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Our Cover:

Our cover this month is of Mt. Tabor, which was central to the historical account of Deborah and Barak in Judges 4 and 5. Yahweh delivered Israel from the oppression of Jabin, King of Canaan, and Sisera, the captain of his host.

If we drift away from Yahweh and find ourselves oppressed by Satan and his followers, we must repent and return to the keeping of the Covenant of Yahweh. **“And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am Yahweh their Elohim; but I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their Elohim: I am Yahweh.”** (Leviticus 26:44-45).

“For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.” (Isaiah 9:12). Why not return to Yahweh today?



The **Sabbath, the Sabbatical, and Jubilee Years**

In the last verse of Hebrews, chapter three, the writer concludes that the children of Israel did not enter into the “REST” of Yahweh because of unbelief. The rest to which the author here refers is to Israel taking up residence in the Promised Land across the Jordan River into which the Israelite general, Yahshua,

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eventually led the people, as we read in verse 8 of chapter 4. (It should be noted that the translator’s error “J-sus” in the **King James** has been corrected to the Name—Yahshua

in the center-column references in other translations.)

The Believer’s Rest

The writer of Hebrews, however, had something more in mind than the land of Canaan, as is shown in verses seven and eight. Here, King David is quoted as saying in

Psalm 95:7–11 that there remains yet a certain day designated for those entering His rest. King David wrote this psalm some 500 years after Israel crossed over the Jordan, when David had subdued the nations around him. The writer of Hebrews indicates there remains even now something beyond this REST. The warning to us is that the Israelites did not enter their REST because of unbelief, because in verse 3 of Hebrews chapter 4 we read, ***“For we who have believed do enter into that rest....”*** This rest spoken of is for us, now. It is for the believers in our time and for the Kingdom Age to come.

An Evil Heart of Unbelief

Israel in the wilderness is held up as an example of a people who really did not believe (doubted) the promises of Yahweh. Notice carefully in Hebrews 3:12, where we are warned that this is called ***“an evil heart of unbelief,”*** wherein those who do not have the faith are shown as separating themselves from the living Mighty One. This third chapter is a warning to us today to be careful that we do not exhibit the same unconverted attitude of hardening our hearts against Yahweh’s Word. By doing so, we will alienate ourselves from Yahweh. Chapter 4, verses 2 and 3, clearly reveal that this “REST” of Yahweh is written to us. It is a warning for our day. Listen to His Word: ***“For indeed we have good tidings preached to us, even as also they: but the word of hearing did not profit them, because it was not united by faith with them that heard.”*** (Hebrews 4:2).

Notice that this passage refers to those who have the good tidings, the good news preached to them, and, also, those who have believed—or the believers—are now entering. This includes us, those who have received the good news of salvation found in our present-day translation of the Bible, and are considered those who believe the Scriptures. We

are the ones to whom the author of the book of Hebrews is addressing this warning.

Weekly Rest

Although the “rest” included entering into the Promised Land, and the rest that would be enjoyed by the children of Israel, the meaning is much broader in scope than that. It includes the seventh-day Sabbath, as we see from Hebrews 4:4. Notice verse 9 where it is clearly stated that there remains a Sabbath to be kept by Yahweh’s people, because that term “rest” is translated from the Greek term *sabbatismos*, which is the same Greek word used in the **Septuagint** for the weekly Sabbath. It is not from *katapausis*—a pause or rest.

It is this “REST” that Satan tries so hard to deceive the world into ignoring. The weekly Sabbath is continually under attack by the world, and all sorts of reasons are given for doing away with this special sign that Yahweh gave His people, Exodus 31:12–18. Some teach that because of New Testament precedent we are to keep Sunday as a holy day; others insist we should not keep one special day holy, but to keep all days holy. However, it is Yahweh who alone sanctifies a holy day, not man. He declared the weekly Sabbath, the day we commonly call Saturday, to be holy. There is no record anywhere that He declared any other day of the week to be holy. Therefore, mortal man cannot “keep” a day holy that has not been blessed, sanctified, or declared holy, set apart for a special purpose, because **YAHWEH NEVER SET ANY OTHER DAY APART EXCEPT THE Seventh-day SABBATH**. Man cannot choose another day of the week for his Sabbath of rest!

Sabbaths a Sign

The sign that Yahweh gave His people is the keeping of His Sabbaths, according to Ezekiel 20:12 and 20. In other words, Yahweh explains

that the sign that sets His people apart from the world is the keeping of His sabbaths. The Sabbaths are holy days on which to worship Him. The world keeps other days, which they have substituted of their own creation to worship their mighty one, but it is the Heavenly Father Yahweh that has set His Sabbaths apart as being sacred and holy to Him. Keeping a day of worship designated by men, such as the venerable day of the sun (Sunday), has no grounds whatsoever in scriptural authority. It came from rank paganism, and thus traces to the mighty one of this world—Satan the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4). It is he who is trying to prevent the called-out people of Yahweh from keeping the Sabbaths, and, thereby, to lose the sign connecting Yahweh and His people. Satan is busily trying to deceive people into keeping another day, a counterfeit day, so that they will not enter Yahweh’s rest—the prophesied millennial Kingdom!

Kingdom Rest

If Satan can keep mankind from observing the correct Sabbath day each week, then they will lose the special sign that identifies Him and His people. If we can perceive that Yahweh has allowed mankind six days to go their own way (six is man’s number), then the seventh must be Yahweh’s day (it is His perfect number). Many good Bible scholars agree that in the day for a year concept (Numbers 14:34), we are in that sixth day, or 6,000 years since creation. The seventh day, or the seventh period of 1,000 years of time, will be when Yahshua returns to set up His Kingdom on this earth. It is then that the saints will be resurrected and will be changed to glorified bodies. If we are keeping His weekly Sabbath, we will be entering into **YAHWEH’S REST!**

If, however, mankind resists Yahweh’s command to keep holy His sabbaths and keeps another day such as Sunday, they will miss out on that first resurrection. Mankind will not enter into Yahweh’s rest

when Yahshua returns to this earth. Because mankind in general keeps Sunday, the first day of the week, they will not be accounted worthy to make that first resurrection. Instead, they must await the end of the final thousand years typified by the weekly Sabbath and be resurrected on the day they have been keeping, Sunday, literally the eighth day. This we find explained in Revelation 20:5, ***“The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished.”*** It seems that by keeping holy the first day of the week, mankind helps himself to a day of rest first, before working, while Yahweh tells His human creation to work for six days and then take a day of rest.

Yahweh’s Cycle of Sabbaths

It is often overlooked that the “Sabbaths” in Ezekiel chapter 20 are plural. This means more than merely the weekly Sabbath, although that is the one commandment most frequently broken, for it comes around regularly every week. It is apparent, however, that much more is involved here. Not only is the weekly Sabbath brought to our attention, but also the annual Sabbaths and the Sabbatical years as well. The Sabbatical year, which comes every seventh year, is actually a part of the everlasting Covenant that Yahweh made with His people, Exodus 23:10–11. ***“And six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in the increase of it: but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow; that the poor of your people may eat: and what they leave the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard, and with your olive grove.”*** The Sabbath year came at the end of six years. It was a time of rest unto the land. The Sabbatical year was a year when no crops were planted or harvested and the vineyards were left unpruned. Notice that the Sabbatical year commandment actually is expressed before the

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commandment to keep the weekly seventh day, something that various groups who keep the weekly Sabbath might find difficult to understand.

Warning to Us

So important was the Sabbatical year in the eyes of Yahweh, that, because of Israel’s ignoring these years, they were taken into captivity for 70 years under Nebuchadnezzar, as we find recorded in 2 Chronicles 36:20–21. ***“And them that had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: to fulfil the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths: for as long as it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.”***

The question we must ask ourselves is simply this: “If Yahweh allowed a pagan ruler to conquer His people and take them captive because, for many years, they had not kept the Sabbath year of the land, and were then taken out of that land to allow it to rest for the 70 Sabbatical years that were neglected during many previous years, can we expect Him to overlook anyone who ignores this aspect of His Law

today?” Furthermore, has Yahweh come to the point where He has simply given up on His people of today and will allow us to neglect the very Laws that brought about a wholesale expulsion from its homeland of an entire nation which was disobedient? Can we assume that because the world in general ignores and walks roughshod over these Laws, now Yahweh has yielded to mankind’s stubbornness in refusing to enforce His Laws? Does Yahweh now shake His head and shrug His shoulders, forgetting that which He has written in His Word? Or does your Bible declare, ***“For I, Yahweh, change not; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed”*** (Malachi 3:6)? Is it possible that a flagrant violation of Scripture’s plain statement concerning the penalties for not keeping the Sabbath years will go unpunished? Or was this Sabbatical and Jubilee year command only for the agrarian people living back in ancient Palestine before the time of Messiah? Does the future reveal that a Sabbatical year is to be kept once again? Let us seek the answers to these questions and allow the Word of Yahweh to speak to us with supreme authority.

