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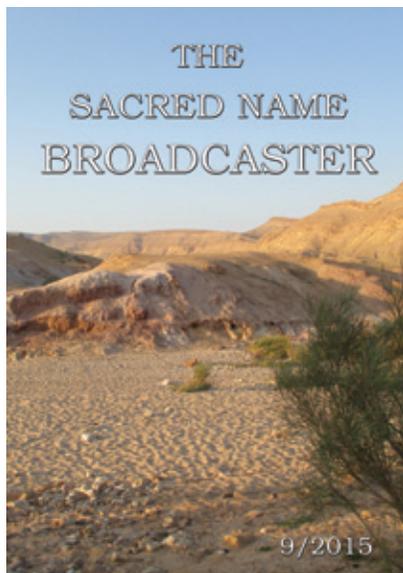
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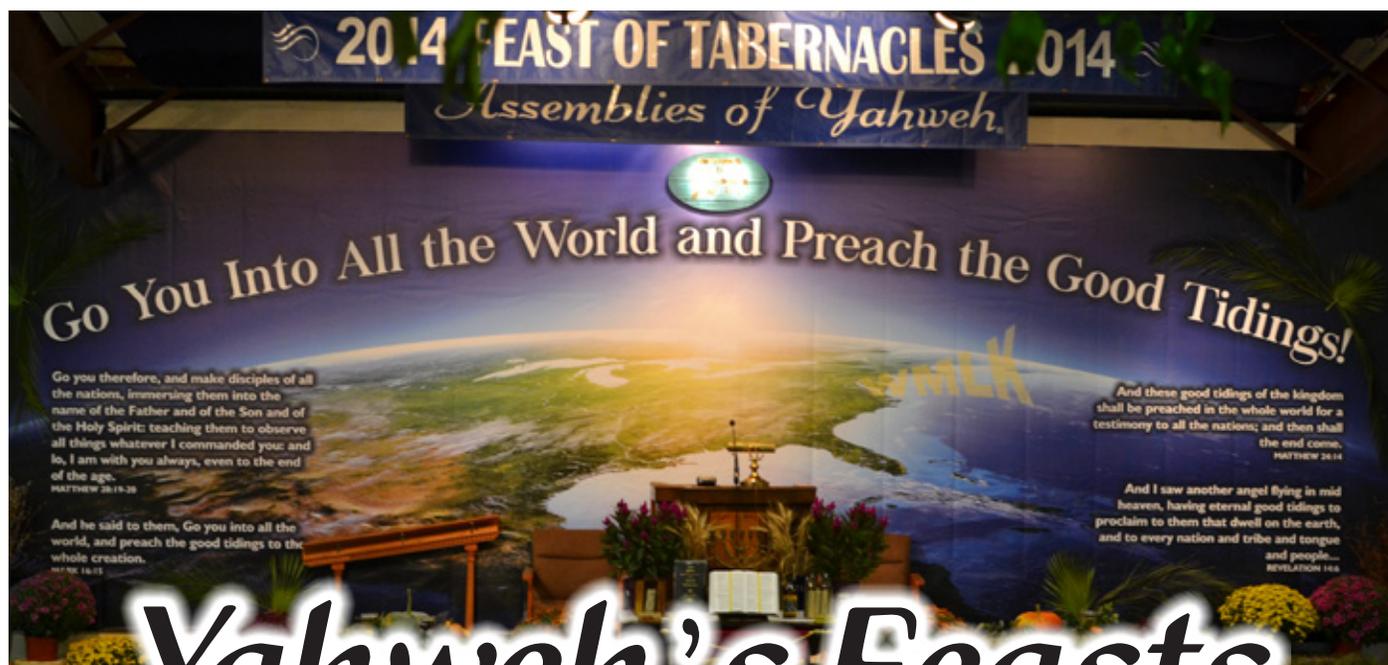
### Our Cover:

*Our cover this month depicts the beautiful, colorful sands that are found in the Makhtesh Ramon.*

*Though the vegetation may be sparse today, in the Kingdom of Yahweh it will be like a garden. "...He has comforted all her waste places, and has made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Yahweh; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." (Isaiah 51:3b).*

*Will you be granted entrance into Yahweh's Kingdom?*

# Observing



## Yahweh's Feasts Teaches Spiritual Lessons

Each of Yahweh's holy days reveals an essential segment of His plan of salvation for mankind. The prophets and apostles observed them, as did Yahshua the Messiah, and they will be kept in the Millennium. So, why aren't you observing them today?

Have you ever wondered where the holidays observed in nominal Christianity originated? If you have never studied the Bible thoroughly, it may surprise you to learn that not one of them is named in the inspired Scriptures.

The most popular Christian holidays are Christmas and Easter. Nowhere in the Bible do we find that anyone (including the early apostles) ever observed Christmas. Never in His ministry did Yahshua the Messiah direct His Assembly to observe His birthday even if the day could be correctly identified. The word

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*Christmas* is derived from the term *the mass of Christ* and originated with the practice in the Roman Catholic churches of observing a midnight mass to commemorate the birth of the Messiah. Yahshua the Messiah was not born at Christmas (December 25), but during the Feast of Tabernacles. Have you proven this Truth to yourself from the Sacred Scriptures? If you have not read our article, **The Birth of the Messiah**, write immediately to obtain your free copy.

Incidentally, nowhere in the Bible are we instructed to observe birthdays. Birthdays are mentioned only three times in the Sacred Scriptures. At each birthday, violence occurred. Please see Genesis 40:20; Job 1:4, 18-19; and Matthew 14:6. Consequently, there is absolutely no

scriptural precedent to celebrate the birthday of the Messiah. Why then is it being done?

Someone knowledgeable in the Scriptures may point out that the word *Easter* appears in Acts 12:4. Consulting the **King James Version**, you find that this is true. In the Greek text, however, the word is *pascha*. This is an Aramaic loan word, similar to the Hebrew term *pesach* (Passover).

Easter is positively not a scriptural holiday. Nowhere in the Bible are we commanded to observe Easter to commemorate the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah. The word *Easter* is derived from the name of the ancient Babylonian pagan mighty one of spring, *Astarte* or *Oestere*. Paul told the Corinthian brethren to remember Messiah's DEATH (1 Corinthians 11:26), NOT HIS BIRTH OR RESURRECTION.

## ***True Worshipers Keep Yahweh's Feasts***

Throughout the Bible it can be proven that the True Worshipers (both in the Old and New Testaments) observed the feasts of Yahweh. These annual holy days are listed for us in Leviticus 23. They are regulated by the Middle Eastern agricultural season—coordinated with the appearance of the new moon crescents. There is a reason why our Heavenly Father used the agrarian cycle in setting His annual observances.

These holy days are called *sacred seasons*. The Hebrew word *moed* means *an appointed time or season*. We must realize that this time is sanctified by Almighty Yahweh. During the biblical era, animal sacrifices were offered in the Temple at these sacred seasons. But more than being exclusively ceremonial observances, they were intended as gatherings for worship. Throughout Leviticus 23, these days are always called *holy convocations*. The term in Hebrew is *miqra chodesh* and it means *a time of calling together or assembly for sacred worship*.

In Leviticus 23:2, Almighty Yahweh says, ***“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, The set feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my set feasts.”*** These holy days are not the feasts of Israel, nor sacred observances originated by man; conversely, they were established by Almighty Yahweh Himself. We must remember this vital point and recognize them as ordained from On High.

Mankind cannot declare holy any special time that Yahweh the Almighty has not sanctified Himself. Mankind must simply acknowledge the authority of these commandments in the Word and obey them.

### ***Passover Observed by Some***

Most religious groups that study the Bible more deeply than is

customary observe the Passover Memorial every year on the anniversary of our Savior's death. They understand the Apostle Paul's admonition that, since the Messiah was sacrificed for us on Passover day, we, therefore, must keep the memorial of His death on the same night (Abib 14) on which He was betrayed (1 Corinthians 11:23).

But very few of these groups that correctly observe the anniversary of Yahshua's death also keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread as Paul instructed us. ***“Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For our Passover also has been sacrificed, even the Messiah: therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”*** (1 Corinthians 5:7-8). Clearly, we are obligated by this New Testament Scripture to observe Yahweh's sacred Feast of Unleavened Bread as it is legislated in the Old Testament.

When you attend the communion service in your church, have you considered it strange to hear New Testament passages read that refer to the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (relating to the time of Yahshua's death)? Usually John 13:1 is read at this occasion. ***“Now before the feast of the passover, Yahshua knowing that his hour had come that he should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them to the end.”*** Notice that this was BEFORE the Feast (which begins on the 15th of Abib) of the Passover (the 14th of Abib) when Yahshua the Messiah instituted the ordinance of the last supper and preceded it with the footwashing service.

