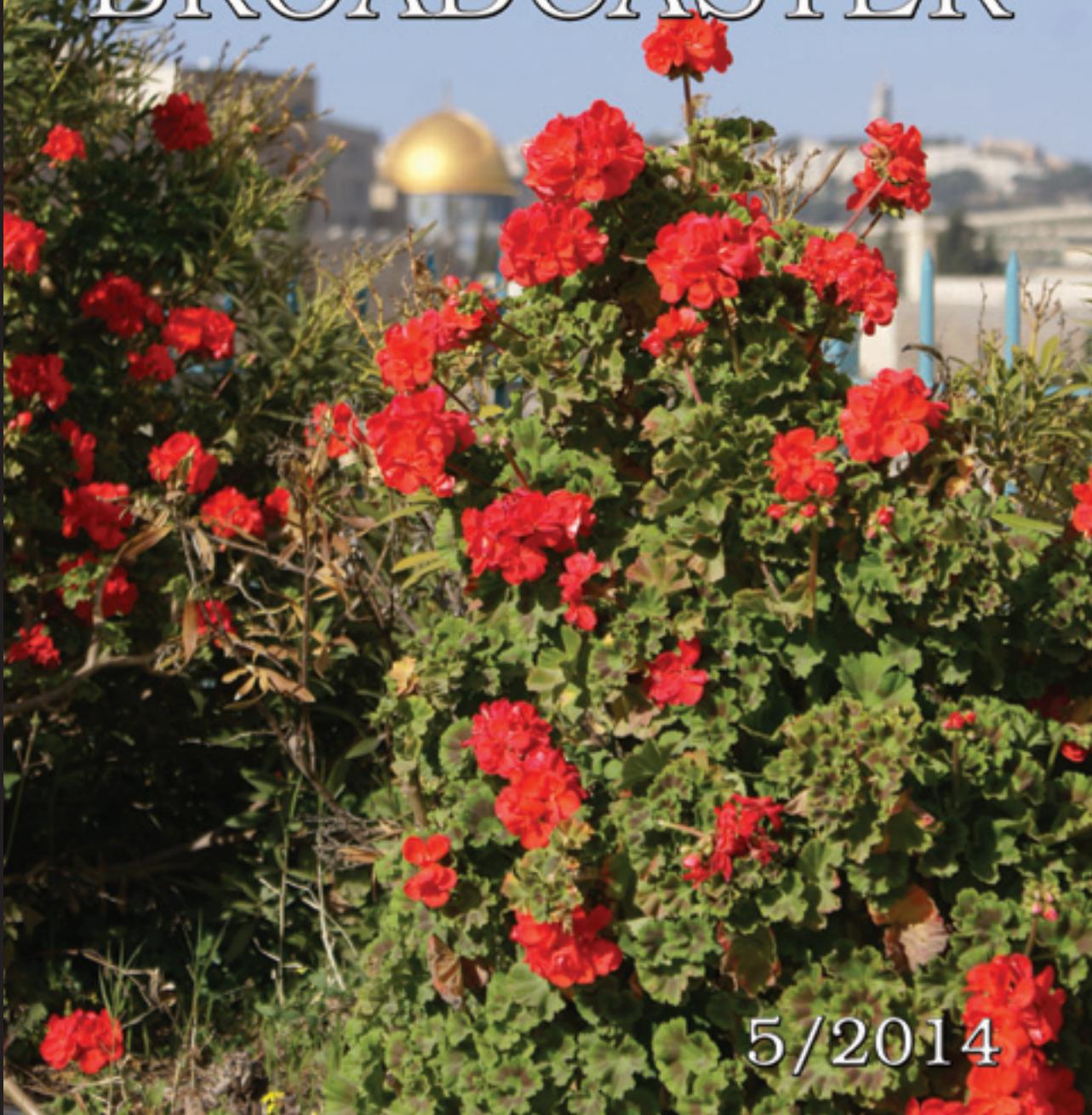


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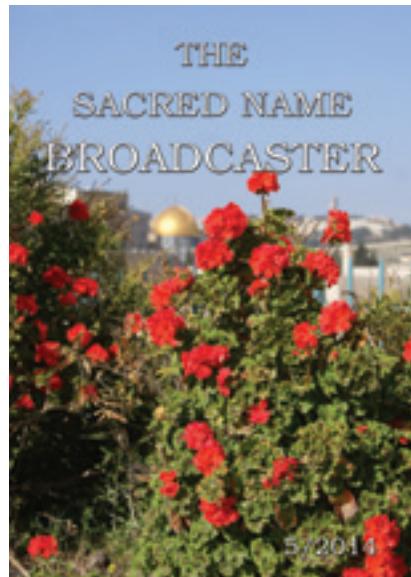
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This month's cover is a view of the Temple Mount from Galicantu, the place of the High Priest's palace. Yahshua the Messiah was brought here for trial after His betrayal by Judah Iscariot.

We are encouraged by King David to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love you." (Psalm 122:6). Jerusalem is a beautiful city with a storied history and with many prophecies yet to be fulfilled.

"As the mountains are all around Jerusalem, so Yahweh is all around his people from this time forth and forever more." (Psalm 125:2). Have you taken refuge in the Name of Yahweh?

THE *Angel* OF YAHWEH

PART THREE

Michael and Metatron

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

The term *Angel of Yahweh*, or *Angel of Elohim* appears in the sacred Scriptures in 70 instances (**Englishman's Hebrew and Chaldee Concordance**). The term refers to a specific heavenly personage who represents the Almighty Father Yahweh in communication with His people. The Scriptures speak plainly; no one has seen the Father Yahweh at any time, but the "Son," the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, has declared Him (John 1:18).

This angel was Yahweh's face in Isaiah 63:9. He was the only Being privileged or given leave to call Himself by the Name of Yahweh the Father, because Yahweh Himself conferred upon Him this great blessing. This Being is interchangeably called Yahweh, the Angel of Yahweh,

or the Angel of Elohim. He is the One who ate and drank (had lunch) with the elders of Israel after Israel ratified the Covenant (Exodus 24:9-11). He is the One who wrestled with Jacob at the Jabbok Ford. He discussed the impending judgment of wicked Sodom and Gomorrah with Abraham. He rained down fire from Yahweh the Father who remained in heaven; His fiery judgment destroyed the cities of the plain.

The sacred Scriptures have taught us that this mighty Being was the personal Elohim of Israel, representing the Father in heaven in making the Covenant relationship with Israel. He was the actual officiator in formulating the Covenant with Israel.

Genesis 15 shows that He entered into the Covenant with Abraham, and, thereafter, extended the same Covenant to Isaac and Jacob and

later with Israel at Mount Sinai.

Since Israel did not keep the terms of Yahweh's Covenant, He Himself elected to die for man's sin. Just as when Abraham offered up Isaac on the Moriah altar in Genesis 22, Yahweh provided a substitute sacrifice for Abraham's family.

Therefore, it is obvious after looking at these passages of Scripture, that many peripheral doctrines are heavily involved in this subject. If we deny this sound doctrine, other doctrines will fall, and false doctrines will surely develop. We cannot reject this sound teaching.

Let us consider the term *angel* again. *Angel* means *messenger*, *representative*, *ambassador*, *king*, *ruler*, and *pastor*. Each one of these terms, or definitions, represents a function performed by Yahshua the Messiah. The term *angel* is translated from the Hebrew word *mal'ak*, and the

Greek word *aggelos*.

The angels in the sacred Scriptures and apocryphal literature bear personal names that refer somehow to their position or duty. They always have attached to their names the abbreviation of the title Elohim, which is *El* (e.g. *Raphael* means *El the healer*; *Gabriel*—*El the warrior*; *Uriel*—*El the light*, and so on). There is only one angel mentioned in the sacred Scriptures who was given the use of the Name of Yahweh.

Only one angel mentioned in the sacred Scriptures was given a name which implies the Name Yahweh. Only this one is termed the “archangel.” His name is *Michael*, #4317 in the **Strong’s Concordance**. It is derived from #4310, the Hebrew personal interrogative pronoun *mi*, translated *who*—#3588, *ke*; a prime particle or preposition showing a relationship, translated *like* or *as*, and #410—*El*, the abbreviation of Elohim. So when you combine these three components, the name Michael should be viewed as a question: “Who is like *El*?” And for our answer—who is like *El*, but the Son of *El*—His only begotten actual Son that He has recognized. He is the only One in the Scriptures who is allowed to use the Name Yahweh as His first-person appellative.

The name Michael is used 15 times in the Bible. Sometimes it refers to the name of a person.

One remarkable incident where we find the Messenger, or Angel, of Yahweh, Michael, mentioned is Daniel chapter 10.

“And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said to me, O Daniel, you man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for to you am I now sent: and when he had

spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. Then he said to me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your Elohim, your words were heard: and I have come for your words’ sake. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days [obviously occurring during the Feast of Unleavened Bread and before]; **but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes** [or the chief one of the princes, if you want to render it that way], **came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia.** [Obviously fighting against them, as we see later on. They withstood him 21 days, and he had to call for help from Michael. This Michael is the chief prince] **Now I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days; for the vision is yet for many days. And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was dumb. And, behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said to him that stood before me, O my Master, by reason of the vision my sorrows have turned upon me, and I retain no strength. For how can the servant of this my Master talk with this my master? For as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither was there breath left in me.**

“Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me. And he said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be to you [Shalom Alechem], be strong, yes, be strong. And when he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my Master speak; for you have strengthened me. Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now will I return to fight with the prince of

Persia: and when I go forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come. But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is no one who holds with me against you, but Michael your prince,” Daniel 10:10-21.

