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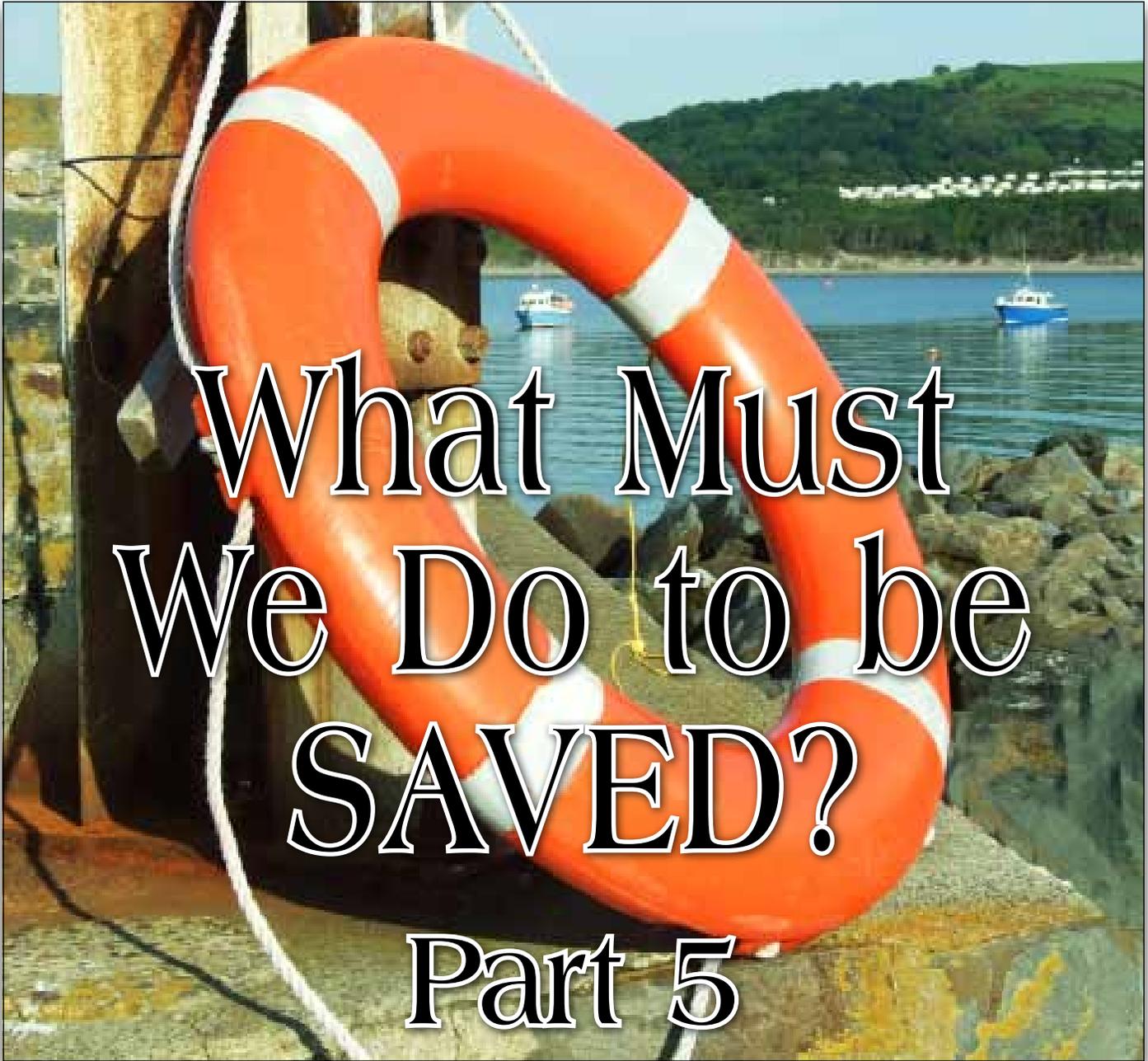


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This month's cover depicts the beautiful, lush countryside of northern Israel. The hill in the background is the tel of the ancient city of Megiddo.

Such a bucolic scene belies the fact that a major battle is prophesied for this region just before the return of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. "When they are saying Peace and safety, then suddenly destruction comes upon them." (1 Thessalonians 5:3a).

Will you watch soberly with all who eagerly anticipate the Second Coming of the Son of Yahweh? Salvation is offered to all who have this hope fixed upon them. Make your commitment to Yahweh today!



# What Must We Do to be SAVED? Part 5

To introduce this month's segment, we shall turn first to Psalm 51, where we shall read a prayer of repentance written by David, after Nathan the prophet had confronted the king who had committed adultery with Bathsheba. Psalm 51 reads like a public confessional document.

*"Have mercy upon me, O Elohim, according to your lovingkindness: According to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash*

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*me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin For I know my transgressions: And my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, And done that which is evil in your sight; That you may be justified when you speak, And be clear when you judge. Behold, I was*

*brought forth in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts; And in the hidden part you will make me to know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, That the bones which you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in*

*me a clean heart, O Elohim; And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence; And take not your holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation; And uphold me with a willing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors your ways; And sinners shall be converted to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O Elohim, Elohim of my salvation; And my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness. Yahweh, open my lips; And my mouth shall show forth your praise. For you delight not in sacrifice; else I would give it: You have no pleasure in burnt-offering. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit: A broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, you will not despise. Do good in your good pleasure to Zion: Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then will you delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, In burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering: Then will they offer bullocks upon your altar.”*

In our continuing study of the requirements Almighty Yahweh has established so that His people may receive salvation, we have been considering the doctrine of **baptism**. We have learned that the term *baptism* cannot have any other meaning than *immersion*. Baptism cannot mean sprinkling, or pouring, or wetting with a fire hose (as some evangelists have done a number of years ago). The act of baptism represents our need for a ceremonial cleansing following our sincere repentance from sin, which is the transgression of Yahweh's Torah Law Covenant.

Such a picture emerged in the last installment from the pages of the Bible through our reading of Isaiah 1. Again, it is portrayed here in Psalm 51 by David, which is his prayer of sincere repentance after his sinful act of adultery with Bathsheba. Nathan had brought this sin to his attention and condemned this vile act of David's.

Notice verse 6. *“Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts.”* What is the truth to which he is pointing us here? It must be that which is defined in John 17:17 and other verses in the sacred text. For example, Psalm 119:142, 151, and

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160. *“Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth.”* David was no longer a spiritually sanctified individual at this time. He had committed an act that separated him from Almighty Yahweh (Isaiah 59:2). Consequently, David recognized that Yahweh desires His Covenant Law to be situated in the inward parts. The inward parts are those parts which no one can see or know but the individual himself—the heart and the mind.

*“And in the hidden part you will make me to know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”* This passage describes a spiritual cleansing, which is by immersion, or the washing of baptism. David was filled with sorrow and regret because of the act of sin (transgression of Yahweh's Law—the violation of the sixth commandment in the Decalogue) that he had committed.

What had happened to David's heart? It had become filled with sin. Sin crowds out Yahweh's Spirit from our lives, from our hearts. The Holy Spirit will not dwell where sin can be found. David's evil, sinful act had demanded even more sin to cover the first transgression. David knew there was a great burden upon his heart.

## ***An Outward Sign of Cleansing***

Baptism, or immersion, is an outward sign of an inward cleansing. Although something similar may have been practiced by many peoples and religions, ultimately the practice came directly from Yahweh and from the sacred Scriptures. Humankind would not instinctively have known what Yahweh desires.

In Genesis 35:1-5, we find explained the steps to salvation outlined by Jacob the Patriarch for his family to follow. These basic requirements have never changed over the centuries. We can learn from them today. *“And Elohim said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto El, who appeared unto you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the foreign elohim that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments: and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto El, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the foreign elohim which were in their hand, and all the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. And they journeyed: and a terror of Elohim was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.”*

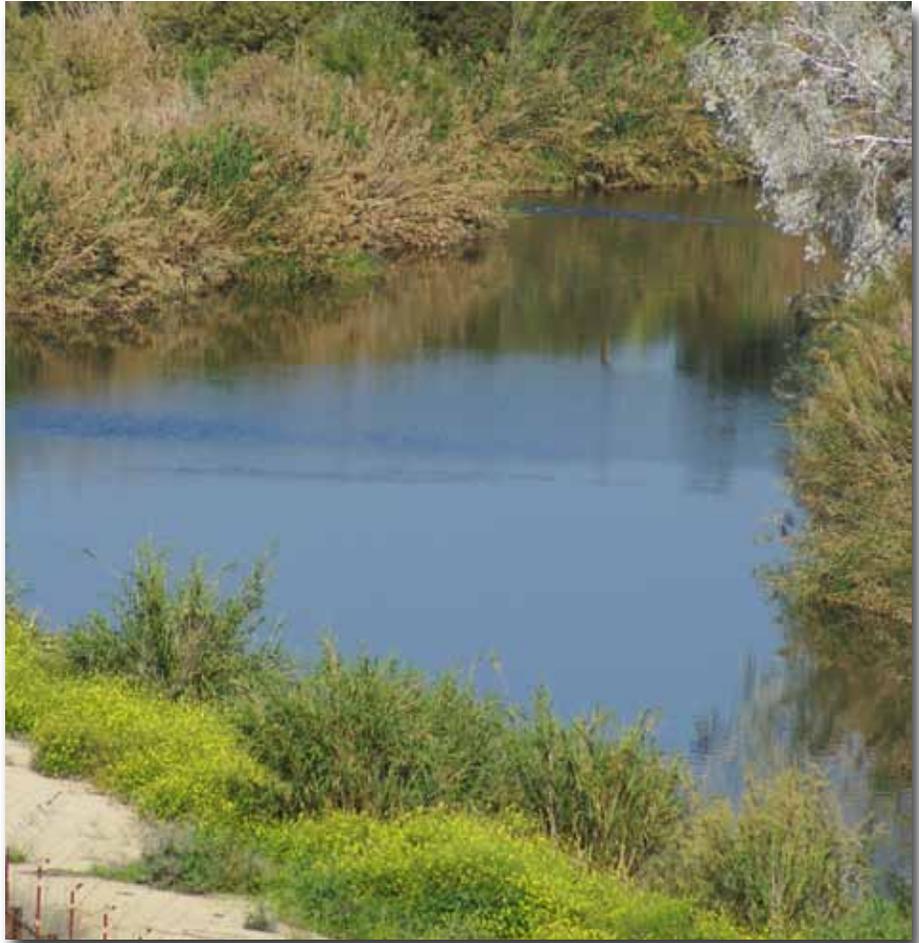
Jacob was instructed by Yahweh to dwell in Bethel (the name means *the house of Elohim*) and make there an altar, which is significant. An altar represents the place where people offer worship to the Almighty. It symbolizes the act of mediation between the Almighty and humankind. I have many times, in the past, explained that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were the bishops

of the one true Assembly on earth in the Genesis era in which they lived. **THERE WAS NO OTHER TRUE ASSEMBLY AT THAT TIME.** There were different and opposing assemblies, however, such as the Canaanite worship of Baal and undoubtedly others, but the only true Assembly of the True and Living Mighty One Yahweh on earth at that time was ***constituted in the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*** The household of Jacob then would mean ***the Assembly*** that was following him. The implication of Yahweh's commandment was simply this: "Have you really put away all of the idolatry of your past? Make certain that you do!"