Yahshua the Messiah died on Passover day, which was the preparation day for the following high day, the annual Sabbath (John 19:31). He was our Passover Lamb dying on Passover day. “Passover” has come to denote the entire eight-day event,

because it opens the observance. Since Yahshua kept Yahweh's holy days properly, it is not peculiar that Paul would tell us to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

### ***Yahweh's Perpetual Holy Days***

Yahweh's holy time has been sacred throughout the biblical record. At various scriptural times, the holy days have had different significance. For example, we might say from Genesis 3:21 that Yahweh Elohim passed over Adam and Eve, exempting them from the penalty of sin (death) for a certain period of time. In Genesis 19, Lot was passed over in judgment during the sacred season. When Israel was released from Egyptian bondage, the day took on totally new significance. The exodus from Egypt comprises one of the major themes found in the Bible.

In our time, Passover commemorates the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah in shedding His blood for our sins, releasing His people from the bondage of sin.

The Sacred Scriptures tell us that when Yahshua returns, the Passover will be given renewed meaning. By trusting in the mercy of Almighty Yahweh and accepting the shed blood of Yahshua the Passover Lamb to cleanse us from our sins, we shall be passed over and spared on Yahweh's judgment day.

Yahweh had promised that eventually a greater exodus will cause modern Israel to forget the departure of their ancestors from Egypt. Jeremiah 23:7-8 explains, ***“Therefore, behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that they shall no more say, As Yahweh lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, As Yahweh lives, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries where I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land.”*** The meaning of the feasts



## ***Those who have circumcised their hearts to love Yahweh and have been begotten again through the Holy Spirit have become the Israel of Yahweh.***

question, ***“Who are Israelites?”*** (Romans 9:4). He finally makes the plain statement in verse 8, ***“That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are the children of Yahweh; but the children of the promise are reckoned for a seed.”*** Paul

does not consider those who are unconverted (children of the flesh) to be true Israelites, because the word *Israel* means *an overcomer*. Those who have circumcised their hearts to love Yahweh and have been begotten again through the Holy Spirit have become the Israel of Yahweh. They are obligated to keep Yahweh’s feasts.

Paul superbly summarizes his contention concerning the character of spiritual Israel, in Galatians 5:15-16. ***“But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another. But I say, Walk by the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”***

It should be obvious to all who are studying that Paul understood the Israel of Yahweh to be those who had been begotten again through the Holy Spirit and grafted into the roots of Israel. The branches of the Israelite family tree had been broken off. Only those individuals who manifest the love of Yahweh in their hearts through obedience to His Laws are accepted as spiritual Israel to be grafted into the Israelite family tree. This includes actual descendants of the twelve

tribes of Israel, as well as people of other nations who qualify by living according to the scriptural, Israelite way of life. All who are living by this rule will be worshiping Yahweh on His holy days.

### ***Are the Feasts Sacrificial Days?***

There are those who would have you believe that the feast days were merely established as times of sacrifice. They insist that, since sacrifices are no longer acceptable to Yahweh, the holy days need not be kept. As proof, they usually quote Leviticus 23:37-38. ***“These are the set feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on its own day; besides the sabbaths of Yahweh, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your free-will-offerings, which you give to Yahweh.”***

Almighty Yahweh did not consider His holy days to be exclusively sacrificial days. Rather, He wanted them to be times of special worship. Worship of Yahweh was the intrinsic connotation of animal sacrifices. This is what will be instituted in the future age—the Kingdom of Yahweh. Please turn to Ezekiel 46:3. ***“And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Yahweh on the sabbaths and on the new moons.”***

Elkanah worshiped Yahweh,

of Yahweh is renewed from era to era as Yahweh moves on behalf of His people, although THE DATES TO BE KEPT NEVER CHANGE.

Throughout Leviticus chapter 23, we clearly see how Almighty Yahweh declared that His holy days must be observed forever in all generations of Israel. Some misguided individuals may contend that this injunction was given exclusively for ethnic Israelites and was terminated when the message of salvation passed to the Gentiles. However, that is false. It should be noted that Paul wrote to the Corinthian Assembly (1 Corinthians 5:6-8). Undoubtedly, they were predominantly Gentile.

Paul showed that only when one becomes a spiritual Israelite will he receive salvation. He says in Romans 11:26-27, ***“... and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away lawlessness from Jacob: and this is my covenant to them, when I shall take away their sins.”***

This passage climaxes the section that begins with what could be the

although he also offered sacrifices (1 Samuel 1:3). THE FAITHFUL IN ISRAEL ALWAYS APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND THIS IMPORTANCE: offering worship when they assembled, but, of necessity, offering sacrifices because blood was the approved sin offering. Excessive concentration on sacrifice led to the unfeeling, ritual worship condemned by Yahweh in such places as Isaiah 1:10-15.

### **Worship on Yahweh's Holy Days**

Worship was the primary reason for the convocations Yahweh established in Israel. Sacrifices were secondary to the occasion. In our time, when there is no physical temple, animal sacrifices are unacceptable to Almighty Yahweh, and worship takes pre-eminence. Hebrews 13:13-16 reads, ***“Let us therefore go forth to him outside the camp, bearing his reproach. For we have not here an enduring city, but we seek after the city which is to come. Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. But do not forget to do good and communicate: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased.”***

Please see also Hosea 14:1-2. ***“O Israel, return to Yahweh your Elohim; for you have fallen by your iniquity. Take with you words, and return to Yahweh: say to him, Take away all iniquity, and accept that which is good: so will we render as bullocks the offering of our lips.”*** Words are called *worship* by the prophet Hosea, descriptive of spiritual sacrifice.

Scripture clearly indicates that David had realized that worship through prayer was to be the uppermost purpose, although animal sacrifices were offered. Psalm 141:2 reads, ***“Let my prayer be set forth as incense before you; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”***

## **Today, we are to continue observing Yahweh's holy days with a spiritual sacrifice, having our hearts cleansed from sin.**

When the book of Acts was being written, Paul showed very clearly that worship was the purpose for gathering at Yahweh's feasts. ***“... Seeing that you can take knowledge that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem....”*** (Acts 24:11).

In the coming Kingdom of Yahweh, worship will supersede sacrifice. Zechariah 8:20-22 reads, ***“In this manner says Yahweh of hosts: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to entreat the favor of Yahweh, and to seek Yahweh of hosts: I will go also. Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Yahweh of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of Yahweh.”*** Worship through prayer and songs of praise are the most vital part of paying our respects to the Most High. Animal sacrifices are called dead works in Hebrews 9:9-14.

### **Obedience Preferred Over Sacrifice**

Almighty Yahweh desires obedience rather than sacrifices, which the passage of Micah 6:6-8 makes

plain: ***“With what shall I come before Yahweh, and bow myself before the high Elohim? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does Yahweh require of you, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?”***

When someone receives the grace, or mercy, of Almighty Yahweh and becomes obedient to His commandments, when he accepts the shed blood of Yahshua the Messiah to cleanse him from his past sins, there is no further need for sacrificing, as long as he continues faithful in obedience. The blood of Yahshua the Messiah is sufficient to cleanse him from all past sins, and the Holy Spirit of Almighty Yahweh will lead him into righteous living. ***“... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yahshua his Son cleanses us from all sin.”*** (1 John 1:7). David said in Psalm 51:16-17, ***“For you delight not in sacrifice; else I would give it: you have no pleasure in burnt-offering. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, you will not despise.”***

The holy days of Yahweh are sacred times of worship, but before Messiah's first appearance, animal sacrifices had to be offered in anticipation of Yahshua's shed blood. Today, we are to continue observing Yahweh's holy days with a spiritual sacrifice, having our hearts cleansed from sin.

### **Yahshua Kept Yahweh's Holy Days**

We must remember that Yahshua Himself faithfully observed the annual feast days of Yahweh. His

intention was not to fulfill them and then abolish them, rather, it was to keep them as an example for His spiritual Body, Yahweh's True Worshipers to follow.

You may remember that it was Yahshua's custom to go into the synagogue on the seventh-day Sabbath (Luke 4:16). At every holy day during His ministry, He attended the scheduled worship observances at the temple in Jerusalem in obedience to the commandment of Almighty Yahweh that requires all males to appear before Him three times in the year. (Exodus 23:14-17).

Peter appropriately summarized the perfect life of Yahshua the Messiah when He said, ***“For to this were you called: because the Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth....”*** (1 Peter 2:21-22). Yahshua lived a perfect life so that Yahweh's human creation would have an example of how a True Worshiper should conduct himself. Yahshua is our example. We must follow in His footsteps. If Yahshua kept the feast days, then we should be observing them also.