Turn to Yahshua 5:13-14, “**And it came to pass, when Yahshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Yahshua went to him, and said to him, Are you for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Neither; but as prince of the host of Yahweh have I now come....”**

The same word is used in both emphasized passages above—*sar*. It also appears in the name of Sarah. Sarah means *princess*; *sar* means *prince*, and it means *the chief* or *the first*—the prince or the chieftain, the primary or first. In Daniel 10:21, we are told that Michael is the prince of Israel. “...As *prince of the host of Yahweh* have I now come. And Yahshua fell on his face to the earth [just like Daniel did] **and worshiped** [Worshiped? This Prince? Angels are not to be worshiped. However, this one angel (the archangel) was worshiped.], **and said to him, What does my superior say to his servant? And the prince of Yahweh’s host** [Who was he, the Prince of Yahweh’s host? We’re told in Daniel 10:21 that this is Michael] **said to Yahshua, Put off your shoe from off your foot; for the place on which you stand is holy. And Yahshua did so,**” (Yahshua 5:14-15). Evidently, Yahshua recognized the personage to which He was speaking. Turn to Numbers 20. In this historical account, when Moses asked permission to cross Edomite territory, we uncover a clear illustration of who it was that led Israel from Egypt. Verses 14-17, “**And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, In this manner says your brother Israel, You**

know all the travail that has happened to us: how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and our fathers: and when we cried to Yahweh, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and

there are several additional facts that capture our attention. Apparently, there are different spirit beings watching over the nations. Almighty Yahweh is in firm control of His nation Israel. Michael is one of the chief princes, or the chief of the princes, and he is the chief of Israel.

this angel who is communicating with Daniel told him that, at some future date, this supernatural Being, Michael (who would eventually be known as Yahshua), will stand up and take power. This will occur during the great last tribulation, a tribulation such as never occurred

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brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of your border. Let us pass, I pray you, through your land....”

Yahweh had heard their pleading and sent an angel to lead them to the Promised Land. That angel was known as the Angel of Yahweh. Quickly review Exodus 23:20-21: “Behold, I send an angel before you, to keep you by the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Take heed before him, and listen to his voice; provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgression: FOR MY NAME IS IN HIM.” MICHAEL means a question—Who is like El? To answer this question, you have to use the Name of Yahweh! Who only is like El? The son of Yahweh.

The Name Yahweh is, therefore, implied by the name Michael. Until the New Testament, we didn’t know His personal Name. He used the family name Yahweh in the Old Testament. Later, at His human birth, He was given the Name Yahshua. But at this time in the Old Testament, when Israel asked, “Do you know his name?” They were told He was Michael (“the one who is like El.”)

When we review the passage in chapter 10 of the book of Daniel,

Later, He was given the name of Yahshua. But in the Old Testament, He was the Covenant maker with Israel. He used the Name Yahweh in that capacity. This Michael is the one who held the prince of Persia at bay, and who was going to help them through the time of trouble with the later prince of Greece, so this Spirit Being knew the end from the beginning. The reference obviously was to the later Maccabean era of Antiochus Epiphanes, which serves as a type of the anti-Messiah and the Beast system.

Consequently, what have we been shown here? Michael is the prince over Israel. Now can we prove that? Daniel 12:1. ***“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who stands over the children of your people*** [Michael is the great prince who stood over Israel and will stand over the spiritual remnant at the end of the age.] ***and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to the same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”***

When Yahshua spoke His Olivet prophecy, He also referred to a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Consequently,

and never shall occur after that. He will deliver the people of Yahweh (those that are written in the Book of Life).

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt,” Daniel 12:2. Now, to be strictly in harmony with the context of this passage, we must say that “Michael” will have complete charge of the resurrection when He receives the power to rule. He’ll do the resurrecting, just as He tells us here. The Father has given him life, which He can in turn bestow upon the righteous people to be resurrected. Who makes this decision? Michael. “Michael” is the one slated to do the judging from the great white throne.

“For neither does the Father judge any man, but he has given all judgment to the Son; that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father that sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, He that hears my word, and believes him that sent me, has eternal life, and comes not into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. Truly, truly, I say to you, The hour comes, and now is, when

the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of Yahweh; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father has life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself: and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour comes, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment,”

John 5:22-29.

After the tribulation, there will be a decision to make—a judgment to render. Who will be the judge? Those that sleep in the dust of the earth will be raised up in the resurrection. The sheep class will be given everlasting life; the goats will be sent to Gehenna fire, shame, and everlasting contempt. There the goat class will suffer eternal, everlasting separation (banishment) from the presence of the life-giving Elohim; therefore, they have no life but are dead for all eternity.

“And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever,” Daniel 12:3.

Whom do the stars represent? The stars represent the angels of Yahweh. Just as Yahshua the Messiah said, those who partake of the resurrection will be like the angels of Yahweh and shall shine in the brightness of righteousness, forever and ever. *“But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased,”* Daniel 12:4.

I hope that you can say that your knowledge has been greatly

increased from this study. Other groups, or organizations, do not teach the whole counsel of Yahweh in this way. The Jews won't touch it. It would contradict their doctrine to learn they were dealing with Yahshua throughout the Old Testament. But Assemblies of Yahweh can, and will, teach this subject. We're not afraid to confront the evidence and accept what the Bible teaches.

Michael Contends With the Adversary

Let's go to the next passage. Judah verse 9, *“But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, Yahweh rebuke you.”*

For those who are interested in further study, there is an apocryphal book (actually pseudopigraphal) titled, **The Assumption of Moses**. That book purports to describe this argument Judah mentions.

Do we have a description of Moses' burial given in the inspired Word? An account is indeed given in Deuteronomy, chapter 34. *“And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And Yahweh shewed him all the land of Gilead.... And Yahweh said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed: I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there. So Moses the servant of Yahweh died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Yahweh. And he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab over against Bethpeor: but no man knows of his sepulchre to this day,”* Deuteronomy 34:1, 4-6. Following this account from the sacred Scriptures, the assumption of Moses is said to continue, from which Judah quoted.

As we've already learned from Numbers 20, Moses said it was the angel, or the archangel, the prince of Yahweh's hosts—the One who is the prince standing over Israel—who communicated with the patriarchs and the Israelite nation. Who is standing over spiritual Israel today? Is it not the Messiah, the Son of Yahweh, our Savior, Ruler, our King, the Ambassador of Yahweh? Believe it or not, even some of the rabbinic commentators recognized Him as the Viceroy of Yahweh. The word *viceroy* comes pretty close in meaning to the word *Messiah*, because it indicates a *king ruling under another king*.

Judaism cannot pursue this subject to its conclusion without admitting the existence and historical accuracy of Yahshua and the New Covenant. But we in Assemblies of Yahweh accept this Truth.

Judgment Given to the Son

“And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, Yahweh came with ten thousands of his holy ones, TO EXECUTE JUDGMENT UPON ALL [What did we read in John 5:22? The Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son.], and to convict all the lawless of all their works of lawlessness which they have wickedly worked, and all the hard things which wicked sinners have spoken against him,” Judah 14-15.

Now if the judgment from On High will be poured out by the Messiah, then He is also called Yahweh. We must turn back to Deuteronomy, chapter 33, for a cross-reference, because here is where this thought originates. *“And he said, Yahweh came from Sinai [but we've already heard what Moses said—it was an angel], And rose from Seir to them; He shined forth from mount Paran, and he came from the ten thousands of holy ones: At his right hand was a fiery law for*

them. Yes, he loves the people; all his saints are in your hand: and they sat down at your feet; every one shall receive of your words,” Deuteronomy 33:2-3.

Judah says Enoch was the one that prophesied this. Evidently, Enoch, the seventh from Adam, was a righteous man, denouncing the lawless works of the Cain civilization and preaching repentance. Moses, in his inspiration, appealed to that situation when he wrote Deuteronomy 33 when blessing the tribes of Israel.

To refresh our minds concerning why this series originated, someone wrote a tract asserting that Assemblies of Yahweh is in error by preaching that Yahshua was once an angel. I’m showing you the truth of that matter clearly and frequently proven directly from the Word. Yahshua was indeed an angel. He performed every one of these duties: messenger, representative, ambassador, king, ruler, and pastor of His Assembly. In the Old Testament, the Son used the Name Yahweh, because He was the Father’s direct representative to reveal the will of the Most High to His people. Therefore, the representative was the angel, or messenger, of Yahweh.

In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we allow the Bible to teach us. The Bible says that Yahshua the Messiah was the Elohim of Israel in the Old Testament. He was the Angel of Yahweh—that’s what the Scriptures tell us. We do not oppose any doctrine unless we have a biblical basis of fact to do so.

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; and they prevailed not, neither was their place found



The “Metatron”—the right hand of Yahweh—led Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land under the direction of Moses, Yahweh’s shepherd. Pictured above are the mountains of Sinai, where Israel received the Law by His Word.

any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan [and several other names have also been given to him along the way, as we are going to see momentarily. He is the Devil and Satan; the personification of evil. He comes as an angel of light and appears as an angel of light and wisdom, when, in fact, his perverted ideas will take you away from Yahweh. They will tear you down and make you a sinner.], the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the authority of his Messiah [Who’s in power? Michael. Michael defeated Satan. The powerful Messiah is actually the Michael who has defeated Satan and evicted the old dragon from the heavens, along with his evil angels.]: for the accuser of our brethren is cast

down, who accuses them before our Elohim day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb,” Revelation 12:7-11.

