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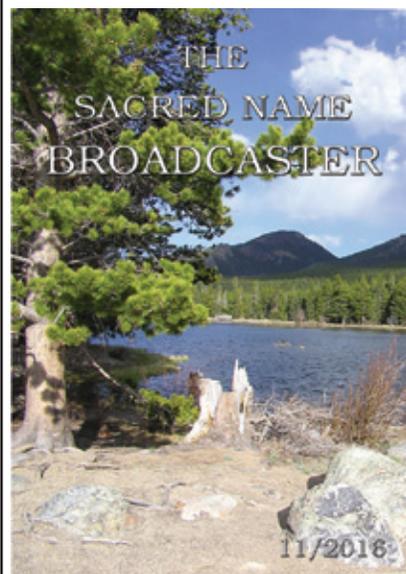
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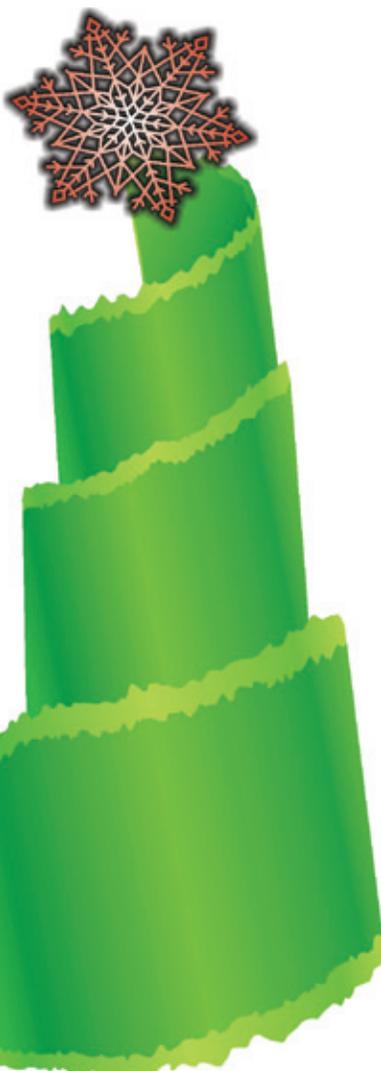
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Our Cover:



The cover this month reminds us of the blessing that is bestowed upon those who trust in Yahweh. “**Blessed is the man that trusts in Yahweh, and whose trust Yahweh is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.**” (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Learning to trust completely in our Heavenly Father Yahweh is perhaps one of life’s most important lessons. We must put our confidence and hope in Yahweh for our salvation with an unshakeable Faith. “**Behold, El is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for in Yah Yahweh is my strength and song; and he has become my salvation.**” (Isaiah 12:2).



Christmas:

A Biblical Holiday, or a Pagan Tradition?

by *Elder Jacob O. Meyer*

Each year, it seems as though the Chr-stmas season begins earlier than ever before. By early October, the merchants are actively trying to generate the Chr-stmas buying spirit. It appears as though the attention of most people in the media is being concentrated upon the coming celebration of the winter holidays.

One of the most shocking facts about the celebration of December 25 as the Messiah's birthday is that He was not even born on that day! Actually, historians tell us that it took until 225 years after the Messiah's birth for people to settle upon December 25 as Yahshua's birthday.

Many times, authors will confess, almost sheepishly, that December 25 is not really the Messiah's birthday. Apparently, the first individual to set

the date of December 25 to specify the Savior's date of birth was Julius Sextus Africanus, a historian of Alexandria, Egypt. He composed a chronicle of events of the world to the year 221 C.E. Competing closely with this historian are two other accounts. The first one found in the work of Theophilus of Antioch (171-183 C.E.) is thought to be spurious. The second appears in Hippolytus' **Commentary on Daniel** (202 C.E.).

Various sincere leaders in the early church continued to resist observing the Messiah's birthday on December 25. Even as late as 245 C.E., Origen declared that it was a very sinful act to celebrate the birthday of the Messiah as though He were a king pharaoh. There is no indication to be found anywhere in the book of Acts that the Apostolic Assembly ever observed the Messiah's birthday. Nevertheless, they did observe Yahweh's scriptural holy days, as listed in Leviticus 23.

When you raise these points with the average individual in the world today, they will customarily respond by remarking, "What difference does it make?" Or they will reply, "If we drop the celebration of Christmas, what will our children do?"

It indeed makes a great deal of difference what we do, because Almighty Yahweh has written us a warning through His prophet Jeremiah. ***"Thus says Yahweh, LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE NATIONS [King James Version-THE HEATHEN], and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it moves not. They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must necessarily be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good."*** (Jeremiah 10:2-5).

Should we not seek Truth and



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adhere strictly to the Word of Almighty Yahweh? ***"Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth."*** (John 17:17). If the nations (heathen) are following customs that Almighty Yahweh tells His human family not to learn, why do people continue to defy His Word?

Would it not be preferable to tell our children the TRUTH—that there is no "Satan" Claus, no flying reindeer, that putting up a Christmas tree is wrong, that the birthday of the Messiah was not on December 25, etc.?

Why teach our little children the Santa Claus LIE and then later acknowledge that it was an untruth?

"But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and ALL LIARS, their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8).

When Was the Messiah Born?

Nominal Christianity does not read the Sacred Scriptures very carefully. If they did, they would discover that December 25, as the birthday of the Messiah, could nowhere be supported in the Bible. Have you ever considered that the Sacred Scriptures do indeed inform us of the date when the Messiah was actually born and that THE DATE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DECEMBER 25?

Turn to Luke chapter 1. Here appears the account of the annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist to his aging parent. Follow these passages closely.

"There was in the days of Herod, king of Judea, a certain priest named Zachariah, of the course of Abijah: and he had a

wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before Elohim, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of Yahweh blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now advanced in their days.” (Luke 1:5-7).

Perhaps you also, while reading, missed the significant term **“course of Abijah.”** By turning to 1 Chronicles 24, you will discover that this specifies a certain time. David arranged for the divisions of the priesthood into the 24 families of the descendants of Eleazar and Ithamar. In verse 10, you find that the eighth course, or division, was that of ABIJAH.

King David, in arranging for the construction of the Temple, made a number of significant decisions. Apparently, the priesthood did not adequately attend to the worship in David’s time. Perhaps they were busy with personal things. Therefore, David instructed that each week, between Passover and Tabernacles and between Tabernacles and Passover, a different family of priests would serve in the Temple and perform the sacrifices. If you peruse a scriptural calendar, you will discover that there are indeed 24 weeks between these festivals (except for intercalary years). Each Israelite male (including the priesthood) was required to attend the three pilgrim feasts: Passover and Unleavened Bread; Shavuoth, Pentecost; and Succoth, the Feast of Tabernacles. Therefore, by beginning to count eight weeks after the Passover, you will come to approximately the middle of June on the common calendar, which would have been the week when the course of Abijah served. This would have been the week of service for Zechariah when he was contacted by the angel. Returning home, his wife Elisabeth became pregnant, and we are told that she hid herself five months. **“And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived; and she hid**

Birthday Observance in Scholarly Sources

“There are no positive data in the Bible or in rabbinical literature concerning birthday festivals among the ancient Jews.... Even if not common among the people, yet kings and princes probably practised it, following the custom of their heathen contemporaries.... ” (Isidore Singer, “Birthday,” **The Jewish Encyclopedia**, III, 221).

*“The example of Herod, the tetrarch (Matt. xiv, 6) the celebration of whose birthday cost John the Baptist his life, can scarcely be regarded as such, the family to which he belonged being notorious for its adoption of heathen customs. In fact, the later Jews at least regarded birthday celebrations as parts of idolatrous worship (Lightfoot, *Hor. Hebr. ad Matt. xiv, 6*), and this probably on account of the idolatrous rites with which they were observed in honor of those who were regarded as the patron g-ds of the day on which the party was born.”* (John McClintock and James Strong, “Birthday,” **Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature**, 1968 rep., I, 817).

“For Roman birthdays...According to 2 Mac 6:7 the birthdays of the Syrian kings were commemorated every month by means of sacrifices, of which, in the times of Antiochus Epiphanes, the Jews were forced to partake.” (James Hastings, “Birthday,” **A Dictionary of the Bible**, 1900 ed.).

herself five months, saying, In this manner has Yahweh done to me in the days in which he looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men.” (Luke 1:24-25).

Continuing with this passage, we read that in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent to announce the supernatural birth of the Messiah. He went to Nazareth, the city where the virgin Miriam was living. Continuing then in verses 36 and 37, we read, **“And behold, Elisabeth your kinswoman, she also has conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that was called barren. For no word from Elohim shall be void of power.”**

Consequently, we would then count six months from the middle of June, and this would give us the date for the conception of the Messiah. Remember that the human gestation period is approximately nine months in length (266 days).

Is it shocking, then, to learn that Yahshua the Messiah was conceived about the middle of December? In fact, the Roman Catholic Church marks on their calendar the Feast of the Immaculate Conception for the middle of December. (They customarily explained that this was the immaculate conception of the virgin Miriam, but no scriptural proof to support that doctrine can be produced.) We might then ask the next logical question: If the

Messiah was conceived about the middle of December, how could he be born on December 25? Obviously, the Messiah's birth date was not December 25!