The purification act Yahweh outlined for the family represents something similar in nature to baptism, as we will show from later instructions. Garments that were stained with sin had to be changed. Garments denote something that you wear day after day. It represents a habitual practice, and therefore, it is meant to symbolize the life we live, or how we appear.

Some of Jacob's family and followers had not demonstrated very much conversion up to that point. But, you can almost hear Jacob in a dynamic sermon telling them, "Elohim has appeared to me. He has told me that this assembly must go to Beth-el. We must take residence in the house of Elohim. We must build a worship to El. Now, in order to fulfill the wishes of the Almighty, everyone must put away the foreign elohim."

Even one of Jacob's wives, Rachel, had stolen one of her father's idols and kept it. You can surely conclude that those who had been worshiping idols in foreign territory possessed idols, and they wore rings in their ears. These articles had a special significance, certainly, just as today we see practiced, people wearing crosses, or other items connoting religion, hanging on chains around their necks, or hanging as earrings. Crosses were even in use at that



*Above: the Jordan River.*

time in history and represented the asherah which was associated with Baal worship.

Now look at the passage again. Jacob was saying to them: "Put away the foreign elohim! Come out of false worship! Purify yourselves! Be baptized and take up a new way of life, a spiritual attitude, as a habitual everyday aspect of life. Then let us arise and go the house of Elohim, and let us construct there a worship dedicated to the True and Living Elohim, Yahweh."

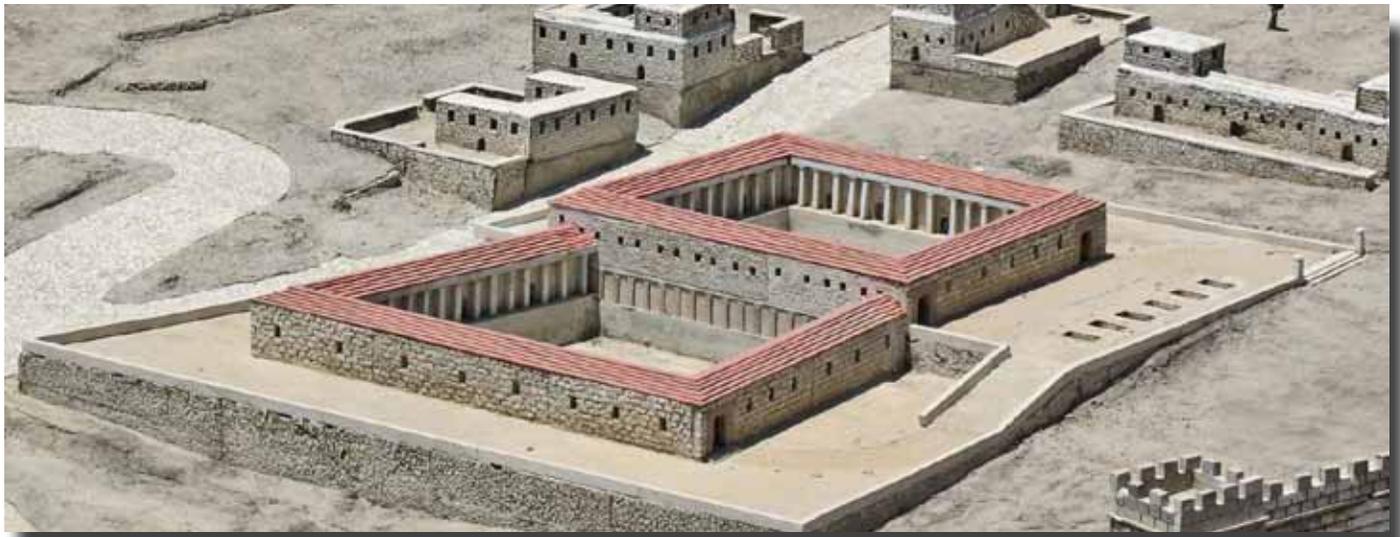
### ***Immersion in Judaism***

Immersion, a ritual cleansing, is a central feature demonstrating a changed life. Someone who is sorry for previously sinning, for previously worshiping foreign elohim, feels dirty. He feels that he needs a cleansing to insure a new beginning,

and consequently, the concept of immersion here emerges very clearly.

Immersion always had a central place in the religion of Judaism. An entire section in the Mishnah is devoted to ***mikvah*** (the ritual immersion bath), and it sets forth all the traditional rules and regulations. The tractate begins by saying that any outside body of water can serve as a mikvah, if it contains the volume of more than 200 measures (which is something like a bushel) of water. Today, however, people in Judaism are directed to use a constructed mikvah. Some of the leadership insists that one cannot go out into the open to a large body of water such as the Jordan River, or a lake or a stream, anymore and use this water for cleansing.

What is the truth, however? The mikvah, the cleansing water, is also found described in such places in

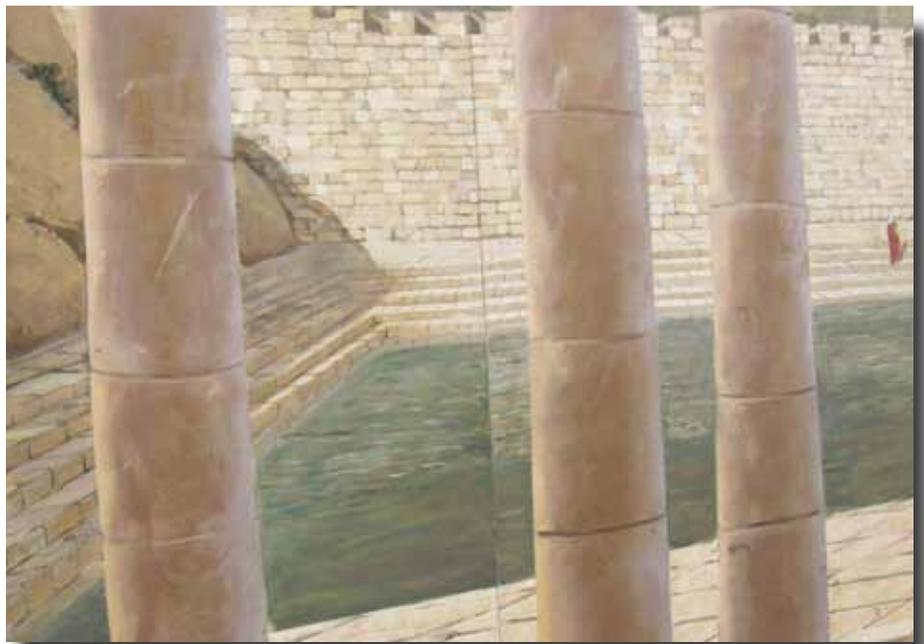


**Above:** Model of the pool of Bethesda located at the Israel Museum. This is what it would have looked like during the Second Temple period.



**Top:** Inscription describing how the workmen dug Hezekiah's tunnel.

**Bottom:** Hezekiah's tunnel.



**Above:** An artist's depiction of the Pool of Siloam, as it might have appeared during Yahshua's time.

the New Testament. Both John the Baptist and Yahshua stand very squarely behind ritual cleansing in a large body of water. Let us examine a passage on the subject that relates to Yahshua Messiah as we read a passage of Scripture that portrays that concept.

**“Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool,”** (John 5:2). The sheep gate in Jerusalem today is known as St. Stephen's Gate, but it is also sometimes still called the

Sheep Gate (or the Sheep Market Gate). Nearby this gate was the site of Bethesda, and here the Temple servants would wash the sacrificial animals. It was a pool having five porches. **“In these lay a multitude of them that were sick, blind, lame, withered, waiting for the moving of the water: for an angel went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water: whoever then first after the troubling of the water**

**stepped in was made whole, with whatever disease he was held. And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his infirmity. When Yahshua saw him lying, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he says to him, Do you wish to be made whole? The sick man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steps down**

*before me.*” Obviously, miraculous healings were taking place at this pool where the sacrificial animals were washed.

*“Yahshua says to him, Arise, take up your bed, and walk. And straightway the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked.”* (John 5:2-9). This crippled man had evidently expected to receive a cleansing and a healing, but Yahshua accomplished it simply with a word. Why was Yahshua at this location where sacrificial animals were cleansed? Was it merely to heal this individual? Obviously, the visit of Yahshua the Messiah to this cleansing site had far deeper implications.

### ***A Cleansing is Necessary***

Let us turn now to the Old Testament, where we will see the truth of the necessity for the concept of a ritual cleansing. Turn to Exodus 30:17. You will soon notice that a cleansing is not simply New Testament doctrine, but it appears also in the Old Testament. Those subscribers who have read the author’s series on the Tabernacle of Israel in the wilderness will recall how I explained this specific article of sacred furniture. (For more information about obtaining your personal copy of **Israel’s Tabernacle in the Wilderness** write to Assemblies of Yahweh, Bethel, Pennsylvania, 19507.)

*“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, You shall also make a laver of bronze, and the base of it of bronze, to wash at. And you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet there: when they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to Yahweh. So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they*

*die not; and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.”* (Exodus 30:17-21).

