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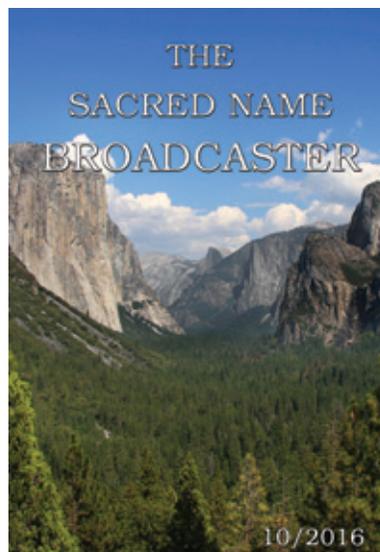
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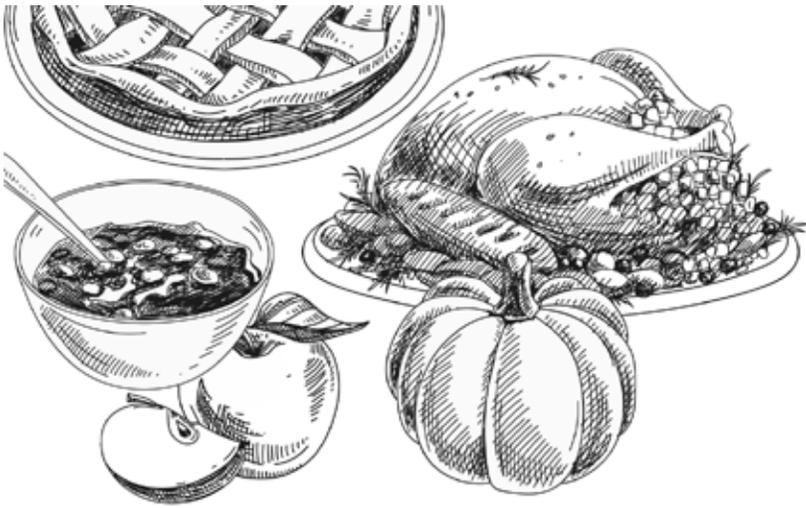
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## Our Cover:

***"The high mountains are for the wild goats; The rocks are a refuge for the conies." (Psalm 104:18).***

*The cover for this month shows the majestic mountains of Yahweh's creation. Though many today deny the creation, Yahweh's Word clearly stated that He is our Creator. Countless biblical passages testify to our Maker. "Woe to them that hide deep their counsel from Yahweh, and whose works are in the dark, and that say, Who sees us? And who knows us? You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be esteemed as clay; that the thing made should say of him that made it, he made me not; or the thing formed say of him that formed it, He has no understanding?" (Isaiah 29:15-16).*



Which

# Thanksgiving

## Yahweh's or Man's?

by *Elder Jacob O. Meyer*



People seldom question the lifestyle into which they were born and raised. This becomes especially true with regard to the holidays that the world observes. Most people consider the American Thanksgiving Day observance to be merely a joyful family occasion. Since many religious organizations conduct a service of some kind on that day, religious people may tend to believe that its observance can be supported from the Sacred Scriptures. Few people ever question whether it is genuine.

However, the true Bible student will be sincerely interested to learn the facts regarding the observance of every worldly holiday, so that he can regulate his life to be in harmony and obedience to Yahweh's commandments.

When the time approaches for the national American Thanksgiving Day, people tend to discuss it frequently; consequently, when the author remarks in conversation that he has already observed Thanksgiving, people tend to express some surprise. "How can this be?" they wonder. "Are there two Thanksgiving Days?"

Obviously, those who know the Bible recognize that Almighty Yahweh has legislated the observance of His Feast of Tabernacles. Yahweh commands in Leviticus 23:33-44

that a festival of seven days, with an additional eighth day called the Last Great Day of the Feast, should be set aside to thank and praise Him for His abundant blessings. Almighty Yahweh has sanctified that time period for worship. Mankind cannot arbitrarily change Yahweh's commandments.

Few people in the world understand very much about the observance of the biblical holy days of Leviticus 23. They will observe worldly holidays unquestioningly, rather than the sanctified holy days Almighty Yahweh has specified in His holy Word for worship. Such a paradox is quite shocking!

Why not observe the sacred seasons that Almighty Yahweh has legislated in His Word, the inspired Scriptures? Why observe any holidays for which there is absolutely no biblical support?

Significantly, it appears as though the Canadians are living closer to the Scriptures than are the Americans, since the Thanksgiving Day of Canada is generally observed around the beginning of October, a date frequently corresponding to the scriptural Feast of Tabernacles.

### ***The First American Thanksgiving***

Few people realize that the first American Thanksgiving observed by the Pilgrims was not held near the end of November. When the Pilgrim fathers set foot on the soil of the new world in 1620, they found a difficult prospect to establish themselves. That first winter, more than half of their number perished. Only six or seven of the Pilgrim men were not sick at the same time. Enemies could easily have destroyed the entire colony.

In the spring, friendly native Indians, named Samoset, Squanto, and the great Chief Massasoit, assisted the Pilgrims to establish themselves in this new land. They taught them how to plant some of their native corn. A sumptuous harvest was reaped, sufficient to maintain them for their second winter.

## ***Why not observe the sacred seasons that Almighty Yahweh has legislated in His Word, the inspired Scriptures? Why observe any holidays for which there is absolutely no biblical support?***

To give thanks to the providence of heaven, Governor William Bradford sent out a number of the colonists to shoot game so that a thanksgiving observance could be held. When the native Indians heard about this thanksgiving feast, they brought deer and popcorn and heartily joined in the festivities. Over a period of several days, the assembled throng feasted. Some historians believe that this observance emulated the harvest home festival observed in England, but others, who are more committed students of the Bible, believe that it evidently reflected the Truth of the Sacred Scriptures, an observance of the Feast of Tabernacles, which the original Pilgrims strongly supported.

Few people realize that the first Thanksgiving was not held near the end of November as it is today. Although little school children draw pictures of Pilgrims at the national Thanksgiving time (which today is always held on the fourth Thursday of November), reference works such as the **Encyclopedia Britannica** and the **World Book Encyclopedia** explain that the original thanksgiving observance at Plymouth, Massachusetts, was

observed October 3–6, 1621. It is evident that it was observed soon after the harvest had been stored away. Although no record of a religious service appears, history could be incomplete and worship services to thank the Almighty One in heaven for His blessings may have been conducted.

Governor Bradford remarked that the first thanksgiving feast was prepared to include *“as much fowle as with a little helpe beside, serve the company almost a weeke”* (sic).

Over a period of about 50 years, 20 additional thanksgiving festivals were observed in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1789, the Congress of the United States recommended that a universal Thanksgiving Day be designated. President George Washington appointed Thursday, November 26, as the national American Thanksgiving Day. However, various states subsequently began observing different days until, just prior to the Civil War, it seemed that each state observed its Thanksgiving Day on a different day, but all of these seemed to fall in November.

Some historians assert that Thanksgiving Day appears to be a Puritan (Pilgrim) substitute for Chr-stmas. They believe that the Puritans abolished Chr-stmas as a hateful relic of popery, and they established Thanksgiving Day as a Puritan festival to replace it.

*“The distaste for Chr-stmas among the Puritans may very possibly have helped to establish Thanksgiving as a national festival. There are even today certain people who regard Chr-stmas as a strictly heathen holiday. But, we can be absolutely certain that Thanksgiving had its true inception in 1621 when 55 grateful men and women surrounded by 90 painted Indians gave thanks for the corn and the fowl upon which they feasted.”* (Lillian Eichler, **The Customs of Mankind**, Doubleday, Page, and Company: Garden City, New York, 1924.)