Future Sabbatical Years

Deuteronomy 15:1–6 goes into detail concerning the Sabbatical year and refers to it as a year of release. Verse 6 is especially important, for it is clear that this prophecy has never been fulfilled, and it speaks of rulership over many nations. It is for the time still ahead of us when the Kingdom of Yahweh will be set up on this earth under Yahshua Messiah. Ezekiel 46:16–18 shows that the Sabbatical years will be kept when our Savior sets up His Kingdom on this earth. The fact that these verses indicate that the inheritance, even though sold for a time, will always revert back to the family who was granted it by Yahweh, proves it will be a Jubilee as well. Make no mistake about it, Yahweh’s laws were anciently in effect in the Promised Land, and they

will be observed in the millennial reign of Messiah!

If we understand that we are in training here in this era of time for positions of rulership in the coming Kingdom, then there is no question that we must be very familiar with Yahweh's Sabbatical and Jubilee years. It is here and now that we learn of His ways and how to keep these Laws, so that they will become second nature (habitual) to us. When we have observed these Laws, so that we have experienced them and have seen the benefits of being obedient to Yahweh, they will become indelibly impressed on our mind. Yahweh's Laws should become so habitual with us so that we will become qualified to help administer and enforce these same rules under Yahshua in the Kingdom. It is now that we learn when to keep His times of rest, what to do, and what to avoid doing, so that we do not come short of keeping a rest unto Him.

The Sabbath YEAR comes every seventh year, and is a time when the land rests. No fields are tilled, and the vineyards are not pruned. It is also a time when all debts are released. It is called a Sabbath of the land and a Sabbath unto Yahweh. The land produces seven days a week all during the growing seasons and gets no time off. The Sabbatical year is called a "**sabbath of solemn rest**" in Leviticus 25:4, and in verse 5 it is called "**a year of solemn rest.**" Deuteronomy 15:1 refers to it as "**release,**" and in verse 9 simply as the "**seventh year.**" The Sabbatical year comprises a special time for the care of the poor and the animals, as the spontaneous (volunteer) produce of the fields could be eaten, but not stored away.

Jubilee Year

The year of Jubilee is announced by the blowing of the trumpet on the Day of Atonement, both of which point to the redemption of Israel. Liberty is proclaimed throughout all the land, and the slaves are allowed to go free. Every man returns

to his own possession, as the land is restored to the original owners.

The Jubilee was designed to be a remedy for the evils that exist in human society and human government. If followed, these Laws would prevent massive and permanent accumulations of wealth, and would tend to abolish poverty. It would give the unfavored families an opportunity to start all over again. It would help the poor without any injustice to the rich. It would abolish slavery. It would give an agricultural people much leisure time for study and instruction in Yahweh's Law, and would relax the pressures and tempo of hectic daily life. Furthermore, worries about food during this time will be put to rest because Yahweh promises in His Word that the land will produce enough crops (bumper crops) in the sixth year to last for three years (Leviticus 25:20–22). This is an important point for the True Worshipers in future prophecy.

Fixing the Sabbatical Years

We learn in Exodus 23:23–30 that when the children of Israel were to take over the Promised Land, Yahweh would not drive out the nations all at one time, or the land would become desolate and the beasts would multiply against the people. This scenario presents a problem, since there is not a clear-cut date given whereby we can establish a point to begin our count toward the subsequent Sabbatical and Jubilee years. Acts 13:19 explains that there were seven Canaanite nations that were to be destroyed (they are listed for us in Deuteronomy 7:1). It took a number of years for the children of Israel to occupy the land of Canaan.

In Yahshua 18:2 we learn that seven tribes had not yet at that time received their inheritance. Talmudic tradition says that by the twenty-first year Israel had occupied the land and kept the first sabbatical year. It took seven years to conquer the land and seven years to allocate

the land. It was then necessary to grow crops for six years before the nation of Israel could commence keeping the Sabbatical year. Then it would be necessary to keep the seven Sabbatical years (7 x 7=49) so that the Jubilee could finally be declared on the fiftieth year.

Biblical and Historical Records

There is scriptural evidence of a Jubilee year having been kept. During the days of Hezekiah, Sennacherib had come to destroy Judah. Isaiah prophesied that Judah would not need to fight in their own defense, since this was a Jubilee preceded by a Sabbatical year, as shown in 2 Kings 19:29–35, when 185,000 Assyrians were slain by supernatural intervention. Also, landed property was retained within the family such as appears in Numbers 36:4–7 and Ezekiel 46:17. After the captivity, those who returned very strictly obeyed all the Laws of Yahweh, (Nehemiah 10:31). Other allusions to the Jubilee year may include Isaiah 61:1–2, Jeremiah 32:6–15, Ezekiel 7:12–13.

In his renowned history, Flavius Josephus, the great Jewish historian, notes that the people were exempted from tribute in the Sabbatical year by such rulers as Alexander the Great (Ant. xi. 8, 5) and by Julius Caesar (xiv. 10, 6). Tacitus also mentions the Jewish "seventh year given to indolence" (Hist. v.2, 4). Josephus (already mentioned) shows that 164/163 and 38/37 B.C.E. were Sabbath years. He also states that 68/69 C.E. comprised a Sabbath year. McClintock and Strong's **Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature** states (pp. 296) that 163, 135, and 37 B.C.E. were Sabbath years. It must be remembered that the Sabbatical and Jubilee years begin in the fall of the year on the Day of Atonement (usually occurring in October) so that there are three months in one year and nine of the next making up the Sabbatical

A field of grain near the Tel of Megiddo.



and Jubilee years (as it applies to common time today). Some of the commentators appear to be unsure of the way to count these years and, thereby, occasionally vary by a year. We are to count seven Sabbaths of years, and the next (the fiftieth) was to be the Jubilee year. However, the seven-year cycle of years is not broken by the insertion of a Jubilee year. The Jubilee begins the count toward the next seven-year cycle. There are 49 years, or seven cycles of seven years, between the Jubilees. Nowhere does the Bible say that the Jubilee is to come around every 50 years, but rather it directs that the fiftieth year is the Jubilee, and, thereby, the seven-year cycle is not broken. Similarly, the keeping of the fiftieth day (Shavuoth, Pentecost) does not break the weekly cycle of seven days, similarly, the Jubilee year does not break the cycle of seven groups of seven years.

When is the Next Jubilee Year?

“The Sabbath year is the germ of the Jubilee year, as this is a type of the New Testament time of

deliverance, restoration and freedom (Isaiah 61:1–3), and further a prelude and a prophecy of the heavenly and eternal Sabbath itself,” Lange’s Commentary. It is interesting to note that many of the commentaries point out the very close analogy between the Sabbatical year to the spiritual meaning of the good news preached by Yahshua and the disciples. Lange goes on to state that the Jubilee year is a type of the glad tidings of deliverance. The true preaching of the good news is always related to a proclamation of the Jubilee year. Should the Messiah return to the earth in a Jubilee year, there is much that would be then literally fulfilled by His establishment of the Kingdom.

Will the next Jubilee year end probation for this present wicked world? Is it naive to think that Yahweh will then intervene in the affairs of mankind? Yahshua’s words have been written down for us in the New Testament, and we have His prophecy and testimony right in our Bible. The ministry that He began is still being carried on today in an unbroken witness by the Assemblies of Yahweh. The words He

spoke were written down, and the inspired words of the New Testament writers have been available to the world ever since. In the last days, the good news of His soon-coming Kingdom is going forth with increasing power and strength through the Assemblies of Yahweh. Hopefully, Yahweh’s people will be studying and applying these words to their lives daily, and all the more as we see the day approaching.