### ***The Apostolic Assembly Kept Them***

After the Messiah's death, there is no record that the Apostolic Assembly made the change from Yahweh's holy days to the holidays presently observed in christianity. On the contrary, the Apostolic Assembly continued to observe the scriptural seventh-day Sabbath (Acts 13:14, 43-44). In Acts 20:6, it is implied that the Days of Unleavened Bread were being observed by the Messianic Assembly in Philippi and Troas (Acts 20:6).

Paul was determined to be in Jerusalem to worship on the day of Pentecost (Acts 20:16). He plainly tells his readers to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (1 Corinthians 5:8). In Acts 27 :9, reference is made to the Day of Atonement, the great

fast day in the fall of each year. We know from John 7 that Yahshua the Messiah observed the Feast of Tabernacles, and, without a doubt, the Apostolic Assembly did also.

To reiterate, there is no biblical evidence that the Apostolic Assembly ever changed Yahweh's holy days, nor is there any indication that they substituted different holidays for them—certainly not holidays derived from pagan sources! The Apostolic Assembly continued faithfully keeping Yahweh's commandments, which included the holy days, showing love to Him by their obedience.

### ***Yahweh's Appointments To Be Kept in Millennium***

The Scriptures clearly reveal that Yahweh's scriptural holy days will be observed during the Millennium. For example, Yahweh shows us that the scriptural Sabbath will then be observed by all people. We have already read the passage from Ezekiel 46 where the Sabbaths (this includes the weekly Sabbath and the annual holy days) and the new moons will be observed in the Millennium. Let us consider some additional passages.

Notice that the prophet Isaiah also predicted continuation of feast day observance in Isaiah 66:22-23. ***“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says Yahweh, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh.”***

If Yahweh's holy days will be kept during the Millennium, they must be kept in our time. We must learn how they are to be observed so that we can acquire the knowledge to teach others in the Kingdom of Yahweh the correct way to observe them. This adds great impetus to the observance of the holy days during the time in which we are now living.

We might also remember Exo-

dus 31:12-18, where the scriptural Sabbath has been predicted to be kept forever. ***“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, You must keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am Yahweh who sanctifies you. Therefore you shall keep the sabbath; for it is holy to you: every one who desecrates it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work in it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Yahweh: whoever does any work on the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.***

***“And he gave to Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of Elohim.”***

Zechariah 14:16-19 teaches us that the Feast of Tabernacles will be observed during the Millennium. ***“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoever of all the families of the earth goes not up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt goes not up, and comes not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague with which Yahweh will strike the nations that go not up***

*to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”*

Here Almighty Yahweh predicts that those who do not come up to worship Him and keep the Feast of Tabernacles will receive no rain. Drought will result, which can also be interpreted in a spiritual sense, since rain symbolizes the teachings taught us through the Holy Spirit. Should rebellion persist, a plague will be poured out. Bodies weakened through lack of proper nourishment are greatly susceptible to disease. The term *family of Egypt* could actually refer to those who are committing sin by rebelling against Almighty Yahweh’s Laws. In Hebrews 11:25, Egypt appears symbolically as a type of sin.

You cannot help sensing the great importance Almighty Yahweh attaches to the keeping of His holy days. If their keeping is to be so vital during the Millennium that Yahweh promises to pour out severe plagues upon disobedient humankind, how could they be any less important today?

Notice also Hosea 12:9. ***“But I am Yahweh your Elohim from the land of Egypt; I will yet again make you to dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast.”*** This prophecy apparently means that, each year, we must keep Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles to offer thanksgiving for the harvest. It is a time of great rejoicing and depicts the Kingdom of Yahweh. The Last Great Day depicts eternity, after the six days of man and the one day of Yahweh (the prophetic 7,000-year time period) are fulfilled.

### ***Depicting the Plan of Salvation***

The feast days of Yahweh are important because they outline the plan of salvation. The Passover is a preparation time. It is the memorial of Yahshua’s death, when He shed His blood for our sins. It is

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the preparation to keep the feast. The Days of Unleavened Bread symbolize the elimination of all that is wicked from our lives. It depicts the implanting of sound doctrine to direct every facet of our activities. Therefore, when we eliminate the sin that is caused by false doctrine, we shall become dedicated servants of the Most High and eventually children of Yahweh through obedience, which is directed by sound doctrine. The seven weeks between the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Weeks direct us to strive for spiritual perfection.

Obedience to Yahweh’s commandments brings us Yahweh’s Holy Spirit as the gift from the Almighty (Acts 5:32). That Holy Spirit is Yahweh’s life and mind coming to live in us, leading us into paths of righteousness. It is the guide to our spiritual growth, so that eventually we can be adopted into the Elohim family. This is depicted in the events that occurred at Pentecost—the giving of the Torah and the ratification of Yahweh’s Covenant at Mount Sinai by Israel (Exodus 24:1-11) and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit (Acts 2) in the Apostolic New Testament Assembly.

After these preparations are completed, we approach the feasts of the latter part of the year. The first day (new moon day) of the seventh month is called Feast of Trumpets. From a comparison and harmony of various Scriptures, it becomes obvious that the Feast of Trumpets signifies a separation point. When

the trumpets are blown, the righteous assemble (Numbers 10:2-3). In ancient times, following the Feast of Trumpets, the people of Israel began their journey to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh during the Feast of Tabernacles. But the wicked will be marching toward the age-ending battle of Armageddon—the climactic battle of that great judgment day of Yahweh the Almighty when He is victorious over the wicked nations (Revelation 11:15-18).

Additionally, the sounding of the great trumpet will herald the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah (Matthew 24:30 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16). Those who qualify through faithfulness during their lifetimes receive their adoption into the family of the Most High. The Feast of Trumpets begins a nine-day period of introspection leading up to the Day of Atonement, when Yahweh’s people should have reached a special, high level of spiritual perfection.

The Day of Atonement is more correctly translated “Day of Covering.” It is a sacred time when we remember the blood covering Almighty Yahweh has provided for our sins. Sin has separated between Yahweh and humankind (Isaiah 59:20). When Yahshua’s blood is applied to the hearts of the people, there is once again AT-ONE-MENT, restoration of spiritual unity. Atonement day was a time when Israel made a special effort to repent of all their sins and to be in (as near as possible) a state of spiritual perfection before our Heavenly Father.

The Feast of Tabernacles portrays the day of Yahweh—the 1,000-year millennial reign of Yahshua the Messiah on this earth. Mankind has been allotted six prophetic days of 1,000 years each to achieve its goals and aims. Man has fallen far short of perfection, now Yahweh will implement His program for this earth. The Last Great Day, or the eighth day of the feast, points toward eternity when from the inside of each individual “living waters” will flow (John 7:37-38).

## ***Earth's Human Harvest Pictured by Holy Days***

In 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, we find outlined three separate resurrections. ***“But now has the Messiah been raised from the dead, the first fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in the Messiah shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: The Messiah the first fruits; then they that are the Messiah’s, at his coming. Then comes the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to Yahweh, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death.”***

Yahshua the Messiah was the first human to be resurrected. Obediently, He sacrificed Himself for the sins of the world, and Father Yahweh blessed Him with a resurrection to everlasting life. Yahshua is depicted in the firstfruits offering of the wave sheaf (Leviticus 23:9-15).

Barley was the first harvest of the year. It represents the first large, spiritual harvest—the Apostolic Assembly of the book of Acts. Joining these are the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, the greater grain harvest coming later in the agricultural year of Israel. This second resurrection is portrayed in the two wave loaves offered at Pentecost (Exodus 14:22). These people will live again at Messiah’s Second Coming in the “out-from-the-dead” resurrection, described in Philippians 3:11.

Finally, the grape harvest is reaped, and this gathering represents the judgment of the wicked at the time of Armageddon (Revelation 14:17-20). At the end of the Millennium, all remaining dead will be resurrected and judged before Yahshua’s great white throne (Revelation 20:11-15). Please compare this with Matthew 25:31 and 1

Corinthians 15:24.

## ***Blessings for Obedience***

We have seen that the worldly holidays are not commanded to be kept anywhere in the Scriptures. The Bible instructs the True Worshipers to keep a different set of holy days—the feast days of Yahweh. What could be wrong with being obedient to Yahweh’s commandments? In the Scriptures, we find blessings promised for keeping the commandments. Such spiritual blessings were bestowed upon Israel during the time of King Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 30). Those blessings will be poured out in abundance upon the people of Yahweh in the Millennium. Already, we may savor Yahweh’s blessings in these last days. Do you want to receive them? All you need to do is obey Yahweh’s commandments, and you will be blessed.