The current establishment of Thanksgiving Day dates from the

year 1863. Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, editor of **Ladies' Magazine**, wrote to President Abraham Lincoln suggesting the designation of a day of thanksgiving for the entire nation. On October 3, 1863, he issued the first national Thanksgiving proclamation setting the last Thursday of November as the date. Each succeeding President has repeated this proclamation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 moved the Thanksgiving Day celebration forward to the third Thursday of November to assist merchants during the Great Depression by extending the Christmas shopping season. (Traditionally, the Christmas shopping season begins the day after Thanksgiving Day, called "Black Friday," because the large amount of sales usually moves businesses from the red (deficit) side of the ledger to the black (positive) side.)

A joint Congressional resolution approved by President Roosevelt on December 26, 1941, fixed a permanent date for Thanksgiving Day as the fourth Thursday of November.

### ***Biblical References Offer Evidence***

While Almighty Yahweh has legislated in His Word that His people faithfully observe the Feast of Tabernacles in the seventh scriptural month, mankind cannot arbitrarily change such a directive.

The Feast of Tabernacles was observed by ancient Israel from the time Yahweh gave His Law on Sinai at the exodus until the division of the tribes following the reign of Solomon. Then, the 10 northern tribes, known as the House of Israel, rebelled against the dynasty of David and seceded from the two southern tribes, known as the house of Judah.

Fearing that Israel would be persuaded to return to the Davidic monarchy if they were to fall under the influence of the Aaronic priesthood serving at the Temple in Jerusalem, Jeroboam, king of the 10 northern tribes, established shrines where his people could worship. The two major shrines, one at Bethel



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(about 15 miles north of Jerusalem), the other at Dan (near the northern border with Lebanon), became the dominant places of worship where Jeroboam set up two golden calves.

In the scriptural account we read, ***“And Jeroboam said in his heart, now will the kingdom return to the house of David: if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, then will the heart of this people turn again to their sovereign, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. And the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your elohim, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other he put in Dan. And this thing became a sin; for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan. And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, that were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on***

***the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; so he did in Beth-el, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. And he went up to the altar which he had made in Beth-el ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY IN THE EIGHTH MONTH, even in the month which HE HAD DEvised OF HIS OWN HEART: and HE ORDAINED A FEAST for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.”*** (1 Kings 12:26–33).

Jeroboam apparently acted just like other monarchs of ancient Middle Eastern nations, believing that a unified national religion (religious syncretism) would unite his nation.

The Israelites were instructed to go to Jerusalem to worship during the three pilgrim feasts. Each fall, at Tabernacles time, the Israelites would make their journey from the north to Jerusalem. Jeroboam intended to intercept them on

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# Letters to Bethel



## Michigan, USA

*Hello and greetings from Michigan.*

Just thought I'd give you a signal report in exchange for a QSL card.

Radio: Grundig Eton Micro Satellit 750

Date & Time: 9-28-2016 at 4:13pm

Frequency: 9270 khz shortwave wide and not shortwave narrow.

Report: I heard you **LOUD AND CLEAR** with no problem at all. I was using the standard (stock) antenna that came with the radio which is a telescopic whip antenna. My radio can only read a max of 60dbi, and I received your signal at 60dbi. Congrats on your broadcast efforts.



**Signal from Sophia, Bulgaria**



**Signal from Shimane, Japan**



**Signal from Martinique**



**Signal from Legionowo, Central Poland**



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## **Halmstead, Sweden**

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## **Thessaloniki, Greece**

9275, WMLK  
Talks about a religious program.

## **Alba, Italy**

I have pleasure in sending you the following reception report on a transmission of your station on October 3, 2016. I should be very grateful to receive your QSL card and station pennant. Thank you in advance.

## **Potsdam, Germany**

*Many greetings from Potsdam!*  
Please confirm my report with a QSL card with transmitter site. Many thanks for your efforts.

## **Kiev, Ukraine**

*I have known about this station for many years, but today I have received it for the first time!*  
The signal was good—very strong here.

## **Blenheim, New Zealand**

*Hello from New Zealand.*  
I am pleased to report reception of WMLK operating in English on 9275 khz from 1955utc to 2028utc on September 28th, 2016.  
Reception details.  
Signal strength = Good

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# THE *Breastplate* OF JUDGMENT AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

This article is Part 10 of a series of sermons preached by Elder Jacob O. Meyer in the Bethel Assembly.

*"I will sing of lovingkindness and justice: to you, O Yahweh, will I sing praises. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way: Oh when will you come to me? I*

*will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no base thing before my eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall depart from me: I will know no evil thing. Whoever privately slanders his neighbor*

*will I destroy: Him that has a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer. My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walks in a perfect way, he shall minister to me. He that works deceit shall not dwell within my*

**house: he that speaks falsehood shall not be established before my eyes. Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land; to cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of Yahweh.”** (Psalm 101).

If you look at **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**, on the altar table at the front of the auditorium, you will find that this Bible is opened perpetually to Psalm 101.

How many times, during a week spent in our mundane toil, do we consider that the constant endeavor of our lives should be to strive to perfect our lives? Let us notice again verse 2, **“I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way: Oh when will you come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.”** The term *perfect* here is *tamim*, #8549 in the Hebrew dictionary of **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**.

Notice the reference in this psalm of David to his own “house.” We shall certainly walk in a perfect way, not only in our personal private residence, but more so within Yahweh’s house of True Worship. Nevertheless, how do we conduct ourselves when we are alone in our own domicile?

Yahweh is our King. In this psalm of David, we are reminded that He is the legitimate King over Israel. Conversely, in our own home, we are the rulers. We should be in control of all the activities in our home to ensure that everything is done in harmony with Yahweh’s Word. Essentially, only truly converted individuals can fulfill this ideal.

Drop down to verse 6, **“My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walks in a perfect way, he shall minister to me. He that works deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that speaks falsehood shall not be established before my eyes.”** (Psalm 101:6-7).

How tolerant are we of conduct

that would obviously be contrary to the Word of Yahweh? Are we friends with this sinful world when we imagine that no one sees us? This is a tremendous psalm, but

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let us remember that it can also serve as a prophecy for Yahweh’s house—and especially Bethel (the house of Elohim).

The completed artifact that we have put together can now be viewed in the ark at the front of the tabernacle and includes the two stones to represent Urim and Thummim. These two stones, known by the terms the Urim and Thummim, were not usually visible, since they were placed in the pouch created by the colorful backing to which the breastplate setting of the stones was attached. Perhaps this is how Yahweh intended that it should be.

Especially at each season of Passover, we should recognize that we, personally, are yet spiritually incomplete. The Urim and Thummim stones that we placed in the pouch represent lights and perfections (which is the definition of the terms). They represent Yahweh’s FINALITY OF JUDGMENT. Especially at the Passover season each year, we must judge ourselves that we should not be judged (1 Corinthians 11:31).

I want to remind us that the term *Urim* means *lights* and, as such, it signifies Yahweh’s Torah, the Law of the Most High, the book containing His commandments, statutes, and judgments. The term *Thummim* represented *perfections*, the result of applying the Torah (Law) of Yahweh

to our daily lives, and, therefore, it should represent converted conduct. The lights represent Yahweh’s Torah searching out our innermost dedication, our level of sincerity, whereas Thummim represents how we continually react to Yahweh’s Torah. In other words, the two stones represent spirituality, a standard of judgment, and of our conduct that should amount to or yield spiritual perfection.

