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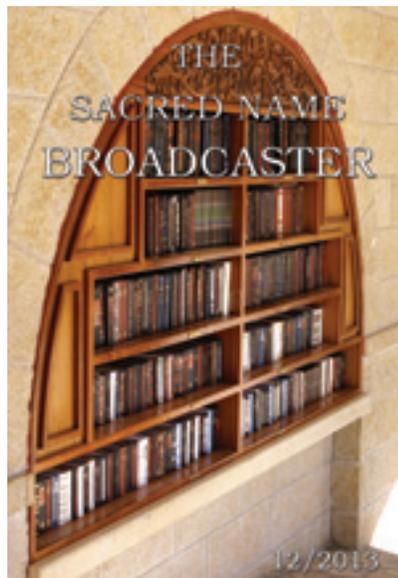
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This month's cover shows a bookshelf at the Western Wall. Believing that the Holy Spirit entered the Western Wall upon the destruction of the Temple, this has been a place of prayer for Jews over the centuries.

When the Samaritan woman asked Yahshua if she should worship in Samaria, or in Jerusalem, Yahshua responded: "But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such does the Father seek to be his worshipers," John 4:23. Will you worship Yahweh in spirit and Truth, following Yahshua the Messiah?



SEVEN THUNDERS SPEAK

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

One of the most rewarding aspects of Bible study is research into end-time prophecy. Almighty Yahweh, our Father in Heaven, has told us that we who obey may know the end from the beginning. The quote is from Isaiah 46:10. “... **declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel will stand, and I will do all my pleasure.**” It is the firm conviction of the author (strongly reinforced by many years of Bible study and observation through many personal experiences), that confirms Isaiah 46:10 to be a valid expression and fulfillment of Yahweh’s Word.

A unique passage of Scripture appears in Revelation 10. Here we find a spoken prophecy, which John was directed not to record for us.

This passage has puzzled many commentators and Bible students. Nevertheless, the answers to all textual questions can be found in the sacred Scriptures themselves, and, thereby, we may become enlightened in the Word and grow in the knowledge and grace of our Redeemer, Yahshua the Messiah.

Let us examine the passage in question. “**And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; and he had open in his hand a little book: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth; and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roars: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their**

voices. And when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore by him that lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and the things that are in them, and the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there shall be delay no longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of Elohim, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets,” Revelation 10:1-7.

The beginning of the passage presents the description of a powerful angel coming down out of heaven. He was clothed with a cloud and he had the (note definite article) rainbow over his head. We must conclude that the description closely resembles that of Yahshua the Messiah returning at His Second Coming. Consider the implications of the passage describing the ascension in Acts 1:9-11. ***“And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were looking steadfastly into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, You men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Yahshua, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you beheld him going into heaven.”*** Also reflect on Revelation 1:7, ***“Behold, he comes with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they that pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Amen.”*** Clouds will have a prominent part to play in the Second Coming of Yahshua as the clouds will envelop Him like a cloak.

The rainbow evidently is a reference to Revelation 4:3. ***“...and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and there was a rainbow all around the throne, like an emerald to look upon.”*** Undoubtedly, the reference traces back to the description of Yahweh found in Ezekiel 1:28. ***“As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yahweh. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.”*** Compare also Ezekiel 10:18-19. The rainbow appearance is descriptive of what is known as the Shekinah Glory.

We can readily perceive that this angel described in Revelation chapter 10 relates to several descriptions of Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua the Messiah’s glorified appearance was recorded for us in Revelation 1. His face shines as the sun, Revelation 10:1. This description can be correlated with Revelation 1:16. ***“... and he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shines in his strength.”*** His feet (probably legs are also indicated) are as pillars of fire, Revelation 10:1. We find in Revelation 1:15, ***“...and his feet like burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace...”***

You will notice that this mighty colossal angel plants his right foot on the sea and his left upon the earth. If John views this mighty being from where he has been residing on the island of Patmos (which is located in the lower end of the Aegean Sea), he would view Yahshua the Messiah with his left foot on the earth and his right foot on the sea, probably facing east, but depending on the location. Obviously, the Mediterranean Sea is intended since John sees this vision while looking across

the Mediterranean, which was once known as the “main street” of the Roman Empire.

We must carefully consider the Roman Empire as the intended meaning. We cannot escape the application of the prophecy of Daniel 9:26, where a certain nation is designated as ***“the people of the prince that shall come.”*** We must understand this prophetic passage, in reference to the prince that shall come, to mean the *anti-Messiah*. The people of the prince that shall come indeed destroyed the sanctuary (temple) of Yahweh, and it was the Roman armies that destroyed it. Consequently, in the last days, a revived Roman Empire will be constituted and this union of nations will develop into the Beast system of Revelation 13, from which will emerge the Anti-Messiah.

Subduing the Entire Earth

The picture of the mighty angel (messenger), standing on something, clearly reflects the motif of subjugation and rulership. You will remember the symbol of subjugation represented in the art of various ancient nations, wherein a lead-



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5. #7565—*Resheph* (from #8313) a live coal; by analogy, lightning, figuratively—an arrow (as flashing through the air).

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ing figure of the conquered nation bows before the victorious king, who places his foot on the head of the vanquished. Such a sign portrays that the captive nation is in complete submission to the victorious king and his nation.

Therefore, we can recognize that, symbolically, this mighty angel has taken control of this entire earth, having placed his left foot on the earth and his right foot on the sea.

Again, we can find the prophecy of Daniel to help us come to a true interpretation. Turn to chapter 7. ***“I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed,”*** Daniel 7:13-14.

Obviously, then, the symbolism employed in Revelation 10 points directly to Yahshua the Messiah. He is the coming King that will rule over all this earth and impose the rule of heaven, inaugurating the Kingdom of Yahweh with its Laws to govern this entire earth. He speaks with a great voice. The Lion of the tribe of

Judah has spoken, and He will rule over all the earth in authoritarian power.

The Seven Thunders

Now we encounter the most intriguing passage dealing with the seven thunders. Evidently, what the seven thunders' voices expressed could be understood by John and was intelligible speech to him. **John was about to write what the voices of the seven thunders had uttered**, but a heavenly voice instructed him to seal up the things which they had spoken and not to record them. But does this mean we cannot learn their purpose, or their message?

We may obtain clues from the sacred Scriptures to unlock what was spoken by the seven thunders. When we recognize that this colossal angel raises his hand to acknowledge the supremacy of Almighty Yahweh—the One who lives forever and ever—the Creator of all (the heavens, the earth the sea, and all that is in them) we know that the seven thunders speak Yahweh's authoritative Word. A termination of this system of things is evidently at hand. What is meant by the statement that there can be delay no longer? Almighty Yahweh will call a halt to this worldly system, and judgment from On High

will fall. Now has come the time when the Kingdom of Almighty Yahweh, our Father in Heaven, will be established (Revelation 11:15). The mystery of Elohim is finished, which He declared to His servants the prophets, meaning the prophecies for the end of the age will be fulfilled.

Throughout this passage we are not told what the seven thunders have said, only that they speak. However, from a study of the term *thunder* in the Scriptures, we can arrive at a clear picture of what is meant. Almighty Yahweh is good to His people. He has clearly told them things to come in His prophecy. He will not allow them to remain in darkness as the end of the age, and His judgment, approaches. He will prepare His people so that they can remain faithful to endure the trials of the end times.

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The terms are fairly straightforward, except for *Resheph*. In a scholarly article, entitled **The Canaanite [Mighty One] Resheph**, author William J. Fulco suggests that, in the one instance (Psalm 78:48) where it appears in the **King James Version** translated as *thunder bolts*, he would recognize the term as a proper noun and leave the word untranslated. We would suggest that, since the term also appears in Egyptian texts where Resheph is recognized as a mighty

one, Yahweh would send upon Egypt the effects of the mighty one to whom they were praying and then destroy that mighty one before their very eyes, just as He has prophesied.

The Thunders of Yahweh

A period of violent thundering accompanied the devastating plagues that eventually released the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. We may learn this from Exodus 9:28 in the description of the ninth plague, ***“Pray to Yahweh; for there has been enough of these mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.”*** Although Pharaoh continued to harden his heart, Yahweh intended the Egyptians to understand that the earth is Yahweh’s and it is only through His blessings that it remains a benevolent environment for man.

In the Hebrew text of this verse, we find the term translated *thunder* as *qoloth Elohim*. Again, in verses 33 and 34, we find the term *qoloth*, an obvious reference back to verse 28.

