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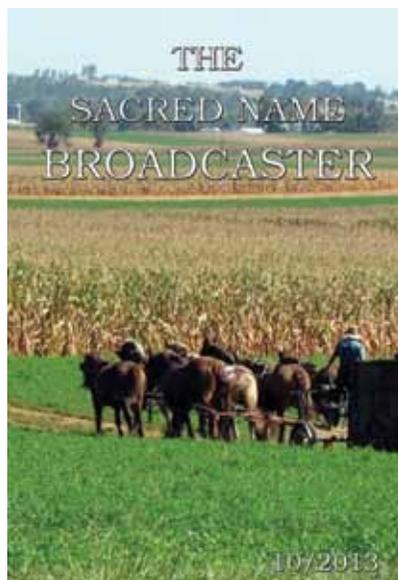
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Our Cover:

This month's cover shows a harvest scene here in eastern Pennsylvania. Harvesttime requires teamwork in order to quickly store the crop.

If we fail to reap the harvest, we might go hungry during the cold winter months. "Do you not say, There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already to harvest," (John 4:35).

"Then says he to his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray you therefore, the owner of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-

What is the Name of the

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Who has gathered the wind in his fists?

Who has bound the waters in his garment?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and what is his son’s name, if you know?”

PROVERBS 30:4

The question which is posed by the title of this article is one which has been asked of every reader of the inspired Scriptures from antiquity. It is found in Proverbs 30:4. ***“Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son’s name, if you know?”*** Would you believe that there was a Father and a Son in the Old Testament Scriptures? Here we have a legitimate question which is posed by the writer of this portion of Proverbs. It demands an answer of each one of the readers of the volume! There can be no sidestepping the issue by claiming that a faulty translation is responsible for the interrogative, nor will an investigation of the text support the conclusion that the verse is a Christian interpolation of later date than the authorship. We are confronted with a question which demands an answer, and the inspired Scriptures will yield the solution.

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Furthermore, when we come across into the New Testament, we encounter several additional passages of Scriptures which make the matter of learning the True Name of the Heavenly Father rather urgent. The passage which is perhaps the most crucial in impetus of all is Ephesians 3:14 and 15. ***“For this cause I bow my knees to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”*** If any Scripture in the Bible should spur us with zealous incentive to learn the True Name of the Almighty Heavenly Father, it would be this salient passage! Surely, if we are to bow our knees in worship of the Heavenly Father as did Paul, if we are to take upon us the Name of the Heavenly Father for whom the entire spiritual family is named, then it becomes imperative that we seek the Name which He Himself selected as His own distinct appellation.

In the past, there have been ministers who have used it as an evasive interpretation to sidestep

this momentous issue. The interpretation, as they saw it, is the doctrine that the Yahweh of the Old Testament became the Savior in the New Testament. On the surface, this might appear to be a plausible interpretation, perhaps becoming even more convincing when read against a backdrop of authoritarian preaching. However, once more, we are confronted by the fact that our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, stated in John 5:43, ***“I have come in my Father’s name.”*** If the Heavenly Father gave His Name to His Son, who became our Messiah, then, consequently, we are forced to seek the Name of the Father. ***“For I, Yahweh, change not....”*** (Malachi 3:6).

Before we leave this thought to seek the Name of the Father, we must bear in the forefront of our minds the petition which our Savior prayed in His High Priestly prayer in John chapter 17, that the Father would keep His own little flock in the Father’s Name (verses 11-12), and that it was the Name of the Heavenly Father which the Messiah had declared to the faith-

ful disciples (verses 6 and 26). In Revelation 19:10 and 22:9, the angel who is speaking to the Apostle John commands the Apostle to worship Almighty Yahweh, not the angelic Being who had revealed the vision of the Kingdom. Now, certainly, it is not too difficult for the thinking man to perceive that the inspired Scriptures construct quite a substantial case, which should compel us to search diligently for the Name of the Heavenly Father. We must comprehend that, ultimately, all things revert back to the Father. If these Scriptures indicate that the Name of the Heavenly Father is so important and intrinsic to our salvation, if we, the Body of True Worshipers, are to be called by the Name of the Father, then He certainly would not have hidden it from His people.

Recognizing the dilemma in which the above Scriptures have now placed the sincere and dedicated Bible student, we shall proceed to the exclusive source of all Truth, the Old Testament Scriptures. These Scriptures are the primary root of our Faith, the very Word of our Heavenly Father Yahweh in which we may find the narrow way to salvation. This Word of our Heavenly Father will bring us the essential information which each True Worshiper must carry within His heart and mind, if we do not seek to substantiate a doctrine of men which we may have been taught by rote. It is imperative that we approach the Old Testament Scriptures with an open mind if we wish to come to understand what our Heavenly Father wishes us to learn.

Yahweh's Messenger

The book of Malachi, which is the last book of the Old Testament Scriptures, was not written by a prophet called Malachi. The opening verse of the book holds a secret which few ministers today understand. It reads from the literal Hebrew translation, ***"The prophecy of the Word of Yahweh to Israel by My***

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Messenger." The word *Malachi* in the Hebrew means *My angel* or *My Messenger*. Who, may we ask, was the angel of Yahweh—the messenger of Yahweh? Was it not the One who transmitted the words of the Heavenly Father to Israel and who carried the Name of the Father in Exodus 23:20-23 (especially verse 21)? This angel received a better Name, a Name greater than any other angel, Hebrews 1:4. All the angels who are named in the Scriptures have names ending with *El*. This one special angel in the Scriptures was given the Name of the Almighty! Now, notice what this personal messenger of Yahweh tells the priests (ministers) of Israel in verse 6 of chapter one. ***"A son honors his father, and a servant his master; if then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says Yahweh of hosts unto you, O PRIESTS, THAT DESPISE MY NAME."*** This is rather alarming when we realize that this book was written especially for the people of our day, the people who would be living in the time of the great day of Yahweh the Almighty! Does your minister give honor to the NAME of the Almighty Father, which, from this verse, can be determined to be YAHWEH? When we read the remainder of this first chapter and, also, the second chapter of Malachi, we can easily discern that the negligence on the part of the priests (perhaps, in many cases deliberately) calls for imminent corrective judgment as the Almighty pours upon them and their seed a curse for

disobedience.

Now, let us return to the prophecy of Isaiah. Here we may again detect that the Name of the Father has been revealed to His people. In chapter 63, verse 16, we read, ***"For you are our Father, though Abraham knows us not, and Israel does not acknowledge us: you, O Yahweh, are our Father; our Redeemer FROM EVERLASTING IS YOUR NAME."*** How perfectly obvious. It is Yahweh that is the Father, and His Name is from everlasting, from before the beginning! Here I might insert parenthetically that I have returned the Name of the Almighty back to the text. In this passage, we may again note that the personal Name of the Almighty is found in the Hebrew text, the four letters which comprise His Name and which can be best brought across from the Hebrew as Yahweh. If you obtain the use of one of the modern translations which uses the Sacred Name in the text, you could be surprised if you check this for yourself. For instance the **Jerusalem Bible** translates this verse, ***"For you are our Father. For Abraham does not own us and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, Yahweh, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient Name."***

Just one chapter later, we may note the confrontation of an additional reference to the Name of the Father. In Isaiah 64:8 we read: ***"But now, O Yahweh, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you our potter; and we all the work of your hand."*** Another convincing text has emerged for our scrutiny!

Surely here we have ample evidence from several witnesses in the Old Testament Scriptures that the Name of the Almighty Heavenly Father is "YAHWEH." If we are truly His children, the submissive clay which is yielded to His Will, to be molded as the master potter desires, then we must bow our heads and worship in the Name of Yahweh when it has been revealed to us, just as did ancient Israel when Moses preached the Sacred Name to them, Exodus 4:29-31.

You will observe while you are checking this passage that Yahweh calls Israel His son, His firstborn, in verses 22-23. An additional verse, which has great meaning in the Hebrew text, is to be found in Deuteronomy 14:1, "**You are the children (sons-Hebrew) of Yahweh your Elohim (Mighty One).**" If we are His children (sons), then He is our Father, and it is imperative that we know, use, and call ourselves by His Name. This is the primary reason why the Body of the Messiah is called the Assemblies of Yahweh! We are indeed called by the Father's revealed, personal Name! We should note that Joel 2:32 indicates that when we call upon the Name of Yahweh the Father, we will be saved. Please see also 1 Peter 1:17.

The Glorified Name

Returning again to the New Testament to accumulate additional decisive evidence for the Name of the Almighty Heavenly Father, we should return to the Savior's model prayer, which He designed for teaching His disciples how to pray effectively, Matthew 6:9, "**...Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name.**" At a number of places in the Old Testament, we read that our Heavenly Father will eventually sanctify (hallow) His great Name; among them is Ezekiel 36:23. When the Savior implores the Father to glorify His Name, the voice from On High declares, "**...I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.**" (John 12:28). At

the close of this age of man, when knowledge has been increased, this prophecy is being fulfilled each time you hear the Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father being proclaimed, whether it is via the instruments of radio or printed page utilized in outreach by the Assemblies of Yahweh, or whether this magnificent Sacred Name appears through the teaching of other religious groups.