The Qetz

For several decades, we have been in expectation of the year following the Sabbatical year to be the final Jubilee year. However, it is entirely obvious that the Kingdom of Yahweh has not yet been established. One may wonder why.

In the book of Daniel, we learn that Yahweh has specified a time (which He alone knows) when He will call a halt to the wicked system of this human era. The term *qetz* is #7093 in the Hebrew dictionary of **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**. The term *qetz* occurs 15 times in the book of Daniel and it means *an extremity*

or adverbially, with a preposition prefix—after, from #7112, qatzatz, a prime root meaning to chop off. Therefore, only Yahweh Himself knows the time of the end of the age of man. **“But of that day and hour knows no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only.”** (Matthew 24:36). See also verses 42 and 44.

Therefore, the faith of the Assemblies of Yahweh membership in Yahweh’s Word remains strong, since the Scriptures tell us that He alone is in control of when the last days will occur.

The Acceptable Year

During the Sabbatical and Jubilee years, the land was to have a complete rest. No field was to be tilled, no vineyard pruned. This could well mean that the work in the field (world) and vineyard by the followers of Yahshua is ended. Only the great multitude will strive to be accepted as they realize they have not heeded the Word and have gone through the tribulation (Revelation 7:9). Only that which springs up of itself was to be harvested by the poor, but not stored or preserved. This could well be the acceptable year for them. Also, during this time, all debts are released, forgiven, which brings to mind the Savior’s words in Matthew 6:12, **“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”** If we are in that first resurrection, we will know assuredly that Yahweh has indeed forgiven our debts. When we are either resurrected or changed to spirit beings (1 Corinthians 15:51–54), we will no longer be earthly, but changed to something like unto His glorious body, PROOF that our debts are forgiven through Yahshua.

Restoration and Freedom

The land is to go back to the rightful owner to whom Yahweh has given it. Yahshua said that the meek would inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5 and Psalm 37:11). The meek, the humble, the teachable ones are to

inherit the earth.

In Daniel 7:18, 22, and 27, we read that the saints shall inherit the kingdoms of the earth and will rule with the Messiah. The promise made to Abraham was that to his seed the land would be given, (Genesis 12:7). Later, we find Yahweh’s promise had been expanded to include the world (Romans 4:13). Galatians 3:29 explains that all True Believers comprise that seed.

It is also a time of emancipation for the slaves. The slave will have the opportunity to go free, no longer bound to his master. Presently, all people are bound to this world and its evil society. We are in the world, but not a part of the world. See 1 Corinthians 5:9–13. We will be ransomed by our Redeemer, no longer a part of this worldly system, but then made Spirit. We will no longer be in slavery, as Paul says, **“For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin [into slavery].”** (Romans 7:14). Certainly the Sabbatical and Jubilee years comprise a special time of deliverance, restoration, and freedom.

Cancellation of Debts

Deuteronomy 15:1–3 reads, **“At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because Yahweh’s release has been proclaimed. Of a foreigner you may exact it: but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release.”**

The Sabbatical year was designated by Almighty Yahweh for the people to get a fresh start financially. All debts were cancelled, except those things which had been lent to a foreigner. Interestingly, the law of our land is designed along the same line, with common, unsecured loans being terminated by a seven-year statute of limitations. Therefore, we can see that even the world

today recognizes the righteousness of this Law.

Today, the True Worshipers are living under a Babylonish system. Monetary debts which we have made in the past will continue to be required of us, and, as we have seen, we can demand payment from a foreigner. However, we who are in the brotherhood of Yahweh’s saints should seek to obey this Law as far as we have control. Among ourselves, we will fulfill the obligations of this Law by forgiving all debts, but, when the Kingdom of Yahweh is established over this entire earth, the cancellation of all debts will be universally practiced at each Sabbatical-year observance.

What To Do in the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years

The year 1973 was considered to be a Sabbath year. The next one began on the day of Atonement in 1979 and included the growing season of 1980. This meant that those striving to be obedient to our Heavenly Father ceased from having any land under their control being cultivated. Whatever grows of itself on the land should be left for the poor, and what they don’t use, the beasts of the field are allowed to have. Yahweh’s people should prepare ahead of time for each Sabbatical year just as we make adequate preparations for the weekly Sabbath.

The subsequent Sabbatical years occurred in 1986-1987, 1993-1994, 2000-2001, and 2007-2008. Now we are preparing for the next Sabbatical year, 2014-2015.

If we are already following Yahweh’s Law, we will not be reaping the corners of the fields, nor gleaning the fields (Leviticus 19:9). This means that there will be left a surplus of seed in the fields for the poor and the beasts, and, also, that Yahweh will see to it that there will be plants volunteering themselves from that which is left.

The question immediately arises

And if you shall say,
 What shall we eat the seventh
 year? Behold, we shall not
 sow, nor gather in our
 increase; then I will command
 my blessing on
 you in the sixth year, and it
 shall bring forth fruit for the
 three years. And you shall
 sow the eighth year, and eat
 of the fruits, the old store;
 until the ninth year, until its
 fruits come in, you shall eat
 the old store.



~LEVITICUS 25:20-22



concerning the fresh vegetables and fruits that would be essential to one's diet. The editor has been writing a publication called the **Sabbatical Year Newsletter**. To answer the question briefly: various fruits can be eaten; volunteer growth can be eaten, but not preserved; nuts (except peanuts) are permitted; and seeds can be sprouted for fresh vegetables year round. Vegetables are preserved and eaten during the Sabbatical. (If you are interested in observing the Sabbatical year, request this publication.)

The world, in general, will scoff and ridicule such nonsense as a Sabbatical year. However, as representatives of Yahweh, we are obligated to keep His commandments so that we can enter His rest. Your Bible calls the Sabbatical year, Yahweh's rest (Leviticus 25:4). By allowing the corners of the field to go ungleaned, and food growing naturally, we will be in a position to give that to the poor who are

in need. It will be a heaven-sent opportunity to tell them about the Sabbath year. It will actually be a way to witness to the world that Yahweh's Laws are still in effect, and that there are people that obey Him in all things.

We must remember we may not make use of what Yahweh has prohibited. The Hebrew term, #8059, *shemittah*, means *remission (of debt)*, or *suspension of labor*, from #8058, *shamat*, to let alone desist, remit.

Those individuals engaged in agriculture are especially involved in Yahweh's Sabbatical and Jubilee years. However, it must be remembered that Yahweh will not command us to do something and then have us end up worse because we obey. Just as His Law of tithing has proved to be a blessing to those who obey it, so will the Law of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. He has promised a bumper crop in the sixth year that will be the equivalent of three years (Leviticus 25:20-22).

There are many other tasks that can be done during this year, repairing of equipment, the fixing up and remodeling of buildings and fences. Work can be done with the cattle and livestock. Life in the city will not be greatly affected, for all are allowed to continue working at their jobs. This is not a Sabbath for mankind, but a Sabbath of rest unto the land and unto Yahweh.

Heavenly Order of the Sevens

It is quite apparent to the serious Bible student that Yahweh's special times are especially anchored to the number SEVEN. It is the SEVENTH day of the week that is holy unto Him. Pentecost (Shavuoth) comes at the end of SEVEN weeks counting from the weekly Sabbath that falls within the days of Unleavened Bread. The SEVENTH scriptural month has more holy days than any other on the calendar, and none of

these times have yet had a fulfillment of type as have Passover and Pentecost. There is no doubt that they point to a future time when prophecy will be fulfilled. Tabernacles, like Unleavened Bread, is a feast to be kept SEVEN days, with the eighth day a special occasion. The Sabbatical year comes every SEVEN years, and at the end of SEVEN Sabbatical cycles, we have the Jubilee Year.

Coming as it did at the end of 49 years, the Jubilee would be celebrated at least once during a normal lifetime by all the people. If an individual lived for his allotted seventy years (Psalm 90:10), and was allowed to observe a Jubilee by his teen years, he would conceivably observe another before his sojourn on earth had ended. It would undoubtedly be the high point of one's spiritual growth. It would be a time of great rejoicing, a time when the family once again regained their inheritance, and, if anyone had been sold into slavery, it was a time of freedom. Certainly this Jubilee would be a time of rejoicing and family reunions. Just as Yahweh's people today look forward eagerly to the next Feast of Tabernacles, the Jubilee would be sought with multiplied anticipation.

