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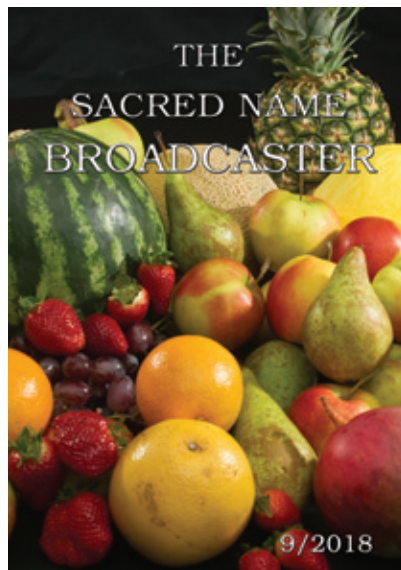
*A new era is coming when Yahshua the Messiah returns to inaugurate the Kingdom of Yahweh. Every year at the Feast of Tabernacles, we are given a glimpse of what that joyful time will be.*

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### Our Cover:

*Yahweh has blessed us abundantly throughout the last year. Yet, many times we forget to give thanks to Him for all of His manifold blessings. Yahshua the Messiah gave thanks to Yahweh before eating (Matthew 14:19 and 15:36). However, this example that Yahshua has given for us to follow is often forgotten at mealtime (and at other times as well).*

**"Rejoice in Yahweh always: again I will say, Rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. Yahshua is at hand. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to Yahweh. And the peace of Yahweh, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in the Messiah Yahshua."** (Philippians 4:4-7).

*Yahshua has given us an example to follow—in obedience and in everyday life. "These are they that follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were purchased from among men, to be the firstfruits to Yahweh and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish."* (Revelation 14:4b-5).



# Tabernacles

## Dwelling with Yahweh

*(This article comprises a sermon preached by Elder Jacob O. Meyer at the 2003 Feast of Tabernacles.)*

***“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of tabernacles for seven days to Yahweh. On the first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh: it is a solemn assembly; you shall do no servile work.***

***“These are the set feasts of***

***Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on its own day; besides the sabbaths of Yahweh, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your free-will-offerings, which you give to Yahweh.***

***“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you shall keep the feast of Yahweh seven days: on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. And you shall have taken on the first day the fruit of good***

***trees, branches of palm-trees, and boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before Yahweh your Elohim seven days. And you shall keep it a feast to Yahweh seven days in the year: it is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are home-born in Israel shall dwell in booths; that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am Yahweh your Elohim. And Moses declared to the children of Israel the set feasts of Yahweh.”*** (Leviti-



cus 23:33-44).

Why do we assemble in holy convocation during the Feast of Tabernacles? The sincere Bible student must ask this question when presented with the Law quoted above. This passage instructs us to come out of the world and assemble in a Kingdom-like atmosphere to worship our Heavenly Father Yahweh in the place which He has chosen. Our convocation is intended to honor Almighty Yahweh, to obey His commandments, and to tabernacle for a short time with Him. Our Father in heaven assures us that His Holy Spirit will be with the congregation as He walks up and down in the midst of the camp.

To reinforce this assertion, turn to Deuteronomy 23:14, ***“For Yahweh your Elohim walks in the middle of your camp, to deliver you, and to give up your enemies before you; therefore shall your camp be holy, that he may not see an unclean thing in you, and turn away from you.”*** As we assemble, it is necessary to keep in mind that we must maintain a pure camp, because Almighty Yahweh is here with us, and we desire Him to accept our worship as we put into practice what His Word commands us to do.

At these annual holy days, Yahweh's Holy Spirit is present in a very striking manner, and, as we learn from the Sacred Scriptures, His Word teaches us so that we may apply it to become better sons and daughters of Yahweh. We gather to learn the deep Truths contained in the Sacred Scriptures, seeking how we may become the Philadelphia Assembly, the True Assembly exhibiting the spirit of brotherly love. This aspect is very important to developing our spiritual life. In John 13:34-35, Yahshua our Messiah explains: ***“A new***

***commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.”*** “A new commandment I give you,” Yahshua the Messiah declares. Clearly, it was not a new commandment, but one that is renewed, because Yahshua was restating what can be found in Leviticus 19:18. ***“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people; but you shall love Your neighbor as yourself: I am Yahweh.”***

When Yahweh's Assembly gathers to worship Him in spirit and Truth (John 4:23-24), the convocation is intended to resemble a Kingdom-like atmosphere. Many times I brought up the passage recorded in Ezekiel 43 that describes the coming Kingdom of Yahweh. Remember, Yahweh is present with the power of His Holy Spirit when His people are gathered together to worship Him on His commanded feast days, and Yahshua the Messiah is actively inspecting His flock.