Did Almighty Yahweh truly speak to the land of Egypt in the time of the Exodus? We must reach the conclusion that Egypt, during the time of the Exodus, was a major world power. With such status, the government had degenerated and it became corrupt. Egypt, at that time, was an idolatrous nation, worshiping various triads (should be correctly termed *trinities*) of pagan mighty ones. Moses was Yahweh’s true prophet, warning of His judgment. See Genesis 15:14, where He pronounced judgment upon the mighty nation at the future exodus of His people, ***“...and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.”*** Almighty Yahweh spoke directly to Egypt through the plagues, especially the plague of the hail, which decimated all crops and hammered the land of Egypt into disintegration.

In the sacred Scriptures appears a Psalm which describes the voice of Yahweh as a voice of thunder. It also portrays the effects resulting when that voice of thunder speaks. Let us review Psalm 29, to which we refer.

A Psalm of David.

29 Ascribe to Yahweh, O you sons of El,
Ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name;
Worship Yahweh in holy array.
3 The voice of Yahweh is upon the waters:
The El of glory thunders,
Even Yahweh upon many waters.
4 The voice of Yahweh is powerful;
The voice of Yahweh is full of majesty.
5 The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars;
Yes, Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox.
7 The voice of Yahweh divides the flames of fire.
8 The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness;
Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of Yahweh makes the hinds to calve,
And strips the forests bare:
And in his temple everything says, Glory.
10 Yahweh sat as King at the Flood;
Yes, Yahweh sits as King forever.
11 Yahweh will give strength to his people;
Yahweh will bless his people with peace.

The Psalm begins with the insistence that all of the children of Elohim shall give their glory and strength to Yahweh. We must render the glory due to His Name and worship only Him. This means, of course, that we must totally respect His authority. The True Worshipers must never bring a reproach upon His Name. We must render our respect to Almighty Yahweh in robes of righteousness—holy garments (holy array). Let us never forget that Yahweh is the exclusive Name of the True Mighty One (Isaiah 42:8 and Jeremiah 10:10), and that those who worship any other Mighty One shall be utterly destroyed (Exodus 22:20). Knowing that Yahweh speaks in power and authority, we must also obey His commandments, Psalm 111:9-10, etc. Turn to Psalm 96 and note how this instructive Psalm

correlates with Psalm 29.

Then verse 3 continues, ***“The voice of Yahweh is upon the waters: the El of glory thunders, even Yahweh upon many waters.”***

Consequently, if we remember that water in the Scriptures symbolizes the masses of wicked people, we can understand why the voice of Yahweh will be speaking. ***“But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, says my Elohim, to the wicked,”*** Isaiah 57:20-21.

Again, we must urge you to note that the term *voice of Yahweh* appears as parallel to the term *thunder*. In this instance we find it to be verbal. We see that the voice of Yahweh is used four times in these two verses.

Evidently, Almighty Yahweh is speaking to the masses of the people who do not obey His Covenant Law—the Torah. His voice portends judgment to be poured out on this earth. At the sound of His voice, the creation bends and sways before its awesome power.

Let us see what happens when the voice of Yahweh commands judgment upon this wicked Babylonish system with the piercing sound of thunder.

We can note that seven results of judgment follow when the voice of Yahweh thunders.

1. ***“The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars; Yes, Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.”***

2. ***“He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.”***

3. ***“The voice of Yahweh divides the flames of fire.”***

4. ***“The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness.”***

5. ***“Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.”***

6. ***“The voice of Yahweh makes the hinds to calve.”***

7. ***“And strips the forest bare.”***

When Almighty Yahweh speaks in a voice of thunder to render judgment to the wicked people of this earth, His voice will resound

throughout all creation. He will break the cedars of Lebanon in pieces. He even makes the mountains to skip around and sway like the gamboling of calves of young wild oxen. The voice of Yahweh will divide flames of fire, perhaps descriptive of cutting lightning bolts in two with the sound of His voice, or of making a division between the two spirits in the world—Yahweh's Holy Spirit, or Satan's demonic spirit. See Acts 2:3 and Leviticus 10:1.

The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (This could mean that Yahweh shakes around the religious world that has become corrupt and turned into a wilderness. See Jeremiah 9:12-15 and Jeremiah 12:7-13. When the voice of Yahweh speaks, even the wild deer of the forest abort their fetuses. When the voice of Yahweh thunders, the forests of the earth will be stripped of all their leaves. This evidently relates to the injuries to the green trees, prophesied in Revelation 7:2-3: **“And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living Elohim: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Do not hurt the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our Elohim on their foreheads.”**

If we, Yahweh's converted True Worshipers, would enter into His Temple, everyone worshipping in Yahweh's Temple of holiness must cry “glory” (Hebrew—*Kabod!* or *honor*). We must recognize Yahweh as the supreme King of this universe.

The Voice of Yahweh

Yahweh brought the Noachian flood upon the earth to slay the wicked. Today, Yahweh still sits as the Supreme King of the universe, and His voice will again pronounce judgment upon the wicked people of this earth. The first heaven and earth perished by water; this current earth is reserved for cleansing fire (2

Peter 3:5-7). Yahweh gives strength to His spirit-begotten people to overcome the influence of the world, the flesh, and the Adversary—Satan the Devil. Yahweh will bless His people with peace (*Shalom*—Hebrew) in the Kingdom of Yahweh. **“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty El, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from now on even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this,”** Isaiah 9:6-7.

Now we can all see why the colossal angel will speak with a great voice. It is the voice of authority! It is the voice of rulership coming from the mouth of the lion of the tribe of Judah. When the seventh angel sounds, there will follow great voices in heaven, Revelation 11:15. Remember the word *qol* in Hebrew means *voice*. In Exodus 9:28, the term translated *thunder* is *qoloth Elohim*, translated properly as *voices of Elohim*. **“And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Yahweh, and of his Messiah: and he shall reign forever and ever. And the twenty-four elders, who sit before Yahweh on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshiped Yahweh, saying, We give thanks, Oh Yahweh El Shaddai, who is and who was; because you have taken your great power, and did reign. And the nations were angry, and your wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear your name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy**

the earth. And there was opened the temple of Yahweh that is in heaven; and there was seen in his temple the ark of his covenant; and there followed lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail,” Revelation 11:15-19.

When the voice of the angel of Yahweh was heard by people on this earth during the time of the Messiah, those who did not understand the voice evidently speaking in Hebrew said that it had thundered. **“Father, glorify your name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it had thundered: others said, An angel has spoken to him. Yahshua answered and said, This voice has not come for my sake, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out,”** John 12:28-31.

Whose was the voice recorded as speaking to Yahshua so that the people who had gathered around Him heard it? We may see from John 5:37 that no one has seen the shape of the Almighty Heavenly Father, nor has anyone heard His voice. Obviously, then, in John 12:29, those were correct who said that an angel had spoken to Him. Our Father in heaven deals with His human creation only through His messengers. In the passage on which we have commented above, we explain that the Son is the Word (Logos) made flesh, and He is the Spokesman of the Old Testament.

Several additional passages of Scripture will help to elucidate the voice of the seven thunders. **“By his Spirit the heavens are garnished; His hand has pierced the swift serpent. Lo, these are but the outskirts of his ways: and how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?”** Job 26:13-14.

Who can understand the powerful

voice of Yahweh? Only His obedient people, who receive His Holy Spirit, will receive the knowledge of Him. They will understand when His judgment is about to fall, because they have read, believed, and obeyed the book containing the voice of His Word, the sacred Scriptures. **“Bless Yahweh, you his angels, that are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word, listening to the voice of his word,”** Psalm 103:20. Yahweh speaks to His saints in the still small voice of the Holy Spirit, 1 Kings 19:11-14. To those who require it, He speaks in a voice of thunder.

In Job 26:13-14, we can see the amalgamation of these two concepts of Yahweh expressing Himself to humankind in a still small voice, or with the crashing volume of thunder.

Obviously, Yahweh will speak peacefully or calmly (in a low volume voice) to those who love and obey Him. But, conversely, He will shout (thunder) in righteous indignation against those who persist in arrogantly disobeying His commandments. Such is the case with EliYah the prophet, who lost his faith (1 Kings 19). EliYah had won a great victory against the priests of Baal, but Jezebel’s threatening letter had unnerved him. From the route of his trek, we can easily determine that he was headed back for Egypt—a destination forbidden to an Israelite, Deuteronomy 28:68. Yahweh stopped EliYah with an awesome demonstration of His power, so He could speak in a still, small voice to His prophet, who was now ready to obey.

