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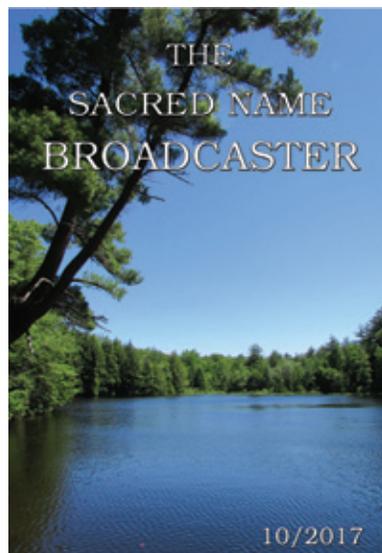
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## Our Cover:

*Yahweh has pronounced a blessing upon all who place their trust in Yahweh alone. We can be as a tree planted by water—always green and always fruitful.*

*We live in a time of great spiritual drought, yet we can tap into the abundant spiritual refreshment of Truth that is found in the Word of 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).*

# Avoiding the Filthiest Lucre

## PART ONE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

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*“But holiness with contentment is great gain: for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; but having food and covering we shall be content with that. But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, oh man of Yahweh, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, holiness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto you were called, and did confess the good confession in the sight of many*

*witnesses. I charge you in the sight of Yahweh, who gives life to all things, and of the Messiah Yahshua, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession; that you keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah: which in its own times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Sovereign of Rulers; who only has immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable;*

*whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power eternal. Amen. Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not high-minded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on*



*Yahweh, who gives us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is life indeed.”* (1 Timothy 6:6-19).

*“For the bishop must be blameless, as Yahweh’s steward; not stubborn, not soon angry, no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled; holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers. For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake.”* (Titus 1:7-11).

We do not hear the term *filthy lucre* much in our time, since the consciences of worldly people would be pricked and make them uneasy due to their hypocrisy. Almost without exception, the people of the world give evidence of carnal avarice and can’t seem to make enough money. Rather than reduce their carnal quest for wealth, they charge even more money for goods and services, laying an even heavier burden on those who cannot afford such extravagance. A billionaire businessman presents an example—his company, makes so much money that his home is worth over \$120 million dollars, with all kinds of

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luxurious items in an effort to make life totally comfortable. As I was going to the office recently, a small truck, owned by a company who had recently overcharged us for work that they had preformed, raced by me. I thought to myself, “*There goes one of them.*” But that is what we find in the world today, isn’t it? When I was a young fellow, my forefathers—my parents and grandparents—taught me that you do not have to get paid for everything you do for everyone. Perhaps, someday, you will need some help, too, and no one will be there.

The term *lucre* does, occasionally, appear in the English language today in the term *lucrative*, meaning *producing wealth or profit—profitable*. The word *lucre* is taken from the Latin *lucrum* meaning *gain or riches*, tracing to the Indo-European base word *lao*, meaning *to cap-*

*ture, etc.* The roots mean *riches, money*, and it is not widely used. 1 Timothy 3:3 in **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**, reads “*...no lover of money*” and when you drop down to verse 8, the term appears again. “*Deacons in like manner must be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre....*” (1 Timothy 3:8). There are several words that are translated “*filthy lucre*” in the **King James** version from the Greek text. In the Greek text, the word is #866 *aphilarguros* and the word means *not a lover of money*. You hear the negative particle *a*, which is *against* or *anti*, and then *phileo*, which is *philia* or *love*, and then *argyros* which means *silver (money)*. Therefore, what we have here is a composite word in the Greek text that, when translated correctly, means *not a lover of money*.

The term used in Titus 1:11 however, is #2771 *kerdos*, which is of uncertain derivative, according to **Strong’s**. The word *kerdos* means *gain, pecuniary or lucre*. A related word is #146 which is translated *filthy lucre*—*aischrokerdes*—a composite of *kerdos*, which we just looked at above, and #150 *aischros*—*shameful*. Therefore *aischrokerdes*, means *shameful money!* That gives us food for thought, doesn’t it? Constantly, we hear of people that are being bribed, or who are so avaricious that they are guilty of trying to make money in many nefarious or illegal ways. The words warned of in Titus 1 have taken root in the times that we live in.

***“And he said to them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man’s life consists not in the abundance of the things***

*which he possesses.*" (Luke 12:15). What is the root of filthy lucre? Covetousness! And, yet, when you turn on the television or radio, the financial programs they broadcast are constantly inventing gems of misinformation, that when followed, and you lose money (gained by those in the know), they said, "*Oh, it doesn't matter. Money has no worth—until you need it.*"

Someday, this worldly avarice that we see all around us will sink the world into serious trouble. In the last days, worldly people will sell themselves out to the anti-Messiah—the man of sin. (*Anti*—meaning *against* the Messiah. Messiah—represents and symbolizes Yahweh's chosen Viceroy Ruler over this earth—Yahshua the Messiah). We are going to study this concept and relate it to the new-age religion and the new-world order. The man of sin will be one who promotes lawlessness—violation of Yahweh's Laws—and will eventually sit in the temple of Elohim, showing himself to be elohim. "*I am the Almighty. I make my own decisions. I decide what I want to do, and to promote my own interests, regardless of any other person.*" "***It is time for Yahweh to work; for they have made void your law. Therefore I love your commandments above gold, yes above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all your precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.***" (Psalm 119:126-128). The man of sin will hate Yahweh's Law and, in exchange, offer financial wealth to the masses. For the filthiest of money—lucre—the people will accept the mark of the Beast.

How much will you give up to serve Yahweh? How much would you be willing to forsake in order

to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh? Do you have such a passionate, burning love for Yahweh, and His Kingdom, that you will be able to withstand the coming Beast? There will be a group of individuals that resist the forces of evil, and reject the sin of materialism. Resistance to the evil is what will save you when this Beast system is inaugurated, established, and then enforced, with the currency of the new age brought into existence.

Will you follow Yahshua's instruction to the "Rich Young Ruler" in Matthew 19:16? "***And behold, one came to him and said, Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?***" (Matthew 19:16). This is why we are all here today. To learn exactly what system we must assimilate in order to gain eternal life. How does Yahshua answer him? "***And he said to him, Why do you ask me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if you would enter into life, keep the commandments.***" Make void the commandments—that's what ch-rchianity would have you believe. But Yahshua said, "***...keep the commandments.***" The spirit of Babylon is obvious in ch-rchianity today. It takes the Bible—reads the Scriptures—and then says, "*No, the law has been done away with.*" Their actions are exactly contrary to plain instructions! Isn't it amazing? That is what creates the Babylonish confusion in worldly religion and is why people are constantly rejecting the Bible's message. The Bible is not confusing—their doctrines are!

The clarity of the Sacred Scriptures comes through in the definition of sin. **Sin is the transgression of the Law**

(1 John 3:4). We can also see that in Romans 6:31, the wages of sin is death. Maybe because I see too clearly what is in the Scriptures, or I can't express it adequately enough, but as I talk to various people, presenting the Truth on the radio, on television, and on the printed page, people begin to tune-out as I stress that we must live a sin-free, converted life. The opposite of this means that we are living a life that will lead to death—totally removed—separated—from the life-giving power of Yahweh. Why will this separation from eternal life be necessary? Retribution for the violation of Yahweh's Law!