Again, we must consider the intrinsic value of the Sacred Name of the Father in relation to our everlasting salvation. Dictionaries of the Hebrew language bear out the fact that the Name YAHWEH means *eternal, endlessness, everlasting, eternity*. The subsequent follow-up question which presents itself immediately would, of necessity, have to be, "If this is the Name which means eternal, everlasting life, how can we hope to realize our hope of everlasting salvation without calling on this Name which contains eternity as an intrinsic characteristic?" "**...The man of wisdom will see your name.**" (Micah 6:9). It is the Sacred Name which is vitally important to our salvation.

Can You Fulfill These Prophecies?

Finally, we approach the time of the end, the culmination of this age. When the redeemed ones stand with our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, upon Mt. Zion, they will bear the unique characteristic of the True Worshipers down through all the corridors of time in this age of man. This uniqueness, which the saved ones will bear will be one of the ways in which they have cleansed the praises of their lips to offer pure worship with no guile, or falsehood, to the Almighty. In their foreheads (meaning in their minds, their intellect) will be found the Name of the Father and the Son. Please check the following Scripture and especially seek a copy of the Greek text in Revelation 14:1 to verify this thought. See also Revelation 22:4. Conversely, the people who are destined for judicial punishment will

be bearing in their foreheads the name of the Beast and the names of blasphemy carried by the Beast (Revelation 13:16-17, 14:11, 17:3-5), while, simultaneously, they will continue to blaspheme the Name of the Almighty Yahweh while judgment is being poured out upon them, Revelation 16:9.

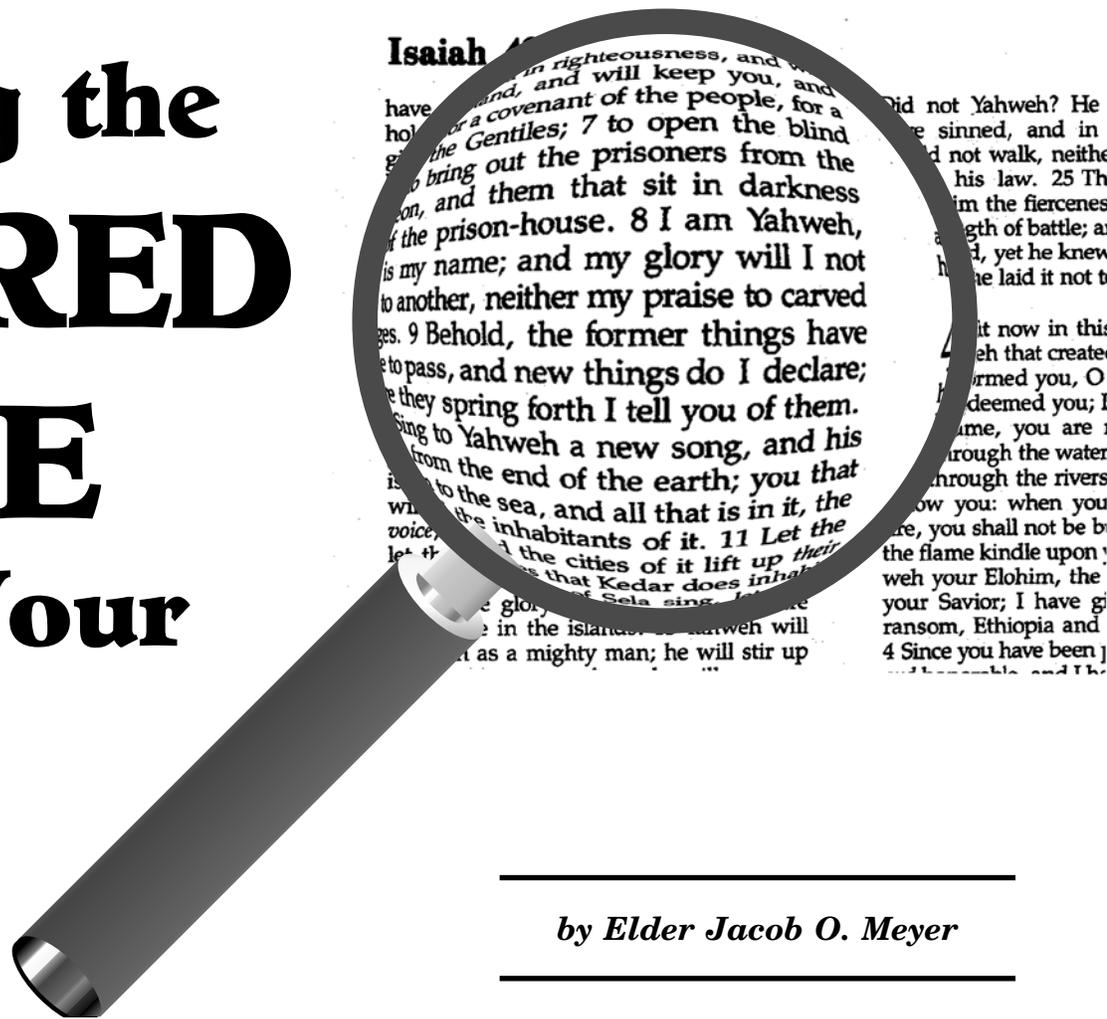
Finally, let us notice Malachi 3:16-17. These are the people who will have rejected the wickedness of this end-time age and will be spared (protected) from the wrathful judgment of Yahweh. Notice what all of these people will be doing which will earn for them the favor of the Most High. "**Then they that feared Yahweh spoke one with another; and Yahweh listened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon HIS NAME. And they shall be mine, says Yahweh of hosts, even my own possession, in the day that I make; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own SON that serves him.**"

If Yahweh Is El, Follow Him

Again, we may discern the paternal relationship between the Almighty and His True Worshipers.

Are you still in the dark about the importance of using and worshiping in the revealed, personal Name of the Almighty Father? Today, the message of 1 Kings 18:21 is being proclaimed more powerfully than it has ever been to our contemporary world. "**...How long will you go limping between the two sides? If Yahweh is Elohim, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.**" No man can serve two masters! What is the Name of the Heavenly Father? What is the Name of the Son? The answer from the Scriptures should now be obvious. "**I am Yahweh, that is my name...**" (Isaiah 42:8). Begin now to honor the Name of our Heavenly Father so that He will bless you as He has promised. ^{SNB}

Proving the SACRED NAME From Your Bible



by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Why do the members of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH place such heavy emphasis on a Name? Is it merely to be different, or controversial? Do we merely try to draw men after ourselves for the purpose of forming yet another splinter religious group? Could it be for individual aggrandizement?

The members of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH have proven the importance of the Sacred Name to themselves. You can do the same. By perusing a concordance, you can personally check each instance where the majestic Name of our Heavenly Father appears in the Hebrew Scriptures.

You will find, upon checking, that the Tetragrammaton, the four-letter word that stands for the Name and appears about 7,000 times (6,823 to be exact) is usually translated *the l-rd* in the **King James** text. Occasionally, it is translated *g-d*, which is then rendered in small capitals.

You may also check to see what such eminent Bible translators as **Moffatt, Rotherham, Lamsa**, and others have to say about the Sacred Name.

For instance, I once had occasion to speak with Dr. George Lamsa. In reference to the Tetragrammaton, this renowned Bible translator stated, ***“That is YAHWEH. It is the original name. All others were added later.”***

Additionally, you might check any good dictionary or encyclopedia in your own home under the heading “G-d” or “L-rd.”

The writer of the preface of the **Complete Bible**, Dr. J. M. Powis Smith, writes in reference to the Sacred Name: ***“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.”*** Since the translators are in universal agreement that YAHWEH is more correct than the other names and titles employed in translating the Name of our Heavenly Father, and that this is His rightful Name which appears in the original Hebrew text, let us begin immediately to read it into the text when we encounter the place where it should rightfully appear.

Let us look into the Bible together and answer some important questions which arise. Please take your own Bible and read these Scriptures for yourself so that you may begin to understand just why the brethren of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH obstinately insist upon the correct, revealed Name of our Heavenly Father.