We are commanded in the Sacred Scriptures to strive for perfection. As we pointed out in last month’s segment, the Aleph and the Tau clearly refer to Yahshua the Messiah as the righteous Judge. The word *Urim* begins with the Aleph (the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet) and the word *Thummim* begins with the Tau (the last letter in the Hebrew alphabet). In Revelation 1:8, when Yahshua says, **“I am the Aleph and the Tau** [the Hebrew text would read thus rather than the Greek alpha-omega],” the term represents Yahshua. In Revelation 22:13, we also find the statement, **“I am the Aleph and the Tau....”** In the Greek text, it reads *“Alpha and Omega,”* but the Aramaic text (and the Hebrew text, by extension) reads **“...the Aleph and the Tau.”**

Turn to Revelation 2:8, where we read: **“And to the angel of the assembly in Smyrna write: These things says the first and the last, who was dead, and lived again....”** The *aleph* is the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet, and the *tau* is the last letter. When I comprehended this truth, a thrill ran down my spine, because Yahshua was dead and lived again. However, what about all His people? We were dead to sin but allowed to live again by the righteous Judge who justified us—who shed His blood to atone for our sins—giving us another opportunity to be like Him, even to live a life forever more (eternal life).

Yahshua the Messiah has been assigned the position of serving as the righteous judge; however, He



is also our High Priest. Conferred upon Him is the title *Mashiyach*, meaning *the anointed King of Yahweh*. 1 Peter 2:21-22 tells us that Yahshua the Messiah left us an example that we should walk in His steps. He gave us this excellent example, but the average individual thrusts the concept aside, and, with all kinds of devious verbiage, attempts to prove that they can do as they please, erroneously believing that the Law of Yahweh has been annulled.

Peter says, ***“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). He did not speak deceit, but He spoke righteously. His example that we are to follow demands that we live sin free as He did.

Turn to Hebrews 4:14: ***“Having then a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Yahshua the Son of Yahweh, let us hold fast our confession.”*** Yahshua is given the position of the great High Priest. He is the Melchizedek priest of which we read in Psalm 110. He represents His Father—Yahweh Elohim—as a righteous Son.

***“For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the***

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as interpreted by the  
Assemblies of Yahweh,  
on display in the  
tabernacle at Bethel as  
Elder Jacob O. Meyer (OBM)  
prepares to uplift the Torah  
scroll on the sabbath.**

***feeling of our infirmities; but one that has in all points been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*** (Hebrews 4:15). We could go to Matthew chapter 4 and Luke chapter 4 and discover how these three temptations Yahshua endured would comprise a standard type for any temptation that we today might have to sustain or to endure. Yahshua

endured every kind of temptation we might have to endure, but remained sin free through obedience; now then, let us hold fast our confession of faith:

We believe that Yahshua the Messiah is the Son of Yahweh and that, by His death, we have been freed from our sins; consequently, we intend to live righteously, so that we may be included in the soon-coming Kingdom of Yahweh.

The book of Hebrews is not a signed epistle. The author of the autograph of the book of Hebrews (whoever he was—whether Luke, Barnabas, or Paul) writes in verse 16 of Hebrews chapter 4, ***“Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need.”*** Almighty Yahweh has promised His human family that, if we remain faithful to His way of life, He will bless us. He may allow us to be tested just as was Yahshua, but He has also told us that, with such testing, He will make a way of escape.

Turn to Hebrews chapter 7, where we will begin reading in verse 24. ***“But he, because he remains forever, has his unchangeable priesthood.”*** Yahshua the Messiah, indeed, has received this unchangeable priesthood. He is a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek, we read in Psalm 110:4. ***“Therefore he is also able***

*to save to the utmost them that draw near to Yahweh through him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.*" (Hebrews 7:25). When we pause for a moment and allow verse 25 to penetrate our minds, it clearly tells us that Yahshua is making intercession with Yahweh for those who draw near to Yahweh through Him. We encourage all of the brethren (and the readership) to draw nearer to Yahweh. Do not allow the daily cares of the work-a-day-world to weaken your spiritual resolve. Remember Jacob (James) 4:8.

Think about what the following terms mean in relation to verse 26. ***"For such a high priest became us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens...."*** The prime verbal root of the term *holy* is *qadash* in Hebrew, which means *sanctified and separated for a holy purpose, to make clean*.

*Guileless* means *to be without falsehood or deceit*, as David said in Psalm 110, and if he fulfills this, he can be a resident of Yahweh's house FOREVER. Peter also writes in 1 Peter 2:21-22 that Yahshua was WITHOUT GUILE OR FALSEHOOD. We, furthermore, notice in Revelation 14 that the True Worshipers who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, must also be without guile, falsehood, or false doctrines; in other words—undefiled. There is a special meaning connected to the term *undefiled*. It is #8549, *tamim*, and comes from #8552, which is *tamam*. *Tamam*, additionally, is the root of the term *Thummim*.

Do we clearly comprehend the significance of the state of being undefiled, or do we allow ourselves to let down our guard and sometimes become defiled, rather than separated (as did Yahshua) from sinners? The Scriptures forthrightly teach us that we must be separated (not in a fraternal relationship) from sinners. Yahshua was a separated-from-sinners High Priest; therefore,

***Yahweh offered the perfect sacrifice when He gave us His Son to be our Savior. The blood offerings, whole burnt offerings, and sacrifices for sin Yahweh does not want. He wishes His people to establish a pure heart—a perfect character—as He would be.***

He was *tamim*. He was holy, pure, without blemish, and undefiled. We must follow precisely in His footsteps.

***"Who needs not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the people: for this he did once and for all, when he offered up himself."*** (Hebrews 7:26). Therefore, Yahshua became the final culmination (offering) of these Old Testament sacrifices. He typified every one of these sacrifices; and, therefore, by offering up Himself, He completed, or fulfilled, those sacrifices. ***"For the law appoints men high priests, having infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, appoints a Son, perfected***

***forevermore.***" (Hebrews 7:28). Yes, Yahshua is (as the Hebrew would put it) *tamim 'olam*—perfect forever.

Notice Hebrews chapter 10, verse 8, ***"Saying above, Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you do not want, neither have pleasure in them (which are offered according to the law)."*** This quote is found in Psalm 40:6-8, in the Old Testament. Yahweh says, in Psalm chapter 50, He does not need sacrifices; what He wants to see fulfilled in His people is perfection. You can find this idea in a number of passages in the Old Testament. Sacrifices were only meant to exist in True Worship for a time. Yahweh offered the perfect sacrifice when He gave us His Son to be our Savior. The blood offerings, whole burnt offerings, and sacrifices for sin Yahweh does not want. He wishes His people to establish a pure heart—a perfect character—as He would be.

We continue reading with Hebrews chapter 10:9-10, ***"Then he has said, Lo, I come to do your will. He takes away the first, that he may establish the second. By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua the Messiah once for all."*** What does sanctification mean to you? Is it merely to attend services on Sabbath morning, or does it represent a full-time vocation? Do you recognize it as a way of life to live for Yahweh, rather than just a Sabbath morning two-hour, or three-hour, experience? Sanctification must comprise a way of life—we are told here.

***"And every priest indeed stands day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away our sins: but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of Yahweh; from now on waiting until his enemies be***

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# PROPHETIC TRENDS



today's news in prophecy

## SHAMEFUL ACTS OF BABYLON

*“And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he says with a great voice, FEAR YAHWEH, AND GIVE HIM GLORY; for the hour of his judgment has come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. And another, a second angel, followed, saying, FALLEN, FALLEN IS BABYLON THE GREAT, that has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”* (Revelation 14:6-8).