When someone breaks the Law, what happens? Because, except for Yahshua, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh, mercy is needed from Yahweh. He could reach out and zap us instantly to death for disobedience, but He gives us mercy. That is what grace is—grace entails forgiveness—forgiveness for the violations of the Law. Yahweh made an agreement—Covenant—with Israel which is extended to all mankind. This agreement—Covenant—is His Law. Death for violation of that Law is the punishment that is to be meted out. But He remembers our frame—that we are dust. Yahweh knows that as flesh and blood, we are weak. Even though He knows we have a weakness of mind, heart and soul, He still calls us His children, and He says, *I forgive them when they confess and forsake their sins.* Upon reading the Bible we confess, "*I made a mistake! I didn't do it intentionally, but I violated the law.*" You look up and pray, "*Father, forgive me!*" He is faithful to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. But suppose

someone simply defies Him and rebels against His Word? I have heard people say (when I prove the necessity of obedience from Yahweh's Word), *"I see that, but I don't care, the commandments are done away with, I am just going to go and do as I please. I am sitting in the seat of judgment, I am sitting in the position of Elohim, I make my own decisions."* Doing what is right in your own eyes is the anti-Messiah spirit. This is the weakness of logic that the anti-Messiah is going to trade on. Jeremiah instructs us to ask for the old paths—the good way—but today people are so hardened in heart and conscience that they can't even blush from shame for doing wrong.

*"And behold, one came to him and said, Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said to him, Why do you ask me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if you would enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS.* (Matthew 19:16-17). When queried which ones He was talking about, Yahshua answered, *"You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and your mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 19:18b-19). False preachers will argue that because Yahshua did not comprehensively list every command, we can now

do away with all of the ones He did not specifically mention here. So they get rid of the Sabbath—allow idols—change Yahweh's Name. What he listed here are our obligations to our fellow man, not a division in Yahweh's Law! You shall love your neighbor

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as yourself covers all the rest of the commandments—all of the moral Law. *"Yahshua answered, The first is, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh is our Elohim, Yahweh is one: and you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these.* (Mark 12:29-31). Yahshua was not intending to destroy portions of the Law, but to encapsulate the whole Law in one word, love!

Preachers have been pulling Scriptures out of context—telling people what they want to hear—since the days of the Prophets. Jeremiah speaks of the horrible things which were happening—priests and proph-

ets not speaking the words of Yahweh. They encourage you to set yourself in the temple of elohim in your heart, and decide for yourself what you want to do. The only problem with that reasoning is that Yahweh will send Yahshua back to this earth as the supreme judge of all people, and judge us with His Word. It will be His decision, and His alone, who will be allowed into His Father's kingdom. Will a rebellious sinner be granted access to Yahweh and His righteousness? The Bible declares solemnly, "No!"

*"And you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these."* (Mark 12:30-31). Yahshua was not speaking here to abject Law-breakers, but with the descendants of Abraham, living in the Promised Land. He had a reasonable expectation that everyone He was speaking to were already meticulously keeping the Sabbath and avoiding idolatry. He expected everyone was daily trying to serve Almighty Yahweh, in not making a graven image, misusing His Name, and keeping the Sabbath. But Yahshua, as the wise Teacher, honed in on a weakness that had to be addressed in Israel.

*"The young man* [some commentators consider this to be Paul the Apostle] *says to*

*him, All these things have I observed: what do I yet lack? Yahshua said to him, If you would be perfect, go, sell that which you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; for he was one that had great possessions.”* (Matthew 19:20-22). A man’s life does not consist of the things which he possesses. The things which he possesses are simply to make life comfortable. Comfort and luxury are two different concepts. We then have a decision to make, “*What can we give up for the Kingdom of Yahweh?*” Or maybe rather, “*What won’t we give up for Yahweh’s Kingdom?*”

“*And Yahshua said to his disciples, Truly I say to you, It is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of Yahweh.”* (Matthew 19:23-24). It just so happens that in Aramaic the word *gamal*, the Hebrew term for camel, also could mean *rope*. Some commentators believe that this is merely the story of a camel going through the Needle’s Eye Gate, but archaeologists have not identified such a place, and neither have I. Let’s think of the word *gamal* as a rope. How could you ever put a rope through a needle’s eye? It would be impossible! It is hard enough sometimes to put a tiny thread through a needle’s eye. Now, try putting a rope through that small little space—it is impossible! That is what He intends to show us. “*And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go*

*through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of Yahweh. And when the disciples heard it, they were very astonished, saying, Who then can be saved?”* (Matthew 19:24-25). Yahshua was asking a very penetrating question—one that must be considered by all worshipers of His even today— “*What kind of worldliness can be dragged along with us into Yahweh’s Kingdom?*” Today, He is teaching us to turn our backs on the riches of this world, and to reach for treasures of righteousness.

“*And Yahshua looking upon them said to them. With men this is impossible; but with Yahweh all things are possible.”* (Matthew 19:26). I think the inference here is that Abraham, as a very rich man, was still the friend and servant of Yahweh. Isaac and Jacob were faithful, and were blessed by Yahweh with wealth. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the bishops over True Worship in their time, were very rich men. Yahshua was drawing the conclusion that although some have great wealth, when Yahweh is placed first in their lives, their hope is not set on their possessions, but on eternal life. Yahweh’s Spirit leads us to recognize, as did our forefathers, that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth. (Hebrews 11).

“*Then answered Peter and said to him, Lo, we have left all, and followed you; what then shall we have? And Yahshua said to them, Truly I say to you, that you who have followed me, in the re-generation when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”*

(Matthew 19:27-28). In Revelation 21:12 we remember that those judges are sitting at the gates—angels—messengers—will limit access into the Holy City. Everyone who enters must come in through one of the tribes of Israel, and be judged—**Before** you can enter. This means that the faithful Apostles, who were taught and approved by the Lamb of Yahweh, will be inspecting us to ensure that those entering the Kingdom will also be living by Yahshua’s commands. That is why earlier I posed the question: “*What can we give up to enter the Kingdom?*” I look back in the past and I see my great-grandparents, who were quite wealthy, lived in a home that was simple. Today, if they would walk into our homes would exclaim, “*My, what luxury you have!*” I remember another example—a first cousin of my father. When we would go to his house to visit, I saw that although he was an affluent preacher and teacher, he was living a simple life. He was not living in the lap of luxury, even though he could have afforded it. He had worked hard and had been appointed as the school’s principal, and, yet, preached in the congregation every week. He personified living a simple life.