We learn from the Sacred Scriptures that the Word became flesh and TABERNACLED among us (John 1:14). There is no coincidence that such terminology is employed in the Sacred Scriptures. When we count off the nine gestation months from the middle of December until the time is complete, and we do so with a scriptural calendar, it is amazing to discover that it brings us right up to the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles as the date of Yahshua the Messiah's birth. Additionally, He would have then been circumcised on another holy day—the eighth day, the Last Great Day of the Feast. Consequently, when Yahweh's people observe the Feast of Tabernacles, they are actually worshiping on significant days in the Messiah's life.

If the Messiah was not born on

December 25, then why observe His birthday at that time? Nowhere in the Bible are we, in fact, commanded to observe birthdays; conversely, the instances where birthdays are mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, violence occurred. (Please see Genesis 40:20; Job 1:4, 18-19; Matthew 14:6-12.)

Notice also that the term *Chr-stmas* is never found in the Sacred Scriptures. If the name never appears in the Bible, where does it—along with its traditional customs—originate?

By checking any dictionary, you will be able to prove that the term *Chr-stmas* comes from the Roman Catholic term *mass of Chr-st*.

The Roman Saturnalia

Is it coincidence that the modern-day Chr-stmas traditions reflect the celebration of the ancient Roman Saturnalia? When we understand that this ancient Roman observance was celebrated close to the winter solstice, the association between

Chr-stmas and Saturnalia (the feast of ancient pagans) becomes clearly obvious.

December 25 has been celebrated as a holiday in pagan worship from very ancient times. In fact, one of the names given to the Saturnalia royal festival was the Paganalia. Undoubtedly, this is the origin of the term *pagan* that is often conferred upon false, unscriptural worship of any kind. In ancient Rome, the Saturnalia festival had been highly popularized. It was observed for a period of five to seven days, usually beginning with December 17. This pagan festival was characterized by unrestrained festivity. It began with a religious ceremony to honor Saturn and, then, was followed by an immense gluttonous feast. (The etymology of the term *Saturn* means *abundance*.)

People frequently took precautions to bathe before the festivities began in the morning so that they could spend the entire day concentrating upon the indulgence of heavy

How to Keep YAHWEH'S HOLY DAYS

Most religious groups today have long abandoned the holy days commanded by Yahweh in favor of corrupt, manmade holidays. But Yahweh's holy days, commanded and kept first in the Old Testament and perpetuated in the New, were never abolished by the Father or His Son. They are as vital to salvation as they ever were—and you need to understand why.

by **Jacob A. Meyer**

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The Scriptures declare that the commandments of Yahweh are everlasting, Psalm 119:142. Your Bible dogmatically says that the commandments of Yahweh will endure forever, Psalm 119:106. The Messiah's own words indicate that He subscribed unequivocally to the commandments of Yahweh, voicing His approval of them early in His ministry, Matt. 5:17-20.

Yahoban said that not one jot or tittle should "pass from the law until all be fulfilled." Who are we to reverse such a profound, authoritative statement from the very lips of the Captain of our salvation? When we study the Bible seriously, it becomes apparent that the inspired Scriptures can be harmonized from Genesis to Revelation.

History supports the fact that the Nazarenes kept the commandments of Yahweh; these Nazarenes were the remnant of the original apostolic assembly that sprang to life on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Elements of that original apostolic assembly have remained through the ages. The True Worshipers lived their lives in obedience to the law of Yahweh.

Today, at the end of the age, the prophecy of Revelation 12:17 can be fulfilled: "And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of Yahweh, and have the testimony of Yahshua Messiah."

From studying the commandments of Yahweh, we discover that there are a number of special days that our Heavenly Father wishes us to observe. Some of these days are observed weekly, some monthly, and some annually. On these special days Almighty Yahweh directs that we bring our worship to Him.

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Bas-relief depicting Mithras looking to Sol Invictus as he slays the bull. Sol and Luna appear at the top of the relief.

eating and drinking. Slaves were given liberty during this season and were often served at the feast by their masters. Public affairs were customarily suspended. Courts did not sit, schools were closed, commercial and all military activities were suspended. (Does this sound very similar to what happens during the modern-day Chr-stmas season celebration?)

As we continue to research and study in many of the accepted works, we learn that the ancient Saturnalia was characterized also by the dancing of masked mummeries, stage players, and such other traditions and practices that were derived from the ancient Saturnalia and the Bacchanalia festivals. Today, these activities are associated with the modern-day Chr-stmas and New Year's celebrations. Anyway, where in the Bible do we find that Chr-stmas parties were observed with the heavy imbibing of alcoholic

beverages? Or where do we find a description of the New Year's Mummers' Parade? The obvious answer is nowhere. Yet they appear as an integral part of the ancient PAGAN festivals.

The traditional Saturnalia feast included such dishes as a boar's head stuck with rosemary, with an apple or an orange in its mouth, plum porridge, and minced pies. Clearly, the world today has perpetuated these ancient traditional, but unscriptural, practices at Chr-stmas time. Today, many times, Chr-stians still traditionally eat pork (ham) on Chr-stmas day and New Year's day, which constitutes a totally unscriptural practice. Perhaps Yahweh's dietary law was set aside for the very purpose of perpetuating pagan practices.

December 25 was observed in ancient times to worship the birth of a new sun (note—not "son").

"The choice of December 25 was

probably influenced by the fact that on this day, the Romans celebrated the Mithraic feast of the sun g-d (natalis solis invicti, the birthday of the unconquerable sun), and that the Saturnalia also came at this time." ("Chr-stmas," **Collier's Encyclopedia**).

Is it not true then that December 25 is the birthday of the new SUN, rather than SON?

The worship of Mithra was especially popular with Roman legions, which explains why the Chr-stmas celebration became so universally accepted in the western world. Mythology depicted Mithra in the act of sacrificing a bull. Above the head of the idol appeared the chariot of the sun (see 2 Kings 23:11), linking him closely to sun worship. The worship of Mithra actually constituted a fertility rite according to **Larousse's Encyclopedia of Mythology**.

If we know that the customs and traditions appear to be derived from

ancient idolatrous pagan worship, and that they are condemned in the Bible, should we practice them today? Should we celebrate holidays Almighty Yahweh has not sanctified? The answer to both questions is NO!

Pilgrim Fathers Rejected Chr-stmas

Many of the original immigrants came to the New World with the intention of establishing a home where they could worship the Almighty according to the dictates of the Sacred Scriptures and their conscience. The Pilgrim fathers were prominent among this group. They were essentially Puritans who came to the new world at quite an early date (1620) and settled in New England. It was their intention to serve the Father in heaven and their Messiah in spirit and in Truth. William Penn and the Quakers came to the New World about that time and established the colony of Pennsylvania for the same reason. The ancestors of the author arrived from Germany for the same purpose, but, sadly, memory of these noble intentions have almost disappeared now.

Here is a quote from the **History of the Plymouth Plantation** by William Bradford. *“Here with I shall end this year [1621] except to recall one more incident, rather amusing than serious. On Christmas Day¹³ the Governor called the people out to work as usual; but most of the company excused themselves, and said it went against their conscience to work on that day. So the Governor told them, if they made it a matter of conscience, he would spare them until they were better informed. So he went with the rest, and left them; but on returning from work at noon he found them at play in the streets, some pitching the bar, and some at stoolball, and such like sports. So he went and took away their games, and told them that it was against his conscience that they should play and others work. If they made the keeping of the day a matter of devotion, let them remain in their houses; but there should be no gaming and*



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reveling in the streets. Since then, nothing has been attempted in that way, at least openly.”

Note 13 at the bottom of the page reads, *“The Pilgrims did not observe either Christmas or Easter, since they said, they could find no authorization in the Scripture for such observance. They branded the celebration of these days as ‘Roman corruption,’ and declared that no one who participated in the customary rites could be called a true [Worshiper].”*

Hanukkah as It Should Be Remembered

Let us never forget that Yahshua the Messiah was in Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Dedication—Hanukkah (John 10:22). According to the historical record, this feast occurs about Chr-stmas time. The Jews continue to this day to observe the Feast of the Rededication of the Temple, which occurred in Maccabean times, but in many instances, they do so seemingly intent upon converting it into a substitute for the Chr-stian Chr-stmas.

Here is what the historical accounts in the books of Maccabees tell us.

“Not long after, the king sent an old Athenian to force the Jews to forsake the laws of their forefathers and cease to live according to the laws of [Yahweh], but to pollute the temple in Jerusalem and to call it that of the Olympian Zeus, and to call the one in Gerizim that of Zeus the Hospitable, in keeping with the character of those who lived there.” (2 Maccabees 6:1-2).

“And many of the people and everyone who was ready to forsake the Law joined with them and they did wrong in the land, and forced Israel to hide in every hiding-place they had.

“ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF CHISLEV, in the one hundred and forty-fifth year, he erected a dreadful desecration upon the altar, and in the towns of Judah round about they built altars, and at the doors of their houses and in the squares they

burned incense, and wherever they found the book of the Law, they tore them up and burned them, and if anyone was found to possess a book of the agreement or respected the Law, the king's decree condemned him to death. The Israelites who appeared from month to month in the town they treated with force. **ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF THE MONTH THEY OFFERED SACRIFICE UPON THE ALTAR WHICH WAS SET UP ON THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING.**" (1 Maccabees 1:52-59—emphasis ours).

The month of Chislew roughly corresponds with the Roman month of December.

The desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem took place at exactly the same time when the new sun was customarily being worshiped. The faithful Jewish people resisted such idolatry. Eventually, after three years, the Jewish soldiers miraculously defeated a powerful Syrian-Greek army, whereupon they cleansed the Temple to resume the sacred worship of Yahweh. Tradition says that they only found enough sanctified oil to light the menorah (seven-branched candelabrum) for

one night; however, the oil continued to burn miraculously for eight nights.

Pagan Traditions

Nowhere in the Bible can we ever find a description of the Apostles teaching a Santa Claus tradition, nor can we find that any one of the biblical writers supported setting up a Chr-stmas tree. (Note again Jeremiah 10:2-5.) Nowhere is a yule log described, nor heavy imbibing of alcoholic beverages accepted, kissing under the mistletoe, Chr-stmas cookies, a boar's-head festival, etc. All of these customs are derived from pagan traditions, and, yet, ch-rchianity slavishly continues to observe these unscriptural pagan practices.

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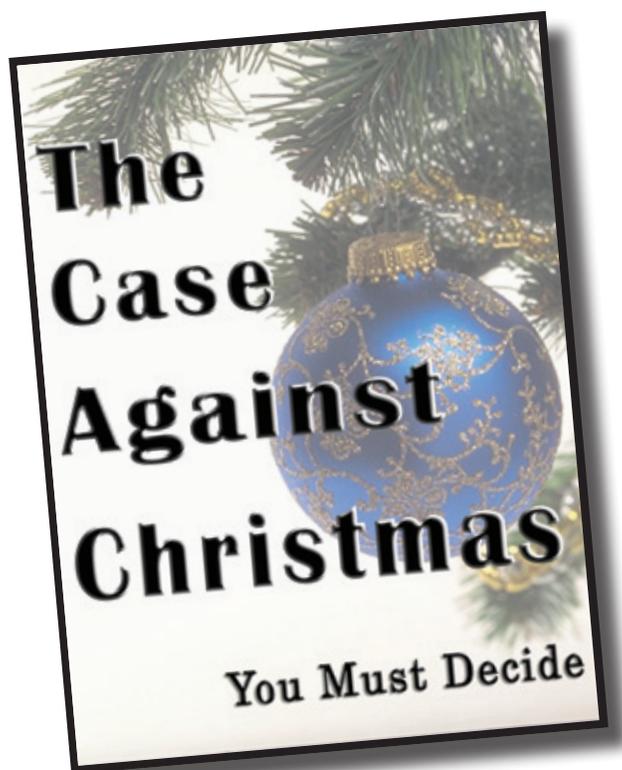
The author has written an extensive research booklet on the subject of the keeping of Chr-stmas. It is titled "**The Case Against Chr-stmas.**" We would like to place a copy of this booklet in every home so that you personally can decide whether or not to keep this holiday.

For decades, the author and

his family have faithfully followed the urging of the Israelite general Yahshua, who said in Yahshua 24:14-15. "**Now therefore fear Yahweh, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the elohim which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve Yahweh. And if it seems evil to you to serve Yahweh, choose this day whom you will serve; whether the elohim which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the elohim of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.**"

What will you do? Which pathway will you choose—the keeping of Yahweh's holy days of Leviticus 23, or following unscriptural, and obviously pagan, traditions? Should we celebrate holidays Almighty Yahweh has not sanctified? The clear answer from both the Sacred Scriptures and worldly history is a resounding NO!

May Almighty Yahweh help you to decide to follow the Lamb wherever He goes and to keep the commandments of Yahweh. Begin now to observe His sanctified holy days, as listed in Leviticus 23. ^{SNB}



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Christmas Traditions Reflect Ancient Saturnalia

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

December 25th has been celebrated as a holiday in pagan worship from antiquity. In fact, one of the names given to the Saturnalia series of royal festivals in mythology was *Paganalia*! Possibly, this is the origin of the term *Pagan Worship*, that is often conferred upon false, unscriptural worship of any kind. Please see **Larousse's Encyclopedia of Mythology**, page 219.

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

People often took precautions to bathe before the festivities began in the morning, so they could spend the entire day eating and drinking. Slaves were given liberty during this time and, often, were served by their masters at the feast. Public affairs were generally suspended. Courts did not sit. Schools were closed. Commercial and all military

activities were suspended (does that sound like a familiar celebration?).

From the **McClintock and Strong's Bible Cyclopedic** article **Christmas**, we find the following: *"Prynne says, in his strong way (in Histrio-Mastix), 'Our Christmas lords of misrule, together with dancing, masks, mummeries, stage-players, and such other Christmas disorders, now in use with Christians, were derived from these Roman Saturnalia and Bacchanalian festivals, which should cause all pious Christians to eternally abominate them.'"*

At the Saturnalia, among the dishes most often served for breakfast and supper on Christmas eve was a boar's head stuck with rosemary, with an apple or an orange in the mouth, plum porridge, and minced pies. How strange it is that such customs, which today are traditional to the Christmas celebration, were conceived originally by pagan worshipers to honor their false, idol, mighty ones. This just couldn't be coincidental, as some of the apologists declare.

Note, also, the reference to masks and mummeries, today depicted in the Pasadena Rose Parade and the Philadelphia Mummers Parade. Could the True Worshipers take part in such idolatrous revelry when the facts stand proven that these traditions were invented to honor pagan idols? Absolutely not! If we wish to please Almighty Yahweh, we must evict every vestige of idolatry from our spiritual lives (Revelation 18:4).

Pork and Christmas

Traditionally, hogs were slaughtered, and the eating of the carcass was one of the central festivities of the Saturnalia. **Encyclopedia Britannica**, 11th Edition, under the article **Saturnalia**, states that each man offered a pig. The reason given for this sacrifice was that a boar was said to have killed the sun deity Adonis. Today, Christians still, traditionally, eat pork (ham) on Christmas day and New Year's Day.

During the Saturnalia, distinctions of rank were laid aside (obviously the origin of informal office parties). Gambling with dice, illegal at other times, was now allowed. All classes exchanged gifts. The most frequent gifts were waxed tapers and clay dolls.

Christmas Dolls

Have you ever wondered why giving little girls dolls as gifts at Christmas is so traditional? Pay special attention to the following quote from the **Encyclopedia Britannica**, 11th Edition, article **Saturnalia**. *"These dolls were especially given to children, and the makers of them held a regular fair at this time. Varro thought these dolls REPRESENTED ORIGINAL SACRIFICES OF HUMAN BEINGS to the infernal g-d. There was, as we have seen, a tradition that human sacrifices were once offered to Saturn, and the Greeks and Romans gave the name of Cronus and Saturn to a cruel Phoenician Baal, to whom,*

e.g. children were sacrificed at Carthage.” It may be conjectured that the Saturnalia was originally a celebration of the winter solstice. Hence, the legend that it was instituted by Romulus under the name of Brumalia (**bruma** = winter solstice). The prominence given to candles at the festival points to the custom of making a new fire at this time.

How utterly horrifying are these statements from renowned research materials. You may see them for yourself by obtaining the use of the research volumes to which we refer, or look in your own dictionaries and encyclopedias.

Think about it. Society has been guilty of perpetuating the memory of human sacrifice with our contemporary traditions like giving Christmas dolls to little girls. That should chill us to the very bone! How do you think Almighty Yahweh views such base activities that occur at this time of year? Do you suppose He smiles benignly on such abominable practices, even though the people, who hang tenaciously to the customs, hide their idolatry innocently by saying, “It’s only for the kids.”

Origin of Christmas Gifts

Incidentally, the giving of gifts by the wise men for the Savior (Matthew chapter 2) has no connection whatever with the current gift-giving, as we have already seen. The wise men arrived weeks after the Messiah’s birth. He was then living in a house. (Matthew 2:11). There is no commandment in the Bible that we should give gifts to other people to celebrate the birthday of the Messiah. The wise men gave their gifts to Him after He was born, just as many people today give the family of a newborn infant gifts to assist in raising the child. Christmas presents do not emulate the wise men’s gifts, but the biblical episode only serves to lend credence to a pagan custom.

Now read Revelation 11:10 in this context. This prophecy deals with

the time in the near future when the two witnesses will be executed for their testimony. We should fear Almighty Yahweh and not men. By eliminating from our worship such evil customs as these, let that catharsis be complete, so that we shall offer pure worship to Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, at all times. The wise men were not necessarily practicing sound doctrine with their gifts since they were of pagan background.