The prince of the world, Satan the Devil, can be defeated by doing exactly what Yahshua did in His temptation in Matthew 4 and Luke 4—quote Scripture back to Satan. Through Yahshua’s death, the power from On High has come, and the spiritual victory has been accomplished over Satan. We have no fear of judgment, but Yahweh’s

people will receive His exemption at the judgment. **“Because you did keep the word of my patience, I will also keep you from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth,”** Revelation 3:10. **“But watch you at every season, making supplication, that you may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man,”** Luke 21:36.

Let us take into consideration two additional passages from the book of Job. **“Also, at this my heart trembles, and is moved out of its place. Hear, oh, hear the noise of his voice, and the sound that goes out of his mouth. He sends it forth under the whole heaven, and his lightning to the ends of the earth. After it a voice roars; He thunders with the voice of his majesty; and he restrains not the lightnings when his voice is heard. El thunders marvelously**

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with his voice; great things he does, which we cannot comprehend,” Job 37:1-5.

Consider also Job 40:18-13. **“Will you even annul my judgment? Will you condemn me, that you may be justified? Or have you an arm like El? And can you thunder with a voice like him? Deck yourself now with excellency and dignity; and array yourself with honor and majesty. Pour forth the overflowings of your anger; and look upon every one that is proud, and humble him. Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked where they stand.**

Hide them in the dust together; bind their faces in the hidden place.”

When Yahweh Thunders

In each of these instances we can observe how the motif focuses upon the voice of Yahweh who speaks with the ear-splitting volume of thunder. He speaks judgment to the earth. It is in power that Yahweh speaks to this earth, and He is arrayed with honor and glory and majesty, because He has taken to Himself His great power to rule over this world in righteousness. Revelation 11:17-18, **“...saying, We give thanks, Oh Yahweh El Shaddai, who is and who was; because you have taken your great power, and did reign. And the nations were angry, and your wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear your name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth.”**

Isaiah the prophet describes the outpouring of the judgment of Yahweh upon a wicked earth. **“She shall be visited of Yahweh of hosts with thunder, and with earth-**

quake, and great noise, with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire,” Isaiah 29:6. Again, the focal point of the passage relates to the judgment of Almighty Yahweh.

The speaking of the seven thunders is superbly summarized in the passage of Jeremiah 25:30-33. **“Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, Yahweh will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar against his fold; he will give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall**

come even to the end of the earth; for Yahweh has a controversy with the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, says Yahweh. In this manner says Yahweh of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the utmost parts of the earth. And the killed of Yahweh shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground.”

You will notice how Yahweh will roar and utter His voice from His holy habitation. In our time, sin grows like a cancer in the hearts of humankind. Only through separating ourselves from the world can we hope to avoid the corrupting contamination of this Satanic Babylonish system. Judgment from

On High is pronounced by the voice of Yahweh and carried out on this earth among the nations which defy the Most High by their sins. Yahweh will pour our His judgment all over the earth, but first He will warn the world.

When we turn to Exodus 19 and 20, we find described in those passages the awesome display of supernatural power that was manifested to Israel when the Almighty spoke His Law from Mt. Sinai. There were thunders and lightnings, and the long note sounded upon the shophar. A voice spoke in the air, and the Heavenly Father transmitted His Law to His people Israel. This awesome display was too terrifying for the people. **“And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they trembled, and stood afar off. And they said to Moses, Speak with us, and we will hear;**

but let not Elohim speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said to the people, Fear not: for Elohim has come to prove you, and that his fear may be before you, that you sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where Elohim was,” Exodus 20:18-21.

Israel assembled to hear Yahweh speak His Law, but could not endure the powerful manifestation of the Elohim of Israel on Mount Sinai. They ran away when they saw the display of His awesome majesty and heard His great voice of thunder. They requested that Moses, a more sincere, more obedient man, should be their intermediary. Israel knew that Moses would not fear Yahweh as they did, since they were sinners.

Another great psalm for studying and relating it to Psalm 29 is the third chapter of Habakkuk. Here we find the use of the term *Messiah*, verse 13, a revelation of some importance. Other significant things

Seven Results of Judgment Follow When the Voice of Yahweh Thunders

1. “The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars; Yes, Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.”
2. “He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.”
3. “The voice of Yahweh divides the flames of fire.”
4. “The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness.”
5. “Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.”
6. “The voice of Yahweh makes the hinds to calve.”
7. “And strips the forest bare.”

emerge from this passage where we learn that a similar description to Psalm 29 appears. Fiery bolts go forth from His hands and feet. He measured the earth. He drove apart the nations, the outpouring of judgment upon sinful mankind. A very clear parallel to Psalm 29 emerges from this passage in Habakkuk, chapter 3.

Throughout the book of Revelation we find references to thunderings which represent the voice of Almighty Yahweh pronouncing judgment upon this wicked end-time world. ***“And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim,”*** Revelation 4:5.

These references in the book of Revelation (for example, Revelation 8:5, 11:19, and 16:18) are termed lightnings, thunderings, and voices.

We can also note that the redeemed people of Yahweh will be speaking in mighty voices as they are organized to assist Yahshua the Messiah in reigning over this earth. They will be rendering praises to our Heavenly Father, and in Revelation 14:2 and 19:6 their voices resound with the volume of thunder. Recall that the Messiah’s voice sounds like the voice of many waters, like a thunderous waterfall (Revelation 1:15).

Even in days of Israelite antiquity, the volume of Yahweh’s voice was compared to thunder. Samuel humbly asked that Yahweh would respond to his fervent prayer, ***“... Yahweh thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and troubled them; and they were beaten before Israel,”*** 1 Samuel 7:10. Again, the motif is one of judgment from On High upon the enemy of Yahweh and His people when the voice of thunder speaks.

Psalm 77:16-20 brings us a passage that compares favorably with what we have read from Psalm 29 and Habakkuk chapter 3. ***“The waters saw you, O Elohim; the***

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waters saw you, they were afraid: the depths also trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound: your arrows also went abroad. The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind; the lightnings lightened the world: The earth trembled and shook. Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, and your footsteps were not known. You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.”

Again, we observe that when the voice of Yahweh speaks the earth trembles and shakes. The lightnings of Yahweh’s bolts of fire, coming from His hands and feet, will lighten the world. The thunder of His voice shakes the earth. Psalm 77 ends in a similar way to Psalm 29.

Notice the description found in Psalm 104:6-9. ***“You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the voice of your thunder they hurry away (The mountains rose, the valleys sank down) to the place which you had founded for them. You have set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.”***

Nowhere in the Bible can we find a clear statement concerning what the seven thunders spoke, but we may indeed extrapolate from the text the general concept of what the seven thunders will utter. It has already been recorded for us throughout the Bible.

The implication, from the associative field relating to the term *THUNDER* is that of pronouncing judgment to come upon the wicked worldly system of mortal men. Let us never forget that the voice of Yahweh speaks to us in His Word, Psalm 103:20. Do you listen to the voice of Yahweh speaking? Can you hear the spoken Word as you read from the pages of the sacred Scripture? The author has long taught that all people must listen to the voice of Yahweh, because it speaks to us from the pages of the Bible.

In Revelation chapter 10, the concluding description of the angel holding in his right hand a little book which he hands to the apostle John therefore turns our attention to Yahweh’s Word. John is told to *eat the book* which the angel gives him. This means that John must read, study, and digest the contents of the book. When we speak of the Word, most people, regardless of the condition of their spiritual lives, find it sweet in the mouth (to talk about it, or read it), but it makes the stomach bitter to put the moral requirements it teaches into everyday practice (obey it). We must repress any bitterness that we may feel against the firm, rigid requirements for salvation we find in the Word of our Heavenly Father Yahweh. We must faithfully obey. A root of bitterness will defile many, Deuteronomy 29:18-21. Compare also Hebrews 12:15. Also, read Acts 8:18-24, where Simon Magus allowed iniquity to turn his heart bitter against Yahweh’s Word.

Let us notice how the writer of Hebrews summarizes what we have just seen. ***“See that you refuse him not that speaks. For if they escaped not when they***

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Why Are Prognosticators 'Giddy' as a New Year Begins?



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The title of this editorial was extrapolated from the front page of our local Sunday paper at the turn of the common year. It is surprising to notice such an unusual term as *giddy* used in a headline, since the word means *insane*, or *possessed by a g-d*. The definition in the dictionary is *having a whirling, dazed sensation; dizzy; lightheaded, or fickle, or frivolous; flighty; heedless*. (We quoted from the **Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language**, Second College Edition.)

