

The background of the cover is a photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow that reflects on the water's surface. In the foreground, there is a thick layer of white foam, likely from waves breaking, which is illuminated by the warm light of the setting sun. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

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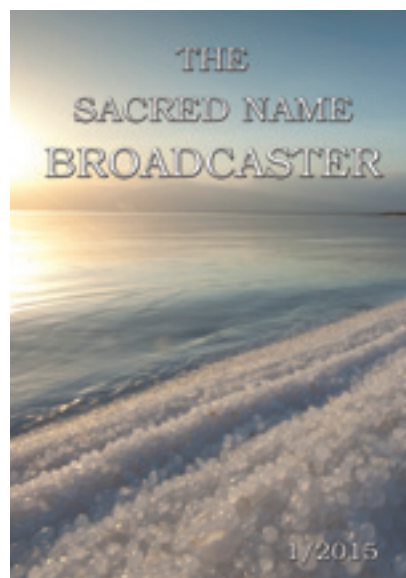
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## Our Cover:

*The shoreline of the Dead Sea is the cover photo for this month. Salt crystals form on the shore from wave action and evaporation.*

***“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what shall it be salted? It is from then on good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.” (Matthew 5:13).***

*The Apostle Paul admonished us to “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” (Colossians 4:6). We, therefore, ponder the words of Yahshua the Messiah: “For every one shall be salted with fire and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt has lost its saltiness, with what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.” (Mark 9:49-50). Is your speech seasoned with peaceful words?*

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*“Who is among you that fears Yahweh, that obeys the voice of his servant? He that walks in darkness, and has no light, let him trust in the name of Yahweh, and rely upon his Elohim. Behold, all you that kindle a fire, that gird yourselves about with firebrands; walk in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that you have kindled. This shall you have of my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.”* (Isaiah

50:10-11).

Plain words must be spoken in this editorial. Get a firm grip on your chair! There can no longer be a middle ground. Each person who reads this editorial must soon make his own decision. You cannot delay too much longer. Are you on Yahweh’s side, or are you opposed to Him?

Do you believe salvation can be obtained through the use of a variety of different names for the Almighty and His Messiah, or are you in harmony with Acts 4:12?

*“And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, in which we must be saved.”*

The most authoritative research material available in the libraries throughout the world today plainly informs the sincere student that the Name Yahweh is the best transliteration of the Tetragrammaton, the four letters that make up the NAME of the Almighty as it is recorded in the Old Testament Hebrew. The author has found these facts to be

verifiable and true in his own study of the Hebrew language.

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The educators in the theological seminaries and institutions of higher learning unhesitatingly corroborate what the Assemblies of Yahweh teaches in regard to the Name of the Father in Heaven and His anointed Messiah. Most of the readership of the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine have never sat in classes in biblical studies. Had you been so privileged, you would have heard scholars make forthright statements confirming the use of the Name Yahweh. Scholars will subscribe to the use of the Name Yahweh (although sometimes they will hedge slightly, but in the final analysis offer no viable alternative).

Many of the readers of the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** have their background in various diverse religious denominations. Scholars are members of these various denominations, many of them serving as teachers and preaching ministers. Why, then, do they not tell their congregations of the great Truth of the Sacred Name doctrine? Do they feel you are unable to handle such strong meat, or that you may question their other doctrines?

In this editorial, I will be quoting from scholars who have written books on biblical subjects. I am going to challenge them according to what Isaiah the prophet said in the passage of Scripture quoted at the beginning of this editorial. Read it over again.

These scholars have kin-

dled sparks. The knowledge of the Sacred Name contained in those sparks is true knowledge. Other doctrines they acknowledge are also true and should be taught. They have proven these facts as truth. Now, these scholars can either walk in that knowledge and OBEY IT, or be burned up by the fire they have kindled. There is no longer any time remaining at the end of this age for playing games! Yahshua the Messiah will soon return! EVERYONE MUST MAKE HIS PERSONAL DECISION. You must decide personally if you wish to stand on the side of truth and obey what the Bible teaches, or reject it in favor of liberalism. This will make you a prime candidate for the ultimate compromise that will persuade you to accept the mark of the Beast.

### **The Scholars Speak**

The first book we shall peruse is a monograph titled, **Yahweh: The Divine Name in the Bible**, by Dr. G. H. Parke-Taylor. The author says, “The preface of this present study is to investigate the subject once more and in particular to point to areas of future research which may prove to be most profitable for theological understanding of YHWH, the divine name par excellence.”

“In this respect YHWH stands in contrast to the principle deities of the Babylonians and the Egyptians. *Yahweh had only one name; Marduk had fifty, with which his praises as victor over Timat were sung in the hymns. Similarly the Egyptian Re is the g-d with many names.*” (Emphasis ours.)

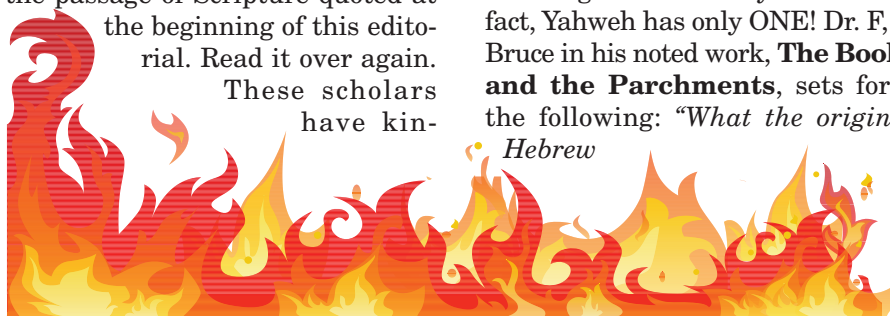
Must we bring Yahweh down to the level of a pagan mighty one by insisting He has many Names? In fact, Yahweh has only ONE! Dr. F. F. Bruce in his noted work, **The Books and the Parchments**, sets forth the following: “What the original Hebrew

*vowels of the Name were is a matter of some debate, although it is usually considered that they were A and E, the word being pronounced Yahweh. There is adequate evidence that this was how it was pronounced in the early [Messianic] centuries among the Samaritans and others who did not share the Jewish scruples about uttering it. There is further evidence in the Old Testament that it was also current in the abbreviated forms of Yahu and Yah (cf. Psalm 68:4 r.v. ‘His Name is Yah’).*” (Emphasis ours.)

Although dominated by Julius Wellhausen’s theory of Bible development (chopping the Bible up into the J, E, P, and D texts), the **Jerusalem Bible**, copyright 1966, has the following to say about the Name Yahweh. “It is in the Psalms especially that the use of the divine Name *Yahweh* (accented on the second syllable) may seem unacceptable—though, indeed, the still stronger form *Yah* is in constant use in the acclamation *Hallelu-Yah* (Praise *Yah!*). It is not without hesitation that this acrid form has been used, and no doubt those who may care to use this translation of the Psalms can substitute the traditional ‘the L-rd.’ On the other hand, this would be to lose much of the flavor and meaning of the original (Emphasis ours)...” (Page VI., Editor’s Forward).

You will note that scholars call this the most accurate transliteration of the Tetragrammaton (four-lettered word) that appears 6,823 times in the **Hebrew Bible** and is the only Name used for the Almighty.