Sun Worship Holiday— December 25

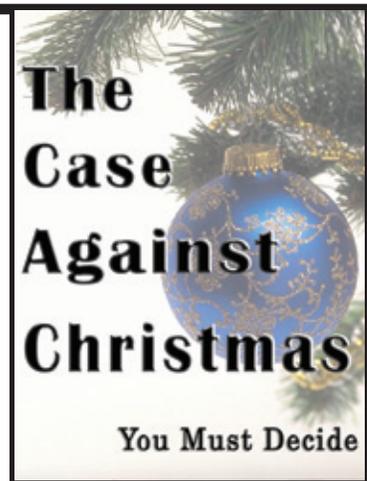
Historians have clearly established that December 25th was anciently a pagan sun-worship observance. Let us view the following quote carefully.

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

Almost every reference work confirms, without hesitation, that holiness attached to the December 25th celebration does not come from the Bible, but must be traced to ancient idolatrous sun worship.

For example, the following quote comes from the article **Christmas**, in the **Encyclopedia Britannica**, 11th Edition. *“In Britain the 25th of December was a festival long before the conversion to Christianity, for Bede (De temp. rat. ch. 13) relates that ‘the ancient peoples of the Angli began the year on the 25th of December when we now celebrate the birthday of the [Messiah]; and the very night which is now so holy to us, they called in their tongue modranecht (môdra niht), that is, the mothers’ night, by reason we suspect of the ceremonies which in that night-long vigil they performed.”*

When secular writers join with the ecclesiastical writers to label the observance of Christmas as totally pagan, should not the True



Worshiper, who wants to serve the Heavenly Father faithfully, feel deep revulsion? When they freely acknowledge that the Savior’s birth never occurred on December 25th, should we then perpetuate such a gigantic hoax and outright falsehood? If you have wondered why a myth like Santa Claus, with such prevaricated deception that accompanies it, could have taken firm hold on society, you should now be able to discern that the entire observance is false from start to finish.

Yahshua the Messiah was never born on December 25th. Observance of the winter solstice was derived entirely from ancient pagan superstitions. Christmas is not named in the Scriptures. It has never been sanctified by Almighty Yahweh. Mankind cannot make it holy, however fervently the people observe it.

Further Historical Proof

In his book **The Golden Bough**, Sir James George Frazer makes the following candid statement. *“What considerations led the ecclesiastical authorities to institute the festival of Christmas? The motives for the innovation are stated in great frankness by a Syrian writer, himself a Christian. ‘The reason,’ he tells us, ‘why the fathers transferred the celebration of the sixth of January to the 25th of December was this. It was a custom of the heathen to celebrate on the same 25th of December the birthday of the sun, at which time they kindled lights in*

token of festivity. In these solemnities and festivities the Christians also took part. Accordingly, when doctors of the Church perceived that the Christians had a leaning to this festival, they took counsel and resolved that the true nativity should be solemnized on that day, and the festival of Epiphany on the 6th of January. Accordingly, along with this custom, the practice has prevailed of kindling of fires till the 6th.”

Why should the apostolic Faith of Yahshua the Messiah capitulate before the onslaught of paganism? Somewhere along in the years intervening between the Messiah’s day and the era of Constantine, nevertheless, this abominable corruption set in. Rather than teach and stand firmly for the Truth, the elders apparently allowed error into the apostolic worship, undoubtedly to gain numbers, freely mixing error with truth. However, such deviation will never be blessed by Yahweh. By this pagan practice, the entire structure of Messianic worship was weakened until, today, the Christian church can hardly be recognized as Messiah’s Body.

Today, the heathen practice of kindling fires to encourage the sun is symbolized by colored lights and candles, perhaps a yule log burning on the hearth. The twelve days of Christmas extend now from December 25th to January 5th, with the sixth day of January being a separate festival—Epiphany.

From this same passage in **The Golden Bough**, Frazer shows that Augustine and Leo the Great both explained away the concept that the sun was being worshiped, although they admitted tacitly in their writings that many “Christians” were given to associate the **SUN** with the **SON**.

Can you see how many of the traditions, which have clung so tenaciously to contemporary religion, are exposed by these noted authors as the heathen practices they really are?

Mithraism and Christmas

Many people, who have no religious inclinations whatever, fervently celebrate Christmas. Previously we have uncovered mention of the association of Mithra worship to the Christmas celebration. Let us take a closer look at it.

The worship of Mithra was especially popular with the Roman legions, which explains why the Christmas celebration became so widely popular in the Western World. Additionally, it explains why it is so popular with people who have no interest in the Faith of the Scriptures.

Mythology depicted Mithra in the act of sacrificing a bull. Above the head of the idol appeared the chariot of the sun (2 Kings 23:11), linking him closely to sun worship. From the blood of the bull, which was being sacrificed, sprang up luxurious plant growth, depicting the warm sun causing vegetation to grow. His worship was actually a fertility rite, according to **Larousse’s Encyclopedia of Mythology**.

The etymology of this name, **Mithra**, means *friend*, but it could also mean *dead ruler*, which is what happened on December 25th at the winter solstice (the sun standing still). The old sun ended its southward journey and, seemingly, a new sun was born. The worship of Mithra was the veneration of light, calling attention to the unconquerable sun (**sol invictus**).

Another notable characteristic which appealed to the Roman soldiers was that Mithra worshipers were called *soldiers of the faith*. This term led to a belligerent attitude among the devotees of Mithra, especially suitable to the Roman army. The Roman army considered themselves invincible, just like the sun which was accounted to be invincible also. Here, apparently, is a direct tie-in to Constantine and the vision he is supposed to have had: **in hoc signo vinces** (in this sign conquer).

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Ignorant ethnic peoples were attracted to nature worship, and, thereby, we may discover some of the superstitious origins of pagan worship. Sadly, in this modern day of enlightenment, the old heathen customs continue to shackle the people of this world, who blindly stumble toward the judgment of Almighty Yahweh. They never question whether traditional practices are scriptural.

In Frazer’s **The Golden Bough**, we find the following quote: “*Now Mithra was regularly identified by his worshipers with the sun, the unconquered sun, as they called him; hence, his nativity also fell on the 25th of December.*”

Our research has led us to discover that **many** different mighty ones of the nations had their birthdays on December 25th. Almighty Yahweh never intended that we celebrate the birthday of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, but, rather, that we remember His death each year at Passover time. Those pagan deities were “Saviors” which could not save. But we worship Almighty Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah. It is His shed blood that will save us, not the celebration of His birth.

From **McClintock and Strong’s Bible Cyclopedia**, article *Mithra*, comes the following quote: “*The most important of his many festivals was his birthday, celebrated on the 25th*

of December, the day subsequently fixed—against all evidence—as the birthday of [the Messiah]. In the early days of the [Messianic assembly] it was not an uncommon occurrence to find an apologist of the inspired teacher laying undue stress on some points of resemblance between Mithraism and [Messianic worship], and thus the triumphant march of the latter was much retarded. In modern times Christian writers have been again induced to look favorably upon the assertion that some of our ecclesiastical usages (e.g. the institution of the Christmas festival) originated in the cultus of Mithraism. Some writers, who refuse to accept the [Messianic] religion as of supernatural origin, have even gone so far as to institute a close comparison with the founder of [the Apostolic Assembly]... The ablest reply to these theories we have from Creuzer and Hardwick.”

Where did the merger of truth and error lead the theological world? The Truth of Yahweh has been brought into disrespect (Romans 1), and people have become confused. But knowing that the Messiah was not born on December 25, and that the pagan traditions attached to this observance and applied to Him are faulty, you may personally reject the error and return to sound doctrine. We can prove that True Worship from the Scriptures is supernatural and true.

Again, from the same article in **McClintock and Strong's Bible Cyclopedia** comes the following quote: “From Persia the cultus of Mithra and the mysteries were imported into Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, etc., and it is not unlikely that in some parts human sacrifices were connected with this worship. In the days of the emperors the worship of Mithra found its way into Rome, and thence into the different parts of the Roman empire.”

Historians have shown that the origin of the Christmas festival is rooted in pagan Mithraism. Since this corrupt worship held that

gratification of the physical was a high motive, it caught on at various places, soon spreading to the limits of the Roman Empire. History records that paganism strongly opposed the Messianic religion. That opposition was eventually put to rest by Constantine, who combined the religions of his realm into one. The reason for Sunday worship and the other Mithraic festivals in nominal Christianity was because Constantine **merged** the Messianic worship with Mithraism and other unscriptural doctrines, thereby forming a new state religion, although such an action constituted an apostasy from the Messianic Faith.

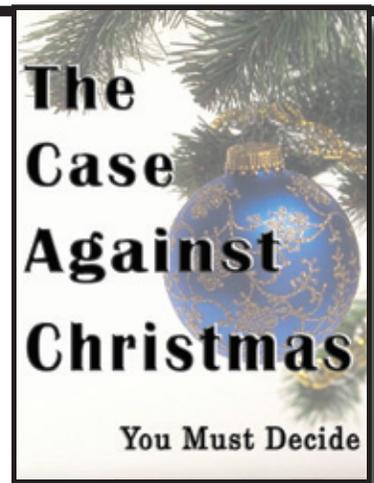
We must never forget that as late as 375 C.E. (fifty years after the Council of Nicaea), elements of the Nazarenes (Acts 24:5) still existed. They kept the scriptural seventh-day Sabbath, the feast days of Leviticus 23, and the other sound doctrines of the Bible, while maintaining a faith in Yahshua the Messiah. These dedicated believers, the remnants of the Apostolic Assembly of Jerusalem, had rejected the hybrid, false religion fostered by Constantine, holding tenaciously to the Faith which was once and for all time delivered to the saints of Yahweh. (Judah 3).

