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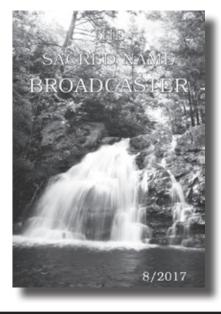
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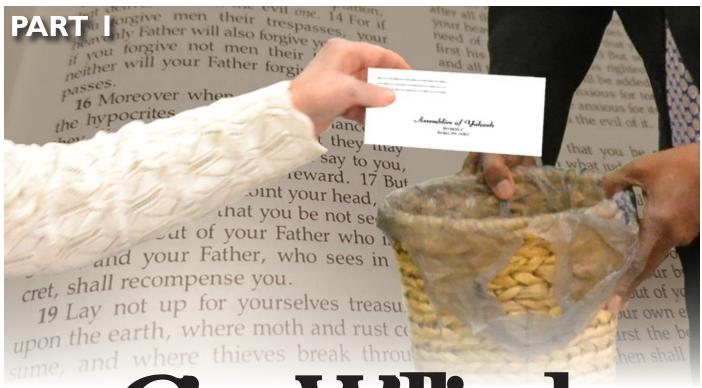


Our Cover:

"As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after you, O Elohim." (Psalm 42:1).

Do you thirst for Truth like the sweet waters of Yahweh? The children of Yahweh will be satisfied with water, which is symbolic of sound doctrine.

"I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the middle of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water...that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Yahweh has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it." (Isaiah 41:18, 20). Those who walk righteously—their waters shall be sure.



Cive Willinglyto Build Yahweh's True Worship

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.... No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve Yahweh and mammon." (Matthew 6:19-21, 24).

One of the most important spiritual lessons Almighty Yahweh wishes to teach us during our lifetime is that of GIV-ING. Almighty Yahweh GAVE gifts of great value to the human race. He GAVE us a magnificent creation and a productive environment to sustain our human existence. He GAVE us the gift of life. He has given us freely a GIFT of knowledge. He GAVE to the world His only begotten Son to be our Savior and Redeemer.

He revealed His Covenant, and He GAVE us grace to keep His Law. He GAVE us the opportunity to inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh and to live with Him throughout all eternity. These GREAT GIFTS cannot be valued, because they are priceless!

Yahweh gave gifts to us before we ever thought to give to Him.

The opposite of giving represents one of the basic character faults of human nature. The average individual is inherently selfish, avaricious, and greedy. Normally, he thinks first and foremost—and usually exclusively—of NUMBER ONE—HIMSELF.

However, Almighty Yahweh desires us to orient our personal considerations differently. Almighty Yahweh wants us to think of Him and His True Worship first. Then, He wants us to consider our fellow men **second**, especially those of the household of Faith. "So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially them that are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10). Finally, He intends that we think about ourselves last.

Almighty Yahweh carefully planned how He would educate man to be generous and giving like their Creator. Almighty Yahweh commanded that man should adhere to a program of giving back to Him—returning tithes and offerings earned by our labor. Just as we teach our children not to be selfish and greedy—but to be generous, giving, and sharing—similarly, our Father in heaven must also educate His spiritual creation to be giving.

Yahweh Owns All

In Yahweh's Law, we find a

When true
conversion takes
control of an
individual, he
will sincerely
dedicate his
life to serving
Yahweh even
though it
may require
some degree
of sacrifice to
implement His
righteous Laws.

commandment that is almost universally violated today. "And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine: for you are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land." (Leviticus 25:23-24).

Do you perceive how Almighty Yahweh reserves complete title to all the land—meaning total rights to it? He designates certain property rights to certain people. If Yahweh's Kingdom Laws were recognized by all people on this earth today, we could not sell the land, but merely rent it for a certain number of years until the arrival of the Jubilee Year, whereupon it would revert again to its original owner.

If these Laws were put into practice, what a difference it would make! The avaricious capitalistic system that dominates our society today would

be terminated in favor of a freeenterprise system. There would be no exorbitant interest rates demanded for borrowed money. Immediately, the economic system (under which the coming Kingdom of Yahweh government will be functioning) would become healthy and viable as never before, just as Yahweh Elohim intended.

If Almighty Yahweh retains the ownership of all the earth, then He expects some rent to be returned for our personal use of His bountiful creation. He has scripturally legislated a tithe, meaning 10 percent, of our increase, which He has designated must be paid into the headquarter's treasury of His True Worship so that all people of this earth will have an opportunity to hear of the glory of their Creator, Almighty Yahweh.

He has promised to bless all of those who faithfully keep His commandment regarding tithing. Do you comprehend how, if we sincerely obey each one of these commandments faithfully, especially understanding that this is Yahweh's creation, we will be blessed by our Heavenly Father if we obey? Conversely, we will be cursed if we disobey. Since Yahweh owns all, He may establish any kind of system He deems best. How mankind—His human creation—has rebelled!

Objections to Tithing

When someone wishes to do something, he will find ways to do it. For example, if a meeting is held that we wish to attend, we will go, but, if we do not care to attend, we will invent a variety of excuses not to attend. So it is with any of the biblical doctrines. Those who want to obey Yahweh will faithfully find ways to imple-

ment the terms of His Covenant in their lives. Those who do not will invent many excuses. See Ecclesiastes 7:29, which reads: "Behold, this only have I found: that Elohim made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."

Tithing is no exception. Man selfishly intends to keep all the material possessions he accumulates, unless he is truly converted. When true conversion takes control of an individual, he will sincerely dedicate his life to serving Yahweh even though it may require some degree of sacrifice to implement His righteous Laws.

Some people may try to prooftext their objections to tithing by some verse of obscure Scripture. However, in this article, we shall refute those contentions with knowledge from the Sacred Scriptures.

Some people believe that they cannot tithe until they are out of debt. However, that is no valid excuse. Most people today find themselves in debt, and they will find many ways to remain in debt if such an objection can be supported from the Scriptures. Nevertheless, such a contention cannot be supported. Actually, by tithing, one finds it necessary to create a budget, and, in this way, he pays much closer attention to his personal finances. He soon learns he can tithe and, in addition, pay his debts. We must recall that Almighty Yahweh has promised to bless all who obey His Laws. Do we have the faith to trust Him, or do we yet doubt? If we do not even have the faith to trust Yahweh to supply our temporal needs, do we really trust Him to save us for all eternity?

Some objections take the direction that since the Levitical priesthood no longer exists in our time, no tithing Law is currently in effect in this New Testament era. We shall show that the Melchizedek priesthood has superseded the Levitical priesthood, and we now tithe to Almighty Yahweh through Yahshua, the great Melchizedek High Priest. The Melchizedek priesthood is spiritual; the Levitical was simply carnal and temporal.

Another objection sets forth the contention that since the Temple was destroyed, the tithing Law is no longer in effect, because it was a part of the sacrificial system. The usual "punch line" says that in the New Testament era the Heavenly Father now demands 100 percent of our dedication, not a mere 10 percent. The answer to that subtle objection is that no one would, or could, nor should, give up 100 percent of his pos-

sessions, supplies, goods, and income! Yahweh does not ask you to do that. HE ONLY ASKS 10 PERCENT! We cannot add to the Word! These and other objections will be addressed in this article.