Since 1976 was the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, our thoughts return to that bygone era represented so prominently by the Liberty Bell. Engraved in the metal of that bell is a quote from Leviticus 25:10, "**...Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants of it....**" What most people who view the bell do not realize is that this quote relates to the keeping of the Jubilee Year. Interestingly, 1776/1777 was a Sabbatical year. In 1966 (another Sabbatical year) was the beginning of **The Sacred Name Broadcast**, the start of a ministry that began very humbly and small, but has now grown into the Assemblies of Yahweh. Looking back into history, we can see that many

important events have happened in Sabbatical or Jubilee Years.

Summary

Our study has more deeply impressed upon us the importance of keeping the Law of Yahweh and preparing ourselves for the end-times lying before us at the close of this age. Many of the important events in history occurred during these special years that were legislated by Yahweh for a sacred purpose. Let us, therefore, give heed that we be

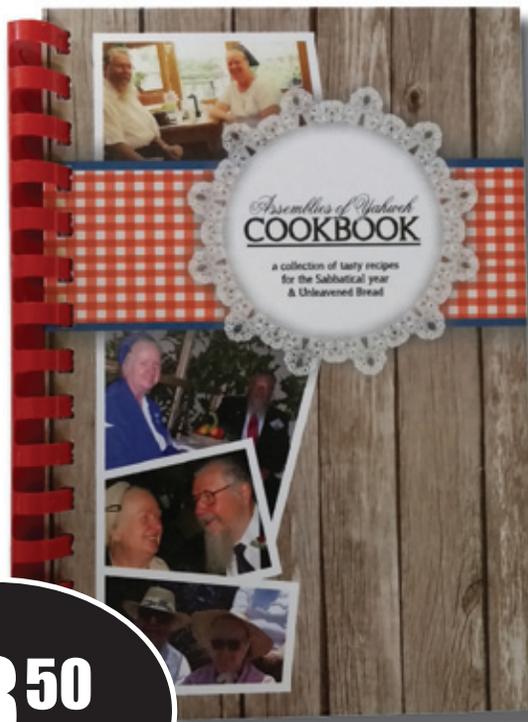
not like ancient Israel and lose our reward because of unbelief, but seek to obey our Heavenly Father in all His commandments.

It is not too late to begin preparing for the Sabbatical Year, 2014–2015. Food should be preserved and stored up. If we prepare for the Sabbatical Year and a Jubilee, we will be well on the way to preparing for the three-and-a-half-year tribulation time. Let us be faithful to Almighty Yahweh and His Word, as was Yahshua the Messiah. SNB

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PROCRASTINATION

pro·cras·ti·na·tion

/prəˌkrastəˈnāSH(ə)n/

noun: procrastination; plural noun: procrastinations

1. the action of delaying or postponing something.

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

The title of this editorial discussion is a word derived from two Latin words: *pro* (forward) and *eras* (tomorrow). It is defined as *to put off doing something until later; defer taking action; to postpone*. But, as we glance again at this definition, it becomes obvious that there is a difference between putting off for tomorrow what you could have done today and needing to put off for tomorrow what could not be done today because of lack of time. Many factors enter into postponing one of our duties, or functions. Our lives are usually regulated by priorities—what is personally most important. **“... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”** (Matthew 6:21).

A beloved relative of mine lived to a ripe old age, and when asked the secret of his longevity, he replied, *“The secret is to keep busy all the time, but not to overwork your body.”* He was a very diligent worker. He was always busy doing something, but he never rushed. He always had tomorrow to finish a job that could not be completed today. His formula for life brought him a great deal of happiness, and he got a lot accomplished during his allotted years. The way he regulated his life could not be designated as

procrastination when he was forced to lay aside a task for the morrow that could not be completed today, because he never wasted precious moments that could be filled by doing something constructive.

The true meaning of the word *procrastination* then would be *to postpone something until later that COULD have been done right now*. Sometimes the task that was postponed for later could lead to very serious problems. Do you remember the little proverb that was included in many school textbooks a century ago? *“For want of the horse the rider was lost all for the want of a penny horseshoe nail.”* The story was that a man did not allow a groom at a livery stable to lead his horse to the blacksmith shop to replace a lost horseshoe nail, saying that he had to rush, and the shoe would be all right until he returned home from his trip, but, then, stayed quite a while in the tavern. He apparently had a lot to do, but his priorities were wrong. The subject of the story paid dearly for his procrastination and almost lost his own life, because he put off until later what should have been done immediately.

The book of Proverbs holds many keys to having a successful and rewarding life. We are told:

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and, with all your getting get understanding.” (Proverbs 4:7). The reader of the book of Proverbs is constantly exhorted to place the emphasis of his life on wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. A lesson on this subject is to be found in Proverbs 6:4-11. **“Give not sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids; deliver yourself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. Go to the ant, you slug-gard; Consider her ways, and be wise: which having no chief, Overseer, or ruler, provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall your poverty come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.”**

Undoubtedly, the outside influences of our day are responsible for the spiritual poverty that can be found throughout christianity in our time. While some of the people of the world are busily seeking the Word

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PROPHETIC **TRENDS**



TERROR ON EVERY SIDE

“He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress; My Elohim, in whom I trust. FOR HE WILL DELIVER YOU from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings shall you take refuge: His truth is a shield and a buckler. YOU SHALL NOT BE AFRAID for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day; for the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you behold, and see the reward of the wicked. For you, O Yahweh, are my refuge! You have made the Most High your habitation; there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent. For he will give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the serpent shall you trample under foot. Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, BECAUSE

HE HAS KNOWN MY NAME. HE SHALL CALL UPON ME, AND I WILL ANSWER HIM; I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.” (Psalm 91:1-16).

Just as Yahshua the Messiah prophesied in the Olivet Prophecy just before His death, a time of great tribulation would take place before His Second Coming. “... *For then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be.*” (Matthew 24:21). We are seeing Bible prophecy being fulfilled on a daily basis, it seems. Nation is rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom. We, however, are not to be troubled by these developments, though they cause a chill to go up and down our spines. “*And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not troubled; for these things must come to pass; but the end is not yet.*” (Matthew 24:6).

In recent years, terror occurrences have been increasing, both in number and in intensity. It seems as though terrorists seek to outdo themselves, wickedly devising ways to murder their fellow human beings. When the second seal of Revelation 6 is opened, peace is taken from the earth. “*And another horse came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat on it, it was given to take peace from the*

earth, and THAT THEY SHOULD KILL ONE ANOTHER: and there was given to him a great sword.” (Revelation 6:4). What greater sword than nuclear weapons can be found? Yet nuclear weapons are predicted to be used again, according to Zechariah 14:12.

With each new terror act, terrorists practice a sort of one-upsmanship—each one trying to outdo the other. All of these terrorist acts are designed to be played out on live, network television news. Using the power of the media, the terrorists of today seek maximum coverage, so that the television coverage actually intensifies the terror. Some have questioned this wall-to-wall coverage as perhaps even aiding and abetting the terrorism!

Political assassinations of years ago have intensified into the widespread slaughter of innocent people—killing thousands. Bombings have led to the bombing of jetliners, even using a jetliner as a weapon to kill thousands, as happened on September 11, 2001. Now Muslim extremists wish to destroy entire nations, such as Israel and the United States, and they will not rest until they have accomplished their diabolical intentions.

