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# *The Remnant's Walk*



***Exo 17:6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb. And you shall smite the rock, and water will come out of it; and the people will drink. And Moses did so before the eyes of the elders of Israel.***

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... is a Worldwide Ministry aimed at restoring the Faith once delivered by Yahshua of Nazareth to the congregations at its inception close to 2,000 years ago. This restoration needs to take place in order to reach those with ears to hear and eyes to see the truth from the lies, so that the good news of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations (*Matthew 24:14*).

We encourage all those who consider themselves to be true believers to ask: “which congregation do I belong to? The true faith our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set down in the year 30 CE, or the false doctrine, drenched in paganism and sun worship, as set down by Constantine in 325 CE?” The two are vastly different and we cannot serve two masters (*Matthew 6:24*).

One was a Hebrew congregation with a Hebrew Savior that was completely Torah observant. The other was and still is a counterfeit, lawless church, sealed by the decrees of Constantine and implemented for the sole purpose of deceiving and enslaving mankind (*Revelation 12:9*).

The articles contained in this publication are motivated by the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures, inspired by our Almighty Father Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah, His Son. Words made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit (*2 Timothy 3:15-17*).

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# Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren,

And shalom in the wonderful name of Yahshua Messiah. We are living in one of the most amazing times in the history of mankind. And even though it is a time of evil as in the days of Noah, it is also a time of the restoration of all things as Yahweh prophesied about in Scripture.

Yahweh in these end times is restoring His family name of Yahweh and also the name of His Son Yahshua; the only name that brings salvation. Yahshua has also been restoring His original doctrine that Yahshua laid out to the apostles almost two thousand years ago.

And we are so blessed to have this true doctrine in a world of confusion and religious lies. Take something so simple as the dead asleep in the grave, waiting for the resurrection; this is all over the Bible from the oldest book of the Bible, Job, to the last book of the Bible written, which is Revelation.

And yet 99% of Christians believe they either go to heaven or hell upon death. If this was the case, then why on earth would there even be a need for a resurrection? Look at what Scripture states about all humans being judged after the thousand-year millennium.

**Rev 20:11** And I saw a Great White Throne, and the One sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled; and a place was not found for them.

**Rev 20:12** And I saw the dead, the small and the great, standing before YAHWEH. And books were opened. And another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works.

However, the first fruits will not be in this judgment because they have already been resurrected at the return of Yahshua, and the beginning of the millennium, and are eternal spirit beings. This is the great destiny that Yahweh has called us to in being an integral part of His end time restoration work of restoring all things.

Another major part of the end-time work of restoring all things is the restoration of the real Mount Sinai. Yahweh called Moses up to Mount Sinai around 3,500 years ago to give the nation of Israel the written Torah for the very first time, and to be His covenant people.

And although Israel had failed at this, Yahweh is a great restorer and in these end times, He is restoring the covenant that He made at Mount Sinai with the remnant of Spiritual Israel, the New Testament House of Ephraim.

What an honor it is to be part of this end-time restoration work that Yahweh is doing. We need to be thanking Yahweh every day of our lives for having eyes to see and ears to hear of His glorious truth that He is revealing to those who love Him and keep His commandments.

*Yahweh Bless,*

*Elder Don*

# **The Importance of Yahweh Restoring Mount Sinai Now!**

**By Don Esposito**



Probably the most amazing story in Scripture about Yahweh intervening in a nation's destiny and single-handedly destroying their enemy is the story of the Exodus.

Yahweh intervened in the delivering of the nation of Israel by destroying Egypt, the strongest and most prosperous nation on the earth at that time.

Yahweh did this by physically bringing plagues on Egypt including the death of the firstborn, where not a soul in Egypt did not have a family member that was killed.

And on top of that, after Yahweh delivered Israel out of Egypt, He parted the Red Sea and made a path for Israel to pass through on dried ground, and then had the water return and kill all of Pharaoh's soldiers who had entered the Red Sea after Israel.

Never before had a miracle like this ever happened in such a magnificent way for all the earth to see that Yahweh is Elohim, and there is none other like Him.

And for the last 3,500 years Bible believers have read this story and have been given great faith in the power of our Elohim in our lives. And yet the skeptics have argued if this really ever happened and if Mount Sinai actually even exists.

## **UNTIL NOW!**

In the past few years Yahweh has opened the door for the very first time in almost 3,500 years for brethren to be able to go and actually see the original Mount Sinai where these great miracles of Scripture took place, and where Yahweh actually dwelt and offered His covenant to Israel to be their Elohim and for them to be His covenant people.

## **But Why Now!**

Why after 3,500 years has Yahweh opened this mammoth door now and why did He preserve all the artifacts that He did for this end-time last generation?

Yahweh prophesied that in the end time He would restore all things, and there is no greater restoration to happen than for the tribes of Israel to be restored to understand their heritage and all that started at Mount Sinai.

Yahweh shared His name with Israel for the first time at Mount Sinai, and Yahweh offered Israel to join covenant with Him (a marriage covenant) at Mount Sinai. Yahweh also planned on making Israel a Kingdom of priests (Ex 19:6) in which they failed, and the temporary Levitical order had to be instituted until the time that the Messiah Yahshua would appear.

But Yahweh is a redeemer and restorer and where Israel failed, Spiritual Israel would overcome in these last days, and it all started at Mount Sinai!

And since Yahweh works in the circular, He is once again finishing His great restoration work where He began it, at Mount Sinai. Mount Sinai is ground zero to the wilderness walk and obedience to Yahweh and His Torah, and it is up to His end-time remnant to succeed where Israel failed and to be overcomers on this second wilderness journey that we are on.

Yahweh prophesied in the book of Ezekiel that in the last days that He would once again take a remnant through the wilderness and purify them for the real Promised Land, the Kingdom of Yahweh.

**Eze 20:35** And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and I will be judging with you there face to face.

**Eze 20:36** Just as I was judging your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will be judging you, declares Adonai YAHWEH.

**Eze 20:37** And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

This is why Yahweh has opened this great door to Mount Sinai now as He has started this second wilderness journey with His first fruit, remnant Bride of Yahshua. And now He has started with us as He did with Israel at Mount Sinai for the reestablishing of His true name, Yahweh, and His marriage covenant with His people.

This is why Satan is also trying to close down and destroy these artifacts through the New World Order global project called Neom. Neom is a project to destroy the desert of Sinai and replace it with a modern, new-age city for the super elite.

But Yahweh is in control and that is why He is bringing His end-time remnant witnesses to first hand see the wonderful artifacts that He has preserved for 3,500 years, and that is the reason why Yahweh has opened the door now after all these years so that the world will know that He is the Elohim that gave His Torah from Mount Sinai and revealed His family name there.

**Eze 39:7** And I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel. And I will not let My holy name be profaned any more. And the nations shall know that I am YAHWEH, the Holy One of Israel.

The second exodus and wilderness experience certainly has begun. Are you on that narrow road that leads to the wilderness or are you still fully engaged in the world of Satan with every convenience at your fingertips?

This is why Yahweh has opened up the door to Mount Sinai now, to show us the real wilderness, which begins at Mount Sinai and to urge us to come out of the world and prepare us for the days ahead.

What a wonderful time we live in and what a blessing and an honor it is to be Yahweh's witnesses of His mighty end-time restoration work.

# Why Divorce & Remarriage Is Wrong



**(Reprint)**By Herman L. Hoeh

On the baptizing tour this past summer, we encountered a large number of divorce and remarriage problems.

It is the common conception that Yahweh would not be fair to condemn adultery. This reason is faulty, because people do not understand the purpose of human existence. Humans were put on this earth not just to please the five senses only, but also to develop into members of Yahweh's family to inherit the powers and prerogatives of Yahweh. Before anyone can ever be born into Yahweh's family, he must first possess the *character* of Yahweh. All the power in the universe would become a curse if it were in the hands of one who had not developed the *character* to control it.

So let's understand WHY adultery is contrary to the *character* of Yahweh.

## **Marriage is for Life**

WHY does Yahweh forbid remarriage as long as there is a living mate?

Also, WHY does Yahweh join together as one flesh a husband and wife for life? Yahweh is actually reproducing Himself. He formed man in His image. But man was made out of the dust of the earth – mortal—human flesh and blood. Yahweh is a spirit, and man cannot become Yahweh until he is born of Yahweh.

But, further, in order that there be millions and millions of humans who may be begotten and then born into the Kingdom of Yahweh, the eternal wisely made human reproduction the exact type of divine reproduction, or salvation.

In order that humans might reproduce, as Yahweh proposes, and further in order that children may be taught from birth on through babyhood and childhood by loving parents, Yahweh's PLAN called for the institution of the human family, which itself is a type of the Yahweh family, which is the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Yahweh's whole purpose and plan, therefore, revolves around the divinely ordained institution of marriage and the human family. Major points in Yahweh's spiritual Law, such as, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," are based on the immutability and integrity of the family. Therefore Yahweh, in His wisdom—because it is best for human happiness now, as well as our development into the very character of Yahweh—decreed that marriage is our bond for life.