*“After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and has become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird. For by the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations have fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth became rich by the power of her wantonness.”* (Revelation 18:1-3).

It is the primary goal of the Assemblies of Yahweh to preach the pure, untarnished Truth of the inspired Scriptures. Our Savior described the sound doctrine of the

Bible as being unleavened, while leaven, or corrupted doctrines, will lead one to sin. Scriptural sound doctrine, however, will lead Yahweh's people into paths of obedience. Down through history, the preaching of this sound doctrine was never very popular. On many occasions, the prophets and apostles of old have had to stand alone for the Truth of Yahweh's Word. Since the Sacred Scriptures speak in a dogmatic and authoritative way, we must preach this timeless message—unpopular as it is—to all the world.

The people of today do not wish to accept the thought of Yahweh's impending judgment, nor are they willing to accept the thought of absolute death. Our world has drifted far down the broad pathway that leads to destruction, apparently, never realizing what will be its destination. Like a lone voice crying in the wilderness, the Assemblies of Yahweh ministry is crying out against disobedience to our Heavenly Father Yahweh.

People, today, cannot seem to confront the thought that there will be an end-time judgment! This belief, however, will not forestall that day of reckoning. Just as with every other past civilization that turned its back on Almighty Yahweh, our contemporary civilization will come to its day of reckoning. Yahweh has warned that judgment will fall upon Babylon in the end days. Though Babylon may boast itself against our Heavenly Father Yahweh, His judgment will fall upon this generation

just as He has warned.

Before the judgments of Yahweh fall, however, a call to repentance will be issued to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people, calling them to return back to the True Worship of Yahweh. Today, there is a genuine voice that is forthrightly heralding Yahweh's Truth to the world. The sound doctrines of the Bible are being proclaimed by the Assemblies of Yahweh, heralding the Second Coming of Messiah and the establishment of Yahweh's Kingdom on earth. It is going forth daily from Bethel to all the nations by way of WMLK, the shortwave radio voice of the Assemblies of Yahweh. Babylon is prophesied to fall and be judged by Yahweh Elohim, but who will heed the call to come out of her?

*“In this manner says Yahweh: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon and against them that dwell in Lebkamai, a destroying wind. And I will send to Babylon strangers, that shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her all around. Against him that bends let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifts himself up in his coat of mail: and spare not her young men; utterly destroy all her host. And they shall fall down killed in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets. For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his Elohim, of Yahweh of hosts; though their land is full of guilt*

*against the Holy One of Israel. FLEE OUT OF THE MIDDLE OF BABYLON, AND SAVE EVERY MAN HIS LIFE; BE NOT CUT OFF IN HER INIQUITY: for it is the time of Yahweh's vengeance; he will render to her a recompense. Babylon has been a golden cup in Yahweh's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon has suddenly fallen and is destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. Yahweh has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of Yahweh our Elohim."* (Jeremiah 51:1-10).

*"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her; THAT YOU HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH HER SINS, and that you receive not of her plagues: for her sins have reached even to heaven, and Yahweh has remembered her iniquities. Render to her even as she rendered, and double the double according to her works: in the cup which she mingled, mingle to her double. However much she glorified herself, and became wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning: for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning. Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is Yahweh Elohim who judged her."* (Revelation 18:4-8).

### **World in Confusion**

The sins of Babylon are becoming more egregious with each passing day, reaching even to heaven. While

the True Worshiper sighs and cries out against the sins of this generation, it seems people are oblivious to how sinful this age has become! One can hardly recognize what has happened to society in just the past 10 years. Society is being pushed by those with an agenda to have all people accept their sin. This has been the case with the push to accept homosexuality, and, now, support for those who wish to change their gender. All over the world, those with conservative moral values have been under attack whenever they speak out against these activists. Children, as young as four years old, are lining up to change their gender. Recently, Australian officials confirmed that a four-year-old child is going through a sex-change procedure.

Recently, a study by Lawrence S. Mayer and Phil McHugh, two of the top experts in the field of gender identity at John's Hopkins University, concluded that there is little scientific evidence for the theory that transgenders are born that way. They are alarmed at this developing trend in the United States, with parents declaring their children to be transgendered and subjecting these children to hormone treatments, even as young as two years old.

### **Gone to Pot**

The number of Americans who want to legalize marijuana keeps rising. A recent Gallup Poll showed that support for making marijuana legal in the United States has reached 60 percent, higher than it has ever been since Gallup first started asking the question. In 1969, only 12



percent of Americans supported such legalization, but now it is nearly 60 percent, up from 53 percent just last year! Do you see how quickly morals are being degraded? Yet,

fatal crashes in states that have legalized recreational use of marijuana have spiked. A new AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety Research found that fatal crashes involving drivers who had recently used marijuana doubled in the state of Washington after the state legalized the drug in 2012. The study found that the percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes, that had a detectable amount of THC, doubled in just one year, while one in six drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2014 had recently used marijuana. With all of the efforts that are made to eliminate deaths from driving under the influence of alcohol, how could states turn a blind eye to those who drive under the influence of marijuana?

### **Opioid Addiction**

After many years of pain-killer medication abuse here in America, this nation has now become flooded with low-priced heroin. This has caused a tragic spike in heroin overdoses. Recently, in Cleveland, Ohio, there were seven heroin overdose deaths in just one day, leaving police and drug enforcement officials scrambling to stop this epidemic of drug abuse. Rural communities throughout America have now seen spikes in HIV infections through the use of shared needles and young people addicted to heroin and dying of overdoses. Synthetic marijuana, which are spices—many of which

are commonly found in kitchen spice racks across America—are now laced with exotic drug concoctions that are very similar to LSD. This has caused people to exhibit bizarre behavior and even to go out of their minds. No sooner are laws passed to make this new drug illegal, then a new synthetic formula is made available, which is just as deadly.

### ***STD Spike***

A recent report by officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned that infections from three sexually transmitted diseases have hit a record high. More than 1.5 million cases of chlamydia were reported in the United States last year, an increase of six percent. Gonorrhea cases increased 13 percent, while syphilis cases were up 19 percent. Sex out of wedlock used to be taboo, but, today, has become the new norm for this generation. Promiscuity has reached epidemic proportions with even children experimenting with sex.

### ***Resurgent Russia***

Tensions between NATO countries and Russia have become quite tense recently with Russian fighters buzzing naval vessels in international waters and Russian Bear Bombers violating airspace restrictions. Russian President Vladimir Putin wishes to reestablish Russia's status as one of the world's superpowers and to dominate the former republics of the Soviet Union. Tensions have increased recently, with news reports from Russia warning its people that nuclear war is imminent.

### ***Rumors of Wars***

Missiles from Iranian-backed fighters in Yemen have been fired recently at U.S. Navy ships in the Persian Gulf, causing the U.S. military to bomb radar sites that it says were being used to guide the missiles. China has claimed a string of reefs and shoals known as the Paracel Islands in the South China

Sea, while the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam have claimed them as their territory. Tensions increased recently, when a U.S. Navy destroyer sailed near the islands and drew warnings from Chinese warships. Russia recently flexed its muscle in Europe by sailing its warships near the British coast. Unprecedented levels of military activity on the borders of Finland and Sweden have caused Russia to deploy approximately 60,000 troops along the Russian frontier with the Baltic states. The United States has also been drawn back into the war in the Middle East with the deployment of several thousand troops to fight against ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

### ***Temple Mount Not Jewish?***

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has approved a resolution that denies the documented historic Jewish connection to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. Referring to these sites by their Muslim names, the resolution condemns Israel as an occupying power that uses right wing extremists to badger innocent Muslims. It also refers to the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron as a Palestinian site and Rachel's Tomb as a mosque.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu posted on his Facebook page: "To say that Israel has no connection to the Temple Mount is like saying that China has no connection to the Great Wall of China, or that Egypt has no connection to the pyramids. With this absurd decision, UNESCO has lost the modicum of legitimacy it had left. But I believe that historical truth is stronger and that Truth will prevail. And today we are dealing with the truth."