“*And every one that has left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall inherit eternal life. But many shall be last that are first; and first that are last.”* (Matthew 19:29-30). I am sure that everyone here has had to leave something—just as Yahshua listed. My wife and I have left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, lands—you have probably done

the same. You turned away from your old lifestyle, instead styling your life in the pattern of the Messiah, and are striving to receive a blessing in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

We want to remember what Moses taught Israel. ***“And it shall be, when Yahweh your Elohim shall bring you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, great and good cities, which you built not, and houses full of all good things, which you filled not, and cisterns dug out, which you did not dig, vineyards and olive-trees, which you planted not, and you shall eat and be full; Then beware lest you forget Yahweh, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”*** (Deuteronomy 6:10-12). We have been able to use a lot of things that we did not build. We have acquired refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, electric irons—the list goes on with all of the household servants we employ today. What do these modern household servants do for us? For us, they should give us more time for Bible study. For the world, they use the extra time that is afforded them to become more self-absorbed. I shudder to think of all the time that I have wasted in my life when I should have been studying. Last night I woke up before 1:00 a.m., and after rolling around trying to go back to sleep finally said to myself, *“Why am I wasting time? I can go downstairs and study.”* So, I went downstairs and studied, and reviewed my message, until about 3:30 a.m. I then went back to bed and slept until 6:00 a.m. We should consider all the extra time that our lives of convenience

afford us today, and make the most of every moment possible to cement our relationship with Yahweh.

***“You shall not tempt Yahweh your Elohim, as you tempted him in Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do that which is right and good in the sight of Yahweh; that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which Yahweh swore to your fathers, to cast out all your enemies from before you, as Yahweh has spoken.”*** (Deuteronomy 6:16-19). Here we are warned about departing from Yahweh, but in that warning is the key to attaining the blessings and grace of Yahweh. ***“Diligently keep the commandments”*** is the warning cry that so often goes unheeded today. Yahweh has given us a wealth of knowledge and information, but His teaching must convert us from a sinner to a Saint.

This warning is sounded even more clearly in Revelation 13, which describes the aggrandizement of the Beast and his system of rule over the nations. ***“And he deceives them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who has the stroke of the sword and lived.”*** (Revelation 13:14). The Beast, described in Daniel 7:17 is defined as a *government*. The false prophet will be the mouthpiece of the Beast, and have the most contact with the people. The image which will

be made will idolize the Beast, who is a repeat—resurrection (resuscitation)—of a government. Recently, the History Channel aired a program about the vicious nature of the Roman Legions. This governmental system, republican in nature, was a very strict form of government—an arbitrary system of government. If someone opposed Rome, they sent out the Legions, crushing them—killed those that resisted, and enslaved the rest. The Beast system of Daniel 7 will follow in that pattern of vicious mastery over all who do not conform to its destructive mandates.

The Beast and the false prophet will be a revival of the old Roman Empire. ***“...Make an image to the beast who has the stroke of the sword and lived.”*** An example of something like this can be found in Hitler’s Nazi Germany. Here is a nation that committed grave atrocities, was divided in half—decapitated—and yet still lives today. Now that East and West Germany have been reunited, they are standing at the head of the European Common Market (European Union). The Deutsche and Dresdner Banks are two of the major financial institutions in the world and are mostly responsible for the strength of the Euro today. Although the Roman Empire received a death-stroke when the Barbarians conquered them in 406-419 CE, they too have been resurrected into a seat of power today.

***“And it was given to him to give breath to it, even to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”*** (Revelation 13:15). This is a terrible image to

contemplate. You either worship Yahweh and get killed by the Beast system, or you worship this horrendous Beast government, and Yahweh dispose of you. We will be having to make some serious decisions in our time. Yahshua encouraged His people in Revelation 3:10 that those of the Philadelphia Assembly would receive protection from the trials of the last day. ***“Because you did keep the word of my patience, I will also keep you from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole earth.”*** That is where I am putting my faith and am trusting in His deliverance.

The threat of a vicious government poised to take power is present today just as it was in Nazi Germany. As a student of history, I began to search why the Nazi regime attacked a specific religious sect. Was it because of an ethnic hatred the Germans had for the Jews, or was it hatred of their religion, or both? I have identified that it was both. They hated the ethnic Jews, and they hated ethnic religion. If you want to have a modern-day example of an anti-Messiah, look at Adolph Hitler. He was trying to restore the old Norse religion, and he went full-bore into the occult. An example of his obsession with the occult is the Volkswagen Beetle. Hitler decided that he would design a car for the masses and patterned it after the scarab, an occult symbol. It is for this reason I would never own a Volkswagen Beetle.

What were the catalysts that led up to having an anti-Messianic government form so rapidly in our recent past? Germany was in terrible shape economically—inflation was being compounded on a daily, even hourly, basis. The employers had to pay their

employees at noon so they could go out and buy food, because if they waited until the evening, the mark would be worth much less. With Germany in the grips of this dire economic situation, where did he get his money to re-arm and rebuild his nation? The answer is Hjalmar Schacht, Reich Minister of Economics. I have a book in my library in my office where he explains how Hitler was able to leverage capital so that he could finance a massive war-machine. Thereafter, when Germany started conquering countries, they took over their national banks, moving all of the gold and currency to Berlin. This is the same pattern that the anti-Messiah will follow and is why it is imperative for us to prepare so that we can avoid the Beast currency when it is implemented.

***“And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given to them a mark on their right hand [usually the hand of dexterity], or on their forehead; and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, except he that has the mark, even the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”*** (Revelation 13:17). What does this mark mean which will be placed on the people? It is a mark of lawlessness that the Beast system will enforce. The eighth and ninth chapters of Ezekiel tell you that the mark Yahweh puts on His people is the *tau*. The *tau* represents righteousness and Law keeping—obedience to Yahweh’s Covenant Law. Contrary to this, the Beast will force those who accept it’s mark to violate Yahweh’s Law. The mark of the Beast is control—control of what you do and what you think. That is why,

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whenever I watch a news program or discussion show, I just don't swallow up everything they say without a challenge. I want to be informed, which is why I watch a considerable amount of news and discussion shows. But I am very careful what I agree with. Some of these people are "off the wall" and make stupid, idiotic statements while pretending to be educated people. When this happens, I just turn off the television and find something more productive to do with my time.

***"And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given to them a mark on their right hand or on their forehead...."*** (Revelation 13:16). Again, the mark which is being discussed here is control; not the stamping of a cross or some symbol on the people who accept it. Many religious organizations teach that the mark of the Beast will be a visible stamp, but this is coming directly out of the book of imagination. The Beast will seek to control everything you do and what you think.

***"...And that no man should be able to buy or to sell [commerce], except he that has the mark, even the name of the beast, or the number of his name."*** (Revelation 13:17). The world will be forced to subscribe to this evil governmental system. It will not matter if the Beast system comes from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or the European Union (EU), it will have to be avoided at all costs. (I am convinced that the NATO nations are going to have a greater effect on end-time prophecy than the European Common Market.) The 10 and the 2—the descendants of the

ten northern tribes of Israel—factor in here, but where are they? When you identify where they are today, then you can interpret prophecy correctly. Many members of the two tribes can be located, not only right here in the United States, but also in Israel. There are approximately six million Jews in Israel, and there at least that many, or possibly even more, in the United States. That is not even factoring in the millions that are scattered around the world. Now go back and look at who comprises the people of NATO. It is evident that these are the descendants of the 10 northern tribes. With Israel as the centerpiece of prophesy, Hosea 1:11 can easily be fulfilled. ***"And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up from the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel."*** The day of Jezreel, in some aspects, refers to the great tribulation. Judah and Israel will be joined together once again. The house of Judah shall be for fire, and the house of Joseph for a flame, we read in Obadiah 1:18. The reunited descendants of Israel will oppose the Messiah and accept the man who allows and mandates sin—the anti-Messiah.