Yahshua is also called the Lamb of Yahweh to take away the sin of the world, which we find described in John 1:35-36. In this instance, Michael is implied to be the Messiah, because He is in power now. He has vanquished Satan the Devil.

Turn to 2 Thessalonians 1. We want to remember that these passages of Scripture relate very closely: Judah 14; Revelation 12:7; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; and Deuteronomy 33:2. 2 Thessalonians 1:7—***“...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....”***

What have we seen in Revelation 12? We just read it. Michael and His angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon warred against Michael, along with his angels. Now the Sovereign Yahshua is coming ***“...from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that do not know Yahweh [Remember, all judgment has been given to the Son.], and to them that do not obey the good tidings of our Sovereign Yahshua: who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of Yahshua and from the glory of his might,”*** 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

Enoch prophesied, ***“Behold, Yahweh came with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the lawless of all their works of lawlessness which they have wickedly worked, and all the hard things which wicked sinners have spoken against him,”***

Judah [Jude] 14.

Let us consider some additional evidence.

Who was the One who shut Noah up in the ark? Now remember, the sacred Scriptures plainly state that no man has seen Yahweh at any time. NONE. However, when you turn to Genesis 7, there was a spiritual Being there who closed the door of the ark. **"And Yahweh said unto Noah, Come you and all your house into the ark; for you have I seen righteous before me in this generation, ...And Noah did according unto all that Yahweh commanded him. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ...And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened, ...In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; they, and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, ...and Yahweh shut him in."** (Genesis 7:1, 5-7, 10-11, 13-15, 16). They did as Elohim commanded him, and Yahweh shut him in. From the outside, Yahweh closed the door

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With whom was Noah in communication? Enoch told us. Enoch said Yahweh is coming to judge. Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 1 that Yahweh is coming to judge. Remember, Deuteronomy 32 also said that Yahweh is coming to judge. Matthew 25:31 confirms who the judge will be. **"But when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory...."**

Yahshua said practically the same thing again in Mark 8:38, **"For whoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."** Who judged Sodom? Throughout the sacred Scriptures, we can surely see that all judgment was given to the Son!

So, who is the chief superior officer over the holy angels of Yahweh in heaven? It's Yahshua. He's called Michael in Revelation 12:7. He's called the Sovereign Yahshua in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10. He is also the One in Judah 14 who is called Yahweh, and who had judged this world for sin in the days of Cain and Abel. He judged the world for sin in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. Yahshua the Messiah, this mighty representative of Almighty Yahweh, the Father in heaven, is coming again just as certainly as

we stand here before the Bethel Assembly today. He's coming soon to judge this world of sin, and He will destroy all the sinners out of this wicked world. You can depend on it. The same One who has always been designated and delegated as Yahweh's Judge will again perform this duty of judgment and punishment, to terminate man's age, and He will rule in the Millennium.

**Term Archangel
Examined**

Look more closely at the word *archangel* for a moment. In Judah 9, He is called Michael the archangel. What is the usual word for *chief* or *prime* in the Old Testament? *Sar*, such as appears in the name Sarah. *Sar* means *chief, prince*. So, you could say, He is the prince angel, He is the chief angel. He is the prime angel. The word *arche* in Greek means *the first, the beginning*. In the sacred Scriptures, Michael is the only one who is named as the chief, or the prince, angel, the prime angel.

The word archangel is only used twice in the Bible. Here in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 is the second instance. **"For Yahshua himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel...."** That doesn't tell you that an archangel of some other personage precedes Yahshua to do the shouting, or accompanies Yahshua for that purpose. Yahshua HIMSELF is going to descend, crying out in the powerful voice of the archangel, the prince angel, the prime angel, the first angel, along with blowing the trumpet of Yahweh. He will perform these functions Himself, Paul says. He won't use some other assistant. He will shout with the voice of the archangel. The archangel is named Michael in Judah 9.

**Rabbinic Assertion
on Michael**

It is time now for us to consider
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COUNTERFEITS, HOBBYISTS, HYPOCRITES, and Other Religious Types

Throughout the Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures, we find prophecies that are related to the last days, the very times in which we are now living. One of these electrifying prophecies is found in Isaiah 30:8-11. *"Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever. For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of Yahweh: that say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits, get out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."*

Many unusual situations have befallen the editor during the more than a quarter century that comprises his ministry. Perhaps this could be illustrated by an incident in which he was involved just a day before writing this editorial. Here is the account.

The editor happened to meet an individual who asked a certain question, which is not unusual for people to ask him: "What denomination do you belong to?" I replied with a broad smile, "The Assemblies of Yahweh! Have you ever heard of this organization?" Upon the vigorous shaking of the head by this person and his negative reply, the author proceeded to explain. "The Assemblies of Yahweh teaches that

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the True Name of the Almighty is Yahweh, and we understand from the Bible that this it is a very important doctrine, and, furthermore, we find that the Bible commands us to use the Sacred Name in worship. We began a radio broadcast more than 25 years ago to bring this significant biblical doctrine before the public so that they could research and prove it for themselves. Have you ever heard of the Name Yahweh before?" asked the editor. The individual replied, "Yes." Then the editor asked, "To what denomination do you belong?" He replied, "I am a Mennonite," and forthwith proceeded to change the topic of conversation to another subject.

Countless instances very similar to this one have occurred throughout the ministry of the editor. When people ask what denomination we belong to (since we obviously look religious), and we reply that we are members of the Assemblies of Yahweh, it is almost as though a solid brick wall has immediately sprung up between us and our conversationalist. It seems that very few people have an interest in the Sacred Name, although it is indeed a very provable doctrine.

We realize that the average individual has certainly made a commitment to his or her religious denomination, whether it is by being born into and raised in that

denomination, or drifting into it during the course of his life. Most people do not wish to change the *status quo* (in other words—"rock the boat"). They listen to carefully selected passages of Scripture used in sermons. Sometimes, merely a sentence, or a phrase, on which doctrines are built comprises the sermon topic. When the individual encounters other people who bring up various different Bible doctrines that they have not heard before, they immediately appear to erect a solid barrier against them. (Mrs. Meyer occasionally mentions that the author himself had a similar reaction at one time early in our married life when she was speaking to a representative of an organization *other* than the one to which we then belonged.)

When the author began to study the Bible for himself, he soon discovered that the religious doctrines he had believed as a nominal Chr-stian could not be supported by the sacred Scriptures. One of the first doctrines he researched was the keeping of the Sabbath. Since he was raised as a nominal Chr-stian and kept Sunday, the last Sunday he ever kept was spent in researching the subject regarding which day is the scriptural Sabbath. He had used a Bible at the time with excellent center-column cross references. After some hours looking up the term *Sabbath* in the concordance and following cross references to the word, he had to

conclude that THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK INDEED IS THE SABBATH OF YAHWEH! Sunday is never even mentioned in the Bible! Therefore, at the end of that Sunday afternoon he informed his family, "Next week, we shall begin to keep the scriptural seventh-day Sabbath." That was more than 30 years ago. What a difference it was to keep Yahweh's Sabbath converse to what we had been doing when we had kept Sunday. It took us some time to learn the concepts that are associated with the keeping of Yahweh's Sabbath, and to make them a part of ourselves.

Then as we continued to learn the Truth of the Bible, we encountered quite a host of different people who purported to be Bible students. These people displayed different kinds of attitudes toward the Scriptures.

Along the way, we found many people who have embraced a portion of Bible Truth and yet have not followed on to accept the complete corpus of sound doctrine that emerges through harmonizing the sacred Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. For example, we have encountered Bible students who keep the scriptural seventh-day Sabbath and, yet, reject most other biblical commandments. Some believe in the dietary laws, while others reject them. Some will believe the Sacred Name and, yet, will not accept the Sabbath, the holy days of Leviticus 23, the dietary laws, or the majority of the remaining sound doctrines.

As has been the case over the past several years, the Assemblies of Yahweh organization with the International Headquarters here at Bethel, Pennsylvania, has suffered some damage through the natural association in peoples' minds that everyone who uses the Sacred Name must be affiliated. The Assemblies of Yahweh has been grouped with the organization based in Miami, Florida, of which some of their leaders have been convicted of crimes. We have been strongly insisting that

there is a vast difference between the doctrines taught by the Florida group and what is taught by the Assemblies of Yahweh. Primarily, of course, is our objection to their practice of allowing a man to call himself by the terms *Yahweh* or *Son of Yahweh*, applying these Sacred Names to himself as a human being. The members of the Assemblies of Yahweh consider such a practice blasphemous against the Most High and His Son our Savior.

We would call a group like this a COUNTERFEIT of the Truth. Over the years since the author began his ministry, we have discovered quite a number of different groups who wish to accept a portion of the sound doctrine which is taught by the Assemblies of Yahweh, but, simultaneously, they continue to teach a doctrine that cannot be proven from the sacred Scriptures merely for some divisive effect. Sometimes these people merely want to draw a following to themselves; consequently, they arrogate to themselves positions which cannot be supported by the sacred Scriptures.

COUNTERFEITS:

Accept a portion of the sound doctrine which is taught by the Assemblies of Yahweh, but simultaneously they continue to teach a doctrine that cannot be proven from the sacred Scriptures.