1. Does the Almighty have only one Name? Psalm 83:18.
2. Does He tell us His Name so that there can be no mistake on our part when we read His Word? Isaiah 42:8.
3. Are we told to extol (praise) a specific Name? Psalm 68:4. *(Note that the form "Yah" is the poetic abbreviation of the Tetragrammaton.)*
4. Does our Heavenly Father tell us that this Name, which He calls Himself, is to be used forever? Exodus 3:15.
5. Does He say that this Name was only for the Jews rather than to all generations (every age of time for every ethnic group)? Exodus 3:15.
6. Does He tell us that this personal Name is to be His memorial? (This is how He wishes to be remembered by all people. A memorial is usually cut in stone.) Exodus 3:15, along with Hosea 12:5.
7. Does He tell us that this personal Name is to be known by His own people? Isaiah 52:6.
8. Does He tell us not to use any other names besides the One which He Himself has chosen and not even to speak others? Exodus 23:13; Joshua 23:7; Psalm 16:4 and 44:20-21.
9. Does the Almighty explain that all nations also are obligated to call upon this majestic Name? Psalm 79:6.
10. Does Almighty Yahweh tell us that we may find protection from the imminent tribulation by trusting in the Sacred Name? Proverbs 18:10 and Malachi 3:16-18. (An all-powerful, protecting Mighty One is certainly superior security than trying to provide an escape, or shelter, for ourselves.)
11. Will the Sacred Name mean salvation? Joel 2:32 and Romans 10:12-16.
12. Will the Sacred Name mean an answer to prayer? Psalm 91:14-16; Isaiah 58:9; and Zechariah 13:9.
13. Does the Almighty say that the day is to come when He will remove from the people the names of *baal* (l-rd, center column), and the *baals* will no more be remembered by their names? Hosea 2:16-17. (Be sure to see center-column reference here.) See also Jeremiah 2:23 (again perusing most marginal references).
14. Does the Almighty say that a book of remembrance is to be written containing the names of those who fear YAHWEH and think upon His Name as they speak often one to another? Malachi 3:16-17. Refer to Hebrews 10:25
15. Does the Almighty tell us who is to blame for the crime against His Name by removing it from His Word? Malachi 2:1-2 and Ezekiel 34:1-6.
16. Does Peter tell us that there are many Names for our Savior by which we can be saved, or only one which will save us? Acts 4:12.
17. Does the context and center-column reference of your Bible reveal the True Hebrew Name of our Savior and Messiah? Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8. See also Zechariah 6:9-15.
18. Does the Bible indicate that the Heavenly Father's Name is the Name which each member of the spiritual family, both in heaven and earth, is named? Ephesians 3:14-15.
19. Does your Bible clearly indicate what is to be the seal which protects the people of the last days? Revelation 7:1-3 and 14:1.
20. Does the Son come in His Father's Name, and consequently, must bear His Name? John 5:43. See also Exodus 23:20-23.
21. Does the Holy Spirit come in a certain Name? John 14:26.
22. Does the Almighty declare that He will sanctify (set apart for holiness) His great Name, which Israel has profaned, in the last days? Note that Yahshua tells us to pray for such sanctification. Matthew 6:9 and Ezekiel 36:20-23.
23. Will the Sacred Name message (the name *EliYah* means *My Mighty One is YAH*) be the last message which is preached on this earth just prior to the Savior's return? Malachi 4:5-6.
24. Can you now answer the question posed by the writer of Proverbs in chapter 30 and verse 4?

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What About T-Day?

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Since so many people have become irreligious in these modern times, the popular trend is to call the American Thanksgiving “T Day.” If you are religious, it remains Thanksgiving Day. If you are not religious, it signifies “Turkey Day,” time for a turkey feast. Most people who observe the worldly holidays today have never really searched out the facts of the subject for themselves from their own Bible.

Most people might be stunned and puzzled to learn that the American Thanksgiving Day was never held late in the month of November by

the Pilgrims who were reputed to have originated it. Historical facts tell us that the Pilgrims celebrated their first special thanksgiving feast in early October. This date would closely correspond to the time when the Feast of Tabernacles would be observed and be so much more in line with the New England fall harvest season.

Some of the people who have researched the subject of the American Thanksgiving Day believe that the Pilgrims actually were perpetuating the English custom of holding a harvest home observance. When the author was a youth, the denomination in which he was a member

would observe a harvest home commemoration in the early fall. Whether this corresponded with the Feast of Tabernacles time, we cannot say, but it was held earlier than the American Thanksgiving time of year.

Without a doubt, the American Thanksgiving Day is founded just like the other holidays observed by nominal christianity upon the same premise. That belief is that mankind can determine any observance he wishes, since we are now under grace and not under the Law. The supernaturally commanded biblical holy days are spurned, lightly cast aside, and, regrettably, others that

are not sanctified by the Bible are substituted in their place. Then these unscriptural holidays are proof-texted out of the sacred Scriptures, whereas, they are, in reality, the commandments and doctrines of men.

Yahshua the Messiah warned against accepting such observances in Matthew 15:6b-9, ***“...And you have made void the word of Yahweh because of your tradition. You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.”***

Yahshua the Messiah was quoting from Isaiah 29:13-14. ***“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; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.”***

It should not be difficult for any sincere student of the Bible to require that the doctrines he believes and practices must be accurately derived from the sacred Scriptures. Such a devoted Bible believer will understand that sin is the transgression of (the violation of, the breaking of) the Law of Yahweh (1 John 3:4). Whenever anyone sets aside, violates, breaks, or rejects the Law of Yahweh to satisfy his own inclination with a system of conduct of his own creation, he is guilty of committing sin. You must understand that the wages sin pays is death (Romans 6:23).

In the sacred Scriptures, Almighty Yahweh has specified that there shall be two thanksgiving observances. These holy times of worship are designated as pilgrim

feasts, since travel is involved. The first one is designated as the early thanksgiving day, which is called *Shavuoth*, or Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks. ***“And you shall observe the feast of weeks, even of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year’s end. Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the sovereign Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel”*** (Exodus 34:22-23).

The Feast of Weeks is to comprise the thanksgiving for the early harvest (barley) and to offer thanks for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest. The term *feast* in the Hebrew text is *chag*, and it means *to gather around in a circle as though in worship or dancing with rejoicing*. This term is also used in Deuteronomy 16:11.

At year’s end, the Feast of Ingathering is to be observed. Almighty Yahweh tells us that it shall be a thanksgiving for the latter harvests. ***“And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of your labors, which you sow in the field: and the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in your labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the sovereign Yahweh,”*** (Exodus 23:16-17).

“You shall keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor and from your winepress: and you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within your gates. Seven days shall you keep a feast to Yahweh your Elohim

in the place which Yahweh shall choose; because Yahweh your Elohim will bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful,” (Deuteronomy 16:13-15).

As we can see, in all the reference material, the American Thanksgiving Day has been proclaimed by a human leader to be observed on Thursday in late November. George Washington issued a proclamation that November 26, 1789, should be observed as a day of national thanksgiving. Abraham Lincoln (revered though he may be, encouraged a wrongful action) proclaimed the last Thursday of November 1863 as Thanksgiving Day, and that custom continued down into the 1930s. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt designated the national observance of Thanksgiving to be held on the third Thursday of November, so that an extra week could be added to the Christmas shopping season, endeavoring to help pull America out of the 1930’s Depression. However, the following year, 1941, Congress established the day for the American Thanksgiving to be held each year on the fourth Thursday of the month of November (as it continues up to our time), and Congress also declared it to be a legal federal holiday (**World Book Encyclopedia**).

When we recognize that Almighty Yahweh has, in His Word, scheduled and commanded certain days in the seventh scriptural month for a thanksgiving feast to be forever observed in worship and praise, dedicated to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, then we must call into question WHY

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Almighty Yahweh has specified that special seasons shall be devoted to His worship in recognition of His blessings. For seven days, from the fifteenth to the twenty-first day of the seventh scriptural month, with a following eighth day, shall be set aside a time of special worship. Each fall, His people must gather in holy convocation. No human being can alter this commandment of his own volition, because Yahweh has established it.

THE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING DAY is held approximately one month later? Many people do not understand that Jeroboam, the first king of the northern kingdom, known as the House of Israel, was responsible for implementing this change in his realm. We read about this decision in 1 Kings 12:25-33, ***“Then Jeroboam built Shechem***

in the hill-country of Ephraim, and dwelt in it; and he went out from there, and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, now will the kingdom return to the house of David: if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, then will the heart of this people turn again to their sovereign, even to

Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. And the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your elohim, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other he put in Dan. And THIS THING BECAME A SIN; for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan. And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, that were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained a feast IN THE EIGHTH MONTH, on the FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH, LIKE THE FEAST that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; so he did in Beth-el, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. And he went up to the altar which he had made in Beth-el ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY IN THE EIGHTH MONTH, even IN THE MONTH WHICH HE HAD DEVISED OF HIS OWN HEART: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.”

Almighty Yahweh has specified that special seasons shall be devoted to His worship in recognition of His blessings. For seven days, from the fifteenth to the twenty-first day of the seventh scriptural month, with a following eighth day, shall be set aside a time of special worship. Each fall, His people must gather in holy convocation. No human being can alter this commandment of his own volition, because Yahweh has established it.