The Author's True-Life Experience

Usually the ch-rches of nominal Chr-stianity teach giving, but they give only lip service to tithing. Such was the policy of the group to which the author once belonged.

After learning the Truth of the Sacred Scriptures which clearly proved that violating the commandments of Yahweh is sin, the author determined to stop sinning by keeping Yahweh's commandments contained in His moral Law. He proved to himself that the sacrifice of Yahshua on the torture



stake completed the requirements of blood sacrifice.

Nevertheless, at that time, the author had debts to repay from money he had borrowed. Mrs. Meyer and the author were the product of the 1940s and 1950s—the "American Graffiti" generation. After the internal struggle about Lawkeeping had subsided within his heart (a struggle that customarily happens in people learning Bible Truth), he decided to tithe first and pay the bills afterward. Having been raised in a home where THRIFTI-NESS was taught as a virtue, he knew how to economize. Therefore, all spending for the month was carefully monitored. Wonder of wonders! When the tithe and offering check was written out and all the bills were paid, a small balance remained in the checking account!

That was over 50 years ago. Since then the Meyer family has sought to remain faithful at all times in returning to Yahweh what is rightfully His. We hope that this article will motivate you to make a similar commitment. It is not so difficult once you make the decision to do so.

Tithing a Biblical Term

The word tithe is a middle English word derived from the Old English term *teothe*, meaning a tenth. The English definition means "one tenth of the annual produce of one's land or one's annual income, paid as a tax or contribution to support a religious organization or its clergy." In the Hebrew text the word is found as #4643 in Strong's **Exhaustive Concordance of** the Bible, ma`aser. It is from the Hebrew word for the number 10 (eser) and especially means a tithe or ten percent.



"And all the tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Yahweh's: it is holy to Yahweh."

LEVITICUS 27:30

A second term found in the Hebrew text is #6237, 'asar, and means "to accumulate; also, to tithe, i.e. take or give a tenth."

In the Greek New Testament, the word **tithe** also appears. One word used is #586, **apodekatoo**, from #575 and #1183, to tithe (as debtor or creditor), which #1183, **dekatoo**, is from #1181, "to tithe, i.e. to give to take a tenth." We also see that #1183, **dekate** means "a tenth, i.e. a percentage or technically a tithe."

It should be *very obvious* then that the term *tithe* is well attested in both the Hebrew and Greek texts. We must understand that it appears there and that it means a tenth, or ten percent.

Now, all we must remember is to *accept* whatever the Scriptures tell us in regard to that tithe or ten percent and obediently offer it to Almighty Yahweh. Carnal man develops problems with obeying Yahweh's Word, because his character is selfish. We must change and become more spiritual, subordinating our will to Yahweh's.

The Patriarchs Tithed Faithfully

The first time the term **tithe** appears in the Sacred Scriptures is in Genesis 14. Abraham, the father of the faithful, became involved in an international conflict when the five eastern kings came and raided the cities of the Dead Sea Plain. Lot, his nephew, was living there at that time, and these five marauding kings took Lot captive. Abraham mustered the men of his camp into military duty and pursued the kings. When he found them, he defeated them and brought back everything the foreign raiders had seized, along with Lot and all of his possessions.

On Abraham's return from

that battle, Melchizedek, the priest of El Elyon, met him with a victory feast. Melchizedek blessed Abraham, and Abraham recognized him as Yahweh's representative on this earth. Abraham gave him the tithes of everything. This would not only include the booty of war, but probably, also, additional tithes that he had accumulated.

Sometimes we hear of objections against tithing wherein misguided ministers point to Israel's first victory over the Midianites in Numbers 31 for support against the necessity of tithing. There we find that Yahweh directed that an offering of considerably less than a tithe should be contributed by the victorious Israelites after their first victory.

However, the correct explanation here is not that of paying an individual tithe, but, rather, that Yahweh's True Assembly should return to Almighty Yahweh the firstfruits offering from a victory He had so generously given them. If you will remember, at the battle of Jericho (Yahshua [Joshua] 6) Almighty Yahweh commanded that everything in the city should be devoted to Yahweh. That was far greater than a tithe.

"And the city shall be devoted, even it and all that is in it, to Yahweh: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. But as for you, only keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when you have devoted it, you take of the devoted thing; so would you make the camp of Israel cursed, and trouble it. But all the silver, gold, and vessels of copper and iron, are holy to Yahweh: they shall come into

the treasury of Yahweh....And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was in it; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of Yahweh." (Yahshua 6:17-19, 24).

Jericho represented Israel's first victory in the Promised Land, whereas the battle against Midian was the first major victory by a united Israelite army BEFORE they entered the land of Israel.

In Numbers 31, Israel gave a collective firstfruits offering for that victory. The entire group gave of the firstfruits to Almighty Yahweh from the whole amount of their booty. Then, each person individually, who received their share of that booty, would undoubtedly have voluntarily tithed from what Yahweh had given them.

Abraham was a faithful man. He obeyed Almighty Yahweh's commandments. He tithed faithfully. "Because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." (Genesis 26:5). Israel followed in Abraham's footsteps.

Jacob Promised His Tithes to Yahweh

The next instance wherein the term tithe appears in relation to one of the patriarchs is at Bethel, when Jacob fled from his brother Esau, who had threatened to kill him. Near Bethel, an awe-inspiring vision appeared to Jacob. He saw a staircase (usually translated ladder) which extended from heaven to earth, meaning that this was the place where communication between heaven and earth was established for Yahweh's angels. Then, when Jacob awoke, this dream-vision had obviously made an indelible impression upon him. Surely, today, Yahweh has established communications from heaven with His earthly creation at Bethel!

"And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of the city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If Elohim will keep me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; and Yahweh will be my Elohim: And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be Elohim's house: and of all that you shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto you." (Genesis 28:18-22).

Did Jacob fulfill his promise? He surely did!

When Jacob returned to the Holy Land, he built an altar at Shechem in a parcel of land he had purchased (Genesis 33:20). Later on, his entire entourage journeyed to BETHEL, and he built an altar there to worship Yahweh at BETHEL (Genesis 35:7). Jacob was determined to sacrifice to Almighty Yahweh, and some of those sacrifices undoubtedly represented the tithes he had obligated himself to pay.

NOTE: The second segment of this series will follow in next month's issue. Just as Jacob manifested His love for Yahweh by fulfilling his promise to give, so we must do likewise today. Will you heed this commandment? Have you ever considered the concept of a world without Yahweh? What would our existence be like without the constant care and concern of our Heavenly Father, the Creator?

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by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

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Have you ever considered the concept of a world without Yahweh? What would our existence be like without the constant care and concern of our Heavenly Father, the Creator? Sincere seekers after the Truth of Yahweh will be witnesses of Yahweh's creative power and be quick to declare His marvelous works to mankind as His Word opens our eyes to the evidence of Yahweh as the Master-builder of the universe.