Paganism Imitates Truth

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

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

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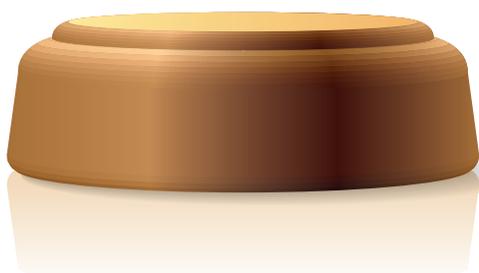


sun moving again northward and, a week later, were able to determine that the days were growing longer, a new year was proclaimed. The ancient people were known to plant poles or stones in the earth to mark the shortest and longest days (Stonehenge in England, for example).

Our society today has not eliminated such pagan practices. The customs of our time closely emulate the practices of the pagans and such conduct is not biblical, although portions of the sacred text are used to justify the modern celebrations. We must seriously question how Almighty Yahweh feels about this celebration. Jeremiah 10:1-10 gives us the answer.

The pagans, apparently, somewhat copy the festival Almighty Yahweh has legislated for the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:33-43). This is also an eight-day observance, but it is designated for worship, not revelry. It takes place at the end of the harvest season, while the pagan celebration of Christmas falls in the winter and is predicated upon heathen practices. Yahweh Himself has established the new year to fall in the spring. (Exodus 12:2). To prove to yourself the confusion (Babylon) of the modern calendar, ask why the month of December (Latin, **Decem**=10) should be the 12th month. Needless to say, by keeping the scriptural calendar, marking time will correspond to Yahweh's wishes. SNB

Government



as a Doctrine

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“Judah, a servant of Yahshua the Messiah, and brother of Jacob, to them that are called, beloved in Yahweh the Father, and kept for Yahshua the Messiah: Mercy to you and peace and love be multiplied.

“Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write to you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For there are certain men who sneaked in secretly, even they who were of old written of beforehand to this condemnation, lawless men, turning the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness, and denying our only Master and Sovereign,

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Yahshua the Messiah.

“Now I desire to put you in remembrance, though you know all things once for all, that Yahweh, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness to the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. Yet in like manner these also in their

dreamings defile the flesh, and set government as nothing, and rail at dignities. But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, Yahweh rebuke you. But these rail at whatever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things they are destroyed. Woe to them! for they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in the criticism of Korah. These are they who are hidden rocks at your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; wild

waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, Yahweh came with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the lawless of all their works of lawlessness which they have wickedly worked, and all the hard things which wicked sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their lusts, (and their mouth speaks great swelling words), showing respect of persons for the sake of advantage. But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah; that they said to you, In the last time there shall be mockers, walking after their own wicked lusts. These are they who cause divisions, sensual, not having the Spirit.

“But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of Yahweh, looking for the mercy of our Master Yahshua the Messiah to eternal life. And on some have mercy, who are in doubt; and some save, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

“Now to him that is able to keep you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in great joy, to the only Elohim our Savior, through Yahshua the Messiah our Sovereign, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time, and now, and forever more. Amen.” (Judah 1-25).

The apostle Judah, who was the brother of Yahshua the Messiah calls himself not only the brother of Jacob, but a servant of Yahshua the Messiah. (Jacob and Judah being

names of the brothers of the Messiah, Matthew 13:55.) This apostle has written some superb instructions for the Apostolic Assembly and its successors, even those who would be living at the time of the Messiah’s return—even to us. In his brief epistle, he warns his readers concerning the contention of True Worship and those who would preach and practice a license to do as you

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please. This comes out in verses 3 and 4 very plainly: *“Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write to you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write to you exhorting you to contend....”* What does contend mean? It evidently means that we must be strong enough to resist the compromise that would weaken our faith. But we must *“...contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all [for all time] delivered to the saints.”* Why? *“For there are certain men who sneaked in secretly....”* We must understand that just as it happened in Old Testament and Apostolic times, evil forces will attempt to infiltrate the Assemblies of Yahweh, just before the Messiah returns. *“...Even they who were of old written of beforehand to*

this condemnation, lawless men, turning the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness....” The term *lasciviousness* is #766—*aselgeia*—means *license to do as you please, licentious*. They have turned the mercy (*chesed*, and the grace of our Elohim, *chanan*) into license to do as they please. They teach that when you have grace—grace to overcome everything—you can do as you please. By doing so, they are *“...denying our only Master and Sovereign, Yahshua the Messiah.”* Where were they written of old? We find here that it is described as those who caused divisions. We could do an entire study on this subject, but Proverbs 6:16-19 holds one of the answers. *“And he that sows discord among brethren,” “A false witness that utters lies,” “Feet that are swift in running to mischief.”* Verse 20, says *“My son, keep the commandment of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother.”* Obedience is what separates True Worship from false worship.

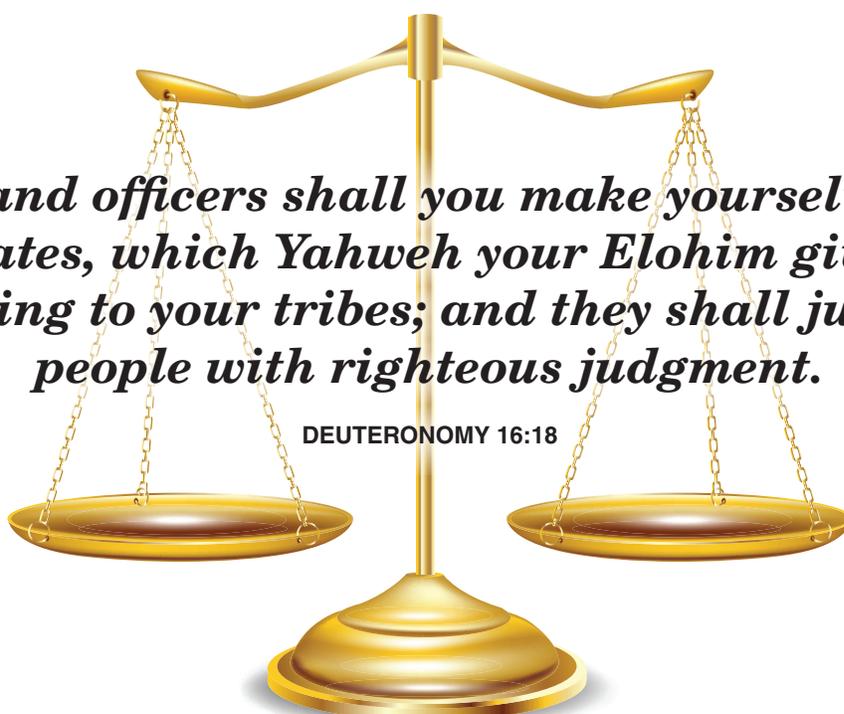
Certain men have sneaked in secretly. How do they come in? Some of these men are pushy men, demanding immersion into the Name of Yahshua, while the elders of the Assemblies of Yahweh are trying to hold them back until they have learned enough. These men, who are not stable, use deceit to gain their objectives. They agree to everything in the pre-baptismal counseling session. They agree to the qualifications for membership. They ultimately agree to remain faithful and stable, but their heart is quick to follow evil and falsehood. *“For there are certain men who sneaked in secretly, even they who were of old written of beforehand to this condemnation, lawless men....”* These are individuals who are not totally committed to Yahweh’s Covenant, to the keeping of His Law, and, thereby, they insist *“We have grace so we can overstep the Law.”* To prove that they have this grace, they deliberately violate Yahweh’s Covenant Law. Notice in

verse 8, ***“Yet in like manner these also in their dreamings defile the flesh, and set government as nothing...”*** In other words, they have reduced government to less than nothing, and, have embarked upon the way of anarchy, where they are free from the restrictions of Yahweh’s governmental system. ***“...And rail at dignities,”*** even though these dignities are trying to strengthen them, they are resisting them. Verse 10, ***“But these rail at whatever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things they are destroyed.”*** These people are extremely inconsistent, and they speak out about things which they don’t understand. ***“Woe to them! for they went in the way of Cain...”*** When Cain was angry with his brother for his obedience to Yahweh, Yahweh stepped in and attempted to constrain Cain before he acted on his anger. Cain resisted Yahweh and was not afraid to kill his own brother. ***“...And ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in the criticism of Korah.”*** What do we see here?

These are tragic incidences in the history of Israel! Balaam took money from Balak to prophesy against Israel, because Balak wanted to destroy the people of Yahweh. Consequently, these individuals run riotously in the error of Balaam, not fearing to destroy the people of Yahweh. ***“And perished in the criticism of Korah.”*** Numbers 16 shows where Korah, the cousin of Moses, attacked the leadership of the organization.