We read this passage at the time of the annual memorial Passover when we explain that the foot

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washing service (the washing of the hands and the feet) must also be recognized as a minor cleansing (John chapter 13).

*“And he made the laver of bronze, and the base of it of bronze, of the mirrors of the ministering women that ministered at the door of the tent of meeting.”* (Exodus 38:8). The mirrors are meant to reflect our personal appearance, to make us see ourselves for what we really are. But you can see the same reflection by looking into a body of water! By looking into the body of water that is contained within this laver, one could see his own reflection. The laver was actually just a big tub of water that stood in the courtyard of the Tabernacle in this case, or, later, in the Temple, and it was placed between the Tabernacle and the altar. Every time the priests would wash at the laver, they could see their reflection and had to make a personal evaluation.

Before we can receive cleansing in baptism, there must precede a time of deep personal introspection. Before we engage in the foot washing service (the annual after cleansing), we must scrutinize ourselves with serious introspection, and we

must consider ourselves in the same manner in which Almighty Yahweh would look at us.

*“And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it, for washing.”* (Exodus 40:7). Now that description is very significant. He set the altar of burnt offering at the door of the Tabernacle of the tent of meeting. Consequently, when someone enters the bounds of True Worship, when he comes through the *open door* into the Tabernacle courtyard, the first thing that he encountered was the altar of burnt offering.

Why did Yahshua die? He died to atone for, or to redeem us from, our sins. What is sin? Sin is the transgression of the Law (1 John 3:4). Consequently, we must come to realize that Yahshua the Messiah will not save a sinner who persists in sinning. Yahshua will forgive a REPENTANT SINNER who intends to turn from his sin and live in righteousness. We cannot pass this point until we recognize and accept the sacrifice that Yahweh has made to atone for sins of mankind.

Our next forward step in True Worship makes us encounter the laver which symbolizes the cleansing of baptism. Before we can come into the tabernacle, which is symbolic of the Assembly, we must receive a cleansing. Otherwise, we shall be excluded from True Worship to remain outside the courtyard.

Consequently, from carefully considering the Tabernacle of Israel in the wilderness (and the Temple later on), it becomes very clear that Moses set the laver at Yahweh’s direction between the tent of meeting and the altar for washing (the cleansing of the priesthood). *“And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet there; when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they came near the altar, they washed; as Yahweh commanded Moses.”* (Exodus 40:31-32).

Consequently, we may find bap-

tism and the footwashing service clearly symbolized by the laver of cleansing. Upon passing the altar, the priests cleansed themselves to make certain that there was no dirt or uncleanness upon them before entering the Tabernacle. Notice how Almighty Yahweh desired us to revere Him. Yahshua the Messiah Himself had done similarly when he said, "Let it be so, baptize me, John, **to fulfill all righteousness,**" Moses and Aaron and their sons fulfilled all righteousness every time they came into the Tabernacle area. Although they may have previously taken a bath, they washed to pass the altar of Yahweh. They washed their hands and their feet at the laver to cleanse themselves of anything unclean that they might have accidentally contacted on their way into the sacred place where Yahweh dwells.

### ***The Dedication Ceremony***

Now let us look carefully at Leviticus 8:6. "**And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.**" This incident occurred at the dedication of the Tabernacle when the priesthood had been appointed by Yahweh to officiate in the Tabernacle. "**And he put on him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him, and he girded him with the skilfully woven band of the ephod, and bound it to him with it. And he placed the breastplate on him: and in the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim. And he set the mitre on his head; and on the mitre, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown; as Yahweh commanded Moses.**" This portrayal of the investment of Aaron symbolizes the sanctification, the consecration of Yahweh's chosen priesthood.

Let us look also at a companion passage, found in Numbers 8:14-16. "**In this manner shall**

***you separate the Levites from among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine. And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tent of meeting: and YOU SHALL CLEANSE THEM, and offer***

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***them for a wave-offering. For THEY ARE WHOLLY GIVEN TO ME FROM AMONG the children of Israel . . .***" Yahweh explains, I have taken the Levites instead of the first-born of the children of Israel, which was a memorial of the firstlings killed in Egypt of the Egyptians, but the first born of Israel spared in that tenth plague in Egypt. The Levites must be wholly consecrated to Yahweh, just as the True Worshipers must dedicate themselves to Him.

***"In this manner did Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the Levites: according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel to them. And THE LEVITES PURIFIED THEMSELVES FROM SIN . . ."*** (Numbers 8:20-21).

Consequently, if we, the True Worshipers, are going to serve as kings and priests in the kingdom of Yahweh, just as we are promised in Exodus 19, and also 1 Peter 2:9-10, where the promise that True Worshipers will be kings and priests is repeated, therefore, just as the Levites (the Levitical priesthood) pu-

rified themselves from sin, we must emulate them. "**. . . and THEY WASHED THEIR CLOTHES; and Aaron offered them for a wave-offering before Yahweh; and Aaron made atonement for them to CLEANSE THEM. And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron . . .**" (Numbers 8:21-22).

### ***Yahshua as High Priest***

We must remember that Yahshua has become the High Priest of the New Testament Assembly. We find this very clearly explained in Hebrews chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7 and other passages. Yahshua is now our High Priest, and so at His consecration to His ministry, He was immersed in a symbolic cleansing. Let us not forget what we have previously read from Matthew 3, Luke 3, and Mark 1. Yahshua the Messiah began His own ministry even while John was yet preaching.

***"After these things came Yahshua and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he stayed with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Enon near to Salim, because there was much water there . . ."*** This site at Enon evidently fulfilled the Mishnaic requirement of **mikvah**, a large body of water where an individual can be immersed.

***" . . . and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison. There arose therefore a questioning on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purifying."*** (John 3:22-25). Perhaps at this time already some of the Jews were already demanding a certain, specifically constructed mikvah, rather than a large body of water outside. John had been baptizing at the Jordan, but here his ministry was located at Enon near Salim, which is to the north of where Yahshua's disciples were baptizing. The springs of Salim and Enon are still in existence, in

the Land of Israel—west of the Jordan River.

The Jews always have insisted that the **mikvah** must include primeval water from the Garden of Eden. Now you ask yourself the question, how can that happen? The **mikvah** must include water from the Garden of Eden, so the Jews explain that they collect rainwater as it comes from heaven and pipe it into the **mikvah**. That is what they continue doing today.

### *Water from Heaven!*

Isn't all ground water, however, ultimately, rainwater that comes from heaven and soaks into the ground? This is especially true of the Holy Land. Certainly the hydraulic system of Israel collects the water from the storms in winter, and it seeps into the limestone caves in the Judean Ridge for storage. From there, it eventually flows forth into the springs that pour pure water into the valleys. The hydraulic system of Israel is a unique system. Located on the east side of the ridge at what is known as Engedi, there are springs flowing from the mountainside. These springs pouring from the mountainside create waterfalls. Streams flow away from those waterfalls, and they eventually flow into the Dead Sea. Behind these springs upon the mountain nothing but barren wasteland can be seen. So where do these springs originate? Investigators have traced this water quite a number of miles inland, within the mountain where it collects in huge gigantic caves in the limestone ridge of Judea. Eventually, water channels take it through the limestone and bring it out, either at the edge of the Jordan, or in the Dead Sea Valley.

The same is true of the Siloam tunnel. The Gihon Spring pours out a large volume of water. When Hezekiah intended to keep the water inside the city of Jerusalem, he decided to drive a tunnel through the mountain and build a reservoir,

and that became known as the pool of Siloam.

One work party started from the south and another started from the other side (the west), and eventually they almost met, with only a slight offset separating them. How

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could they come so near meeting? They evidently followed a seam in the rock that carried water. The Siloam tunnel today carries water on a slope from the Gihon Spring, and it eventually flows out into the pool of Siloam.

How, you will probably ask yourself, could the digging parties begin digging from both sides? How did they know where they were going? The answer, of course, has to be that they were following a small water channel coming through the hillside. The two parties kept digging, following the water channel, until they almost met, only missing each other by a yard or two. The two excavating parties heard voices, and they broke through to meet each other. There was just a short offset of just a yard or two, which still is visible today. That is how close they came to meeting directly.

Here at the springs of Enon and Salim, water comes out of gigantic caves in the limestone rock. To the south of the Assemblies of Yahweh Headquarters at Bethel, Pennsylvania, in the Lebanon Valley, there is a similar limestone substructure. Sometimes the top of a limestone cave will fall in, and you will see what is known as a sinkhole. All such sinkholes were originally limestone caves filled with water.

Any large body of water has to be

recognized as a **mikvah** for cleansing and not just simply one that is artificially inside, as the need may be, since both Yahshua Messiah and John the Immerser baptized in outside bodies of water.

### *John's Reply*

Now let's listen to the questioning between the Jews and John's disciples. Listen how they approach John, "... *Rabbi, he that was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have borne witness, behold, the same baptizes, and all men come to him.*" Where is Yahshua the Messiah baptizing? Well, he was baptizing close to where John the Baptist is baptizing at Enon and Salim. Well, who is right? Is he right in cleansing people, in immersing the people? Or, should we consider constructing a **mikvah**?

*"John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it has been given him from heaven."* In other words, here is an implied reference to the water of heaven, which is the water of the Garden of Eden. HE IS THE ONE WHO IS THE WATER FROM HEAVEN. He can cleanse all who come to him. *"You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Messiah, but, that I am sent before him. He that has the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, that stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is made full. He must increase, but I must decrease."*

John was evidently correct in baptizing at his chosen site. He immersed outside, and not only at a **mikvah** adjacent to the Jerusalem Temple. On the south side of the Temple confines in Jerusalem, about 60 **mikvahs** have been excavated by the archaeologists. According to some indications, many of the people that went into the Temple would immerse themselves first before entering. They desired to be very

careful not to desecrate Yahweh's abode in any way, so they cleansed themselves first in a ritual immersion pool. But, there is no record that either John or Yahshua baptized in a Temple **mikvah**. The Bible indicates that He held his baptisms in an open area in rivers, or where there were springs with much water.