Yahweh laid down the laws respecting the marriage union. No matter what your human reason may feel in respect to the circumstances of any particular divorce and remarriage case, YAHWEH

BOUND THE ORIGINAL HUSBAND AND WIFE UNTIL SEPARATED BY DEATH. Any separation, except by death, is unnatural and contrary to the very laws Yahweh set in motion. It does violence to the marriage institution. It does violence to Yahweh's institution of the family—the very center of the Kingdom of Yahweh. It brings abomination, pollution, and defilement into human relationships and into the lives of those who are potential born children of Yahweh.

Yahweh made the family ties so binding—and the marriage tie, so binding—that any unfaithfulness to it, once bound by Yahweh, is a major sin. Sin is the transgression of Yahweh's spiritual law. That law says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Yahweh defines any unfaithfulness to a mate whom He had joined one for life as adultery, and therefore sin.

No matter how various circumstances may *appear* to human eyes and human reasoning, it does violence to Yahweh's purpose for human existence, and introduces confusion and sin, and the penalty is death—being permanently cut off from salvation and the Kingdom of Yahweh and eternal life!

One who does violence to the human family relationship, which is a type of the Kingdom of Yahweh—one who does contempt to the marriage tie, which is a type of our relationship to Messiah—has done disdain to the spirit of grace, and made a mockery of Messiah as our savior and the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Yahweh had a great divine purpose, and an eternally binding reason for making it a sin to violate the marriage union or the family relationship by remarriage to another—which in His sight is actually not remarriage at all, but plain adultery!

Sometimes children are born of these adulterous unions involving one or two divorced people. People reason that it is not fair to the children of this adulterous union to separate. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE INNOCENT CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED BY THESE DIVORCES OF PEOPLE WHO YAHWEH BOUND FOR LIFE? That is where the greater harm has been caused. And it is in order to protect those children that Yahweh has laid down a rule which men are forbidden to alter: that a so-called "marriage" of or to any divorced person is ADULTERY, and the penalty is death—and Yahweh is the final judge, not human reason.

**Mar 10:11** And He said to them, **Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.**

**Mar 10:12** And if a woman divorces her husband and **marries another, she commits adultery.**

But why no exceptions? Remember, the carnal mind never can see that Yahweh is right. It always feels that Yahweh is wrong.

### **First Lesson to Learn**

Now, first, let us remember that the marriage covenant is a vow. The partners promise the Almighty Father to remain faithful to one another until death. Adultery is the breaking of this vow!

The question is not whether the other party proved faithless. What is important is that YOU remain faithful to YOUR part of the covenant with Yahweh. He wants you to remain faithful to your vow, even if you have to undergo suffering to perform it. Notice the words of David, "El, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? ... He that swears to his own hurt and changes not" (Psalm 15:14).

Yahweh never backs down on His promises! You can always rely on what He says! The one reason we know Yahweh will answer you, if you ask according to His will, is that Yahweh does not change. "Yahshua the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). "For I am Yahweh, I change not" (Malachi 3:6). This is Yahweh's character—faithfulness.

And if you are to become like Yahweh, you must develop the same character in yourself now. You must learn to keep your word. Remember the vow is made between the husband, wife, and YHWH.

Moses instructed the Israelites about this same matter: “This is the thing that Yahweh has commanded: ‘If a man vows a vow unto the Eternal or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth’ (Numbers 30:1-2). The same instruction is repeated in Ecclesiastes 5:4: “When thou vow a vow unto Yahweh, defer not to pay it, for he has no pleasure in fools; pay that which you have vowed.”

Observe that it is the foolish who think that they are getting it easily by not performing their vows. If you are going to be like Yahweh, then it is time to learn to be faithful to whatever you have vowed. The hardships that might sometimes result in being faithful to the marriage vow are not worthy to be compared to the lesson of faithfulness which develops in you the character of Yahweh (Romans 8:18). No matter what the hardship of the temptation “Yahweh is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able; but with the temptation also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (I Corinthians 10:13).

This is Yahweh’s promise. He won’t break it! Will you rely on it if yours is the problem of divorce and remarriage that seems too difficult to bear?

## **Lesson Number Two**

Second, marriages ending in divorce result from the fact that marriage vows are often taken without counsel and advice from those who are older and more experienced. “Foolishness,” said Solomon, “is bound in the heart of a child” (Proverbs 22:15)—but sad to say, most of that foolishness is not removed today because parents do not correct their children as they ought to. It is little wonder that when young people imagine that they have fallen in love, their foolish ideas get them into trouble. “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,”—young people often think that their infatuation is love.

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How many times the proverb is repeated: “For lack of counsel the people perish.” Think of the number of ruined lives, all because human beings have not learned to take advice from those who are experienced. Yahweh wants us to realize the terrible mistakes that can result from failure to take advice. If Yahweh would permit remarriage, humans would never learn the lesson. They would go on making snap decisions, which would bring, ever-increasing retribution. How much wiser is Yahweh’s plan, that we learn the lesson, once and for all, so we don’t have to live a life filled with mistakes and heartaches. The small amount of suffering that a few parents would have to endure by not remarrying would not compare to this fundamental lesson that every child needs to learn.

Let’s understand divorce and remarriage clearly. Yahweh would never tolerate adultery because we would never learn these two fundamental lessons: Seek counsel and obtain all the facts possible before making a decision; then once the right decision is made never change.

How plain it is that divorce and remarriage cheat us out of the character of Yahweh, which we must have to inherit the power of Yahweh.

Let’s quit trying to use human reason to evade the laws of Yahweh because none who persist in living in adultery will ever enter the Kingdom of Yahweh.



# Why was Abraham Called 'The Friend of Elohim'?

Even more important for you, how can you build  
a relationship like that?



Reprint By Clayton Steep

“My friend” That’s how YAHWEH referred to the Patriarch Abraham (Isaiah 41:8).

What a remarkable relationship! A limited, physical, mortal being thought of by the all-powerful, immortal, all-knowing, supreme Elohim as His dearly loved friend.

How was such a relationship possible? What constitutes that kind of friendship? Have you ever analyzed this question?

You have encountered many people in your life. You will no doubt encounter many more. Dozens, hundreds, even thousands of individuals become acquaintances, but only some of them become close friends. Why? Exactly what is a friend? What is friendship?

## **Agreement**

Think about it. Your very best friends—your “bosom buddies”—are those who agree with you on the greatest number of really important issues. Friends think alike. The constant clashing of opinions and preferences does not make for a close relationship.

“Will two walk together except they are agreed?” the prophet Amos asked (Amos 3:3). The answer, of course, is no. Two people walking together over a distance must be in exact agreement as to where they are headed, the direction they are going and the speed with which they are traveling. If they are not in precise agreement, after going a short distance they will no longer be walking together.

Abraham walked with YAHWEH. That means Abraham was in precise agreement with YAHWEH. He was in step all the way. YAHWEH said of him, “Abraham listened to My voice and heeded My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My Torah” (Gen. 26:5).

Abraham agreed with YAHWEH. He did not follow the ways of the world of his day. Being in agreement with the world and its wrong ways is what the Bible terms “Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with Elohim” (Jacob 4.4).

Jacob went on to say, “Whoever, then, purposes to be a friend of the world is an enemy to Elohim.” Abraham was not a friend of the world around him. He forsook it, choosing rather to be a friend of YAHWEH.

Notice the account in Genesis 12:1-4. YAHWEH told Abraham to leave his homeland, his familiar surroundings. He was to come out of the society—the “world”—of his time, just as Disciples must be willing to come out of the world today.

In obedience, through faith, Abraham “... *went out not understanding where he went*” (Hebrews 11:8). It was sufficient that YAHWEH had told him to go. “And Abram went out,” says Genesis 12:4. Spiritually speaking, Disciples must come out of the world around them, forsaking its ways that are in opposition to YAHWEH’s ways, even though, physically, they continue to live in the world (John 17:14-16).

### **Ability to Freely Confide**

Isn’t it true that your closet friends are those individuals in whom you can best confide? You can communicate your deep feelings and convictions to them, knowing you have a supportive listener. You can discuss what is on your mind, sharing your joys, your observations, your plans and yes, your regrets and sorrows. In the most intense friendships, nothing needs to be held back.

Yahshua said to His disciples, “But I called you friends, because all things which I heard from My Father I made known to you” (John 15:15).

Best friends are not only persons in whom you can confide, they in turn confide in you. Trustful confidence is a two-way street. We ought to have that kind of relationship with YAHWEH. YAHWEH confides in us through His Word and His Spirit. We must confide in Him. We must spend time talking to Him, pouring out our hearts to Him, telling Him “everything by prayer and by petition with thanksgivings” (Phil. 4:6).

Abraham was open with YAHWEH and talked freely to Him, as the biblical accounts of various events in his life show. Of him YAHWEH could truly say, “For I have known him” (Gen. 18:19). Abraham was not like those Yahshua talked about, who have a form of religion, who even do wonderful works, but who never become really acquainted with Elohim. “I never knew you” is what Yahshua will have to say to them one day (Matt. 7:23).

### **Loyalty**

We’ve all heard of fair-weather friends. When everything is going smoothly, they are pleased to be on friendly terms. But as soon as problems develop or they have to give more than they could possibly gain from a relationship, they suddenly become distant.

Even physical brothers and sisters may bicker and squabble. When a genuine outside threat presents itself, however, they often close ranks and support each other. Then, when the adversity has passed, they may go back to squabbling again.