“These are they who are hidden rocks at your love-feasts when they feast with you....” How alert are the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh at the feast days, at Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and, especially, at the Feast of Tabernacles? Do we think that once we have driven through the gates of the Assemblies of Yahweh, that we can let down our guard, now that we are with Yahweh’s people? It sometimes seems to me that brethren let their guard down and don’t consider that perhaps some of these new people who have just begun to attend may need more instruction. We always require that people declare that

they are in willing harmony with the government and doctrines of the Assemblies of Yahweh when they sign the Feast Reservation Form. We have known, though, in times past, that there are some individuals who are not above prevaricating in order to attend the Feast. All they are at the Feast of Tabernacles for is to serve themselves. One individual once said that we should put signs out on the highway, compelling people to come in to the Feast of Tabernacles. My response was, “How can we do that when this is Yahweh’s Feast?” We can broadcast the message and instruct the respondents at other times, but the Feast of Tabernacles is for worship and instruction to spiritual Israelites. We believe that the people coming to the Feast are there because they have been educated and want to learn more, but, sometimes, that isn’t the case. They become hidden rocks in the worship stream of the Assemblies of Yahweh. They become a fifth column trying to disrupt the organization, subtly trying to undermine the teachings. ***“...When they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves....”***



Judges and officers shall you make yourselves in all your gates, which Yahweh your Elohim gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

DEUTERONOMY 16:18

They have the outward appearance of being able to contribute something to the Assemblies of Yahweh, but they have no water—they have no teaching—they don't understand. They are like the preachers who tell stories in worldly christianity and think that they have preached a sermon.

“...Clouds without water, carried along by winds...” [use the word *spirits* to identify and define the word *winds*] **“...autumn trees without fruit...”** [these people haven't yet produced anything]. We ask ourselves the question concerning these dissidents, “What have they produced? What fruits have they born? How many members have they brought into the Assemblies of Yahweh?” Usually the answer is “Nothing.” **“...Twice dead....”** What does that mean? It means that they were once dead, and they were revived, but now they have gone back and rejected their conversion. They have become twice dead, because now they will be put out of existence forever.

“...Plucked up by the roots; wild waves of the sea....” Have you ever seen a storm on the sea? Wild waves, many feet high, foaming and smashing themselves against the shore, and, yet, never able to move it? **“...Wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever.”**

Then Judah continues, **“And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, Yahweh came with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the lawless of all their works of lawlessness which they have wickedly worked, and all the hard things which wicked sinners have spoken against him.”** Sadly, these contentious people will eventually fully reject Yahweh and His ways and wander back into their previous lives and miss the goal of eternity. Some very hard and evil things come from the mouths of people who pretend to be members of the Assemblies of

**Oh let the
nations be glad
and sing for joy;
For you will
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And govern the
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earth.
Selah**

PSALM 67:4

Yahweh, or have pretended to be sympathetic to this organization. **“These are murmurers** [murmurers can accomplish what happened in Numbers 14, when the spies were sent out, and upon their return murmured and complained], **complainers** [in Numbers 11, the mixed multitude was complaining, and Israel fell into condemnation], **walking after their lusts, (and their mouth speaks great swelling words), showing respect of persons** [respect of persons and flattery] **for the sake of advantage.”** Now he goes on to say **“But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah; that they said to you, In the last time there shall be mockers....”**

We have had to deal with many mockers over the years. There were mockers that came to the Assemblies of Yahweh since its inception. Some of them, we found out, were actually atheists—they did not even believe in an Almighty! Some called themselves pantheists. One of these

individuals wrote me recently and sent some kind of article that he had written. He asked “Do you remember me?” I said to some of the brethren in the office, *“Of course I remember him; how could I forget?”* This individual had written a booklet, and, on the cover, he had put a string reaching from heaven to mankind with scissors, saying that Almighty Yahweh had cut communication with mankind. He implied that we don't know what Yahweh wants—that we are lost and adrift in a world where there is no Yahweh, and that He doesn't concern Himself with the affairs of man. This is a horrible false doctrine, and the article this dissident had written was immediately dispatched to the rubbish can!

“...Mockers, walking after their own wicked lusts. These are they who cause divisions [Some people like to fight. They like to divide. That's Satan's tactic—divide and conquer. They revel in causing these divisions.] **not having the Spirit.”** What does the Holy Spirit of Yahweh do? The Holy Spirit of Yahweh strives for unity, strives to build upon a very stable and firm foundation. **“But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of Yahweh, looking for the mercy of our Master Yahshua the Messiah to eternal life.”**

2 Peter chapter 2 is, for the most part, similar to what Judah wrote about in his one-chapter epistle. **“Yahweh knows how to deliver the holy out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment to the day of judgment.”** (2 Peter 2:9). Peter uses this term *judgment* several times. Will there be a judgment? People in the world today have been caught up with this negative cliché: being judgmental. Judgment is not what they want. Why? Because they realize that they are guilty. Judgment is examination day. Judgment is handing out the marks—the grade—on our personal lives. They don't want the day of judgment. Who is it that doesn't

want the day of judgment? Chiefly those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement and despise government. Why? Because government opposes sin, and sin is what these sensual people want to live under. **“...Daring, stubborn....”** They dare to attack government. They are stubborn and rebellious in not allowing government to correct and to direct them. **“They tremble not to rail at dignities** [dignities means those who are tasked with making sure things are done properly]: **Whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing accusation against them before Yahweh. But these, as creatures without reason** [they can’t think.]” How many times I have been trying to guide people with the Word of Yahweh, and they seem to have a

If you put yourself outside of the grace of Yahweh, then destruction from On High will very quickly follow. **“Suffering wrong as the hire of wrongdoing men that count it pleasure to revel in the daytime, spots and blemishes** [These are sacrifices which Yahweh can’t tolerate, because they are blemished sacrifices.] **reveling in their deceivings while they feast with you; having eyes full of adultery....”** As one elderly lady—who I have known for many years—exclaimed in exasperation, “There are so many leaders in the Sacred Name Movement who have committed adultery!” I said, “I haven’t. I’m still married to the same woman that I married almost 40 years ago.” “Well, HalleluYah,” she said. The tragic thing is that there

been reserved. For, uttering great swelling words of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by lasciviousness [license to do as you please], **those who are just escaping from them that live in error....”** They try to contact and mislead people when they’re just coming into a knowledge of the Truth. **“Promising them liberty** [which should be encompassed by the Law of Yahweh], **while they themselves are servants of corruption** [they have gone into human anarchy]; **for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world** [and isn’t that what we all wanted—to escape from sin? That’s why we’re in the Assemblies of Yahweh!] **through**

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mental block. For some reason, they cannot think consistently. They are like creatures who cannot reason, who cannot think logically. **“...Born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters in which they are in ignorance, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed.”** The difference between humans and animals is that animals cannot formulate a project and carry it out. They might be able to create a plan and jump over a fence to get into greener pastures, but they can’t produce anything with their hands—with their reasoning—like mankind can.

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are people who are following them and are listening to the foolishness that they are producing. That’s the tragedy of it all.

“Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unsteadfast souls...” [unstable folks, unstable souls—think of what Peter is writing!]. **“...Forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the hire of wrongdoing.”**

“These are springs without water, and mists driven by storm....” Have you ever seen a spring without water? Many times in the summertime, springs that should be bubbling out of the ground dry up. **“...Springs without water, and mists** [nothing substantive there] **driven by storm for whom the blackness of darkness has**

the knowledge of the Master and Savior Yahshua the Messiah, they are again entangled in it and overcome [that’s what happens to some of these people who come into the Assemblies of Yahweh; they decide we are too strict, and, desiring the flesh, they go out from here and are entangled again in sin] **the last state has become worse with them than the first. For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment....”** You see, right there it is! “We are too strict in the Assemblies of Yahweh.”

One worldly person recently asked, “Is there any way you can figure out to keep your store open on Saturday?” My response was, “That is not negotiable! That’s ab-

solutely not negotiable!” “Oh, well,” he said, “I really admire a person who sticks strictly to their Faith, their religion.” No, we cannot turn back from the holy commandment that has been delivered to us, the strict observance of Yahweh’s Law.