**" . . . he that is of the earth is of the earth, and of the earth he speaks: he that comes from heaven is above all. What he has seen and heard, of that he bears witness; and no man receives his witness. He that has received his witness has set his seal to this, that Yahweh is true. [And that witness is John himself, who has witnessed and testified of the Messiah.] For he whom Yahweh has sent speaks the words of Yahweh: for he gives not the Spirit by measure. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. He that believes on the Son has eternal life; but he that obeys not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him."** John isn't saying a word about cleansing, and yet, when you understand the background against which this episode appears, then it becomes very plain. Yahshua knows what He is doing, and He is baptizing and cleansing people of their sins out in the open and not in the **mikvah** at the Temple in Jerusalem.

**"When therefore the Teacher knew that the Pharisees had heard that Yahshua was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Yahshua himself baptized not, but his disciples), he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee."** Because the Pharisees were so critical, endeavoring to cast aspersions against Yahshua, He returned to His home in Galilee. Yahshua was not doing things according to the traditions of the rabbis. On what authority is He doing these things? The answer is, ON THE AUTHORITY OF HEAVEN. He is baptizing in the cleansing water of heaven,

and He is doing so properly.

### ***Were You Baptized Correctly?***

Sometimes people ask us the question, "What about rebaptism?" I have discussed this question with

## ***Were you baptized properly according to the doctrines as the Bible teaches us?***

quite a number of people over the years of my ministry. "I have been baptized," they will say. "I don't need to be rebaptized. I was baptized when I was a little baby," or "I was baptized as an adult by sprinkling," or "I was baptized by immersion, why must I be baptized?" Then these people frequently point to Ephesians 4:4-5, **"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you were also called in one hope of your calling: one Master; one faith, ONE BAPTISM."** Do you see that there is only one baptism? Sometimes people will conclude, "I don't need to be baptized all over again!"

Hebrews 6:1 is also often quoted. If there is only one baptism, and I was baptized, why must I be rebaptized? **"Therefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of the Messiah, let us press on to perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward Yahweh, of the teachings of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if Yahweh permit."**

So the author of Hebrews instructs us to forsake *baptisms*, plural. By recognizing the *sitz im*

*leben* (life setting), we must conclude that this book is written to the Hebrews. It is written to the Jews of the Apostolic age. The Jews understand a regular trip to the **mikvah**. Not only do the women go for purification, but also the men. There are many orthodox Jews today who go to the **mikvah** on Friday afternoon, before the Sabbath. So, consequently, one can easily understand why the writer of Hebrews indicates: "When we are baptized, we are baptized once, because it symbolizes the death and burial of Yahshua the Messiah. We follow Yahshua the Messiah in death and in His burial once. We do not need the repeated ritual purification as Jewish doctrines insist."

### ***Only One Baptism!***

Now how do we explain that term "*one baptism*" in Ephesians 4:5? The answer must be preceded by a question: "Were you baptized correctly the first time according to all the scriptural instructions when you were baptized as a little child?" Of course not! You weren't even baptized as a little child. You were undoubtedly sprinkled, which is not baptism. How about baptism as an adult? Were you baptized properly according to the doctrines as the Bible teaches us? The answer again is, probably not!

Is there an instance of rebaptism recorded in the Scriptures? Yes. One instance is Acts 19. **"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples: and he said to them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? And they said to him, No, we did not so much as hear that the Holy Spirit was given. And he said, Into what then were you baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism."**

So these men were disciples of John the Baptist, and where did Paul find them? At Ephesus. What

*Mikvahs, one of which is pictured here, were common sights in Israel at the time of Yahshua. Many of them have been unearthed in recent years near the Temple grounds in Jerusalem. But is it necessary to be baptized in such an artificial body of water, which the Jews called “water from heaven”? Is not Yahshua Himself our water from heaven? The Scriptures tell us that John the Baptist baptized converts in the Jordan River. Indeed, any large body of water must be recognized as a **mikvah** for cleansing purposes.*



was at Ephesus? The temple of Artemis (Diana) of the Ephesians, and this temple of Diana of the Ephesians was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, you will recall. From all over the world, this temple of Diana drew in people to worship at her temple.

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit?” was the question asked of disciples of John. “We didn’t know that the Holy Spirit was given.” “What were you baptized into then?” “Well, we were baptized with John’s baptism.” **“And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance . . . .”** At every instance, I think (except infant baptism) the act is predicated upon someone repenting. The people will go to a Baptist church, or a Pentecostal church, or some other religious organization, because they know they are sinners, and they sincerely want to improve their moral life. They desire a cleansing, and they repent as far as they are taught, as far as they comprehend.

**“ . . . John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying**

**to the people that they should believe on him that should come after him, that is, on Yahshua.”**

Do these disciples of John the Baptist argue with Paul—“I am not going to be rebaptized.” No! There is no argument or objection that takes place. Nothing is mentioned about a refusal to be immersed. These converts are submissive, a true sign of repentance. **“AND WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, THEY WERE BAPTIZED INTO THE NAME OF THE SOVEREIGN YAHSHUA.”**

Yahshua the Messiah taught the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins to cleanse the vessel to receive the Holy Spirit then. **“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with other tongues, and prophesied. And they were in all about twelve men.”** This incident appears quite significant, doesn’t it? Why twelve men? Because this little group of twelve men paralleled the ministry of the Apostles in Jerusalem in

Acts 2. This little group of former disciples of John the Baptist now became the nucleus of the Ephesian Messianic Assembly that you read about in Revelation 2:1-7 and in the book of Ephesians. They resided in a strategic place where they were able to witness Yahweh’s Truth to thousands of travelers and, possibly, even to millions of people. These brethren of the Ephesian Messianic Assembly needed to converse with these multitudes and declare to them the wonderful works of Yahweh. That is why they received the gift of languages (or tongues), and why they received the gift of prophesying (or inspired preaching).

What happened to this Assembly? They left their first love after a while. Something else captured their affections. **“But I have this against you, that you did leave your first love. Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to you, and will move your lampstand out of its place, except you repent.”** (Revelation 2:4-5).

Nevertheless, here is an obvious instance of rebaptism where Paul took disciples of John who believed and rebaptized them into the Name of the Sovereign Yahshua.

Now let's do some comparisons. In Acts 2:38, "**And Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you IN THE NAME OF YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH TO THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS; and YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**" The promise is to all who are even afar off: Jews, proselytes, or gentiles. Eventually, in Acts chapters 10, 11, and 15, that distant outreach of the Apostolic Assembly becomes very plain.

Did you notice what each one of these passages tells us? Be baptized **in the Name!** What Name? The answer is found in Acts 19:5. They were baptized INTO THE NAME OF THE SOVEREIGN YAHSHUA. Why be baptized into this specific Name? We have already seen John 3:29, where we find John the Baptist's own explanation when he explains that the bridegroom has the bride. **Who is the bridegroom? Who is the head of the body? Who is the head of the bride? He has a NAME! The Bible tells us what it is. His name is YAHSHUA.** See Matthew 1:21. Therefore, we of the Body, which is the Bride, take on the Name of our Head, the Bridegroom, Yahshua the Messiah! If your head is J-sus, where can you find salvation intrinsically within that name? There is none!

But, salvation can indeed be obtained in the Name of **Yahshua the Messiah.** This Name means *Yahweh is Salvation.* The author gladly and voluntarily took on the true, revealed Name of my Messiah upon learning it. I was anxious to be IN HIS BODY and very joyful when I was baptized into the Messiah's True Hebrew Name! There can be no salvation except in this one Name (Acts 4:12). The Messiah's saving Name means that Yahweh the Father will save His people from their sins. We trust in

the Name of the Almighty who keeps His promises—Yahweh.

### **One Name for Salvation**

Since Yahshua is the Head of the Body who will some day come

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***There can be no eternal life for us, if we are not baptized correctly.***

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to save us, ***we must know His Name!*** It is derived from that of Yahweh the Father in heaven, who saves through His Son, "***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.***" (Acts 4:12). **There cannot be any other valid baptism except into the name of Yahshua the Messiah.**

People sometimes tell me, "While we were waiting to be baptized into the Sacred Name by an Assemblies of Yahweh minister, we asked to be baptized by a Seventh-Day Adventist minister, or a Ch-rch of G-d, Seventh-Day, minister, and we held the Name of Yahshua in our minds while he was baptizing us in the name of J-sus. Consequently, we now feel our baptism is valid." "Nonsense!" I say. It is not a valid baptism. He did not baptize you into the Sacred Name, because he does not represent the Name of Yahweh.

We had previously looked carefully at Romans 6 and found the significance of baptism to be burial. "***Or are you ignorant that all we who were baptized into the Messiah Yahshua were baptized into his death?***" (Romans 6:3). Did J-sus Chr-st die for you? Who is the True Messiah? Who is your Messiah? It is Yahshua, Yahweh's

Messiah and, consequently, we are baptized into His death, and buried with Him through baptism into death, that as He was raised from the dead we also might be raised and walk in newness of life. "***Also reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but ALIVE TO YAHWEH IN THE MESSIAH YAHSHUA.***" (Romans 6:11).

Who is the only True and Living Elohim? Jeremiah 10:10 and other passages tell us that it is YAHWEH who is the ***only True and Living Elohim.*** In Him is life, and there is ***life in none other Mighty One!*** If we die, spiritually speaking, then we must be made alive by the only True and Living Elohim whose name is Yahweh, and that life is also in the Messiah Yahshua. So there can be no eternal life for us if we are not baptized correctly—immersed, buried, and brought forth to a new life by a representative of the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Now the questions arise, "Who should baptize? Can you be baptized by a minister who is not faithful to the sound doctrines of the Word?" Matthew 28:16 reads, "***But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Yahshua had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Yahshua came to them and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. [Do we believe it? I do. I believe that statement implicitly.] Go you therefore, and make disciples of all the nations [To whom is he speaking? His own disciples.], immersing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatever I commanded you . . .***"

### **Are the Adventists Right?**

Are the Seventh-Day Adventists teaching that ***all things commanded in the Bible shall be observed?***

What does Acts 5:32 say? Yahweh gives His Spirit to them that obey Him. So can they have the Holy Spirit? How can any organization cleanse from sin except they are also keeping *all of Yahweh's Covenant Law* (1 John 3:4)? The answer is, they can't! But, you must answer these questions for yourself, from your own conscience!