Let us refresh our memory with what the **Encyclopedia Judaica** says about the Name Yahweh, “The personal name of the G-d of Israel is written in the Hebrew Bible with the four consonants YHWH and is referred to as the ‘Tetragrammaton.’ At least until the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E. this name was regularly pronounced with its proper vowels, as is clear from the Lachish Letters, written shortly before that date. But, at least by the third century B.C.E. the pronunciation of



the name YHWH was avoided. and Adonai, 'the L-rd,' was substituted for it, as evidenced by the use of the Greek word Kyrios, 'lrrd,' for YHWH in the Septuagint, the translation of the Hebrew Scriptures that was begun by Greek-speaking Jews in that century. Where the combined form Adonai YHWH occurs in the Bible, this was read as Adonai Elohim, 'L-rd G-d.' In the early Middle Ages, when the consonantal text of the Bible was supplied with vowel points to facilitate its correct traditional reading, the vowel points for Adonai with one variation—a sheva with the first yod of YHWH instead of the hataf-patah under the aleph of Adonai—were used for YHWH, thus producing the form YeHoWaH. When Christian scholars of Europe first began to study Hebrew, they did not understand what this really meant, and they introduced the hybrid name 'Jehovah.' In order to avoid pronouncing even the sacred name Adonai for YHWH, the custom was later introduced of saying simply in Hebrew ha-Shem or Aramaic Shema, 'the Name' even in such an expression as 'Blessed be he that cometh in the name of YHWH' (Ps. 118:26). The avoidance of pronouncing the name YHWH is generally ascribed to a sense of reverence. More precisely, it was caused by a misunderstanding of the Third Commandment (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11) as meaning 'Thou shalt not take the name of YHWH thy G-d in vain,' whereas it really means 'You shall not swear falsely by the name of YHWH your G-d' (JPS).

"The true pronunciation of the Name YHWH was never lost. Several early Greek writers of the Christian Church testify that the name was pronounced 'Yahweh.' This is confirmed, at least for the vowel of the first syllable of the name, by the shorter form Yah, (Emphasis ours) which is sometimes used in poetry (e.g. Ex. 15:2) and the -yahu or -yah that serves as the final syllable in very many Hebrew names. In the opinion of many scholars, YHWH is a verbal form of the root hwh,

which is an older variant of the root hyh 'to be.' The vowel of the first syllable shows that the verb is used in the form of a future-present causative hiph'il, and must therefore mean 'He causes to be, He brings into existence.' The explanation of the name as given in Exodus 3:14, Eheyeh-Asher-Eheyeh, 'I-Am-Who-I-Am,' offers a folk etymology, common in biblical explanation of names, rather than a strictly scientific one.

"According to the documentary hypothesis, the literary sources in the Pentateuch known as the Elohist and the Priestly Document never use the name Yahweh for G-d until it is revealed to Moses (Ex. 3:13; 6:2-3); but the Yahwist source uses it from Genesis 2:4 on, THUS IMPLYING THAT IT WAS AT LEAST AS OLD AS ABRAHAM (Emphasis ours). If the name is really so old, then Exodus 6:2-3 must be understood as meaning that from the time of Moses on, Yahweh was to be the personal name of the G-d who brought the people of Israel into existence by bringing them out of Egypt and established them as a nation by His covenant with them at Sinai." (**Encyclopedia Judaica**, Article "G-d, Names Of," pp. 680-81).

Let us now scrutinize what some fundamentalist religious leaders have to say about the Sacred Name. In an editorial appearing in the **Review and Herald** (the Seventh Day Adventist publication), December 16, 1971, David Neufeld says the following: "The first words the trembling Israelites heard thundering from fire and smoke enveloped Sinai were (literally): I am Yahweh, your G-d, who brought you out of the country of Egypt.

"This introduction clearly identifies the speaker. He is Yahweh. This is the personal Name of the g-d the Israelites and Christians worship. (Emphasis ours). In the **King James** version the Hebrew term YHWH,

which we rendered as Yahweh, is translated 'Lord' . . .

"Yahweh is the name that identifies with G-d of the Hebrews. . . (Emphasis ours)

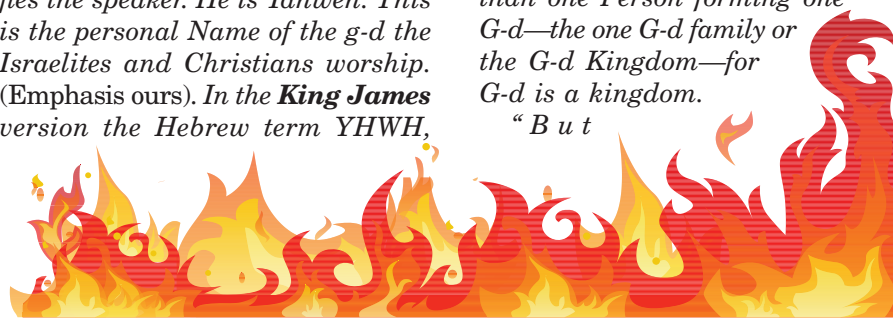
"Someone may ask, Why Yahweh, not Jehovah? Yahweh is a transliteration of the divine name, based on its most likely pronunciation (Emphasis ours) (the ancient Hebrew text contains no vowels, hence there is some doubt as to what vowel sounds to supply)...

"The fact that Yahweh was the Creator gave Him the authority to make the Sabbath and command His people to rest on that day. 'The Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the sign of His [the Creator's] authority.'" (**The Great Controversy**, page 152).

"Anciently only those who worshiped Yahweh kept the Sabbath. Therefore the keeping of the Sabbath was a sign of a Yahweh-worshiper. Today there are worshipers of Yahweh who are keeping the first day of the week. Before the end, the issue will be placed so clearly before earth's inhabitants that all will have to choose between worshipping Yahweh and keeping His Sabbath or worshipping the beast (albeit thinking they are still worshipping Yahweh) and observing his sabbaths. After this test becomes universal, Sabbath keeping will in a special sense identify true Yahweh-worshipers." (Emphasis ours).

Here is what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong writes in his book, **G-d Speaks Out on the New Morality**, pages 128 and 129. "It has been explained that in Genesis 1:1 the word for 'G-d' in the Hebrew—the language in which it originally was written—is 'Elohim'—meaning more than one Person forming one G-d—the one G-d family or the G-d Kingdom—for G-d is a kingdom.

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now, when the historic account first begins to record the fact of G-d speaking to the man He created, a new and different Hebrew name is used. In Genesis 2:15 (and previous verses beginning verse 4) the English words 'L-rd G-d' (in the A. V.) are translated from the Hebrew Yahweh Elohim. The Hebrew Elohim already has been defined as a uniplural. It is the plural of El, or Eloah, meaning G-d, Strength, Might, Deity.

"But Yahweh is a name meaning the Everliving, or the Eternal. There is no one word in the English language that translates it exactly. (That is why it must be transliterated.) G-d always names things or people what they are. Actually Yahweh means the Self-Existent, Everliving, Eternally Living Creating One. Personally, in the English, I prefer the name 'the Eternal' as most nearly translating the Hebrew name into modern idiom." But, we must ask, how can a man superimpose his will over the Almighty, who revealed His Sacred Name?

The author had heard **The World Tomorrow** broadcast on a number of occasions when Mr. Armstrong was preaching in the 1950s and early 1960s. It was customary for Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to delete the name L-rd and insert "The Eternal" when reading the sacred text. Evidently, he had come to believe the Name Yahweh—up to a

point—and then stopped. Now, that obvious conviction apparently has gone by the board. No longer does he seemingly have aversions to using L-rd. Currently, he no longer uses the Eternal, apparently from fear of drawing attention to the substitution or lending passive credence to the Name Yahweh. Remember, however, Hosea 2:16-17, among other passages of Scriptures that prove conclusively that *Baal* means L-rd. Please see the center column references in your Bible. Prove this significant fact to yourself, and you will have the same aversion to using L-rd as does this author—and, undoubtedly, Mr. Armstrong at one time did.