ISIS, which grew out of al Qaeda in Iraq, has grown substantially in recent years. They have killed fellow Muslims who are not of their sect, Coptic Christians, Western aid

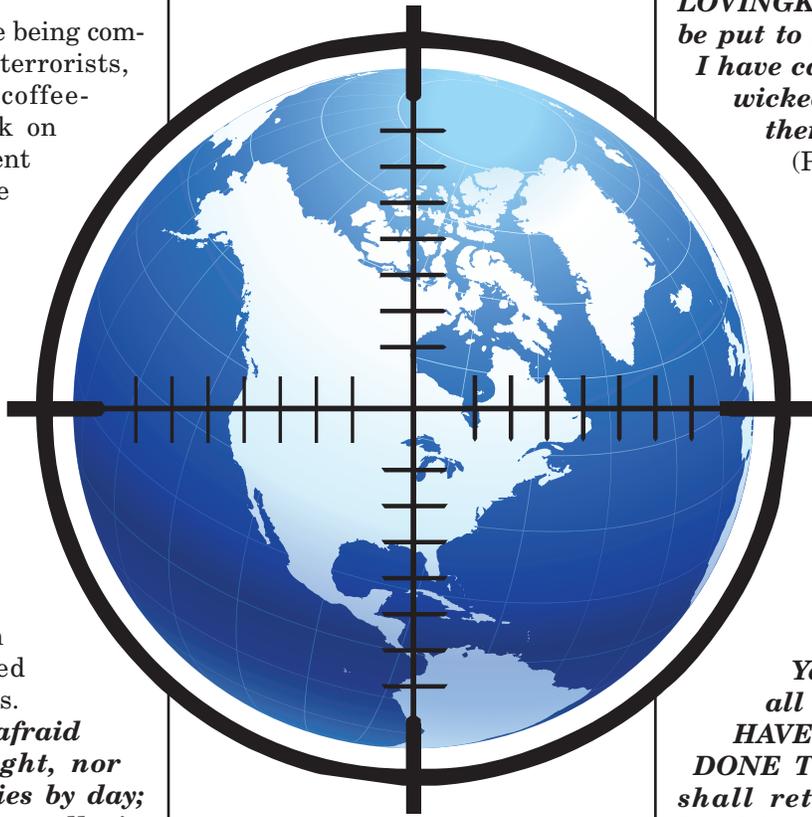
workers, and anyone they deem as undesirable. ISIS now is making video productions of these executions, using them as a recruiting tool on the Internet. While parents plead for their children, trying to negotiate their release, images of their executions (by beheading, impalement, burning, etc.) are uploaded to the Internet. Beheadings of children and teenagers have also occurred, and girls as young as eight years old are sold into slavery to be abused sexually.

Copypat atrocities are being committed by “lone-wolf” terrorists, such as the Sydney coffee-shop attack, the attack on the Canadian Parliament building in Ottawa, the Charlie Hebdo magazine attack, and the subsequent attack on the Hyper Casher Jewish supermarket. Even in Israel, terrorists have steered their vehicles into crowds of people to kill and maim, or stab pedestrians on the street. ISIS and other terrorist groups, who are affiliated with them, have encouraged these “lone-wolf” attacks.

We shall not be *“...afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day; for the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday.”* (Psalm 91:5-6). Remember the admonition of Yahshua the Messiah, that we be not troubled by these occurrences. *“And when you hear of wars and tumults, BE NOT TERRIFIED....”*

“In you, O Yahweh, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame: deliver me in your righteousness. Bow down your ear to me; deliver me speedily: be to me a strong rock, a house of defence to save me. For you are my rock and my fortress; therefore for your name’s sake lead me and guide

me. PLUCK ME OUT OF THE NET THAT THEY HAVE LAID PRIVATELY FOR ME; FOR YOU ARE MY STRONGHOLD. Into your hand I commend my spirit: You have redeemed me, O Yahweh, you El of truth. I hate them that regard lying vanities; but I trust in Yahweh. I will be glad and rejoice in your lovingkindness; for you have seen my affliction: you have known my soul in adversities; and you have not shut me



up into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a large place. Have mercy upon me, O Yahweh, for I am in distress: my eye wastes away with grief, yes, my soul and my body. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing: my strength fails because of my iniquity. And my bones are wasted away. Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, yes, to my neighbors greatly, and a fear to my acquaintance: they that saw me outside fled from me. I am forgotten as a dead man out of

mind: I am like a broken vessel. For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side: while they took counsel together against me, THEY DEvised TO TAKE AWAY MY LIFE. But I trust in you, O Yahweh: I said, You are my Elohim. My times are in your hand: deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from them that persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant: SAVE ME IN YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS. Let me not be put to shame, O Yahweh; for I have called upon you: let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol.”

(Psalm 31:1-17).

We must take refuge in Almighty Yahweh, who will deliver His people, because He is a strong rock and a house of defense for us. While these terrorists lie in wait secretly to take away our life, Yahweh will redeem our life from destruction if we keep His Covenant. (Psalm 103:4a and 18).

“For the day of Yahweh is near upon all the nations: AS YOU HAVE DONE, IT SHALL BE DONE TO YOU; your dealing shall return upon your own head.” (Obadiah 15). Though these terrorists proudly exalt themselves against Yahweh, Yahweh will bring these judgments back on their own head. *“Why are we counted as beasts, and have become unclean in your sight? You that tear yourself in your anger, shall the earth be forsaken for you? Or shall the rock be removed out of its place? Yes, THE LIGHT OF THE WICKED SHALL BE PUT OUT, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. The light shall be dark in his tent, and his lamp above him shall be put out. The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and*



his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though you mount on high as the eagle, and though your nest is set among the stars, I WILL BRING YOU DOWN FROM THERE, SAYS YAHWEH.” (Obadiah 3-4).

“Behold, the Sovereign, Yahweh of hosts, will lop the boughs with terror: and the high of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty shall be brought low.” (Isaiah 10:33).

An Ark of Safety

Yahweh has promised protection to us if we keep His Covenant, Psalm 103:18. The Philadelphia Assembly also is promised protection. **“BECAUSE YOU DID KEEP THE WORD OF MY PATIENCE,**

his own counsel shall cast him down. For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walks upon the toils. A gin shall take him by the heel, and a snare shall lay hold on him. A noose is hid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way. TERRORS SHALL MAKE HIM AFRAID ON EVERY SIDE, and shall chase him at his heels. His strength shall be hungered, and calamity shall be ready at his side. The members of his body shall be devoured, yes, the first-born of death shall devour his members. He shall be rooted out of his tent in which he trusted; and he shall be brought to the king of terrors. There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation. His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off. His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street. He shall be driven from light into



darkness, and chased out of the world. He shall have neither son nor kinsman among his people, nor any remaining where he sojourned. They that come after shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were frightened. Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous, and this is the place of him that knows not EL.” (Job 18:3-21).

“The pride of your heart has deceived you, O you that dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that says in

I WILL ALSO KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL, *that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. I come quickly: hold fast that which you have, that no one take your crown.”* (Revelation 3:10-11). Noah built an ark to protect him during the time of judgment in his time, but our protection will come from Yahweh, who will protect His people during the Great Tribulation. **“But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your**



heads; because your redemption draws near.” (Luke 21:28).

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of Yahweh, and not from ourselves; WE ARE PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE, YET NOT DISTRESSED; PERPLEXED, BUT NOT TO DESPAIR; pursued, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of Yahshua, that the life also of Yahshua may be manifested in our body.” (2 Corinthians 4:7-10).

Blessings Promised

As you read these passages of Scripture, are you hearing the voice of Almighty Yahweh speaking to you? Is the Holy Spirit dealing with you to repent of your sins? Then fall down on your knees, and pour out your heart before Almighty Yahweh. Promise Him that you will make fundamental changes in your life, so that you may conform to the keeping of His commandments.



“And in this mountain will Yahweh of hosts make to all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He has swallowed up death for ever; and the Sovereign Yahweh will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Yahweh has spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our Elohim; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Yahweh; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” (Isaiah 25:6-9).

Profound changes are in store for the earth. These changes will be for the better. The earth will one day be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the seas. Currently, sin, iniquity, and evil reign supreme over the earth. One day, Yahshua the Messiah will return, and He will bring peace and productivity to this earth.

Do not spurn the convicting power of Yahweh’s Holy Spirit. Repent and prepare to have a home in that Kingdom to come. If you do not act immediately, it may soon be too late. SNB

SPIRITUALITY

NO MIDDLE

GROUND

CARNALITY

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual, but as to carnal, as babes in the Messiah. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for you were not able to bear it: no, not even now are you able; for you are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are you not carnal, and do you not walk after the manner of men?” (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).

This stunning pronouncement, made by the Apostle Paul in this passage, can be directed to us today. The members of the Corinthian Assembly had been immersed into Yahshua the Messiah; nevertheless, they were not spiritual and had remained carnal. How had Paul reached this evaluation? He had examined the fruits of the Corinthian brethren and had discovered jealousy and strife. They had begun to assimilate the character flaws of

the people around them from which they had departed.