Who shall baptize? Yahshua confers the AUTHORITY to baptize upon His disciples. A disciple is a *follower* and a *learner* or *student who obeys all of the Truth of Yahweh*. We read in Ephesians 4 that there is only one Body. 1 Corinthians 12 also clearly states that there is only one Body. *"For in one spirit we were all baptized into one body. . . ."* (1 Corinthians 12:13). There can't be *many different bodies that are baptizing in many different ways!* Some of these organizations baptize into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **FATHER is not a name, SON is not a name, HOLY SPIRIT is not a name!** What is the Name of the Father? It is Yahweh (Isaiah 42:8). What is the Name of the Son? It is Yahshua (Matthew 1:21). What is the name of the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit comes in the Name of Yahshua. All you need to do is read John 14, and you will quickly learn the Truth. Yahweh sends the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, in the Name of His Son, Yahshua. See especially John 14:26. So when the True Worshipers use the Name Yahshua, they are saying **Yahweh is Salvation**. Other organizations that do not use Yahshua's Name in baptism will perhaps come to the knowledge of a supernatural power, but are not promised salvation.

The Name of the Son is Yahshua. The Name by which the Holy Spirit comes is Yahshua.

Who shall baptize the sincerely repentant convert? The disciples of Yahshua who have received the authority to do so, is the only plausible answer. They are the ministers of the Truth of Yahweh. The Truth

of Yahweh is based upon Matthew 5:17-20. And the Assemblies of Yahweh ministers have been given Yahshua's authority, because we submit ourselves to His Word!

1 Corinthians 1:14, *"I thank Elohim that I baptized none of*

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## *When the True Worshipers use the name Yahshua, they are saying Yahweh is Salvation.*

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*you, except Crispus and Gaius; lest any man should say that you were baptized into my name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For the Messiah sent me not to baptize [Then who was baptizing the converts? Obviously, it was Paul's followers who were assigned by Paul to do the immersion, to baptize.], but to preach the good tidings: not in wisdom of words, lest the torture stake of the Messiah should be made void."* Consequently, if someone comes here to the Assemblies of Yahweh to be immersed, many times I will personally baptize them. But then the Directing Elder sends out Assemblies of Yahweh representatives, who are also representatives of Yahshua. They baptize people found bearing good fruits into Yahshua's Name. Remember, Yahshua's Name contains all the elements of the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Who can give the Holy Spirit? You must ask yourself the question, Who has the Holy Spirit to give? **IT IS ONLY THOSE WHO ARE FULFILLING ACTS 5:32.** Yahweh gives His

spirit to those who obey Him. Since the Assemblies of Yahweh strictly follows and lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh, His Spirit has been given to us!

### *What About Luke 9:49?*

There always seem to be sons of Belial, however, who try to undermine the message of the Assemblies of Yahweh. Someone will interrogate concerning the concept of Luke 9:49. *"And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in your name; and we forbid him, because he follows not with us. But Yahshua said to him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against you is for you."*

Well, that doesn't tell us a whole lot about the situation, does it? Undoubtedly, the one who was casting out demons in Yahshua's Name must have *been a disciple of Yahshua* who didn't necessarily want to join the itinerant party of evangelists comprising the disciples of Yahshua. Furthermore, Yahshua didn't say that this individual should be baptizing, did He? The disciples indicate that this man is casting out demons. Yahshua then said (strictly speaking), "Forbid him not to cast out demons."

Sometimes people take a situation to the nth degree. You could conceivably say that the man was casting out demons by baptizing someone, but still in all, let us heed Luke 11:23. **"HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME; AND HE THAT GATHERS NOT WITH ME SCATTERS."** Consequently, this man in Luke 9:49 must have been with Yahshua and was a supporter of the Messiah. Yahshua must have known him and that he was not against Yahshua. He was for him! Remember—**"He that is not with me is AGAINST me; and he that gathers not with me scatters!"**

MARK 9. We may as well look at all of these accounts since they all expand upon each other. Mark 9:38 reads, *"John said to him,*

**Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in your name; and we forbid him, because he followed not us. But Yahshua said, Forbid him not: for there is no man who shall do a mighty work IN MY NAME, and be able quickly to SPEAK EVIL OF ME. For he that is not against us . . . .**" You see this individual was not against Yahshua. But how many others, calling themselves ministers, try to fight against the Assemblies of Yahweh, this little lighthouse of Bible and Torah Truth that Yahweh established about a half century ago? The obvious answer is, they seem to want to feather their own nests. So, they seek some kind of a loophole and try to slip through, eventually to fight against the Assemblies of Yahweh. It is a tragic situation! It has happened, but such people, they are of the world, and we know that the world hates True Worshipers.

Matthew 12:30, **"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters."**

### **A Voice in the Wilderness**

Perhaps this article could be best summarized by turning to Malachi 3:1 for a conclusion. **"Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and Yahweh, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, behold, he comes, says Yahweh of hosts."** We can identify this message with Yahshua the Messiah. He is indeed the messenger of the Covenant.

In Mark 1:2-3 we read, **"Even as it is written in the prophets. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, Who shall prepare your way;**

**"The voice of one crying, In the wilderness Make ready the way of Yahweh, Make his paths straight;**

**"John came . . . ."** (Mark 1:4).

Therefore, we must identify the messenger of Malachi chapter 3 as **EliYah**. Mark saw it as a prophecy of EliYah. Let's read it as though EliYah and the Assemblies of Yahweh is Malachi (Yahweh's messenger). **"Behold, I send my**

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**messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and Yahweh, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, behold, he comes, says Yahweh of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap."** (Malachi 3:1-2). The fire symbolizes the Holy Spirit of Yahweh. Remember, the Holy Spirit was visually demonstrated to the Apostles in Acts 2 by flames dividing apart and sitting on the heads of the disciples.

The fire is also significant or typical of Yahweh's Torah (Law). Yahweh's Word is also called a fire in Jeremiah 23:29. Yahweh's messenger is like a refiner's fire (preaching the Word of Yahweh, the Torah) and like fuller's soap. What is a fuller? A fuller is an old-time English term for laundry man. **"And he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he will purify the sons of Levi . . . ."** The word sit is reminiscent of the word judge; He will sit in judgment.

We saw how the sons of Levi

were purified in Numbers 8. We find here a purifier with the **fire of Yahweh's Torah, with His Word**. A purifier with the Word of Yahweh also means the washing of water by the Word in Ephesians 5. Therefore, the two-fold methods of fire and water purify the vessels of Yahweh! See Numbers 31:21-24.

How does Yahweh come near to us in judgment today? Isn't it through the preaching of His Word? Consequently, to all those who read this article, you should remember, if you were not baptized properly, which is by immersion after repentance, and the ceremony done by an ordained minister of the Assemblies of Yahweh (because the Assemblies of Yahweh stands for and teaches Yahweh's Truth as a way of life), **you were not baptized properly**. Therefore, your salvation is in jeopardy. Haven't you been able to discover this concept from what we have studied so far?

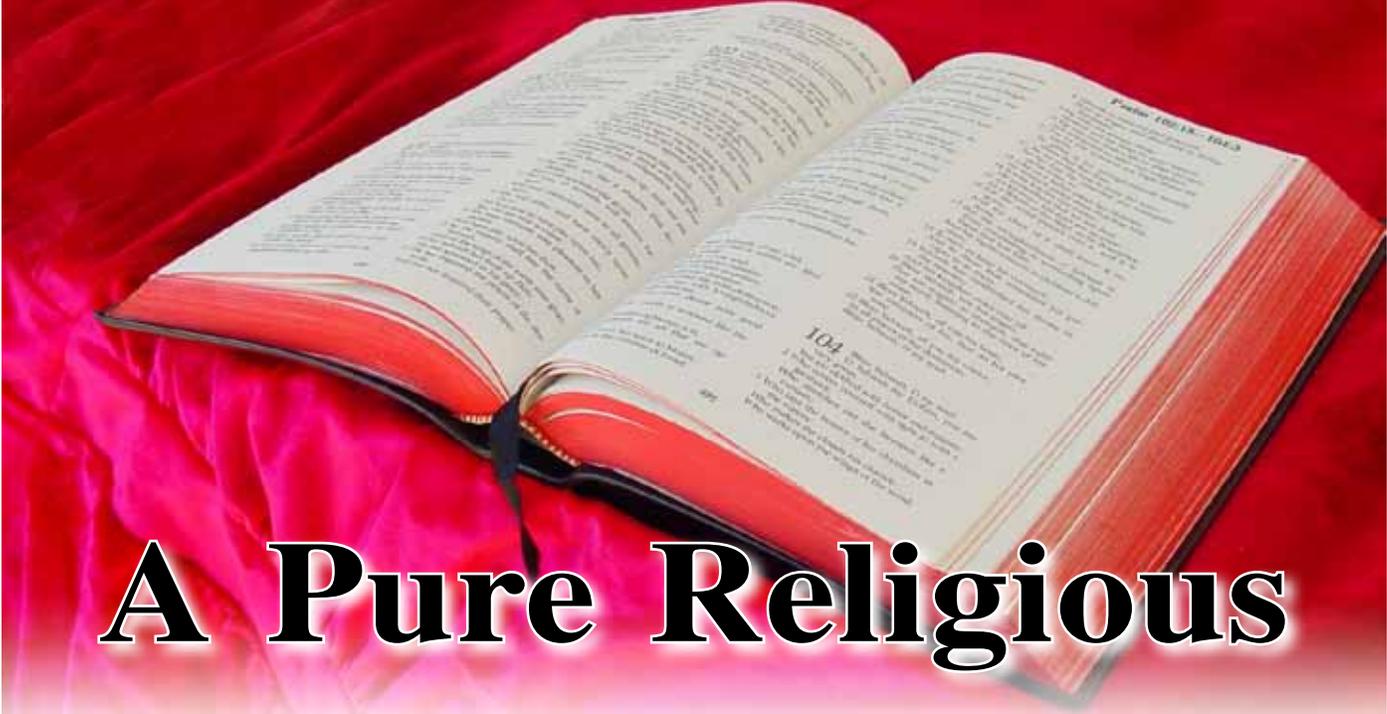
Consequently, we must say that the Assemblies of Yahweh is doing things properly and correctly, in harmony with the Bible. It is my hope that through this series of articles many people will come to think more clearly about their salvation.