Jeroboam feared that His subjects, the members of the 10-tribed House of Israel, the northern kingdom, would still continue to assemble at Jerusalem for worship during the seventh month as Yahweh’s Word directs them. This

would put them under the authority of Yahweh's priesthood. Therefore, he took counsel (took the advice of some of his ministers) and made two calves of gold. The one he set in a shrine at Dan (in the north) and a second one in a shrine in Bethel, toward the south (about 15 miles from the border with the House of Judah). Scripture tells us that this thing became a sin, because he had devised it from his own heart to circumvent the commandments of Yahweh. Jeroboam had inaugurated a national feast observance in violation of Yahweh's Covenant Law!

Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles, His festival of thanksgiving for the abundant harvest of the year, that He gave us in 2013 was held from September 21-27, with the Last Great Day falling on September 28. The eighth scriptural month will begin on October 7, the fifteenth day of the eighth scriptural month this year would be October 21 with that feast ending on October 28, if it was kept according to Jeroboam's Feast of Tabernacles. In 2013, the American Thanksgiving Day is scheduled to be observed on November 28, four weeks following the ending of Jeroboam's feast, but around the same season, late in the fall (too cold for the average person to camp out for a week).

If you check the 1997 configuration of days, they fell much closer to what the Bible indicated was Jeroboam's eighth-month thanksgiving. Some years, the third Thursday of the month, as designated by President Roosevelt, would fall exactly within the feast of the eighth month, from the fifteenth to the twenty-second day of the month.

Recently we saw a rather noted entertainer explain why he was observing Halloween (even though he was a professed Christian). He rejected the idea that any paganism could be connected with children coming around to his door in costumes to practice the worldly tradition of trick-or-treating. We watched this explanation in stunned amazement, because this individual had been set forth to be a rather

righteous, religious man. Nevertheless, he had not examined the facts of the Halloween traditions. Have you ever researched the traditions related to the worldly holidays to determine their origin? If not, why not?

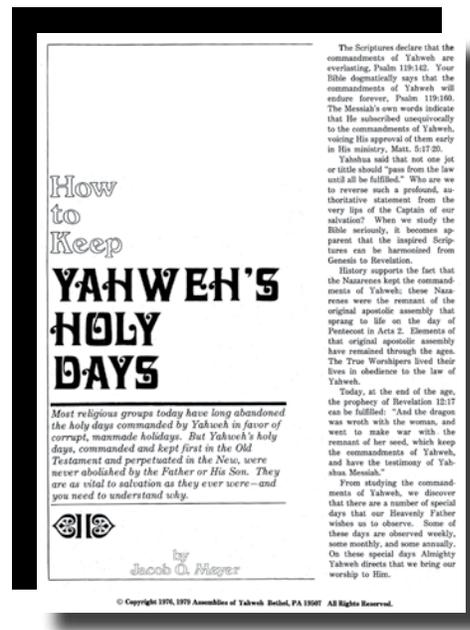
Perhaps you also imagine that you can have Almighty Yahweh accept whatever worship you intend to give Him. However, just remember that Almighty Yahweh desires obedience to His commandments. We do not worship just any mighty one, but we worship the only True and Living Elohim, our Creator. It is mandatory that we obey Him. **"We must obey Yahweh rather than men,"** (Acts 5:29b). SNB

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Have you really approached this study with an open mind, allowing the sacred Scriptures to speak directly to you? Or have you searched for ways to avoid the issue and questions to refute this doctrine, rather than allowing the Bible itself to speak to you?

What's in a name? In the Name of YAHWEH you may find healing (Exodus 15:26), salvation (Acts 2:21), protection (Psalm 18:1-3), and eternal life (Isaiah 57:15). All of these attributes are embodied in the Savior's Name, YAHSUA (meaning YAHWEH is Salvation). In Matthew 1:21, we find the definition of the Messiah's Hebrew Name: **"And she shall bring forth a son; and you shall call his name YAHSUA; for he shall save his people from their sins."**

Note what the Apostle John says about the Name and eternal life in 1 John 5:13: **"These things I have written to you, that you may know that you have eternal life, even to you that believe on the name of the Son of Yahweh."** By trusting in the majestic Name of our Heavenly Father YAHWEH and in the saving Name of our Savior, YAHSUA the Messiah, the members of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH are not being disagreeable, but sensible, logical, practical, and obedient to the inspired Word. Will you be also? SNB



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THE GREAT DAY OF YAHWEH IS NEAR!

“Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh; for all the people of Canaan are undone; all they that were loaded with silver are cut off. And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with lamps; and I will punish the men that are settled on their lees, that say in their heart, Yahweh will not do good, neither will he do evil. And their wealth shall become a plunder, and their houses a desolation: also, they shall build houses, but shall not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but shall not drink the wine of them,” (Zephaniah 1:11-13).

“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who mowed your fields, which is by you kept back by fraud, cries out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of Yahweh Sabaoth. You have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure; you have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous; he does not resist you,” (Jacob 5:1-6).

“The great day of Yahweh is near; it is near and hastes greatly, even the voice of the day of Yahweh;

the mighty man cries there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm, against the fortified cities, and against the high battlements. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Yahweh; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of Yahweh’s wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he will make an end, yes, a terrible end, of all them that dwell in the land,” (Zephaniah 1:14-18).

“And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he says with a great voice, Fear Yahweh, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, that has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worships the beast and his image, and re-

ceives a mark on his forehead, or on his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Yahweh, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints; They that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua,” (Revelation 14:6-12).

“A graphic prophetic picture of the end times appears here as a warning of things to come. The majority of the people on this earth are going to accept the mark of the Beast, so this passage presents the first indication we may have of its interpretation.

“Perhaps a good rule of thumb would be to examine closely, and place under a minute scrutiny, any idea which the majority of people favors in our day. It is imperative that we do not become walking robots who have lost all capacity for sound thinking and reasoning, someone who could be manipulated by a handful of power-hungry people who might seize control of the news media. Such public exposure could possibly hold sway over the masses of the people, as we observe from reports of almost weekly coups in foreign countries. Hitler’s Germany of the 1930s, or Saddam Hussein’s adventurism in 1990, could

be illustrations of how dictatorial rulers force their will upon the majority of their subjects.

"In this modern era, where is our capacity for standing alone upon our convictions? Are we afraid to be like Daniel and his three friends? (Please consider Daniel chapters 1 and 3.) If the founding fathers of our great nation had not stood for what they knew was right against almost impossible odds, would our country have had a revolution which severed the ties of the New World from our mother country, Great Britain? It is imperative that we, who desire to be members of the Body of the Messiah, the people of our Heavenly Father Yahweh, return to clear and sound reasoning in these days of managed news. Yahshua the Messiah taught that the broad way with the most people would lead to destruction, while the Narrow Way with the least number of travelers will lead to life eternal, Matthew 7:13-14.

"Simply thinking for ourselves, seeing with our own eyes, instead of merely being parrots, will be certain to keep us from serious consequences.

"In Revelation 19:20 we read of the destiny of the few men who are going to seize control of the governments of this Western world only a few years hence in a power-mad attempt to remold our culture to their own liking and impose their will on the masses of humanity. We read there, **"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that worked the signs in his sight, by which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshiped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone."**

"How pitiful a picture! A people had been deceived by a few men because they failed to stop and think, to contemplate the pathway down which they were traveling, but, instead, rushed blindly after material wealth and good times which were offered to gratify their physical life. Destruction awaits them in an endless eternity of separation from the life that Almighty Yahweh, the Heavenly Father, has promised to

His people, but the Scriptures promise eternal life and joy to those who are willing to suffer now for that future reward.

"This promise is contained in Revelation 20:4 where we read, **"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Yahshua, and for the word of Yahweh, and such as did not worship the beast, neither his image, and did not receive the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with the Messiah a thousand years."**

"Could any persecution or hardship in this life compare with the promises which have been made to us by our Heavenly Father Yahweh?

"Obviously, Almighty Yahweh Elohim has presented us with the plan of salvation through His sacred Scriptures. The Bible is not a confusing or difficult book when we begin to obey its instructions. Each one of us must study the Word to work out our own salvation in fear and trembling, Philippians 2:12-16. **"So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is Yahweh who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and questionings; that you may become blameless and harmless, children of Elohim without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life; for my exultation in the day of the Messiah, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain."**

"No one can work out your own salvation for you. Furthermore, if you must work out your own salvation from the sacred Scriptures, understanding the Bible cannot be that difficult. Yahweh Elohim would not deliberately seek to confuse anyone so they couldn't

comprehend how to do His Will or to please Him.

"We have much to learn, so that we can enter into eternal life. Continue to read, study, and obey the biblical message so that you can enter into life when the Messiah Yahshua returns to establish the eternal Kingdom of Yahweh on this earth," (Commentary on the Book of Revelation, Volume 2: The Mark Of The Beast).