During depositions for an organizational problem we had, the attorney exclaimed to a leader in the nominal Sacred Name Movement, “Oh, I stop in at your store on Saturday and buy beer and bait when I’m going fishing.” Yes! That actually happened! Someone in attendance said “I was very embarrassed for him, because they’re keeping their store open on the Sabbath, and they don’t even seem to care.” We—Yahweh’s people—are not going to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to us. We have made our

tions upon His people. He did this because He loves us! What are they? We read about them at the close of every Sabbath. Ecclesiastes 12:13 **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter....”** What is the conclusion of the Bible? What is the conclusion that can be drawn by the entire book? Answer: **“...all has been heard: fear Elohim....”** Once you have read through the Bible, you must conclude that the Bible teaches all of us to **“fear Elohim and keep his commandments.”** Which commandments? Solomon writes that we must keep His commandments. We must then conclude that all of the Law of Yahweh must be obeyed. Sadly, then, some say, “You’re too strict. You’re too restrictive. Why, you make us throw out a loaf of bread because of its ingre-

favorable, pronounced judiciously. It means a verdict favorable or unfavorable, pronounced judiciously, especially a sentence, a formal decree, human, or of Yahweh’s Laws, particularly; individually or collectively, including the act, meaning of judgment, judging, the place of judgment, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly justice, including a particular right or privilege, statutory or customary. A judge pronounces a judgment. Yahweh has assigned Yahshua to enforce those judgments. Yahweh and Yahshua are the judges of each member of the Assemblies of Yahweh. Ultimately, the judgment is Theirs. In other words, expressed by a statute, or simply customary, or even a style. The root of *mishpat* is #8199, *shaphat*. A prime root that means *to judge* (*mishpat* would be

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decision that we will never violate Yahweh’s Law intentionally. We may accidentally overstep it, but we will never do so intentionally.

Why is government a doctrine, a teaching? The term *doctrine* means *teaching*. It is a teaching in True Worship. The Assemblies of Yahweh is based squarely upon government, as it is revealed to us in the **Sacred Scriptures**. That government is the holy commandment delivered to us (2 Peter 2:21). It means the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh. It means obeying Yahweh’s Covenant Law. It means accepting the light yoke of His Torah to direct and to guide our lives. Our Father in Heaven has revealed to us how we should regulate our lives. He has established parameters of restriction over us. He has built a fence around our lives by imposing certain limita-

ments—that there could be pork in it.” Yahweh’s commandments are comprehensive. **“...Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man.”** This is what makes man complete—the keeping of the commandments. Man has a carnal nature. There is a *yetzer hara* (evil inclination), an inclination to disobey. The commandments of Yahweh, however, when we accept them, will remove that. The carnal nature works in mankind to make us less than whole, but the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh makes the man complete—it makes us whole.

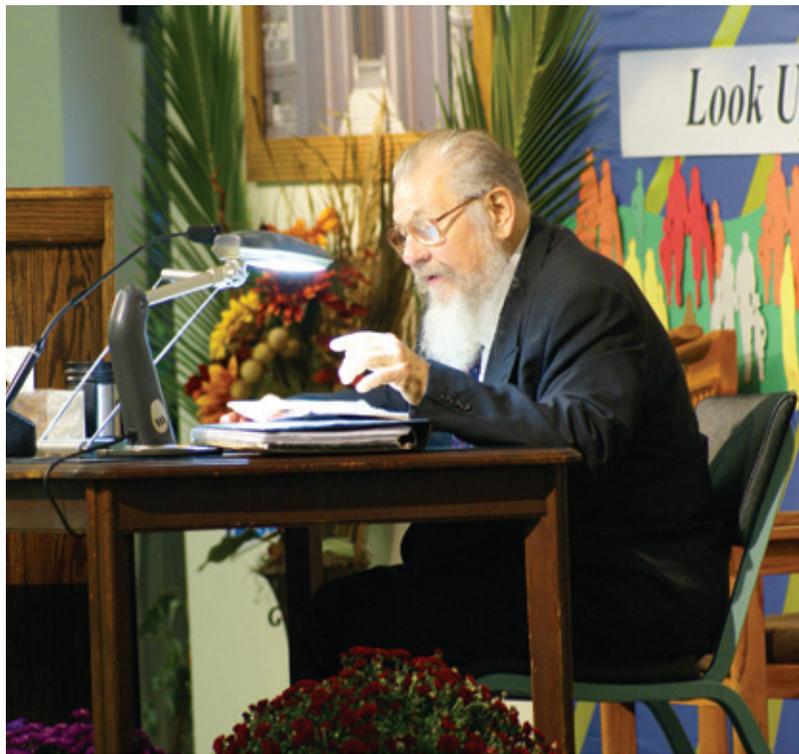
“For Elohim will bring every work into judgment....” The term *judgment* appears throughout the holy Scriptures. It is #4941 in the Hebrew dictionary, *mishpat*. It means *a verdict, favorable or un-*

the participial form), in other words, *to pronounce sentence for or against or to vindicate*. Yes, brethren, this is the heavenly regulatory system that we find in the Bible. This has been established and set up, it has been put into place by Almighty Yahweh. We can either fall into harmony with that heavenly system and live by it, or reject it and ultimately suffer the consequences. These consequences are simply stated in the Bible, clearly and concisely, as eternal punishment and destruction in the lake of fire. There is no mincing words about it. Yahweh’s Word militates against the modern attitude of “Don’t tell me what to do. Let me do my own thing. Don’t repress my life with regulations. If it feels good—do it.”

All of these attitudes are fostered by the Christian concept of grace.

Christianity teaches that the Law was done away with. This doctrine is very prevalent in religion today, but, nonetheless, it is false doctrine! Several Scriptures to prove this are found in the Old Testament. Of course, we know that Psalm 111 tells us to keep Yahweh's Law. **"The works of his hands are truth and justice [or judgment]...."** You see, Yahweh works with all of those who love the Truth, and to those who reject it, He judges. **"All his precepts are sure. They are established for ever and ever...."** The precepts are points of the Law. **"They are done in truth and uprightness. He has sent redemption to his people** [He has bought back His people by a system of recovering through the blood of the Messiah. He bought us back to be with His own family, led by His own Son.]; **He has commanded his covenant forever** [to all people, Isaiah 56:6-8]: **Holy and reverend is his name. The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all they that do his commandments** [how about those who refuse to do His commandments? Those are the ones who can't reason, they're unstable, they're like beasts made to be taken and destroyed.]: **a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: His praise endures forever."** (Psalm 111:7-10).

There are many instructions in Psalms 19 and 119, the two great Law Psalms. Psalm 119:142 says **"Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness...."** We can



never tell Almighty Yahweh what to do. He tells us what to do. We cannot tell Him that He has been unrighteous in giving us His Law, and, yet, that is what Christianity preaches. They constantly are battling against the Law. They view the gift of the Sabbath as bondage and even go so far as to say that you shall not keep the letter of the Law, only concern yourself with the spirit of the Law. My question to them would be, "How can you keep the spirit without the letter telling you what the spirit is?"

"Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is truth." Do you believe that? I do! Psalm 119:152: **"Of old have I known from your testimonies, that you have founded them forever."** Appearing at the front of the Tabernacle before you are written copies of Yahweh's Torah, the Law. That's His testimony. That's what testifies of Him. That's what informs us about Yahweh. **"The sum of your word [you add up all of Yahweh's words together and what does it give you?] is truth; and every one of your righteous ordi-**

nances endures forever. [How many? "Let's omit this one and that one that we don't like," is what Christianity says.]" (Psalm 119:160). We can't do away with anything in the Word.

How about Psalm 19, which is the other Great Law Psalm? Beginning in verse seven: **"The law of Yahweh is perfect** [so why do you want to do away with it then, if it's a perfect system of regulation? Why do people want to do away with it? Because they

are actually rejecting the Author—Yahweh.] **restoring the soul: The testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple** [It will give us all an education. Hasn't it done that? I know that it's done it in my case.]. **"The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart...."** What gives you cause for rejoicing? Isn't it when we learn an aspect of Yahweh's Law? We learn how to keep it, and we learn why it was put there in the Bible in the first place. It gives us rejoicing of heart. **"The commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes."** The commandment of Yahweh is a purifying factor. It cleanses and it washes us, and it opens our eyes. **"The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring for ever: the ordinances of Yahweh are true, and righteous altogether."** (Psalm 19:7-9).

In the fifth chapter of Isaiah, Yahweh set forth six woes through the mouth of Isaiah the prophet. **"Woe, woe, woe,"** he says. In Isaiah 5:24: **"Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble...."** We know what that's like. When I was a boy, we would burn some of our oats

fields, if there were a lot of thistles that had intruded in the crop. We would combine the oats, and then we'd burn the thistles to get rid of the seeds, so that it wouldn't be able to reseed itself. "...*And as the dry grass sinks down in the flame....*" You've seen that if you've been burning any twigs or grass, it disintegrates as it's being consumed by the fire. "...*So their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust....*" Why are all of these various punishments being poured out? The answer is "...*because they have rejected the law of Yahweh of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*" Yahweh has punishments that He connects with disobedience to His Covenant. "*Therefore is the anger of Yahweh kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them, and has struck them; and the mountains tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the middle of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.*" We could take as a cross reference, Numbers 15:31. "*Because he has despised the word of Yahweh, and has broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.*" Where did Isaiah the prophet get this quote? Out of Yahweh's Law. Yahweh's Word does not change.

Isaiah 9:6 "*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government...*" [*Government means rulership.*] "... *Shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty El, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace* [shalom]." Turn to 1 Corinthians 14:33, where it tells us "*For Yahweh is not an Elohim of confusion....*" Therefore, we would say "Yahweh is an Elohim of government, regulation, and of shalom—peace." These two passages go together harmoniously. "*Of the increase of his government* [which

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Government—rulership—is what Yahshua the Messiah will come to inaugurate as a system on this earth. Anarchy, wrong religion, false doctrine, confusion, Babylon—all of those things will be terminated.