Let us turn to Ezekiel 43:6-7. ***“And I heard one speaking to me out of the house; and a man stood by me. And he said to me, Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the middle of the children of Israel forever; and the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, and by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places.”*** Yahweh is very strongly telling us here in this passage that we must do nothing to defile His holy Name. When Mrs. Meyer and I learned the importance of using the Sacred

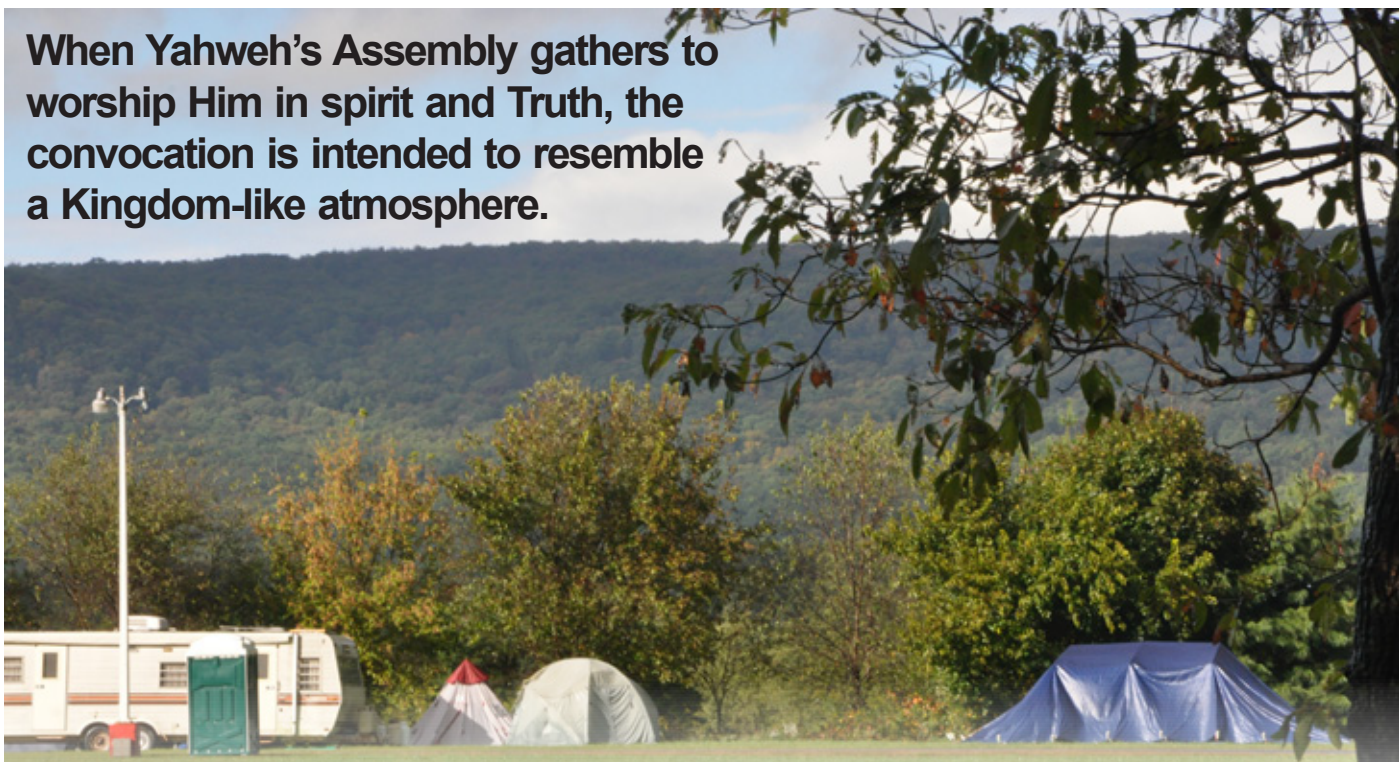
Name over 40 years ago, we came to the conclusion that we must be very careful in applying the Word of Yahweh—doing nothing that might reflect adversely upon the Name of Yahweh. Are you just as careful in doing that today? Especially during the feast days, we must be diligent in doing what is right and good in the sight of Yahweh.