That's why Solomon declared that real friendship is a stronger bond than flesh and blood ties alone. He wrote that "a brother is born for distress" in contrast to "a friend [who] loves at all times" (Pro. 17:17). Further, he stated that "there is a Lover who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24).

This world is filled with lonely people—people who have few or no real friends. Perhaps at some time or another they were disappointed or betrayed by other human beings, had hopes shattered, were disillusioned.

Real friends are loyal to each other when the going is easy and when it is rough. They support each other. And sacrifice for each other. The ultimate degree of friendship was described by Yahshua when He stated, "Greater love than this has no one, that anyone should lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Yahshua went all the way for us. If we want to be His friends, we must be willing to go all the way in proving our loyalty to Him.

"You are My friends," said Yahshua, "if you do whatever I command you" (verse 14). Such a statement, made by any mere human being, could be considered the height of arrogance. Not so in Yahshua's case, however. Being YAHWEH, everything He commands us to do is right and good—good for us and good for everybody else.

Certainly, there are times when doing what YAHWEH commands us to do may not seem, judging by human reason alone (see Proverbs 14:12), to be best. "There is a way that seems upright to a man, but the end of it is the ways of death." This is where loyalty is put to the test.

YAHWEH commanded Abraham to slay, as a sacrifice, his only son Isaac. Abraham could have thought of many reasons why he should not slay Isaac. After all, if Isaac were to be killed, how could YAHWEH bless Abraham's descendants? And besides, killing another human is a sin, isn't it? And also...And on and on.

But no, Abraham did as YAHWEH commanded. He was loyal to his Creator. He proved his faith by his works. "And the Scripture was fulfilled, saying, 'And Abraham believed YAHWEH, and it was counted for righteousness to him;' and he was called, Friend of Elohim" (Jacob 2:23).

## **Dependability**

A friend is dependable. YAHWEH says to us, "Not at all will I leave you, not at all will I forsake you, never" (Heb. 13:5). We can depend on Him. Do we give Him reason to believe the same of us, that we will never leave or forsake Him, that He can depend on us? How we as Disciples cope with the trials, obstacles and temptations of this life reveals to YAHWEH to what extent He can depend on us to do His will in the future. He needs to know He can depend on us to do what is right before He can grant us immortality and the awesome powers of the YAHWEH Family.

Probably Abraham's willingness to slay his son, more than any other single action, made him YAHWEH's friend and proved to Elohim that he could be depended on. "And He said, Do not lay your hand on the boy, nor do anything to him. For now, I know that you fear Elohim and you have not withheld your son, your only one, from Me," YAHWEH proclaimed (Gen. 22:12).

Notice the words of Nehemiah 9:7-8: "You are YAHWEH, the Elohim who chose Abram ... And You found his heart faithful before You." What an acclamation!

If we walk with YAHWEH, if we confide in Him and let Him confide in us, if we are loyal to Him, and if He sees He can depend on us, then YAHWEH will find our hearts faithful to Him also, just as He did the heart of Abraham, His friend.

# Is There a Place of Safety?



**Is the Congregation going to flee to a place of safety from the coming Great Tribulation? Or will YAHWEH just protect us wherever we are? What does the Bible say?**

Reprint By Leroy Neff

This world is about to be plunged into a holocaust more terrible than the eyes of man have ever seen!

This horrible period, the time when Satan's wrath reaches its peak just before the end of this age, was described by Yahshua Messiah in Matthew 24:21-22:

"For there will be great suffering, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be. And except those days were shortened, not any flesh would live. But on account of the chosen, those days will be shortened."

YAHWEH will be forced to supernaturally intervene on this earth to prevent man's total annihilation. This intervention will be brought about by Yahshua Messiah, who will return in glory and power to reestablish YAHWEH's government on earth and set up the Kingdom of YAHWEH.

But what will happen to YAHWEH's Congregation during this time of Great Tribulation? Notice Yahshua's promise to the Philadelphia congregation in Revelation 3:10: *"Because you kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is going to come upon all the world in order to try those dwelling on the earth."*

The Philadelphia congregation is to be protected from this Great Tribulation. But how? Are we going to go to some wilderness area where there is no food or shelter? Or will YAHWEH Himself protect us in our homes or wherever we are when the Great Tribulation begins?

The Congregation does not have any secret plans about a "place of safety," But YAHWEH does! YAHWEH has revealed enough in the Bible to make it clear that He will provide for His

Congregation to go to a place of protection at the right time, to the right place, and in the right way. Will YAHWEH protect His people wherever they are during the Great Tribulation, as some claim? Of course YAHWEH can, but will He? YAHWEH could have miraculously protected Noah and his family for the more than one year they were in the ark, but He didn't choose to. Noah and his family had to go into the ark, to their "**place of safety.**"

YAHWEH could have supernaturally protected Lot and his family in Sodom, but instead YAHWEH sent cherubim to lead him out of that wicked city, so Lot and his family could go to their "place of safety."

It is not what YAHWEH *could do*, but what He *will do*, that counts!

Some Congregation members set dates about when they think the Congregation will flee. They count back three and a half years from the date they think Yahshua is going to return. But since no one knows when Yahshua is going to return (Matt. 25:13), such guesses are useless.

Such faulty beliefs are commonly held by some in the Congregation because they misunderstand what the Scriptures really do say. In order to better understand this subject, we need to review four different but related events.

### **Every Congregation Migrated**

The first event occurred as a result of Yahshua's warning in Luke 21:20-21 (compare Matthew 24:15-22): "And when you see Jerusalem being encircled by armies, then recognize that its destruction has come near. Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains; and those in its midst, let them go out. And those in the villages let them not go into her."

This prophecy was fulfilled after events in Judea in the fall of A.D. 66. Jerusalem was surrounded and besieged by the Roman army under Cestius Gallus. After a few days, for no apparent reason, the siege was lifted and the Romans departed from the area.

Sometime after this (the exact time is not known), before Gen. Vespasian and the Roman forces returned and besieged Jerusalem starting at the Passover in A.D. 69, the true Congregation did leave Jerusalem and Judea for protection.

They did not "flee" in the literal sense. The Greek word in Luke 21:21 means "to escape or run away, to take flight" (not flying in the air).

The only ancient reference to this "escape" is found in the writings of Eusebius, who lived from A.D. 260(?) to 340(?). Eusebius said the Congregation went to Pella sometime between A.D. 66 and 70. Pella is northeast of Jerusalem beyond the Jordan River, south of the Sea of Galilee.

"But the members of the congregation in Jerusalem were instructed by a prophecy, revealed to the leaders, to abandon the city before the war and to take up residence in one of the cities of Perea which was named Pella. From Jerusalem the followers of Yahshua migrated to Pella" (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History III,5).

When did the Congregation move or "migrate" to Pella? It had to be late in the period A.D. 66 to 70. Had the Congregation moved early in the period they would have been killed or captured by Vespasian's army, which was active in northern Palestine. They would not have been harmed later, however, before the final siege of Jerusalem.

Some believe the Congregation left after the "sound" was heard, in the Temple, of a great multitude saying, "Let us remove hence." This incident was reported by the Jewish historian

Josephus, who said it occurred on Shavuot (see Josephus, *Wars*, book VI, chapter 5, section 3 for the report on this and other unusual events surrounding the fall of Jerusalem).

This move or migration of the Congregation was no emergency “flight” as described by Luke and Matthew, but it made protection possible for the Congregation during and after the fall of Jerusalem.

### **Those in Judea Flee**

The second event we need to understand involves this same prophecy. There will be an endgame fulfillment of this test, but it is an urgent, emergency escape.

“Then let those in Judea flee into the mountains; the one on the roof, let him not go down to take anything out of his house; and the one in the field, let him not turn back to take his garment. But woe to the ones having a child in womb, and to those nursing in those days! And pray that your flight will not occur in winter nor on the Sabbath. For there will be great suffering, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be” (Matt. 24:16-21).

There are several points we should notice here. This refers to people of YAHWEH in Judea. Those people of YAHWEH’s Congregation who happen to be in this geographical area when the abomination of desolation or surrounding of Jerusalem comes to pass must literally flee for their lives! They will not even be able to go back into their homes to retrieve clothing, food, Bibles, or family. Those left inside the homes will have to flee in the same manner as soon as they become aware of these events.

People in this circumstance will be in such danger that they must not call attention to the fact that they are fleeing, or they will be captured and unable to escape. They must flee, run away, escape (not fly in the sky by plane) to the mountains. Jerusalem is surrounded by hills or mountains; these mountains may not be the ultimate destination, but would have to be passed through to ultimate protection.

### **Congregation Fled to the Wilderness**

The third prophecy we must understand concerns YAHWEH’s Congregation from about A.D. 360 to about 1620. Notice Revelation 12:6: “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place, it having been prepared from Elohim, that there they might nourish her a thousand two hundred and sixty days.”

This scripture describes the Congregation after Yahshua’s ascension to YAHWEH’s throne (verse 5) and before the end-time “war in heaven” (verse 7).

In this case the woman also “fled” (“fled” here comes from a word related to the word translated “flight” in Matthew 24:20).

The period mentioned is 1,260 days, which in this place prophetically refers to 1,260 years according to the “day for a year” principle found in Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:5.

The Congregation in this text flees into the “wilderness” a solitary, lonely, desert place.