"Then Job answered and said, No doubt but you are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: Yes, who knows not such things as these? I am as one that is a

laughing-stock to his neighbor, I who called upon Eloah, and he answered: the just, the perfect man is a laughingstock. A light is scorned by one who feels confident, but necessary for them whose foot slips. The tents of robbers prosper, and they that provoke El are secure; into whose hand Eloah brings abundantly. But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and they shall tell you: or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you; and the fishes of the sea shall declare to you. Who knows not in all these, that the hand of Yahweh has worked this, in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind? Does not the ear try words, even as the palate tastes its food? With aged men is wisdom, and in length of days understanding. With Elohim is wisdom and

might; He has counsel and understanding. Behold, he breaks down, and it cannot be built again; He shuts up a man, and there can be no opening. Behold, he withholds the waters, and they dry up; again, he sends them out, and they overturn the earth. With him is strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his. He leads counselors away stripped, and judges he makes fools. He looses the bond of kings, and binds their loins with a girdle. He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty. He removes the speech of the steadfast, and takes away the understanding of the elders. He pours contempt upon princes, and looses the belt of the strong. He uncovers deep things out of darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death. He increases the nations, and he destroys



them: He enlarges the nations, and he leads them captive. He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. They grope in the dark without light; and he makes them to stagger like a drunken man." (Job 12:1-25).

What would this world be like without the seasoning provided by the "salt of the people" who have a knowing Faith in an Almighty Being? Attempts have been made over the span of history to eliminate any recognition of the Bible and its Author. Such misguided opposition has always abjectly failed. Job recognizes the need of the people to accept the guidance of an Almighty Being. In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we have accepted and proven the existence of an Almighty. Job came to this same realization and stressed this fact in verse 4, "...I who called upon Eloah, and he answered...." As did Job, we also have received many answers from the supernatural realm of the True and Living Mighty One of the Bible. But why does he state, "Into whose hand Eloah brings abundantly. But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and they shall tell you: or speak to the earth, and it shall teach you; and the fishes of the sea shall declare to you. Who knows not in all these, that the hand of Yahweh has worked this, in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?" (Job 12:7-10). To the inquirer who is sincere, creation itself will teach them that there had to be a Creator, and, that by His hand, His creation is animated. "With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. He leads

counselors away stripped, and judges he makes fools. He looses the bond of kings, and binds their loins with a girdle. He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty." (Job 12:16-19). When human-kings bind, He is the one to release those bonds. He leads the false priests of Baal away to destruction—stripped of knowledge. Because of Yahweh's creative power, His creation is subject to Him.

"He removes the speech of the steadfast, and takes away the understanding of the elders. He pours contempt upon princes, and looses the belt of the strong. He uncovers deep things out of darkness, and brings out to light the shadow of death." (Job 12:20-21). Yahweh uncovers deep things out of darkness and brings to light the shadow of death—saving from the brink of death. There can be no creation

without Yahweh—no world without Yahweh.

The removal of Yahweh as the Creator is exactly what evolutionists set out to conclude about the origin of the world. Charles Darwin, the son of a minister, became skeptical—arrogant—against the teaching of the Bible. It is now only about 186 years—since 1831—since the ship **HMS Beagle** sailed from England, around South America, and, then, up around Africa, with Charles Darwin on board. The observations on this voyage, instead of reaffirming the Creator's role, led Charles Darwin to concoct the theory of evolution. By removing Yahweh from the nature of this world, evolutionists place man as prime. This theory has captured the teaching of the academia of the world, including religion. Paul describes the intelligentsia who have rejected Yahweh. "For I am not ashamed of the good tidings: for it is the power of Yahweh for salvation to everyone that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

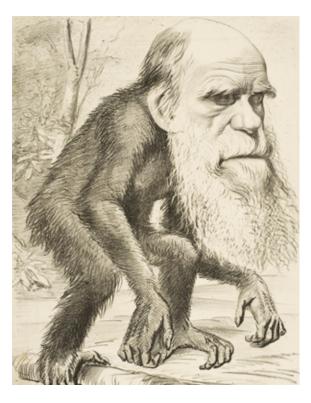
For in this a righteousness to Yahweh is revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17).

Evolution is a doctrine that is nothing but theory and, yet, is being taught—projected— AS THOUGH IT WERE THE TRUTH. "For the wrath of Yahweh is revealed from heaven against all lawlessness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in *unrighteousness*: [violation of Yahweh's Law] because that which is known of Yahweh is manifest in them; for Yahweh manifested it to them. For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and majesty; that they may be without excuse." (Romans 1:18-20). The phrase clearly seen is what drew me to Job chapter 12. All around us, Yahweh's creation can be clearly seen—beasts walking the earth, fish swimming in the

seas, birds flying in the heaven. These things did not just appear but had a Creator who conceived all things as they are.

A shocking pronouncement came over the radio some time ago. In Colorado, tiny skulls were discovered which were about the size of a mouse's. Scientists claimed that this was evidence of a miniature monkey which had lived 35 million years ago. They also claimed that this was the missing link between the animal kingdom and humankind. I asked the question "Couldn't they just be mice skulls? Mice that died in the high-desert many years ago, the arid climate petrifying the bones?" Yet, the particular scientist that presented these skulls as a denial of the existence of a Creator went so far as to then begin to mock those who believe in creationism. The fallacy of his argument, though, is the premise that evolutionism is fact, not the theory that it is. To agree with him, we would have to create a world without a Creator. The reason evolutionists cast about trying to see where they can find a supposed link between animals and humans is to further their erroneous theory that there is no Creator.

Some years ago, on a television program, a professor from the University of Maryland was going to demonstrate how life was created. He put various ingredients comprising ocean slime and sea water into a beaker and, then, heated it to a certain temperature. "Now", he said, "We will inject electricity into the beaker." All of the observants were watching with bated breath, possibly thinking that the next thing to happen was that a little baby would jump out of the beaker. When he shot electricity into the beaker, nothing happened. Then he said, "Well this is how we BE-LIEVE life came to be." "For the



At left:
An 1871
caricature of Charles
Darwin following
publication of The
Descent of Man.

invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and majesty; that they may be without excuse." (Romans 1:20). The creation of this system of things expresses the invisible things of Yahweh. Scientifically, we can prove that this world—this universe—had to have a Creator. Even scientists will admit that there is actually a mentality behind the creation of this universe. All things did not appear when a "Big Bang" created the universe, but a controlled, organized creation that was set was set in order by a magnificent mind.

What would a world without Yahweh be like? Romans 1:21-22 describes a world without Yahweh. "Because that, knowing Yahweh, they did not glorify him as Elohim, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." They mock those who believe in Creationism as fools. and, yet, they are the ones who have foolish doctrines, ignoring sound evidence in order to espouse the tenuous theory of evolution. "And changed the glory of the incorruptible Elohim for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. For this reason Elohim gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: for that they exchanged the truth of Yahweh for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. **Amen.**" (Romans 1:23-25).

If there is no Creator, then there is no law. And to reason further, if there is no Higher Authority to give us a law, then we can all "do as you please." That is the world without Yahweh that scientists are attempting to create. "And even as they refused to have Elohim in their knowledge, Elohim gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, hateful to Elohim, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, unmerciful: who, knowing the ordinances of Yahweh, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them." (Romans 1:28-32).