### ***Yahshua's Return Imminent***

Prior to the Flood, mankind had degenerated into vile sins. Once again, in modern times, something similar has happened, just as Yahshua the Messiah prophesied in Matthew 24:37, "***As were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man.***" Mankind has corrupted itself with all of the sinful activity that caused Yahweh to judge the Cain civilization. In the years preceding the Flood, man's wickedness became exceedingly great. Every imagination of their heart was on evil continually, until Yahweh had enough of their sin. Like a house of cards, this modern-day Babylon will fall as well. We must flee from Babylon before Yahweh sends His judgment upon this wicked age.

When Yahweh sends Yahshua the Messiah back to this earth, He will reign supreme over all the earth. A new era of peace and productivity will ensue. That day is drawing near, when Yahshua the Messiah will return and establish Yahweh's authority and His Kingdom rule for all eternity. It will be a time of restoration of all things, and those who will learn the Kingdom Way of life now will be qualified to rule under the authority of the Messiah in His Kingdom. Will that include you? <sup>SNB</sup>

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**made the footstool of his feet.”** (Hebrews 10: 11-13). Read Psalm 110 where we encounter the source of some of these quotes.

**“For by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified.”** (Hebrews 10:14). The point I am pursuing is the interpretation of the term *tamim*, and its related term *Thummim*, which is an item that was contained in the High Priest’s breastplate—undoubtedly serving as a stone of judgment. By what standard do you want to be judged?

The author of Hebrews is trying to tell us that animal sacrifices can cover over, but never completely remove, sin. Remember the significance of Yahshua’s sacrifice. By this one perfect offering of presenting His shed blood to Yahweh, the Messiah has perfected forever them that are sanctified. Remember, the word *sanctification* means a separation from sin and this worldly system. Physically, we must live in this worldly society, do we not live according to the worldly, carnal lusts. A difference must be made. We must not be hypocrites. We must strive to live in harmony with Yahweh’s Covenant. This world today is filled with hypocrisy. Yahweh’s people must sincerely strive to live according to the way of life set forth in His Covenant Law.

**“And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after he has said, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says Yahweh: I will put my laws on their heart, and upon their mind also will I write them; then he says, And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.”** (Hebrews 10:15-19). We read this quote in the passage wherein is set forth the prophecy of the new Covenant in Jeremiah

**How are we to walk? We are to walk humbly with Yahweh. To be perfect, just as Yahshua commanded us, we must be humbly obedient to the Word of Yahweh.**

**You therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

(MATTHEW 5:48)

31:31-34.

Is the Law of Yahweh truly written on the hearts of Yahweh’s people today? Think about this question for a moment. Is it truly written on your heart? What should happen if the Law, indeed, is written on your heart? You will truly love to obey Yahweh’s Law. When it is written on our minds, we will not try to discover a way out of keeping it. We do not try to exempt ourselves from it. Forgiveness is a part of the new Covenant. The writing of the Law on the hearts and minds of His people is accompanied by forgiveness of the old sins (and also of those new

sins you do not premeditate), since by keeping the Law of Yahweh you agree with it and are justified from your past disobedience.

Sometimes people seem to carry a heavy load of past sins. As the prophets say, the people are dragging sin that is so heavy they need a cart rope in order to pull their sins along (Isaiah 5:18). A cart rope is a large, heavy rope that will pull many pounds of weight. Why do people not just cut off the sins—gaining forgiveness from Yahweh—and, then, forget the sins and no longer commit them, leaving them behind?

We remember that Abraham immigrated from Chaldea, as recorded in the book of Genesis. **“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, Yahweh appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am El Shaddai; walk before me, and be you perfect.”** (Genesis 17:1). You will notice that this terminology appears before Yahweh gives him the sign of circumcision. Some people (I think) minimize the effects of baptism. They want to rush into baptism before they make a striving for perfection something habitual, not that we will ever get to the point of perfection, but we press on toward it (Philippians 3:12).

Remember that the word *perfect* in Genesis 17:1 is the term *tamim* from which comes the term *Thummim*. As I pointed out in the last segment of this series, the *taw* is pronounced with a “th” sound when it does not contain a *dagesh-lene* in it, and, when it contains a *dagesh-lene*, it becomes a hardened “t” sound. The Ashkenazim pronounce the softened “th” as “s.” They would pronounce the term *sukkoth* (as is correct in Sephardic Hebrew) as “sukkos.”

Just as the True Worshiper is directed in Micah 6:8, Abraham was also commanded to walk before Yahweh in a perfect way. How are we to walk? We are to walk humbly with Yahweh. To be perfect, just as Yahshua commanded us in Matthew

5:48, we must be humbly obedient to the Word of Yahweh.

Remember, the word *tamim* means *entire* (*lit., fig. or mor.*); also (*as a noun*) *integrity, truth*. Only using the English concordance, I counted at least 50 times where this term *tamim* is used. This frequent usage should tell us that the term holds a substantial significance. Let us look at the term *tamim* in Leviticus 1:3. It tells us there that every sacrifice must be *tamim*, meaning *without blemish*, in other words, perfect. ***“If his oblation is a burnt-offering of the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it at the door of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before Yahweh.”***

If a person offered a blemished (less than perfect) sacrifice, he would not be accepted before Yahweh.

Turn to Leviticus chapter 22, where we will begin to read with verse 17. ***“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, Whoever he is of the house of Israel, or of the sojourners in Israel, that offers his oblation, whether it is any of their vows, or any of their freewill-offerings, which they offer to Yahweh for a burnt-offering; that you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without blemish, of the bullocks, of the sheep, or of the goats.”*** (Leviticus 22:17-19). Freewill-offerings reflect the instruction of Ecclesiastes 5:4-7. We must offer an offering freely—feeling no compulsion—but voluntarily offering our vows to Yahweh.

***“But whatever has a blemish, that should you not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. And whoever offers a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Yahweh to accomplish a vow, or for a freewill-offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect***

***to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it.”*** (Leviticus 22:20-21).

We must strive for spiritual perfection to merit the perfect sacrifice Yahshua offered. ***“Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having sores, or scab, or scabbed, you shall not offer these to Yahweh, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to Yahweh.”*** (Leviticus 22:22). Yahweh desires a perfect sacrifice from us. If an animal was lame, or has an ear cut off, etc., these are blemishes. How much more should we be concerned about our spiritual sacrifices!

***“Either a bullock or a lamb that has anything superfluous or lacking in his parts, that may you offer for a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. That which has its stones***

**Do  
you understand  
what Yahweh is  
saying? He wants  
perfection!**

***bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut, you shall not offer to Yahweh; neither shall you do thus in your land. Neither from the hand of a foreigner shall you offer the bread of your Elohim of any of these; because their corruption is in them, there is a blemish in them: they shall not be accepted for you.”*** (Leviticus 22:23-25).

Do you understand what Yahweh is saying? He wants perfection! Then why do people imagine that we can have one foot in the Assemblies of Yahweh and the other foot in the world? Why do people believe that they can somehow hold Yahshua's hand, while, with the other hand, they are holding onto the world? How can that kind of lifestyle

demonstrate separation? How can that kind of life produce something unblemished? No, it is impossible!