The Assemblies of Yahweh is teaching Yahweh's Truth, and the members are living Yahweh's Truth. We are living the Kingdom way of life; not that we may already be perfect, but we press on toward perfection (Philippians 3:12).

I believe in the Assemblies of Yahweh, because I know what the Bible teaches, and I am convinced that no one will be able to throw any challenge against the Assemblies of Yahweh, accusing us that we might be in false doctrine, because they cannot prove it.

The Assemblies of Yahweh is practicing Yahweh's Covenant Law, and we can prove it by the Bible.

Have you looked carefully at this organization? If not, may we answer your questions? SNB



# A Pure Religious Vocabulary

“ . . . They shall speak with new languages.” Mark 16:17.

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Elder Jacob O. Meyer

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from *The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition*

Every field of study has its own particular vocabulary, a collection of specialized terms that are specifically suited to the material being examined. Studying the Bible is no exception.

In dealing with the **King James Version**, however, we need to be made aware that it is **not** an **inspired translation!** Not only have various changes occurred in the usages of the English words themselves over the centuries, but there has actually been a certain amount of damage done to the text by scribes and defenders of false doctrine.

**This does not in any way imply that the Word of Yahweh is suspect or untrue**, for we know that the original inspired Scriptures are indeed the Truth (John 17:17). Our requirement should be to examine closely the words employed in the translations to determine if they are in keeping with the fabric of sound doctrine, conclusively proven directly from the original texts, as closely as we can return to them.

It is in this spirit that we present this glossary of terms, as an aid to the True Worshiper who seeks to purify the personal worship he offers to the Heavenly Father Yahweh. This glossary is not all-inclusive by any means, but it provides a general guideline and launching point for additional study and research.

In *The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition*, we have made these changes from what you have read in previous translations. Verification for these changes appearing in scholarly research will be sent to you upon request.

You need not take our word for these things—be like the noble Bereans and **prove them for yourself!** If you would like additional study material, the items marked with an asterisk (\*) have associated literature available, containing further explanation, which may be obtained from the Home Offices of the Assemblies of Yahweh at Bethel, PA 19507, upon request. The literature is free of any charge or any obligation.

## Glossary of Terms

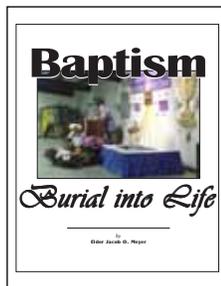
**Editor's Note:** In the *Sacred Name Broadcaster*, whenever we replace a letter with a hyphen (-), such as in *J-sus*, it is to emphasize that this word is to be removed from our vocabulary.

**adonai** —a Hebrew word which translates “my lord,” or “my sovereign.” Substituted in worship for the Sacred Name of Yahweh by the Jews because of their superstition, it is linked etymologically with the Greek idol Adonis and is, therefore, unacceptable for use by the True Worshiper.

**baal** —a Semitic word which translates “lord.” The baalim (pl.) were various local idols made of wood, stone, etc., and worshiped by the Canaanites. Israel assimilated many elements of baal worship, causing Yahweh to be highly displeased. Several of the baals are with us today, including Baal-Gad (the Lord God, Yahshua 11:17, 12:7, 13:5), Baal-Shalisha (the lord of the trinity, 2 Kings 4:42), and others.

**baptism\*** —From the Greek word “baptizo”—to submerge. A ceremony commanded in the Scriptures, before one can be accepted into the Body of the Messiah. While varieties of this ritual date back to ancient times, it is scripturally done once, into Yahshua’s Name, with the convert totally submerged (completely immersed) in water, face up, just as a physical burial would occur.

**B-3**  
*“ . . . one faith, one baptism” (Ephesians 4:5), but numerous variations are found throughout ch-rchianity! An examination of immersion, its meaning, and how it is done.*

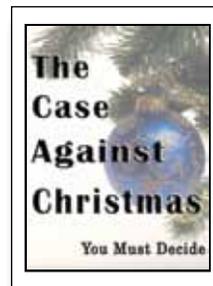


**Christ** —A Greek term which translates “anointed.” Some scholars have linked it with the Hindu idol Krishna. The Greeks actually had no ceremony for installing leaders by pouring oil on them as did

the Israelites; therefore, the word Christ was not comprehended by the masses. As a corrupted form, it is not used by True Worshipers, who have found it to convey a distorted picture of the Hebrew Messiah.

**Christian** —From the Greek, adjective or noun, linking the subject with “Christ.” Since True Worshipers (John 4:23) do not follow the pagan figure of Christ, they are not referred to as Christians, but rather True Worshipers.

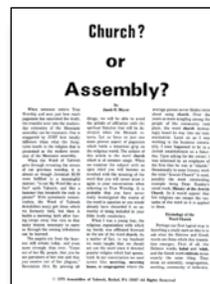
**Christmas\*** —Properly “The Mass of Christ,” December 25, the traditional birthday of “Christ.” Never mentioned in the Bible, although several customs associated with it are declared as vain by Yahweh, Jeremiah 10:3-5.



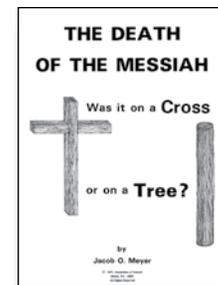
**C-7**  
*Xmas! Pageantry, profit, paganism! Few today know about the shocking heathen customs enshrined in this modern celebration.*

**church\*** —a term commonly equated with any religious group. Tracing etymologically to the pagan idol Circe, it also denotes a building rather than a group of people. It bears no relationship to the Greek **ecclesia**, “a called out assembly of believers.”

**D-6**  
*We worship as an Assembly, not as a ch-rch. Do you know why?*



**cross\*** —the supposed instrument on which Yahshua the Messiah was put to death. Revered by Christianity and often worn as an amulet, it is, nevertheless, a symbol of ancient sun worship, or even phallic worship. The Messiah was not put to death on a cross (crux) but on an upright torture stake.



**D-9**  
*There is an amazing background to contemporary Christian reverence of the cross. You need to learn the truth about this non-biblical tradition.*

**crucified** —The word frequently employed to describe the execution of our Savior. Since it is derived directly from “cross,” it is unacceptable for use by the True Worshiper, who would correctly substitute the terms impaled, transfixed, or executed.

**dispensation** —Theological word used to separate various supposed segments of time in Yahweh’s relationship with mankind. Not in keeping with the concept of the 6000-year age of man and the 1000-year reign of Yahshua the Messiah in the Kingdom of Yahweh on this earth; therefore, not used by the True Worshipers. In Greek, it is not a noun, but a verb.

**divine** —Adjective used to link various objects, traits, or characteristics with the Almighty. Not a preferred term by the True Worshiper, because of its etymology, which traces to “deity” and then to the Latin **deus**, ultimately to Zeus.

**Easter\*** —spring celebration supposedly commemorating the resurrection of the Messiah. Re-

plete with pagan symbology and totally unscriptural and unacceptable.

**El or Elohim** —A Hebrew word



**C-8**  
*Which spring festival has Yahweh approved? Which was ordained by His commandment? The collection of traditions bearing the name of Ishtar should*

*be examined by all who love the Truth! It's astounding!*

which translates “mighty one” or “mighty ones.” As it depicts a plural unity, or collective noun, this term is far superior to the word “God” (meaning a molten image) and is used by the True Worshiper in its place.

**God** —A term used to indicate any object of worship, but commonly employed to designate the Almighty. It is clearly linked etymologically with the worship of fortune, or good luck, also a molten image.

**gospel** —Specifically, either one of the first four books of the New Testament, or, in general, the good news of the salvation in Yahshua the Messiah. Its use is avoided by the True Worshiper, because of its etymological link to “God.” The Greek word **euaggelion** which it translates actually means “Good News” or “Glad Tidings.”

**grace** —Unmerited kindness, or pardon for wrongdoing. Doctrinally misapplied by many as a license to sin.

**halleluYah** —Hebrew sentence

**V-4**  
*Our Father is a Being of supreme mercy. How do we obtain grace?*

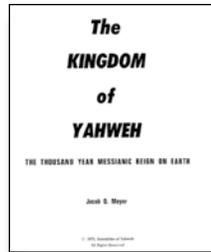


command which translates “praise you Yahweh,” found in many passages throughout the Bible, especially the Psalms.

**heaven** —Either the open expanse of sky, or often used to designate the home of the Almighty. Erroneously assumed to be the reward of the saved, but never promised as such anywhere in the Scriptures.

**hell** — Greek—hades,

**B-2**  
*A topic misunderstood by many people—what does the Bible promise as a reward after death?*



Hebrew—sheol, bor. A term that traces to the English word “hole.” This is simply equated with the word “grave,” as used in the Bible. Often confused with Gehenna (the lake of fire) due to pagan influence and writers’ imaginations.

**Holy Ghost** —Usually designating the imagined “third person” of the Trinity. Much better designated as “Holy Spirit,” since ghosts are more in keeping with the paganism of Halloween. Ghost means “an apparition.”

**hymn** —Usually designating a sacred song, but a term to be avoided by the True Worshiper, due to its derivation from **Polyhymneia** (many singing), the mythological female idol (one of the Muses).

**Jah** —A **KJV** term found in Psalm 68:4, and 48 other places. An abbreviation for the Name of the Almighty, it should have been



**A-6**  
*At last, a definitive answer to all those who claim that Yahveh, Yahvah, Jehovah, etc., should be used as the Sacred Name.*

written “Yah” as there was never any letter “J” in Hebrew.

**Jehovah** —A corrupted, hybrid term used as a substitute for the Sacred Name. Dates back to the 15th century C.E. and was formed by applying the vowel points of “Adonai” to the Tetragrammaton. Properly substitute **Yahweh** when reading.

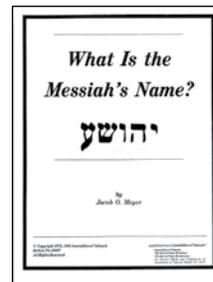
**Jesus\*** —A Greek-Latin name

**A-2**  
*A detailed explanation of the Sacred Name.*



assumed to be that of the Hebrew Messiah and Savior. Its use is studiously avoided by all followers of Yahshua, whose Name means “Yahweh is salvation.”