I have been asked many times, that with my belief-system, why am I not a Jew? Why am I not a Jew, a seventh-day Adventist, or a member of the Worldwide Church? Because, in all clear conscience, I cannot be a part of Judaism. I often discuss matters of spirituality with the Rabbi of the local Synagogue. When I tell him that I can't be a part of Judaism, he asks, "Why not?" My response is, "Well, for one

thing, you don't use the name of Yahweh—you substitute for it." Why am I not a Seventh-day Adventist? How can I be when they reject the feast days, use the pagan names, and they are not faithful to the Bible? I can tell you in all honesty, this organization, the Assemblies of Yahweh, is the only organization on the face of this earth today that completely stands behind the Scriptures. I recently received an Internet discussion through email wherein some people were using the Sacred Name. Not only was the discussion not doctrinally sound, even the usernames that were tied with the discussion-group were polluted. I have sought since the inception of this ministry to keep it pure and to faithfully uphold the whole counsel of the Word of Yahweh.

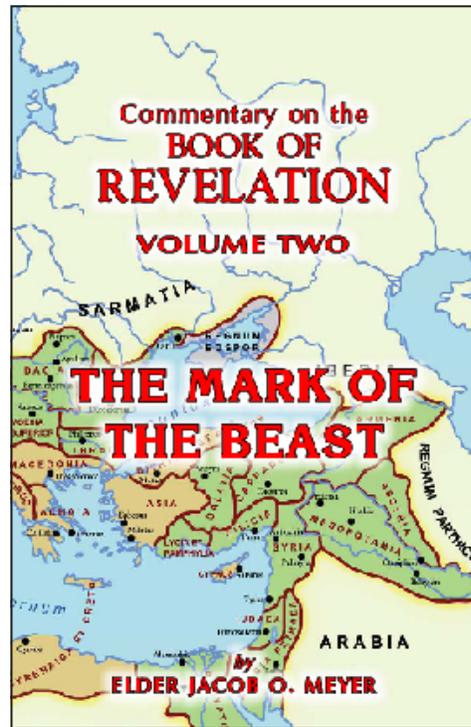
You will not be able to buy or sell except you have the mark—name—of the Beast, or the number of his name. Here is where many religious organizations run off into the wilderness and misinterpret the passage which contains the number of the Beast's name. ***"Here is wisdom. He that has understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of man; and his number is Six hundred, Sixty, Six."*** (Revelation 13:18). Six hundred symbolizes war in the Scriptures—1 Samuel 30:9. Sixty is symbolic of religion, worship, national pride, and the six is the number of man. These two numbers are found in Daniel 3. When the national anthem played, Nebuchadnezzar ordered all to bow down and worship the image—which was an obelisk. The obelisk, a clear representation of pagan worship, caused Daniel's three

friends to reject this idolatrous worship service out-of-hand and rely on Yahweh for deliverance. As punishment for resisting the King's directives, they were cast into a super-heated furnace. But when Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace, he saw four men walking around unscathed in the fiery oven. He was then made to understand that the Son of Yahweh had been sent to save these three young Hebrew men. By fleeing the Beast's system of war, false worship, and the insufficiencies of man, those who have the mark of Yahweh's Torah Law will find an ark of safety and be accepted when Yahshua returns.

The filthiest of lucre is the mark of the Beast. My grandson came to me with a stack of bills, and I said, "What do you have there, a big wad of dough?" He laughed and said, "No, this is play money." I looked at it and it looked genuine, but under closer scrutiny you could see that it was fake. Why is it that the United States is changing their currency to look more like the rest of the world? Counterfeiting is the excuse they give, but I wonder if they are laying the plans so that a government will have the ability to trace where every dollar is being spent. There is a strip being placed in the bills, which you can actually see when you hold it up to the light. How hard would it be to place a chip in that strip that would keep track of how and where the bill is being spent, along with who is handling it? I have also been informed that even the Israelis are printing new money, along with Britain and most of the European countries. We must serve Yahweh, regardless of what that means. We must trust Yahweh for protection in these last days, because, when the Beast gov-

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# THE MARK OF THE BEAST



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ernment is formed, which could happen momentarily, our only hope lies in Him.

As I mentioned previously, 1929 to 1999 is 70 years. What does 70 years represent? It represents the sabbatical cycles that were rejected—2 Chronicles 26:21—which fulfilled the doom spoken by the prophet Jeremiah. It is clear that the people have

been in captivity and sold their souls to the world's governments since the depression. My father-in-law cautioned to always be wary of money you take from the government. A government that gives is a government that can take it back again. Today, benefits are handed out with the stroke of a pen. But with the stroke of the pen, they can

command that those funds be repaid, just like in the time of Egypt. When the people ran out of money to pay their debts, Egypt took their lands, effectively creating servants of all the people.

In 1 Samuel 8, Samuel's sons were not judging properly. They had begun to take bribes—following after dishonest gain. The terms used in the **King James** version are *filthy lucre* and *perverted justice*. Again, I remember my father-in-law, who had worked in the Corrections Department of Berks County as a prison guard for 25 years, often talked of the injustices that he had seen. *"I could prove that a lot of these poor people had been railroaded and, because they did not have a lot of money, had been convicted. Justice is not justice."* An attitude of despair has taken hold in our time and many are beginning to ask for, just as in the time of Samuel, a ruler with absolute power, a King! And so the Beast system will come into play.

***"And Samuel told all the words of Yahweh to the people that asked of him a king. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them unto him [Pharaoh of Egypt, enslaving True Worshipers], for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots [infantry]..."*** (1 Samuel 8:10-11). The King is going to build his army out of conscription. When they are needed, he will take his well-regulated militia and go to war against whoever he wishes. Instead of relying on Yahweh to lead them to victory, the King and his standing army will receive the glory.

***"...And he will appoint them to himself for captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and he will set some to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest..."*** Jacob 5:1 talks about that, ***"Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you."*** These are wages that were withheld from the people. ***"...And to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots."*** This is describing a vast military industrial complex.

Now, what about the women? ***"And he will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers."*** (1 Samuel 8:13). Since World War II, it seems that there must be two incomes to keep a family financially solvent. Mrs. Meyer used to say, *"How can anyone keep a family together on a father's minimum wage?"* It would be impossible to pay the mortgage on the house, let alone the rest of the bills, on such a meager income. Today, the prophecy of conscripting your daughters into employment has been fulfilled as both parents must make their way to the workforce in order to have enough to operate a household.