In Genesis 6:5, we find the result of man's evil inventions coming to fruition. "And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Today, we can see that the world is rapidly deteriorating. It seems that every thought and action of humanity is centered around "self." Firstly, they deny Yahweh—deny a Creator; secondly, they reject His authority over our lives by casting off His Law; and thirdly, they teach feel free to do as you please and invent every evil thing imaginable—live for yourself. Every year, the death of John Lennon is noted in the media. Do you know what his life, and the life of his consort, Yoko Ono, was like? They lived a polluted, self-

absorbed life. I have to wonder why young people choose role models such as these—people like Madonna—"The material girl." By following examples like that, our children will begin to think their only role in this world is to satisfy themselves! People will then feel the need for more self-esteem, gravitating in the direction of materialism rather than seeking a knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures and Yahweh as its Author. They desire a world without Yahweh. That same thing was tried in Antediluvian times (before the flood). "And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5). Think about it. If Yahweh destroyed the earth because of pervasive wickedness, are we not reaching that point of destructive action today?

"And Yahweh said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping thing, and the birds of the heavens; for it grieves me that I have made them. But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh." (Genesis 6:7-8). Yahweh had to ask Himself, "Why did I do it? Why did I create inventors of evil things—those who are obsessed with evil, creating a world for themselves without Yahweh?" On one hand was a man-Noahwho was striving for perfection through obedience to Yahweh. On the other hand was a sinful generation who had fallen into wickedness—creating a world that did not need Yahweh. "The earth was corrupt before Elohim, and the earth was filled with violence. And Elohim saw the earth, and,

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<u>PROPHETIC</u> <u>TRENDS</u>



BABYLON'S IMMINENT FALL

A religious system dominates the people of the Western world today. It is referred to in the book of Revelation as Babylon the Great. "...And upon her forehead a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of the Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Yahshua. And when I saw her, I wondered with great wonder." (Revelation 17:5-6). The name Babylon means confusion, because Yahweh confused the languages of those who were constructing the Tower of Babel, so that they could no longer understand each other as they constructed their tower in opposition to the rulership of Almighty Yahweh. When we scrutinize the world today, it becomes candidly obvious that this world is, indeed, in total confusion. Rather than submit to the Law of Almighty Yahweh, which would cause all to be in unity as we read in I Corinthians 1:10—all speaking the same thing—the world, today, stands in confusion.

Here in the United States, for example, a wide range of political and religious opinions span a broad spectrum of beliefs—from the extremely liberal to the ultraconservative. Some of the ideologies espoused by people are extremely preposterous. Are we in a period of time similar to the characteristics of the era when the Tower of Babylon was built? There Yahweh confused the languages and, also, undoubtedly, the thoughts of the people at that time. We can see the disintegration of society today. The reasons for the rapid fragmentation are because of avariciousness, rebellion, and the immorality of the people of our day. Everyone seems to be doing what is right in his own mind. That is why there will soon be a trend to draw all people together in a climactic world government, which in Revelation 13 is called the Beast.

Riding upon the Beast (whose multiple heads are full of the names of blasphemy), the Great Harlot is apostate religion. When Yahweh the Heavenly Father confused the languages at the Tower of Babel, people had allowed their thoughts and ideas to be motivated by a spirit other than Holy Spirit of Yahweh. They had followed the spirit of the world—the spirit of Satan the Devil. These thoughts and ideas that were implanted into the minds and hearts of the people have since corrupted the entire earth. These names of blasphemy are reverenced today in nominal ch-rchianity. They are standing at the head of various governments of the world, rather than the Name of the True King of the universeYahweh our Heavenly Father and His Son, our Redeemer, Yahshua the Messiah.

You will notice that Babylon the Great is drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs of Yahshua. She persecutes those who follow the Truth. Down through the history, sincere people, who have sought to live in harmony with the Scriptures of our Heavenly Father, have suffered great persecution. Many of these people gave their lives in martyrdom for their convictions. Perhaps this is why the woman is described as being clothed with scarlet, because, first of all, she is an evil, immoral woman, and, secondly, she is stained with the martyrs' blood of those righteous believers who have sought to live their lives in righteousness. Who is this immoral woman riding upon the governments of the world? It must obviously be apostate ch-rchianity that today follows Babylonian religion and doctrines and in the names that are used in this worship.

"And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: and they repented not of their

murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." (Revelation 9:20-21).

Did you notice the word sorceries? In the Greek, the word is pharmakeia. It has been translated witchcraft in Galatians 5:20. It means a magical incantation by means of drugs. Apparently, quite a number of witchcraft practices are related to drugs. They support pagan beliefs through the use of drugs, approving of the Satanic practices. People today defend and proselyte to this new religion that seeks to promulgate Satanic worship. They will not repent of their evil practices. They will not serve the only True and living Mighty One Yahweh. Here, again, is a clear fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Drug Abuse Abounds

Who would have ever thought of a church of marijuana? Recently in the news, have been reports about a ch-rch of cannabis, which has been granted tax-exempt status as well! In recent years, many states have approved the use of "medical marijuana," including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Colorado has allowed the regulated sale of marijuana, which is contrary to federal law. This has caused people to flock to the state of Colorado for pot binges, opening a Pandora's box of problems and issues.

This nation is also under assault from the widespread cheap distribution of illegal drugs and hallucinogenic drug substitutes. More than 30,000 individuals overdosed on these drugs last year. Not a day is goes by, it seems, that the news contains reports of drug overdoses. It is heart rending to see the siblings and parents (or grandparents, as well) tearfully mourning the loss of those who have overdosed on these drugs. This is a sign of the times. Are the people of this generation seeking to self-medicate because of the guilt resulting from sin?

Babylon Will Fall

Your Bible contains many prophecies relating to end-time prophecy. This worldly system is destined to crumble and perish at the hands of the Messiah came when he returns from heaven to establish the Kingdom of Yahweh.

"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. 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 18:1-8).

Almighty Yahweh, through His Holy Spirit, has inspired the writer of the book of Revelation, the Apostle John, to include a stern directive to His people to come out of this Babylonish religious system so that they will not be destroyed in the judgment of the Most High. Doom has been pronounced upon Babylon! Judgment will soon descend upon this worldly religious system. Only those who have cleansed their minds and hearts to follow the sound doctrines of the Bible will be protected during the great tribulation and judgment in the end times.

Nuclear Holocaust Looms

Your Bible indicates that, in the last days, nuclear weapons would be used in warfare. Ezekiel 35 and the book of Obadiah indicate that a war—a devastating destruction—will take place that can only be the result of nuclear war. The destruction that is described in the book of Obadiah, Revelation 8, or in Psalm 91, could very well be the result of a nuclear attack, since a missile flies with the trajectory of an arrow. Yet news reports in recent weeks have highlighted threats that have been made against the United States by North Korea and Iran. One day, the sabre rattling will result in a limited nuclear war. Elder Jacob O. Mever believed that this might be the catalyst that will cause the formation of the Beast government.

There is no escape! You can see from several passages that in the last days people will be burrowing into mountains and hills in order to escape. "And men shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the earth, from before the terror of Yahweh, and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake mightily the earth. In that day men shall cast away their idols of silver, and their idols of gold, which have been made for

them to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from before the terror of Yahweh, and from the glory of his majesty, when he arises to shake mightily the earth." (Isaiah 2:19-21).