**lord** —A common term for “mas-



**A-3**  
*Important information about our Redeemer's Name and its vital importance to all believers.*

ter, ruler.” Its use is equated with that of the Hebrew word “baal”—a pagan, unacceptable word to True Worship and abhorred by Yahweh.

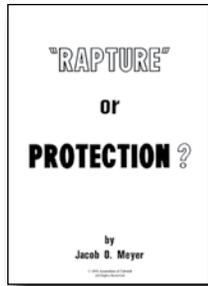
**LORD** —in the **KJV**, supposed translation of the Tetragrammaton, the four-letter Hebrew proper noun which is the revealed personal Name of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, arrived at by transliteration of the Name from the Hebrew. Properly substitute **Yahweh** when reading.

**Messiah** —Hebrew word which translates “anointed.” Used pre-

dominantly to indicate the Savior of mankind, Yahshua.

**rapture\*** —Christian belief in leaving this earth to go to heaven at some time connected with the second advent of Yahshua the Messiah. A doctrine nowhere supported in the inspired Scriptures.

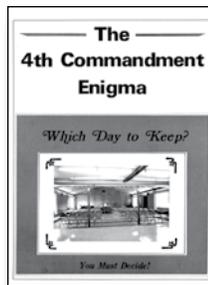
**Sabbath\*** —Scripturally sanctified seventh day of the week designated by Yahweh as the



**D-4**  
*Many believe the "rapture" is 100 percent scriptural. Is it? Your knowledge of the biblical plan of salvation is incomplete without the answer!*

day of rest when no work may be done. Weekly, it is observed from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday; also refers to one of the seven annual days declared holy by Yahweh.

**Saturday** —The seventh day of the week. Its name means Saturn's day, the day on which Saturn was



**C-4**  
*The weekly day of rest and worship is carefully scrutinized in this 14-page article. An extremely important subject!*

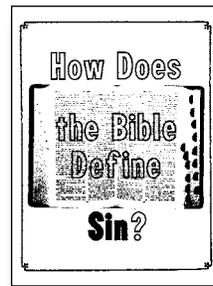
worshipped.

**saved** —A word meaning "rescued, delivered." Erroneously assumed by many to mean everlasting salvation **now**, before the Messiah's return, whereas a future event after we have endured to the end is portrayed in the Bible record, Matthew 24:13.

**sin\*** —Transgression (breaking) of Yahweh's Law, 1 John 3:4.

**soul** —The body, not to be con-

fused with the spirit. From an English word meaning sole (you,



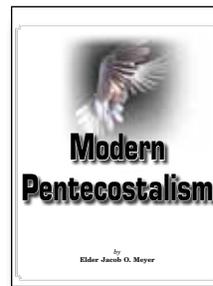
**B-9**  
*Was Law keeping annulled when the Savior died?*

yourself). Translated **nephesh** in Hebrew, **Psuche** in Greek.

**spirit** —Literally "breath," that life-infused essence which proceeds from the Almighty upon conception and returns to Him at death.

**tongues\*** —An archaic term that actually means "languages," and is so used in the Scriptures. Commonly employed now in connection with the charismatic movement, i.e., Pentecostalism; erroneously assumed to be a primary sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

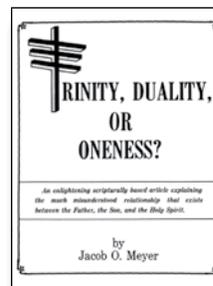
**tree\*** —A term used to indicate the instrument of Messiah's execution, not to be confused with **cross**



**D-3**  
*The "charismatic movement" is gaining in worldwide acceptance. This study focuses on the real meaning of "tongues" in the Bible.*

(two pieces of wood).

**trinity** —Ancient doctrine of three-in-one unity, foreign to True Worship. Trinitarian believers hold the Holy Spirit to be a person instead of the force or

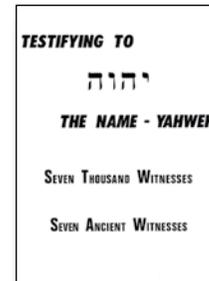


**B-13**  
*An enlightening scriptural study of the much misunderstood relationship that exists between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

power of the Almighty which permeates the universe.

**Yah** —The abbreviated form of the sacred Name, Yahweh.

**Yahshua\*** —The revealed personal Name of the Son of Yahweh, the Savior of mankind.



**A-5**  
*Valuable historical evidence validating our use of the Sacred Names.*

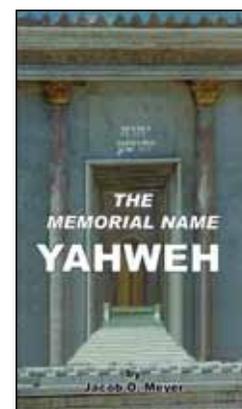
**Yahweh\*** —The revealed personal Name of the Heavenly Father and Creator of all.



**A-1**  
*Twenty-four ways you can prove Yahweh's Name is true and necessary for salvation in these last days.*

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# THE SACRED NAME BROADCAST



## RADIO MESSAGE

# *THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS*

As I was awaiting my turn to enter the dentist's office some time ago, I happened to pick up a nationally known magazine available in the waiting room in which there appeared an article by a noted author who depicted the modern educational system of our country in satire. Actually, modern education might do well to take a lesson from this article, since it is obvious that there is currently in the United States a lack of direction in the bankrupt educational system. When a nation is forced to endure the shocking misconduct from its younger citizens, which we have seen in recent years, it is time that every aspect of modern education be examined closely, so that we may learn the cause of the problem and then eliminate the difficulty.

Paul, in 1 Corinthians 3:19, makes the statement that the

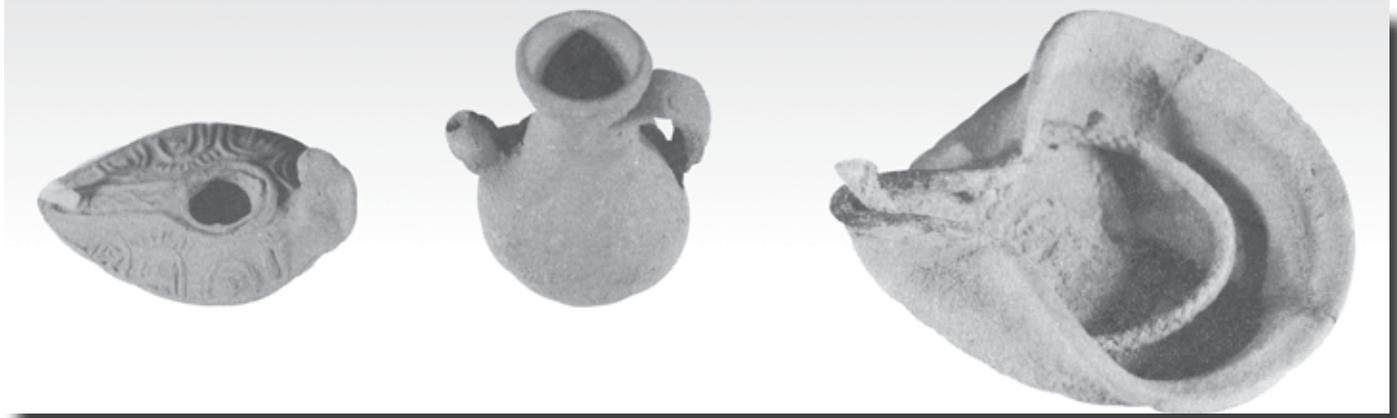
*by*  
**Elder Jacob O. Meyer**

wisdom of the world is foolishness with the Almighty, and with this statement, the Bible student would have to agree wholeheartedly. Unless education is seasoned with a sound spiritual faith, the wisdom of this world will prove to be only a meaningless jumble in the minds of students. In modern education there seems to be little direction, no accurate goal which is outlined. The students become just so many robots who spout facts upon demand, with little ability to assimilate them properly and put them to thinking, comprehensive use.

We might ask just what it is that has made modern educators so antagonistic against the mes-

sage of the sacred Scriptures. It could not be the discrepancies of which they accuse them, because the seeming discrepancies can be readily resolved if anyone cares to investigate them forthrightly. It could not be that the moral code, as set forth in the Scriptures, is no longer necessary, since each individual knows quite well that the current permissiveness has led only to terrible unhappiness and social upheaval. It could not be that the concept of an Almighty Creator is unscientific, because we all know that the concept of creation has no adverse bearing at all on scientific analysis.

In the author's quest for understanding the reasons behind the current rejection of the relevance of the sacred Scripture, it seems apparent that most rationalists want to cling to the thought that religion



**Left:** Replica of an oil lamp from the Holy Land. **Center:** An oil jug. **Right:** A genuine oil lamp from the city of Hebron, dated in an authenticity certificate from David's time—1000 B.C.E. It was such lamps that were carried by the 10 virgins described in the Messiah's parable.

is superstitious. I would have to agree—to a certain extent. The nominal religions certainly harbor a lot of superstition and doctrinal error. While in the midst of the Chr-stmas celebration, it seems surprising how many clergymen will praise the “Chr-stmas spirit.” Or, they will not refute the ridiculous idea of a Santa Claus, even though they know that this is an outright prevarication. How many will allow a Chr-stmas tree in their ch-rches even though Jeremiah chapter 10 declares that this is an abominable heathen custom which must be rejected by the True Worshipers. If you have not as yet written for our booklets explaining the subjects of the Chr-stmas and Easter customs, be certain to write in immediately and request them. **They are free of charge**, and I believe that you will find them most enlightening.

The pagan superstitions, which are a part of nominal religion, have frustrated many thinking people, as they have heard doctrines being preached from the pulpits which have not come from the Bible. Rather than investigating the Bible to understand what actually is the Truth, the Scripture was thrust aside as being nothing more than a pack of myths which were made up by some ancient Middle Eastern nomads. It has been the objective of the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh to eliminate all vestiges

of influence which have crept into modern religion, so that we may hold fast only to sound doctrine which can be proved by the inspired sacred Scriptures.