Sometimes such people present a facade of being independent. The members of the Assemblies of Yahweh occasionally think of them as "spoilers." Why should there be people who insist upon being independent when the Assemblies of Yahweh already has in place a viable international organization with branches extending into many countries of the world? Surely an independent person, individual, or group, cannot be as effective as can a united group of many people who are zealously seeking to fulfill the Great Commission. The duplication of effort and the disharmony of

independence proves costly to all those who desire to be in the Truth and herald the message of Yahweh's Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

Sometimes we encounter people who could be called "hobbyists." These people appear to be interested in religion, but they never seem to act on what they have learned. They never seem to be able to isolate Bible Truth from error, and then live by and defend this Truth.

Religious hobbyists appear to float from group to group seeking something sensational, but they never seem to find what they are seeking. They only dabble in religion. They remain in apparent perpetual confusion, because they cannot isolate Truth and adhere to it. Perhaps they have no great desire to isolate Yahweh's Truth from the sacred Scriptures and then follow it, because biblical Truth would undoubtedly isolate them from groups, or individuals, who are teaching error. "***Shall two walk together, except they have agreed?***" (Amos 3:3).

Religious hobbyists appear to practice their religion only on a part-time basis and, then, only when it becomes convenient for them to be bothered with religion, or when necessity demands that they have religious observances (such as at weddings or funerals).

HOBBYISTS:

Appear to practice their religion only on a part-time basis and, then, only when it becomes convenient for them to be bothered with religion, or when necessity demands.

Hobbyists can usually be identified as *compromisers*, those who are not averse to watering down doctrine merely for the sake of gaining numbers and popularity. They appear unable to take a strong stand and defend true doctrine, because their knowledge of the Word is too shallow.

As has been portrayed in the news media over the past several years,

many noted media ministers actually make merchandise of religion. They are not proclaiming the true message of the Bible, the whole counsel of the Word of Yahweh, but, rather, they only teach something that tickles the ears of people who tune them in. Too often, these media ministers are given to reckless boasting and sensational prophecy which is not fulfilled. Pitfalls such as this could be avoided if each person would study the Bible diligently as we are commanded to do by Almighty Yahweh. Can we really substitute for the Name of the Almighty, which was inspired to be written into the sacred Scriptures, or can we use the Sacred Name of Yahweh and the saving Name of His only begotten Son, Yahshua the Messiah, interchangeably with the common names of worship? The Bible prohibits this practice by telling us, ***"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).

We are strongly instructed in Acts 4:12. ***"And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, in which we must be saved."*** If there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, other than the Name of Yahshua, the true Name He was given at His birth, how can there be different names for the Messiah? The answer is, to be faithful to the teachings of the sacred Scriptures, there cannot be more than one True Name for the Messiah, or our Father in heaven!

Yet another religious type is identified by Yahshua the Messiah in Matthew 23:3b, ***"...but do not you after their works; for they say, and do not."*** In other words, they teach a doctrine, but they do not practice it. Sometimes we encounter people who will indicate, "Oh I have known the Sacred Name for many years," or they will say, "I have known for a long time that the Sabbath is the true day of rest." We would expect then that very soon

such individuals would be in close communication with the Assemblies of Yahweh, but such is not usually the case.

HYPOCRITES:

**Teach a doctrine,
but they do not practice it.
Although they have proven
the truthfulness and veracity
of the sacred Scriptures, they
continue to vacillate.**

Quite a number of times we have encountered people who have informed us, "We learned the Sacred Name in a class we took in Bible," or possibly, "We first heard the Sacred Name and proved its validity in a college class in comparative religion." However, such individuals, although they have proven the truthfulness and veracity of the sacred Scriptures, continue to vacillate. On the one hand, they know the Truth which the Assemblies of Yahweh is preaching, but, on the other hand, they continue to gravitate toward the groups of nominal ch-rchianity which are more popular.

A number of years ago, the author wrote an article entitled "**Challenging Today's Ministers, Teach the Truth You Learned.**" Since this article was circulated in many places by some of the zealous members, it has earned the author what appears to be a substantial amount of animosity in some quarters of the religious community. Nevertheless, Truth and facts must be accorded acceptance when proven. Let me illustrate.

Sitting in a class in Hebrew some years ago the author was amazed to hear a fellow student comment, "So that is the Name of the Almighty which is found in the Hebrew text." The professor agreed with this statement. It just so happened that this student was a member of a group calling itself Ch-rch of G-d. The author had occasion to enter into a serious discussion with this individual some time later. He believed that presenting to this individual the scriptural reasons for

the necessity of using the Sacred Name would convince him, but it apparently never did.

Perhaps another illustration which we could present appears in the book **Methodical Bible Study**, written by Robert A. Traina. The author uses this volume as his required standard text for the students in teaching his Systematic Bible Study course in Obadiah School of the Bible.

Let us consider some quotes from that book (pp. 183-185). *"The objective interpreter does not prejudge a passage on the basis of a traditional or denominational interpretation. He will evaluate the pros and cons of the various positions and he will choose that explanation which has in its favor the weightiest evidence. Furthermore, if the data are inconclusive, he will be honest enough to say, 'I do not know for certain the meaning of this passage.' Not only will such a policy eventuate in more impartial and therefore more accurate interpretations, but it will also result in a sympathetic understanding of the positions of others, as well as an understanding of the reasons for one's own position."*

"The principle of consistency should characterize the process of interpretation. The interpreter should be self-consistent in his exegesis and exegetical practices. Further, he should assume that an author is self-consistent in that which he writes."

"When interpreting a New Testament unit containing an Old Testament reference, the reference should be studied in its original context. For it is valid to assume that New Testament writers were aware of the context of their references and utilized them in their thinking and writing."

What outstanding suggestions! These are very excellent instructions, but few people follow these important principles.

We could continue indefinitely with a discussion like this and probably several additional religious types have come to your mind as

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The Sacred Name Broadcast

RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Baptism: *An Outward Sign of an Inward Cleansing*

It is certainly puzzling to observe how various groups can derive so many different teachings from the same source book—the Bible! Recently, it was my pleasure to speak before several classes in our local high school. One of the students asked a question concerning how the Assemblies of Yahweh interprets the Bible. A look of surprise came upon the faces of those whom I addressed when I explained that the Bible prohibits interpretation by those who read it. It is its own best interpreter!

The Apostle Peter explains this prohibition in his second epistle, chapter 1, verses 20-21, “*...knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spoke from Yahweh, being moved by the Holy Spirit.*”

However, this injunction against interpretation goes largely unheeded

by the theologians of the world as they forge ahead with their personal interpretations of what the Bible teaches, and, eventually, another splinter group arises to further cloud the already nebulous religious spectrum. Speaking frankly, it is only those who really desire to know and understand what the Bible teaches and what it says about itself, who will ever find the Truth contained therein. An arrogant “know-it-all” approach will yield only an additional human interpretation. Paradoxically, there are already more than 1,100 known religious groups in the United States all claiming to be separate entities, and the number continues to grow almost with each passing day.

This series of radio messages is designed to show how the Assemblies of Yahweh is different from the broad spectrum of mainstream nominal religion. The basic reason why we, indeed, are a different

people is that we approach the Bible without a preconceived idea of what it should say. We approach its message straightforwardly, seeking to be corrected by the Word. We do not attempt to read into or “proof text” from the pages of the Bible a message which we personally desire to find there. We approach the Bible desiring, above all, to know what it teaches, to seek the facts inductively, so that we can apply the message of the heavens to our personal lives. We desire to live a life which is pleasing to the Almighty Heavenly Father.

When we approach the Scriptures in this manner, we soon perceive that a different message is contained in the Bible than what is preached in ch-rchianity. Beloved reader, how many religious groups do you know that employ this kind of an approach to Bible study? How many ch-rches do you know that will forthrightly allow the inspired Scriptures to teach them, to correct them if they

are wrong, and not to attempt to explain anything away? How many groups in ch-rchianity teach that their members should live exactly as the Scriptures teach. The only group to my knowledge that is doing this is the Assemblies of Yahweh.

With this message, we shall concentrate upon one of the basic doctrines of the New Testament in which so many groups are deficient (most of them, in fact). This is the doctrine of BAPTISM. I was born and raised in what was considered to be a conservative ch-rch descended from German pietism. In this group, the mode of baptism was called TRINE IMMERSION. Mrs. Meyer was also raised in another conservative plain ch-rch heavily represented here in eastern Pennsylvania, but her religious background calls for baptism to be by pouring water on the head of the candidate. In various other ch-rches, we find that the mode of baptism runs the broad spectrum from immersion in the Savior's Name to sprinkling and even, in some instances, merely wetting people with a fire hose, or no water baptism at all! Now, should the people of the Almighty be satisfied with accepting blindly the teachings of a particular ch-rch, or should we seek the Truth directly from the pages of the Bible? It has been my conclusion that all of this disagreement can be eliminated if we return back to the original Scriptures as closely as we can return to them and then begin with this solid foundation whereon we erect our spiritual house. Then we will be in harmony with the Will of Almighty Yahweh.

To begin, the term *baptism* in

the English language is derived from the Greek word *baptizo*, #907 in the Greek dictionary of the **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**. The term means to make 'whelmed' (fully wet), or plunge under, to cover over with a liquid. There is NO OTHER MEANING which can be derived from this word. No definition in any lexicon lends itself favorably to a doctrine of sprinkling, nor do we find any instance in the New Testament which describes this ritual taking place anywhere except in a location which would hold enough water for A TOTAL IMMERSION. We should note that the corresponding Hebrew term used to represent the Greek term *baptism* in the **Septuagint Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures**, the Old Testament, is *tabal*, #2881 in Strong's Concordance, and it means to dip (the term has been always translated dip or plunge).