Now, we want to extend this physical lesson—that a sacrifice could not be offered that had a blemish—to extrapolate something spiritual from it. The transitional passage is found in Malachi chapter 1, beginning to read with verse 6c. ***“And you say, In what [way] have we despised your name? You offer polluted bread upon my altar. And you say, In what [way] have we polluted you? In that you say, The table of Yahweh is contemptible.”*** (Malachi 1:6c-7). The closer we get to each Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread observance, the more serious become the applications.

***“And when you offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil! And when you offer the lame and sick, it is no evil! Present it now unto your governor; will he be pleased with you? Or will he accept your person? says Yahweh of hosts.”*** (Malachi 1:8).

If you intend to give a gift to your state governor, or to the President of the United States of America, what sort of present would you offer? You would not present a sway-backed, old horse to him, but you would give him a good horse. You would not give an animal that is obviously very diseased; you would present such a notable person with a good animal. This illustration can be applied spiritually, as well.

***“And now, I pray you, entreat the favor of El, that he may be gracious unto us: this has been by your means: will he accept any of your persons? says Yahweh of hosts. Oh that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says Yahweh of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.”*** (Malachi 1:9-10). Yes, there must be a bar-

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rier (a door) separating us from the world. That is why a judge is leading the Assemblies of Yahweh, one who judges who may enter our midst and come through the doors.

***“For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles: and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the Gentiles, says Yahweh of hosts. But you profane it, in that you say, The table of Yahweh is polluted, and the fruit of it, even its food, is contemptible. You say also, Behold, what a weariness is it! And you have snuffed at it, says Yahweh of hosts; and you have brought that which was taken by violence, and the lame, and the sick; thus, you bring the offering: should I accept this at your hand? says Yahweh.”*** (Malachi 1:11-13). This passage can be applied spiritually, as I will show more candidly in a moment.

Do you want to curse yourself? ***“But cursed be the deceiver, who has in his flock a male, and vows, and sacrifices unto Yahweh a blemished thing; for I am a great King, says Yahweh of hosts, and my name is terrible among the Gentiles.”*** (Malachi 1:14).

Now, how is this instruction spiritually interpreted? I will just use one Scripture, whereas I could use many. Turn to Ephesians 5:26-27 where it says, “...that he might

***sanctify it***, [the antecedent noun to the pronoun “it” is the Assembly] ***having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the assembly to himself a glorious body, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy*** [qodesh] ***and without blemish*** [tamim].”

In Hebrew, the term *tamim* means *without spot*. Remember, the relationship between the term *tamim* and *Thummim* should be obvious, since they trace to the same root word *tamam* which is #8552 in the **Strong’s Concordance Hebrew dictionary**. Therefore, the word *Thummim* means *perfections*, and the Assembly, corporately, and each one of us as individual members, in addition, should comprise a glorious body, not having a spot, blemish, wrinkle, etc. Remember, our character should be one of perfection.

Before us today, we see an artifact similar to that which was worn as an article in the attire of Israel’s High Priest. We have sought to interpret the Scriptures as faithfully as possible as we designed and produced it. The physical representation, like the menorah before the podium, is meant to have a spiritual meaning for us. Its message must be lived in the lives of the people seeking to serve Yahweh, by sending forth the light of Yahweh’s Torah (Law).

Remember what Jacob, Yahshua’s own brother, said in Jacob (James) chapter 1, “***Therefore putting***

***away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”*** (Jacob 1:21).

Years ago, I heard reports of ministers of various Christian denominations receiving pornographic publications in the mail. I asked myself how could this be? These individuals are ordained to preach a high standard of righteousness. “***Therefore, put away all filthiness,***” says the Word. What do you have in your mind and in your life that still may not conform to Yahweh’s True Worship? Would it be something you are hiding in your personal residence?

In verse 21, we perceive a reference to the spiritual application of the breastplate—receive the teachings of the Torah with meekness. Live what Yahweh directs you to obey in the Sacred Scriptures.

***“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only deluding your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholds himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what manner of man he was.”*** (Jacob 1:22-24).

Do you hear the Law of Yahweh in the Sabbath morning sermon, and then go out the door, forgetting, and reverting back into your former, unconverted character during the week?

***“But he that looks into the***

*perfect law, the law of liberty, and continues, being not a hearer that forgets but a doer that works, this man shall be blessed in his doing.*" (Jacob 1:25).

The perfect Law in this reference is the Law of Yahweh—the Torah—which is represented by the *Urim* (lights).

*"If any man thinks himself to be religious, while he bridles not his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before our El and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."* (Jacob 1:26-27).

The word *undefiled* appears here as a reference to the term *tamim* in the Scriptures. First, Yahweh obligates us to do good. Next, it appears that we are obligated to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. These things are what Jacob termed *pure religion*. *Pure religion* means to separate ourselves from the world, as we have faith to pursue righteousness.

The word *tamim*, or *Thummim*, means *complete truth*. In this organization, the Assemblies of Yahweh, there abides complete Truth. What we may not yet know, or that which we see through a glass darkly, will be revealed to us by Yahweh's Holy Spirit.

Take into consideration John chapter 14, beginning to read with verse 22. *"Judah (not Iscariot) says to him, Teacher, what has come to pass that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"*

That constitutes a very good question. Judah wants to know why Yahshua manifested Himself to the disciples and not to the world. Yahshua shows why the world cannot know Him. *"Yahshua answered and said to him, If a man loves me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we*

*will come to him, and make our abode with him. He that loves me not keeps not my words: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me."* (John 14:23-24).

How much do you love Yahshua?

## **The Law of Yahweh is tamim—perfect. Yahweh's precepts are absolutely right, not wrong.**

The Word is not the New Testament alone, but the whole Bible, the foundation also, the Old Testament (old Covenant) Scriptures—the Father's words.

*"These things have I spoken to you, while yet remaining with you. But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in my name, it shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful."* (John 14:25-27).

If we believe that we are a part of True Worship, Yahshua has promised all things will be revealed to us through the Holy Spirit, and, by faith, all things shall be brought to our remembrance that Yahshua the Messiah has taught.

Turn to John chapter 16, beginning to read with verse 7, *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go*

*away; for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send it to you. And it, when it has come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you behold me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged."* (John 16:7-11).

The only reason people today are not convicted when they transgress the Law is that their hearts have been hardened (like stone) against Yahweh's Law. Their hearts are no longer fleshly, but they have firmed up their hearts like stone to resist the hammer of Yahweh's Word. We read in Jeremiah 23:29 that Yahweh's Word is like a hammer and a fire; however, people have hardened their hearts to the extent that the Word can no longer penetrate to convict some people of their sins.

At the end of verse 8, we notice that the breastplate topic is referred to again. The judgment has been pronounced against Satan the Adversary, but the people do not wish to accept that judgment, and Satan also will not accept it because it means that he will be destroyed in the lake of fire. Those who do Satan's bidding will follow him into eternal destruction.

*"I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when it, the Spirit of truth, has come, it shall guide you into all the truth...."*

We must believe that we have the Holy Spirit, because we forthrightly obey all of Yahweh's commandments. We have fulfilled the requirements and qualified. We have received Yahweh's Spirit, because we love the Sacred Scriptures, and we despise this worldly, disobedient system in which we find ourselves restrained at this moment. *"...For it shall not speak from itself; but whatever things it shall hear, these it shall*

**speak: and it shall declare to you the things that are to come.”** (John 16:12-13).

**“And to whomever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.”** (Luke 12:48). Do we believe what Yahshua says here?