However, do you realize just how deeply the pagan influence of the world has permeated nominal religion? The answer is almost to the very core! False ideas of men have crept in so gradually that in our time it will require a major revolution to eliminate every fallacy. **“For there are certain men who sneaked in secretly, even they who were of old written of beforehand to this condemnation, lawless men, turning the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness, and denying our only Master and Sovereign, Yahshua the Messiah.”** (Judah 4).

Those of us who have learned the Sacred Name have actually found the very key which will aid those who know and use it to understand the deeper things in the Word. Three times we find that our Heavenly Father has expressed this most enlightening verse in the Scriptures. **“The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.”** You may find these words in Psalm 111:10 and Proverbs 1:7, 9:10. The eye-opening teaching of the Bible must surely be for the Bible student to discover the Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father and His Son our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah.

Relative to the subject of pure worship, we may find a description of the 144,000 mentioned in the book of Revelation. In chapter 7 we find that these people are sealed from the tribes of Israel just before the last great waves of end-time tribulation burst upon this sinful world. In Revelation chapter 14 we find that these 144,000 Israelites are SEALED WITH THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE NAME OF THE SON. This is what the ancient manuscripts declare, rather than the translation which appears in the **King James Version** of the Bible. You will, however, note that the Name of the Heavenly Father does emerge in the **King James** translation. Consequently, we must conclude that it does indeed have significance and relevance, without doubt more meaning than is attributed to it by many commentators.

Now read down to Revelation 14:4. Here we notice that these 144,000 are said to be **virgins**. This means that they are living the pure doctrine of the Bible and have not committed spiritual fornication or adultery. In 2 Corinthians 11:2 we learn that the bride of the Messiah is described as being a CHASTE VIRGIN betrothed to her Redeemer, Savior, and Messiah.

As an aid in its unique message, we learn that the Bible is a book filled with definitions. None of the

terms or doctrines which are taught by the Bible must be defined or interpreted through human understanding. Just as a good academic textbook usually contains a bibliography, or glossary of terms, the Bible contains a somewhat similar system of definitions also, although the terms are not grouped in one place for easy reference. The sacred Scriptures contains them scattered throughout the text. We are told of this in the book of the prophet Isaiah. ***“Wait and wonder; take your pleasure and be blind: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For Yahweh has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes, the prophets; and your heads, the seers, has he covered. . . . And Yahweh said, Since this people draws near to me, and with their mouth and with their lips honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is***

***a commandment of men which has been taught them.”*** (Isaiah 29:9-10, 13).

For this message on the Sacred Name, let us return to the parable of the ten virgins, which is found in Matthew chapter 25. verses 1 to 13. ***“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom stayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are going out. But the wise answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and you: go rather to them that***

***sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Master, Master, open to us. But he answered and said, Truly I say to you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for you know not the day nor the hour.”***

We might say that we are living in the era when this prophetic parable will be fulfilled. We are standing today on the threshold of the return of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. Just as in Revelation chapter 7, where the angels are holding back the four winds, we find today that people can sense the impending time of universal upheaval and turbulence lying just ahead, which will yield to a time when peace and tranquility returns to the earth. Today the world can sense that we are about to see something of universal importance



**Above:** Various styles of oil lamps that have been unearthed by archaeological excavations.

occurring, but there seems to be a force holding back this onrush of end-time upheaval!

Patiently awaiting the end-time events are ten virgins. These ten virgins are called to be in the bridal party of the Savior when He returns. They have been building their spiritual houses and have been learning the deep things of the Word. Perhaps some of them, or even all of them, have become just a little complacent, because we read that while the bridegroom tarried they ALL slumbered and slept. There is one distinct difference between each group of these virgins. While the entire group might appear to be exactly the same, five of these virgins are wise and have acquired an extra supply of oil to ensure that they have plenty of fuel for their lamps.

Let's look for some scriptural definitions! Psalm 119:105 says, **"Your word is a lamp to my feet, And light to my path."** So it is the WORD OF YAHWEH, the sacred Scriptures, which is the lamp that each virgin is carrying. The light which is shed by the lamps is defined in Psalm 119:130. **"The opening of your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple."** **"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; And reproofs of instruction are the way of life."** (Proverbs 6:23). Apparently each one of these ten virgins had done some diligent Bible study, because all of them had come upon the gateway leading to sound teaching. They had learned some of the deep things in the Bible. The five wise virgins had taken oil in their vessels, but the five foolish virgins had taken no extra oil in their lamps, nor in their vessels. Now what good is a lamp which has no fuel to make it shine—to produce light?

Before we proceed any further, let's obtain a scriptural definition of the term *oil*. This definition may be found in Song of Solomon chapter 1 and verse 3. **"Your oils**

**have a good fragrance; Your name is as oil poured forth; Therefore do the virgins love you."** The word which has been translated *ointment* in this passage (Hebrew—*shemen*) should

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***The Name of our Heavenly Father and the Name of our Savior provides the oil which makes the lamp of the Word to shine and give forth light.***

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have been translated *oil*, as it has been in most of the more modern translations. The Name of our Heavenly Father and the Name of our Savior provides the oil which makes the lamp of the Word to shine and give forth light. It is not representative of the Holy Spirit as so many people suppose; rather, it symbolizes and represents the Name of the Father and the Son.

As the cry goes out, **"Behold, the bridegroom! Come forth to meet him,"** all the ten virgins are awakened with anticipation and begin to trim their lamps! They realize that the Savior is coming back, and they must understand more about the events which are going to transpire when He returns. The five wise virgins soon have a bright glow of illumination coming from their lamps. The foolish virgins have trimmed their lamps—but to no avail, because their lamps have gone out for lack of fuel to burn!

In anxious panic, they turn to the five wise virgins and beg for some of the oil that these virgins are carrying. However, the five wise virgins inform their sisters

that they cannot be of assistance, because they have only enough oil for their personal necessities.

In the dark of night, the five foolish virgins must rush hurriedly to the market place and buy oil so that they may be able to join the wedding party. After they return with their purchase, they learn that the bridegroom has already returned, and the wedding party has departed for the home of the groom. They try to follow, but when they knock on the door these foolish, imprudent virgins find it locked! A voice from within informs them that the bridegroom is not even acquainted with them! They did not know THE NAME OF THE ONE who is to marry the redeemed nation; consequently, they were denied access to the wedding festivities (the inauguration of the Kingdom Age).

What a sorry dilemma! The greatest event since the Savior's earthly life has occurred, and HALF OF THE VIRGINS HAVE MISSED IT! They had failed to make adequate preparations for this momentous event. They were not foresighted enough to obtain the necessities that would get them to the Kingdom of Yahweh.

How about you? Are you making the necessary preparations now so that you will be ready at the moment when the bridegroom will return?

Today the cry is going out to all the world as a witness that the Second Coming of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, is impending. Have you made your preparations to acquire the pure oil to make the lamps of the Word shine brightly, so you can be a wise virgin and meet Him in the air when He returns?

Or, will you be rejected because the sacred Scriptures—Yahweh's Word, His Torah—no longer glows and shines its light as it should to guide your footsteps to the Kingdom of Yahweh?

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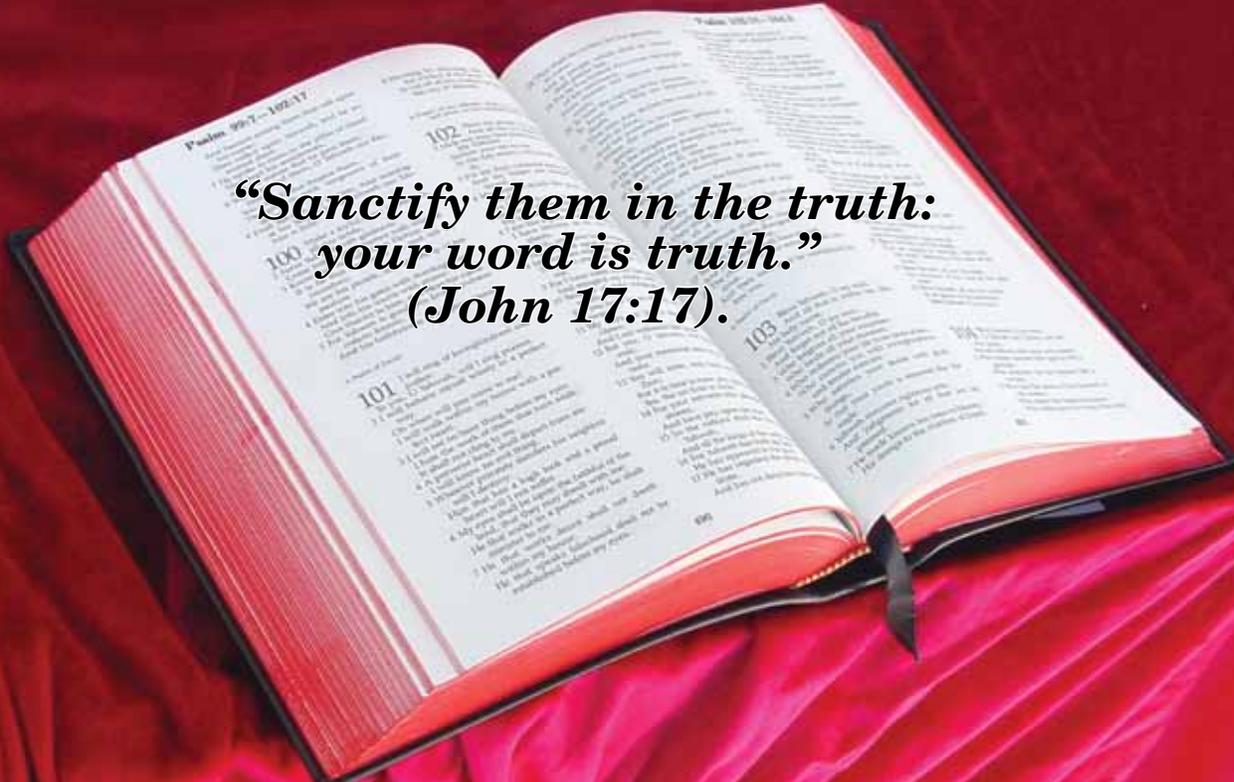
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