Continuing with Ezekiel 43:8, the prophet tells us, ***“In their setting of their threshold by my threshold....”*** Today, Yahweh has chosen to place His Name in Bethel, and, as Yahweh's people gather together, we set up our campsites along the roads on the Assemblies of Yahweh property that is stamped with the Name of Yahweh. From the aerial photos of the Assemblies of Yahweh Headquarters property, the camps that are situated along the roads form a giant “Y” on this property. What a blessing it is when we see the evidence of the miraculous way in which Yahweh has stamped His Name here at Bethel!

Clearly, at the Feast of Tabernacles, we are dwelling with Yahweh. This is the intention that our Father in heaven has when He commands that we gather together during the Feast of Tabernacles—our threshold next to His threshold. Now, if you could see that Yahweh is camped right next to you, how would you conduct yourself in the camp? Wouldn't you be very careful not to do anything to offend Him? This is what will happen in the Kingdom Age when you can visibly see Him. Today, though, we are worshipping Yahweh in spirit and in Truth. By faith we know that Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua, are watching us during the Feast of Tabernacles encampment. This is a tremendous lesson that He is teaching us through this



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***'But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such does the Father seek to be his worshipers. Yahweh is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.  
(John 4:23-24)***

study. We are learning that we should be completely faithful to Almighty Yahweh, keeping His commandments and always doing those things that are pleasing in His sight.

Continuing with Ezekiel 43:8b ***“...and their door-post beside my door-post, and there was but the wall between me and them....”*** This description sounds somewhat like a townhouse or condominium in the cities today, doesn't it? There are many sections united in one big building with just a wall separating the families. Even with the construction materials of this current world, many times voices and

discussions are heard between individuals through the walls. This is what Yahweh is trying to show us today by this prediction of the future Kingdom Age. He is seeking to tell us that He will be listening to our conversations, how we conduct ourselves in what we say, and in how we use His Name. This is very strongly indicated, also, in Malachi 3:16. ***“Then they that feared Yahweh spoke one with another; and Yahweh listened, and heard [He is listening], and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon his name.”*** Those

who fear Yahweh are going to be recognized by Yahweh through what they say, due to the fact that what customarily comes out of the mouth comes from the heart (inside). Whatever is in your heart will come out. The true Body of the Messiah will be cleansed of all this worldly uncleanness. That is the purpose of the Feast of Trumpets and the holy Day of Atonement and, especially, those nine days of the *yomim narayim* (the days of Awe) between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement when we reexamine our spiritual lives. It is extremely important that we get rid of anything that

might be displeasing to Yahweh before we assemble at His Feast of Tabernacles. We cannot present ourselves before Him in an unclean manner. Verse 17 continues, ***“And they shall be mine, says Yahweh of hosts, even my own possession, in the day that I make; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him.”*** To be recognized as the children of Father Yahweh Elohim, we must imitate Him (Ephesians 5:1).

Turn back to Ezekiel 43:8b. ***“And they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: therefore I have consumed them in my anger. Now let them put away their whoredom, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I will dwell in the middle of them for ever. You, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the form of the house, and the fashion of it, and the egresses of it, and the entrances of it, and all the forms of it, and all the ordinances of it, and all the forms of it, and all the laws of it; and write it in their sight; that they may keep the whole form of it, and all the ordinances of it, and do them. This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain the whole limit of it all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.”*** (Ezekiel 43:8b-12). We are striving to become Yahweh’s people; therefore, we must daily apply the Laws of Yahweh, so that when we assemble at the feast days, Yahweh can be pleased with our worship. We will then have learned

His ways, so that we can serve Him and continue to learn the Kingdom-way of life during the convocation services.

***“For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle is dissolved, we have a building from Yahweh, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.”*** (2 Corinthians 5:1). Our spiritual house is right now under construction—being prepared for us. Yahshua the Messiah comments in John 14:2. ***“In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.”*** This phrase—in my Father’s house—can also be read as “In my Father’s house-hold....”