As the secular year changes, many people customarily review the events of the previous year and some make predictions concerning the things that they expect will happen over the forthcoming year. The article to which I refer was headlined, **Giddy Economists Like What They See for 1997**. The introductory sentence of the article said: "*Economists, normally staid practitioners of what is termed 'the dismal science,' are sounding downright giddy.*" The second paragraph contains the comment that Allen Greenspan, the United States Federal Reserve chairman, describes the economy as fundamentally the best he has seen in three decades. "*Many of the economists have taken to calling this the "nirvana economy," which they define as a state of perfect economic bliss[!]"* These economists explain that they are predicting good times to continue in 1997

with no threat of a recession in sight. (Perhaps they should read 1 Thessalonians chapter 5!) As usual, the bow takers enter the picture at this point. Mr. Bill Clinton believes that he personally is the principal reason the economy seems to be doing so well. However, economists generally give most of the credit to Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve Board.

Such predictions sound vaguely familiar to an individual who knows something about prophecy. We are reminded of the warning Isaiah, the prophet, sets forth in chapter 56, verses 10 to 12. "**His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds that cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter. Come, I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.**" Is it not true that when speaking to most people, practically everyone appears to be materialistic? Tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure, they imagine. There will be no end to good times, they believe. What could possibly disturb their material pursuits?

Nevertheless, Jacob (James), Yahshua's own brother, has cautioned us against being deceived by

such unrealistic euphoria. "**Come now, you that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas you know not what shall be on the next day. What is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. For that you ought to say, If Yahweh will, we shall both live, and do this or that. But now you glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil. To him therefore that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin,**" Jacob 4:13-17.

Somewhere along the pathway of life, the editor has acquired the maxim, "*This too shall pass!*" In good times I have found this truism to produce serious contemplation that will hold one back from unreasoned euphoria. When bad times were encountered, it gave me some hope for a brighter future.

Undoubtedly this maxim is based upon the observation of the Apostle Paul, when he wrote: "**Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content in it. I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. I can do all things in him that strengthens me,**" Philippians

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Christmas

AS THE BIBLE TEACHES IT

The Apostolic Assembly, at its inception, began zealously to witness the Truth of the Messiah's advent to the world. They took this message into the far reaches of the known world. Especially outstanding was the Apostle Paul, who accomplished much through his extensive travel, preaching throughout the Roman Empire.

But a very strange development took place. Ancient ethnic peoples could not maintain sound doctrine! The pagan people appropriated the account of the supernatural person of Yahweh's True Messiah and superimposed His life upon their pagan customs and practices. Worldly people prefer their pagan practices; nevertheless, they want salvation also!

With unreasoned abandon at the Christmas season, the people of the Western World spend lavishly for gifts which they cannot afford. They indulge in parties featuring alcoholic beverages. They feast on a variety of seasonal delicacies. All of these traditional practices are done in the name of celebrating the birthday of the one they profess to be their King. As a matter of fact, the reverse is true. Through false doctrine, the Messiah becomes subservient to their own human concepts. Would Yahshua the Messiah approve of such loose conduct to celebrate His birth? Obviously not!

The traditional practices of nominal Christianity never find a foundational basis in the Scriptures. Decorative lights displayed upon colorfully trimmed Christmas trees and the hanging of evergreen branches

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and mistletoe are never mentioned in the sacred Scriptures, much less commanded. Holding a boar's head festival, sending Christmas cards, and having midnight masses, or church services, on December 25 cannot be found anywhere in the sacred Word of Almighty Yahweh.

Actually, the diligent Bible student already knows that nowhere within the pages of our Bibles can you ever find any commandment to observe a birthday, especially that of the Messiah. As a matter of fact, on the three instances where birthdays are mentioned in the Bible, on each of these occasions a violent death occurred. Please verify this fact from Genesis 40:9-22, Job 1:4 and 19, and Matthew 14:3-12.

The celebration of birthdays was unknown in primitive Judaism, so it is certain that the Messiah never celebrated His birthday. Apparently, Almighty Yahweh did not wish it to be observed; consequently, we can readily understand the reason for omitting mention of a specific day in the Scriptures for the Messiah's birthday.

Many times, authors will confess sheepishly that December 25 is not the Messiah's birthday. Did you know that it was over 200 years after the birth of the Messiah before anyone ever fixed December 25 as His birthday? Apparently, the first one to set the date of December 25 for the Savior's birth was Julius Sextus Africanus, a historian from Alexandria, Egypt, who composed a

chronicle of events of the world to 221 C.E. Did you notice that date? It took historians two and a quarter centuries after the Messiah's birth to decide upon the date of December 25 as His birthday.

The Messiah Not Born on December 25

Several scriptural passages prove that the Messiah could not have been born in the winter, on December 25th.

Turn in your Bible to Luke 1:5. Zachariah the priest was a member of the priestly course, or section, of AbiYah. If we calculate correctly, the Messiah would have been conceived near the middle of December, rather than being born on December 25. Such information is quite staggering when you realize that Luke pinpoints the time of the conception of John the Baptist to have occurred two months after the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which occurs in the spring. The course of AbiYah was the eighth priestly section to serve in the Temple (1 Chronicles 24:10). These priests served eight weeks after the conclusion of the spring sacred season. Read Luke 1, following every specified mention of time. You will note that the Messiah was conceived six months after the conception of John.

"The first rain falls in the month of Marchesvan, which answers to the latter part of our October and the former part of November... From whence it appears that [the Messiah] must be born before the middle of October, since the first rain was not

yet come,” **The Two Babylons**, Alexander Hislop, page 91-92.

Here we discover accurate historical information set forth by an objective writer. Ample proof that the Messiah was not born during the dead of winter, but at a time when shepherds were still grazing their flocks out in the fields near Bethlehem, can be read in Luke chapter 2.

Logically, the only timeframe that can accommodate all facts of evidence concerning when our Savior was born would be the fall of the year. The crops had been harvested; people were traveling to the Feast of Tabernacles at Jerusalem anyway; the weather was still agreeable enough to impose no extreme hardship upon the women and children, and revenue was readily available to pay the Roman tax. All of these points combined will direct the Bible student to focus his attention upon the fall of the year, around the annual feast days of the seventh month which are legislated in Leviticus 23.

It is no coincidence that we should encounter confirmation of the fall time for the Messiah's birth in John 1:14, where **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**, translates: **“And the Word became flesh, and TABERNACLED among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.”** Yahshua the Messiah took upon Himself a human existence. He came to tabernacle (live temporarily) with the human family He was appointed to save.

Frequently, at the winter holiday season we discover obvious similarities between the Chr-stmas traditions and the ancient Roman Saturnalia. When we understand that this ancient Roman observance was celebrated close to the winter solstice, the association between traditions relating Chr-stmas to the feast of the ancient pagans becomes more obvious.

December 25th has been celebrated as a holiday in pagan worship from antiquity. In fact, one of the

names given to the Saturnalia series of royal festivals in mythology was “Paganalia!” Possibly this is the origin of the term *pagan worship*, which is often conferred upon false, unscriptural worship of any kind. Please see Larousse's **Encyclopedia of Mythology**, page 219.

The Saturnalia was a festival popular in ancient Rome and observed for a duration of five to seven days, beginning with December 17. This pagan festival was characterized by unrestrained festivity. It began with a religious ceremony to honor Saturn, which was followed by an immense, gluttonous feast. The etymology of the name *Saturn* means *abundance*.

From the **McClintock and Strong's Bible Cyclopedia**, article “Chr-stmas,” we find the following: *“Trynne says in his strong way (in histrio-mastix), ‘our Chr-stmas lords of misrule,’ together with dancing, masks, mummeries, stage-players, and such other Chr-stmas disorders, now in use with Christians, were derived from these Roman Saturnalia and Bacchanalian festivals, which should cause all pious Christians to abominate them!”*

Sun Worship Holiday— December 25

“The choice of December 25 was probably influenced by the fact that, on this day, the Romans celebrated the Mithraic feast of the Sun G-d (natalis solis invicti) and that the Saturnalia also was celebrated about this time,” (article, “Chr-stmas,” **Collier's Encyclopedia**).

Yahshua the Messiah was never born on December 25th. Observance of the winter solstice was derived entirely from ancient pagan superstitions. **CHR-STMAS IS NOT EVER NAMED IN THE SCRIPTURES.** It has never been sanctified by Almighty Yahweh! Mankind cannot

make it holy, however fervently the people seek to observe it.

In his book **The Golden Bough**, Frazer shows that Augustine and Leo the Great both explained away the concept that the sun was being worshiped, although they admitted tacitly in their writings that many “Chr-stians” were given to associate the terms SUN with the SON.