Government as a Doctrine

In 1984, I wrote the following: "*In the Assemblies of Yahweh, for more than a decade, we have taught that government is a doctrine that must be recognized by the members of Assemblies of Yahweh. The baptismal counseling each new member receives before immersion makes this quite plain and clear in points 3 and 4, (and I might digress by saying I began using this pre-baptismal counseling form in 1968). Government was considered to be a doctrine early in the history of the Assemblies of Yahweh, and the doctrine of headship was first taught from the pulpit in the Assembly at Bethel during Passover time 1968.*" You can prove that government is a doctrine very simply if you have a copy of the Assemblies of Yahweh **Statement of Doctrine**. You will find the section titled, Government in the Assemblies of Yahweh. Starting in the first paragraph: "*We affirm that the doctrine of the Scriptures relative to Assembly government in the Assemblies of Yahweh is one of law, order, and rule from the top down. The Messiah is the head of the Assemblies of Yahweh. Almighty Yahweh is not the author of confusion; consequently, everything must be done decently and in order.*" "***For Yahweh is not an Elohim of confusion, but of peace. As in all the assemblies of the saints, let the women keep silence in the assemblies: for it is not per-***

mitted to them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as the law also says. And if they wish to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home: for it is shameful for a woman to speak in the assembly. What? Was it from you that the word of Yahweh went forth? Or did it come to you only? If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write to you, that they are the commandment of Yahweh. But if any man is ignorant, let him be ignorant. Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. But let

all things be done decently and in order.” (1 Corinthians 14:33-40).

In 1971, a representative of the nominal Sacred Name Movement came to Bethel, and approaching me said, “Elder Meyer, there is no government in the Bible. Yahweh’s people are not regulated. You should not have government in the Assemblies of Yahweh.” I said, “What do you mean? You don’t despise government, do you?” I pointed him to 2 Peter 2 and Judah verse 8. This is not what he wanted to hear. He turned and walked away. How can you refute what the Bible says?

There’s also a story about the Lubavitcher Jews. (Incidentally, the term *Lubavitch* in Russian means

Philadelphia, love of brethren.) The question is asked, “How many *hasidim* does it take to change a light bulb in Crown Heights (which is where the Lubavitchers are located)?” The answer is three: one to hold the ladder, one to turn in the bulb, and one to write the Rabbi about it. Although this is a humorous tale, we ask, does the Lubavitcher Rabbi need to know about every light bulb that’s changed in Crown Heights? Humor is not the point of the story, but a teaching that can show us how to live today. To efficiently lead, the leadership must be informed of the condition of the Assembly. This is especially true in matters of doctrinal discontent in the congregation.

It seems like a repetition of Exodus 32, when Moses confronted Aaron. In verse 21 “**And Moses said to Aaron, What did this people do to you, that you have brought a great sin upon them?**” There were several instances that occurred throughout the years that have made me wonder if I’m not shouting into the storm, shouting into the wind, not making an impression. If someone is falling away from the Faith and beginning to murmur, or complain, about the teachings of the leadership, it must be addressed, so that extensive damage can be avoided. I have been ordained to preach the sound doctrine of Yahweh, and will do so to the best of my ability. “**And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my superior grow hot: you know the people, that they are set on evil.**” This cannot describe the Assemblies of Yahweh. Our hearts should be set on good! “**For they said to me, Make us elohim, which shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what has become of him. And I said to them, Whoever has any gold, let them break it off: so they gave it to me; and I cast it into the fire, and out came this calf** [Oh, is that all that happened? Aaron threw in a pot of scrap gold,

You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: you shall not respect the face of the poor, nor honor the face of the mighty; but in righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

~ LEVITICUS 19:15

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earrings, and whatever jewelry they gave him, and out jumped a golden calf? *A miracle occurred.* You can just see Moses seething at that point. *“Come on Aaron, that wasn't a miracle. Something happened because you did something. You threw that gold into the refining pot, you melted it down, and when it came out, you molded it.”* ***“And when Moses saw that the people were broken loose (for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies), then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoever is on Yahweh's side, let him come to me. And all the sons of Levi [The definition of Levi is a joiner, those who fully committed themselves to Yahweh, joined to Yahweh.] gathered themselves together to him. And he said to them, In this manner says Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel, Put each man his sword on his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each one kill his brother, and his companion....”***

What a terrible thing to have to say!! To kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor who are involved in this despicable idolatry! You and I have witnessed the Truth of Yahweh to our relatives and our friends, have we not? I have! All of my acquaintances know what I stand for. Now, suppose I go out and

commit a terrible sin, and people in the community find out about it—what happens then? Have you ever thought of that? I have counseled people who have committed fornication: you have witnessed to the people all around you, now what are you going to tell them when they find out that you are pregnant, or that you've committed this fornication—this adultery—this sin?”

“And when Moses saw that the people were broken loose [they had violated Yahweh's Covenant] for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies.” The enemies of Yahweh are going to talk. Nathan said to David, ***“However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of Yahweh to blaspheme....”*** (2 Samuel 12:14).

There has to be government in the Assemblies of Yahweh to keep things in order. We are not just another christian church or organization. We—the Assemblies of Yahweh—are meant to be different, to be Yahweh's True Assembly, and we're going to continue to do that. We're going to look at many more passages in this series which will enable the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh to understand Yahweh's teaching on the subject. Government is a doctrine. It is a teaching in the Assemblies of Yahweh. In the nominal Sacred Name Move-

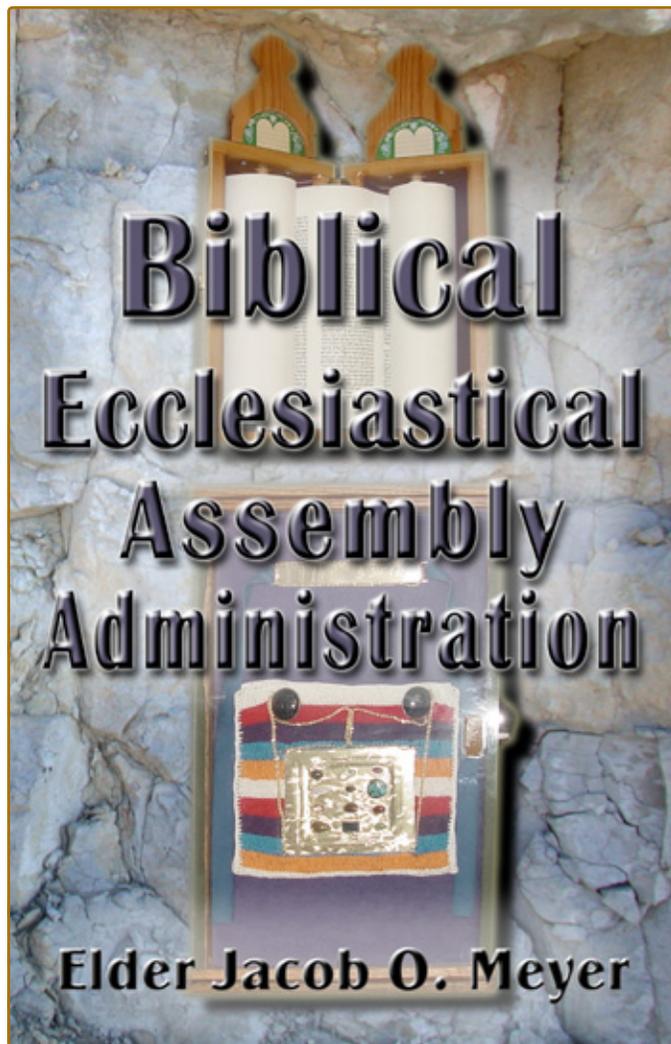
ment—in christianity—they teach against it. “Do as you please!” they say, while there are members of the congregation living in open sin which is known to the leadership and the membership, but no one has the strength to address it. In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we will not tolerate those kinds of actions!

In 1 Samuel 8, the leadership of Israel came to Samuel and demanded a king to judge the nation. Samuel went to Yahweh in prayer for direction, and, in verse 7, Yahweh answered. ***“And Yahweh said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them.”***

Yahweh has given us His Word. He has given us His Covenant. He has spoken His commandments. He has codified them and written them down through the prophets that we may have them instantly at our command—in a book, in a codex, with pages that we can turn to easily. ***“...They have not rejected you [Yahweh says to Samuel] but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them.”*** In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we have a King. He is the King of Kings—Yahweh. He has appointed His Son to be the Messiah, King of this earth. Consequently, we have His wishes, His commandments, in the **Sacred Scriptures**. After this current age of judges, this King Yahshua the Messiah, the Son of Yahweh will be installed as King over all this earth. Right now, we're learning to submit to Him. We have, at the present time, a system of judges who preach and apply the Word so that each member of the Assemblies of Yahweh can know and follow the commandments of Yahweh, and be faithful to the parameters that have been established and submit themselves to them. May Almighty Yahweh bless us as we continue to learn to serve Him more perfectly with each passing day. S^NB

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