In our time, the encouragement

of Nahum 1:15 still rings true! ***“Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace! Keep your feasts, O Judah, perform your vows; for the wicked one shall no more pass through you; he is utterly cut off.”*** The feasts of Yahweh are—and always shall be—important. They must be kept as a connection point between mankind and their Creator, Yahweh.

We can know that we are Yahweh’s people through obedience to His Laws and by keeping the holy days which He has outlined for us. Our faith in the Word may be strengthened when we behold the things they depict. But each one must make the decision personally. Will you obey and be blessed, or disobey and receive the curse? The choice is yours. Do not neglect to consider that sin is the transgression of Yahweh’s Laws! See 1 John 3:4. SNB

# **Food for Thought**

A comparison of 2 Chronicles 29:20-35 with Hosea 14:2 will confirm that when the animal sacrifices were set aside at the death of the perfect sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah, what REMAINED were the songs of praise to Yahweh that accompanied the slaughter and immolation of the sacrificial animals. Therefore, Hosea and Paul would write the instructions as they did. Also, refer again to Hebrews 13:15-16. ***“Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. But do not forget to do good and communicate: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased.”***



# THE Feast OF Tabernacles

Leviticus chapter 23 sets forth the holy days our Heavenly Father has commanded in His Word that we shall observe. Did you know that this Old Testament passage portrays a brief outline of the plan of salvation described throughout the entire Bible? Most people today are unaware of the promises which are offered to those who faithfully seek the way of salvation which the Scriptures describe. They imagine that we must “merely accept the Messiah” as our personal Savior, and, then, we will “go to Heaven when we die.” Usually, even a mention of the word “sin” is objectionable and avoided in reference during the

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daily lives of the average Christian. In our time, when situation ethics constitutes the leading doctrine, an individual demands to set his own moral standards. Even though someone may die while he is living in abject wickedness, if enough compensation is offered, a minister can usually be located who will preach even the worst person “into heaven.” My great-grandfather, who was a minister himself, was known to refer humorously to just such an incident involving the town drunk of 50 years or more ago.

How about yourself? Do you know why you are here on this earth, where you are going, and the goal you are working toward when you practice your religion? Not many people do, and, yet, this promise is graphically pictured in the last great feast in the cycle of the annual scriptural holy days.

In this thorough study of Yahweh’s annual holy days, we have traced our spiritual journey down the narrow pathway leading to eternal life. Upon finding ourselves deep in sin and held tightly in bondage to a life of degradation which would eventually lead to eternal death, the sincere seekers after Truth call out

to our Heavenly Father to rescue them. He reveals His Name to us, the Name of the Father Yahweh and the saving Name of His Son Yahshua through which we may obtain eternal life if we call upon it. Thereupon, we accept the Passover Lamb, which brings us release from this Egypt of sin and through whose blood sprinkled upon our hearts we may find spiritual cleansing allowing us to start a new spiritual life.

We continue our journey out of sin by ridding our lives of the corrupting leaven which our spiritual houses have accumulated. *Leaven*, scripturally interpreted, means *false doctrine or teaching which leads someone to sin*. While observing the Days of Unleavened Bread, we cleanse our physical houses of leaven, while symbolically eliminating sin from our spiritual lives. Such spiritual cleansing will cause us to turn toward the Narrow Pathway leading to salvation, finally freed from slavery to Satan the Devil.

After cleansing our abode of sin, we, then, are begotten again with the Holy Spirit of Almighty Yahweh and we become one of His children, which is the meaning of the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost. This early harvest festival of thanksgiving for the firstfruits of the earth, in a spiritual sense, means that those who are completely controlled by the Holy Spirit will comprise the body of the Messiah. Again, we find such perfect harmony in the Scriptures when we learn that the meaning of sin and false doctrine is transgression of the Law of Yahweh. We must cease sinning and live in obedience. He gives His Holy Spirit only to those people who faithfully obey Him and keep His commandments.

### ***The Feasts of the 7th Month***

Finally, we arrive at the feasts of the seventh month. The Feast of Trumpets depicts an announcement to be made. It points toward the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior, for His bride.

This is the midnight cry, *“Behold the Bridegroom cometh.”* This event will occur at a time of unprecedented world trouble and upheaval such as this earth has never seen, and it will separate between the spiritual and carnal people. During the 10 days which follow the Feast of Trumpets, we must examine our lives and be certain that we have eliminated from our lives anything which could interfere with a close walk with our Heavenly Father. As we draw closer to Almighty Yahweh, we find a protective covering for ourselves from the terrible tribulation which is then occurring. The people who qualify for Yahweh’s approval will be those who have circumcised their hearts to love our Father in heaven. These people will be granted the right to occupy a place near our Savior at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Relative to the Day of Atonement, it is interesting to note that the revealed, personal Name of our Heavenly Father was spoken on this solemn occasion long after it had been almost completely deleted from the daily Temple worship.

### ***The Feast of Tabernacles***

We finally arrive at the Feast of Tabernacles. This joyous festival is observed, beginning on the 15th day of the seventh month. This festival of joy depicts life as it will be lived in the Kingdom of Yahweh. It represents the harvest feast of thanksgiving when the crops have been brought in and the people can rejoice in the blessings of a loving Heavenly Father. But it also represents the human harvest of the earth at the end of the age. The spiritual people will assemble in Yahweh’s Kingdom.

Did you know that a thanksgiving day has been set aside in the Bible by Almighty Yahweh? Follow carefully as we read from Deuteronomy 16:13-16. ***“You shall keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor and from your winepress: and you shall rejoice in your feast,***

***you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within your gates. Seven days shall you keep a feast to Yahweh your Elohim in the place which Yahweh shall choose; because Yahweh your Elohim will bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful. Three times in a year shall all your males appear before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Yahweh empty....”***

Notice that our Heavenly Father’s commandment states that this shall be a time of great rejoicing and thanksgiving dedicated to Him for His blessings. I wonder how many of our readers know that the first thanksgiving, which was observed in the United States, was not observed in November, but in October—beginning on October 3? This feast, scheduled by the Pilgrim fathers, was held about the same time that the Feast of Tabernacles was to be observed. You may find this documented fact in various encyclopedias. My daughter noticed this surprising fact in one of her history textbooks in school some years ago.

Your Bible also reveals why the people of the United States celebrate our national Thanksgiving in November. It is not merely because Abraham Lincoln instituted it by proclamation in 1863 as a revival of the Thanksgiving Day proclaimed by George Washington and, prior to that, by the Pilgrims. The reason is that we generally are descendants of the 10 lost tribes of Israel, and our nation is following in the same errors which resulted in their punishment by Yahweh.

The Feast of Tabernacles denotes the great harvest of souls to occur at the end of the age. This is the period when the earth will observe

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a Millennium, or 1,000 years, of peace and fulfillment. When we observe the weekly Sabbath, we look forward to this era, as we read in Hebrews 4:9: ***“There remains therefore a sabbath rest for the people of Yahweh.”***

When we observe the Feast of Tabernacles, we are actually enjoying a foretaste of that era in the history of this world which will produce great rejoicing in the hearts of men. It will be an era when wars will be no more, when this earth will be simply flowing with rivers of agricultural wealth, and when an Edenic time of pleasurable living will be restored. Remember that our ancient progenitors—Adam and Eve—were excluded from the Edenic paradise because of their sin.

**Tabernacles** actually depicts the time when this earth will again be restored to its productive Edenic state. In the garden of Eden, man had to work for his livelihood, although most people picture Eden as a place wherein everyone just lolled around and never worked. Adam was told to “work” the garden and to dress it (care for it). He was, however, working under conditions which were ideally suited for receiving a great reward for his labors. It is a clear assertion that the wide fluctuation in our temperatures on this earth is responsible for much of the illness with which we have to contend. If the climate of this earth could be stabilized, wherein a steady, even temperature could be maintained, we would immediately be able to note an increase in the life spans of the inhabitants. This would be instrumental in increasing productivity of the land.

### ***Eden Restored for the Obedient***

In the prophecy of Amos, we read that this change is to be realized in the future as this earth is restored to its former productive state. We read in Amos 9:13-14, ***“Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that the plowman shall overtake***

***the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of it; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.”***

The plowman overtaking the reaper indicates that, at the time when this prophecy is fulfilled, there will be a steady, even temperature which will produce crops year round. This same thought is expressed in Revelation 22:2 and Ezekiel 47:12, wherein the tree of life will bear fruit each month of the year. A stable temperature, free of the wide fluctuations which are now common, could be produced by restoring the *raqiya* to the atmosphere, probably meaning *the water envelope which existed up until the time of the flood.*

Did you know that Yahshua our Messiah never observed Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, or any of the holidays which are currently observed by Christianity? This is a fact. Yahshua, Himself, always observed the holy days of Yahweh, including the Feast of Tabernacles. You may read this affirmation in John 7. He is to be OUR EXAMPLE, and, so, we should emulate Him and celebrate the holy days which He observed.