Paganism Imitates Truth

The ancient pagan peoples saw the sun gradually moving south in the heavens and the days growing shorter. With their superstitious minds, they believed that the sun was departing never to return. By using decorations and religious ceremonies, they believed their devotion would influence the sun to return.

When they beheld the sun slowing down in its southward movement and then stop, the heathen believed that their petition to the sun had been successful. A time of unrestrained rejoicing broke out. Feasting and revelry were indulged. Drinking alcoholic beverages heightened the excitement.

Then, when the pagans saw the sun again begin to move northward, and a week later were able to determine that the days were growing longer, a new year was proclaimed. The ancient people were known to plant poles or stones in the earth to mark the shortest and longest days of the year and how the sun would travel from north to south and then north again (Stonehenge in England, for example).

The Mother and Child

At the celebration of Chr-stmas each year, you will observe the mother-and-child figures in the nativity scene frequently in use. Almost every pagan culture, however, yields the historical record

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of the veneration of a mother and child. This tradition traces back to Nimrod, who was believed to be reincarnated through his new son (sun), Tammuz.

Furthermore, why make an idol out of the Mother-and-Child crèche, nativity scene, anyway?

It was not the birth of Yahshua the Messiah that will save us, but His DEATH upon the tree of Calvary and His righteous life which was lived as an example for us. A child cannot save the world, but the righteous, dynamic teacher of Nazareth must be the Captain of our salvation, along with His atoning blood.



Chr-stmas Trees

Have you ever puzzled over the reason why a pine tree is brought into the house at Chr-stmas time and decorated with bright tinsel and lights? Nowhere can you find a command to do this in the Bible. This heathen custom also stems from the worship of Nimrod, and the Bible actually forbids the custom!

When Nimrod was executed by Shem (Noah's son) for his apostasy against Almighty Yahweh and His ruling Kingdom, Nimrod was depicted in mythology as a dead tree that had been cut down. Mythology represented him with the serpent symbol, Aescalapius (the life restorer), that had twisted itself around the dead stump. By the side of the dead stump, a new tree springs forth to life from the dead roots. Actually, we must remember

that the serpent in the Bible stands for Satan the Devil (Revelation 12:9 and Genesis chapter 3).

This pagan mythology (the dead tree and a new shoot) symbolizes the dying sun, and the new sun restored to splendor at the December 25th solstice each year.

Tree Worship Condemned

Let us hear Almighty Yahweh speak to us in Jeremiah 10:2-8. ***“Thus says Yahweh, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it moves not. They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must necessarily be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good. There is no one like you, O Yahweh; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who should not fear you, O King of the nations? For to you does it pertain; since among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is no one like you. But they are together brutish and foolish: the instruction of idols! It is but a stock.”***

The True Worshiper must never be apprehensive at the changes of the seasons, or other signs in the heavens, as are the pagan worshippers. We must serve and obey Yahweh by keeping His commandments, trusting Him for salvation. We must not become foolish and degenerate in our thinking by worshiping the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25). We shall serve the mighty King of the universe, Yahweh Elohim, and fear Him and His Son, as the Creator of all.



Xmas Wreaths

Made from evergreens, the wreaths are most frequently round. Evergreen means eternal life, a never-dying existence in pagan mythology. The round form symbolizes the sun, just as do the halos in common religious art. Consequently, the round Chr-stmas wreaths stand for an eternal sun, a never-dying or self-renewing sun. In addition, the round form can also relate to the sign of the female which stands for the regeneration of life. Such symbols appear throughout Christian art and were copied from ancient Canaanite religion. Please study Numbers 25, among other passages.

We, who would come out of Babylon, must eliminate such rank paganism from our lives as is memorialized in religious art and pagan holiday symbology. We must eliminate from our lives all that could possibly displease our Heavenly Father.

Chr-stmas Spirits?

Characteristic of the Chr-stmas celebration is a time of imbibing (the spirit of Chr-stmas). During the winter holidays, it is imperative that each person engaging in that celebration take a drink of alcoholic beverages. Many bottles of alcoholic beverages are given as Chr-stmas gifts. Frequently, imbibing in the bottled Chr-stmas spirit leads to tragedy.

“The feast, as regulated by Caligula, lasted five days, loose reins were given to drunkenness and revelry (the Saturnalia). This was

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precisely the way, in which, Berosus, the drunken festival of the month of Tebeth, answering to our December, in other words, the festival of Bacchus, was celebrated in Babylon... the wassailing bowl of Chr-stmas had its precise counterpart in the "drunken festivals" of Babylon, and many other observances still kept up among ourselves at Chr-stmas came from the very same quarters."

The Two Babylons, by Alexander Hislop, pages 96-97.

Where in the Scriptures can you find a passage to support taking an alcoholic drink with your colleague at a Chr-stmas party? Can you imagine the Apostles staging an office party to celebrate the birthday of the Messiah? Certainly, no Scripture can be found that even remotely alludes to such loose conduct among the Apostles, whose singular goal in life was to fulfill the Great Commission.



Santa and His Reindeer

Where did the man in the little red suit, who is to represent the Spirit of Chr-stmas, originate? He was called Saint (?) Nicholas, shortened to St. Nick! Have you ever considered who "Nick" really is? It is a "nick" name for Satan the Devil! Prove this fact to yourself from any good dictionary.

Why must parents tell children a lie like the Santa Claus myth at Chr-stmas time? The deception in telling children that a little elf named Santa Claus (St. Nicholas) will leave the presents under the

tree is a prevarication that will psychologically damage a child.

Santa Claus is reputed to have been a contraction of the name Saint Nicholas. However, from research, a strange fact emerges. Little is known about this saint from the fourth century. A Nicolaus is mentioned in Acts 6:5, where he was ordained one of the first deacons, but nothing is known of him except that he is described as a proselyte. In **Webster's New World Dictionary** we read, "4. Saint, 4th century A.D.; bishop of Myra: patron saint of Russia, of Greece, and of young people, sailors, etc.: his day is December 6: SANTA CLAUS."

One can readily tie in the term Nicolaitanes here.

Commentators assert that this must have been an apostate sect founded by Nicolas (perhaps the one in Acts or another), but they readily admit to their uncertainty. By checking the lexicons we learn that **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance** lists it as #3531 (the **1901 American Standard Version** corrected the spelling to Nicolaitans). The word is then traced to #3534, Nikos. If this is true (and there is no reason to disbelieve it), then the root of the word *Nicholas* is *Nike*. The latter part of the word would then be #2992, *Laos, a people*.

Let us also remember that the term Nicolaitanes, Revelation 2:9 and 3:9, was a doctrine HATED by Yahshua the Messiah and Almighty Yahweh our Heavenly Father.

Who was Nike? The word *Nike* could form the basis of the word *Nicholas*. It was the pagan winged victory, the evangelist of Zeus. Many times Nike can be seen today portrayed on trophies even in our

modern times. Look for it. Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, or St. Nick, brings gifts to herald (proclaim) the advent of the birth of J-sus Chr-st. Obviously, there exists another very remarkable, close association here with paganism.

Pilgrim Fathers Rejected Chr-stmas

Many of the original immigrants came to the New World with the intention of re-establishing the true Faith of Yahshua the Messiah, and the Faith of the Apostles outside of Roman, papal persecution. The Pilgrim Fathers, who were essentially Puritans, came to the New World at an early date (1620) and settled in New England. It was their intention to serve the Heavenly Father and Yahshua the Messiah in Spirit and in Truth.

The following is quoted from the **Encyclopedia Britannica**, 11th Edition: "In 1644 the English Puritans forbade any merriment or religious act by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival, and ordered it to be kept as a fast. Charles the 2nd revived the feast, but the Scots adhered to the Puritan view."

In fact, for centuries, the true Messianic worship was never large or extensive. It was always composed of a few people, perhaps one or two individuals or families, who earnestly sought to serve Yahweh and refrained from association with idolatry or false worship. Very little is heard from them through the reports of the world's historians. But, nevertheless, occasionally small groups, such as the Nazarenes, the Waldenses, and the Pilgrim Fathers, do make historical headlines.

Why do people in our modern times continue to cling tenaciously to customs which were derived from ancient pagan superstitions? Why do they never question from whence they came? Why not read the Bible and obey the inspired Scriptures rather than attempting to support traditional, unscriptural observances with the sacred Scriptures? **SHD**

4:11-13.

How quickly life's circumstances can change, sometimes in a mere moment of time! A plane load of people, most of whom were undoubtedly joyful and carefree, suddenly came to the end of their lives on July 17, 1996. TWA flight 800 mysteriously exploded only minutes after taking off from New York's JFK International Airport, ending the lives of 230 people who were on board--no survivors were recovered.