John the Baptist was purported to be the originator of the New Testament baptism in water, since he baptized in the Jordan for the remission of sins. Each one of the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John records this mission of John, a priest, and how he baptized in the Jordan. John baptized Yahshua the Messiah in the

Jordan River.

Then, in John 3:23, we find that the Apostle records the following information for us, since it must be vital in establishing the truth concerning this doctrine of baptism. **"And John also was baptizing in Enon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized."** It is pertinent for us to understand that when someone received baptism, there is a necessity for using an abundance of water. If John had indeed baptized by sprinkling, he could have drawn such a small amount of water from a well or spring; he would not have had to go to a river, or where large amounts of water were flowing from strong springs.

We find that both Matthew and Mark record that when our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, was baptized by John, they CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER. Likewise, when Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts chapter 8, they rode along in the chariot until they arrived at a certain body of water. Then we read in verses 38-39, **"And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of Yahweh caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing."**

Now, certainly, we have overwhelming evidence that in order to be baptized correctly we must go into a body of water deep enough to cover the candidate and then come up out of the water after the act has been



completed.

Most people are ignorant of the fact that baptism is not unique to the New Testament. If you are a diligent Bible student, you will know that the basis of our Faith is to be found in the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures. Types of baptism are recorded in various passages in the Law of Yahweh and, also, in the prophets. Bodily cleansing was a very vital part of obedience to the Heavenly Father, as we can see from Leviticus 14 and 15. In addition, the Syrian General Naaman was told by the prophet Elisha to dip himself seven times in the Jordan, and he would then be cleansed (or healed) of his leprosy (2 Kings 5).

Even today, many of the Orthodox Jewish synagogues contain a *mikvah*, which is a large water tank used for immersion. When someone has been cleansed of uncleanness, they will come to the synagogue and immerse themselves in the mikvah while a holy man or woman recites prayers over them. Before special times of worship, observant Jewish people will immerse themselves in a mikvah. Such a practice undoubtedly underlies the doctrine of New Testament baptism. So one can observe that a form of baptism has come down to us from ancient times, and it is to be found originally in the Hebrew Scriptures.

I might add, incidentally, that one of the necessary requirements for the conversion of a proselyte to Judaism to this very day is baptism, so you can see just how closely the New Testament Apostles followed the example set by the Jewish religion. The baptism in the teachings of Judaism is total and complete IMMERSION. Nothing else is considered valid as the required form of ritual cleansing. When one takes a bath, an abundance of water is imperative, and a ritual bath is no exception. Please note, also, that the doctrine of baptisms (plural) to which the writer of the epistle of Hebrews refers in chapter 6, verse 1, relates to the practice in Judaism of immersion in the *mikvah*, perhaps

as often as every week.

Having been raised in a ch-rch where immersion was taught, I did not rebel against this requirement for entering the Body of the Messiah. However, after inaugurating my diligent study of the Bible, I began to question certain methods which that organization attached to the ritual. First of all, I questioned the three-dip immersion. As proof, a ch-rch will usually revert

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to the commandment of the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 to find support for baptizing in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, when in fact THEY NEVER DO USE A NAME. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not NAMES, BUT TITLES. In every instance in the book of Acts when the Apostles are baptizing, they are baptizing in the NAME (singular) of our Savior. How can we harmonize these Scriptures? Furthermore, does this understanding matter in the final mode of baptism?

Proving sound doctrine is simple indeed, since we find in John 5:43 that Yahshua the Messiah says, "***I have come IN MY FATHER'S NAME.***" In addition, He informs us in John 14:26, "***But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in my name, it shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all***

that I said to you." Consequently, it is obvious that there is no discrepancy between these passages, but they all teach in one accord—one doctrine. The Name (singular) of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is contained in ONE NAME, the Name which the Apostles were using in the book of Acts, THE NAME OF YAHSHUA OUR MESSIAH. Therefore, in Acts 2:38-39, the Apostles were immersing repentant believers into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, which is also followed by Paul in Romans chapter 6.

We have clearly established that the one to be baptized must go down into the water for total immersion and that it must be done in the Savior's Name. What exactly should be the mode of baptism to be used? For this information we must turn to Romans 6. In this passage, we find that baptism has been graphically illustrated for us by Paul. We read in verses 3-5, "***Or are you ignorant that all we who were baptized into the Messiah Yahshua were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as the Messiah was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection....***" We are shown here the picture of a death, burial, and resurrection, as the old man is placed in a watery grave. When a person dies and is buried, he is always buried ON HIS BACK. No one buries a corpse on his face. In addition, in the resurrection we shall rise up and emerge from the grave forward. What a beautiful picture this makes! It is a type of our being raised from the dead after having buried the old man, just as much as it is a ritual cleansing.

In addition, when we of the Assemblies of Yahweh come into the knowledge of the Sacred Name, and that our Savior was not called J-s-s Chr-st, but YAHSHUA THE

MESSIAH, then we find that we are obligated to be baptized IN HIS TRUE NAME. We cannot impose our personal conclusions upon the teachings of the Bible, but we must allow it to teach us. Have you attained to this kind of a submissive attitude?

Acts 4:12 is very pointed in this regard. **"And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, in which we must be saved."** There can be no salvation except when we call upon the True and revealed Name of our Redeemer and Messiah, Yahshua.

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Baptism



Burial into Life

by
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some of the quotes from the rabbinic commentators, found in the **Jewish Encyclopedia**, and the **Encyclopedia Judaica**. You may be amazed at what the rabbis admitted. Too many rabbis are liberal today. A knowledgeable rabbi who has continually studied the sacred Scriptures and studied commentary on those Scriptures, and who understands the intricacies of the language, is someone with great depth of understanding. Such were those rabbis who are quoted in these articles that we shall peruse.

The following quote is taken from the **Jewish Encyclopedia**, published around 1900, with Isadore Singer as the editor. “*Michael: One of the archangels. . . WHO IS ALSO REPRESENTED AS THE TUTELARY PRINCE OF ISRAEL. The signification of the name (= ‘Who is like El?’) [This authority plainly informs you what the name Michael means.] . . . Upon the basis of the above-cited passages from the Book of Daniel (where Michael is represented first as helping Daniel in his dispute with the angel of Persia, and then, as helping Israel in time of trouble—that is, in the Messianic time—and where he is styled ‘your prince’) Michael is specially designated in early Jewish writings and very frequently in the Book of Enoch as ‘the prince of Israel,’ and in later Jewish writings, particularly in cabalistic works [the Kabalah], as ‘the advocate of the Jews.’ It is for this reason that he is represented as the angel of forbearance and mercy (Enoch, xl. 3) who taught Enoch the mysteries of clemency and justice (ib. lxxxi. 2).”* (**Jewish Encyclopedia**, “Michael,” pp. 535-36).

Now who is the angel of mercy? Didn’t Yahshua exemplify that in his life? How many times did He say,

“*Go and sin no more.*” He was not out to condemn or to kill. He healed people. He desired repentance. He’s the angel (messenger) of mercy. He was not vindictive. See John 8:10-11, for example.

This next quote comes directly from the rabbis. “*It was Michael, the ‘one that had escaped’ (Gen. xiv. 13), who told Abraham that Lot had been taken captive (Pirke R. El. l.c.), and who protected Sarah from being defiled by Abimelech (ib.). He announced to Sarah that she would bear a son (comp Gen. xviii. 10).*” (**Jewish Encyclopedia**, p. 536).

Oh, wait a minute! You can clearly see now why the rabbis don’t want to touch this subject. Who was it that announced to Sarah that she would have a son, which caused Sarah to laugh? Yahweh did—it plainly tells you in Genesis 18 that it was Yahweh.

“*It was Michael, too, who wrestled with Jacob and who afterwards blessed him (Targ. pseudo-Jonathan to Gen. xxxii. 25; Pirke R. El. xxxvii). [And we know that isn’t true, it was the One who used the Name Yahweh.] The Midrash Abkir (i.c. 132) thus graphically describes the scene of the wrestling: ‘At the break of day companies of angels came, saying, “Michael the hour of singing, in praise of [Yahweh] has arrived.” Michael began to implore Jacob to cease wrestling, saying he was afraid the angels might burn him (Michael) for omitting to take part in the heavenly chorus. When Michael finally struck Jacob’s thigh he was blamed by [Yahweh] for having caused a blemish in [Yahweh’s] priest. Michael appealed to his companion Raphael, who healed Jacob’s wound. Then [Yahweh] appointed Michael to be the defender of Israel.’*” (**Jewish Encyclopedia**, p. 536).

So that’s the account the rabbis gave. You know, that’s a nice story, although it conflicts with the inspired scriptural text. But, it does show to what extent they understood the biblical text.

Michael indeed exercised his func-

tion as advocate of Israel. But who is called the advocate of the people of Yahweh in 1 John 2? He is the defense attorney, isn’t he? Yahshua is our *paracletes* (Greek)—defense attorney; we understand that. At the time of the exodus, the rabbis say that, “*Satan accused the Israelites of idolatry, and declared that they were consequently deserving of death by drowning at the Red Sea. Michael led the Israelites during their 40 years wandering in the wilderness. Legend makes him the teacher of Moses so that the Israelites are indebted to their advocate for the supreme good of the Torah.*”

Who are we indebted to? Yahshua. Does not Stephen tell us in Acts 7:53 that our fathers received the Torah by the hand of angels? Wait a minute, it said Yahweh spoke from Mount Sinai, doesn’t it? But, who spoke? It was the Angel of Yahweh.