"Gather yourselves together, even gather together; O nation that has no shame; before the decree brings forth, before the day passes as the chaff; before the fierce anger of Yahweh comes upon you, before the day of Yahweh's anger comes upon you. Seek Yahweh, all you meek of the earth, that have kept his ordinances; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be you will be hid in the day of Yahweh's anger," (Zephaniah 2:1-3).

Beast Government

The recent government shutdown has once again revealed to us how vicious the government can be. The decision was made by government officials at many levels that they would "make it hurt." From coast to coast (and overseas as well) government buildings, national parks, and memorials were shuttered and barricaded. Tourists were prevented from even photographing bison along the roadside in Yellowstone National Park. World War II veterans were prevented from entering the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. Bicyclists along a bike path in Maryland were prevented from getting a drink after the faucet handles were removed by park employees. Even private businesses situated on government land were forced to close.

Just talking about government spending cuts by congressmen or senators brings forth a vicious response and a gnashing of teeth. Like reaching into an animal's dish while they're eating, the bite comes quickly. As if a reduction in taxes or spending will cause irreparable harm, government officials refuse to tighten their belts,

while households across America have been forced to do without and live within their means. Once again, we are reminded that public servants do not serve the public—they serve themselves.

Economy Flat

The stock market, bolstered by a glut of “free money,” has risen to record territory recently. The Federal Reserve continues to pump money into the system at the rate of about \$85 billion a month, amounting to more than \$1 trillion a year being added to our national debt. Even though approximately 10 million people have left the work force in the past four years, the unemployment rate still remains over 7 percent. Douglas Holtz-Eakin, the former Congressional Budget Office director, described the numbers as “*lackluster, tepid, listless, or soft.*” The Federal Reserve, however, will continue to pump money into the economy into early 2014.

Freebies Abound

A recent internal IRS audit showed that the IRS paid as much as \$13.6 billion in bogus claims for the Earned Income Tax Credit, last year alone. Overpayments as large as \$132 billion were paid out over the last decade. An investigative reporter and a television station in Indianapolis detailed widespread abuse of Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), causing some to receive refund checks of over \$12,000.

When a temporary power outage caused the Electronic Benefits Transfer system (which allows people on government assistance to buy food using a digital card with a set spending limit) to malfunction, shoppers quickly discovered that they had unlimited spending power. Word soon spread like wildfire, and shoppers stripped store shelves bare. When the EBT system finally started working again, police were called when shoppers, using their EBT cards, were found attempting

to steal as much as \$700 worth of goods. Angrily, customers abandoned overflowing grocery carts in the aisles and left.

Imagine how people will riot during tribulation times when food and water will be rationed. We live in an entitlement-minded generation, when people demand their government aid and loudly protest when they don't get their way, even turning to violence at times. The mindset of today is to take rather than to give, diametrically opposed to generations past when our parents and grandparents refused to accept charity, choosing rather to do without.

Yahweh Disapproves of Sin

Joel Osteen, pastor of Houston's Lakewood Church, while promoting his recent book, was asked in an interview about the homosexual lifestyle. Josh Zepps, of Huffington Post, quoted from Osteen's new book: “*It doesn't matter who likes you or who doesn't like you, all that matters is G-d likes you. He accepts you, he approves of you.*” When asked if this included homosexuals, Osteen replied, “*Absolutely. I believe that G-d has breathed his life into every single person. We're all on a journey. Nobody's perfect.*” Perhaps Mr. Osteen has forgotten that Yahweh loves the sinner, but not the sin. Especially when it is a sin that Yahweh has classified as being an abomination to Him.

Failing to speak out strongly against sin, he also stated, “*...but I believe every person is made in the image of G-d, and you have to accept them as they are, on their journey. I'm not here to be preaching hate, pushing people down. I'm not here telling people that they're doing wrong.*” Isn't that the duty of the pastor to cry aloud and spare not, and declare to the people their sins? Furthermore, the Apostle Paul has specifically instructed us that we were not to consent with those who commit this sin. “*... who, knowing*

the ordinances of Yahweh, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them,” (Romans 1:32).

“And reckon this, oh man, who judges them that practice such things, and does the same, that you shall escape the judgment of Yahweh? Or do you despise the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of Yahweh leads you to repentance? But after your hardness and unrepentant heart, you treasure for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of Yahweh; WHO WILL RENDER TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS: to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life: but to them that are factious, and do not obey the truth [the Word of Yahweh, the Commandments of Yahweh] but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man THAT WORKS EVIL...” (Romans 2:3-9a). (Emphasis ours.)

“Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted! To the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in Yahweh; she drew not near to her Elohim,” (Zephaniah 3:1-2).

“For then will I change to the peoples a pure language, that they may call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring my offering. In that day shall you not be put to shame for all your doings, in which you have transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the middle of you your proudly exulting ones, and you shall no more be haughty in

my holy mountain. But I will leave in the middle of you an afflicted and poor people, and they shall take refuge in the name of Yahweh. THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL SHALL NOT DO INIQUITY (emphasis ours), nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. Sing, O daughter of Zion: shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. Yahweh has taken away your judgments, he has cast out your enemy: the King of Israel, even Yahweh, is in the middle of you; you shall not fear evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not; O Zion, let not your hands be slack. Yahweh your Elohim is in the middle of you, a mighty one who will save; he

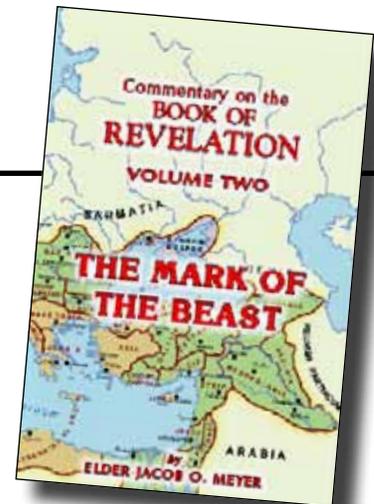
will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love; he will rejoice over you with singing. I will gather them that sorrow for the solemn assembly, who were of you; to whom the burden upon her was a reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict you; and I will save that which is lame, and gather that which was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame has been in all the earth. At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring back your captivity before your eyes, says Yahweh,” (Zephaniah 3:9-20).

Pathway to Life

The only pathway into True Wor-

ship is that which is prescribed by our Father in heaven. We must fall into harmony with His way, obedient to His authority, and do things as He wants them done. This means accepting the sacrifice of His Son, and then requesting the cleansing baptism in the Name of His Son, our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. A new life awaits you when you rise from the cleansing water in a newness of life, by the cleansing baptism.

Our world is rushing headlong toward its appointment with the judgment of our Heavenly Father, and each of us should be building our spiritual ark of safety to escape His wrath. We must first, however, obey what Almighty Yahweh has instructed us to do to find salvation. Why not make that life-changing change today?



from The Mark of the Beast

Excerpt from **The Mark of the Beast**: For the past half-century, the world has been in a struggle against steadily advancing socialism masquerading behind one sort of political banner or another, whether it was the passive socialism advanced by the British, the national socialism embraced by the German Nazis, or the international socialism advanced by the Russian Communists and their comrades.

The basic concept which has made our country, the United States of America, great, is freedom and individuality. It should concern us that our nation has reached the point where we observe a socialistic “Robin Hood”-type society emerging when we observe a confiscatory tax program which enables roughly one-half (or more) of the citizens to live from the earnings of the other half of the population. This is absolutely contrary to the wishes and the commandments of our Heavenly Father Yahweh as they appear in His Word, the inspired Scriptures. **“For yourselves know how you ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat bread for nothing at any man’s hand, but in labor and travail, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you: not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us. 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.”** (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

We have learned that when the “man of sin” or, as he is so often called, “the anti-Messiah” (anti-Chr-st), arrives on the scene to take over the rule of the end-time Beast government, he will begin his program with generally increased taxation. If you believe that you are groaning under exorbitant taxation today, you have not seen anything yet! EVERY NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAM MUST BE FINANCED BY A NEW SYSTEM OF TAXES, OR FUNDED BY BORROWED MONEY.

Furthermore, to administer each new program, an entirely new and different bureaucratic department

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must be created, which means additional employees, red tape, and increased outflow of tax dollars to finance it. With each additional set of taxes adding to the burden already crushing down upon the average person, each individual must work increasingly harder if he wishes to maintain his desired standard of living, or drop out of society altogether, perhaps like the counter-culture of the 1960s, the homeless of the past several decades, or as some religious sects have done in the past.

Perhaps it is time to take an intense look at the drift of our contemporary society. Let me present you with a simple mathematical problem. How much is nothing plus nothing? How much is zero plus zero? If you add nothing to nothing, you will still end up with the sum of nothing. If I receive SOMETHING for *nothing*, I must realize that someone had to work or devote labor for the value of that gift. I must realize that the gift did not manufacture itself, but someone worked (perhaps many long hours) to produce and pay for that object. In our society today, when welfare recipients receive valuable entitlements from the government, someone is going to have to pay for that dole! The goods and services that the government purchases will increase in price proportionately through inflation as taxes increase. In one vicious spiral, prices continue to escalate with each passing year as costs of production increase through wage boosts. That means additional taxes are collected which are not used to repay the debt, but are spent on other things.