Here is what happened historically:

The Congregation was severely persecuted during the reigns of both Emperor Diocletian and Emperor Galerius from A.D. 303 to 313, especially in the eastern provinces (see Revelation 2:10).

In A.D. 324 Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea. Catholicism became the state religion. In order for YAHWEH’s Congregation to fully obey YAHWEH and put into practice their beliefs, they had to “flee” around 360 from the centers of influence and into the less-populated areas.

In the early period of this “exile” the true Disciples were most numerous in what today is eastern Turkey. In later centuries they were found in scattered areas of Europe, especially in the mountains and small valleys, still away from major population centers.

Around 1620, 1,260 years later, Catholic domination of the throne in England ended. This brought to a close the period when the Congregation had to carry on in the wilderness, or less populated, lonely areas of Europe and Asia Minor, instead of the greater population centers where Catholic and later even Protestant churches flourished. The fourth related event we need to understand concerns the very end time, just three and a half years before Yahshua’s return.

### **The Congregation that Flies to Her Place**

After the war in heaven pitting Michael and his angels against the devil and his angels (Rev. 12:7), Satan is cast to the earth and starts a new, vigorous persecution against the Congregation (verse 13).

After this we read: “And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness, to her place, where she is nourished there for a time, and times, and half a time, away from the serpent’s face” (verse 14).

Note that the woman (the Congregation) is given two wings of a great eagle, that she might “fly.” Here the Greek word literally means “fly” (as a bird or plane does), not flee or escape by other means. She flies to “her place,” which could imply ownership. Here she is nourished (fed physically and spiritually) for three and a half years (“time, and times, and half a time”).

Verse 17 shows that there are certain others in the Congregation who do not make this flight. They face not just persecution from Satan but war with him, and there is no indication of divine protection for them.

*(Note from elder Don) It is interesting to note that below the Mountain of Selah in Jordan on the eastern shore of the Dead Sea it looks like eagles’ wings.*

### **Are There Many Places?**

Some people claim that there will be many “places of safety.” They say YAHWEH will simply protect us wherever we happen to be during the Great Tribulation. But the scripture says the Congregation will go to “her place” (verse 14). The word *place* is singular, not plural, so it must be just *one* place. Where is that one place? It is said to be in “the wilderness.” That indicates a solitary, sparsely populated area.

This place of YAHWEH’s protection may quite possibly be in the area anciently occupied by Edom, Moab and Ammon, since that area will escape the final invasion of the king of the north (Dan. 11:41). Several texts, including Isaiah 16:1-4, 33:13-17 and 42:11-12, indicate that Selah, located in this wilderness area, might be the place. The word *Selah*, which comes from a word meaning “rock,” is called *Selah* in Hebrew. The area is very rocky and is generally entered through a narrow pathway with precipitous rock walls on each side.

Also, The Song of Solomon specifically mentions the mountain of Selah as the place where Yahweh will hide His end-time remnant.

**Son 2:14** O, My dove, *in the clefts of Selah, in the secrecy of the steep place, let Me see your form. Let Me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your form is beautiful.*

If this is the place where YAHWEH takes His people in the end time, it will be found to be very inhospitable. There is no water, food, facilities or conveniences here for soft people used to 20th-century conveniences and stores. The temperature in this desert area is extreme in both summer and winter, and even from night to day.

If Selah is the place, it would certainly not be the Kingdom of YAHWEH on earth (the Kingdom of YAHWEH will come three and a half years later). Selah would not be paradise. It would probably be the greatest trial ever for many of YAHWEH's people.

### **Truly A “Place of Safety”?**

Wherever the place, will it be a *place of safety*? It will apparently be safe from Satan. But it will not yet be YAHWEH's Kingdom. Those who go will not yet have “*endured to the end*.” They will not yet have it made. They will still be able to sin and fall away. To some the “place of safety” could prove to be a place of danger and the place where they finally lose out on salvation.

In this place it will be necessary to live together in peace and harmony 24 hours a day for 1,260 days. Some in YAHWEH's Congregation can't get along in peace with other members of the Congregation for any length of time *now*. Some husband and wives can't get along in peace with their converted spouses for one day, let alone 1,260 days! Obviously some are going to have to change and overcome a lot to survive such a “trial.”

How will the Congregation go to “her place”? Even though the scripture seems to indicate air transportation, that is not the only possible explanation. A similar statement is found in Exodus 19:4: “You have seen what I did to Egypt; and I *bore you on eagles' wings* and brought you to Me.” The ancient Israelites never heard of modern air transportation. They walked out of Egypt! Just who will go to this place, away “from the face of the serpent [Satan]”?

### **Who Will Be Taken?**

Because you kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is going to come upon all the world in order to try those dwelling on the earth” (Rev. 3:10).

The Philadelphia congregation is kept from this sore trial that is going to come on all the world. This verse does not refer to any period of temptation the whole world went through during the time the original, small congregation at Philadelphia existed. It can only refer to the Great Tribulation, but different words are used.

The trial takes place for an “hour.” Is this an indefinite time, or does it refer to the same “hour” the 10 kings receive power with the beast (Rev. 17:12) (Compare Revelation 13:5)? Such a time of trouble can only refer to the Great Tribulation.

Luke's gospel gives further information about who will escape “all these things”: “Then be watchful at every time, begging that you be counted worthy to escape all these things, the things being about to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

Who are these people “accounted worthy” to escape?

Those worthy will be watching. In plain language, they will be observing world, national and local events, especially as they relate to prophecy, so that they will not be caught unawares by the snare that will trap the rest of the world.

Those worthy will be praying—always—each day—not neglecting this essential part of a Disciple's life. Their prayers of intercession, prayers for help, prayers for forgiveness and prayers for YAHWEH's Kingdom to come will be continually going up to YAHWEH.



These people will become worthy through Yahshua's sacrifice and forgiveness of sin, and not as a result of their own "worthiness."

Matthew adds other points that we should notice (Matt. 24:42-51). Those who are ready will be doing YAHWEH's work, giving "meat in due season." They will, in other words, be doing their part in preaching the Gospel to the world as a witness.

They will be giving of themselves, not trying to *get* from others. Such people who are giving their lives in YAHWEH's service will save their lives: "For whoever desires to save his life, he will destroy it. But whoever loses his life for My sake, this one will save it" (Luke 9:24).

Those who are trying desperately to save their own lives by going to a "place of safety" may find that such safety will not be provided for them.

Many Congregation members have expressed concern about their children and uncovered relatives. Will they be protected during this time? Other scriptures and biblical principles should make the answer clear.

Those obedient minor children (notice the example of the children under 20 years of age—Numbers 14:29) would undoubtedly be protected with their converted, worthy parents.

Unconverted and antagonistic spouses would obviously not receive protection and mercy from YAHWEH at such a time.

When YAHWEH shows the Congregation's leadership what to do, some members undoubtedly will decide that it is too early, too late, the wrong place or the wrong way to go, and so will not go.

Others will probably find that leaving family, homes, jobs, friends and personal possessions and comforts is more than they can bear, and they, too, will remain behind. Certainly, there will be much personal sadness and sorrow over those loved ones left behind. They will have to go through the greatest time of trouble in all history, the Great Tribulation and the Day of YAHWEH. Going through this time will not be the picnic or holiday some seem to think it will be!

### **Concentrate on Giving**

Wherever it is, whenever it is, the place of YAHWEH's protection is one where the Congregation will be nourished physically and spiritually for three and a half years. It has been called the "place of final training." That term implies a lot of *previous* training. We need to be acquiring that training now.

Why are so many people so excited about this so-called place of safety? In too many cases, people are looking only for an escape from the coming holocaust. They are looking for a way to save their own skins! They are trying to save their lives, but in the process, they may lose them, just as Yahshua said.

We are supposed to give our lives, not try to save them. It is through the process of giving our lives that our lives may be saved. The main lesson we all need to learn is to do the job YAHWEH has given us—preaching the Good News to the world as a witness, and getting close to YAHWEH spiritually and staying there.

Forget about trying to save yourself and concentrate on helping others. Do your part and YAHWEH will protect and provide for you during the soon-coming Great Tribulation.

# Will You Be Protected?

Reprint By Jack R. Elliott



When this world is plunged into the greatest time of trouble in history—into what Matthew 24:21 calls “great tribulation”—will there be any way of escape?

Probably everyone in YAHWEH’s Congregation has heard something about a “place of safety.” Many have formed convictions about what this “place of safety” will be like and how they will get there.

Is there really a place of safety? If so, how does one prepare for it? Should we be doing anything now? YAHWEH pictures, in Revelation 12:14, a woman living in perilous times, persecuted by the devil. This woman is “*given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*”

This woman symbolizes the Congregation of YAHWEH, that group of people who are individually begotten and led by the Holy Spirit—who are living in obedience to YAHWEH (Rom. 8:9, Acts 5:32).

YAHWEH says of His Congregation, “Because you kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is going to come upon all the world in order to try those dwelling on the earth” (Rev. 3:10).

In Luke 21:36, Yahshua said to His Disciples, “Then be watchful at every time, begging that you be counted worthy to escape all these things, the things being about to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

YAHWEH’s Word clearly shows that there is a place prepared for YAHWEH’s Congregation—a place where the Congregation will be nourished and protected from the face of the serpent during the cataclysmic events preceding Yahshua’s Second Coming.

