able to encourage on another in our walk in the truth. No man is an island. It will be much easier for Satan to tempt you and for you to fall away from the truth if you are alone. We have made a lifelong commitment to serving Yahweh and his people and are here to help you any way we can. We can refer you to true spirit filled believers that are trying just as yourself to follow the truth. We know of many sister congregations all over the globe. Please check our website for listings in your local area.

I would like to end this book by sharing a story that happened to me recently in Jerusalem. It should make

anyone with even a little common sense understand why we should still obey Yahweh's law after conversion.

A man came to me for council, thinking that he had committed the unpardonable sin. He said that he willfully sinned after being a believer in Yahshua. He also said the he felt that he was going to the Lake of fire anyway, so why should he try to keep the Law of Torah of Yahweh?

This man's dilemma is not much different than all human beings today. Although many lawless Christians accuse us of trying to earn our salvation, because we strive to obey Yahweh's Torah, we understand this is not the case for true believers. In many respects we are no different than the young man who thought that he committed the unpardonable sin.

***Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of Yahweh."***

All true believers realize that our works have only gotten us a death penalty, so no one that ever lived can go before the throne of Yahweh and ask for salvation through his works.

***Romans 3:20 "Because by works of Law not one of all flesh will be justified before Him, for through Law is full knowledge of sin."***

The bottom line is on judgment day two things will happen; Either Yahweh's mercy or justice will prevail. Either we will be granted entrance into his Kingdom through the grace and shed blood of his Son Yahshua, or we will get exactly what we deserve and be cast into the Lake of Fire. Both scenarios are completely just in the eyes of Yahweh, and it is his right as Creator of all to enact either scenario.

So why then would one keep the law of Yahweh? If we are saved already without the law, then why would we serve it, and if we are going to the Lake of Fire, what good would it do to keep the Torah in that case? The answer is actually the same in both cases. The law was never meant to be a salvational issue, it was only meant to teach us the difference between right and wrong. (Psalm 119:105). There is not a person on this planet who does not want to be happy, and the stark reality is that the direct happiness of our lives totally depends on the daily decisions that we make each day. Whether we are talking about divorce, sexually transmitted diseases, unhappy job situations, or not being able to pay the rent, all of these are effects of poor decision making in our lives. The Torah or Law of Yahweh in the Bible is simply there to teach us right from wrong, and keep us from making so many poor decisions in our life that will only lead to our misery and unhappiness.

***Ps 19:7 “The law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul. The Testimony of Yahweh is sure, making the simple wise.”***

***Psa 19:8 The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandments of Yahweh are pure, giving light to the eyes.***

The Law is perfect, but we are not. As a matter of Fact, most people make decisions based on their own hearts.

***Jer 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is desperately wicked; who can know it?”***

So the bottom line is whether you are really saved, or don't even believe in Yahweh, it is only wisdom in keeping the Torah.

***Gal 3:12b “but the man who does them shall live by them.”***

Keeping the law of Yahweh will only lead to a meaningful fulfilled happy life. It will protect you from divorce, sickness, bitterness, and all the other penalties that come from sin. This is not religion, it is science. Eating pig will lead to heart disease. Eating highly toxic Foods, such as shell fish, will lead to hepatitis, and other diseases. Adultery and fornication will lead to sexually transmitted diseases. Even Proverbs fourteen tells us,

***Proverbs 14:30 “A healthy heart is the life of the flesh, but envy is the rotteness of the bones. “***

Hatred and bitterness will negatively affect your health and possibly put you at a higher rate for cancer. My friend's father was told by his doctor, that his life was shortened by at least ten years because of a spirit of envy. Yahweh's law is like gravity, it never fails, and if you break it, it is going to break you. That is why the Apostle Paul tells us,

***Rom 7:12 So indeed the Law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.***

The problem is not with the perfect law of Yahweh, but with the rebellious nature of man.

***Pro 14:12 “There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it is the ways of death.”***

The only reason an atheist does not want to believe in Yahweh is that he does not want any accountability to a higher authority. But as we have shown, there is no escaping the laws of nature that Yahweh put in force. You will reap what you sow, so whether you are saved or not, it is only wisdom and toward the end of an individual's happiness that he would keep the laws of Yahweh. A man I met this summer had similar thoughts, contemplating whether we need to keep Yahweh's law or not. Then he told

me that he asked himself a simple question. What would the world be like if all the earth kept just one of the Ten commandments? Let's say, "thou shalt not steal." He thought and said, "There would never again be a kidnapped child. There would be no adultery, because someone would not steal someone else's wife. There would be no tension in the world and wars over people taking someone else's land. And there would be no locks on the doors, because you would not need them. Now does this sound like slavery or freedom?"

There is a second reason though, that a true believer would keep the Torah. If the law is the perfect will of Yahweh, as we have seen, then we would want to do everything in that perfect will to keep our relationship with Yahweh pure. So now, we would keep the law by faith,  
***Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Yahweh.***

Faith is simply, believing everything Yahweh said is true. We are not obeying Torah to be saved as the blood of Yahshua already saved us, but we are obeying the Torah by faith, as our father Abraham, did. Because we believe Yahweh when He says his word is **PERFECT!** For me to change even one letter of his word, would be showing it is not perfect, and making myself a creator besides him, breaking the first commandment.