We often think about the tent villages and cities of the Bedouin who live in sections of Israel. In the author’s numerous trips to the Holy Land, I have stood on top of many hills and looked down on the encampments of these nomads. Sometimes they consist of just a barn tent or two, with a living tent for the family. Sometimes there are three or four tents, or perhaps half a dozen, as the extended family has also located their tents together to create a complex. This is what the encampment of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would have looked like. This is what I envision when I read John 14. Yahweh is looking down on a large encampment, everyone with their own tent representing their physical lives inhabited by each nuclear family. Now, if this earthly house of our tabernacle is dissolved, Paul assures us that we have a building from Yahweh to dwell in, a house that is not made with hands, but eternal, being built in the heavens to endure forever. ***“For truly in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habita-***

***tion which is from heaven.”*** I want us all to notice the preposition *from*. We are not going to go up to heaven when we die, or when Yahshua the Messiah returns. Our reward is COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN TO THIS EARTH. Isn’t that what Yahshua instructs us to pray for in His model prayer? ***“Your kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth*** [*Your will shall be done on this earth just as it is being done in heaven by the angels and the created beings*].” (Matthew 6:10).

Consequently, here it tells us very clearly that our habitation (the spiritual body, our eternal house that we shall inhabit if we qualify), that Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 15 (the resurrection chapter), is coming down to this earth. This is the change that will be taking place when the Messiah returns to establish the Kingdom. Then He will resurrect all who have prepared themselves to enter the Kingdom.

***“If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.”*** (2 Corinthians 5:3). Adam and Eve were found naked when they rebelled and violated Yahweh’s commandments. We are warned again in the book of Revelation that we should be careful and guard our garments so that we do not walk naked so they see our shame (Revelation 16:15). It is a shameful thing to violate Yahweh’s commandments, because Yahweh will understand who we are following. We are revealed for what we are in our heart, mind, and, ultimately, our life. We, then, become naked in His sight, since our innermost rebellion against Yahweh emerges on the surface. We cannot hide from Yahweh!

2 Corinthians 5:4 continues, ***“...For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that***



*we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. Now he that produced us for this very thing...."* The very thing is our spiritual existence for eternity. Yahweh did not create us to be cast into the lake of fire. Yahweh created us to be with Him in the spiritual realm for the rest of our existence in eternity. Now it is up to us to qualify. ***"...is Yahweh, who gave to us the pledge of the Spirit."*** This pledge is known in the Greek text as the *arabon*. It is a Hebrew loan word that has come over into the Greek Septuagint translation and, thenceforth, into the Greek New Testament and, then, into the English. It means a *downpayment*. We get a small portion, or downpayment, of Yahweh's Holy Spirit upon making our commitment to serve Yahweh and keep His Covenant Law at baptism. ***"Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, while we are at home in the body, we are absent from Yahweh (for we walk by faith, not by sight); we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with Yahweh. Therefore we also make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing to him. For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of the Messiah...."***

This is what the Day of Atonement brings to our attention, that there is to be a time of judgment. It is a time when Almighty Yahweh will scrutinize us and either accept us or disapprove of us. The Jewish faith dictates that on the Day of Trumpets, the first day of the seventh month (which they incorrectly call Rosh Hashana), the individual is inscribed. Then, he has the

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opportunity during the Days of Awe to eliminate anything that might be displeasing to Almighty Yahweh so that on the day of judgment, at the end of the Day of Atonement, when the shofar sounds, Almighty Yahweh can then allow that person to live another year to continue his spiritual development. If there is no repentance, conversely, Yahweh will turn His back on the individual and reject him or her. We are all going to appear before the judgment seat of the Messiah someday. We do so every year at the Day of Atonement. We bare our hearts and lives before the

judge during the Days of Awe, or we should, anyway. If we are not doing it, then we are remiss in our spiritual responsibilities, and we will not be able to be at one with Yahweh on His atonement.

It should be our aim and goal to be accepted for all eternity into the Kingdom of Yahweh. It is not Yahweh's Will that we should be thrown into the lake of fire, so He has made a way of escape for us. Yahweh has prepared the lake of fire for Satan and his angels, but He will also use Gehenna fire to destroy anyone who is disobedient to His commandments. ***"...that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad."***

Now we recognize, from Paul's teaching in this chapter, that this physical body is our tabernacle. Our physical body is only a temporary dwelling for us. A spirit body is being prepared for us for all eternity. That is one reason why we attend the Feast of Tabernacles. All of Yahweh's people are gathered together in a holy convocation at that time, and we learn more clearly how we must live so we can be rewarded and receive Yahweh's spiritual Tabernacle. The Holy Spirit should be dwelling within us, motivating us to be like Yahweh and Yahshua. When we attend a gathering of Yahweh's people, every moment should be precious as we perceive how Yahweh's Word is translated into righteous actions. Can He dwell among uncleanness? This is brought out very plainly in Numbers 29, that is, the sacrificial Law. Although Yahshua the Messiah fulfilled the sacrificial Law, and we do not have a literal altar out in the field where we burn animals anymore, nevertheless, the sacrificial Law and the numbers relating to the sacrifices can

teach us great spiritual lessons.