A number of years ago, Dr. Vernard Eller, one of the Church of the Brethren theologians, authored a book that was published by Mad magazine. The book was entitled, **The Ten Commandments**. Without hesitation Dr. Eller recognized the Name Yahweh where the Ten Commandments are concerned.

Now let us notice how some of the modern Bible teachers support the Messiah's Hebrew Name. Usually this not as familiar as Yahweh, but still not entirely unknown.

*"It is interesting that it was along this same route (via Philistia) that Joseph and [Mariam] trod on their way back to the country from the land of Egypt. With them was their*

*young son, Joshua (the Hebrew form of the Greek J-s-s). Thus the prince of peace passed through regions in which Egypt, Assyria, and Israel had fought bitterly. One day these powers would pass through the land in peace."* (**A Guide to Marking and Study in the Student Map Manual**, Dr. James Munsen, copyright 1981).

Here is what Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong has to say in his book, **The Real J-s-s**.

*"Being a 'Nazarene' merely meant he was a citizen of the city of Nazareth. He is called 'J-s-s Chr-st of Nazareth' several times in the Bible. J-s-s was not an uncommon name (only the Greek form of Joshua); no doubt there were any number of individuals bearing the same name; it was quite common to name children after various attributes of G-d, or to include names of G-d (the prefix 'El' and the suffix 'Yah' were very commonly applied) in a person."* (He still has not taken the time to prove to himself from the Bible that El or Elohim is not a sacred Name.)

The reader is now urged very strongly to do his own research. Go to the library and check the research materials. See how the scholars support the form *Yahweh* without reservation. In your studies, you will find them mentioning the Name of the Messiah *Yahshua*. It is interesting to note that to use the true, revealed form of the Name of *Yahweh* has been the policy of the scholarly world for more than a century. Perhaps the work lending great impetus was Rotherham's **Emphasized Bible**, published almost a century ago, which used the Name *Yahweh* rather than *Jehovah*. But, is the Sacred Name merely a tantalizing bit of information that will demonstrate the superior knowledge of these authors? Should it not be obeyed and used? What does the Bible say?

But, let us follow this with other quotes from Bible translators. See how bold and straightforward they stand on the Name of *Yahweh*.

*"The exact pronunciation claims*

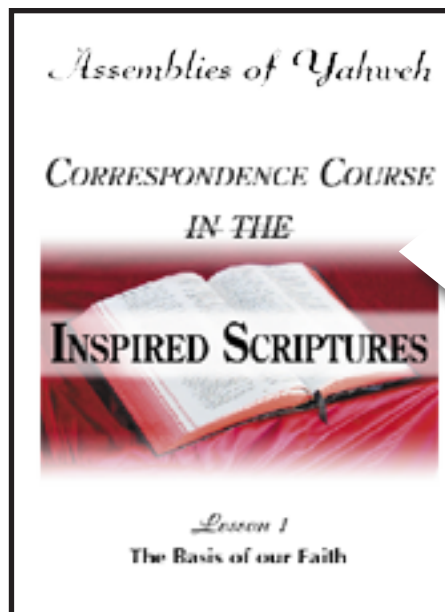
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a word to itself. *‘The true pronunciation seems to have been Yahwe (or Iahway, the initial I,y, as in Iachimo). The final e should be pronounced like the French e, or the English e in there, and the first h sounded as an aspirate.’* (**The Emphasized Old Testament**, Joseph Bryant Rotherham, p. 25).

*‘One crucial instance of the difficulty offered by a Hebrew term lies in the prehistoric name given at the exodus by the Hebrews to their G-d. Strictly speaking, this ought to be rendered ‘Yahweh,’ which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of ‘Jehovah.’ Were this version intended for students of the original, there would be no hesitation whatever in printing ‘Yahweh.’ But almost at the last moment I have decided with some reluctance to follow the practice of the French scholars and of Matthew Arnold (though not exactly for his reasons), who translate this name by ‘the Eternal,’ except in an enigmatic title like ‘the L-rd of hosts.’ There is a distinct loss in this, I fully admit: to drop the racial, archaic term is to miss something of what it meant for the Hebrew nation.’* (**The Bible**, James Moffatt, copyright 1954. p. xx-xxi). (Emphasis ours).

*‘One detail of the translation which requires explanation is the treatment of the divine name. As nearly as we can now tell, the Hebrews called their Deity by the name Yahweh, and in a shorter form, Yah, used in relatively few cases. . .When vowels were added to the text, the consonants of ‘Yahweh’ were given the vowels of ‘L-rd.’ Somewhere in the fourteenth century A.D. Christian scholars, not understanding this usage, took the vowels and consonants exactly as they were written and produced the artificial name ‘Jehovah’ which has persisted ever since. . .In all cases where ‘L-rd’ or ‘G-d’ represents an original ‘Yahweh’ small capitals are employed. Anyone, therefore, who desires to retain the flavor of the original text has but to read ‘Yahweh’ wherever he sees L-rd or G-d.’* (**The Complete Bible**,



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*"While inclining to view the pronunciation 'Yah-weh' as the more correct way, we have retained the form 'JEHOVAH' because of people's familiarity with it since the 14th century. Moreover, it PRESERVES, equally with other forms, the four letters of the tetragrammaon JHVH."* (New World Translation, copyright 1950, p. 25). (Emphasis ours).

Scholars, YOU have KINDLED the SPARKS. Now, WALK in the LIGHT of what your research has proven—or burn to death in the lake of fire for disobedience. Will you not support the Assemblies of Yahweh position where the Sacred Names are concerned? Your own works

confirm the necessity of them. Or, should we read together Matthew chapter 23 and make a modern-day application similar to that which our Leader, the Head of the Body, and our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, did in His time?

But, we urge every reader of this magazine to beware of the fire Almighty Yahweh has prepared to consume the disobedient, Malachi 4:1-3. Or, read this, ***"Now will I arise, says Yahweh; now will I lift up myself; now will I be exalted. You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble: your breath is a fire that shall devour you. And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime, as thorns cut down, that are burned in***

***the fire. Hear, you that are far off, what I have done; and, you that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the lawless ones: Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?"*** (Isaiah 33:10-14).

Ultimately, you must decide if you will obey Yahweh's wishes—or man's. Don't burn up in the fires kindled by the one who comes to judge and punish. Accept the truth that plainly comes from the Word. Light the lamp of the Word with the flame of knowledge and walk in the light of it throughout eternity! <sup>RNB</sup>