***Deut 5:7 "You shall have no other Elohim before Me."***

To say that the law is written on my heart, therefore I don't have to keep it, makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. It is like a sick man with pneumonia saying my medicine is in the refrigerator, therefore I will get better by not taking it. How can something be written on your heart and done away with at the same time? This is truly mocking Yahshua's

spirit of grace. He is clear. If you love him **OBEY** His commandments!

***1 Jn 2:4 “The one saying, I have known Him, and not keeping His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in that one.”***

This is plain that the ones claiming to be true followers of Yahshua’s, should do as we read in,

***1 Jn 2:6 “The one claiming to rest in Him ought to walk himself as that One walked.”***

All others are not walking in the light of scripture.

***Isa 8:20 “To the Torah and to the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because there is no light to them!” BEWARE of wolves in sheep’s clothing!***

***Matt 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter in to the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven.***

***Matt 7:22 “Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power? “***

***Matt 7:23 “And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, those working LAWLESSNESS!”***

The way we know the perfect will of Yahweh is through his word, the Torah and the New Testament; let us strive to be one with our Heavenly Father through the words that he has given us. Let us be as our Master Yahshua who did not pick and choose what laws He would obey, but said:

**Matt 4:4 "But answering, He said, It has been written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word out of the mouth of Yahweh.**

**Rev 22:12-16 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to each as his WORK is. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. Blessed be those who do His Commandments that their authority will be over the tree of life, and by the gates they may enter in to the city. But outside are the dogs and the sorcerers, the fornicators, and murderers, and the idolaters and every one loving and making a lie. I, Yahshua, send My angel to testify, these things to you over the congregations. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright and morning star."**

**Ro 2:13 " For not the hearers of the law are just before Yahweh, but the doers of the law shall be justified."**

**1Jn 2:3 "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments (there are ten not nine). He who says he knows him and does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth (Do you love truth?) is not in him."**

**1Jn 5:3 "For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome. "**

**Jn 14:15 "If you LOVE me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."**

**Jn 14:21 " He that has my commandments and keeps them, he it is that LOVES me. And he that loves me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him."**

**Ro 3:31 "Do we then make the law void through FAITH/ Yahweh forbid, we ESTABLISH (make stand, firm) THE LAW."**

**1Jn 5:21 "Little children keep yourself from idolatry!"**

**Deut 10:12-13 "And now, Israel, what does Yahweh your Elohim require of you, but to fear Yahweh thy Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. To keep the commandments (10 not 9) and his statutes (holy days) which I command you this day FOR YOUR GOOD!"**

**Mal 4:4-5 "Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb; For all Israel, with the statutes and the judgments. Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the great and dreadful day of Yahweh." (We are nearing that day; you need to heed the warning!)**

**Jos 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, and you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you shall be on your guard to do according to ALL that is written in it."**

**Deuteronomy 7: 9-11 "Know therefore that Yahweh thy Elohim, He is Elohim, the faithful Elohim, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that LOVE HIM and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS TO A THOUSAND GENERATIONS. And repay them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them: He will not be slack, to him that hates him, he will repay him to his face. You shall therefore keep the commandments and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command you this day, to do them."**

**Deuteronomy 11:1** "Therefore you shall love Yahweh thy Elohim and **KEEP HIS CHARGE** and **HIS STATUTES** and **HIS JUDGMENTS**, and **HIS COMMANDMENTS**, **ALWAYS.**"

**Deuteronomy 11: 27 - 28** "A **BLESSING** if you obey the **COMMANDMENTS** of Yahweh your Elohim, which I command you this day. And a **CURSE**, if you **WILL NOT OBEY** the **COMMANDMENTS** of Yahweh your Elohim, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods (pagan holi-days) which you have not known."

**Proverbs 3:2 - 2** "My son, do not forget My law, but let your **HEART KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**. For they shall add length of days, and long life and peace to you."

**Proverbs 7: 1 - 2** "My son, keep My words and store up My commandments within you. Keep My commandments and live: and My law as the pupil of your eye."

**Psalm 118: 8** "It is better to **TRUST IN YAHWEH**, then to put **CONFIDENCE IN MAN!**"

**Psalm 111: 7 - 10** "The works of His hands are truth and judgment: **ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS** are true, standing firm forever and ever. They are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption to His people: He commanded His **COVENANT** forever. Holy and awesome is His Name. The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom: **ALL WHO PRACTICE HIS COMMANDMENTS HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING**: His praise is standing forever."

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**Prov 28 : 9 "All those who turn away their ear from hearing the law, even their prayer will be an abomination."**

**Exodus 31: 18 "And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, WRITTEN BY THE FINGER OF YAHWEH!"**

**John 8: 32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you FREE!"**

**Joshua 24: 15b "BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE YAHWEH!"**

Can all these scriptures be wrong?

**Malachi 3: 6 "I AM YAHWEH, I CHANGE NOT!"**

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***Matt10:8 "Freely you have received, freely you give".***

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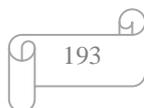
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