“*The conception of Michael as an advocate always interceding on behalf of Israel gave rise to another idea, that of his being a high priest making atonement for his people,*” (**Jewish Encyclopedia**, p. 537).

Who is the High Priest? Yahshua is our High Priest. The rabbis want to transfer that function to Michael, but with what we have previously seen in the sacred Scriptures, we will not object to that conclusion.

“*Michael is identified with Melchizedek. . . as referring to Michael, the high priest, acting as the representative of clemency. Michael, the high priest, is the standard bearer of [Yahweh].*” (**Jewish Encyclopedia**, p. 537). (See Exodus 17:15.)

“*At the resurrection Michael will sound the trumpet, at which the graves will open and the dead will rise . . . It is quite natural that, owing to his position with regards to the Jews, Michael should be represented in the Haggadah as the most prominent of the archangels. He is called by Daniel (Dan. xii. 1) ‘the great prince,’ and his greatness is described at length in later Jewish writings . . . He is the viceroy of*

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[Yahweh] who rules over the world (Enoch. lxix. 14 et seq.), and wherever Michael appears the Shekinah also is to be found (Ex. R. ii. 8) [This is Judaic writing and understanding, now, remember]. Michael is on the right hand of [Yahweh's] throne, while Gabriel is on the left ('Haggadat Shema' Yisrael, in Jellinek, l.c. v. 166; Targ. to Job xxv. 2; Enoch xl. .9). [He's on the right hand of Yahweh. Who sits on the right hand of Yahweh? Yahshua the Messiah. See Acts 7:56, in comparison with Psalm 110:1]. Four armies of angels sing in praise of [Yahweh], the first being that of Michael at the right hand of [Yahweh] (Pirke R. El. iv.; 'Hekalot,' in Jellinek, l.c. ii. 43-44) . . . It is Michael who, on account of his occupying the first place near [Yahweh], receives the prayers of men from the angels and presents them to [Yahweh] (Baruch Apox. Slavonic, xii). His position makes him the companion of Metatron (Zohar, i. 149b)," (**Jewish Encyclopedia**, pp. 537-38).

Metatron

The following is taken from the **Encyclopedia Judaica** article "Metatron." We will study a passage to show the relationship between Michael and Metatron, or, more accurately, the similarity between the two.

"Metatron, angel accorded a special position in esoteric doctrine from the tannaitic period on. The angelology of the apocalyptic literature mentions a group of angels who behold the face of their king and they are called 'Princes of the Countenance' (Ethiopic Book of Enoch, ch.

40, et al). [But we don't accept that, of course. There is only one angel of the countenance or face, Isaiah 63:9.] Once Metatron's personality takes a more definitive form in the literature, he is referred to simply as 'the Prince of the Countenance.' In the Babylonian Talmud, Metatron is mentioned three places only (Hag. 15a; Sanh. 38b; and Av. Zar 3b) . . . In Hagigah it is said that the tarma Elisha b. Avuyah saw Metatron seated and said, 'perhaps there are two powers,' as though indicating Metatron himself a second [mighty one] . . . It is however thought that the appearance of Metatron to Elisha b. Avuyah, led him to a belief in dualism [A Jewish rabbi who believed in two Yahwehs! He must have seen what we have been explaining from Yahweh's Word].

"The story in tractate Sanhedrin also confers on Metatron a supernatural status. He is the angel of [Yahweh] mentioned in Exodus 23:21 of whom it is said, ' . . . and hearken unto his voice; be not rebellious against him. . . for My name is in him.' When one of the heretics [Now remember, when the rabbis use the term heretic, it frequently refers to one of the original Apostolic members of the Assemblies of Yahweh. Today, they would refer to the author similarly] asked R. Idi why is it written in Exodus 24:1 'And unto Moses He said "Come up unto [Yahweh]," instead of "Come up unto Me,"' the amora answered that the verse refers to Metatron 'whose name is like that of his Master.' When the heretic argued that, if that were so, Metatron should be worshiped as almighty one, R. Idi explained that the verse 'be not rebellious against

him' should be understood to mean 'do not exchange Me for him.' R. Idi added that Metatron was not to be accepted in this sense even in his capacity as the heavenly messenger. [Underlying these disputations is the fear that speculations by the rabbis about Metatron might lead to dangerous ground for them]." (**Encyclopedia Judaica**, "Metatron," p. 1443-44). (Emphasis ours.)

So what did the rabbis do? They backed off. They just admitted, "Oh, we see the doctrine, but we're not going to do anything with it."

I first learned about the subject of Metatron about 20 years ago. One of the first things that one of my early tutors, Paul Penn, told me was to read various Jewish encyclopedia articles. Among the subjects that he brought to my attention was Metatron. Although he was a Jew, he believed the Messiah very strongly. He told me that if the rabbis would just cleanse their minds, they would have to accept these facts and they would all turn to the Messiah.

"The Karaite Kirkisani read in his text of the Talmud an even more extreme position: 'This is Metatron who is the lesser YHWH.' It is quite probable that this version was PURPOSELY REJECTED in the manuscripts. The epithet 'lesser YHWH' is undoubtedly puzzling, and it is hardly surprising that the Karaites found ample grounds for attacking the Rabbanites over its frequent appearance in the literature they had inherited. The Karaites viewed it as a sign of heresy and deviation from monotheism [The true doctrine was never monotheism, it was always Elohim, a masculine plural word.] ...The explanations

given in the latter phases of the Heikhalot literature (Hebrew Book of Enoch, ch. 12) are far from satisfactory, and it is obvious that they are an attempt to clarify an earlier tradition, then no longer properly understood. This tradition was connected with the angel [Yahoel—like Joel], mentioned in the Apocalypse of Abraham (dating from the beginning of the second century) where it is stated (ch. 10) that the [Sublime] Name (Tetragrammaton) of the [Almighty] is to be found in him. All the attributes relating to [Yahoel] here were afterward transferred to Metatron. Of [Yahoel] it is indeed appropriate to say, without contrived explanations, that his name is like that of his Master: the name [Yahoel] contains the letter of the [Sacred] Name, and this therefore signifies that [Yahoel] possesses a power exceeding that of all other similar beings. [Yahshua is the prince of all the angelic hosts—the only begotten son of Yahweh.] Apparently, the designation ‘the lesser YHWH,’ or ‘the lesser [Adonai],’ was first applied to [Yahoel]. Even before [Yahoel] was identified with Metatron, designations such as ‘the greater [Yahweh]’ or ‘the lesser [Yahweh] passed into Gnostic use and are mentioned in various contexts in Gnostic, Coptic, and also in Mandeian literature, none of which mentions Metatron. The name Yorbah in Mandeian in fact means ‘the greater [Yahweh] but he has there been given an inferior status as is characteristic of this literature in its treatment of Jewish traditional concepts.

“Two different traditions have been combined in the figure of Metatron. One relates to a heavenly angel who was created with the creation of the world, or even before [that was Yahshua, the One who did the creating], and makes him responsible for performing the most exalted tasks in

the heavenly kingdom. This tradition continued to apply after [Yahoel] was identified with Metatron. According to this tradition, THE NEW FIGURE TOOK OVER MANY OF THE SPECIFIC DUTIES, OF THE ANGEL MICHAEL, an idea retained in certain sections of the Heikhalot literature up to and including the Kabalah. [Notice how the boundaries between these various personages blurs.]

“Among numerous etymological derivations given (see Odeberg, 125-42) three should be mentioned: from masara keeper of the watch; from mettator (a guide or messenger mentioned in Sefer he-Arukh and the writings of many qabbalists); from the combination of two Greek words meta and thronos, such as metathronios (in the sense of ‘one who serves behind the throne.’) However, the duty to serve the heavenly throne was associated with Metatron only at a later stage and does not agree with the earlier traditions. It is highly doubtful whether the ‘angel of the Countenance’ entering ‘to exalt or arrange the throne in a befitting manner,’ mentioned in Heikhalot Rabbati (ch. 12) can in fact be Metatron, who is not mentioned at all in this context. . . in later literature, the material relating to him is scattered, while there is hardly a duty in the heavenly realm and within the dominion of one angel among the other angels that is not associated with Metatron.” (**Encyclopedia Judaica**, p. 1446). (Emphasis ours.)

These quotes were taken from Jewish writings. As you see the implications of this understanding more clearly, you see why this subject has been difficult for Judaism to accept. If Judaism follows these biblical facts to their conclusion, their entire religious code will be questioned.

The Judge Who Seals

“After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should

blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree. 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,” (Revelation 7:1-3). Who is doing the judging? Will it not be the Son, in agreement with the Father? Someone has to make the decision on who will seal.

Turn back now to Revelation 14, and note the names that are used. Who is the angel doing the sealing? Yahshua the Messiah is described as an angel in the book of Revelation.

“And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud [Compare Revelation 1:7]; **and the rainbow was upon his head** [Compare Ezekiel 1:28], **and his face was as the sun** [Compare Revelation 1:16], **and his feet as pillars of fire** [Compare Revelation 1:15]; **and he had open in his hand a little book: and he set his rightfoot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth** [showing He has subdued them]; **and he cried with a great voice** [Revelation 1:15], **as a lion roars: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices** [Psalm 29]. **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**



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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. And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that stands upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went to the angel, saying to him that he should give me the little book. And he says to me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make your belly bitter; but in your mouth it shall be sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter. And they say to me, You must prophesy again over many peoples and nations and tongues and kings," (Revelation 10).