### ***"Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth." (John 17:17)***

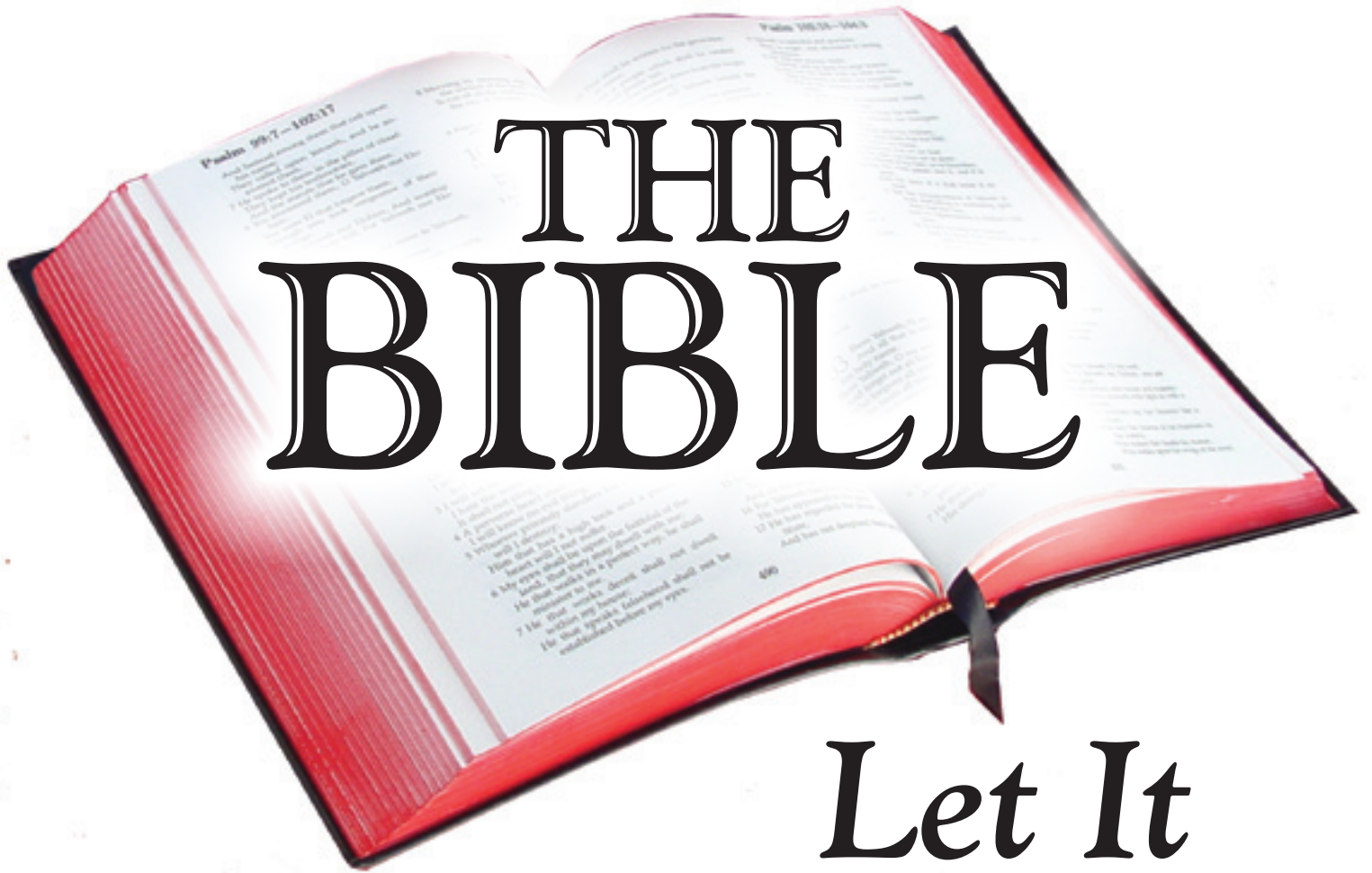
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# THE BIBLE

## *Let It Speak to You!*

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

**W**ithout a doubt, a state of gross confusion exists in the religious world known as Christianity. According to the best recent statistics, there are almost 800 distinct groups—all claiming the Bible as their source book. Nevertheless, each one of these groups claims to be a totally distinct entity. Most of them claim to be the one and only true continuation of the Apostolic Assembly founded in Acts chapter 2. If one who has no basic knowledge of the situation

were to scrutinize this confusion, he would be forced to conclude that the Bible is indeed a book that cannot be understood.

Such is not the case, however. Although the Bible is a volume that concerns itself with a number of subjects, it is no larger than many good, scholarly references in various scientific fields. We are able to comprehend what we find in these volumes, why not the Bible also?

When one examines the method of Bible study commonplace in nominal Christianity, he soon discovers that the average student approaches the

Bible with a preconceived idea of what it should say. He has learned various doctrines and concepts from his childhood. When he reads the Bible, he automatically reads into the Scriptures what he has been taught. Therefore, the individual sees through a glass darkly, as if a veil were darkening his vision. He cannot clearly comprehend the scriptural message. Consequently, the person reading the Bible will be guilty of frequently seeking to support a doctrine with passages he searches out of the Word rather than approaching the Holy Scripture

to learn what it teaches.

We could call such an approach “selective scholarship.” Only those scriptures that seem to support the doctrine that we wish to believe are accepted. Any facts contrary to our personal view are ignored or rejected out of hand. How often have you heard ministers preaching on a controversial doctrinal subject, ignoring clearly worded passages that you know will disprove their theories? How many times have you heard them explain away some plain scripture? This happens quite frequently.

The Prophet Jeremiah described a situation similar to this in chapter 5, verse 31. ***“The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will you do in the end of it?”***

Notice also what we find in chapter 23, verses 23 to 29. ***“Am I an Elohim at hand, says Yahweh, and not an Elohim afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says Yahweh. Do not I fill heaven and earth? says Yahweh. I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? That think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for Baal. The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? says Yahweh. Is not my word like fire? says Yahweh; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”***

It is obvious that these prophecies are directed toward the ministers of the various religions of the world today who will not accept lucid and comprehensible Bible statements regarding doctrine.

It is virtually impossible for anyone to approach the study of the Bible without allowing some amount of subjective influence to encroach upon his understanding. We cannot escape the fact that we are still human. The human mind tends to interpret things subjectively. It wants to read into the Bible thoughts that are not there. Nevertheless, we should strive, as much as possible, to avoid subjective Bible interpretation.

We might remember that elements of human experience are frequently present as we read the Scripture and seek to uncover its true message. We might say that most Christian organizations are guilty of deductive interpretation. This means that as they study the Bible, they begin with an idea and seek to find scriptural support for it somewhere within its pages. Occasionally, doctrines are supported by a very precarious and suspicious interpretation of some obscure text. It has been stated that deduction could be defined as “proof texting” those things which we believe. In other words, passages are searched to support the basic doctrines people have been taught to believe. Deduction can also be described as “selective scholarship,” which is the logic of proving. Each doctrine must be supported in some way by a scripture, and so, the logic of proof is brought into play. Deduction produces those who dictate to the scriptures, rather than those who listen to the scriptures.

Inductive Bible study, on the other hand, is the logic of discovery. We, who continually employ this method, seek to approach the Bible with an open mind and ask questions of the text. We allow the Bible to speak to us as students of the Word, rather than speaking to it. Then, we carefully weigh the facts before arriving at a final conclusion.

Perhaps remnants of the juvenile element in all of us still play a crucial role in our understanding the Bible. Many times in the Scriptures people are characterized as childlike.

Have you ever seen a child anxiously waiting for some indication from you, many times reading something into what you are saying, if he wants to do something? For example, if a child wants to go to a friend’s house and he comes to the parent to ask for permission, he will many times misinterpret something a parent says as agreement, simply because he just wants to visit his friend.

Bible study is similar. We might illustrate this with the obvious transposition of concepts somewhere between the printed page and the mind, where the scriptural Sabbath is concerned. Somewhere between the printed words of the Bible translations and the understanding of most people, the term *Sabbath* no longer holds the meaning of *a day of rest on the seventh day of the week*, but it suddenly becomes a day of pleasure on the first day of the week. How can a phenomenon like this be explained? The Bible is absolutely plain and clear on the subject! If you have never seen a thorough Bible-based examination on this subject of which day is the scriptural Sabbath, then you should write in immediately for our free article, ***“The Fourth Commandment Enigma, Which Day to Keep?”***

Correct Bible interpretation moves from particular facts and evidence to generalizations. It carefully observes particulars, or absolute statements, made in the Bible first, and then, interprets from that point. Usual Christian Bible interpretation moves from generalizations to particulars. It has a goal in mind and subsequently seeks to locate particular texts to support those general Bible doctrines.