Let us go to Numbers 29:12. ***“And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work, and you shall keep a feast to Yahweh seven days.”*** Everywhere that you read about the Feast of Tabernacles, we notice that it is a feast of seven days, not eight. However, the eighth day comprises a separate symbolism. We, in the Assemblies of Yahweh, teach that, according to the Sacred Scriptures, it is a separate holy day.

The number seven symbolizes *spiritual perfection*. We are now at the first day of the seventh month, the month of spiritual perfection, wherein we should be striving for spiritual perfection. On the day this message is being brought forth it is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of this seventh month. The number fifteen combines seven and eight, which reminds us of the days of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. Numbers 29:13 continues, ***“And you shall offer a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yahweh; thirteen young bullocks....”*** Can you imagine the cost of purchasing a stall containing 13 young bulls, and they have to be sacrificed on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles **in addition to** all of the other sacrifices that people may offer to Almighty Yahweh? The number 13 symbolizes the number of rebellion in the Sacred Scriptures. At the inception of the Feast of Tabernacles, the question must be asked whether any vestige of rebellion remains in the heart of anyone in attendance? Did you let the world outside the gate before entering? You should have done so!

***“...Two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish.”*** The number

two is the number of division, because you can equally divide two. However, two can become one, as are Yahweh and Yahshua. Fourteen is the number of double spiritual perfection. Then, there is the meal offering and the goat of the sin offering. When these numbers are added up, we have 32 animals to offer. However, on the second day of the Feast, Israel was commanded to offer 12 young bullocks. The number of bulls is being reduced. The number 12 represents good government in the Sacred Scriptures. Then, on the third day, the number is reduced to 11 bullocks. Eleven symbolizes confusion in the Sacred Scriptures. As you continue through the Feast observance, you will note that a declining number of bullocks are being offered every day until you arrive at the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles on which Israel was commanded to offer seven bullocks for the sacrifice to conclude the Feast of Tabernacles.

What is Yahweh trying to tell us by this sacrificial Law? We should continuously be improving and learning every day. What good results from going to school if the student doesn't learn? What is the good of sitting in worship services if you don't learn the ways of Yahweh? We must work towards perfection.

On the Last Great Day, eight days after the Feast began, only one bullock is now mandated to be sacrificed. This means that by the time we arrive at the eighth day, that separate day of great significance, we should have come close to spiritual perfection. Then, only a minimal sacrifice is necessary. The lesson is clear that we must work toward spiritual perfection, grow in grace, during the Feast of Tabernacles. Now, add up all of the bullocks offered during the seven days

of the holy convocation, and you will get 70—10 x 7. The number 10 symbolizes ordinal perfection, and the number seven represents spiritual perfection. Then, with the one bullock offered on the Last Great Day, the total number is 71. Seven plus one equals eight. How perfectly these numbers relate.

We, in like manner, should, in seven days, achieve some greater level of perfection. Our lives don't always follow blissful paths as we encounter Satan's attacks, do they? But don't rebel against Yahweh's teaching! Everything that happens to a child of Yahweh means something, so keep your eyes open to Yahweh's instructions and learn the lessons. Remember, all things work together for good to them that love Yahweh, Romans 8:28. Yahweh wants to know that in the face of persecution we can maintain a balanced personality. We cannot become euphoric at one time and totally depressed at another. Always remember, every time we are experiencing good times, and also bad times, that “this too shall pass.”

We must learn by constantly improving our lives. Our interest in the True Worship began with this recognition that something was wrong with our personal lives. We had to make personal changes, because Yahweh revealed to us that we were going in the wrong direction. Therefore, we sought Yahweh and looked for the whole counsel that He offers. We found righteous government in the 613 commandments that is comprised in the 248 positive commandments and the 365 negative commandments. Keep in mind that, even though some of the 613 commandments relate to the sacrificial Law, they still can teach spiritual lessons and teach us the ways of Yahweh.

Yahweh is a faithful Father



and is always trying to teach His children the correct way to live. When something bad happens to us, how are we going to respond to it? Remember, keep a good positive attitude—positive wins! When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Becoming negative will always lose.