“Where will it all end?” asks the average man on the street. The answer lies in the sacred Scriptures, in Exodus 1:13-14, **“And the Egyptians made the children of Israel TO SERVE WITH RIGOR: and THEY MADE THEIR LIVES BITTER WITH HARD SERVICE, in mortar and in brick, and**

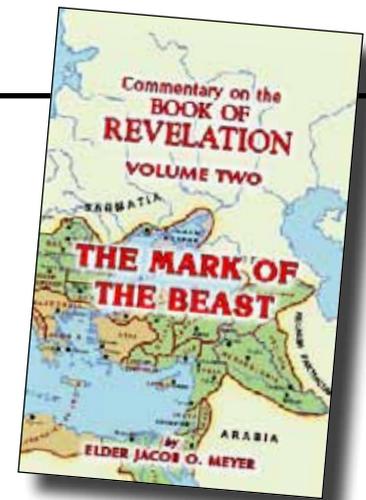
in all manner of service in the field, all their service, in which they made them serve with rigor.”

In Revelation 14:11 we read the description of those people in the last days who fall victim to the Beast. **“And they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”** Just look around yourself at our society and note how these prophecies are already being fulfilled today. In our world today, we see much bitterness, misery, crime, and chaos, which can be traced directly to being overworked. Tensions develop which are caused by the atmosphere of an industrialized society. However, we are not yet in the era of the Beast system!

When this Beast system finally enslaves its people, it will impose a mark upon them so that it may recognize its own subjects who are faithful to the regime, as well as those who might possibly resist its programs. Believe it or not, this mark is not something which is a mystery or something that must be interpreted by theology. This mysterious mark about which much has been written is EXPLAINED AND INTERPRETED COMPLETELY BY THE BIBLE.

The reason I have pointed these things out is that in a study of the mark of the Beast, the customs of various ethnic societies in general seem somewhat related. How we do things, how we live, how we think, all these things are going to make a difference in our search for salvation. This study will enable you to see just what you must do to escape the things which are soon to come on this earth.

Whenever the author enters into this area of study, the scriptural explanations always seem to produce some strong emotions in people who have been taught incorrectly from childhood. Nevertheless, shall we not allow the



Scriptures to correct us, or will we impose our ideas upon the Scriptures? It is only the Truth of the Word which will save us in the end! Can we dictate our will to Almighty Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah?

Let us be reminded of Jeremiah's prediction in Jeremiah 16:19-21. **“O Yahweh, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, even vanity and things in which there is no profit. Shall a man make to himself elohim, which yet are no elohim?”**

“Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Yahweh.”

We must remember that Yahweh Elohim and Yahshua the Messiah are eternal, strong, and immortal. Mankind is mortal, fleshly, and weak. We, as humankind, must humbly submit ourselves to His Will or we shall perish. It is our quest for eternal salvation that has led us to the sacred Scriptures. We must listen to them speak to us; we cannot dictate our will to them. If we are not in humble submission to the Will of Yahweh, we shall be rejected from the plan of salvation. Let us do His Will and receive the reward of obedience, eternal life in the coming Kingdom of Yahweh. SNB



The Sacred Name Broadcast

RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

The Creator's Name in Layman's Terms

PART TWO

(This is the second in a series of radio messages on the Sacred Name originally broadcast in 1966 and 1967 and published March 1987.)

A Name that Endures Forever

“His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him...” (Psalm 72:17).

Have you ever been in a crowded train station, and all of a sudden, over the public address system came a voice calling out your name? Perhaps a telephone call had arrived for you, or perhaps a mix-up in reservations had been worked out, and the station management intended to inform you of the outcome. Perhaps, at your job, you may have heard your name called over the public address system. I believe that such a situation has happened to each of us at one time or another.

Setting forth the importance of a name is the subject of this series which I entitled: *The Sacred Name and the Sacred Titles*. During the previous segment of **The Sacred Name Broadcast**, I have tried to introduce you to the importance of the Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father, doing so from the standpoint of the average layman in the simple vernacular terminology of the day.

The importance of the Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father, which I have illustrated on numerous occasions over many radio broadcasts, could well be discussed in terms of the Scripture that appears in the

account of EliYah the prophet. The Hebrew name *EliYah* (usually—*Elijah*) means *my mighty one is Yah*. This great prophet called the people of Israel to the top of Mt. Camel for the purpose of demonstrating to them who their True Mighty One was. The contest indeed appeared lopsided in that EliYah was one man against the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah (which constituted an abominable sex worship practiced by the Canaanite tribes). The false prophets were to call on their mighty one, and EliYah was to call on the True Mighty One, Yahweh. The mighty one who would answer with fire falling from heaven to burn up the prepared sacrifice was the one who would thereafter receive the reverence of Israel's worship.

Throughout the day, EliYah gave the prophets of Baal and Asherah the first opportunity to implore the attention of their mighty one, but, when the time came for the evening sacrifice there had been no answer! As the Scripture reads in I Kings 18:29, ***“And it was so, when midday was past that they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening oblation; but there was neither voice, nor any to answer; nor any that regarded.”*** EliYah the prophet did not have to implore Almighty Yahweh for a long period of time. He calmly

prayed, ***“Hear me, O Yahweh, hear me, that this people may know that you, Yahweh, are Elohim, and that you have turned their heart back again.”*** (1 Kings 18:37). Instantly, fire fell from heaven and consumed the animal sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the altar, and even evaporating in the trench the water with which EliYah had doused the sacrifice to demonstrate to Israel that no deception was going on. Yahweh proved Himself to the assembled crowd to be the True and Living Mighty One, wherein a name proved important indeed. Baal did not answer—Yahweh did!

This story is outstanding in the fact that the Scriptures prove that names maintain a great importance where our Heavenly Father and His Word are concerned. We, as humans, cannot choose to sanctify the name which we personally intend to call the Almighty. He has already named Himself and declared His Name in the original texts of the Bible. If we choose any name that we personally desire to call upon, we are only insulting His intelligence and lowering His exalted position in our eyes and in the eyes of all His creation.

He has told us in His Word that His Name is Yahweh. In the Hebrew text, this word is the four letters which scholars call the *Tetragrammaton*. The best transliteration of

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this name into English is spelled “YAHWEH,” and is so pronounced. We are given no option to choose the name by which we may call upon this Great Spirit Being. If we are guilty of doing so, we would, in effect, be telling Him that He did not quite know His own mind!

He has clearly revealed His Name to us in His Word, and it is our responsibility to revere it, to give it glory and honor. In effect, this unique, majestic Name, Yahweh, is the seal—the stamp and hallmark— of His greatness. He is the only Being who can create, and the only Being who can sustain. Yahweh is the only Being who can resurrect anyone to eternal life, because His Name tells us that He is the eternal, everlasting One. He is the exclusive Being in this universe who exists because He wills Himself to exist and has the power to enforce His plans and purposes. This great Name bears all this deep significance to the people of His creation. We must give honor to this unique Name, because all others will somehow detract from the Majesty on High and will minimize our conception of Him.

Several weeks ago, I urged all who listened to this broadcast to turn in their Bibles to Psalm 68:4. I hope that all of the listeners (and readers) have had the opportunity to do so in the intervening weeks. However, I would like to place this

verse under greater scrutiny right now than I had done previously. For the benefit of those who do not have access to a Bible at the present moment, let me quote Psalm 68:4. ***“Sing to Elohim, sing praises to his name: cast up a highway for him that rides through the deserts; his name is Yah; and exult before him.”*** Note the word Yah, which comprises the abbreviated name of Yahweh the Almighty and actually signifies the family name of the spiritual family.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the brethren of the Apostolic Assembly in Ephesus, exhorts them in this manner. ***“For this cause I bow my knees to the Father; from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”*** (Ephesians 3:14-15).

We see here that the whole family of the spirit realm, which serves our Heavenly Father (including mortals who have been begotten sons and daughters of Yahweh), bears the Name of the spiritual family of our great Mighty One. This family appellation is employed in naming many people in the inspired Scriptures. It is the abbreviated form *Yah* (from *YAHWEH*) which comprises one element in the names of the prophets; for instance; Isa—iah, Jerem—iah, Zechar—iah, Obad—iah, etc. It is used in naming such men as Jonathan, Hezekiah, Micah, and Zedekiah.