### ***The Last Great Day***

We find in the latter part of this same chapter that He provided us with the meaning of the Last Great Day of the Feast, the eighth day. In verses 37-39, we read that He cried, saying, ***“If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. He that believes on me, as the Scripture has said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive....”*** (John 7:37b-39a).

Here, then, we find another lesson

which shows to us the importance of keeping this Feast. The eighth day signifies a new beginning, a resurrection. It is the time in which all people on earth will have access to the Holy Spirit, making them immortal. This Last Great Day points us forward into the vast age of eternity beyond time and the splendor which will be in store for the people of Yahweh. It is to be an extension of the productivity of the Millennial kingdom, a venture into the great unknown future, under the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

A close scrutiny of the sacrificial law of Numbers 29:12-38 will portray to the sincere student that the Feast of Tabernacles actually points to a period of time when sin will no longer hold the people in its grip. It points to a time when a great number of animal sacrifices would be no longer necessary. You will note that the number of bullocks decreases daily until, on the eighth day, only a minimal sacrifice is made. This daily reduction of sacrifice should tell us that we must seek the perfection of character that will please Almighty Yahweh.

How would you like to live in a world which is free from sin? You may, if you qualify. In Revelation 20:1-3 is described the time when Satan will be bound and held captive in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years, or the period known as the Millennium, the kingdom reign of Yahshua Messiah.

### ***A Life of Joy Unspeakable***

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Are you preparing now to reside in this paradise which is promised to the people of Yahweh? If you are not yet doing so, repent and obey the Covenant Law that Almighty Yahweh has set forth in the Sacred Scriptures.

### ***Prophetic Significance of the Feasts***

The study of Bible prophecy is a very absorbing, gripping, and stimulating subject. Most students of the Scriptures are interested in knowing what lies ahead of them so that they may prepare for the eventuality. The Bible with unerring accuracy describes the events which are going to take place on this earth during the last several decades of this age. It is difficult for many people, with only worldly knowledge, to accept the fact that, in the end of this age, a period of upheaval will take place which will pale to insignificance all of the other previous eras of chaos which have occurred through the annals of history. Bible prophecy was meant to allay anxiety, since a foreknowledge of what lies ahead gives us confidence to face the future unafraid.

Let me give you just a brief description of the events which you may expect to see happen over the next several decades. If you have proven that the Bible is true, you will have no problem in accepting these predictions. However, if you are steeped in the pseudo-intellectual theory of evolution, you may simply dismiss these biblical predictions as myths, perhaps the dreams of a demented ancient ascetic. Although you may doubt the Scriptures, the prophecy will nonetheless be fulfilled, because it is the Will of our Father in heaven to establish an era of righteousness.

But, then again, you are fulfilling

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a prophecy yourself! Here is what one Apostle predicted: *“...knowing this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”* You may read this prophecy in 2 Peter 3:3-4.

The entire face of this earth bears the unmistakable evidence of great upheavals which have occurred during various past ages in history. Even today, earthquakes occur which literally change landscapes so that they can hardly be recognized. It is

time that we begin preparing ourselves for the calamities which are going to occur in only a few relatively short years from now. It seems that every aspect of this present worldly system is built upon the assumption that major upheavals are a thing of the past. One of these days, science will wake up with a start as the civilization which we see today crashes in heaps of useless rubble around them. The environment may appear quite placid now, but it has not always been so, nor will it remain forever stable.

This is only one of the terrible catastrophes which will actually happen in the last days at the close of this age. Take into account

what the Apostle John foretells in Revelation 16:17-21, *“And the seventh poured out his bowl on the air; and there came forth a great voice out of the temple, from the throne, saying, It is done: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of Yahweh, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled*

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*away, and the mountains were not found. And great hail, every stone about the weight of a talent, comes down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed Yahweh because of the plague of the hail; for the plague of it is very great."*

Did you notice the leveling effect resulting from this great end-time earthquake? This great upheaval will occur, and, simultaneously, every valley will be exalted and every mountain brought low. This will be the same earthquake that will cause this old earth to reel to and fro like a drunkard, Isaiah 24:20. This earthquake will demolish the worldly Babylonish system of things to which this earth today appears firmly bound. Babylon will topple, according to the scriptural prophecies, and the cities of the nations (which are built in height just as was ancient Babylon) will fall.

An ancient papyrus came to light some years ago which describes the universal upheaval and turmoil throughout Egypt during the period of the Exodus. It is called the Ipuwer Manuscript. It is an indisputable fact that during the era when Israel was released, all Egypt was in disorder and confusion, primarily because natural catastrophes struck the area. This ancient papyrus even describes how the earth quaked so violently that entombed corpses were thrown out of their graves. It reads almost like the passage of Scripture in Isaiah 26:19. ***"Your dead shall live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, you that dwell in the dust; for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast forth the dead."*** It is amazing that this prophecy should be recorded almost verbatim as the ancient papyrus reads: *"Those who were in the place of embalment are laid on the high ground."* Rabbinic tradition tells us that on the night of the Israelites' release from Egypt, the coffin of Joseph was found lying upon the ground, lifted from its grave. But earthquakes are merely one small segment of

destruction found related to the end-time prophecies.

During the next few years, you may expect to see more internal disorders in the nations of this world as people become more rebellious and wicked. The Apostle Paul predicts such deterioration of character in 2 Timothy 3:13, ***"But evil men and imposters shall become worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."*** You may find a similar prophecy in Isaiah 59. The wicked character of latter-day people is predicted hundreds of years before they were even born.

Relative to Bible prophecy, it is absolutely impossible to sidestep the dilemma which we find in the Middle East today. Even though the present policy of the nations of this world is to ignore many provocative incidents, your Bible predicts that a war of momentous consequence to this world will take place in the future between the Arabs and Israel.

This war will proceed to open the way for the final, somber drama in the history of man's lust for power, the gathering of the armies of all nations to the mountains of Israel where they will attempt to annihilate each other after aligning themselves against each other by race and national origin. A major battle will be fought in the Holy Land in the Valley of Jehoshaphat, in which thousands of soldiers will be slain, so that blood will flow down the valley like a river.

The hordes of the eastern nations will force the armies of the West into a very precarious situation where certain destruction would await them, were it not for the Second Coming of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah who will call a halt to this horrible carnage. When He returns, the great earthquake will cut a valley through the present site of the Mount of Olives. The Second Coming of the Messiah will signal the beginning of the Kingdom of the Heavens on earth, a government which will continue for 1,000 years. This Kingdom government will restore this earth to the potential

for which it was originally created.

## ***The Kingdom Portrayed in Feast***

You might wonder what this eschatological discussion has to do with this series of messages on the feasts of Yahweh. It is simply that those people who are preparing themselves now will be granted the opportunity to participate in this new order of the ages which take over the rule of this earth. Yahshua, ruling the Kingdom of the Heavens, will subdue all of the forms of worldly government which now exist and will proceed to establish righteous government throughout the earth.

The Kingdom Age is portrayed each year during the Feast of Tabernacles. The family of Yahweh withdraws from the world for a week, and we live in peace and harmony, as all men will live in the Kingdom. Many of the people in attendance at the festivals tell us that it seems so different when they return to mundane activities. They had forgotten just how degenerate, filthy, and profane this old world has become. After living close to Yahweh for only a week in an atmosphere of love, unity, peace, and purity, it is repulsive to return to a world which lives diametrically opposite.

This present life essentially constitutes the training school for the future Messianic Kingdom. We must learn how to live in that era by becoming familiar with Yahweh's new spiritual life. The Kingdom age will effect deep-rooted changes predicated upon obedience to Yahweh's Covenant Law.

Relative to this annual training period, do you know that this entire earth will be observing the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium? Let us read this prophecy from Zechariah 14:16-19, ***"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and***

***to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoever of all the families of the earth goes not up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt goes not up, and comes not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague with which Yahweh will strike the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.***

This description of the Messianic age to come should spur us to study more deeply into the spiritual significance of Yahweh's feasts. If all mankind is commanded to observe Yahweh's feast days in the renewed earth, the True Worshipers, as the leaders and teachers of the Kingdom, must learn how to observe them now in this age. The punishment for refusal of pagan nations to comply with Yahweh's commanded convocations in His Kingdom Age will be most severe. Yahweh threatens to turn off the water supply, and no food is brought forth from the earth. Eventually, disease epidemics will result from the famine as the people perish from malnutrition and also from lack of cleansing, which the rain naturally accomplishes.