The people of Yahweh must separate themselves from sin by entering into and obeying Yahweh's Covenant Law. Doing so in an attitude of love, faith, and trust in Almighty Yahweh by accepting His way of life will produce a change in one's life, resulting in conversion. Conversely, one who is steeped in carnal living, steadfastly pursuing fleshly gratification, will allow their character to be weakened.

Again, I would like to refresh our memories as to why the Assemblies of Yahweh organization exists. Our mission is to teach and preach the Word and the Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father Yahweh and the Truth of the inspired Scriptures, to promote the interests of religion, spreading spiritual holiness throughout the world, and to assemble for worship to accomplish these beliefs.

In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we are working to build a spiritual

house, in contrast to the worldly construction of building a den of iniquity. True Worshipers must choose a life of spirituality and not carnality—there is no middle ground! Paul reinforces this concept in 1 Corinthians 3:10-11: ***“According to the grace of Yahweh which was given to me, as a wise master-builder I laid a foundation; and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds on it. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Yahshua the Messiah.”***

What kind of a foundation had the Apostle Paul laid in the Corinthian Assembly? He had laid a foundation of strict Law keeping! This is found in 1 Corinthians 7:19. ***“Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh [with the ellipsis added...is everything].”*** These words which were given to the Corinthian

Assembly are a reflection of the words Yahshua the Messiah spoke to His disciples. ***“Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one yothé or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished.”*** (Matthew 5:17-18). We are building a house for the glory of Yahweh. The structure must be one that is built on a foundation of True Worship, regulated by the Holy Spirit, using materials able to withstand the fire of the trials of life.

One of the local leaders in the Caribbean region communicated with the headquarters that the congregation on their island would be unable to hold services, as is customary, since the new crescent would appear on the last night of Carnival. Carnival is the time of year that the most licentious conduct occurs in the streets of the community in which they reside. The activities occurring around them were so disgusting that the local leader suggested the brethren remain at home and worship with their families.

When the sincere Bible student looks critically at the origins and history of Carnival, one will have to conclude that a True Worshiper cannot take part in the revelry of the season. Even more appalling than the actions by its participants is the sanctioning by the Catholic Church, and Christianity as a whole, of this licentious conduct. Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season of Lent, which is to be observed as a time of repentance and fasting; however, beforehand Christians become out of control in pursuit of satisfying their sensual, fleshly lusts. The leaders of these groups blindly look the other

way as religious adherents seemingly cast off all restraint as they frolic before cameras for the entire world to see.

A close scrutiny of the dictionary definition of Carnival is interesting. The definition of *Carnival* is *the period of feasting and revelry just before the observance of Lent, which includes Mardi Gras—literally, Fat Tuesday*. The lexicographers and dictionary tell us that the word *Carnival* etymologically comes from the Latin *carne vale* which means *flesh farewell*. The roots of the word perfectly describe the carousing evident during Carnival and Mardi Gras.

Just as we speak out against the evils that we witness around us, so that we can become more spiritual, the Apostle Paul was also directing the Corinthian Assembly to be a converted people. ***“Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what communion has light with darkness?”*** (2 Corinthians 6:14). If we are the light of Yahweh’s Torah in the Assemblies of Yahweh today, what fellowship can we have with darkness? Join me in reading 2 Corinthians 6:17-18: ***“Therefore Come out from among them, and be separate, says Yahweh, and touch no unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be to you a Father, and you shall be to me sons and daughters, says Yahweh Almighty.”*** Put that in the reverse. If you touch (become associated) with the unclean thing, Yahweh will not receive you! Yahweh will not be a Father to you! You shall not be my sons and daughters, He says, because you have defiled the temple of



Yahweh. Are we listening, or are we still carnal? ***“Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinks that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with Yahweh. For it is written, He that takes the wise in their craftiness: and again, Yahweh knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are vain.”*** 1 Corinthians 3:18-20.

It is self-evident that the people who are smart, today, in this worldly system, are dedicating themselves to all kinds of pleasure, gratification of the flesh, all kinds of wealth, and all kinds of sensual things. But, just as the Cain civilization and King Saul grieved the Holy Spirit by committing obnoxious works of violating Yahweh’s commandments, the world today is grieving the Holy Spirit and is doomed to receive the judgment for their actions in the near future.

The Assemblies of Yahweh, char-

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THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND!***

tered in 1969, was based on high principles. The author realized that it takes character—good character—to maintain a spiritual life. Sadly, over the years, some people who have come into the Faith have struggled to maintain these high standards which the Bible has set for us. Although they made a solid start, building on the firm foundation of the Messiah, they soon found the Narrow Way was too difficult to remain upon and turned aside, failing to maintain the path to the goal—the Kingdom of Yahweh—which will be inherited by the followers of Yahshua the Shepherd. Yielding to the flesh is far easier, and, undoubtedly, more pleasurable than it is to do battle against the Adversary, resisting his earthly ways to maintain a sound spiritual life.

Remember the definition of Carnival. Do what you please; yield to the temptations of the Adversary; take the easy way out; float downstream; allow sin to slip in through the voids in your defensive armor which are created by the character flaws of the world today—*flesh farewell*. Those, then, who choose this path of least resistance will seek to justify their evil actions by attacking those who desire to maintain high standards so that their own departure back into the world will seem less painful and convicting to them. However, as members of the *Adah*, the nucleus of the Assembly, we will persevere under Satan’s attack and endure in stability. We, in the Assemblies of Yahweh, seek to follow the Word—not the herd. Follow the Holy Spirit, not the spirit of world. The herd will be going to the lake of fire, along with those that fall victim to the lust of the flesh. Will you seek to join the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh as we strive to resist the evil actions of the world which are cultivated by Satan the Adversary? Almighty Yahweh, through Yahshua the Messiah, will lead and guide those who seek first the Kingdom by living the Kingdom way of life now! S_NB

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of Yahweh to nourish their spiritual lives, others are drowsily folding their arms in sleep, surely a reference to the parable of the wise and foolish virgins of Matthew 25:1-13.

When someone is asleep, he cannot see the activity that is going on all around him. The cares of this world keep the people of our time occupied with inessentials just as surely as the ancient Israelites were kept occupied with their desire for leeks, onions, garlic, and melons, (Numbers 11:4-6). Martha, also, had oriented herself toward the wrong priorities when she subordinated her quest for spiritual things to the temporal, in order to make a good impression upon the Messiah by serving Him a banquet. Yahshua said, “*...Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things: but one thing is necessary: for Miriam has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*” (Luke 10:41-42).

The entire point of this editorial discussion is to confront you with a question: “Are you procrastinating about your personal salvation and preparation for the Kingdom of Yahweh?” There are times in our lives when we need to stop short and scrutinize what we are doing, examine the pathway we are traveling and clearly define the goals and priorities of our lives. At this very moment, special impetus is placed upon such a re-evaluation of our lives, because the prophetic trends point clearly to the fact that we are in the period of time which Yahshua the Messiah called, “*the beginning of travail,*” Matthew 24:8. As never before in recent history, we are seeing wars and rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes falling suddenly upon many different places around the world. Are you prepared for the momentous events just ahead? Are you preparing yourself to have a part in the Work of the Kingdom of Yahweh that will be established in the near future? Or are you procrastinating?

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When you see these prophecies being fulfilled today before your very eyes, do you become more zealous for the Truth of Almighty Yahweh, or do you simply submerge yourself more deeply in the affairs of the world to sedate yourself against what your conscience tells you is the end of the age? Procrastinating at this very moment in history could throw you headlong into the great tribulation. Preparation will obtain protection for you from the tribulation. Beloved reader, the exciting time we have been looking for is soon to arrive, when Yahweh will establish His Kingdom, and the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of Yahweh as the water covers the sea. Don’t miss it because you put off until tomorrow what you should have done today, or even yesterday. The value of what you will miss is too great to pass up. S_NB



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by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

The Kingdom of the Heavens

When you hear someone speak of the Kingdom of the Heavens, or the Kingdom of Almighty Yahweh, what is the first thought which enters your mind? If you are like most people I know, you will probably think of a heaven floating around in space somewhere. You will immediately think of a beautiful isle somewhere, a place which you can see, or enter, when you die. Most people are so steeped in theological terminology that they read their thoughts into the Scriptures, or they let their own thoughts define terms, rather than going to their Bible to find out what the Scriptures say on various subjects.