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The Name Yahweh, and its abbreviated form Yah (the family name of the spiritual realm), constitutes a fact of paramount importance in your salvation. Did you know that it will mean eternal salvation for the people who trust in Yahweh? In Revelation chapter 7 we find the description of four angels holding back the four winds of heaven until the time when the true servants of the Mighty One were sealed in their foreheads. These 144,000, who were sealed out of the 12 tribes of Israel and comprise the body of True Worshipers, will take over the government of the kingdom of Yahweh as it comes to this earth just a few short years from now. However, the true significance of this sealing has been IGNORED by so many people who read the Bible. Will you also ignore it?

In Revelation 14:1 we find the interpretation of the seal. ***“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.”*** If we were to go back to the Greek text, we would confirm that the text reads as follows, ***“His Name and His Father’s Name written in their foreheads.”*** This Sacred Name is so important that it will constitute the significant SIGN which Almighty Yahweh will recognize. He will save those who bear it. This Sacred Name will be of such significant importance that the saved ones will carry it into the ages of eternity, which will occur

immediately after the Millennium, as recorded in Revelation 22:4, when the throne of the Heavenly Father Yahweh and the Lamb will be situated on this earth in the sparkling golden city, New Jerusalem.

Within just a few years from now, the world will be coerced to accept a mark from the Beast government which will be set up in a human attempt to bring this earth out of the chaos of confusion in which it now exists. In the future, you will see more wars of the “Vietnam” type, a great depression will develop, and you will perceive much unrest among the world’s population. This world government will place a mark upon its people in order to regiment them to submit to the new world order. This unique mark will be placed in their foreheads and in their hands. The forehead represents the seat of a person’s intellect and understanding. The hand is the means by which a man earns his daily bread. It is interesting to find references that the slaves of yesteryear were branded on their foreheads and on their hands. Remember, the mark of Yahweh (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) symbolizes obedience to His commandments.

All humankind will soon be faced with a choice. Will you be marked with the True Name of our wonderful Heavenly Father which will mean salvation? Or will you, on the other hand, be identified, by the mark of the worldly system, the Satan-inspired world government which will bring upon the earth horrible punishments from Almighty Yahweh and will, eventually, if we persist in retaining it, mean our eternal death?

Precedent has been established in Ezekiel chapter 9 for this special marking. Here we have a prophetic example of the great apostasy in Israel as the elders of the nation turned aside from Yahweh to worship idols. Even though Yahweh warned them by His prophets, the Israelites insisted on having their own way and continued to worship idols. So Almighty Yahweh sent an angel to mark His people. The mark of identity which was employed was

the Hebrew letter tau, representing the idea of righteousness. The right use of things comprises an important doctrine of Yahweh and is His message to His people. The right use of the Sacred Name is of prime importance. It constitutes the righteous mark which will be placed on Yahweh’s people in the last days.

I am wondering today just how many people will allow the awesome words of inspired Scripture to convict and guide them. Just how many people (ministers and laymen) will have the humility to admit that they could have been wrong and will turn to the true paths at the bidding of their Heavenly Father? Undoubtedly, not too many will submit according to the Word, because we read in Revelation 16:9 that, as fire is poured out from the altar of Yahweh in heaven and falls to earth to scorch men, the inhabitants of the earth still continue to blaspheme the Name of Elohim who has the power over these plagues. It seems that the “names of blasphemy” that are carried upon the heads of the Beast of Revelation 13 are just too much favored by these modern people, and

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they cannot seem to break away from its iron grip. Regardless how plainly the Bible teaches the Sacred Name doctrine, people tenaciously hold fast to the traditions and doctrines of men. It is interesting to note that the worldly governments of the Beast system call upon many names, while Almighty Yahweh tells the earth that He has but ONE NAME (and ONLY ONE) by which He wishes to be known.

What’s in a name? In the Name of Yahweh there is a meaning which cannot be duplicated by any other—that is the quality of endlessness. In Psalm 72:17-19 we read, ***“His name shall endure forever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him happy. Blessed be Yahweh Elohim, the Elohim of Israel who only does wondrous things: and blessed be his glorious name forever; and let whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.”***

Today, EliYah’s question goes out to all humanity. ***“How long will you go limping between the two sides? If Yahweh is Elohim, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.”*** I trust that you will give Almighty Yahweh the opportunity to prove to you the importance of His Name and that you will observe His Mighty Power as did ancient Israel. Why not call upon His True Name today?

I hope that you will tune in regularly to the Assemblies of Yahweh’s own clean instrument, shortwave Radio WMLK and listen to The Sacred Name Broadcast also on commercial stations, as I continue to teach this vital, significant, and interesting doctrine. Be certain to watch for The Sacred Name Telecast on stations in your locality. Your eternal life will depend on it! Don’t ever minimize or ridicule the importance of the Sacred Name doctrine!

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PERSECUTED

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Have you ever noticed the height of emotion which can be generated by a discussion of religion? If two people discuss a religious subject, and they disagree, contention will suddenly flare, and the discussion can become quite heated! Occasionally, the news media carries reports of violence resulting from a disagreement on religion. Wars have been fought between nations battling over a religious controversy. The medieval crusades were launched, and battles fought, to settle religious questions. The Pilgrim Fathers took passage to the New World in order to escape the persecution leveled against them by their neighbors as they learned truth from the inspired Scriptures and determined to live by the doctrines they found in the Bible.

Now, certainly, if all of the people who profess a faith in the religion of the Bible had the Holy Spirit, you would be forced to conclude that they would carry enough of the love of the Heavenly Father in their hearts that they would not wish to persecute their fellow man. They would be seeking Bible Truth, just as are those people who strive to live in harmony with the message of the sacred Scriptures.

This is not the case, however. Personal observation, over a period of years, has yielded the conclusion that, when a person is confronted with sound doctrine, an absolute statement from the Scriptures which cannot be circumvented, he has two possible choices to make. Either he submits meekly to the Word of Yahweh and begins to obey the teachings of the sacred Scriptures,

or he will actively oppose it. Such concrete opposition in the past has led to the conflicts between individuals, families, and nations, to which we referred previously.

In the beatitudes, Yahshua the Messiah predicts severe persecution to befall His followers. We read in Matthew 5:10-12, ***“Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be very glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.”*** Yahshua indicates that we should be most happy, or blessed, when we are persecuted for righteousness’ sake. The Bible you customarily read defines *righteousness* as *the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh*. Deuteronomy 6:25 says, ***“And it shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all this commandment before Yahweh our Elohim, as he has commanded us.”*** Psalm 119:172 confirms this definition. ***“Let my tongue sing of your word; for all your commandments are righteousness.”***

Do you understand more clearly now what the Messiah was predicting? He was warning His followers to prepare themselves to endure persecution for keeping the commandments of Yahweh! Obviously, in our contemporary age, if anyone especially applies himself and begins to obey the commandments of Yahweh which are found in the Old

Testament Scriptures, even begins to call the Almighty by His correct Name, Yahweh, which was inspired to be written into the Hebrew Scriptures, he will invite some kind of persecution. When a person begins to keep the scriptural seventh-day Sabbath and assembles with brethren to worship on the feast days which have been legislated in Leviticus 23—when he begins to eliminate the pagan religious influences from his Faith—then it seems that he sets himself against almost the entire religious spectrum. In reality, his new Faith which he practices condemns those people around him, even if he is entirely silent, or mute, in his witnessing.

In Luke 14:26, Yahshua the Messiah taught, ***“If any man comes to me, and hates not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”*** If we allow our family ties to interfere with our devotion to Almighty Yahweh, or if some aspect of our personal lives, such as the lifestyle to which we have become accustomed, prohibits our total dedication and submission to Yahweh, then we cannot be a true disciple of the Messiah. The term *disciple* means *a learner, or a student, one who follows the teachings of another*. Yahshua did not mean that we should actually hate our parents, and this is a misunderstanding of an Aramaic idiomatic expression. It means that we must set aside our families, and even our personal lives (if need be), in order to learn and walk in the way of Messiah. We must LOVE OTHER THINGS LESS THAN THE MESSIAH, HIS WORD, and HIS WAY of life.

for Righteousness' Sake

In Matthew 10:34-39, part of the previous thought is paraphrased. Yahshua the Messiah says, ***“Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: and a man’s foes shall be they of his own household. He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that does not take his burden and follow after me, is not worthy of me. He that finds his life shall lose it; and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it.”***

How paradoxical that such a directive should come from the Messiah’s own lips! Should not the Word of Yahweh convince all of the people who hear it? Should they not, above all, desire to be corrected by the Word? We may read similar passages from the Old Testament in Micah 7:5-6 and, also, in Jeremiah 9:4 and 17:5; consequently, Yahshua was evidently quoting, or paraphrasing, from Old Testament prophecy.

It is a truism that the Word of Yahweh makes either firm friends, or fierce enemies. Obedience to Almighty Yahweh will generate persecution from people who do not have the Holy Spirit and, consequently, cannot understand the life which has been blueprinted in His Word. Obedience by a Truth-seeking individual will produce scorn and persecution on the part of the disobedient.