***"And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants."*** We recently saw that when \$400,000,000 was given to African American farmers for the government cheating them over the years. One of the farmers said, *"I lost way more than \$50,000. That is all they are going to give me! I lost more than \$200,000, and went bankrupt, because I couldn't get a loan."* The American government now acknowledges that their policies

were racist—denying African American farmers an opportunity to get government financing—but what happened to the land that was taken? They confiscated it and sold it to somebody else. They take one man's field and give it to another.

***"And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants."*** Today, the government is balancing the Federal budget with the use of Social Security money. Patrick Moynihan has been saying this for over 20 years. Where is the money that we and our forefathers have paid into the Social Security Fund? Many people would be surprised to know that the only thing in Fort Knox are withdraw notes—paper not even worth the match it would take to burn it. This is what happens with the filthy lucre of the Beast system controlling the economies of the world. Money flows from one agency to another, and when the money runs out, they take your taxes and double them.

***"And he will take your menservants, and your maid-servants, and your best young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks: and you shall be his servants."*** (1 Samuel 8:16-17). Samuel was absolutely inspired when he said these things. Do you realize that you have to work into June just to pay your debt to the government? Everything has started going downhill, but this prophecy is a perfect description of the economy and the system of our time!

***"And you shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you shall have chosen; and Yahweh will not answer you in that day."*** (1 Samuel

8:18). It is almost like when Israel was crying out for deliverance. Yahweh did not deliver them the day they started to petition Him, but the prophetic time-clock had to run its course. In Yahweh's time He answered, sent Moses, and released them from the bondage of Egypt.

***“But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; and they said, No; but we will have a king over us....”*** (1 Samuel 8:19). What does this word *refused* mean? It means to block him out—to stonewall. *“I am not listening. No, we want a king! We want to be like the nations, have a king to judge us. We want the anti-Messiah to fight our battles for us, so we are going to give ourselves to the anti-Messiah.”* ***“I hate them that are of a double mind; but your law do I love.”*** (Psalm 119:113). Yes, they want man's government, but they also want to be in Yahweh's True Worship. ***“Uphold me according to your word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Hold you me up, and I shall be safe, and shall have respect to your statutes continually... It is time for Yahweh to work; for they have made void your law.”*** (Psalm 119:116-117, 126). I have next to that a notation in my Bible: the mark of the Beast, followed by an exclamation point! I want to be reminded when I read this passage that the Beast system will try to break me, so that I begin transgressing Yahweh's Law. ***“Therefore I love your commandments above gold, yes above fine gold,”*** above money and above all kinds of the filthiest of lucre.

How much can you give up for the Kingdom of Yahweh? ***“Therefore I esteem all your***

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***precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.”*** (Psalm 119:127-128). Do you? I do! I know what lies ahead, and it is not going to be easy. We are going to have a hard time, and the time for having to make our decision is drawing closer. How much can we give up to serve Yahweh? The filthiest lucre—money—is when the economy is finally fully regulated

and controlled. Those who love righteousness will not be allowed to buy or sell anymore, without sinning against Yahweh. We are going to have to be prepared so that we are ready for what lies just ahead. What will you be able to do without in order to serve Yahweh?

***“And as Yahshua passed by from there, he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the place of toll [tax collection]; and he says to him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.”*** (Matthew 9:9). Matthew followed instantly—he did not take time to package up his money, or get his record books and put them away. Immediately he followed the Lamb of Yahweh. One of the brethren in the Assemblies of Yahweh, living in a tobacco-growing area, called me years ago and asked, *“What shall I do? Shall I sell my tobacco acreage, or just let my rights lapse? I don't believe in using tobacco anymore.”* My reply was based on the example of Matthew, and I told him what I would do if presented with this dilemma. He agreed, let his contracts lapse so that he would not benefit from someone else raising this cancer-causing product, and converted his farm into a successful beef-finishing operation. He lost approximately \$100,000 in that act, but rejoiced in Yahweh that He had led him to the Truth. What can we give up to be in the Kingdom of Yahweh? We have to give up our old lives and be prepared to serve Yahweh. Will we be ready to flee into the wilderness when the Beast attacks in full force? If that is what serving Yahweh entails, **WE WILL DO IT!** May Yahweh bless each and every one of us as we seek to flee this world and its entanglements. <sup>SNB</sup>



# CHILDREN

## Obey Your Parents

When a crime is committed that involves the violation of a federal (U.S.) law, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) customarily enters the case. It is a rather unnerving experience to answer a knock on the door and find there a person identifying himself as an F.B.I. agent by showing his badge and identification card. The author recalls that this happened to him on one occasion; but, thankfully, the investigation regarded a third party and did not involve him personally. It was merely a routine accumulation of facts; another individual was eventually convicted of a federal crime.

### ***Symbionese Rebellion***

The Home Offices of the Assemblies of Yahweh occupy a sprawling building that served originally as a motel. For this reason, we continue to receive F.B.I. fugitive-from-justice wanted posters that are sent regularly to governmental installations (such as post offices) and, also, private businesses (with a high rate of public contact, like motels). Some years ago, wanted

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posters arrived describing some of the principle figures of the Symbionese Liberation Army. Possibly the reason that it impressed us so much was that the news media had thoroughly covered the breaking story. The arrival of the wanted posters seemed to sweep us into the very center of the action, allowing us the opportunity of having an active part in the final drama, should the action shift to our section of the country.

A scrutiny of the suspects in the case reveals they had varied family backgrounds. One of the suspects was the daughter of a millionaire publishing tycoon. Another was the daughter of a minister. One was the product of a broken home—he had previously served several jail terms. Several of the suspects in the case were well educated. Nevertheless, here they were, brought together in a cause that never covered a broad front for political revolution.

The wanted posters alleged that these people had violated

the law of the land and were charged with crimes such as kidnapping, bank robbery, unlawful flight, firearms violations, etc. Six of the suspects were later killed in a Los Angeles-area shootout with the police, while several of them were brought to trial and served prison terms. When one of the principal figures, Patricia Hearst, was released from prison, she later married her bodyguard.

Searching for underlying reasons that would motivate young people to take such a rebellious course in their lives while they had a productive life lying ahead of them, one wonders what kind of training they had received as children. One of the woman suspects in the case was the daughter of a minister, and the news media had accused her of being a lesbian. Certainly, if her father had been a dedicated minister—preaching the Word as was his commission (2 Timothy 4:2), his daughter would have been taught that such practices are called abominations in the Bible and are punishable by

death, according to the Law of Yahweh (please see Leviticus 18:22-30). Was she taught to obey her parents and the biblical commandments? We must wonder!

Another young woman in the case left home immediately after high school and was living, unwed, with one of her college professors. Did her parents approve of such immoral conduct, or was she being defiantly disobedient? If the parents of these two girls were sincerely serving Almighty Yahweh, endeavoring to bring up respectable families, they would have taught their children proper conduct and demanded obedience from them.

Comments from the father of one of the principal figures shows that this man displayed a great deal of sincerity and an unusual sense of justice. He flew to the vicinity of the last appearance of his daughter and attempted to contact her. When she failed to appear as prearranged, he held a press conference and called upon her and all of her cohorts to surrender, because—to quote him—they are “criminals.” Apparently he did not excuse his daughter’s conduct, or condone her misbehavior. In a very dramatic way, he showed his disapproval of what she was doing and called upon her to pay her debt to society. Such an action is most commendable in this permissive, contemporary society. If more people would speak out strongly for law and order, the attitudes of many young people would change immediately.