But just because the Congregation as a whole will be protected does not necessarily mean that we as individuals will be. Each of us is responsible for ourself, to make sure that we are keeping the “word of YAHWEH’s patience.”

Now what is the woman protected from? Revelation 12:13 shows that the woman—YAHWEH’s Congregation—will be protected from Satan’s wrath, after Satan is cast down to the earth (verse 9). Satan’s persecution of the Congregation is in the time of “great tribulation,” which will be, according to Matthew 24:21, “such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

For the Congregation to escape, it will be given the two wings to fly “into the wilderness.” A wilderness, in Bible terms, is what we would call a desolate place, often mountainous. YAHWEH has chosen directly in Scripture, the place.

But, if we don’t know where we are going, we certainly do not know when to go there. But we will know when the time comes. Yahshua showed that, just as we know by the leafing of the trees that summer is nigh, we will know that the end is near when we see occurring the events He listed in Matthew 24 (Matt. 24:32-33).

**AND WE SEE THOSE THINGS HAPPENING NOW!**

When YAHWEH brought ancient Israel out of Egypt, He led them out (Ex. 13:18, 21), going before them in a pillar of fire. YAHWEH described this to Israel as “and I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Me” (Ex. 19:4).

The promised end-time flight to a place of protection is also to be on eagle’s wings—the Congregation is to be “given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness” (Rev. 12:14). This phrase is similar, but not identical, to that in the verse above. It does not, for example, say that YAHWEH will go before the Congregation in a literal pillar of fire this time, but it does say that the Congregation will go in connection with some kind of divine intervention to “the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished.”

Can our flight from Satan be compared to Israel’s flight from Egypt? Satan rules this world (2 Cor. 4:4) as he did ancient Egypt. We, as Disciples, must come out of this evil world so we can worship YAHWEH in truth. When world crisis worsens and Satan is stirred up against us, he will use those who are committing the very sins we avoid and preach against to try to destroy us.

Let’s compare the attitude YAHWEH required of Israel in their flight with what He requires of us today. After YAHWEH had administered all but the last of the plagues on Egypt He told the Israelites, through Moses, that their firstborn would be spared only if they prepared and kept the Passover in a certain way. How was their attitude? Excellent!

They obeyed YAHWEH, “and did as YAHWEH had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they” (Ex.12:28).

That is the kind of attitude we should have today. Do we? Are we keeping all of YAHWEH’s laws and following the leadership of YAHWEH’s modern-day elders?

Unlike the Egyptians, the Israelites did not lose any of their firstborn sons, and found that it was easy to “spoil” the Egyptians of their jewelry. The Egyptians urged the Israelites to pack and get out quickly. The Israelites’ attitude?

Still excellent. Again, they did just as YAHWEH told them to do (verse 35). Nothing in the Scriptures tells us that when we depart for the place of protection we can take all our belongings; in fact, Yahshua tells those who are specifically in Judea to flee into the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation stand in the holy place, and not to come down from the housetops or return from the fields to take anything (Matt. 24:15-18). Not even a coat!

What would our attitude be if we were told to leave behind our homes, families, friends—everything? Would we go quickly and enthusiastically, or would we have unfinished business or obligations that we would just have to “sacrifice” ourselves for, and stay behind.

Suppose we heard that our elders and other Congregational leaders, together with a multitude of members who were standing up for the truth, were being deported—thrust out of the land.

What would our attitude be? Would we stand up, too? Would we pack our bags and join them? Or would we hold back, preferring not to get involved? When Israel finally left Egypt they were thrust out. Are you ready to deny the system so much that you might be kicked out of it!

*(Note from Elder Don): Remember during Covid that those who refused the Covid death shot were fired from work, denied medical attention and even in some places not allowed to buy food or travel. This is what we will be up against if you fight to stay out of Satan’s system.*

Being ready involves not only watching and praying, but also being fully committed to right action when the word comes. As Yahshua said in Luke 21:36, we must not only pray that we will be taken to a place of refuge, we must watch, pray, keep close to YAHWEH and truly be *worthy* of escape. That means staying out of the system and being obedient to Yahweh.

Are we, then, ready for the place where YAHWEH’s Congregation will be protected? If not, we will not be going there—unless we realize the gravity of the times and are willing to make some major changes in our lives.

When YAHWEH led the children of Israel out of Egypt, He led them into a place where Pharaoh thought they were trapped. Pharaoh changed his mind about letting Israel go and pursued after them.

When Pharaoh and his army came into sight behind them, did the Israelites remember all YAHWEH’s miracles and trust YAHWEH to protect them? What was their attitude at this juncture?

They lost confidence and were “sore afraid” (Ex. 14:10)! They cried out to YAHWEH and turned on Moses, saying, “Were there no graves in Egypt, that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What is this you have done to us, to bring us out from Egypt?” (verse 11).

How will we feel if that wonderful place of protection we have imagined—comfortably prepared especially for us—turns out to be a desolate wilderness?

Will we know, in faith, that YAHWEH is with us even though we don’t see a pillar of cloud or fire? Or will we say: “Why did you bring us out here? This is an unwatered place with no green thing growing! It is dry and hot in the summer and cold in the winter, with rocks the size of baseballs to walk on. Shall we live in holes in the rocks with no furniture or running water, and with nothing to eat?”

Doesn’t that sound just like the ancient Israelites? Hardly any of the ancient Israelites made it into the promised land because of their attitude. All through their travels they murmured and rebelled.

Are we going to let that happen to us, or will we get our attitudes right before YAHWEH? It takes

more than just getting them right at the last moment—we need to live in a right attitude over a period of time to form a right habit. It is what we habitually do that characterizes us and allows us to be accounted worthy.

Wherever and whatever that place will be, we can be sure that it will be a place of testing—a final exam, so to speak—where the begotten children of YAHWEH will be polished and shaped into the kind of people YAHWEH will account worthy to be born into His Family.

Those who get there won't be murmurers or complainers. They will be thankful to dwell even in the holes of rocks if that is what YAHWEH prepares.

They will sing the praises of the Most High YAHWEH, who led them there and protected them from the horrors that Jacob's natural descendants will have to endure.

When Satan casts "And the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a river after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried off by the river" (Rev. 12:15), will we despair or trust YAHWEH?

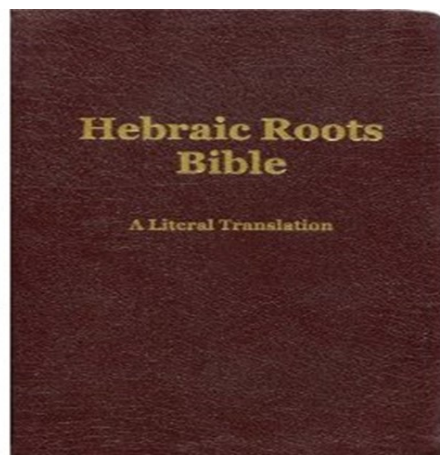
Will we get together with our close friends, ponder the situation and decide what to do next? Then, after destroying one another's faith with doubtful words, will we give up, saying: "I knew this was all for nothing—coming out into this forsaken wilderness. Why have you brought us out here to die?"

Do we think we are ready? Will we trust YAHWEH to save us? If not, we must start right now—drawing close to YAHWEH, watching, praying, studying, and learning to say "Yes, YAHWEH" rather than murmuring about Congregation decisions and policies.

"He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands free from taking the bribe, who stops his ear from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil. He shall live on high; **The Castle of Selah** will be his retreat; his bread shall be given; his waters are faithful. Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall see a land that is very far off" (Isa. 33:15-17.)

*(Note from Elder Don) The wilderness is a very different place than commercial Babylon and takes time to adjust to a life like our ancient fore-fathers had with no running water, or electricity or refrigerators or heaters or air-conditioners.*

*It not only takes time for your physical body to adjust to this life-style, but it takes time mentally to come out of commercial Babylon and clear your mind from the filth of Satan's society.*



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# His Best Wasn't Good Enough



Reprint Article

He'd done it again. As he sat cold and shivering in the boat, he could sense his companions exchanging smug looks and mocking smiles. Why, he thought miserably, does it always have to be me?

He had meant well—he always meant well. He loved and admired Yahshua, and he wanted to be like Him in every way. *Every way.* So on that stormy night when he had seen Yahshua walking on the sea, Peter had wanted to do it, too.

At first, he and his companions had been terrified at the sight of the lone figure striding across the waves, miles from shore. They thought it was a ghost. Then a familiar voice rang out, "Don't be afraid, it's Me."

That's Yahshua's voice, thought Peter. But how could it be Him? They had left Him on the shore hours before. He'd asked them earlier to take the boat across to Capernaum and had said that He would meet them later.

They had seen Him perform many wonderful things. But surely even Yahshua couldn't walk across a storm-tossed sea, could He? Well, there was one way to find out. "Master, if it is really You, tell me to come to You across the water," Peter called out.

The reply from Yahshua? "Come on, then." It was Yahshua. Without one moment of hesitation, Peter climbed over the side of the boat. The other disciples looked on incredulously. They were accustomed to Peter's impulsiveness, but this beat everything.