### ***Isaiah's Prophecy***

The prophet Isaiah also predicts the universal keeping of Yahweh's feast days. We read in chapter 66, verse 23, ***“And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh.”*** This prophecy signifies that in the Kingdom a centralized location for worship will be designated. The people of this entire earth shall come to Jerusalem and behold the glory of the Messiah. The weekly Sabbath will be inaugurated as the common day of worship throughout the world. The holy days are designated by the new moons, and they will also

be universally observed. Yahshua has told us to worship Yahweh in spirit and in Truth during this age, rather than on Mount Gerizim or in Jerusalem, and this is precisely how we, today, worship Yahweh on His annual holy days which He has commanded in His Word. (See John 4:22-24.)

### ***Punishment Lies Ahead for Israel***

Numerous prophecies in the Old Testament predict that one day the Israelite nations will suffer severe punishment for their sins at the hands of Almighty Yahweh, our Father in heaven. Prophecies indicate that, after this corrective punishment that is necessary for Israel to change their rebellious attitudes, they will submit themselves to Yahweh's government. They will, then, actually desire to live within the bounds of His Covenant Laws. It may require some firmness and force, initially, as the Messiah assumes His rightful throne to govern this earth in righteousness. It may even necessitate some executions of those among the remaining people of this earth who continue to rebel, but they will eventually fall voluntarily into line and obey Yahweh's Covenant Law. The prophet Hosea predicts, ***“But I am Yahweh your Elohim from the land of Egypt; I will yet again make you to dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast.”*** (Hosea 12:9). Yahweh declares in His Word that His Feast of Tabernacles will be kept in the Kingdom.

Why make it difficult for yourself, perhaps even to miss out on the Kingdom completely? Why not begin now to obey Yahweh and keep His commandments, so that when Yahweh establishes His Kingdom on this earth you may be included?

In the meantime, you'll receive rich blessings and a down payment of the Holy Spirit for your obedience, which will actually aid you in a deeper understanding of Yahweh's plan of salvation. Why not learn

the way of humility and obedience today, because you may not have the opportunity tomorrow?

I would like to leave this parting thought with you: Isaiah, in the 65th chapter of his prophecy, pictures for us an era of wonderful joy in the Kingdom Age. Verses 17-19 tell us, ***“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying.”***

A similar prophecy appears in Revelation 21:3-6. ***“And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Yahweh is with men, and he shall tabernacle with them, and they shall be his peoples, and Yahweh himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, anymore: the first things are passed away. And he that sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he says, Write: for these words are faithful and true. And he said to me, They have come to pass. I am the Aleph and the Tau, the beginning and the end. I will give to him that is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely.”*** (Revelation 21:3-6).

Such an era, as the Kingdom Age, will provide great joy for all who qualify to participate. But we may already experience this joy when we gather to worship apart from the world Yahweh's annual feast days. Have you ever experienced such blessings? If not, begin to keep the feast days with the Assemblies of Yahweh. SNB

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# Seventh Month



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This issue of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** will concentrate upon teaching and explaining the feast days of the seventh scriptural month. It is the hope of the editor that you will carefully read and study the articles in this issue.

The Holy days, commanded by Almighty Yahweh and explained for us in a coordinated list recorded in Leviticus chapter 23, holds a deep significance for us spiritually.

Regrettably, the Christian religions would know very little about the holy days of Yahweh. Such an ignorance stems from the erroneous doctrine that the laws codified in the Old Testament have been annulled when the Messiah died. Consequently, the holy days of the seventh scriptural month (falling during the Roman months of September-October) are not generally observed by nominal Christianity. The loss of scriptural knowledge

this group sustains through rejecting this vital element of Yahweh's Law has led Christianity to develop additional false doctrines that remove them even further from sound Truth.

Many people are quite surprised when they first learn various facts that are readily available to prove that even our forefathers knew and accepted greater scriptural Truth than do the people of our time. For example, some scriptural aspects of the fall scriptural holy days are remembered by some churches in the harvest home services.

Even the common calendar that we use bears evidence that it was originally based upon the correct biblical pattern. Let us demonstrate this assertion for you. Why has the month of September (from the Latin or Roman term, *Septem*, which means *seven*) become the ninth month of our current calendar? The numbers follow sequentially thereaf-

ter in the name October (Latin, *Octo*, *eight*), November (Latin, *Novem*, *nine*), and December (Latin, *Decem*, *ten*). But on our common calendars we find these months to be October (number 10 instead of the correct 8), November (11 rather than the correct 9), and December (12 instead of, as it should be, 10).

The Pilgrim fathers observed the first American Thanksgiving in early October rather than in late November, as our current national custom has been developed. That at least one of their leaders was a student of the Hebrew language can be seen from reproductions of his Bible study materials in the Old Testament original language, in the book, **History of Plymouth Plantation**.

The point we are trying to establish is simply stated as follows: These facts should not be noted as merely of some interest and then

forgotten. They should motivate the reader to obey the commandments of the Sacred Scriptures. Too frequently, biblical facts, such as the veracity of the sacred Name doctrine, the observance of the correct weekly Sabbath on the seventh day, the holy days of Leviticus 23, and the dietary laws, among the other commandments of Yahweh, are occasionally referred to in modern religion, but their strict obedience is not taught.

Here is the salient point which makes the Assemblies of Yahweh different! The Covenant Law Yahweh made with Israel, as codified in the Torah, is plainly taught by the Assemblies of Yahweh. Furthermore, the members try to live faithfully by the terms of Yahweh's Covenant, because we learn in the Sacred Scriptures that disobedience to His law is defined as sin. The wages of sin brings death in the lake of fire for all eternity to the errant one.

In the Sacred Scriptures, numerous passages characterize the Body of True Worshipers as a peculiar people. We are not to assume that the people with whom our Heavenly Father is dealing are some kind of weird hermits. The people of Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, and of Yahshua our Messiah, are peculiar in the sense that they are zealous of good works. This means that they keep all the commandments of the Covenant which Almighty Yahweh has legislated in the Old Testament Scriptures. This Covenant Law-keeping includes observing His holy days.

We read in Titus 2:11-15: ***“For the grace of Yahweh has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying lawlessness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and holy***

***in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great Elohim and our Savior Yahshua the Messiah; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.***

***The Covenant Law Yahweh made with Israel, as codified in the Torah, is plainly taught by the Assemblies of Yahweh. Furthermore, the members try to live faithfully by the terms of Yahweh's Covenant, because we learn in the Sacred Scriptures that disobedience to His law is defined as sin.***

***These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise you.”***

The Apostle Paul demands that the faithful ministers of the Messiah preach obedience to the commandments of our Heavenly Father so that we may be purchased by the blood of our Savior, who has redeemed us from iniquity (the Greek term here means *lawlessness*). In Deuteronomy 26:18-19 we are told, ***“...and Yahweh has declared you today to be a people for his own possession, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments; and to make you high above all nations that he has made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that you may be a holy people to Yahweh your Elohim, as he has spoken.”***

Again, we must note that it is the keeping of Yahweh's commandments that makes us holy and righteous. Obedience will cause us to receive

the blessing from Almighty Yahweh, the Heavenly Father. This people of Yahweh will be zealous (very eager) to serve Him and keep His commandments.

Many times we hear Galatians 3:29 quoted as evidence that the Law of Yahweh, as stated in the Old Testament, has been annulled when the Savior died on the tree of Calvary. We read there, ***“And if you are the Messiah's, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.”*** Most people try to make this verse say that because Abraham kept the commandments—and then, our Savior also kept the commandments—we are no longer required to obey the Law in this era of grace. These righteous men kept the commandments for us, it is asserted. This is an erroneous conclusion, however. If we have faith, as did Abraham, and live as he did, we also will inherit the promises which Almighty

Yahweh conferred upon him. This is the meaning of the third chapter of Galatians and also Jacob chapter 2, which sets forth similar arguments. If we are the Messiah's, then we are the seed of Abraham, so unique that our Heavenly Father would just pour out upon this generation the ancient patriarchal blessings of material and spiritual riches.

### ***Abraham Obeyed Yahweh's Law***

We must go back to Genesis 26:5 to understand why the descendants of Abraham (spiritually and physically) will keep Yahweh's commandments. In this passage, Yahweh tells Isaac, while renewing the Covenant with him, that the blessings were because of his father Abraham's obedience. The reason that Almighty Yahweh had blessed Abraham so richly was that: ***“...because Abraham obeyed my***

**voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”**

Yahweh had presented His Covenant code of laws to Abraham, just as He did later at Sinai to his descendants, the nation of Israel. Abraham had humbly accepted his part of the obligation as he entered into this Covenant relationship with Yahweh. He had promised to obey all of Yahweh’s commandments, His statutes, and Laws, which were his obligation and duty, the meaning of the Hebrew word for *charge*.