### ***A Child’s Obligations***

***“Children, obey your parents in Yahweh: for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with you,***

***and you may live long on the earth.”*** (Ephesians 6:1-3).

How true to the predicted promises of the Scriptures are the final explosive events of the drama involving the Symbionese Liberation Army! Most of the group died violently in a shootout with the police in Los Angeles, many of them never having reached the age of 30 years! They certainly did not live long on the earth (as Yahweh promised to bless the obedient), and they died in their rebellion. (Remember, the author has always taught that there is no future in defying the government with armed force.)

Notice carefully what the prophet Samuel had to say about rebellion against authority, especially against Almighty Yahweh and His perfect Law. ***“...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim....”*** (1 Samuel 15:22b-23a).

Although this entire passage (1 Samuel 15:22b-23a) is directed toward King Saul, nevertheless, it can be applied to each individual who ever walked this earth. It demonstrates the displeasure Yahweh shows toward rebellion against the constituted authority of His commandments.

After the damage has been done and the crime committed, what sort of compensation (sacrifice) can be paid to rectify the situation to its previous state? Obviously, the answer must be that the penalty, or fine, for disobedience can never totally obliterate the effects of the disobedience.

Therefore, obedience does not need to pay a penalty, but disobedience will never stop demanding

its penalty.

It is obvious that we are living in the midst of an age of permissiveness, when children are no longer taught the meaning of obedience. When the author was young, his parents termed it as “spoiling” when children were allowed to run wild and do as they pleased. As children, we knew that if we disobeyed, our parents would persuade us to alter our anti-social thinking—with a trip to the woodshed.

One of the most impressive moments of our married life was when our children began to be born, and the subject of discipline in the home became very personal to us. My wife and I realized that our offspring must be taught (educated) that, when they disobey, they will be hurting someone—either themselves or others. Consequently, we concluded that we must impress upon our children the understanding that they will be hurting themselves first (and impress it we did, by having an attitude-adjustment session).

### ***Obedience Means Life***

Children must be **taught** the correct way of life and the blessings Yahweh gives for obedience. When young, they have no experience, no knowledge, and no understanding. The commandments of Yahweh indeed teach a way of life, leading to a lengthening of life for those who are obedient, extending their lives as the days of heaven upon earth.

***“Therefore shall you retain these my words in your heart and in your soul; and you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. And you***



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*shall teach them your children, talking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them upon the door-posts of your house, and upon your gates; that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth.”* (Deuteronomy 11:18-21).

Did you notice the promise that was given to those who obediently follow the commandments of Yahweh? They will receive long life (everlasting life) as the days of heaven upon the earth. Almighty Yahweh has revealed to us this perfect Law—applicable for both young and old, rich and poor. The older people are commissioned to teach the young people, and the young people are obligated to obey.

### ***The Ruling Youth***

Your Bible has prophesied the

arrival of a time when young people would hold an excessive amount of influence in the affairs of the world. It pictures an era when the roles of parent and child would be reversed.

***“And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the old man, and the base against the honorable.... As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they that lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths.”*** (Isaiah 3:4-5, 12).

The situation Isaiah described led Yahweh to reject ancient Israel and send them into corrective captivity. A repetition of it will lead to the tumultuous events climaxing the last days of this contemporary society in which we are now living. The Scriptures direct: “Children obey your

parents”—not the converse: “Parents obey your children.” If a child goes wrong, they must be corrected, or their disobedience will continue to mount until they might, conceivably, become a criminal. Many such situations could have been corrected when the children were young, before the point is reached where a nation is shaken to its roots.

### ***Influence of Modern Child Psychology***

Modern thinking tends to blame any deviation from normal conduct on early outside factors influencing the person rather than on the individual. Such conclusions can be traced to the teaching of Dr. Sigmund Freud, a psychiatrist who is known as the father of psychoanalysis. From such thinking, the present-day situation ethics developed, along with the new morality, and the Doctor Spock school of child rearing. The concept is that children should not be disciplined, or it will damage their personality.

Can we conclude that these young people who lived in affluence since the days of their birth, or have received a good education, could be described as disadvantaged or underprivileged, and that this would be the root cause of their present actions? The answer must be negative.

An evaluation of the life of a person will usually demonstrate that today's affluence tends to allow too much time for living in a dream world. Too few responsibilities and worthwhile goals in life, with too much available materialism, do not motivate the child to learn to make his or her own way through life.

### ***Disadvantage an Incentive***

Strange as this may seem, many of the world's most prominent people were disadvantaged—reared in an environment of poverty. They had to work at an early age to help support their families. They came to appreciate the value of work and that property could be accumulated as the result of someone working hard—whether to construct a building, or build a bank account.

One of the ways that a parent can motivate their children is to give them a certain amount of responsibility at an early age, and, then, make certain that they fulfill their obligation. Washing the dishes, mowing the lawn, or putting out the trash, may seem like menial tasks, but they will help the child learn to be responsible. The child should be given an incentive to learn to obey. This will cause the child to appreciate the rights and property of others.

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### ***How Important is Self-Expression?***

For the past half-century, children have been allowed an increasing amount of self-expression. Parents have apparently not realized that the opinions of children are based upon the vital, stabilizing element of experience which will enable them to make wise decisions. Children are not emotionally stable and mature until they have reached an age when they can call upon a mental store of experiences in their lives that will direct their thinking into a knowledgeable course. Theory is good, but it cannot stand by itself unless accompanied by experience.

Vacating the biblical commission to teach children to obey the Law of Yahweh, and the law of the land faithfully, has produced a vacuum where the

youth presently assume that they know a great deal more than their parents. Following their own immature, juvenile inclinations led to the student demonstrations against the establishment during the 1970s. Many of these demonstrations became quite violent, taking the lives of innocent people and destroying property worth millions of dollars.

One of the prime causes underlying these demonstrations is the juvenile temper tantrum. When a child is allowed to scream at the top of their lungs until getting their own way, or, if this does not work, then to destroy some piece of furniture and thus gain their demands, the parents have forsaken their position of authority to control their offspring. Can you see this pattern in the student demonstrations and in the method of operation of the Symbionese Liberation Army?

If children have been taught from childhood that a temper tantrum will get them into an unpleasant discipline session rather than having their own way, that for destroying a coffee table in a fit of anger they will be corrected, the campus turmoil of the past several decades would never have occurred.

However, parents also must learn from experience, because they have not measured up to their responsibility. Now the pendulum is swinging in the opposite direction again as educators realize that sound education demands discipline. It may still not be too late to reverse this situation in our modern world.