As a matter of fact, most people never go to their Bibles at all, except when they need comfort in time of bereavement, or when something bad happens to them, such as illness. Most people do not know that the Holy Scripture is more than just a book of inspiring messages which are to be read when we feel a sentimental urge to think about spiritual things. If the words of the inspired Scriptures would be believed and lived in our day and age, you would immediately see a drastic change for

the better all around you. You would see your neighbors and friends attempt to try to live better lives, so that they could have a part in the promises which are contained in the Holy Word.

The Kingdom of the Heavens, or the Kingdom of Almighty Yahweh, is the very heart of the Scriptures. It is the very integral doctrine on which this Holy Word is based. The Good News of the Kingdom is the message which was preached to the world by the prophets and apostles down through the ages. It is the heart of the message which the Savior preached on this very earth during His ministry. Immediately after He began His earthly ministry, we read in Matthew 4:17, ***“From that time began Yahshua to preach, and to say, Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*** He was the One who was destined to rule this Kingdom, and while He was among the human race in fleshly garments, the Kingdom of Heaven had indeed drawn nigh.

Perhaps you imagine that the message of the Kingdom has nothing whatsoever to do with you personally. You might even scorn any religious teaching. You might be

like one of my brothers-in-law. As I was riding with him in his car one Sunday, a religious broadcast came on the radio. He listened to the first verse of the song being sung, and then he changed to another station. He looked over at me and winked. “Well, enough religion for another week,” he said matter of factly. I find that this is the case with most people in our world today. People do not wish to be bothered. They do not wish to listen to things which might just convict them of their sins. They do not wish to have their lives disturbed in any way. However, the Scriptures predict that one day soon they will anxiously look with anticipation to the time when this Kingdom will be set up.

From where did you get the reasons for living your life as you live it today? Most people just merely accept the way they live and never question anything about their lives. They just go along with the crowd from year to year, doing the things that everybody does, and they never try to find out why they live as they do.

The book of Daniel in your Bible reveals a very important truth in this regard. We read of a very

strange occurrence in the second chapter. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a very strange dream. This dream troubled him greatly. As he was thinking about this dream, it slipped from his memory, and he actually forgot what he had dreamed. In calling together the learned men of the kingdom, he found that their knowledge of the occult sciences did not enable them to recount the dream or to give the interpretation. Even though he threatened the astrologers, magicians, and wizards with execution, they still could not help the king out of this dilemma. Finally, Daniel was called, and he was able to tell the king what he had dreamed and to interpret the dream. This was not Daniel's own personal ability, but it was through the Holy Spirit of Yahweh that the dream and the message were revealed to him in a vision in the night, after an earnest prayer. This dream has direct implications in your own life, strange as this may seem to you, living in an age of so-called enlightenment, perhaps 2,500 years after this incident happened. This dream reveals the very source from which modern governments and society in general derive their way of life. It seems that King Nebuchadnezzar, in his dream, saw a great image. This image was so terrible, and he became so alarmed, that the very thought of this image caused him to become frightened out of his wits. As soon as Daniel began to retell the dream, Nebuchadnezzar remembered. This image was so large and terrible that words just cannot describe it. It had a head of pure gold. His breast and shoulders were of silver. His belly and thighs were of brass. His legs and feet were of part iron and part miry clay.

Then another very strange thing happened. A stone was cut out without hands, and it fell on the feet and legs of this image, crushing them to fine dust, and a wind came along and carried them away so that they could no longer be found. Then, this strange stone became a great mountain and filled the entire earth.

Mankind today imagines that they have become enlightened. People imagine that there is nothing in this earth with which they cannot cope. They have just about completely eliminated every bit of the supernatural from their minds and knowledge. Most people cannot realize the importance of dreams with which Almighty Yahweh impressed knowledge to the people of old.

In interpreting the dream, Daniel had to receive interpretation directly from the source, Almighty Yahweh. The interpretation was this: this image represented world government. At the time of the Babylonian Empire, the known world was ruled by this one government. It was the greatest government of that time. All of the smaller governments were dependent upon and looked up to this one government. All the world paid tribute in some manner to this one super government. The Babylonian government was at the head. It was also the source of the future world governments which were to follow. Upon this mold, all of the subsequent world empires were to be modeled. It was also the brains of the world empires. The following empires were to be dependent upon this Babylonian kingdom for the knowledge which would enable them to rule this earth. Our modern system of things is entirely dependent upon the Babylonian head of gold to do its thinking for it. It is not strange that the application can also be made that gold is still the basis of the world monetary systems, even though modern governments are trying their best to withdraw from solid currency.

But after the Babylonian Empire falls, another world ruling system comes upon the scene. This world government is found in later prophecies to be the Medo-Persian Empire. It is designated as being of silver, an inferior metal, but still very valuable and fine, by worldly standards. It, too, is powerful, since it is represented by the arms and breast of this image.

This kingdom also gives way eventually, and we find the Greek Empire enters the scene which held world rulership under Alexander the Great. This kingdom is regarded as being inferior to the other two kingdoms, because it was to be of very short duration and would be split into four kingdoms under Alexander's four generals.

Again, this world government, Greece, falls, only to yield to a kingdom of part iron and part miry clay, which we find to be Imperial Rome. This government is to be first split into two parts, characterized by the two legs and then, finally, this kingdom is to be made up of ten kings. These ten kings are to rule in the latter days and are to make a vain attempt at rejuvenating and resurrecting this world government. However, this final government is pictured to consist of iron mixed with miry clay, which, as you know, makes a very poor construction material.

Then a stone appears. It would seem that it is cut out of the government of the heavens, without the work of human hands to do it. It falls upon the feet and crushes them to powder and as fine chaff on a summer threshing floor, it blows away when a wind arises. We find in later prophecies that this Stone represents the Savior, Yahshua the Messiah Himself, the chief Cornerstone, the Stone which the builders rejected. This one Stone, almost insignificant it would seem, the Stone which was cut out of the mountain, suddenly seems to explode and become a great mountain filling the whole earth. The interpretation of this is that in the days of these last kings, the 10 kings who are characterized as the toes of the image, the Mighty One of the Heavens will set up a Kingdom on this earth. This Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break up and subdue all the governments and kingdoms of this earth, and it shall stand forever. This has still

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The Holy Spirit

Love of Yahweh

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To review portions of familiar Scripture is like encountering an old friend at some unpredictable moment, perhaps as one hastily turns the corner on a busy street. Having not seen the friend for some time, one is happy to pause momentarily for conversational fellowship by gladly taking time from the always pressing mundane schedule. One of the most rewarding moments that one can spend is to leaf slowly through the Bible and note the various passages of Scripture that are marked, perhaps recalling how they at one time made a deep impression upon us in our spiritual journey. Some of those Scriptures provided the impetus at a particularly crucial point in life to turn our direction toward the way that has led us closer to Yahweh and His Kingdom. These thoughts lead us back to one of the most overworked, but, simultaneously, beautiful subjects of the Bible—the word LOVE. Although you may think that this subject is trite and too frequently discoursed upon by ministers, nevertheless, one

cannot help but be drawn closer to Almighty Yahweh as we meditate upon the rich depths of meaning attached to the word and relate this understanding to the plan of salvation created by our Heavenly Father.

First of all, there is a special goal that our Heavenly Father wishes us to attain through the implementation of love in our lives. The word *love* in the Bible that holds such a magnificent lesson is *agape*; it means *an outgoing sense of affection and concern for another, irrespective of another's position or right*. How often have you heard someone speak of love and then fail to live up to its noble purposes? We need only visit a place of worldly assembly to observe a measure of love among the people, or watch for a while and see that love turn suddenly to hate. But is it actually love and concern that was manifested at the beginning? Or was it merely a mask that hid the true personality of the worldly person from public view? Both Old and New Testaments indicate that

the heart of a person holds the true personality of the individual, and, eventually, this inner creature will emerge to public view in our actions or words. The end goal of the concept of love should be that which is described in Philippians 4:8. ***“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*** Love has a purpose. It is to bring peace and contentment to the world and to the lives of all people. Practicing Philippians 4:8 will achieve this end result. Can you, for just a moment, imagine how wonderful this world could be if the directives described above would be put into practice by every living person? But friends, such will be the case in the Kingdom of Yahweh, where love will reign supreme, and every human being will seek to implement the end goals to which

love will lead us.