"And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne. and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6:15-17).

Undoubtedly, the reason for these prophecies is to alert people to the fact that widespread desolation and destruction will occur. When these prophecies begin to be fulfilled, the people of the world will know that the end of the age is near.

Psalm 91:14 shows that protection is offered to those who believe in, and call upon the name of Yahweh. "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known my name." (Psalm 91:14). You might see the same exact promise repeated in Proverbs 18:10. "The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it, and is safe." Have you seriously considered the Sacred Name message and the doctrine of salvation contained therein? It is your only hope. You must be able to see the importance of using the revealed, personal Name of Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah. Those who call upon Yahweh will be saved. Why do you delay accepting this doctrine?

End Times Anger

In His Olivet prophecy, Yahshua the Messiah gave specific warning that, in the end of the age, we shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. When we watch the news broadcasts, we hear reports of nations rising against nations, and we see the effects of famines and earthquakes in various places around the world. The effect of lawlessness is seen in the natural affection that humans should have for one another. We have seen riots in the streets on a regular basis, as rioting factions attack each other with sticks, clubs, and fists. Just as Hosea 4:1-2 has indicated, since there is no knowledge of Yahweh Elohim in the land, blood has touched blood, just as we saw in Charlottesville, Virginia, recently. "Hear the word of Yahweh, you children of Israel; for Yahweh has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of Elohim in the land. There is nothing but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood touches blood. ... My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of your Elohim, I also will forget vour children." (Hosea 4:1-2, 6).

The nations are angry, and the love of many has grown cold because of sin. We are seeing the results of decades of unrepentant sin that has corrupted many generations. Therefore, we sigh and cry because of the wickedness of this age. We have determined to extricate ourselves from this wicked age and flee out of Babylon. Therefore, heed Yahshua's warning not to be led astray during these trying times. Instead, overcome the evil of this age with the good that comes from the knowledge of Yahweh and obedience to His perfect Law.

The age in which we are presently living has been thoroughly described in many prophetic passages in the Bible. A surprising thing, however, is that very few people are able to recognize the serious condition of the world today. Truly, we are living in the time called the beginning of sorrows.

The Assemblies of Yahweh today points a beacon light on the fact that the Truth of the inspired Scriptures is the only hope for this world. We may be very few in number, scattered across the face of the earth, and maligned by those who have no desire to prove the Bible to be true and understand its message. Nevertheless, with the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit of our Heavenly Father Yahweh, we stand firm against the evil of this age. "Repent! The Kingdom of Yahweh is at hand!" It is with love in our hearts for our fellow man that compels us to sound the warning that announces Yahshua the Messiah's imminent return.

If you have not as yet begun your program of Bible study, then you have been missing the primary purpose for your life. Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, is calling out a people for His Name. He desires to have righteous members that will comprise the Body of the Messiah when His Son, our Savior, returns to establish the Kingdom of Yahweh on this earth. He is

calling you to be one of those who will follow the Lamb. Will you turn your back on the wickedness and iniquity of this age in which we are living and begin to serve our Heavenly Father?

The rapid fulfillment of endtime Bible prophecy should be the motivating factor in your life at this present time, causing you to get your life into harmony with Father Yahweh. The Holy Spirit is opening your eves to these truths. Only a few, however, will heed the call. Nevertheless, Yahweh has called us to warn the world in these last days. Some people hear this Truth being proclaimed and do not take it seriously, while others justify themselves regarding their manner of living. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit is going out into the world today. We hope that we can touch the hearts of those individuals who will allow the Holy Spirit to convict them to return to Yahweh. He can bring sinners back from the depths of wickedness, if they have the sincere desire to serve our Heavenly Father and have a personal relationship with Him. Have you previously shrugged off this message as having no real impact on your life?

"And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he also shall be a remnant for our Elohim; and he shall be as a chieftain in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite. And I will encamp about my house against the army, that none pass through or return; and no oppressor shall pass through them anymore: for now have I seen with my eyes. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your king comes to you; he is just, and

having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace to the nations: and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant I have set free your prisoners from the pit in which is no water. Turn to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double to you. For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and will make you as the sword of a mighty man." (Zechariah 7:9-13).

Our Heavenly Father is trying to bring back His wayward children. The penetrating power of the Holy Spirit is like the extended hand that a human father places on the shoulder of an erring child, as he seeks to guide that child back to the correct path. Sadly, just as a little child will shrug off and try to avoid the loving hand of his father, so the wayward people of the Most High pull away their shoulders from the hand of Yahweh. They stop their ears and make themselves adamant against the Holy Spirit. We remember the saying, "in one ear and out the other." Some might be listening, but they don't really hear and understand, because they are so absorbed with the things of the world that they ignore spiritual things. They turn up the radio, or television, or are engrossed with their cell phones—something that will distract them for the moment—rather than to seek and search for Yahweh's Truth.

We must be ready at all times to stand before the judgment seat of the Messiah. We do not know when our life will end, and we must give account for our life before the Judge. The years that lie ahead will hold many trying experiences for us. Nevertheless, Yahweh has promised to protect us if we are faithful to Him. Consequently, if you know that your life is out of harmony with the Will of Almighty Yahweh, you might be terrified by what you find in the Sacred Scriptures. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit will cause sinners to repent and join with the remnant that will return to Yahweh in these last days. Therefore, if you have a question about the security of your salvation at this moment, you should begin taking immediate steps to make your calling and election sure.

Salvation Offered

The deteriorating morals of the people of the world should spur you into action. This present age cannot endure too much longer. Babylon the Great is about to fall! Will you be protected when that fall comes, or will you be crushed under the rubble of this present world? Each of us is being given a choice. You need not fear what the future holds if you chose the Way of Life. Make the correct choice right now, if you wish to meet the Savior in the air when He returns. He is coming to rule this earth with a rod of iron and destroy the wicked people who will not submit themselves to Him. Which side will you be on? Where will you stand on that day? Make the correct choice to submit to the commandments of Yahweh and repent of of the sin that is in your life.

A World Without Yahweh

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behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth." (Genesis 6:11-12). Yahweh's creation had become corrupt—inventors of all sorts of evil things were in the majority. "And Elohim said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." (Genesis 6:13).

The first thing that I heard on the morning of January 1, when my alarm-radio went off. was the account of the first murder of the year in New York City. Later, they reported on the first murder in Philadelphia, which had occurred less than an hour after the beginning of the common year. Supplanted by violence is the joyous news of the first birth of the year. I thought: Yahshua's Word is fulfilled when He said, "The world is filled with violence." We find ourselves in a similar era as did Noah. "And I, behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; every thing that is in the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall you bring into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort shall come to you, to keep them alive." (Genesis 6:17-20). But, just as Yahweh provided a

way of salvation for Noah, He is preparing an "ark of safety" for us today in anticipation of sure judgment.