Relative to this thought, we find that Abraham observed the annual holy days of Yahweh. We read that Yahweh promised that Isaac would be born at a set time, in Genesis 17:21 and 18:14. The Hebrew word translated *set time* and *appointed time*, which we find in these two verses, is *moed*. This word is used for the sacred appointments or feasts of Yahweh in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Let us not forget that this Covenant relationship between the Almighty and Abraham heavily involves the Covenant Name of Yahweh. See Genesis 12 and 15. We may also conclude that the Bible indicates that the feasts of Yahweh were observed by Cain and Abel, the first two children born on this earth after the creation. Cain’s offering was rejected, because he only brought the fruits of the earth, while Abel’s sacrifice was accepted, because he offered a blood offering as his sacrifice, from what we note could have represented the best of the lambs of his flock as a Passover sacrifice.

### **Who Authorized a Change of Feasts?**

At the conclusion of this series on the feasts of Yahweh of the seventh month, we wish to review some of the highlights. The world has, for hundreds of years, assumed that they were worshiping Yahweh, the True Almighty Father in the heaven, when, in fact, they were not obedient to Him. The world offers their

worship on Sunday each week, observing Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving Day, etc., which are not scripturally commanded holy days. Yahweh must be worshiped through obedience, by keeping His Torah commandments. When we speak about the feasts of Yahweh, most people do not readily understand this scriptural teaching, never having been taught about them. Yet, these holy days are found listed in such Old Testament passages as Leviticus 23 and Deuteronomy 16, among other places.

We also find that the Apostles worshiped on these commanded holy days throughout the book of Acts. Inasmuch as the Messiah was an obedient Son, we find that Yahshua our Savior, while on this earth, also observed these holy days, as He obeyed all the commandments of Yahweh, our Heavenly Father.

Why not check for yourself and determine that I am correct? You may find references to Yahshua keeping Yahweh’s feast day in John chapters 2 and 7, among other places. Yahshua the Messiah was impaled on the Passover day, and, yet, the significance of this fact has escaped so many of the religious denominations of this modern day and age. He said, “... ***With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer....***” (Luke 22:15). But how many Christians keep the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

The Apostle Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, “***Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. FOR OUR PASSOVER ALSO HAS BEEN SACRIFICED, EVEN THE MESSIAH: THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.***” Now, we can clearly see that this statement is indeed a commandment in the New

Testament to observe this holy day. It was written by the very Apostle that the Christians believe did away with the Law.

We also find that there is a commandment to observe the scriptural Sabbath in the New Testament. This passage is found in Hebrews 4:9, “***There remains therefore a sabbath rest for the people of Yahweh.***” (King James Version.) The literal Greek translation reads, “*There remaineth therefore the keeping of the Sabbath to the people of Yahweh.*” Again, we perceive a commandment which would convict people—should they find it in their Bibles. But it was carefully hidden by the translators. The Greek word *Sabatismos*, which has been translated *rest* in the King James Version, actually means *to keep the Sabbath*. However, as you know, the King James translators were Sunday-keepers, and were not about to publish a translation that demanded a return to obedience to Yahweh’s Commandments. The Puritans were already causing enough dissension in England, and the established denomination was not about to give them any more ammunition in their conflict with the recognized religion of that time.

As we pointed out so frequently during these studies on Yahweh’s feast days, all of the New Testament passages, which are used to teach that the feast days are done away in this New Testament era of grace, will actually be in harmony with the commandments of the Old Testament when they are read in their context.

Have you ever noticed how frequently ministers, when they are preaching, will take a part of a verse, or perhaps just merely a word, and build a 20-minute sermon around it? By doing so, they often disregard the intent of the context. One can read literature distributed by different denominations explaining various scriptural doctrines, and, seemingly, without exception, they have taken verses and phrases out of context and often make them say

something diametrically opposite to what was intended by the writer of the Scriptures. We need not doubt the sincerity of the authors, because they are merely repeating the statements which their particular church has taught them, but the writers are sincerely wrong.

However, this is one of the reasons why the Assemblies of Yahweh is different and peculiar. We stand on nothing for our doctrine but the original sacred Scriptures (as closely as we can return to the original autographs). The entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments, teaches only doctrines consistently from Genesis to Revelation, and it needs no human interpretation or explanation. The Bible is its own best interpreter, and it will convey sound doctrine if harmonized from Genesis to Revelation.

### ***Return to Pure Worship***

When we learn about the annual holy days, which were commanded in the Bible by our Father in heaven, we can see that the world has made a wrong turn somewhere, since we find very few people observing these holy days. The world today is observing holidays which were originated by the false Messiah, Nimrod, and his wife, mother Semiramis, who established them in ancient Babylon. That Babylonish theology formed the basis for the worship of the false mighty one Baal and the other mighty ones of mythology.

It is no accident that the same holidays and the customs attached to them, which are observed by our modern world, appear identical in almost every respect with the holidays which were observed in ancient Babylon and Assyria. Our religion—blueprinted for us in the Sacred Scriptures—did NOT “evolve upward” to what we have today, but, rather, pure doctrine and true religion has been defiled and has degenerated. This false Babylonish religion has held sway over the people of this earth for all

these many centuries.

In these last days, we must search the scriptures and learn the doctrines that are pleasing to our Heavenly Father. We must eliminate from our lives whatever is displeasing to Yahweh so that we may do His Will and receive the crown of life in the Messianic Kingdom, which is soon to appear to take over the

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In Isaiah 66:1-2 our Father in heaven declares: ***“In this manner says Yahweh, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will you build to me? And what place shall be my rest? For all these things has my hand made, and so all these things came to***

***be, says Yahweh: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembles at my word.”***

### ***Conclusion***

For centuries, people have taken the Word of Yahweh too lightly. They have lived by a double standard. The average person who has read the Bible has not allowed it to speak with full authority, nor allowed it to change his life. Traditions have been elevated above plain spoken commandments of the Scriptures. In our day, we must change our character to keep the commandments of our Heavenly Father. We must repent of the sin in our past lives wherein we were disobedient to His commandments. Our course through life must be reversed. We must develop a broken and humble spirit. The repentant believer is no longer haughty and arrogant. He will care anxiously to obey the Word of Yahweh! We must tremble at the presence of the Most High much more than we would before a ruler of this world. We must fear to disobey Him in any way, because from Him alone we will receive eternal life, which we cannot afford to lose.

Perhaps it is time to sharply shake people out of their complacency. People of the world, you are observing the wrong holidays! The worldly holidays—Christmas, New Year (January 1), Easter, and the U.S. national Thanksgiving—are not commanded in the Bible. Yahweh has commanded us to keep His holy days and His servants obey them. Why not repent and turn to paths of obedience—to Yahweh and His commandments today?

What will be your personal decision? When confronted with this sound teaching, will you spurn this Truth, or will you agree to obey it and confirm your personal Covenant with Yahweh?

Don't make the wrong choice! Follow the Sacred Scriptures to the Assemblies of Yahweh. You'll never regret your decision!

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# Q.

***Can you give us an explanation of the meaning of the Last Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles?  
What is it a shadow of?  
What does it picture yet in the future?***

# A.

It is encouraging to note that you have learned the true meaning of Colossians 2:17. Most people in denominational Christianity interpret this verse to mean that the feast days were done away with after the death of the Messiah, but a careful reading of the context of Colossians 2 will show that the keeping of the Sabbath and the feast days are, in fact, strengthened in the Messianic Assembly. They *are* (the verb is present tense) *still shadows of things to come*, and this is readily recognizable, because the book of Colossians was written over 30 years after the death of the Messiah. Paul informs us that they were still shadows then, in his time, and they continue to foreshadow things to come in the prophetic plan of salvation in our time.

The Feast of Tabernacles is an observance of seven days, Leviticus 23:34-36. In addition to the seven-day Feast, we find that an eighth day is added to the observance, verse 39. This eighth day is actually a separate observance from the Feast of Tabernacles with a different meaning. This observance is called the Last Great Day, John 7:37-39. Yahshua the Messiah kept the feast days, and He did so in the same manner that the True Worshipers observe them today. There is no mention of Yahshua ever offering a single sacrifice in the Temple, although He always attended the feast days in their designated loca-

tion. Yahshua taught the people the Word of Yahweh when He attended the convocations. In this teaching endeavor, we can see that Yahshua the Messiah gave us the proper perspective of the keeping of the feast days. The people of Yahweh, today, observe the holy days, but with the new meaning. The Jews had turned the feasts into ceremonial rituals of sacrificing animals rather than the worship of Yahweh, as He intended them to be.