### ***Parents—Provide the Example***

We might ask if the parents have always merited the respect

of their children. In the United States, there exists a strange psychological phenomenon of natural rebellion against authority. When children hear their parents discussing ways to beat the government, will they not use this example to mold their own conduct? When a parent declares that they believe the Bible, and, then, simultaneously disobeys its commandments, should we not conclude that the child will do the same? The child may even go beyond what has been done by its elders, especially since most parents currently do little to restrain the conduct of their children. A parent should demand respect and obedience from his children, but it should be a respect which has been earned by living an example in the first place.

A passage that is seldom (if ever) quoted is the one found in Leviticus 19:32. *“You shall rise in the presence of grey hairs, give honor to the aged, and fear your [Mighty One]. I am [Yahweh].”* (New English Bible). How many children are taught to rise out of respect to an elder person when they enter their presence? How many older people merit this respect?

### ***Children—Get Counsel Before Acting***

Children—your vision of the future is clouded by youth. Anyone who has achieved maturity would advise you to give utmost respect to counsel from experienced people. Until you have reached an age of maturity, you should seek advice from older people, whether from your parents, a minister of the Word of Yahweh, or a person who has



***...Your parents are instructing you as surrogates of the Heavenly Father Himself, by teaching you His way of life. Therefore, be submissive to them just as you would respect and revere Almighty Yahweh.***

knowledge of the area of your concern.

King Solomon emphasized this very strongly in the book of Proverbs. He strongly urged the children to obey their parents. Read Proverbs chapter 1. He clearly showed that they should seek guidance and allow themselves to be taught by the elders

(Proverbs 4:4, 10, 13, 20-22).

Children, it has been said that no man is an island, and no man lives unto himself. One of the most popular ideas today is that if I do something, it is I who do the deed, and it concerns only me. But that is a completely distorted view of life! How many people are hurt when the doors of a prison slam shut behind a loved one? Is it only the prisoner? How many people are hurt (besides the victim's family) when someone is led to an electric chair, or gas chamber, to be executed for their crime against society? We may be guilty of breaking a law, and we may believe we don't care if we have to pay a penalty for doing it, but, in the end, we DO care.

When our personal lives and the lives of our loved ones disintegrate into a tangled mess from our indiscriminate actions, we will be hurt along with them. Then, it is too late to undo the thoughtless action, or relive our lives. Punishment will come—certain and sure! Nothing can intervene to save us from paying dearly for some impulsive senseless deed.

### ***The Choice Is Yours***

The time to change the course of your life is now! Children, obey your parents in all they instruct you. Even if you think, at the moment, that they may be wrong in their advice, humbly submit to the direction of the older people. In fact, **seek their advice** before making any plans that could seriously affect your life for many years to come. They have your best interests at heart, along with the

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In looking around us in our world today, we can see—as at no other time in history—a period of transition. The changes that are enveloping the world are simply stupendous and are unparalleled with any other period of history. We are told by the scientists and engineers that even greater advancements are on the horizon and that these new improvements will greatly promote the affluence of our modern society. They love to tell us that the “Great Society” is just a few short years away from actual existence.

And, yet, all of these widely circulated, and often quoted, slogans, mainly coming from the pens of the speech writers at election time, have a curiously familiar ring. Many of our number will recall that the populace was fed the same kind of palaver in the years preceding the Great Depression in the 1920s. The prophets of good times became false prophets, as the financial roof caved in.

But, to the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh who are in a fight for eternal life, these

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times of affluence can actually be times of peril. While we lack few physical necessities, a period such as this breeds a spirit of complacency. When times are good, the people naturally find that their reliance on Almighty Yahweh is lessened. Man likes to do things for himself, and this is one of the weapons that the Devil exploits against the True Believer.

The Apostle Paul cautions the young minister, Timothy, to be on guard against the false security of financial well being. We read these words of admonition in 1 Timothy 6:6-10, ***“But holiness with contentment is great gain: for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; but having food and covering we shall be content with that. But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of***

***money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*** We are cautioned by the Apostle John to ***“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it: but he that does the will of Yahweh remains forever.”*** (1 John 2:15-17). See also 2 Peter 3:10-14. We are to work hard, to be industrious in our vocations, but to use the blessings of Yahweh discreetly.

Another trap, which I find is being subtly laid for the people of Yahweh by the Adversary, is situations in life which tend to weaken our Faith and bring about a regression. The ancient Israelites also suffered from this inherent weakness of mortal

man. You will remember that as they started out of their slavery in Egypt, which is actually a symbol of our sinful state, and they were faced with some kind of adversity, time and time again they begged Moses to allow them to go back to Egypt. How often in our everyday lives do we find that it would be easier to take the easy way out? We have good resolve, but, when faced with certain situations, we find that it is easier on us to say, “*Well, I must go along with the crowd, I don’t have a choice in the matter,*” than it is to buck traffic. Eventually, we find that we just don’t care—our conscience has been seared with a hot iron (I Timothy 4:2), and our Faith has lost its rich and vibrant glow.

This brings to mind the startling parallel which exists in the moral fiber of the first two kings of Israel—Saul and David. Both of them had deep experiences with Almighty Yahweh. Saul was chosen by Yahweh to lead the young nation, Israel, after they insisted on becoming like their neighbors with a worldly ruler over them. As a matter of fact, when the people came to get Saul to crown him as their king, they found him prophesying with the prophets (1 Samuel 10:10-12). On another occasion, when Saul was seeking to kill David, the Spirit of Yahweh came upon him and those people with him that they all once more prophesied (1 Samuel 19:18-24).

And, yet, this king of Israel, even after these deep spiritual experiences, just could not seem to control himself to the point of explicit obedience to the commandments of Almighty Yahweh. We read in the 15th chapter of 1 Samuel how Saul took matters into his own hands and performed a sacrifice to Yahweh

that was not his prerogative to do. Yahweh tells Samuel, “*It grieves me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments.*” (1 Samuel 15:11). But when Saul alibis himself, Samuel tells him, “*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim, Because you have rejected the word of Yahweh, he has*

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*also rejected you from being king.*” (1 Samuel 15:23). What a sorry plight when a man falls backward and does not realize in time that he has fallen. When the Spirit of Yahweh leaves a person, he loses his true goals in life and eventually commits the great abominable sin of which Saul was guilty in chapter 28 of 1 Samuel.

Saul had started his reign with the high motives of so many. He had cut off from the land of Israel necromancers, witches, and diviners. But he had not followed through with these high motives. When the Spirit of Yahweh left him, he turned back and asked his servants to find a woman

who had a familiar spirit, that he might consult her about his coming battle with the Philistine army. This was the beginning of the end for him. The prophecy of this evil spirit, who posed as the prophet Samuel, came true. The next day, Saul and his sons were slain in the battle. What a sorry ending to one who had started his reign in such a submissive and humble attitude.

Next we have the story of the next king of Israel, David. This king also had deep spiritual experiences with Yahweh, his Elohim. You will recall how David killed the Philistine warrior, Goliath, under the power of the Spirit of Yahweh (1 Samuel 17). You may also recall how he danced before Yahweh when they were bringing the Ark of Yahweh to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6), or how Yahweh appeared to him in a dream in chapter 7. But, again, somewhere along the line, something happened. In living in the luxurious environs of kingly splendor, he may have lost some of his dependence on the power of Yahweh to maintain him spiritually. When the prophet Nathan faces him concerning his sin of adultery with the beautiful Bathsheba, and the subsequent murder of her husband Uriah, he does not hesitate, or try to alibi, but immediately admits his sin. He also fasts seven days, imploring Yahweh to let the child of this union live. Even in Psalm 51, he pleads for forgiveness and admits that “*my sin is ever before me.*” Yahweh looks on the heart, and when forgiveness is asked, Yahweh will forgive abundantly (Isaiah 55:6-7).