Let us not forget what the converse has to say. What is the spirit of Babylon like? The virgin daughter of Babylon is addressed in Isaiah chapter 47. Begin reading in verse 3, **“Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame shall be seen....”** Let us interpret that from the Sacred Scriptures. We can go to Revelation 16:15 and find there that nakedness represents the violation of Yahweh’s Law.

We have shined the light of Yahweh’s Word on the shameful, dark things that characterize this world. It is a shame to see what is going on in the world today, and too many people have no shame. The shameful acts of Babylon will constantly be exposed by the preaching of the Assemblies of Yahweh as we draw nearer to Yahshua’s Second Coming.

**“I will take vengeance, and will spare no man. Our Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.”** (Isaiah 47:3-4). This constitutes the pronouncement of Yahweh’s judgment on Babylon.

**“Sit silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called The mistress of kingdoms.”** (Isaiah 47:5). Babylon has no Torah, therefore, it can have no Thummim. Henceforth, Babylon will no longer be called the ruler of the kingdoms of this world.

**“I was angry with my people, I profaned my inheritance, and gave them into your hand: you did show them no mercy; UPON THE AGED HAVE YOU VERY HEAVILY LAID YOUR YOKE.”** (Isaiah 47:6). Yahweh was angry, because His people had adopted

the ways of Babylon. The elderly, especially, have a very heavy yoke laid upon them. I have pointed out this fact on many occasions. Here in the United States of America,

**Those who seek to serve Yahweh, by seeking the righteous way of life, just have to separate from this worldly system and concentrate upon spiritual things—reading the Sacred Scriptures, striving to live by every Word of Yahweh.**

wealth has been squandered, and the aged (elderly) are a class that will surely pay the price.

**“And you said, I shall be mistress forever; so that you did not lay these things to your heart, neither did remember the latter end of it.”** (Isaiah 47:7). Babylon imagines that it will be in authority over this worldly system forever.

**“Now therefore hear this, you that are given to pleasures....”** This should not include anyone in the Assemblies of Yahweh. Have we resigned ourselves to seeking pleasures, or are we true Obadiah’s (servants of Yahweh). **“...That sit**

**securely, that say in your heart, I am, and there is none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children....”** Yahweh says, ‘e(h)ye(h) ‘asher ‘e(h)ye(h), **“I am He that exists,”** Yahweh says. Now, it appears Babylon has appropriated the idea that the world exists without end. It appears that some people in the world today are almost fulfilling something like 2 Thessalonians 2:4, **“...so that he sits in the temple of Elohim, setting himself forth as Elohim.”** This can be a spiritual interpretation. I know it is talking about the man of sin (the son of perdition), but how many people in this worldly system say, **“I am...I do as I please, and there is no one beside me. I shall exist forever.”** They are expressing the very attitude of Babylon by doing that.

Drop down to the end of verse 9, **“...in their full measure shall they come upon you, in the multitude of your sorceries, and the great abundance of your enchantments.”** Sorcery characterizes demon worship. The term *pharmakeia* in Greek means *a magical incantation or sorcery by means of the enchantments of drugs*. Does that characterize our modern world?

**“For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No one sees me; your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you; and you have said in your heart, I am, and there is no one else besides me.”** (Isaiah 47:10). This describes exactly what has happened to this worldly system in which we are now living. Those who seek to serve Yahweh, by seeking the righteous way of life, just have to separate from this worldly system and concentrate upon spiritual things—reading the Sacred Scriptures, striving to live by every Word of Yahweh. You must simply cut yourself loose from this worldly system with its earthly wisdom, because it is perverted. Think about what the world is doing to the people

it holds under its control.

We see once again, “I am, I exist.... We must always take care of number one,” insists Babylon. The attitude in this worldly system is clearly prophesied and described in this passage of Scripture. **“Therefore shall evil come upon you; you shall not know the dawning of it: and mischief shall fall upon you; you shall not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you know not.”** (Isaiah 47:11).

When I read over this passage in preparation for this series, I perceived just how accurate—absolutely plain and crystal clear—appears this prophecy of the world in which we are living today. I hope I am able to get across to all of the brethren who read this message how close we are right now to the fulfillment of this prophecy. **“You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels: let now the astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save you from the things that shall come upon you. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before.”** (Isaiah 47:13-14).

The flame of which Isaiah speaks shall be the flaming fires of Gehenna that will totally consume all of these people and all the world’s falsehood and wickedness. You can go to star-gazers, monthly prognosticators, fortune tellers, or whoever you wish, and you will get somebody to tell you what you want to hear. This is what the Babylonish, worldly system is doing. They do not want to hear the Truth of Yahweh’s Word which condemns their evil actions. Do we clearly understand?

Notice Isaiah chapter 48, beginning to read with verse 17, **“In this manner says Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Is-**

**Today, we see an artifact similar to that which was worn as an article in the attire of Israel’s High Priest. We have sought to interpret the Scriptures as faithfully as possible as we designed and produced it. The physical representation is meant to have a spiritual meaning for us. Its message must be lived in the lives of the people seeking to serve Yahweh, by sending forth the light of Yahweh’s Torah (law).**

**rael: I am Yahweh your Elohim, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way that you should go.”** How about the organizations that are rejecting the Law of Yahweh? **“Oh that you had listened to my commandments! Then your peace would have been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea: your seed also would have been as the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like the grains of it: his name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me.”** (Isaiah 48:18-19).

**“They that forsake the law praise the wicked; but such as keep the law contend with them.”** (Proverbs 28:4). I will not praise the wicked. The wicked are the sinners, those who are in violation of the Law. If you leave the Assemblies of Yahweh and forsake the keeping of Yahweh’s Law, you will be praising sinners. The organizations that are currently dropping the Law of Yahweh are praising sin. It is as simple as that. This is what this passage says. I cannot forget 1 John 3:4. Can you? **“Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”**

Later on, in verse 7 of Proverbs chapter 28, King Solomon comments, **“Whoever keeps the law is a wise son; but he that is a companion of gluttons shames his father.”** Continue reading verses 9 and 10, **“He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination. Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit; but the perfect shall inherit good.”** Then Proverbs 28:18 reads, **“Whoever walks uprightly shall be delivered; but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.”**

I would like for us to remember the message of Psalm 19, one of the great Law psalms. Beginning with verse 7, we are instructed, **“The**

*law of Yahweh is perfect, restoring the soul: the testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes.*" The Law of Yahweh is *tamim*—perfect. Yahweh's precepts are absolutely right, not wrong. His commandments are pure, not *tame'* #2933—unclean or defiled, foul.

*"The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring for ever: the ordinances of Yahweh are true, and righteous altogether."* (Psalm 19:9). The fear of Yahweh endures forever, not merely until some organization tells you that it has been done away with. The term *ordinance* means an order that Yahweh has given to His human creation.

*"More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned: in keeping them there is great reward."* (Psalm 19:10-11).

*"Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, who walk in the law of Yahweh."* (Psalm 119:1). The Torah—Urim, light—is intended to direct and guide us in a way of life. The Thummim—our actions—should always reflect Yahweh's Will. These are lessons taught by the stones of judgment that are contained inside the pouch of the breastplate.

Let us read Psalm 15:1-5. *"Yahweh, who shall sojourn in your tabernacle? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?"* Who will be given entrance into the Kingdom and dwell with Yahweh in His house? *"He that walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart; He that slanders not with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor...."* The child of Yahweh does not have a deceitful tongue or a heart of falsehood.