Peter, however, was full of confidence. With his eyes fixed on Yahshua, he took a step away from the side of the boat. The water was cold and the heaving waves bounced him about—but he didn't sink. He took another step, and then another, and then began to stride out confidently. He forgot the wind and the waves. He was filled with exhilaration. He, Peter the fisherman, the son of Jonah, the friend and disciple of Yahshua of Nazareth, was actually walking on water!

## Failed Again

Peter glanced over his shoulder. The boat was several yards away now, almost out of sight in the gloom. Yahshua was still walking toward him, but He, too, was a long way off. The wind seemed to have increased, and the waves were getting higher.

Suddenly it hit Peter: What am I doing? I can't do this. His brash confidence ebbed away, and to his horror he began to sink into the cold, green sea.

Peter thrashed around trying to stay afloat, but he felt himself sinking deeper into the water. Desperately he called out: "Help! Help, Master, save me!" He began to panic as he felt himself going under.

And then he felt a hand grip his, and strong arms drew him out of the water. Yahshua held Peter for a moment, allowing him to catch his breath, and then half dragged and half carried the sputtering disciple back to the boat.

"O you of little faith," Yahshua said, kindly but reproachfully, "why did you doubt?" As soon as the two men had climbed into the boat, the wind died down and the sea became calm.

Yahshua told the disciples to continue to row toward the shore, and Peter was left alone with his thoughts (Matthew 14:22-32).

What had gone wrong? He wanted so very much to be like Yahshua. Had Yahshua set him up, only to see him nearly drown? He must have felt crushed, let down and discouraged. Don't you sometimes feel that way?

You may be like Peter, utterly sincere in your desire to be like Yahshua Messiah. You want to follow His example in all things, and maybe you're also one of those naturally enthusiastic people who throw themselves wholeheartedly in everything. You always do your best—only to have things go wrong. Even your best, it seems, isn't good enough. If you're beginning to see that, you're learning an important lesson about being a real disciple—*your* best really is *not* good enough.

### **Human Faith Not Enough**

Some people do seem to be endowed with more natural faith than others. Peter was like that. He had the type of personality that would jump into a situation where other, more cautious people would hold back. Sometimes (more often than not, it would seem, from the stories in the gospels) it got him into trouble. But you could not accuse Peter of lacking zeal and a positive, can-do attitude about life.

Yahshua appreciated that. He did not want to squash Peter's personality. Eventually He would choose him to be the leader among the original 12 apostles. But first He had to teach this enthusiastic, rather self-confident young man some important spiritual lessons.

YAHWEH is certainly not against the right kind of confidence. He rewards those who do the best they can. You will see this if you read the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30.

But you must always remember that even your best efforts are not going to be enough to save you. Otherwise, you could be "saved by works," something the Bible clearly shows is impossible. You need something more. This is what Peter had to learn. Maybe you do, too.

### **A Different Kind of Faith**

Peter had faith to step over the side of the boat. But when he began to fully appreciate the consequences of what he had done by "stepping out in faith," his own human faith broke down. Yahshua showed Peter that he really only had "little faith" because he had doubted.

What Peter—even enthusiastic, faith-full Peter—needed, in addition to his own faith, was a different kind of faith, a faith that would not break down in the face of adversity. But where could he get that kind of faith? It was not something he could somehow work up himself.

Yahshua had that kind of faith. He knew that, humanly speaking, what He had to do in His life was impossible. He had to live without sinning even once, something even the most resourceful, enthusiastic, energetic, zealous human cannot do. As the prophet Jeremiah said, “O YAHWEH, I know that his way does not belong to man; it is not in man who walks to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:23).

So Yahshua prayed earnestly to His Father for the faith He needed to live a life that would qualify Him to be the Savior (Hebrews 5:7-8). Yahshua knew that without the faith that could come only from YAHWEH, He could no more live a life free of sin than He could—well, than He could walk on water, for instance. He was flesh and blood, and his weight and the force of gravity made that impossible too. But Yahshua did walk on the water.

Yahshua had the kind of faith that could surmount impossible odds, the kind of faith that could move mountains if need be. Yahshua told His disciples: “And Yahshua said to them, Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there! And it will move. And not a thing shall prevail over you” (Matthew 17:20). So, when He walked across the Sea of Galilee, it was not just a stunt to impress His friends. And by letting Peter fail He wasn’t just playing games with him. He wanted to teach His friend, who had so much else going for him, a valuable lesson.

## **Growing in Faith**

Peter must often have remembered what Yahshua had said to him as He led him back to safety: “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” Peter doubted because he lacked the kind of faith he needed to keep going. His human reasoning told him that he was in an impossible position, and that human faith, abundant though it was, couldn’t sustain him.

Over the years and after many more well-intentioned mistakes, Peter grew to understand this even more. As leading apostle, he often found himself in impossible positions where his human faith and patience would have been stretched beyond the breaking point. He was often in trouble with the authorities. He was thrown in jail. He had to spend years countering the influence of false teachers, and eventually he even suffered martyrdom.

But he had learned where to go to get the strength he needed. We can see from his two epistles that he had become the epitome of faith and patience.

Those early years of the Congregation must have taxed even Peter’s energy and enthusiasm to the utmost. YAHWEH used Peter’s strong personality and leadership to encourage the Congregation through some stormy times—times that threatened to drown the faith of others.

The man who nearly drowned in the Sea of Galilee had learned, though, that *his* best was not good enough. He had learned to go to YAHWEH, to seek that kind of faith that only YAHWEH can give: “For by grace you are saved, through faith, and this is not of yourselves; it is the gift of YAHWEH” (Ephesians 2:8). And that made all the difference.



# Ask The Amish



## Encourage One Another

Encouragement is part of YHWH's character. Our El is called the Elohim of comfort, patience and consolation. He is the Elohim who **"comforts those who are cast down."**

*Each time we meet, you always say some word of praise that makes my day.*

*You see some hidden, struggling trait, encourage it and make it great.*

*A glad, music in me sings; my soul sprouts tiny flaming wings.*

*My day takes on a brand-new zest, your encouragement brings out my best,*

*Revives my spirit, flings it high; for YHWH loves praise, and so do I.*

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**cheer ... Be not afraid."** This is the desire of YHWH's heart. He constantly wants to encourage us. But He can only tangibly do this through His people, His body.

***Every day He wants to load us with blessings!      Every day He wants to encourage us.  
Every day He wants to cheer us up and inspire us!***

But He is looking for vessels through whom He can minister. That's why He commands us in **Heb 3:13 to "Encourage one another daily."** He doesn't tell us to do it once a month! Or even once a week, when you see one another at church. No! He exhorts us to encourage each other every day!

Can you just imagine what would happen to a body of YAH's people if each one was being encouraged by someone else every day—and each believer was encouraging someone else? It would be very difficult to be laid low with depression. It would be hard to backslide. It would be difficult to get into unbelief.

YHWH understands the frailty of our hearts and how easily we can get discouraged and despondent. That's why He has given us this commandment. Read **Heb 3:12-13** again:

**"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living YHWH. But encourage one another daily, while it is called today, LEST any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."** YHWH doesn't want us to go astray. That's why He commands us to encourage one another every day.

**Prov 12:25** says, **"Heaviness in a man's heart makes it droop, but a good word makes it glad."** One word of encouragement can change someone's life. One act of love and kindness can turn someone's life around. Encouragement can do wonders in your marriage relationship and in your family.

Your husband will change when you stop nagging and start encouraging. Your children will thrive and blossom on encouragement. The atmosphere in your home will change. You will even be healthier. Discouraging words can make people sick. Positive, life-giving words give health.

***"Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" Prov 16:24.  
"The tongue of the wise is health" Prov 13:17. "A faithful ambassador is health" Prov 12:18.***

As you wake each morning and spend time with YHWH before you start the day, ask YHWH to show you who He wants you to encourage this day. He will show you creative ways to encourage that will change people's lives. Take time every day to think about each one of your children and how you can inspire them. Take time each day to think about your husband and of encouraging things you can say to him.

I remember one lovely incident on this subject that happened many years ago. One dear young mother, who lived across the road from me, began to wait on YHWH each morning for Elohim to show her who He wanted her to encourage. YHWH burdened her heart with a widow who lived down the street. She felt that she should do something practical for her and also visit her. She baked some, but felt that it wasn't enough. So, she went down to the shop and looked around for a little gift to purchase for her. As she looked to YHWH to guide her, she felt drawn to a little vase that would only hold one flower. She took the gift to this widow who was so blessed by her love and thoughtfulness.

However, YHWH wasn't finished yet! Another sister was also waiting on Elohim and he burdened her heart with this same widow! "What do you want me to do to encourage her?" she asked YHWH. She felt YHWH touching her heart to buy some flowers for her. Off she went to the florist shop to buy a big bunch of flowers, but when she got there, she felt impressed by YHWH to purchase only one flower, a lovely specimen!

Can you imagine how blessed this dear widow felt when the second sister arrived a few minutes later with the one flower to put in the vase **that would hold just one flower**? She realized how much Elohim loved her and thought about her. And these ladies were so thrilled to know that they were sensitive and obedient to YHWH's Spirit.

YHWH is wanting to do special things like this every day for every one of us—if only we would take time to listen to Him and obey His prompting. This is supernatural living. This is walking in the Spirit.