A group of 16 members of a high school French club from Montoursville, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania (a city located approximately 75 miles from Bethel), all died. How does a community cope with such a terrible tragedy? As we learned from the news media, the members of the community came together as one unit to support each other and console the families of the deceased during their hour of need and mourning.

In our youth, young people tend to believe that our human bodies are invincible, even bordering on the immortal. Somewhere in my youth I had picked up the erroneous idea that the human mind could prevail over matter. I had once experienced a rude awakening! When I was about 25 years of age, I had been injured and had to use crutches to get around. Then I determined for my mind to will my body to be able to walk without the crutches, and—I ended up on the floor for my trouble! That was quite a shock to comprehend, that the human body is fallible, and the mind cannot force a weakened, fleshly body to function.

People today seem to have the idea that things (the world, the economic system, their lives, etc.) are just going to continue on as they always have. Peter says in his second epistle, chapter 3, verses 2 to 4, ***"...that you should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Master and Savior through your apostles: knowing this first, that in the***

last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." We must be ready at all times for the Second Coming of Yahshua Messiah that will certainly occur some time soon.

In order for the end of the age to occur and for Yahshua the Messiah to return, a governmental system described as "the Beast," must be established. It will be a secular governmental system that will load a heavy burden upon peoples' shoulders. Notice that this Beast (see Revelation 13) will be supported by a second Beast (undoubtedly an ecclesiastical system), and this religious system will ride on the secular government. A worldwide serious economic collapse will take place beforehand, so that this government will regulate all commerce, buying and selling. ***"And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given to them a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead; and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, except he that has the mark, even the name of the beast, or the number of his name,"*** (Revelation 13:16-17).

Therefore, bear this maxim in mind: ***"This too shall pass!"*** Good times come, but eventually they also depart. Bad times arrive; however, eventually, the cycle will change. The next great cycle just ahead for this world will be a very bad time with the Beast government in absolute authority. It is called The Great Tribulation in the Bible (Matthew 24:21). Yahshua the Messiah will return thereafter.

Just as He arrived in His first appearance in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:3-4), Yahweh will send the Messiah the second time at His own proper time. Remember that Yahshua explained: no man knows the day or the hour when

the Messiah will return, but His Father only. ***"Truly I say to you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knows no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only,"*** Matthew 24:34-36.

Consequently, in the Assemblies of Yahweh we obey the Messiah's explanation, and we do not set dates, but we live our lives each moment in preparation for the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah. What are you doing to prepare for that awesome event? Even if individuals must make the grave their house prior to Yahshua's return, we rely upon the essential promise given by Isaiah 57:1-2, ***"The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He enters into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walks in his uprightness."***

We must be ready every moment, at the very next instant, to stand before the judgment seat of Yahshua. This is why the Apostles and the prophets of old urgently insisted that the people always live a righteous life. ***"Therefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Sovereign and Savior Yahshua the Messiah,"*** (2 Peter 1:10-11) We must remember the word of caution appearing in 1 Corinthians 10:12. ***"Therefore let him that thinks he stands watch out, lest he fall."*** See also 2 Corinthians 5:9-11. Yahshua has conferred upon us the responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission and preparing a purified people for acceptance into Yahweh's Kingdom. Will we see you there? ✠



The Sacred Name Broadcast

RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Chr-stmas in Retrospect

“Chr-stmas comes but once a year and all people should make the most of it.” This kind of concept seems to motivate the people of the entire world each year as they “catch” the Chr-stmas “spirit” and throw caution to the winds in a wild observance of holiday cheer. People buy expensive gifts and indulge themselves in extravagance while they justify the disintegration of their budgets with the irrational excuse “Chr-stmas comes but once a year.” At this time of year people sacrifice their very financial positions, indulging themselves by giving lavish gifts. Many of their bills go unpaid for months afterward just to finance one day of unbridled extravagance.

Is it really worthwhile, some people ask? Newspaper clippings from various recent publications reveal that a different spirit pervades the celebration than what is supposed to dwell in the hearts of the people who have the Savior and the Holy Spirit in their lives.

The author recalls one particular reported incident in which gift certificates were dropped by parachutes from a plane into the parking lot of a shopping center. People revealed their animal-like inner character by fighting for the certificates, trampling one another, pouring out onto a major highway and halting traffic, damaging cars in the parking lot as they climbed on the hoods and roofs to gain a better position to grab the little certificates floating down from

the sky. One lady found her child injuriously clawed and trampled and was shocked because, supposedly, mature adults were guilty of such improper and immature conduct.

Another clipping reported injuries suffered by a crew who were setting up the municipal tree. Other newspaper accounts tell of fires which started through flammable decorations, of fatal traffic accidents which resulted from the camouflage of traffic signals by Chr-stmas decorations, and so on. With so much destruction and heartache developing during the time of the X-mas celebrations, should we not open our eyes and begin to question the true source of this observance? Should we not research to learn the origin of the customs which are practiced at this time of year? It is no secret that statistics have proven that the consumption of alcoholic beverages greatly increases during these holidays, that traffic accident statistics take a dramatic upswing, that immorality and infidelity abound at that time. It is also clearly obvious that the people who frequently are the most ardent celebrators of Chr-stmas are the people who are the most wicked the remainder of the year. Consequently, the observance of the birth of the One who came to save His people from their sins appears to have LITTLE meaningful influence upon the daily lives of those who celebrate His coming into the world.

With all due respect to you, our reader, the celebration of December 25 as the day of the Messiah’s birth is absolutely worthless to you in your search for salvation. First of all, there is no commandment in all of the Bible to observe December 25 as any kind of holy day. From past experience, it is obvious that December 25 is possibly designated as the most holy on the Chr-stian calendar, and, yet, if you cannot find a simple passage in all of the Bible commanding that it should be observed as a holy day, why keep it? It is, therefore, quite puzzling that people observe this day when no such command appears in ALL of the Bible!

Secondly, such practices as the Chr-stmas tree and all of the related common holiday customs are declared by an all-knowing Heavenly Father to be of pagan origin, and the people of Yahweh, the Most High, are sternly warned not to engage in them.

Please turn to Jeremiah 10:2-7. Let us read this passage together. ***“Thus says Yahweh, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten***

it with nails and with hammers, that it moves not. They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must necessarily be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good. There is no one like you, O Yahweh; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who should not fear you, O King of the nations? For to you does it pertain; since among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is no one like you."

How very enlightening is this text if we allow it to speak forthrightly to our hearts. As people of the Most High, we are commanded not to learn the way of the heathen, to assimilate customs and traditions of heathen origin. We are commanded not to observe the heavenly phenomenon which dictated the conduct of pagan peoples, such as watching for the winter solstice. This is the time when the sun pauses in its journey south, and, then, by January 1 it becomes obvious that the sun is again returning to bring about another cycle of planting and harvesting. At that time of year when a resurrection of the sun (solar cycle) is obvious, a log was burned. A tree was brought in and decorated as a sign of resurrection.

These customs were reminiscent of the resurrected SON of Nimrod. A wild and joyous celebration is scheduled in commemoration of a new year beginning. If the decking of the tree with tinsel, as described by the Prophet Jeremiah, is decking it with literal gold and silver, possibly Almighty Yahweh who inspired the prophets to write the Scriptures was referring to the modern Chr-stmas trees. Some of them are today brought into the sanctuary and decorated with money and jewelry (literal silver and gold) in some of the churches at that specific time. We are challenged by the prophet in his prayer at the end of the passage to fear Yahweh and His Mighty Name, to fear His

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magnificent power as the King of the universe. Why then do we care what the neighbors or relatives think if we do not celebrate this pagan holiday? It is our obligation to please Almighty Yahweh and keep His commandments.

Notice, also, verse 10 of this same 10th chapter of Jeremiah. Check it in your own Bibles. ***"But Yahweh is the true Elohim; he is the living Elohim, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembles, and the nations are not able to endure his indignation."*** Will we not obey Him, recognize His power, and not rebel against His commandments? Why continue following the ways of the heathen?

When was the Messiah born anyway? Can we actually, from the sacred Scriptures, pinpoint this day with some degree of accuracy on our calendars? On the Roman calendars, presently in use, we cannot locate the specific annual day of His birth. However, by analyzing Luke chapter 1, and by finding the correct starting points, we can locate the Messiah's birth on the scriptural calendar as falling on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. Then, the meaning became more clear when we find a verse like John 1:14 which says, ***"And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth."*** This statement appears to be no coincidence. The Feast of Tabernacles is always observed on the 15th day of Tishri (the seventh scriptural month), in the fall of the year, corresponding with late September or

October on the Roman calendar. We have published an article which clearly demonstrates that fact and how you may trace for yourself, from your own Bible, the day on which our Savior was born.