The true, sincere Bible student, one who approaches the Bible with an open mind, should ask questions of the text. We should first ask who wrote the passage. We should ask who is speaking and to whom the passage is addressed. We must ask for specific definitions of words so that we can understand them. We must pay close attention to the language and grammar. We must

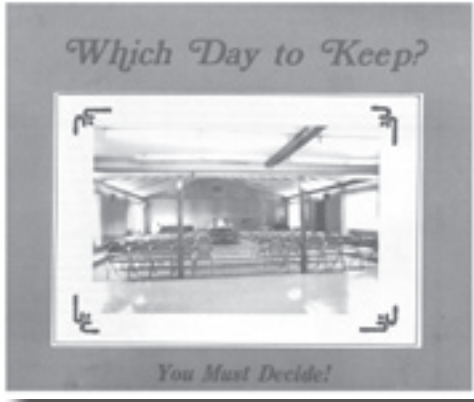
bear in mind the life setting of the passage. We must ask what exactly the author wished to convey or imply. Is an unusual event occurring? Are there unusual terms in the passage under scrutiny? All of these questions must be adequately answered at the outset, accurately and forthrightly, before a proper understanding of the text under consideration can be achieved.

Most Bible readers are at the mercy of a translation. Obviously, translators are human. They may have come from a religious background which would cause them to make subjective comments or translations. An editor of some of the Bible translations may have also had a subjective purpose in mind in making a questionable rendering of the text. The translators worked with the originals, the autographs which were inspired, but they were hardly inspired in their work. Consequently, it is good to compare translations unless you have a good working knowledge of Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek so that you can return quite closely to the original autographs.

Since our goal in this life is to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh and to find salvation for our souls, it is vital that when we approach the Bible We discard past opinions and practices. It is most important that we eliminate from our Bible study the subjective element as much as possible. It is imperative that we approach the Bible as if it were a set of directions given to a child, carefully weighing all facts before making a decision on doctrine. The Bible is a book that will prove its veracity on every occasion if given a fair opportunity to do so. We need not have any doubts about its contents since the Bible has been proved to be true many times. It has been the human element that has been responsible for errors in doctrine.

If we can put into practice the principles listed heretofore, we will have a more rewarding and satisfying study of the inspired Scriptures. We will soon discover that the Bible

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means so much more to us than ever before. We will also learn that some of the doctrines we have believed from our childhood are without factual support in the Scriptures. We will learn that the Bible contains many magnificent promises that are made to the obedient individual.

Let us remember that Yahshua the Messiah said the Scriptures cannot be broken, John 10:35. This means that every statement will harmonize throughout the whole volume. He described Yahweh's Word as the Truth, John 17:17. Paul, writing to his student minister Timothy, describes the Scriptures as being Yahweh-breathed, 2 Timothy 3:16. The Bible certainly reveals a supernatural perfection that cannot be equaled by human ingenuity. It will correct the sincere student if he remains open-minded.

Perhaps the final element that

needs to be introduced for rewarding Bible study is patience. As we study, let us be patient until we have examined every Scripture bearing upon a doctrine or an issue. Let us weigh all passages carefully. Let us read carefully and harmonize the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It does not contradict itself. Every passage complements the other. One doctrine is so interwoven with another that if we are inconsistent in one, it will affect another also. We must remember to take the Bible seriously in all it says so that we will mature into that state of spiritual perfection demanded by Almighty Yahweh for all who would enter the Elohim family. Apply the principles outlined above in your Bible study and discover how much more you will see in the Word. The Bible will speak great things to you, if you do not first tell it what to say. ENB

Probably the greatest stumbling block standing in the way of people coming into a sound knowledge of Bible truth is their past religious background. Accumulating knowledge is like building a stone wall. A foundation is initially laid in the formative years. When the individual is a child, he is taught the elementary principles, or basic rules, of living. Most children are taught something about the Bible in their early years. This knowledge, whatever it is or limited though it may be, is retained throughout our lifetime.

We frequently come across people

that he must make a decision. As he reads the Bible, many of the things that are contained therein will be totally converse to what he has been taught in the past and what he has believed to be the truth of the Bible. Unless some drastic action is taken to unblock the mind so access of Bible truths can enter, he will be unable to see clearly the teachings in the Word. This is the reason why there are so many religious denominations in the world today. Each one seems unable to accept plain Bible truths because of the things they have been taught in the past, and these traditional

open mind guided by the Holy Spirit. They begin reading the inspired Scriptures as though the Bible was a clearly written instruction book. They are able to understand what our Heavenly Father instructs them to do if they wish to receive salvation. They are able to understand the Word correctly, because their vision is not distorted by pagan and erroneous doctrines that have crept into nominal Christianity. These sincere people are able to cleanse their minds of all that is not clearly proven from the inspired Scriptures. Consequently, a much different doctrine emerges than what is customarily taught in nominal Christianity.

Throughout the book of Proverbs, we are very strongly urged to seek knowledge, wisdom, and under-

# *Unlearning* **ERROR** *to Learn*

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who admit that they do not know much about the Bible, and that they would like to learn more about it. There are people we meet who are quite opinionated about what they believe the Bible teaches. Nevertheless, when such individuals are closely questioned about where their ideas can be found in the Bible, they become vague, evasive, and unclear. Or they may declare their ignorance by finally admitting that they don't know where such a scripture is located but firmly insisting that it is definitely in the Bible.

Proverbially, it has been stated that people know a little something about the Bible, but few people really know their Bibles. Undoubtedly, this is true to a much greater extent today when there are so many things that interfere with regular Bible study.

When someone becomes interested in the Bible, he quickly finds

teachings are the insurmountable obstacle that prohibits them from coming into a deeper knowledge of the sound doctrine inspired in Yahweh's Word.

What is required, therefore, before an individual can truly comprehend the complete message of the Bible? What makes some people able to see, unimpaired, the BIG PICTURE of the inspired Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, and the sound doctrine that is contained therein, while others are unable to assimilate this truth? Essentially, the answer is that some have seen the necessity of tearing down to the very bottom their accumulated corpus of biblical knowledge. They have truly been able to dismantle the structure that the world has built for them and to uproot any false foundation that was laid for them in their childhood. Then they approach the Bible with a clear and

standing. This quest for truth is an ongoing process as we search and research the Bible in its original documents as closely as we can return to them.

The Apostle Peter, in his second epistle, urges the same practice. He says in 2 Peter 1:5-10: ***“Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in knowledge self-control; and in self-control, patience; and in patience holiness; and in your holiness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near; having forgotten the cleansing from his***

*old sins. Therefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never stumble.*"

Have you noticed how frequently the word KNOWLEDGE appears in the first chapter of 2 Peter? You will find it occurs five times in this passage of Scripture. It is so frequently repeated, because it is important.

Now let us turn to Hosea, chapter 4, verse 6. It becomes very apparent when we scrutinize this verse that knowledge is of VITAL importance to our salvation. *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your Elohim, I also will forget*

Word tell their people WHAT they must believe. "Accept the Messiah as your Savior," insist the ministers of nominal ch-rchianity, but they never tell the people to whom they speak WHAT THE MESSIAH ACTUALLY TAUGHT. When someone accepts the Messiah, he must also accept His message. The message Yahshua the Messiah taught was that people should repent and turn away from sin, which is Satan's way, and that they should turn toward Yahweh by keeping His commandments. Please see Matthew 5:17-20. Our faith must be that of both head (knowledge) and heart (a deep internal abiding commitment).

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our everyday lives. It has become obvious on so many occasions that the traditional teachings in nominal Ch-rstianity are not in harmony with what the Bible instructs. Therefore, we must reject those doctrines as being unscriptural, while holding fast to the Word of Yahweh as the exclusive source of Truth. Erroneous ideas will not save us. Yahweh's Word must be our final authority.