*"In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honors them that fear Yahweh; He that swears to his own hurt, and changes not...."* A reprobate is someone who will not accept correction. A reprobate has gone off the moral track and will remain a scoundrel, a rogue. Our conduct must be directed according to Yahweh's Word, and we will not be a reprobate.

*"He that puts not out his money to interest, nor takes reward against the innocent. He that does these things shall never be moved."* Such a converted person will never be removed out of the Kingdom way of life, the narrow pathway leading to life everlasting.

I want to urge all of the brethren (and **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** readership) to review these serialized messages. We should have learned many lessons in this series, and those lessons should be applied to our personal lives. The Holy Spirit, we are told, teaches us (1 John 2:27). We are also told in 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 that the things of the Scriptures are spiritually discerned. The world will not accept what the Bible has taught us in this series of messages, but I know Yahweh's people will faithfully accept them, learn, and practice them, because they are meant to be spiritual lessons that will enrich our lives and bring us closer to the Kingdom of Yahweh. <sup>SNB</sup>

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PSALM 19:7-11

Which

# Thanksgiving

Yahweh's or Man's?

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their route before they arrived in Jerusalem, so they would not fall under the influence of Yahweh's faithful priesthood. Therefore, he issued the proclamation that his people should worship at Bethel or Dan. When Jeroboam announced that he would observe the fifteenth day of the eighth month as the national thanksgiving day of Israel, **RATHER THAN DURING THE SEVENTH MONTH**, those who were not faithfully committed to the True Worship of Almighty Yahweh followed this governmental decree. It became a sin, because Yahweh's Word was rejected, eventually becoming a prime contributing factor to the disintegration of the House of Israel, because they no longer obeyed the Law of Almighty Yahweh.

In 1999, Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles was observed by the Assemblies of Yahweh, September 25–October 1, with the Last Great Day falling on October 2. That year (1999) Yahweh's holy days were fairly early. The next year (2000) the Feast of Tabernacles was observed later, October 13–20. The fifteenth to the twenty-second day of the eighth scriptural month would have been on November 12–19. November 25 was the national American Thanksgiving Day—less than one week later! In 1978, and some other years previous to that, the national Thanksgiving Day actually fell during the time designated in the eighth scriptural month for Jeroboam's feast!

In 2005, the Jews observed the Feast the Feast of Tabernacles (*suk-koth*) from October 18 through 26. The American National Thanksgiving will be observed on November 24. The fifteenth day of the eighth scriptural month on the Jewish calendar will be November 18. The national American Thanksgiving Day will be on the 20th day of the eighth month

on the Jewish calendar.

In 2005, the Assemblies of Yahweh mission to Israel found the green heads of barley in a field near Beersheva on March 8. The new moon was sighted in Israel on the evening of March 11, making March 12 new year day. Therefore, the seventh scriptural month, according to the biblical commandments, was one month earlier than on the Jewish calendar—from September 5–October 4. The Assemblies of Yahweh organization observed the Feast of Tabernacles correctly from September 19–26.

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In Hosea chapter 2, we find a very strong reason not to observe the national Thanksgiving Day, since we realize that the American presidents always have used the surrogate pagan names for the Almighty when making their proclamation.

***“For she did not know that I gave her the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, and multiplied to her silver and gold, WHICH THEY USED FOR BAAL. Therefore will I take back my grain in the time of it, and my new wine in the season of it, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. And now will I uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand. I will also cause all her mirth TO CEASE, HER FEASTS, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn assemblies. And I will lay waste her vines and her fig-trees, of which she has said, These are my hire that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. And I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, to which she burned incense, when she decked herself***

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***with her earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, says Yahweh.***

***“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably to her.”*** (Hosea 2:8-14).

Have these Scriptures spoken to your heart? We hope so! Remember that Almighty Yahweh speaks with authority in His Covenant Law (His commandments, statutes, and judgments). He commands that His True Worshipers worship in His Name—Yahweh Elohim; therefore, we find a second strong reason which prohibits us from celebrating the national American Thanksgiving Day—because thanks for blessings are given to the name of a pagan idol. Turn to Hosea 2:16-17, where the center-column references in most Bibles render the term *Baal* as *Lord*.

Why not decide now to observe **Yahweh's scriptural** holy days? For more information on this significant subject, write to: **Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507**. The articles on Yahweh's holy days will be sent out free of charge upon receiving your request. <sup>SNB</sup>

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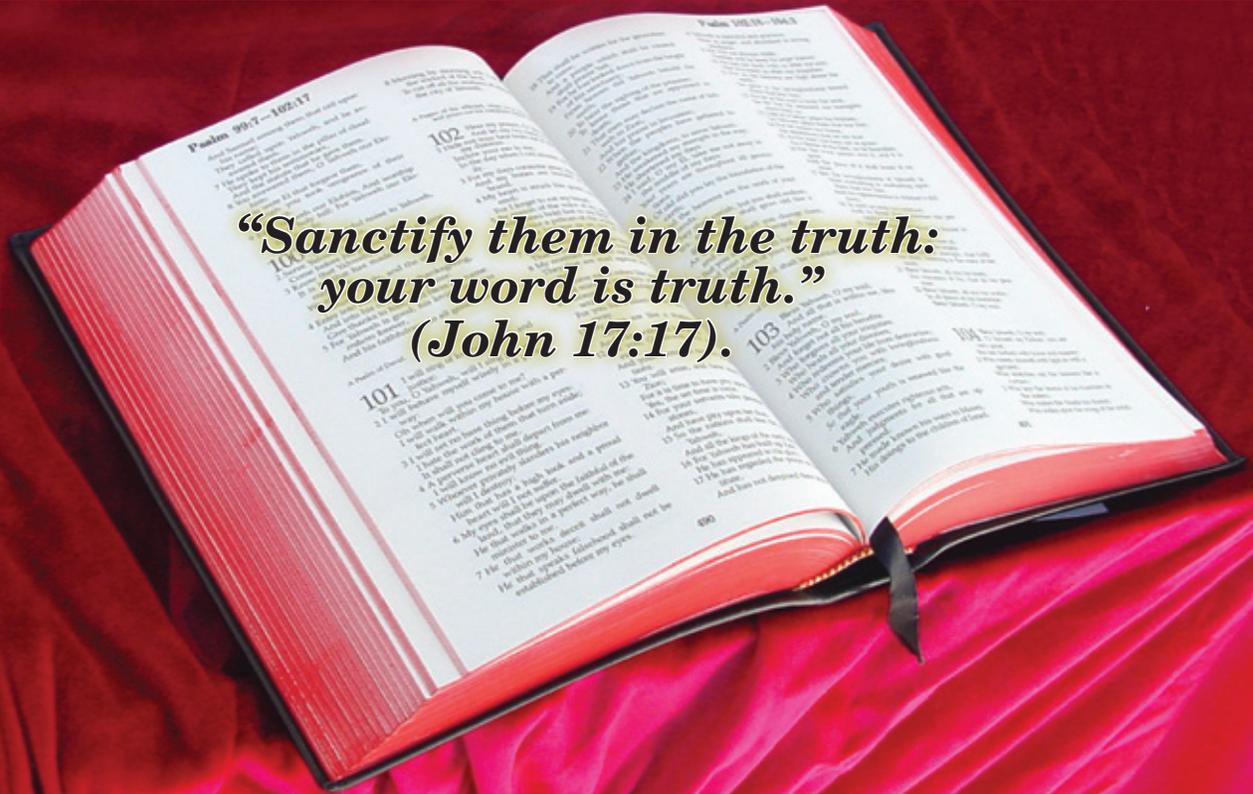
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