To be an encourager, you have to stop thinking about yourself and give some room in your mind and heart for others.

I will never forget some words YHWH spoke to me years ago. He said, "How can I reveal to you the needs of others if you are always thinking about yourself?" Oh how true this is.

If all our thoughts are on ourselves, we will have no room for YHWH to reveal to us the needs of others. Just as we have a certain limit of physical strength, so we have a certain limit of emotional capacity. If all our emotions are spent on ourselves, we will not have any left to pour out on others.

**Phil 2:3, "doing nothing according to strife or self-glory, but in humility, let each regard his neighbor as better than himself."**

It's a good idea to have encouraging cards ready and on hand to send to those whom Elohim puts on your heart. Encourage and bless the older people, especially those who are widows and those who are living on their own. Always positively encourage the mothers who are "with child." Bless the lonely. And don't forget to give encouraging words to children, too. Don't leave them aside.

We are either a spirit dampener or a spirit refresher! Which are you?

**"For this reason, we have been comforted over your comfort; and we rather rejoice more abundantly over the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you" 2 Cor 7:13.**

**"May the Master give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me ..." 2 Tim 1:16. "And I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, and of Fortunatus and Achaicus ... For they refreshed my spirit and yours ..." 1 Cor 16:17,18.**

**"Therefore, encourage one another, and buildup one another, as you indeed do" 1 Thess 5:11.**

**"So let us pursue the things of peace, and the things for building up one another" Rom 14:19.**

**"And let us consider one another, to incitement of love and of good works ..." Heb 10:24.**

**"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth" 1 John 3:18.**

**"YAHWEH Elohim hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: He wakens me morning by morning, He wakens my ear to hear as the learned" Is 50:4.**

**Romans 14:19 "So then, let us pursue the things of peace, and the things for building up one another."**

### Travelling Time

Shallow reasoning has been used by people who decided it didn't make sense to spend an hour going to town in a buggy, when they could go the same distance by car in ten minutes. Why such people have reasoned, "If we had a car, we wouldn't spend nearly as much time on the road, and could be at home with the family more."

By taking one single trip to town and figuring how much longer it would take by buggy, the above conclusion sounds reasonable. But that matter isn't that simple. Instead of spending less time on the road, people who switch to motorized transportation soon realize they are on the road more than before. Since it's easier to go to town, they tend to go more often and for smaller needs. They soon begin to shop and visit places farther than home. It's just as easy to drive fifty miles, as it used to be to drive five, and that's exactly what they do. So, they end up spending more time on the road than before (Views and Values E. Stoll.)

# WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS HOPE!



Often underemphasized in the lives of many, hope is a tremendous spiritual gift at work in all who will be in YAHWEH's coming Kingdom.

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The Bible speaks of three great fruits of YAHWEH's Holy Spirit: faith, hope and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). Most Disciples readily and easily understand that love, called the greatest of these gifts, and faith are essential for salvation. But what about hope? What is hope, even? Given equal rank with love and faith, hope stands as one of the most important spiritual gifts, to be sought after and exercised by every one of YAHWEH's people.

## **What is Hope?**

Let's understand first what hope is *not*. It is not watered-down faith. In everyday conversation, people often say *hope* when they mean *wish*. "Let's hope it all works out for the best" sometimes means the person is afraid it won't! Hoping is not wishing. Hope is confident, powerful, bold. Hope is not afraid. Hope casts out fear and doubt. To hope means to look forward to with confidence of fulfillment, to expect with desire.

There is nothing weak in true Believers' hope. It is positive, assured, looking ahead to the future. Hope lifts a person's thoughts beyond the immediate trials and problems of the present. Hope sees YAHWEH's plan at work—YAHWEH producing His character in us, by what we experience, to qualify us for eternal life.

A Disciple filled with hope has zeal and purpose. He is alive with spiritual energy to keep overcoming and growing no matter what negative factors and influences are at work to discourage and frustrate his progress toward YAHWEH's Kingdom. Paul goes so far as to say, "For we were saved by hope" (Rom 8:24).

## **Hope Makes the Difference**

Every Disciple fights a daily and lifelong spiritual battle against sin. Even the Apostle Paul, a deeply converted disciple, was frustrated by his own personal failure to measure up to the goal of spiritual perfection that is in Yahshua Messiah.

Paul cried out, “For I calculate that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to compare to the coming glory to be revealed in us” (verse 18). Certainly you, too, have been overwhelmed at times by physical pulls, thoughts and attitudes you knew were contrary to YAHWEH’s perfect law of love. Yet you were unable to resist their power. You may even have feared losing salvation because of your inability to root sin completely from your life. The thought of sin is abhorrent, but its pull on our flesh is strong.

All Disciples might well echo Paul’s insightful words: “For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin” (verse 14).

As long as we live, the battle against sin rages. It is our mortal enemy. Toward the end of his long life and ministry, the Apostle John instructed, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8).

Since no disciple, apart from Yahshua Messiah, YAHWEH’s own Son in the flesh, ever fully conquered sin, what separates those who qualify for eternal life from those who do not?

YAHWEH led Paul to describe the problems common to all disciples. He also inspired Paul to reveal the way out of them. We are to undergo a transformation of character by the power of YAHWEH’s Holy Spirit working within our minds.

A disciple must completely repent of past sins, surrender to YAHWEH, be baptized in water and by the laying on of hands by YAHWEH’s true elders receive the Holy Spirit.

Once begotten by YAHWEH’s Spirit, the disciple begins a life dedicated to growth and overcoming, developing YAHWEH’s character. Here lies our hope for the future. Paul tells us, “For if you live according to flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live” (Romans 8:13). This is YAHWEH’s promise to us!

YAHWEH the Father places His Holy Spirit in the mind of each newly converted believer to grant him power over sin, in order that He may develop His own character in us. Yahshua Messiah, our Savior, paid the penalty of death because of sin for us so we might be born into the YAHWEH family and receive everlasting life at His Second Coming (Romans 6:23).

This is the very purpose for our being alive, and the foundation of our hope for the future! “For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons of Elohim” (Romans 8:14). No disciple is yet born into YAHWEH’s family, but is an heir, an inheritor of the promise. True Disciples are part of the first fruits of YAHWEH’s Family, to be born when Yahshua Messiah returns.

What will it take for you to be a part of this glorious future hope? More, perhaps, than anything else the realization that YAHWEH earnestly intends and desires that *you* be in His Kingdom. YAHWEH wants it for you (1 Peter 1:3-5)!

## **Hopelessness and Fear**

Many of YAHWEH’s people, though they realize YAHWEH’s Kingdom will be set up on earth and even desire to be a part of it, nevertheless despair of receiving eternal life. They are overcome by fear and self-doubt. These hopeless attitudes come from Satan and his demons, who know the Kingdom is coming and have no hope. For them Yahshua Messiah’s return will be a time of judgment for their sins of rebellion. Jacob writes

“You believe that Elohim is One (echad). You do well; even the demons believe—and shudder” (Jacob 2:19). The nature of Satan and the demons is set. They will not change and submit to YAHWEH’s direction in their lives. They are archenemies and rebels. On the other hand, human beings, caught by sin because of weakness or ignorance, have hope.

Some of those listening to Peter’s preaching on the day of Shavuot had called out just short weeks before the death of Yahshua Messiah, the Savior of mankind. When convicted of their sin, they cried out, “Men, our brothers, What shall we do” (Acts 2:37). They were afraid and hopeless. Then Peter preached hope through the repentance of sins and the mercy of YAHWEH (verses 38-40).

YAHWEH created all people to qualify for His Family (1 Timothy 2:4). When a person who is given this opportunity by YAHWEH’s calling fails to act on this hope, he becomes like the individual described in the parable of the talents, who refused to produce with the one talent given to him. In an attempt to justify his failure, he replied ... being afraid” (Matthew 25:25). He possessed no vision for the future. He lost out.

No matter what the obstacles, the Apostle Paul was not afraid. He well understood it was YAHWEH’s will that he be in the Kingdom, and he always had his mind on that goal: “What then shall we say to these things? If YAHWEH be for us, who can be against us? Truly He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up on behalf of us all, how will He not freely give all things to us with Him” (Romans 8:31-32).

For nearly 6,000 years YAHWEH the Father and Yahshua Messiah have endured the sins and rebellion of mankind against YAHWEH’s government and way of life. Soon YAHWEH’s deliverance to this earth will come. as Romans 8:21 predicts, “That also the creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption to the freedom of the glory of the children of Elohim.”

Paul concludes the powerfully written Romans 8, which might well be called the “hope chapter” of the Bible (just as 1 Corinthians 13 is often referred to as the “love chapter” and Hebrews 11 as the “faith chapter”), with this: “For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor cherubs, nor rulers, nor armies, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing created will be able to separate us from the love of YAHWEH in Messiah, Yahshua, our Master” (Romans 8:38-39).

### **How Does Hope Grow?**

Like all the other fruits of the Holy Spirit, hope is a gift from YAHWEH that increases directly as a disciple dedicates his life to YAHWEH. By a life of prayer, diligent study of YAHWEH’s Word, and living always with eyes set on the goal of YAHWEH’s Kingdom first and foremost, hope will grow.