It was actually our forefathers who went into sin and accepted these false doctrines from pagan worship. They did not accept the directive of Proverbs 30:6, *"Add you not to his words, lest he re-proves you, and you be found a liar."* Almighty Yahweh cautioned Israel to avoid contaminating True Worship with the doctrines of the nations, Deuteronomy 7:2. Today

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# TRUTH

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

*your children."* Read it again so that the message will penetrate into your mind. Those who intimate that knowledge is unimportant relative to our personal salvation are just not in harmony with the inspired Scriptures and what is taught in the Word of Yahweh! The people who have rejected knowledge in favor of tradition will be destroyed in Yahweh's end-time judgment, because they have not placed enough emphasis upon the more important things in life.

In our time, it is obvious that worldly religion does not insist upon knowledge. The sermons that are preached play upon the emotions. "Only believe," declare the ministers, but rarely do any of those who have been commissioned to teach the

Sound doctrine is our aim. A harmony of the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation is the foundation upon which we stand. At times, undoubtedly, you will read things in **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** which might appear to be strange to you. But don't reject them out of hand without studying into the matter very carefully and asking why we teach a particular concept.

The Assemblies of Yahweh does indeed teach doctrines that are not taught in nominal Ch-rstianity. We have taken to heart the admonition of the Apostle Paul when he said in 1 Thessalonians 5:21, *"prove all things; hold fast that which is good...."* We have been seeking to the best of our ability to learn the Word and to let its application direct

the people of Yahweh are being called upon to fulfill Jeremiah 6:16, *"In this manner says Yahweh, Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls: but they said, We will not walk in it."* We reject the religion of the nations and peoples around us, because we wish to have a child-like faith in the Almighty. The way to Him is humility, submissiveness, and dedication—not arrogance and obstinacy. The reward for sound doctrine is great—everlasting life in the Kingdom of Yahweh. We must prepare ourselves to enter the Millennial age by knowing (knowledge!) what it will be like.



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**RADIO MESSAGE**

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

# The Name of the True Believers

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At this crisis moment in the history of mankind, it sometimes appears frightening to anticipate living into tomorrow. While so many of this world's philosophical prognosticators find nothing but well-being ahead as they look into the years of the near future, we, who look at life through its stark realities, deal in unvarnished, cold facts. Surely nothing very encouraging can be anticipated to occur within the next few years which might, in some way, alter the course of history for the better. Could this outlook be termed pessimistic or realistic? There is, however, one good result which these troubled times are accomplishing, that is, causing sincere individuals to reevaluate their religious faith, because these people have discovered that the inspired Scriptures indeed hold the only solution to this world's perplexing dilemma.

As I have stated on previous radio broadcasts, perhaps the most predominant question which appears in

correspondence from new inquirers expresses their concern that they should be found within the Body of the Messiah who will meet the Savior in the air when He returns. Consequently, during the past several weeks I have been setting forth Biblical answers to this timely subject. You may be surprised at some of the things you will learn when you look at the plain, unvarnished facts proclaimed in the inspired Scriptures. These instructions (if heeded) will lead you toward the Body of True Worshipers—providing you allow yourself to be led in this direction.

Did you know that the true Body of the Messiah can be identified by the name which they call themselves? Perhaps the meaning of some of these Scriptures has been lost to the founders of various well-known religious denominations, or perhaps these people read right over plain statements in the Word which should have caused them to change their course concerning the name which they have given to their organization. Perhaps one of the most painfully obvious characteristics of so many of the more well-known

religious denominations is that they are unmovable from their statement of beliefs, even though the Bible may prove them wrong from numerous Scriptures. Have you ever noticed this kind of intransigence in your church? In the church in which I was born and raised, this refusal to change so that we would conform to the scriptural instructions became most obvious as I found plain statements in my Bible that could not in any way be explained away, but were, nevertheless, explained away by the traditional teachings in their stated beliefs. Let us squarely face the facts. A denominational statement of belief is only a document which can in fact be amended, or scrapped completely, if need be, in order that we may stand firmly aligned with the teachings of the sacred Scriptures rather than diametrically opposite to its teaching.

Relative to this idea, I am not in any way advocating that we should be blown about and tossed around by every wind of doctrine, as the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4:14. I am advocating a stand consisting of honesty and humility

where the Bible is concerned so that when we are shown how the Bible directs us to do a certain thing, we do not have to go against a statement of doctrine, but, rather, have such a statement that is squarely in harmony with the sacred Scriptures.

The true Body of the Messiah can certainly be identified by the name it calls itself. In 12 different scriptural New Testament passages, we find that the name of the True Worshipers would be the “Ch-rch of G-d,” if we remain with the **King James** translation. Perhaps you have therefore wondered just why it is that we call ourselves the “Assemblies of Yahweh.” I know many people are unfamiliar with this Name by which we call upon the Almighty, and, yet, you may have occasionally (perhaps even frequently), spoken the abbreviated form of the Sacred Name when you said the word *HalleluYah*, which means *praise ye Yah* in Hebrew.

First of all, you may not be aware of this fact if you have never studied the Bible more than superficially. Many things that should not be there have entered into modern religion from pagan worship. For instance, the term *Bible* is not found in the Word of Yahweh, the Old Testament Scriptures, but is derived from the Greek texts, possibly referring to the island of Byblos. The religion of this island was reputed to be the revelation of the Almighty, hence the connection with the inspired Scriptures in book form which is the revelation of Almighty Yahweh, as found in the Greek texts. Such common religious terms as *hymn* and *hymnal* (among others) are derived from pagan worship. They come from the term *polyhymnia*, one of the Greek muses. Of course, the term *music* came from the same root.

The word *ch-rch* is no exception. If you have access to a **Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary**, why not look up this word? You will find that it is derived from the Greek word *circe* (or *cirice*). In Greek mythology, Circe (kirke) was a pagan mighty one who lived in the midst of a forest

in a house of fine hewn stone. She fed those who came to her a potion which turned them into animals. In the **Odyssey** by Homer, this pagan mighty one changed the men who accompanied Ulysses (Odysseus) into swine. Ultimately the term *ch-rch* traces to the Greek word *kyriake* (oikia)—*l-rd’s house*. It should be our intention to completely eradicate all these pagan influences from our Faith and vocabulary, so that we may stand as pure virgins before the reigning Messiah.

In the Hebrew Bible, the term applied to the assembly of the people of Yahweh is *kahal*. It is often translated *congregation* or *assembly*. From this term comes our English word *call*. It means *to call out* a congregation or assembly for worship. The Greek word *ecclesia* means almost exactly the same, and this word has been translated *ch-rch*. By using a word like *kahal*, the Holy Spirit signified that the people of the Yahweh would be *called out* from something. In the Old Testament, Israel was called out of Egypt, which we find symbolized as a type of sin. See Hebrews 11:25. In the New Testament, it is a “calling out” of the Babylonish religions and their pagan influence, as we read in Revelation 18:4. From this evidence, we may find that the people of the Most High, who have come out of sin and paganism as a congregation or assembly of believers, should be called by the Name of our Father in heaven. Turn to Ephesians 3:14-15. **“For this cause I bow my knees to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named....”**

Since we are to worship only one Almighty, we must know His true, personal Name, and we must be known by this Name. Again, you may be in for a surprise to learn that the Almighty called Himself by an exclusive Name, and it was not G-d. I can show you ample proof that the word *G-d* is not at all sacred to True Worship, but was once used as the name of a pagan idol. This is not imagination on my part! You

may prove this to yourself from a good concordance or **Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary**. Also, you may prove this fact to yourself from the **Encyclopedia Britannica**, Eleventh Edition. If your Bible has a center-column reference apparatus, you might check Isaiah 65:11, and you will find there the word *Gad*, which was pronounced “gawd” in Hebrew. (Have you read all of our available free literature, on the subject of the sacred Name? If not, why not write today to Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507, and request it?)