The Last Great Day was no exception. This observance in the Temple era was characterized by the ceremonial water ritual. While the daily sacrifice was being prepared, one of the priests, accompanied by a multitude of people, would go to the pool of Siloam and fill a golden pitcher with water. This water would be brought into the Temple and poured out at the base of the altar, along with the daily drink offering. The context of John 7 leads us to believe that, immediately after this ceremony had ended, during a lull in the ritual proceedings, Yahshua the Messiah lifted up His voice in the exhortation found in John 7:37-38. He was taking this action to point the people toward the true meaning of their ceremonial practices, although such a water ceremony is not enjoined in the Scriptures. The people of Yahshua's time had added to the Law and emphasized a physical ceremony, when they should have understood the meaning of the shadow of things to come portrayed in the feast days. History

informs us that the Sadducees were very much opposed to observing this ritual, because it was derived from an oral tradition, and this may be the reason why Yahshua cried out His inspired message.

Water is a symbol of life, Revelation 21:6; 22:1, 17. Life is in the Spirit of Yahweh, John 6:63. The reason why water is a symbol of the Spirit of Yahweh is that the Holy Spirit is described as being "poured out" as water would be poured out (Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17-18). Now you should be able to see more clearly what Yahshua the Messiah meant when he said, ***"...from within him shall flow rivers of living water."*** (John 7:38). John clarified this symbol for us when he said, in verse 39, ***"But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Yahshua was not yet glorified."*** The Holy Spirit living within the heart of the people of Yahweh will give them everlasting life, power to live forever. If we continue in our determination to be obedient to every Word of Yahweh, Yahweh gives His Spirit to those who obey Him, Acts 5:32.

When we scrutinize the sacrifices that were offered during the Feast of Tabernacles, we may find a marvelous, inspiring lesson that will truly "bring us to the Messiah." Please read Numbers 29:12-34. You will notice that the sacrifices include 13 young bullocks. Thirteen is the scriptural number of rebellion. The

14 lambs that are sacrificed are a perfect number and, along with the two rams offered, adding up to 16 sheep, means that perfection will produce regeneration. The mind of mortal man is naturally rebellious, but before him is the goal of perfection that the Bible holds up as a model. The flour or meal offering for each one of the sacrificial animals of maturity—bulls and rams—adds up to five, the number of grace. Now notice, each succeeding day the bull sacrifice is reduced, until, on the seventh day of the feast, the sacrifice is seven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs, one goat, all adding up to twenty-four, the number of good government. Isn't this the lesson of the Millennium, the lesson that is depicted by the Day of Yahweh when His government will rule supreme in the earth under His Messiah (anointed King)? From a rebellious mankind that has sinned against the Heavenly Father, the Messiah will bring forth the perfect harvest on the earth that is produced by the Holy Spirit when perfection is reached through Yahweh's good government, the person voluntarily allowing the commandments of Yahweh to rule

34:22. This festival is still a shadow of things to come, pointing toward the reign of Messiah on this earth. The Last Great Day depicts life into the countless ages of eternity. Your Bible concerns itself almost exclusively with a seven thousand-year period of time, known as the age of man. It says little about what transpired previously and what will take place after Yahshua the Messiah, the righteous judge, will have put down all rule and all authority and power. The last enemy that He will destroy is death, 1 Corinthians 15:24-28. Death is the penalty for sin, Romans 6:23. Consequently, it is easy now to see the reason for the system of sacrifices and what they meant. Paul understood them, and you can understand them by the Holy Spirit today in our time as we near the completion of the plan of salvation. Those sacrifices should point us toward the Messiah and His perfect sacrifice for us. Without Him, we cannot receive the Holy Spirit, since we must have a sacrifice for our sins.

When Yahshua the Messiah has finally delivered back the Kingdom to Yahweh after having established

disintegration of the universe. The people of Yahweh are being tried now so that they will never rebel against Him when they are finally given immortality in a spiritual body at the Second Coming of the Messiah.

The eighth day, the new beginning standing alone at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles, means that this will be a time of regeneration. The earth will be made new and Eden restored. There will be no more sin to tear down what is constructed, Isaiah 65:22-23. The family of Yahweh will be able to build a society that will last forever. Think of it, beloved reader, how wonderful it will be! The details of what will transpire then are left vague by the inspired Word, mainly for two reasons. Those who are not living by faith in anticipation of the Kingdom need not know what will take place, because they will have no part in it. If they are unfaithful in what has already been written, they would not be any more faithful if they knew the whole story. Furthermore, Yahweh's family of True Worshipers need not know any of the precise details because they



## *The Last Great Day depicts life into the countless ages of eternity.*



in their lives. Then this world will finally accept Yahweh as Elohim (the Strong Ones or Mighty Ones, powerful enough to impose Their Will on the human family). Now notice what takes place on the Last Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the eighth day, Numbers 29:35-38. Here we find specified only a minimal offering—10 animals in all—signifying ordinal perfection. The human family has then reached the spiritual level where only a very small offering is required.

In studying the feasts of Yahweh, we arrive at the conclusion that the Feast of Tabernacles is the harvest festival depicting the blessings of the Millennium, the 1,000-year reign of Messiah on this earth, Exodus

the government of Yahweh on this earth, then all death and suffering will have ended. People will have learned how to live and why the Law of Yahweh is righteous. The human family will have learned the true meaning of the suffering and death of Yahshua the Messiah on the tree of Calvary, as Almighty Yahweh gave His Son to shed His blood for our redemption. All people on this earth will then be totally submissive to Yahweh, and no more rebellion will ever occur. All rebellious people will have been eliminated when this earth is renewed. It can never again fall into chaos as it did when the rebellious spirit, Satan, inaugurated his insurrection against the Most High, a mutiny that caused the

have developed a trust in Him that He will give them only good things.

No one knows what will take place then (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)! We may even be commissioned to populate the entire solar system with obedient people who will be worshipers of Yahweh. Just remember, the Spirit of Yahweh living with a person will cause him to be obedient to the Will of Yahweh, keeping His commandments, statutes, and judgments. This will cause that person to be abundantly fruitful. The Holy Spirit is defined as the life, mind, character, and attitude of Yahweh, which comes to us only when we have His words abiding within us, 1 John 3:24.

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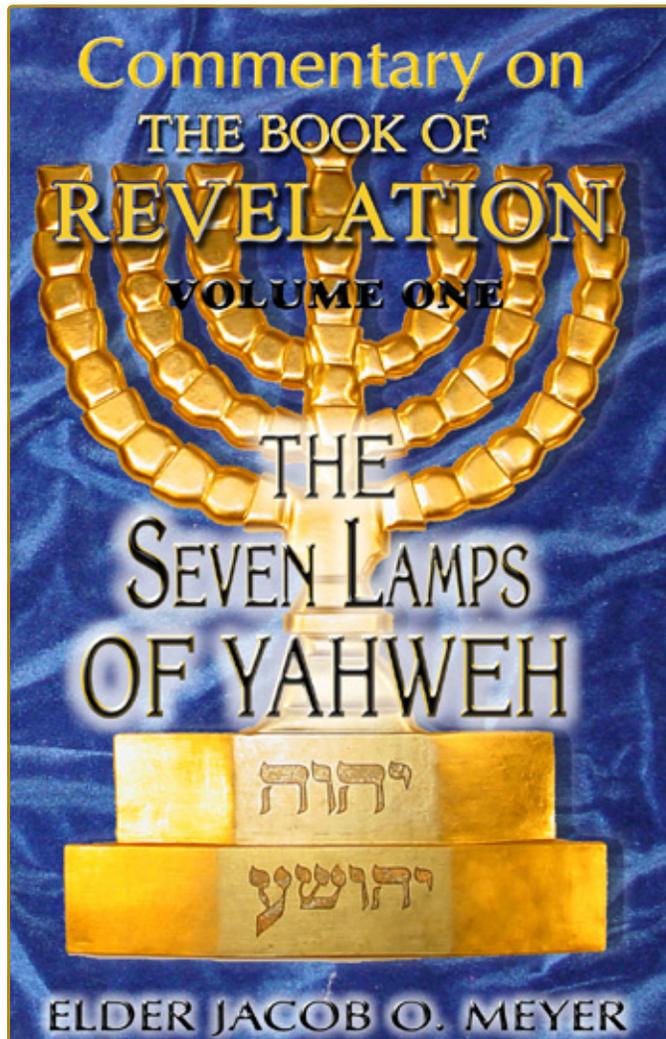
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