Turn to 1 John 3:7-12. ***“Little children, let no man lead you astray: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: he that does sin is of***

the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. To this end was the Son of Yahweh manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever is begotten of Yahweh does not practice sin, because his seed remains in him: and he may not practice sin, because he is begotten of Yahweh. In this the children of Yahweh are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever does not righteousness is not of Yahweh, neither he that does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another: not as Cain was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother’s righteous.”

John the Apostle has clearly told us that the reason why some people persecute those who try to obey the Word of Yahweh is because, like Cain, they cannot stand to know that obedience to Almighty Yahweh brings His blessings and favor. Some people will not be diligent to obey the Covenant with Almighty Yahweh so they can rightfully receive His blessings. They insist on doing as they please, but they still want Almighty Yahweh to bless them. When they notice that other people sacrifice to be obedient, and Almighty Yahweh turns His countenance toward them, the evil person will jealously attack the obedient individual.

This concept of Yahshua’s Assembly withstanding persecution comprises a part of the beatitudes of Yahshua the Messiah (Matthew 5:1-12). Remember, living the Kingdom way of life, seeking first the Kingdom of Yahweh and His righteousness, should be the aim and purpose of each individual on this earth. Nevertheless, in reality,

few people seek this more rewarding life; therefore, they are not happy and blessed as they should be.

Can we really be joyful when we are persecuted for obeying Almighty Yahweh, for seeking to live our lives in His righteousness? Notice carefully how this beatitude takes on a negative form as Yahshua the Messiah gives His people a warning in Luke 6:26-29, ***“Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For in the same manner did their fathers to the false prophets. But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. To him that strikes you on the one cheek offer also the other; and from him that takes away your cloak withhold not your coat also.”***

Friends, do you perceive the lesson which we should be learning when we are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for having accepted the True, revealed Name of the Almighty and the Name of our Messiah? It is the lesson of love—meaning to subordinate our own personal emotions under the knowledge that one day you will be proved right. Yahshua tells us not to respond with physical force, but to allow Almighty Yahweh to take vengeance upon those who would mistreat us. Happiness is knowing you are in harmony with the wishes of the Heavenly Father, fearing nothing that humankind can bring upon you.

Think for a moment of the apostles and prophets. Here is truly the faith and patience which the apostles and prophets have upheld as a good example for the True Worshiper. Jacob (James) the Apostle, in the first chapter of his epistle, directs the True Worshipers,

“Esteem it all joy, my brethren, when you fall into various trials; knowing that the proof of your faith produces patience. But let patience have a perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, deficient in nothing,”
The Emphatic Diaglott.

Could you forthrightly know that you would be a believer in the apostles' lineage if you did not receive a test of your faith occasionally? Frankly, it is the trials and

seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been killed for the word of Yahweh, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, Oh Yahweh, the holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And there was given to each one of them a white robe; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until

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tests that serve to impress upon us the areas in which we find our character still deficient. We can then do more to correct the conspicuous character deficiencies which emerge, and, therefore, grow in the grace and knowledge of the Messiah. We must follow the example of the Messiah and remain faithful to the end in order to reap eternal salvation.

Again, in Luke 6:22-23, let us examine another aspect of the persecution which will be laid upon the faithful True Worshiper. How many people today can affirm that they have received persecution for this particular aspect of sound doctrine? ***“Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same manner did their fathers to the prophets.”***

Do you know that persecution has been predicted by our Savior and Messiah to befall His people in the last days? One may notice the warning in Revelation 6:9-11. ***“And when he opened the fifth***

their fellow-servants also and their brethren, who should be killed even as they were, should have fulfilled their course.”

Persecution is also predicted in Luke 21:12-19 and will come upon this earth just after the sealing of the people of Yahweh. ***“But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name’s sake. It shall turn out to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to withstand or to gainsay. But you shall be delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And you shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake. And not a hair of your head shall perish. In your patience you shall win your souls.”***

The prime cause of the separation between people will be the Savior’s

True Hebrew Name, as we read the passages in Luke 21:12 and Matthew 24:9. The context reveals that this prophecy is directed toward the True Worshipers who will be on this earth in the last days.

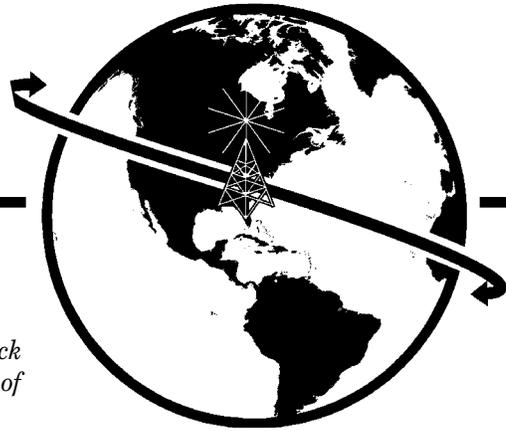
Therefore, if you are receiving some persecution for the Truth which you have come to prove and believe, count it all joy and hold fast! Yahshua the Messiah is coming soon!

“But thanks be to Elohim, who gives us the victory through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of Yahweh, knowing that your labor is not vain in Yahweh.” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be manly, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

“We are bound to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brethren, even as it is proper, for that your faith grows greatly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another increases; so that we ourselves glory in you in the Assemblies of Yahweh for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you endure; which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of Yahweh; to the end that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of Yahweh, for which you also suffer: if so be that it is a righteous thing with Yahweh to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Sovereign Yahshua from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that do not know Yahweh, and to them that do not obey the good tidings of our Sovereign Yahshua.” (2 Thessalonians 1:3-8). ^{S_NB}

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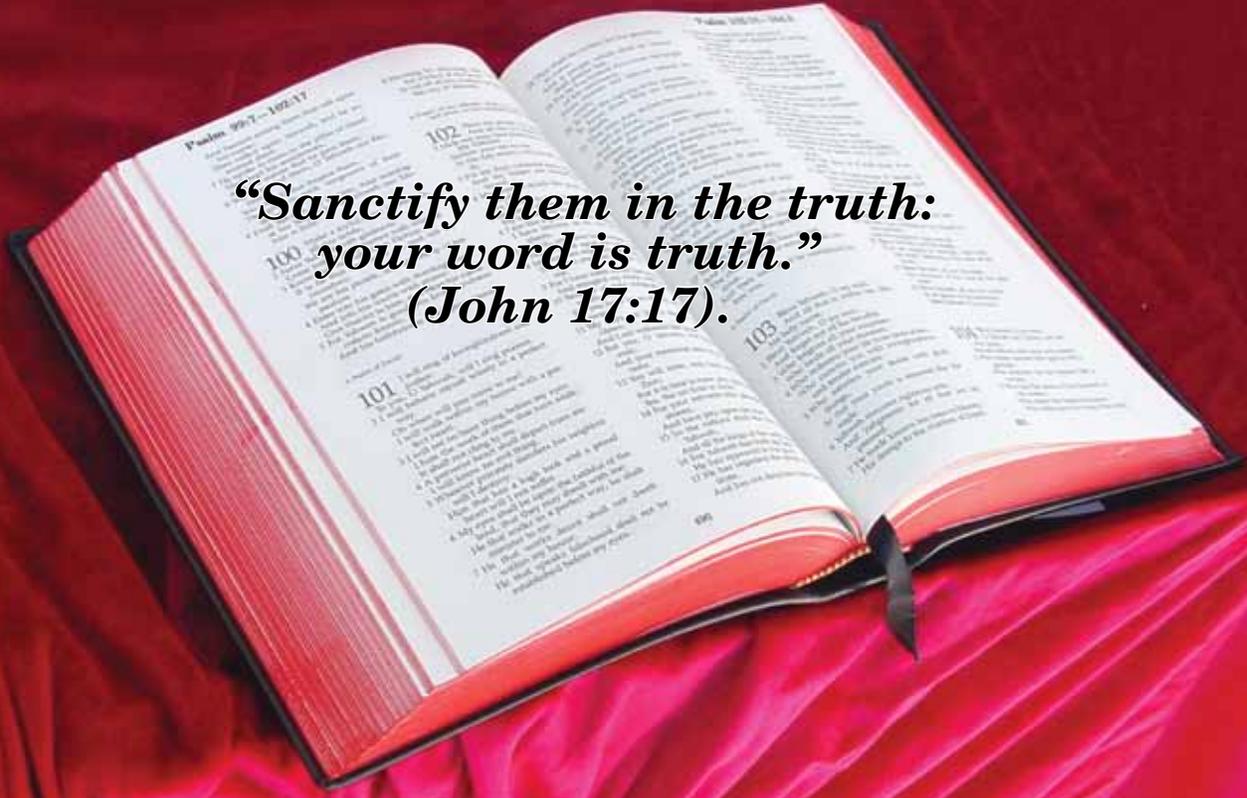
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