Upon learning that the Name of the Almighty was not G-d, you will be able to find His true Name in your own encyclopedia or in almost any religious study material. The revealed, personal Name of our heavenly Father which He inspired the prophets to place in His Word is Yahweh. The abbreviated form of this Name is used in the names of the prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and in the word “HalleluYah.” This Sacred Name appears in the Hebrew text 6,823 times and has almost always been translated *the L-rd*, which, in fact, is not a name, but an inferior title at best. Occasionally, it appears in an erroneous attempted transliteration as Jehovah. Our heavenly Father has forthrightly proclaimed His true Name in such Scriptures as Isaiah 42:8, that reads, **“I am Yahweh, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to carved images.”** Hosea 12:5 reads, **“...even Yahweh, the Elohim of hosts; Yahweh is his memorial name.”** You may also check Psalm 68:4 in your own **King James Version**, where you will find the abbreviated form of the heavenly Father’s Name transliterated as *Jah* (it should be *Yah*). In Psalm 83:18, we find one of the four places wherein the **King James** translators used what they once believed was the correct transliteration of the Sacred Name, which is common to most Bible students as Jehovah, but which we find to

## ***The Name of the heavenly Father Yahweh is His assurance to His children that you may receive salvation if you obey Him.***

be an erroneous hybrid term. This most explicit passage reads, ***“And they shall know that your name is Yahweh alone, Most High over all the earth.”***

If you have ever read much of the Bible, you will surely have taken note that the Almighty values His Name very highly and apparently sets its importance above all of His attributes. This Name is to be the seal of the 144,000 as we read in Revelation 14:1. ***“And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty-four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.”***

The Name of the heavenly Father Yahweh is His assurance to His children that you may receive salvation if you obey Him. Since you should be striving to be in this select family of spiritual beings, you will, of necessity, have to bear the Name of Yahweh, because of what we read in Ephesians 3:14-15. Please note this verse as we repeat it. ***“For this cause I bow my knees to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”*** It is almost impossible to read more than one chapter which does not refer to the Name of our heavenly Father or our Savior. In fact, the Apostle Peter becomes so dogmatic in Acts 4:12 that he states, ***“And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, in which we must be saved.”*** Some people assume that the Almighty is pleased with our worship if we merely seek to purify our lives, but again, this is erroneous, because we read that Yahweh is pleased only with worship which comes through obedience to

Him and His commandments. Obedience to Yahweh’s commandments and the sprinkling of the blood of the Messiah upon our hearts to cleanse us from sin will purify us in His sight.

Did you know that the First Commandment concentrates upon the Sacred Name? Exodus 20:2-3 reads, ***“I am Yahweh your Elohim, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other elohim before me.”*** Also we read in Jeremiah 7:21-28, ***“In this manner says Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel: Add your burnt-offerings to your sacrifices, and eat flesh. For I spoke not to your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt-offerings or sacrifices: but this thing I commanded them, saying, Listen to my voice, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall be my people; and walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. But they listened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: yet they listened not to me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers. And you shall speak all these words to them; but they will not listen to you: you shall also call to them; but they will not answer you. And you shall say to them, This is the nation that has not***

***listened to the voice of Yahweh their Elohim, nor received instruction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.”*** Today it can be absolutely proven that the Almighty called Himself by the Name of Yahweh in the sacred Scriptures, and that the Messiah was called Yahshua. Consequently, if we are aware of these facts, we have no other recourse than to obey our heavenly Father and in our worship use the exclusive Name which He has commanded us to call upon Him.

Here again the stark realities of the last days of this age rush upon us, as we see from Revelation 3:8 that it is only the people who have not denied the Name of our Savior who will be in the Philadelphia era of His body. Merely knowing the Messiah’s true Name is not good enough. We must use it and proclaim it! If we use another name, we are in effect denying His Name since we are not proclaiming scriptural truth. USING A SUBSTITUTE NAME WILL NOT ALLOW US TO ACQUIRE SALVATION. It would appear that the lukewarm Laodicean Assembly had closed their minds to the importance of the Messiah’s Name, since the Savior admonishes this assembly to obtain eye salve with which to anoint their eyes so that they may see. This eye salve evidently refers to the verse of Scripture in Song of Solomon 1:3 which reads, ***“Your oils [Hebrew: shemen—oil] have a good fragrance; Your name is as oil poured forth; therefore do the virgins love you.”*** The word *ointment* that appears in the **King James** translation should have been translated *oil*. Could it be that modern religious denominations are not meeting the standards set forth by our heavenly Father because they do not acknowledge the importance of His Name, and, consequently, they have become blind to the truth of the Scriptures? That is the obvious interpretation of the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13).

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## RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

# Laws of Farming and Homemaking

*“And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet have you not returned to me, says Yahweh. And I also have withheld the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city; one piece was rained upon, and the piece upon which it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered to one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have you not returned to me, says Yahweh. I have struck you with blasting and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees has the palmer worm devoured: yet have you not returned to me, says Yahweh. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I killed with the sword, and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camp to come up even into your nostrils: yet have you not returned to me, says Yahweh. I have overthrown cities among*

*you, as when Elohim overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet have you not returned to me, says Yahweh. Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel: and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your Elohim, O Israel. For, lo, he that forms the mountains, and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought; that makes the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth; Yahweh, the Elohim of hosts, is his name.” (Amos 4:6-13).*

In this passage of Scripture, we find that the author who calls Himself Yahweh of Armies, or Hosts, informs His people that they will be punished for transgressing against Him, for breaking His Laws. We find Him saying that before He brings to pass this great judgment upon His people, He will first pour out natural catastrophes in certain places upon the land while sparing the very next town, not because they were more righteous, but to call them to return to their Mighty One, Yahweh of Hosts.

A study of the biblical laws or rules and regulations would not

be complete without a message on the Scriptural laws on farming and homemaking. Many people will say that they are not concerned with how the land is tilled, but I will say here that all of us have to eat, and all of us should be concerned with the way our food is raised and prepared.

From various passages of Scripture, it is obvious that there will be very little industrialization in the coming Kingdom of the Heavens, but most of the vocations will be related to production of food; therefore, it is advisable to research the Scriptural laws and compare them with the methods of raising food and produce today to see if perhaps we might not be transgressing some of the concepts of these laws and consequently paying the penalty.

Yahweh the Almighty gave us these laws, or rules and regulations, to ensure that we would have happy, fruitful lives. We have shown this in previous lessons in His Word. He did not give His people these laws to be a yoke of bondage, but He gave His people laws to give them joyful living. However, when mortal man looks at the creation of Yahweh, man thinks that he can improve upon

it. Usually, this takes the form of improving where he thinks he can make a larger monetary profit and get a little more production, while forgetting that there is such a thing as quality to be sought after. So let's look with some common sense at some of these laws, rules, and regulations to be followed in our daily lives and see how they are designed to bring us more happiness if we obey them. They were given for our good, Deuteronomy 6:24.

Let's take for example the Commandments in Leviticus 19:9-10. ***“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleaning of your harvest. And you shall not glean your vineyard, neither shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am Yahweh your Elohim.”***

Let us make several practical applications here. First, today we see the rise of public welfare programs such as the world has never seen before in its history. Even ancient Rome did not hand out so much free sustenance to so many. And, yet, it would seem we just cannot do enough for people. Proposal after new proposal rolls from the desks of government planners and social workers.