Obey Yahweh— Not Pagan Men

Again, we would like to reiterate that we are nowhere commanded in the Bible to observe His birthday. We are, however, commanded to observe His death on the correct day on which He died. See 1 Corinthians 11:23, 26.

Then January 1 arrives, ushering in the common new year. Did you know that this is not the scriptural new year at all? Your Bible informs us in Deuteronomy 16:1 that we are to watch for the new moon that sets over the green ears (the month of Abib). We find in Exodus 12:2, ***"This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."*** The scriptural month of Abib corresponds to late March and early April on the common calendar. During this time in the Holy Land, green heads of barley appear on the stalk so that the wavesheaf offering of first fruits could be cut and offered to Yahweh. January 1 is not the beginning of the scriptural year, because your own Bible declares it to be a phenomenon of the heavens of which the heathen are terrified, or dismayed. We are told to obey the Word of Yahweh and not to observe times feared by men. See also Deuteronomy 18:9-14.

Does Almighty Yahweh then

forbid us to have any holy days in this New Testament era in which we are not living? By no means! Did you know that the New Testament Apostles (as did all of the holy men down through history) kept the feasts of Yahweh as legislated in Leviticus chapter 23? We should reject the idolatrous customs practiced on holy days which are not commanded to be kept by Yahweh. When we unearth these facts in our research, it should open our eyes!

The Roman Saturnalia and Brumalia, the wassailing bowl, the yule log and decorated tree, and the mistletoe, all must be rejected as unscriptural practices which infiltrated the Messianic Assembly from paganism. Because there was no one strong enough to cry out against them, they attached themselves like leeches to the Truth of the Bible. We must keep the SAME holy days which our Savior kept and which the Apostles observed during the book of Acts, subsequent to His death and resurrection upon the tree of Calvary. In fact, Paul commands that the brethren observe the Passover in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. ***“Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For our Passover also has been sacrificed, even the Messiah: therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the***

unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” What a revelation for those who think that Paul was a no-Law preacher!

Now what can you, as an individual, do when you see the excesses which are taking place during these holiday seasons? Should you just drift along with the crowd and do what they do?

Your own Bible, the Word of Yahweh, the Heavenly Father, commands you to COME OUT OF BABYLON so that you will not be partakers of her sins and that you will not receive of her plagues (Revelation 18:4). One of these days, your obedience to the Word of Yahweh will have a great bearing on whether you will be given protection during the tribulation. It will be vital to your salvation that you obey the Truth of the Bible, the Word of Almighty Yahweh, the Heavenly Father, beginning with the commandment about the Sacred Name all the way down to the least commandment.

“Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one yotie or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven,” Matthew 5:17-19.

Will you heed the Savior’s beckoning call through His Word? **SHND**

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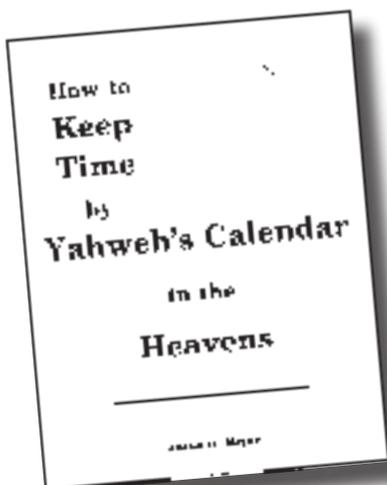
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refused him that warned them on earth, much more we who turn away from him that warns from heaven: whose voice then shook the earth: but now he has promised, saying, Yet once more I will make not only the earth tremble, but also the heavens. And this, Yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken remain. Therefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may offer service well-pleasing to Yahweh with reverence and awe: for our Elohim is a consuming fire,” Hebrews 12:25-29.

The voice of Yahweh shook the earth at *Matan Torah* (the giving of the Torah, Law). But the voice that will speak in the end of the age, when the seven thunders utter their voice, will be the voice of Yahweh, shaking not only the earth, but also the heavens with His pronouncement of His impending judgment. The removing of things that can be shaken, or things that are not in harmony with Yahweh’s Holy Spirit, is meant, but, conversely, that which remains that cannot be shaken are those who obey the Word of Yahweh. The Laws of the Kingdom of Yahweh are steadfast, solid, and unmovable. The wise man builds his house upon the rock of Yahweh’s Word, Matthew 7:24. The righteous man anchors his faith to the solid rock of Yahshua the Messiah, the Chief Cornerstone, who had no sin. All of us who love the Word of Yahweh and faithfully obey His voice to the end, will be allowed into the presence of the Most High, to stand at the sea of glass, and give praises to Almighty Yahweh, Revelation 15.

Where will you be when the seven thunders sound the voice of Yahweh? If you think that you are safe and secure now, you should make certain that your calling and election are sure. **SHND**



New Year's Day

At this time of year most people are customarily thinking about the Chr-stmas and New Year's Day celebrations. Yet, you never find either Chr-stmas or January 1 mentioned in the Bible; furthermore, there is no commandment that they be observed!



By Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Ch-rchianity has for generations been proof-texting their beliefs out of the Bible, which is an improper Bible study method. Rather, the True Worshiper should search the Scriptures to discover what the Bible teaches and then obey its instructions. Our approach to the Bible should be the inductive method (objective process going from the parts to the whole, allowing the facts to speak for themselves), rather than the deductive method (which proceeds from the whole [system of conclusions] to the parts, with the aim of proving, confirming, and demonstrating).

Why keep January 1 as New Year's Day when your Bible clearly tells us that Yahweh's New Year's day, the first day of the beginning of the scriptural months, occurs in the spring of the year, in the month of Abib? The month of Abib is the first

month of Yahweh's scriptural year. Turn to Exodus 12:1-2, where we read, "**And Yahweh spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.**"

Actually, today the Jews observe the Feast of Trumpets, the new moon day of the seventh month, as their new year day, calling it Rosh Hashanna. However, Yahweh's sacred Scriptures informs us in Exodus 12:2 that we shall reckon the first day of the month of Abib (spring), as the biblical new year day. See also Deuteronomy 16:1.

Since we live in the world and must conduct business in the world, we must use the common calendar, which in effect is the product of ancient Rome. However, we should not celebrate January 1, as New

Year's Day, or December 25, as Chr-stmas, nor any of the other religious holidays designated on the Roman Catholic calendar, because they are not found, nor commanded, in the Bible. Conversely, Yahweh's people will faithfully observe His holy days listed in Leviticus chapter 23.

Some ethnic people continue to keep the Hog-manay festival. It just so happens that this term *Hag-manay* has a special meaning in the Hebrew. The term *hag* (*chag*, #2282 in the **Strong's**), in Hebrew means *a festival*. The term *hag matzoth* means the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*. *Hag* in Hebrew specifies Yahweh's annual feast days, His holy days.

The term *mene*, (or *manay*, #4483 and #4484 in the **Strong's**), is found in Isaiah 65:11. "**But you that forsake Yahweh, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table**

for Fortune, [Heb. Gawd] and that fill up mingled wine to Destiny [Heb. mene].” Yahweh’s True Worshipers must never forsake Him by rejecting His Word, the Law—His holy mountain, or governmental authority. The Law was never done away with when the Messiah died. In Matthew 5:17-20, Yahshua candidly stated that He did not come to do away with the Law, but that He came to fulfill the requirements of the Law and the prophets.

Yahweh is the true Name of the Almighty which He inspired to have written into the Hebrew Scriptures. **“I am Yahweh, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to carved images,”** (Isaiah 42:8). His Name of four letters, found there 6823 times, is known as the Tetragrammaton—the four lettered word that represents the Name of the Almighty, Yahweh. The Name of the Almighty should be correctly transliterated from Hebrew to English as Yahweh. Jehovah, the more common form, is incorrect! You probably have heard the abbreviated form *Yah* in the term HalleluYah, or in the names of the prophets; for example, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Zechariah. *Yah* is the first syllable (the poetic abbreviation) of the Tetragrammaton, the Name of Yahweh. *HalleluYah* means *praise Yah*, which is an imperative (command) in Hebrew.

The Hebrew term for “fortune” is *gad* (*gimel*, *pathach*, and *daleth*); the *gimel* and *daleth* are two consonants and the *pathach* is the vowel that was placed between them and it is pronounced like the “a” in father. So the word is pronounced *gad* (or like *gawd*), in the Hebrew Bible. The people are preparing a table (or feast) for Fortune, *Gad* [G-d?], meaning “good luck,” at the season of the Chr-stmas celebration.