Without a doubt, the world today is torn apart by the results of the faulty character of the human family. Nations battle nations in atrocious wars, because of their thirst for power. Constantly we hear of bloody conflicts within nations as countries are torn asunder by civil war. Organizations, both religious and secular, fracture under the hammer blows of discontent and rebellion. In reading the accounts of such turmoil in the world today, one wonders, "Where is the fraternal love that should be manifested?" Families find themselves no longer a cohesive unit as various members develop along the lines of their own personal philosophy; the family unit is the basic building block of society where love is to be taught and practiced on a small scale.

The old scriptural friend that was alluded to previously is 1 Corinthians 13. With the brief memory span of most of us we tend to forget the message of that chapter. Let us review its message for just a moment and refresh our minds. Has the Holy Spirit love of Yahweh taken up residence within our hearts to produce the effects that are described in this passage? In True Worship, there can be no room for anything less than perfection along the lines of what Paul described here. Among Yahweh's people a spirit of love will prevail, producing all of the great qualities which are characteristic of the Kingdom life right now—here in this very age in which we live. Let us read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Then, let us ask ourselves the question, "Does this describe me and the life I am presently living?"

"Love suffers long, and is kind; love does not envy; love vaunts not itself; is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not its own, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; rejoices not in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails: but whether

there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether knowledge, it shall be done away."

Would not a life that is lived by such standards be completely different to what we see all around us in the world today? Wouldn't it be a totally different world if each person lived his life according to such a model? But how can we change the world? The only way it can ever be changed is for Almighty Yahweh to change the hearts of all the people. Right now, He is already at work in the world to bring that change into fruition. There are a few people who are voluntarily yielding their lives to Him and placing themselves under His government. They are opening their hearts to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, and Almighty Yahweh is placing within them a new life that is His very own supernatural spirit. Love is the prime attribute and fruit of that spirit. A changed life within the True Worshiper comes from our love for Almighty Yahweh who is our spiritual parent. We desire to please Him. ***"For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatever is begotten of Yahweh overcomes the world: and this is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."*** 1 John 5:3-4.

Do you want to change the world for the better? Then why not allow Almighty Yahweh to change you into a new person by His Holy Spirit creative power? Here is where the new system of things must begin—with each converted individual who allows Himself to be remade into the image of the Messiah. Those who will be accepted into the family of Yahweh must be filled with this supernatural spiritual love, because Yahweh is love. 1 John 4:8, ***"He that loves not knows not Yahweh; for Yahweh is love."*** Can you qualify? S_NB

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not happened, but we are standing on the very threshold of the time in which it will come to pass.

While society today is still under the influence of Babylonish thinking, we, as individuals, can now already begin to order our lives in anticipation of the Kingdom of the Heavens which is to be set up on this very earth. We can look with anticipation toward the time in which Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, will move into the picture and set up His righteous rule on this earth, in the form of the Kingdom of His Son, Yahshua Messiah. We can look into our Bibles and see that they are true and that the prophesied events which are now happening are only preludes to the setting up of this righteous Kingdom. When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," we can know what to believe, and we petition Almighty Yahweh to send this Kingdom to this very earth, to establish righteous rule.

While we look around us today and see a mounting disregard for law and order, the world rushing madly downhill toward financial and economic collapse, and the mounting concern about natural catastrophes such as famine and earthquakes, **WE CAN LOOK PAST THIS TIME OF TROUBLE** into a glorious world of tomorrow, the Kingdom of the Heavens. This is good news because it brings hope to our hearts. It is good news because it offers to all the faithful, who earnestly desire it, the opportunity to live in this wonderful era of peace and plenty. This opportunity is being offered to you, right now, today, so that you may join the people of Yahweh who are ordering their lives and living in hope of good things to come. The only requirement is repentance of the past mistakes and sins in your life and the determination to live a life of obedience to Almighty Yahweh in the future. The Scriptures promise a life of wonderful pleasures to those who will inhabit His Kingdom. Why not accept today? S_NB

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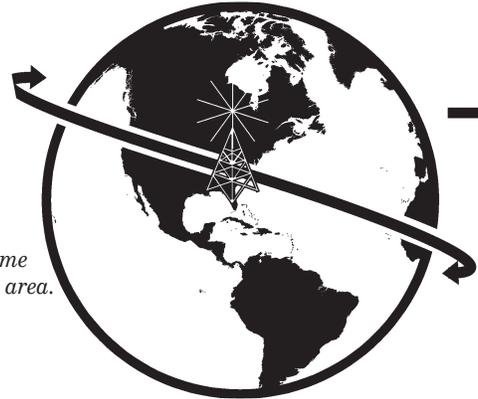
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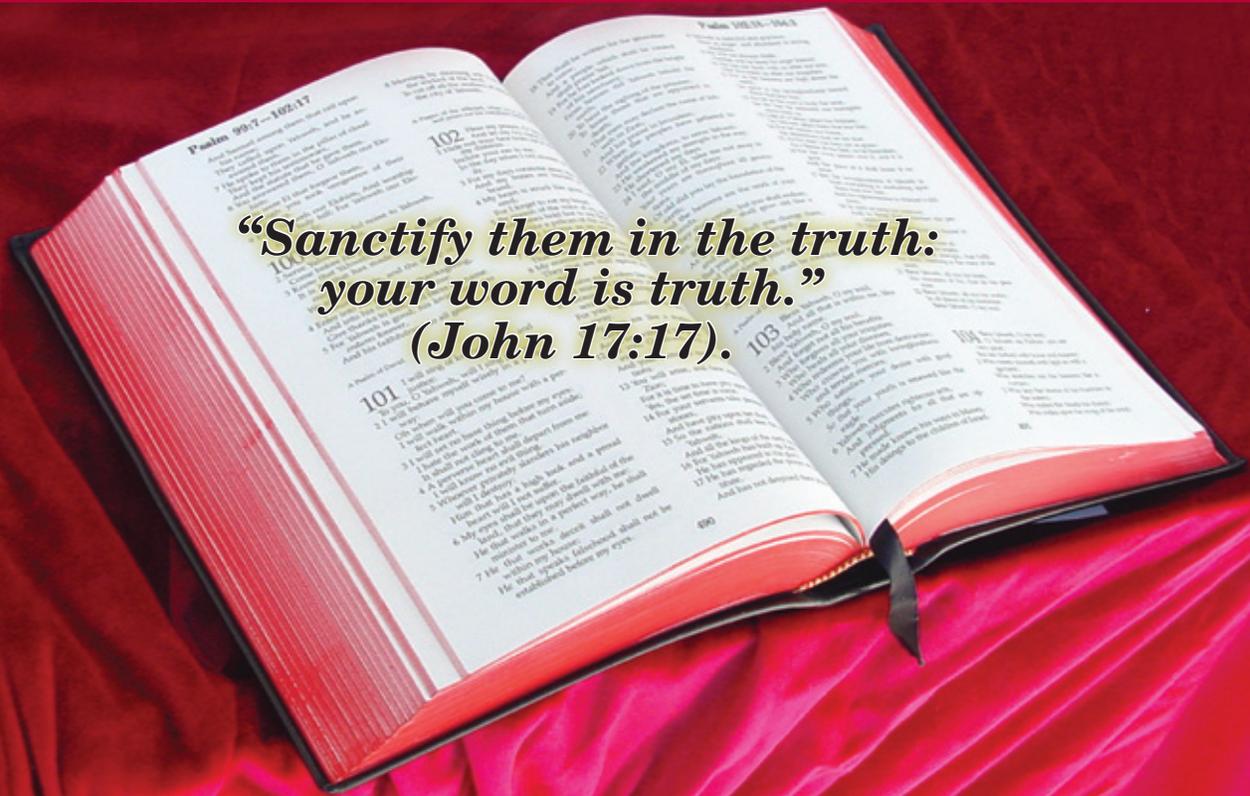
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