But here Yahweh tells His people how to avoid any poverty in the country. He tells the landowners to leave the corners of the fields

unharvested and the last fruit on the vines and trees for the poor and the stranger. Many times it has been said that to give someone something makes a beggar of him, but to let him work for it lets him retain his self-respect. Almighty Yahweh is the originator of this concept of helping the poor while letting him earn his own livelihood.

The old concept of 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 should be returned to the moral fiber of America today. Let us read this passage together. ***“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat. For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Master Yahshua the Messiah, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.”***

The next application we would like to make is that in modern America today there remain very few of the old fence-rows that were so common in years gone by. These fence-rows gave shelter to the little creatures, animals and birds, which kept the less desirable creatures in check. By not gleaning the corners, they had food for the winter. Today, little creatures such as the bobwhite quail are almost gone, with the resultant necessity for having to do an excessive amount of spraying to keep the undesirable insects in check. We note today that traces of American pesticides have been found as far away as the South Pole. In addition,

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proven to cause cancer in humans, all because we have disobeyed the law of Yahweh.

Next, let us go to Leviticus 19:19. ***“You shall keep my statutes. You shall not let your cattle mate with a different kind: you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed: neither shall there come upon you a garment of two kinds of stuff mingled together.”*** Let's look thoughtfully at these rules and regulations and see if they might not have merit today in the world in which we live, to bring us fruitful and joyful living. Let us once more draw several practical applications for our everyday living.

First, ***“You shall not let your cattle mate with a different kind.”*** Today, we find a growing absurd supposition among agricultural scientists that hybrids outproduce, or produce better commodities, than the previous open-pollinated strains. Perhaps in bulk they are more productive, but in quality or usable food nutrients for human consumption they are often lacking the quality of the previously established varieties. Take, for instance, the crossing of cattle, such as a beef breed with a dairy breed. The resultant cross is never conclusively a better product than the parents have been. Often, this crossing can result in a very weak progeny.

Next, let us look at the sowing of our fields with mingled seed. Sowing a field with mingled seed means to plant next to each other varieties that will cross pollinate. Why should this be a transgression today? Any person who has ever done any farming knows that by doing this we are mixing species. Man seems unable to comprehend that when Yahweh created the world and all the things in it, He, Almighty Yahweh, declared that all of it was good. But man came along and thought he saw where perhaps by crossing seeds he could get more production, so he tried some new crosses, never realizing that these varieties have major intrinsic faults that will perhaps only come to the



surface after several generations of production. By crossing and inbreeding, we are weakening the strain. Man never seems to realize that by meddling into Yahweh's prerogative, he is proving that he believes there is no mighty one and he is usurping Yahweh's authority by trying to create.

But let's go to the homemaking side. Why shouldn't we mix fibers such as linen and wool in fabrics? All good homemakers know that wool and linen take different temperatures of washing water. They require different temperatures when they are ironed or wool will shrink. It would certainly look funny, and also be very uncomfortable to the wearer, if we, today, in the manufacture of our clothes would not follow this age-old law. Wool is a winter fabric. Linen is cool and is for summer. Almighty Yahweh has given us good laws.

In Leviticus the 25th chapter, we have a series of laws that instructs us to divide time into periods of seven years. We are told to till our land for only six years and then to let it rest for one year. The people are to rest the land during this year and not work it. The animals, such as our work stock, are to be given a vacation. But today, this commandment is rarely obeyed. Yahweh tells His people in Leviticus 26 that if these laws are not obeyed He would drive them from the land. Let us read verses 34-35. ***"Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as***

***long as it lies desolate, and you are in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy its sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, even the rest which it had not in your sabbaths, when you dwelt on it.*** It seems that modern man has departed so far from the concepts of Yahweh's rules and regulations that he cannot see that all his life is coming from the soil. What will a person give for a crust of bread when he is starving? I'm sure that all the money in the world would not be held back by a man that was dying of thirst if he could purchase a cup of cool water. Yahweh tells His people that if the land is to produce good crops, crops that will completely nourish their body instead of destroying them, it must also have rest sometimes. But people say, "We can't do that today. We would drop too far behind with our payments and our properties would be sold for tax delinquency." And they are right because the economies of the world's governments are designed in such a way that makes a regular weekly or monthly income imperative.

At other places in the Scriptures, we find laws governing the lending of money and the taking of interest, laws that govern married life from the moment of our wedding vows onward. If we study them with logical reasoning, we must come to the inescapable conclusion that if all people would follow them today, life would be a lot less complicated,

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and much more rewarding.

We must study the Word of Yahweh right now in this life to find out His Will so that we may be ready to enter His beautiful Kingdom in the age to come. Let the True Believer say, as did Yahshua the Messiah when Satan held out to Him the inviting riches of this present world in Matthew 4:10, ***"... You shall worship Yahweh your Elohim, and him only shall you serve."***

This parting thought is found in Leviticus 25:17. ***"And you shall not wrong one another; but you shall fear your Elohim: for I am Yahweh your Elohim."*** What a wonderful world it would be if this commandment of Yahweh would be obeyed everywhere today. ENB

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## The Name of the True Believers

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Are you one of those True Worshipers who desire to be called by the Name of the Almighty Being who is so powerful that He could create this earth and place life on it? I am happy to bear the Name of this majestic Mighty One and to be known as a member of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH. How about you?

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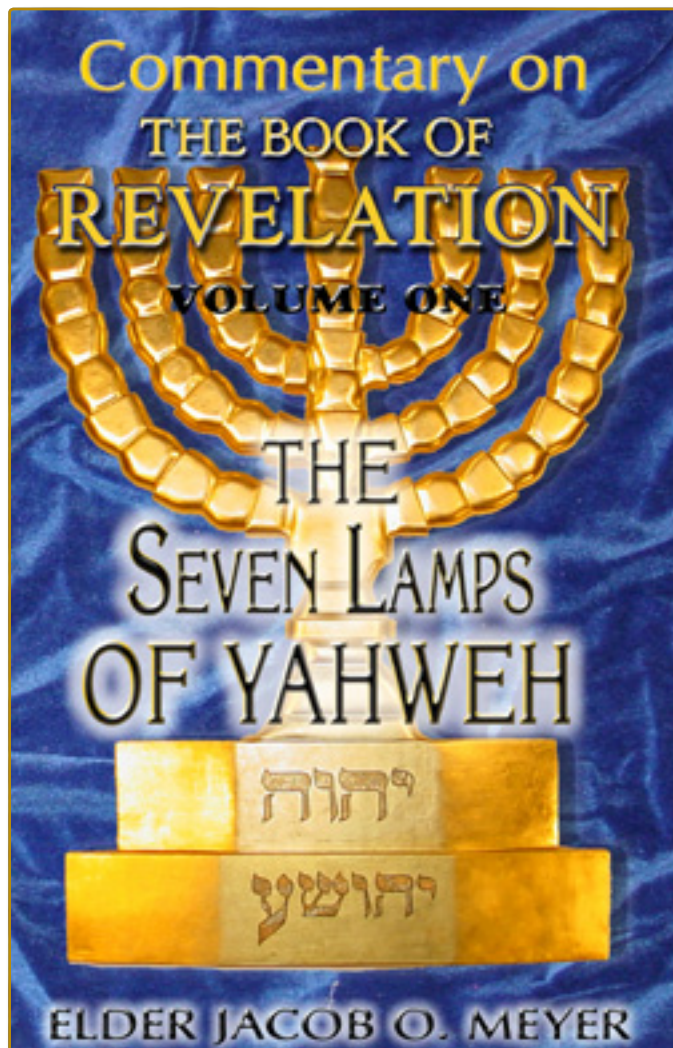
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