The Hebrew term translated *destiny* is *meni*. The term *meni* is #4507 in the **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**, and means “Apportioner, i.e. Fate (as an idol).” The root is #4487, *manah*

and means *to weigh out: by impl. to allot or constitute officially, also to enumerate*. It also has a secondary meaning, *to count*, and may have some relationship to the English word *money*. The *Hag-manay festival* means in Hebrew *the feast of the numberer*. This is a perfect illustration of the common observance of Chr-stmas and New Year, the holidays in the winter. Let us notice carefully.

On New Year’s Day, when people lift their glasses of alcoholic beverages and they make a toast to the number of the year, are they not toasting Destiny? January 1 is not the scriptural new year! Being observed at the winter solstice, it is apparently derived from the worship of Nimrod. Genesis 10:8-12 explains that Nimrod was the **mighty hunter** in opposition to Yahweh, and many of the worldly religious holidays trace to Him.

Have you ever asked yourself the question: Why don’t we observe the holy days that are commanded in the Bible in Leviticus 23?

Yahshua the Messiah kept these holy days that are commanded in the Old Testament. For example, we can read how He kept the seventh day Sabbath in Luke 4:16. **“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.”**

The Sabbath day is the seventh day of the week. The seventh day of the week is not Sunday, which is the first day of the week. It is the seventh-day Sabbath (commonly called Saturday) that Yahshua the Messiah observed, the day still sacred to the Jews. No change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week is ever commanded in the Bible.

Turn to Acts 17:2, where you can read that Paul also worshiped in the synagogue on the Sabbath. **“And Paul, as was his custom, went in to them, and for three sabbath days reasoned with them from the scriptures.”** Paul went

into the synagogue of the Jews that was located in Thessalonica (verse 1). There he engaged in Bible study, not on the first day of the week, but on the seventh day called the Sabbath in the sacred Scriptures.

In Exodus chapter 31 we read a very dogmatic commandment. **“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, You must keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am Yahweh who sanctifies you [one of Yahweh’s titles, Meqadishkem appears in the text],”** (Exodus 31:12-13). Do you believe that we must keep Yahweh’s Sabbaths? He tells us here that we are required to do so!

Yahshua the Messiah is our example. In 1 Peter, chapter 2, the Apostle Peter explains that Yahshua the Messiah set an example, **“For to this were you called: because the Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps,”** (1 Peter 2:21) Do you accept Yahshua the Messiah as your example? Then you will need to change your ways to conform to His example and do as He did!

Turn to Luke 22:14-15, where we read, **“And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer....”** Yahshua kept the Passover before He suffered His cruel death upon the tree in shedding His blood to atone for our sins. Paul instructs the Messianic True Worshipers to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because Yahshua our Passover has been sacrificed for us. See 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

In John, chapter 7, we learn that Yahshua the Messiah attended the Feast of Tabernacles at Jerusalem. Yahshua preached a sermon on the Last Great Day of the Feast, the eighth day of the Feast of Tabernacles. **“Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Yahshua**

stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. He that believes on me, as the Scripture has said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Yahshua was not yet glorified,” (John 7:37-39)

Yahshua Messiah even went so far as to keep the feast of dedication, Hanukkah. ***“And it was the feast of the dedication at Jerusalem: it was winter; and Yahshua was walking in the temple in Solomon’s porch,”*** (John 10:22-23) No, YAHSHUA DID NOT KEEP CHRISTMAS, but He was at Jerusalem during the feast of dedication, a time when the Jews have taken it upon themselves to memorialize the rededication of the Temple after its desecration with pagan worship by the Syrian-Greek tyrant, Antiochus Epiphanes.

me, says Yahweh.” The new moons relate to Yahweh’s annual holy days, since the annual holy days are set by them. The Sabbaths can refer to the annual holy days, but they also refer to the seventh day of the week, which is not Sunday, the first day of the week. Almighty Yahweh is not pleased to see all the practices that are derived from pagan traditions that the Christian world is keeping. Almighty Yahweh wants us to keep His holy days; therefore, He commanded in Leviticus 23 that we keep them.

Turn to Zechariah chapter 14, where we will begin reading with verse 16, and reading down to verse 19. ***“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoever of all the families of the earth goes***

of Tabernacles? The Assemblies of Yahweh keeps the Feast of Tabernacles as a special time of worship. This scriptural observance is really the biblical thanksgiving occasion. Almighty Yahweh warns those who refuse to keep this feast. Read Zechariah 14:16-21.

“And it shall be, that whoever of all the families of the earth goes not up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain,” (Zechariah 14:17) People who refuse to keep the Feast of Tabernacles will have a difficult time, because the blessings of Yahweh are not given to them. Rain represents sound doctrine and teaching, which the ministers of Yahweh preach at Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles as the Assemblies of Yahweh keeps it.

“And if the family of Egypt goes not up, and comes not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague with which Yahweh will strike the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.” Do you want to receive Yahweh’s plague? This is the reason why there are so many diseases stalking the world at the present time. People are hearing the Word of Yahweh, but they are not keeping it! ***“This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”***

Certainly, all those who do not worship Yahweh during His sacred seasons will be punished by the plague, if they do not obey Almighty Yahweh.

You must decide if you will persist in keeping holidays that Almighty Yahweh has never commanded you to keep!

Conversely, you must decide if you will obediently observe the holy days He has commanded His people to observe.

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Nowhere in the Bible can we find that Yahshua kept Christmas. In fact, December 25 is not even His birthday! Nowhere in the Bible is Christmas, or the New Year’s Day, celebration commanded, nor is it recorded that any biblical character ever kept it. Consequently, the Assemblies of Yahweh do not keep the Christmas holiday or January 1 as the new year. Rather, we observe Yahweh’s holy days, just as Exodus 31:12-13 tells us to do.

Turn to Isaiah 66:23, which contains a description of eternity and the kingdom of Yahweh. ***“And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before***

not up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt goes not up, and comes not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague with which Yahweh will strike the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.” We have already read Isaiah’s prophecy concerning the keeping of Yahweh’s holy days. Ezekiel chapters 45 and 46 instruct us that the holy days and the seventh-day Sabbath must be kept in the Kingdom and in eternity.

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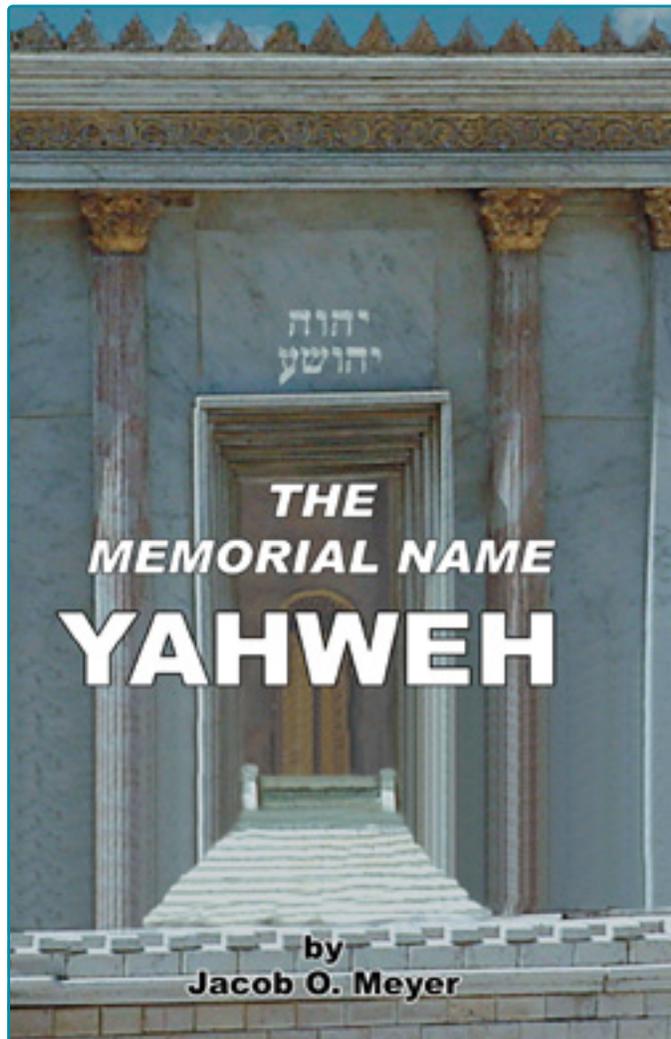
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