We, as Yahweh’s chosen people, must never forget the lessons of these two kings. We must never forget, for one small instant, how we gladly accepted the sav-



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ing Sacred Name and how we accepted the blood of Yahshua as our atonement sacrifice. We must remember that, *“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation*

*of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries.”* (Hebrews 10:26-27).

*“But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after you were enlightened, you endured a great conflict*

*of sufferings; partly, being made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, becoming partakers with them that were so used.”* (Hebrews 10:32-33). *“For yet a very little while, He that comes shall come, and shall*

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PREACHING  
OF YAHWEH’S  
TRUTH  
IN YOUR  
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**LET US HAVE FAITH TO CONTINUE ON TO VICTORY.**

*not delay. But my righteous one shall live by faith: and if he shrink back, my soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of them that shrink back to perdition; but of them that have faith to the saving of the soul.”* (Hebrews 10:37-39). Read the entire tenth chapter of Hebrews, because it is so applicable for our troubled times.

In these times of deep spiritual decay, when the forces of evil are seemingly on the very verge of breaking down all barriers of decency, we still hear the voice of our Savior as He beckons to His people. While the majority take the easy way out, we, who are the called of Yahweh, will come to Him when He calls, as did the Levites when Moses called (Exodus chapter 32). While the people of the world are making merry, living for today, and not caring what tomorrow may bring, we, Yahweh’s own called out ones, must answer, “Here we

are,” when the Savior, Yahshua calls, “Who is on Yahweh’s side, let him come unto me.” We must hurry to His side, unencumbered with worldly shackles, so that we may be of service to Him, as a witness to His Name in these times of crisis.

Let us, each and every one, heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 12:1-2, “***Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Yahshua the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the torture stake, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of Yahweh.***” Can we be worthy of this calling? Can we run with patience this hard race? Can we endure our burdens now, seeing with the eye of Faith that all this will pass in just a short time, and, then, we will be fully Yahweh’s sons, reigning with Yahshua? Yahweh would not have called us if He had thought we would go down to defeat with the prize within our grasp. Let us have Faith to continue on to victory (1 John 5:4). I am sure that the prize will be worth more than our small suffering now, in this age. “***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 2:9-10). <sup>SNB</sup>

## **CHILDREN** **Obey Your Parents**

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interests of society, in general. Someday, after you have gained a little more experience, you will be able to perceive the wisdom of their instruction and advice. Then, you will give thanks to Yahweh for having directed you to seek their guidance. Rather than looking forward to a life of despair, you can look forward to a life of fruitfulness, happiness, and joy because you made the right decision.

Remember, also, your parents are instructing you as surrogates of the Heavenly Father Himself, by teaching you His way of life. Therefore, be submissive to them just as you would respect and revere Almighty Yahweh. Yahweh is concerned about you as His child and, in the end, He will reward you for your conduct according to your deeds, with blessings for obedience, or cursing for disobedience. Deuteronomy 30:19-20: “***I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your seed; to love Yahweh your Elohim, to obey his voice, and to hold fast to him; for he is your life, and the length of your days; that you may dwell in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.***” <sup>SNB</sup>

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**Radio St. Lucia** 660  
Sunday 6:00-6:30 a.m.

**Radio PJD2 (St. Maarten)** 1300  
Sunday 7:30-8:00 a.m.

**Trinidad Radio Power** 102.5  
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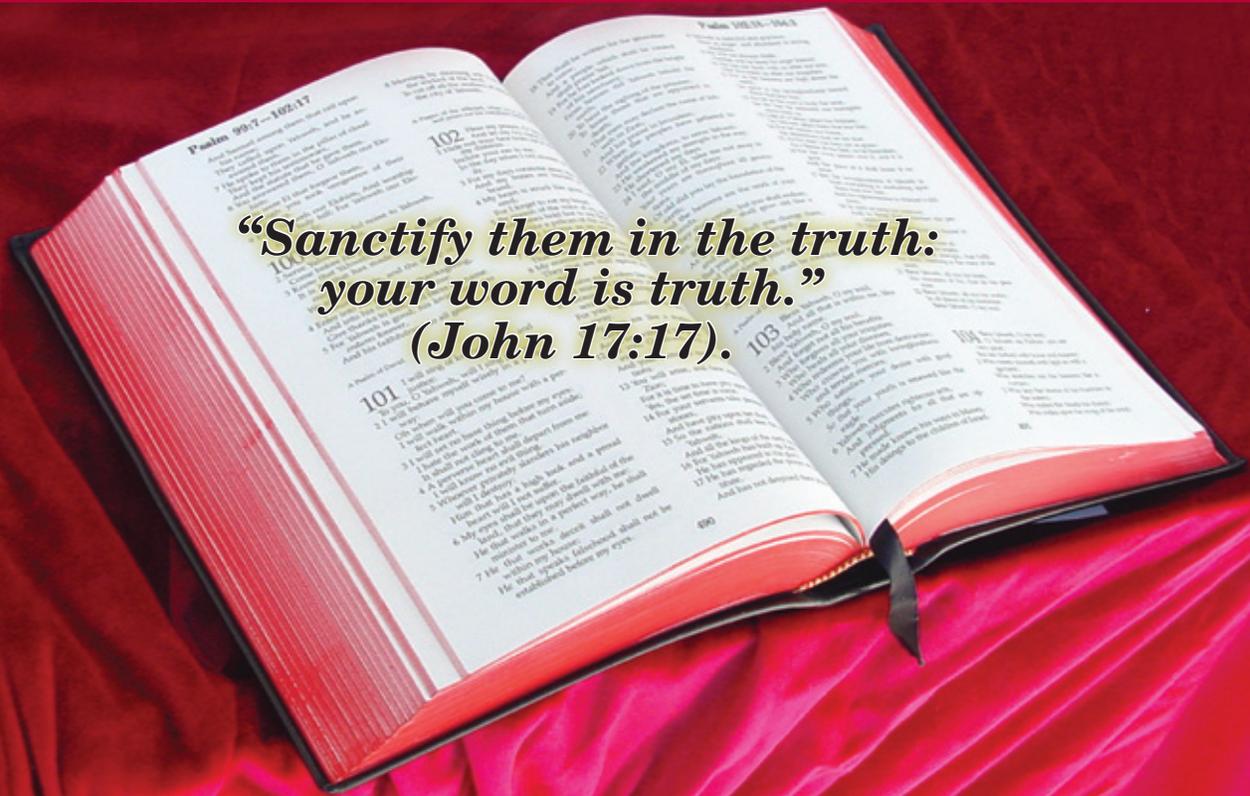
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