The Apostle John describes what knowing our future should do to inspire us to overcome: “Beloved, now we are the sons of YAHWEH, and it was not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is revealed, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone having this hope on Him purifies himself even as that One is pure” (1 John 3:2-3).

The time is drawing near for the return of Yahshua Messiah, when the parable of the talents will have an actual fulfillment. May we all set our sights clearly on the Kingdom and be among those to whom our Master says: “And his Master said to him, Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful over a few things; I will set you over many. Enter into the joy of your Master” (Matthew 25:21).

**(Note from Elder Don)** In the original Aramaic Scriptures the word used for the Good News is Sevartha, which literally means ‘Hope’, a trust and assurance for what is to come.



# Answers to Your Questions

**Q)** *Is it right for a covenant believer to put their grown male children through traditional circumcision rites with unbelievers' children and to wear a gown while doing so?*

**A)** There is no Biblical reason why any believer's male adult son would be circumcised at all, especially with non-believers.

**Gal 5:1** *Then stand firm in the liberty with which Messiah made us free and do not be harnessed again with a yoke of slavery.*

**Gal 5:2** *Behold, I, Paul, say to you that **if you are circumcised, Messiah will profit you nothing.***

**Gal 5:3** *And I testify again to every man being circumcised, that he is under obligation to fulfill the whole Torah;*

**Gal 5:4** *those of you who are seeking justification in the Torah, you have been severed from Messiah; you have fallen from grace.*

Clearly, circumcision was the sign of the first covenant, and baptism is the sign of the New Covenant. If a person is circumcised to join a covenant, then he is joining the first covenant where there is no salvation nor forgiveness of capital crimes.

**Q)** Which comes first the baptism of water or the baptism of Ruach Ha Kodesh or all are in one in Yahshua's name the moment the person is immersed? Because Acts 1:5 and Matt 3:11 mentioned about being baptized in the Holy Spirit. I want to have a further understanding about this.

**A)** John the baptist baptized only in water as a frontrunner and symbol to Yahshua and His baptism that was with the Holy Spirit.

Those baptized by John were rebaptized by Yahshua's apostles and elders to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1-6). Baptism is entering covenant relationship with Yahweh where both parties have something to perform.

The person goes in water to symbolically represent repentance and dying to the old self and accepting the blood of Yahshua for forgiveness of sins.

Yahweh then does His part by having an elder that He ordained do the laying on of hands for the imparting of the Holy Spirit. Only those ordained by Yahshua, who ordained others and ordained others and that unbroken line of accession goes on to today have the authority from Yahweh for transferring the Holy Spirit.

**Q)** Some people say there's no letter "W" but rather U, which one is correct, the W or U? I believed that the WAW came first before it became VAV. Modern Hebrew used them.

**A)** All credible scholars know and believe that the original Hebrew letter that today is called a vav, was a "waw" and a W sound. As a matter of fact there was no letter with a v sound in any alphabet until much later.

**Q)** Should believers celebrate Mother's day and Father's day?

**A)** Yahweh restricts us from celebrating pagan days as worship to Him. There is nothing pagan in Father's day or Mother's day, and it is not toward Yahweh, but honoring our parents according to the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

However, we should not give too much effort toward days that are made mostly for commercial gain and should honor our parents every day not just one day a year.

**Q)** If I married my spouse while I was a Christian, and now am a true covenant believer is that being unequally yoked and does Scripture say that I should I leave my spouse?

**A)** Being unequally yoked is speaking about one spouse being in covenant relationship and the other spouse is not. According to 2 Corinthians 6:14, a covenant believer should only marry another covenant believer.

**2 Co 6:14** Do not unite in marriage with unbelievers. For what partnership does righteousness have with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light have with darkness?

**2 Co 6:15** And what agreement does the Messiah have with Satan? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?

However, due to the seriousness of the marriage covenant if a person became a believer after being married, they SHOULD STAY with the unconverted spouse if the spouse desires to.

**1 Co 7:10** But I command the ones being married (not I, but our Master), let not the wife be separated from her husband;

**1 Co 7:11** but if indeed she is separated, remain unmarried, or be reconciled to the husband; and a husband not to desert his wife.

**1 Co 7:12** But to the rest I say, not our Master, if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she consents to live with him, let him not leave her.

**1 Co 7:13** And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not leave him.

**1 Co 7:14** For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified by the husband; else, then, your children are impure, but in such cases they are pure.

The marriage covenant is one of the most important covenants in Scripture and should always try to be honored.



## *Letters from our Readers .....*

Dear Congregation of Yahweh,

Shalom, I have read all of the books written by Don Esposito.

I am a baptized member of the body of Yahshua and a sacred name believer.

I understand that the Congregation of Yahweh has some available messages as downloads. As a federal inmate it is not easy to get access to these materials.

Do you have any already downloaded that could be downloaded here at FCI Yazoo City? We cannot receive DVD's or CD's but you could donate them to the chapel. To do this, you must call the prison. Tell him you are interested in donating DVD's or CD's to the Messianic faith group. I hope you will take into consideration that our small group here is hungry for scriptural truth.

Thank you for your time,

Your brother in H'maschiach

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Dear Sir

Hello! I hope this letter finds you all in good health and safely under Yahweh's wind of protection.

First let me say that I love all of Elder Don's work and am seeking a calendar in Hebrew months with all of the holy days marked. And also anything else that will allow me to show the people around me the truth.

Any Bible, any study, any books that will allow me to teach the truth. All booklets and pamphlets any and all lessons. May Yahweh bless you and care for you in all that you do! If you send it media mail, I am sure to get it.

Anything that shows the real date of His birth, holy days, etc. thank you.

P.S. Anything about the Bible code.

(From COYJ - The COYJ has an abundance of study material, pamphlets, and books and Bible Lessons, including the yearly Biblical Calendar all free for download at our website at [www.coyhwh.com](http://www.coyhwh.com).)

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Shalom Elder Don and Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the blessing that COYWH Jerusalem has been in my life. For the past five years I have learned much from the online lessons and videos, specifically, Yahweh's plan of salvation being revealed thru His holy days, His outstretched arm bringing brother Judah back into the land and His longing to see Ephraim return and be united with Judah as one new man. I grew up in Christianity and was never aware of how Yahweh was working in these ways until learning about COYHWH Jerusalem. Also, I thank you for teaching the truth about obedience to the Torah with a spirit of reconciliation, rather than condemnation. His Torah is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path, and I need to develop the faith and perseverance to remain on this path that Yahshua made possible for me thru His shed blood. Despite the trials and temptations continuously faced in this world, I am encouraged by the words in Hebrews 5:7-8.

*Even when He was clothed in flesh, He offered both petitions and supplications with strong crying and tears, to Him being able to save Him from death, and verily He was heard, and though He was a good Son, because of the fear and suffering which He endured, He learned obedience.*

It is my prayer that this verse will strengthen yourself and all the members of your congregation amidst the hardships we face in life.

Currently, I am looking for fellowship in the Philadelphia area and was wondering if there were any sister congregations that I could attend. It would be a great joy to proclaim the actual name of Yahweh, something that is not done in many congregations today. Please write back to me at the address above or email me at ... also, if you could send me a copy of the Hebraic roots Bible and a copy of the Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail against her, I would greatly appreciate it!

I have enclosed an offering. I understand that you do not require payment for your Bible and books, but it is a privilege to offer this to you to assist the work for the Kingdom until Yahshua returns. I praise Yahweh that this donation is not tax deductible, so that what is being offered can remain set apart to Him, rather than showing up on a tax return.

Yahweh bless,

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Shalom in Yahshua's wonderful name!

I do pray you are doing well on the other side of Florida.

Thank you for all you do for the congregation!

I was writing to ask for some Bibles and books, my nephew lives in Kentucky, and I was wondering if you could mail him a Bible and Gates of Hell Book to his address, he is a new believer and needs guidance in his walk.

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Shalom COYJ,

I pray that the important work you are doing is prospering. To be honest, I don't see any work like yours bringing the Good News from Jerusalem all over the world.

You also have been blessed with the best English Bible translation I have ever seen.

May Yahweh bless you for all you do.

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## **THE MOST AMAZING STORY OF FAITH AND COURAGE THAT A TRUE BELIEVER CAN ONLY HOPE TO FIND!**

Read about the true Congregation of Yahshua and how it survived through antiquity under such duress persecution against it by its enemies. The truth is stranger than fiction. It's shocking and eye opening. If you are a believer, you will be cheerfully enlightened to find out that the original Congregation that Yahshua Messiah our Savior started in 30A.D. has survived into this present time and that ***"the Gates of Hell have not been able to prevail against it."*** ***This book is the most conclusive thorough research of the early congregation of its kind and has many references from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries with more than 250 footnotes.*** The Truth shall make you free. (Jn 8:32)



### ***Did you Know:***

- *How the first century congregation started and what the first century congregation believed and practiced?*
- *That most beliefs of Christianity today come from the 4<sup>th</sup> century Emperor Constantine and not from the early congregation?*
- *That millions of true covenant believers were martyred by the Roman Empire in the Middle Ages?*
- *That the remnants of the true congregation started in 30 AD are still around today?*

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Stand by the roads,  
look, and ask for the  
ancient paths, where  
the good way is; and  
walk in it, and find rest  
for your souls.

Jer. 6:16