I must stress here the Covenant relationship that Yahweh establishes with His faithful servants. Just as Yahweh extended this Covenant to Abraham—offering life in return for faithfulness—He is promising it today through Yahshua the Messiah. When we reject the concept of a world without Yahweh—bent upon evil and violence—we, through an

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ark of safety—Yahshua—can find deliverance. In Noah's time, there were only eight faithful people who did not receive Yahweh's judgment. This was because one righteous person obeyed when he was told to build an ark of safety, in which all sincere followers could find refuge. Only one family responded to the call of Yahweh and was saved. This is an awesome thing to grasp—considering the small percentage of mankind who were saved. Noah—as a righteous man, walking with Elohim, would have been grieved

with the wickedness and gross immorality that he witnessed. He would have cried out against the sin of his time—as did Abraham—and would have taught them the way to salvation.

At various times in history, when the world had sunk into the depths of evil—even to the point of not knowing the Creator— Yahweh has always provided a way of deliverance. Paul discusses something like this in 1 Corinthians 1:20-21. "Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Has Yahweh not made the wisdom of this world foolish? For seeing that in the wisdom of Elohim the world through its wisdom [corrupted wisdom] did not know Yahweh. it was Yahweh's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that **believe.**" When a sincere person accepts the Way of Yahweh, His Word dispels the doubts which come from disbelief. This newlyfound knowledge then creates a change in priority of life. Instead of concentrating on serving self, we now begin to serve Yahweh the Father. This change, although looked down upon by the world, will cause a rejection of worldly—corrupted—wisdom, replacing it with the knowledge of our Heavenly Father. "For behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but Yahweh chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and Yahweh chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did Yahweh choose, yes and the things that are not, that he might bring

to nothing the things that are." (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). Because Yahweh is placed first and foremost in all things, His humble servants can do great exploits in His Name.

Recently, there was an awful uproar centered around the National Endowment for the Arts who were giving away millions of dollars in support of perverted art. Sadly, that wasted money could have been used to fund projects for the homeless or to help the people who are the poor of this world. They will overlook a clear need and opt to support every evil invention of man. Yet, the world thinks that WE are the base-foolish-because we believe in a Creator, a standard of morality, in Yahweh, and in the Truth of the Bible. "But let him who glories glory in this, that he has understanding, and knows me, that I am Yahweh who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, says Yahweh." (Jeremiah 9:24).

Someone questioned me once as to why I don't teach theology. I explained that theology is the interpretation of man—I stick with the Bible. "We speak wisdom, however, among them that are full grown: yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing." (1 Corinthians 2:6). The Bible is the Truth. I will never teach the things that the world projects in their religion—untruths—but will uphold Yahweh's Word in all things. I ask people every now and then, "Where would you be if it wasn't for the Assemblies of Yahweh? Could you be in any religion—religions that are practicing things contrary to plain statements, commandments, plain instructions in the Bible? Where would you be if it wasn't

for the Assemblies of Yahweh?" I have often made the statement that if I could not have found the Truth, I would be outside of religion totally. I could never be part of a group that was not following the Word. Maybe that is why True Worship has always been sparsely adhered to. Too many people want a liberal, self-serving religion.

In the front of our mind, a vision must be maintained of the future. What is going to happen to the system which rejects Yahweh? "We speak wisdom, however, among them that are full grown: yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing: but we speak Yahweh's wisdom in a mystery, even the wisdom that has been hidden, which Yahweh foreordained before the worlds to our glory: which NONE of the rulers of this world have known: for had they known it, they would not have impaled the Sovereign of glory: but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, and which entered not into the heart of man, whatever things Yahweh prepared for them that love him. But to us Yahweh revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of Yahweh." (1 Corinthians 2:6-10). Notice the pronoun—none. Of all of the governmental rulers of this world, not a single one has known—understood—the plan of salvation. That is why none of the world rulers—prominent figures of the world-know Yahweh. By their rejection of this knowledge, the systems that they have put in place are slated for certain destruction.

In Psalm 2 this prophecy comes through very plainly. The rulers of this world want

a world without Yahweh. "Why do the nations rage, and the peoples meditate a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sits in the heavens will laugh: Yahweh will have them in derision." (Psalm 2:1-4). Why is there so much hostility and military buildup in the world today? The rulers of the world are seeking to solidify their own power and influence. When Yahshua returns, their rulership will be in jeopardy. They will then unify—take counsel together—against Yahweh—His Word and His Messiah. But "He that sits in the heavens will laugh: Yahweh will have them in derision." You can almost hear Yahweh saying, "Who are you little ants, scurrying around down there on the earth? Who are you to throw off My Word?" But that is all that the world is concerned with, isn't it? People want to do as they please—rejecting Yahweh.

There is another system that we will consider, which was established but rejected Yahweh. A nation of wicked people had enslaved the people of Yahweh. "And afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said to Pharaoh, In this manner says Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who is Yahweh, that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? I know not Yahweh, and moreover I will not let Israel go." (Exodus 5:1-2). Pharaoh—the ruler Egypt, a mighty nation—scoffed at Yahweh's prophets. "... Who is Yahweh, that I should listen



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to his voice to let Israel go?" Think of this statement: "I don't know Yahweh, and I don't want to know Yahweh." The implication is "I don't care to know Yahweh. I am the authority of Egypt." Standing before Pharaoh was Yahweh's authority on earth—Moses and Aaron. To the king of Egypt, in all of his glory, these men would have seemed inconsequential. He failed to realize the saving power of Yahweh, and he lost his kingdom because of his arrogance and rebellion.

Situations as the one that took place in Egypt are tragic in light of the benevolence of Yahweh the Creator. "Let favor [grace, unmerited kindness, mercy] be showed to the wicked, yet will he NOT LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS; in the land of uprightness will

he deal wrongfully, and will NOT behold the majesty of Yahweh." (Isaiah 26:10). Could the words of Isaiah be more prophetic? Although grace has been openly offered to all who will receive it, the wicked refuse to learn righteousness. Worldly ch-rchianity has been teaching that all we should be concerned with is grace. They are missing the point that, with the unmerited kindness that Yahweh freely offers, a change must be made to fully accept Yahweh and His Way and to walk in obedience to His Word.

"We know that whoever is begotten of Yahweh sins not [keeps Yahweh's Law]; but he that was begotten of Yahweh keeps himself, and the evil one touches him not. We know that we are of Yahweh, and the whole world lies in the evil one. And we know that the Son of Yahweh has come, and has given us an understanding, that we might know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Yahshua the Messiah. This is the true Elohim, and eternal life." (1 John 5:18-20). A personal instruction must be garnered from this passage as it speaks directly to each and every one of us. We must guard ourselves from the Adversary. It will take diligence-effort-to keep the evil one, Satan the Adversary, away from influencing you to forsake Yahweh. When we have this understanding, we will be vigilant to live a dedicated life of service to Yahweh, anticipating acceptance into His Kingdom.

"We know that we are of Yahweh, and the whole world lies in the evil one." (1 John 5:19). Here is a clear example of the two paths that can be chosen by each one of us. We can accept Yahweh and reject Satan, or accept Satan and reject Yahweh. We have proven, multiple times in this sermon alone, that Yahweh's people will be living in obedience to His Covenant Law. How much of the world—half, a quarter, three quarters—lie in the evil one? "And the WHOLE world lies in the evil one." People don't want to hear that, but isn't that what this passage is teaching us? The whole world is a sinful place—dedicated to sinful ways. They look for ways to compromise by ignoring plain passages in the Bible, or even by throwing out whole portions of it, as a pretense for false doctrine. Many times, the underlying intent is political. False preachers believe that the only way for them to maintain their power over their congregation is to appease the desire of the congregant to serve themselves.