You have heard that prophecy fulfilled in this very article. John has spoken to us, hasn't he? We

have read and received his word.

The Scriptures that I chose for the inaugural radio broadcast of WMLK were not coincidence. I chose them carefully. I included some from the book of Revelation, because it is important that they be read to fulfill this prophecy.

We have been eating the book in this series. This, in itself, is a fulfillment of prophecy. Think about the numerous passages of Scripture we have covered so far. We are eating (digesting) the book, and John, Yahshua's Apostle, is prophesying again to us. Although he's not actually alive today, his spirit is alive through his written word. His writings are contained in the sacred Scriptures, and he is able to speak to all the people of the world who will hear. He is the One who has been heard broadcasting to the people of this world. These are the words of Yahweh—the words transmitted to Yahshua and recorded by John.

This passage is a most valuable passage of Scripture that we need to meditate on to bring out the full meaning. Yahshua the Messiah is Yahweh's Viceroy and Representative. He is Yahweh's anointed King. Originally, He was known as the Angel of Yahweh. Now, in the New Testament era, He has received the Name Yahshua. He was the Covenanter with Israel.

If you deny that Yahshua is this Angel, the One who came in the Name of Yahweh, you are tearing up a very fundamental doctrine, actually cutting yourself loose from the Old Testament. If you forsake this fundamental understanding, you will eventually forsake the knowledge of Yahweh. That's how serious this subject is.

Let's rejoice that we have the opportunity to eat the book. For, as Daniel said, in the last days knowledge is increased. Nowhere in the world today can you find the True sound doctrine, except in the Assemblies of Yahweh, because the Holy Spirit of Yahweh is in our midst.

Praise His Name that Yahshua is our King, HalleluYah! 

NEXT MONTH: The Angel of Yahweh, Part 4

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you are reading. However, the point we wish to make in this editorial is that the Assemblies of Yahweh strives to follow the INDUCTIVE METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY. It is our intention to follow the facts in the sacred Scriptures wherever they may lead us. We read the Scriptures and then allow the facts taken in their context to direct us. It is our intention to harmonize the sacred Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. We do not believe the Bible contradicts, but we must live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh (Matthew 4:4).

We hope that you, as a sincere reader of this publication, will continue faithful in your Bible study, rather than transposing between page and mind (as the majority of people do where the term Sabbath is changed to Sunday, for example). We trust that you will read the Bible, believe what it says, and practice what it teaches. That type of method will lead you to the Kingdom of Yahweh! 

Spiritual Virgins: ARE YOU LISTENING?

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom stayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are going out.

"But the wise answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and you: go rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Master, Master, open to us. But he answered and said,

Truly I say to you, I know you not.

Watch therefore, for you know not the day nor the hour."

ℳℳ MATTHEW 25:1-13 ℳℳ

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

It has been wisely spoken that the Bible is its own best interpreter. This concept can be readily determined when we compare various Scriptures related to a specific subject, and these passages are diligently compared. We need not speculate on the meanings of the symbolisms employed by the parables. Symbols are plainly interpreted for us in the sacred Scriptures, and, thereby, our understanding of the scriptural message is enhanced.

When an individual learns the

importance of the Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father and accepts this monumental Truth, his eyes are quickly opened to a vast spectrum of increased knowledge and understanding. By a comparison of passages in which the various terms in the Bible appear, and when one studies the sacred Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation while harmonizing all of the texts, we soon learn that the correct interpretation of the symbolism of the sacred Scriptures is proven from various perspectives.

The parable of the 10 virgins has been interpreted by Christian theologians in several different ways. Usually these interpretations are subjective in character. However, quite rare are the interpretations based upon locating definitions, or interpretations, for the symbols from various passages of the sacred Scriptures. *"Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from*

the breasts? For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little. ...Therefore shall the word of Yahweh be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.” (Isaiah 28:9-10, 13).

Perhaps one of the most glaring deficiencies of common theology is to interpret the term *oil* as meaning the Holy Spirit. That dedicated group of people who are following the guidance of the Holy Spirit will certainly function like a well-oiled machine. We have been teaching the veracity of this assertion for almost three decades, wherein we firmly believe that the Assemblies of Yahweh should be an organism (a living body) which is functioning like a well-oiled and coordinated machine, each individual member faithfully cooperating with the corporate whole.

However, by taking the interpretations of the symbols found in the parable of the 10 virgins exclusively from the sacred Scriptures, we shall discover that the parable emerges with a completely different interpretation.

Those of us who have learned the Sacred Name have actually found the very key to unlocking the knowledge sealed within the sacred Scriptures. Yahshua the Messiah explained in Luke 11:52, “**Woe to you lawyers! For you took away the key of knowledge: you entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in you hindered.**” Acquiring the key to knowledge will aid and assist us to a deeper understanding of the Word of Yahweh. What is the key that will unlock the message of the sacred Scriptures? Let us locate it.

Three times in the sacred Scriptures we find that our Father in heaven has expressed a most enlightening concept, “**The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of**

wisdom.” You may find this identical message in Psalm 111:10, and Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10. This eye-opening thought from the sacred Scriptures surely must be embraced and it will point the Bible student toward the eternal wisdom set forth by our Father in heaven and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, which will lead us to discover the Sacred Name. The fear of Yahweh is the beginning point that leads to wisdom; therefore, it is the key to unlock the understanding of the Word.

The symbolism intended when Yahshua the Messiah employed the term *virgin* may be extrapolated from several passages within the sacred Scriptures. First of all, we should not forget that the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation chapters 7 and 14 are called *virgins*. These 144,000 Israelites are sealed with the Names of the Great Majesty on High, both the Father and the Son (as the ancient documents prove).

We read then in Revelation 14:4, “**These are they that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were purchased from among men, to be the firstfruits to Yahweh and to the Lamb.**” The term *virgin* is translated from the Greek term *parthenos*, #3933 in the **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**, and it means *a maiden; by impl. an unmarried daughter:— virgin.*

The Apostle Paul interprets the term *virgin* in a spiritual manner, which we can determine when we turn to 2 Corinthians 11:1-4. “**I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness: but indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous over you with a righteous jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you a pure virgin to the Messiah. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward the Messiah. For if he that comes**

preaches another Yahshua, whom we did not preach, or if you receive a different spirit, which you did not receive, or a different evangel, which you did not accept, you do well to bear with him.” Occasionally, people wish to interpret the term *virgin* only literally in Matthew chapter 25 and Revelation 14:4; however, the Apostle Paul is speaking to all of the Corinthian Assembly, both men and women— those who had fled from pagan religion to embrace True Worship. He informs them that through the preaching of the glad tidings of salvation he has espoused all the members of the Corinthian Assembly to the Messiah as chaste virgins (purified to keep Yahweh’s Truth).

What does a virgin mean in the Scriptures? We find in Isaiah 4:1 a rather intriguing prophecy: “**And seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by your name; take you away our reproach.**”

This verse undoubtedly is intended to convey to the reader that there will be seven religious people (or Assemblies) who will desire to take hold of one man (the Messiah). They insist that they will eat their own bread (spiritual doctrines, 1 Corinthians 10:17) and wear their own clothing (spiritual practices, Revelation 3:18), but wish to be called by His Name to justify their independence and false doctrine. A woman can be interpreted as an apostate religion (Ezekiel 23:2-3); however, in the case of these virgins it means that she who was once a sinner has now repented and drawn near to her sovereign.

“**How long will you go here and there, O you backsliding daughter? For Yahweh has created a new thing in the earth: A woman shall encompass a man.**” (Jeremiah 31:22). This verse of Scripture really describes the configuration of the 10 virgins where the bridegroom is concerned.

It helps us to understand the concept of a group of spiritual people living around their leader, like Israel of the Exodus when they encamped around the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

The numbers contained in the parable are important as related to the 10 virgins. In the prophetic Scriptures, the number 10 frequently applies to the 10 lost tribes of Israel. We must remember that Almighty Yahweh removed the 10 tribes from the Davidic dynasty through the sins of Solomon and Rehoboam. These 10 tribes were given to Jeroboam and constituted the house of Israel. Read 1 Kings 11:29-36.

The number 10 also indicates ordinal perfection, due to the regularity of the 10-digit numbering system.

The number five relates to the number of grace; consequently, we should perceive that half of these virgins acted upon the grace bestowed upon them, while the other half did not. Five were accepted into the marriage supper of the Lamb, and five were ultimately locked out and rejected. Everyone has the same opportunity for salvation. Each one must act on the call.

The term *bridegroom* relates to the individual who will marry Israel. Let us consider that the ruler of a nation is usually depicted as one with power, or masculine. Conversely, the nation itself is usually depicted in the feminine gender. We would say the "United States—she," rather than the "United States—he." Most languages follow with this pronoun gender pattern.

At various places in the sacred Scriptures, Yahshua the Messiah is depicted as the bridegroom. "***He that has the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, that stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is made full.***" (John 3:29).

We must also consider the several other instances where the term *bridegroom* appears (Matthew 9:15, Mark 2:19-20, and Luke 5:34-35). It

is indicated that Yahshua the Messiah is represented as the bridegroom who will be marrying the dedicated members of the Assembly.