This is a tactic used by Satan in his interaction with Yahshua in the wilderness. He attempted to overthrow Yahshua's faith, and convince Him to serve himself and to reject Yahweh. Yahshua withstood this attack by standing on the Word of Yahweh.

Do we recognize Yahshua as a part of the true Elohim family, and who, at this time, is the only man to have gained eternal life? The Father and the Son constitute the true Elohim family, and their Name—singular—is Yahweh. This is what the Shema deals with. "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh is our Elohim, Yahweh is one." (Deuteronomy 6:4). In that Name—Yahweh all people who will eventually inherit eternal life will serve Yahweh—they will be called by the name—Yahweh. Elohim—a masculine, plural noun meaning Mighty Ones—is united as one in the Name of Yahweh. "My little children, guard yourselves from idols." (1 John 5:21). When we consider that Yahweh and His family are one, then we acknowledge that all other worship is idolatry.

We have to come to the conclusion that the whole world today is in wickedness, except for a little group of salty believers [salted, or preserved]. "You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what shall it be salted? It is from then on good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men." (Matthew 5:13). When salt has lost its preservative powers it is good for nothing, to be thrown out into the street and trodden down as sand. "Therefore remember, that once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision in the flesh, made by hands, that you were at

that time separate from the Messiah, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without Yahweh in the world." (Ephesians 2:11-12). The word separate, or separated, means divorced from, cut off from, the Messiah. How does someone become divorced from-cut off from-the Messiah, who is the King of Israel? This is done by a rejection of the circumcision of the heart, which took place when we accepted the Way of Yahweh. What then does the term alienated mean? It means a foreigner; one who is not a part of the commonwealth. (The word *commonwealth* has a meaning like the word family—a common-wealth). Because everyone shares alike in Yahweh's grace, we become a family.

For example, when I deal with the Jews, I notice how frank they are with each other. This does not offend me, because I realize that they are like a family—they feel comfortable with each other and are not afraid to express their opinions. I remember a quote that was credited to Golda Meir. Prime Minister of Israel, who, when speaking to President Richard Nixon of the United States, said "You may be the President of 150 million Americans, but I am the Prime Minister of 6 million Prime Ministers." That is a good trait of the Jewish people—they treat each other like family. You do not need to be as concerned about hurting someone's feelings in the family when you express yourself, because you are both coming from the same background, with similar life experiences. It's a commonwealth—all sharing through natural inheritance.

There is a rising resentment by some of the Goyim [nations], who, seeing the blessings bestowed upon the Jews in the land of Israel, begin to cast aspersions against Israel and its citizens. Modern-day Israel was created because of the six million who died in the Holocaust. They were alienated—but Yahweh brought them back—and now are given the opportunity to serve Yahweh. They have hope, because Yahweh had mercy. Do the religions of the world, who are not keeping the scriptural doctrine—the sound doctrine of the Word of Yahweh—have hope? What does the Bible say? Outside of Israel, there is no hope. Outside of the True Messiah, there is no hope. Outside of the True Elohim, there is NO HOPE! That is where my title came from, "A World Without Yahweh." The unconverted attitude of the world is one that attempts to sidestep the morality of the Yahweh's Word and to do away with the instructions of the Bible. A world that wants to destroy morals wants to bring evervone down to the animal level.

Yahweh's Word instructs all of us, who have drawn near to the True Covenant of obedience to Yahweh's Torah Law—His commandments—to stand against the ways of the Adversary. Although we were once alienated from presence of Yahweh because of sin, we are offered hope by accepting His Word and living by it. "But now in the Messiah Yahshua you that were once far off are made near in the blood of the Messiah." (Ephesians 2:13). Where does the term Messiah come from? It does not come out of Greece or Rome. It comes from Israel—Judaism. Yahshua the Messiah was to be the King of the Jews, a Jew who lived for Yahweh, and is our example of perfection.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government 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 there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from now on even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6-7). I have translated this exactly as it is in the Hebrew—two words together—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty El, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. It will be a government that will be established to subdue the earth (Psalm 72:8) its King—Messiah—ruling to the ends of the earth.

"But now in the Messiah Yahshua vou that were once far off are made near in the blood of the Messiah. For he is our peace [Sar Shalom, our prince of peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition." (Ephesians 2:13). There is a stone in the Israel Museum, taken from the Temple area, with an inscription that declares, "No stranger is to enter within the balustrade round the temple and enclosure. Whoever is caught will be responsible to himself for his death, which will ensue." A non-Jew-without Yahweh-was not allowed to cross the wall of partition to enter the Temple and to take part in worship. This is what Paul is talking about in Ephesians. Yahshua has broken down that wall of separation that existed in the Temple, having abolished in His flesh—not the commandments—but the enmity against the Law of commandments. You have hope because you that were far off—separated, strangers—can now, through Yahshua, gain salvation.

The word *enmity* means the

enemy, animosity, against the Law of commandments—the 613 commandments of the Sacred Scriptures. Yahshua, by dying as a perfect sacrifice, destroyed the separation between the Jew and all other peoples. When the heart of the Goy [non-Jew] accepts Yahshua's shed blood and changes his life to be compliant with Yahweh's Law—the commandments contained in ordinances—he is able to come near to Yahweh's worship. "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body to Yahweh through the torture stake, having slain the enmity by it. And he came and preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were near: for through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the **Father.**" (Ephesians 2:15-18). Yahweh's Word washes away the ways of the Adversary and then the new, cleansed man, can be part of the Body of the Messiah.

"So then you are no more strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of Yahweh, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, the Messiah Yahshua himself being the chief corner stone." (Ephesians 2:19-20). Members of ch-rchianity—Chr-stianity don't want to hear this teaching. They refuse to believe that the Law of Yahweh— preached by the Prophets—is still valid. By rejecting Yahweh's Law, they are at enmity with the teaching of Prophets and the Apostles of old. Remember what Paul taught! "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is noth-

ing; BUT THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF **YAHWEH.**" (1 Corinthians 7:19). They want to maintain that enmity by being Chr-stians and sidestep the Word by saying, "It's all done away with." Conversely, we, who are converted, have humbled ourselves to submit to the light-voke of Yahweh's Torah—spoken of by Yahshua in Matthew (11:28-30). We have no animosity against the commandments contained in ordinances, and we have joined with the household of Faith, determined to live by the written Torah. "So then you are no more strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of Yahweh, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, the Messiah Yahshua himself being the chief corner stone: in whom each building fitly framed together, grows into a holy temple in the Master; in whom vou also are built together for a habitation of Yahweh in the **Spirit.**" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

At the end of this age, very few people on this earth understand what the phrase "A World without Yahweh" means. The Truth of Yahweh was almost forgotten. Yahweh's Name was not being taught by worldly religion. Then, in 1965, plans were laid for the radio broadcast. The Sacred Name Broadcast came into existence in January 1966, and then, in June of 1968, the Sacred Name Broadcaster began to be published. But I think the most remarkable outreach tool—joining with the Sacred Name Radio Broadcast and the Sacred Name **Broadcaster** magazine—is radio station WMLK. This project, which began in 1981, is now proclaiming Yahweh's Truth from Bethel to distant lands. Now the

world has no excuse. With the last-warning message being plainly broadcast to the masses, they must realize they are without Yahweh! That is why it is so important to remember where we have come from and where we are going. We can then remember that the most important part of our mission is to teach the world the pathway to salvation.