We might say that we are living in the era when this prophetic parable will be fulfilled. We are standing today at the threshold of the return of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. Just as in Revelation chapter 7, where the angels are holding back the four winds, we find today that people can sense the impending time of universal upheaval and turbulence lying just ahead, a time which will yield itself to an era when peace and tranquility will be inaugurated throughout on the earth. Today, the world can sense that something of monumental importance is about to occur, but there seems to be a force which is holding back this onrush of fulfillment of end-time upheaval!

Patiently awaiting the end time events are ten virgins. These ten virgins are called to be in the bridal party of the Savior when He returns. They have been building their spiritual houses and have been learning the deep things of the Word. Perhaps some of them (or possibly even all of them) have become just a little complacent, because we read that while the bridegroom tarried they ALL slumbered and slept. There is one distinct difference between each of these groups of virgins. While the entire group might appear to be exactly the same, five of these virgins are wise and have acquired a reserve supply of oil to ensure that they have plenty of fuel for their lamps. The second group has no oil in their vessels.

Let us again seek some scriptural definitions at this point. Psalm 119:105 tell us, "***Your word is a lamp to my feet, And light to my path.***" So it is the WORD OF YAHWEH, the sacred Scriptures, which interprets the term lamp that each virgin is carrying. The light which is shed by the lamps is defined in Psalm 119:130. "***The opening of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.***" "***For the commandment is a***

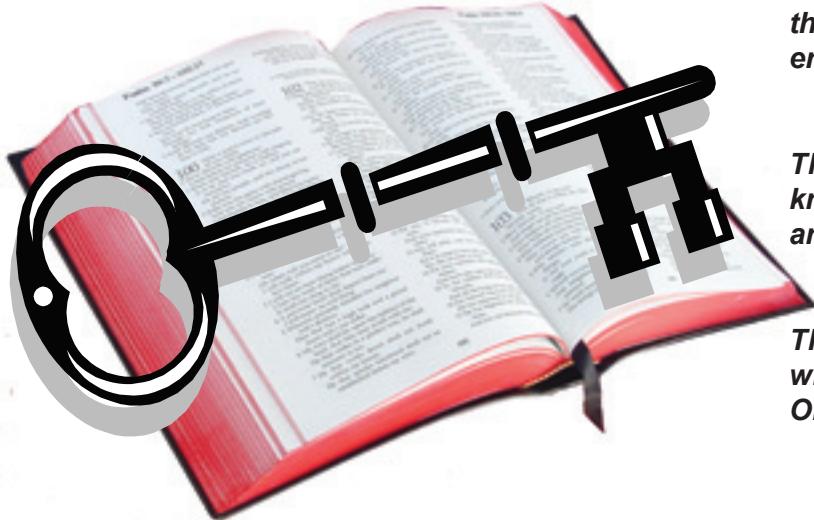
lamp; and the law is light; And reproofs of instruction are the way of life." (Proverbs 6:23). The Torah (Yahweh's Law) represents the illumination shed abroad from the lamps.

Apparently, each one of these ten virgins had done some diligent Bible study, because all of them had come upon the gateway leading to the narrow pathway of sound teaching. They had learned some of the deep things in the Bible. In other words, all of the virgins had their Bibles. The five wise virgins, however, had taken additional oil in their vessels, but the five foolish virgins had taken no extra oil in their lamps, nor in their vessels. Now what good is a lamp which has no fuel to make it shine, to produce illumination? Notice that the term *vessel* is intended to mean the person himself, or knowledge internalized and made a part of you. See Acts 9:15, 1 Thessalonians 4:4, 2 Timothy 2:21, 1 Peter 3:7, Isaiah 66:20-21, Hosea 8:8, etc.

Before we proceed any further, we shall obtain a scriptural definition of the term *oil*. This definition may be found in Song of Solomon 1:3. "***Your oils have a good fragrance; Your name is as oil poured forth; Therefore do the virgins love you.***" The word which has been translated *ointment* in this passage in the **Authorized Version** (A. V.) (Hebrew—*shemen*) should have been translated *oil*, as it has been in most of the more modern translations.

The NAME of our Heavenly Father and the NAME of our Savior provides the oil (the fuel) which makes the lamp of the Word (the Bible) to shine and give forth light (Torah). Oil, therefore, is not representative of the Holy Spirit as so many people suppose; rather, it symbolizes and represents the Name of the Father and the Son. It also symbolizes joy and gladness, as we can determine from Psalm 45:7 and Isaiah 61:3. However, learning the truth of the Sacred Name doctrine will bring the sincere believer joy and gladness.

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning point that leads to wisdom; therefore, it is the key to unlock the understanding of the Word.



The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: His praise endures forever.

~ PSALM 111:10

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

~ PROVERBS 1:7

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

~ PROVERBS 9:10

As the cry goes out, “**Behold, the bridegroom! Come forth to meet him,**” all the ten virgins are quickly awakened with eager anticipation, and they all begin to trim their lamps! They realize that the Savior is coming back, and they must quickly refresh their minds with understanding the Word. They wish to learn more about the events which are going to transpire during this momentous time. The five wise virgins soon have a bright glow of illumination coming from their lamps. The Sacred Name of Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah serves as the fuel to make the lamps burn brightly. The foolish virgins have trimmed their lamps—but to no avail! The illumination is not forthcoming because their lamps are going out for lack of fuel to burn! They have not put the Sacred Names into their lamps and vessels!

In anxious panic, these foolish virgins turn to the five wise virgins and beg them for some of the oil that the wise (prudent, foresighted) are carrying. However, the five wise virgins inform their sisters that they cannot be of assistance, because they have only sufficient oil for their personal necessities.

In the dark of night, the five

foolish virgins are required to rush hurriedly to the market place, seek out an oil merchant, and then buy oil so that they may be able to join the wedding party. (Remember—the Holy Spirit cannot be purchased, the Name can! See Acts 8:18-24 and Proverbs 23:23.) After they return with their hasty purchase, they learn that the bridegroom has already arrived, and the wedding party has departed for the home of the groom. They try to follow, but when they knock on the door where the wedding will be conducted, these foolish, imprudent virgins find it locked! A voice from within informs them that the bridegroom is not even acquainted with them! They did not know THE NAME OF THE ONE who is to marry the Redeemed nation, and consequently, with the lack of the password (the Sacred Name), they were denied access to the wedding festivities (the inauguration of the Kingdom Age).

What a sorry dilemma! The greatest event since the Savior’s earthly life has occurred and HALF OF THE VIRGINS (those who are spiritually inclined) HAVE MISSED IT! They had failed to make adequate preparations for this awesome, momentous event. They were not

foresighted enough to obtain the basic necessities that would get them to the Kingdom of Yahweh.

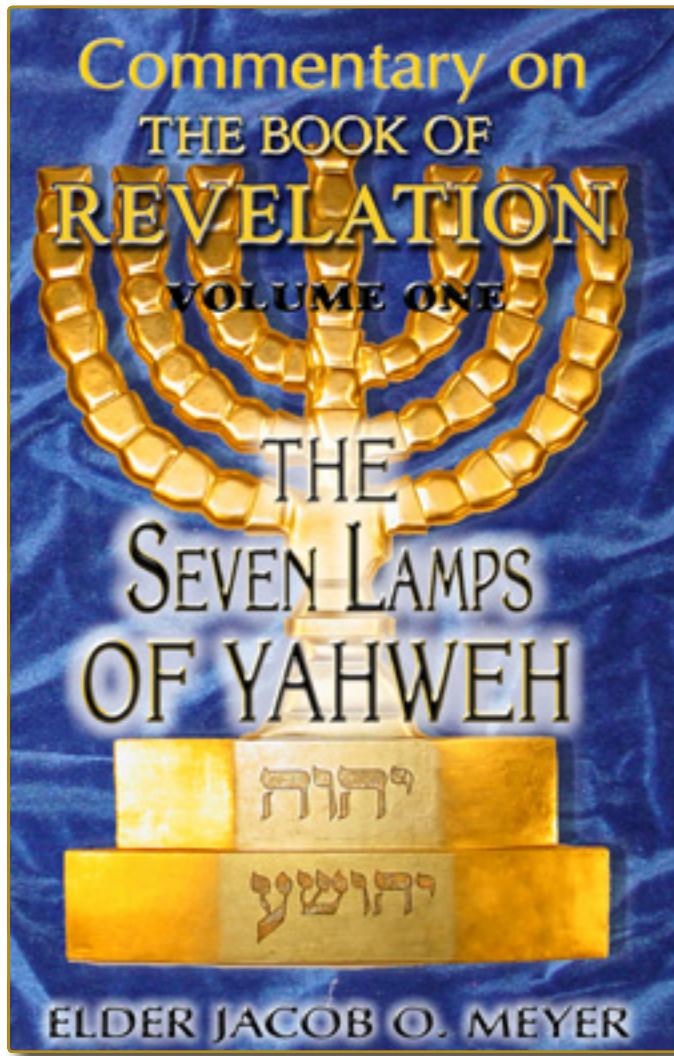
How about you? Are you making the necessary preparations now so that you will be ready at the moment when the bridegroom will return?

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

Conversely, will you be rejected because the sacred Scriptures—Yahweh’s Word, His Torah—no longer glows and shines its light to illuminate your pathway as it should, to guide your footsteps to the Kingdom of Yahweh? By reinserting the Sacred Names where they belong in the text, you will discover that the sacred Scriptures will take on a new glow of excitement that will capture your interest. The Sacred Name will help you see more deeply into the Word. Why not try it? We believe you will like it!

The Seven Lamps of Yahweh

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer



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