"And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. And because lawlessness shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall grow cold." (Matthew 24:11-12). Have you noticed the pro-

liferation of false prophets in our time, more than any time before on earth? In the days of EliYah, the ratio was 850 to 1. Today, that number has exponentially increased. With all of the falsehood being taught in the world, the Assemblies of Yahweh must speak out forcefully and, as a witness against a sinful generation, ignore the multitude of false preachers.

"But he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved. And these good tidings of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:13-14). Notice verse 14, "...and these good tidings of the kingdom...." Is Yahshua referring to the conglomeration of Chr-stian teachings that are presented today? No! Yahshua was preaching the established Word of Yahweh and the good tidings of the coming Kingdom. Yahshua prophesied that when the whole earth would receive this saving message, then the end would come. We're making progress! In

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Revelation 14:6-12, we learn that the angel messages fly through the air—mid-heaven—proclaiming the eternal good tidings. The radio signal of **WMLK**, leaving Bethel and going to every nation on earth, has the potential to fulfill this prophetic passage.

Now turn back again to Matthew 24:14 and compare this passage to Revelation 14:6-7. "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." (Revelation 14:7). I am telling you today, WE DID NOT EVOLVE! Look at the many interrelated aspects of your body. Take, for instance, the chart in an encyclopedia, overlaying the many different aspects the human body, printed on transparencies. The only way that your body bones, organs, muscles, nerves—fit together, is as you were created. When you slide those transparencies askew, even in the minutest amount, the body no longer works together. How can any thinking individual say that the human body just happened—that we evolved? Our environment could never have mandated the development of our hands, feet, or any of our other parts. Just think about the complexity of the brain! That could not have just "happened."

"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. And another angel, a third, followed them, saving with a great voice, If any man worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or on his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Yahweh, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." (Revelation 14:8-10). You see the prophetic perfect used here: "Babylon is fallen...." Judgment has been pronounced and determined upon Babylon, so that, even though it has not fallen as yet, it is already as good as destroyed. We must determine for ourselves what is to be imprinted on our minds and hearts. Think about it. Is it to be worldly character—materialism—or the way of Yahweh? When you determine to live the Kingdom-way of life, you will not

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feel deprived when you reject worldly ways, but, by living for Yahweh, all of the excess baggage—worldly burdens—can fall away, and we can run the race to victory. I have dedicated myself to this teaching and have labored diligently so that Yahweh's Word has not fallen to the earth void. What is imprinted on our minds and on our bodies? Is it Yahweh's way of life imprinted on our heart and mind? It must be! I have labored to make my exodus complete—from being a Goy to a spiritual Jew—so that I can be acceptable to Yahweh.

Someone even commented that I do not look like I used to, but now resemble a Jew. Isn't that exactly the way it should be? I want to encourage the young people, "Don't look at rock singers and rap musicians as your role models." I will give you a role model, and I want you to write it down in big letters in your notes. DANIEL. Here was a man—living in Babylon, uncompromising in his Faith. What about Paul? One whose conversion was so

thorough that he gave up his societal standing to preach the Word of Yahweh. And, finally, the role model that we all pattern our life after—YAHSHUA. A perfect example of a True Worshiper who was faithful, even to death. Those are the role models that I think we all need to emulate, not the worldly examples who do not know Yahweh.

The Assemblies of Yahweh is nearing another Milestone. Since February 5, 1966, we have been teaching Yahweh's Truth. From its inception we have been showing the world that the Kingdom is coming, and that Yahweh will soon be in control. This organization was reestablished—reconstituted—as an organized Body all over the world in 1969. It was 100 19-year time cycles—19 centuries—after the disintegration of the Apostolic Assembly when they fled Jerusalem and went into the Diaspora. The world today continues to revel in sin and even continues to grow more wicked. This is a fulfillment of prophecy. "But evil men and imposters shall become worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But remain in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them." (2 Timothy 3:13-14). We must ask ourselves if we have we learned Yahweh's Word to the point where it is etched into our minds, never to be eliminated? The whole world is bearing the fruits of being locked in the grasp of the Adversary. "And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs: for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth to the kings of the whole world, to gather

them together to the war of the Great Day of Yahweh, the Almighty." (Revelation 16:13-14). The message of worldly religion is going forth over the whole earth, but that message will never bring salvation. The mission of the Assemblies of Yahweh is to proclaim Yahweh's Truth and to bring a people to Yahweh who love Him from the heart.

We must be like Noah and his family. We must walk with Yahweh as a witness against the sin we decry. Are we like the familv of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, who immediately stood up, and did what Yahweh told them to do? Are we like Daniel. who remained faithful to True Worship, even though he was in Babylonish captivity? Can we be like Joseph, incarcerated in the spiritual darkness of Egypt, and, yet, maintaining the light of Yahweh's Torah in his heart, mind, and life? Or how about the True Worshipers who had to endure the oppression of Rome? A resounding, unified voice of affirmation must be lifted up—that we love Yahweh and are determined to remain faithful to end.

Let's ask ourself the question, "What will the world be like where everyone IS serving Yahweh?" A world where everyone serves Yahweh is the eternal Kingdom of Yahweh! What a glorious day that will be when Yahshua establishes the Kingdom on this earth. We must determine to live the Kingdom-way of life now in the Assemblies of Yahweh, doing what Paul urged us to do: maintain the Faith and keep the way of Yahweh. The world will have no hope unless they turn toward Yahweh, putting self behind, and donning the clothing of righteousness. May Almighty Yahweh bless us as His people, and may we strengthen ourselves in the way of Yahweh.

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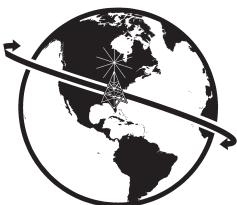
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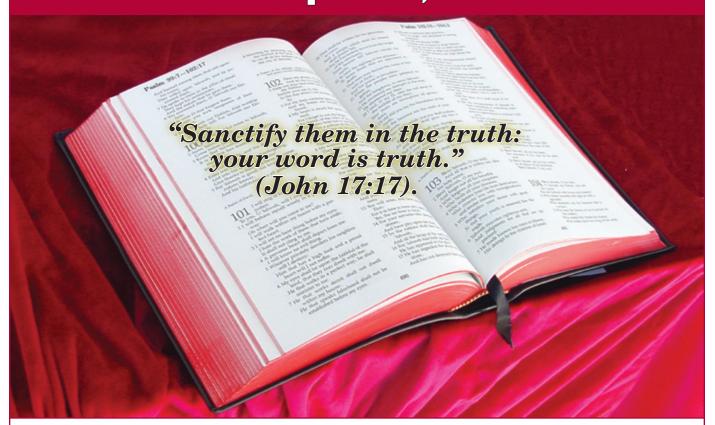
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