There are historical events that have taken place at the Feast of Tabernacles, and one of the great historical events is the dedication of the temple of Yahweh. If you turn to 2 Chronicles, you will find there that Solomon dedicated his temple during the Feast of Tabernacles. ***“Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers’ houses of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh out of the city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month.”*** (2 Chronicles 5:2). Well, there is, of course, another feast in the seventh month, which is the Feast of Trumpets, but it is expressed as the Feast of Tabernacles very plainly in 2 Chronicles 7:8-10. ***“So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath to the brook of Egypt. And on the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Yahweh had showed to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.”***

The dedication of Solomon’s

temple was held at the Feast of Tabernacles. Do we glean a similar type of lesson at the Feast of Tabernacles every year? Shouldn’t it be an annual rededication of ourselves as Yahweh’s spiritual tabernacle in which the Holy Spirit dwells? Shouldn’t there be an annual rededication to assure Almighty Yahweh that indeed we are faithful, sincere, and dedicated in keeping His commandments by appearing before Him in holy convocation with others of like precious Faith? Of course, it should be! The times of spiritual refreshing are intrinsic to the sincere Truth-seeker to grow as an Obadiah (servant of Yahweh).

***“How amiable are your tabernacles, O Yahweh of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of Yahweh....”*** Psalm 84:1-2, written by or for the sons of Korah, describes how our heart and soul should be longing for the coming Kingdom of Yahweh. ***“...My heart and my flesh cry out to the living El. Even the sparrow has found her a house, And the swallow a nest for herself, where she***

***may lay her young. Even your altars, O Yahweh of hosts, My King, and my Elohim. Blessed are they that dwell in your house: They will be still praising you. Selah.”***

Here, the swallow and the sparrow find themselves a nest among the unhewn stones of the altar. In the sacrificial service of the temple, you could hear the bleating of the sheep, the “baa-ing” of the goats, the lowing of the oxen and bulls, view all the blood and gore that was present, and the action of animal slaughter culminating in meat being barbecued and burnt on the altar. Nearby, above, are the birds with no fear that anything is going to happen to them. They are actually protected as they build their nests and care for their young lodged in the cracks between the unhewn stones of the altar. It always moves me to tears every year when I stand at the *kotel maharevi*, the Western Wall, in Jerusalem. When I arrive, I look up and there I see sparrows flying around, swallows and doves with their nests among the cracks in the stones. Down

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(PSALM 84:1-4)

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though sometimes we don't  
understand. When we do trust Him,  
He will not fail us! He will honor  
His Word!***

below, people are praying and davening, along with the noise of activity that is going on in the plaza, but they have no fear. They are in a protected place. Isn't it beautiful, brethren, what Yahweh is trying to tell us here? In the midst of death, we may find a protected lodging place!

Psalms 84:5 continues, ***"Blessed is the man whose strength is in you; In whose heart are the highways to Zion...."*** Yahweh wants us to look forward with eager anticipation to our arrival at the Feast of Tabernacles here in Bethel. Yahweh will associate our eagerness to attend the holy convocations to our attitude in looking for His coming Kingdom. Sometimes, it is going to take what verse 6 says, ***"...Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs...."*** Described here are people who weep so hard that it is like a river flowing down their cheeks. Have you personally had to experience anything like that? I related to a number of brethren that it seems that every year deaths occur near the Feast of Tabernacles. My own father died just one week before the Feast, on October 8, 1996. Although I was sad during that Feast, I was glad because Yahweh allowed me to bring my mother to the Feast that year, so that balanced things out for me. How many times does Satan place challenges in front of us. ***"...Yes, the early rain covers it with blessings. They go from strength to strength; Every one of them appears before***

***Elohim in Zion...."*** That is because Yahweh's true servants will have the sincere determination to obey His commandments and to appear before Him. Even though, sometimes, it is through tears, we keep our eyes concentrated upon the coming Kingdom of Yahweh.

***"...O Yahweh Elohim of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O Elohim of Jacob. Selah. Behold, O Elohim our shield, And look upon the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my Elohim, Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For Yahweh Elohim is a sun and a shield: Yahweh will give grace and glory; No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Yahweh of hosts, Blessed is the man that trusts in you."*** (Psalms 84:5-8). We must trust in Yahweh, even though sometimes we don't understand. When we do trust Him, He will not fail us! He will honor His Word! Isn't the Word of Yahweh encouraging to us as we see these things Yahweh has for us in the Word? The promises in His Word build up our trust!

The word *tabernacles* in the Hebrew Bible is *succoth*, #5523, from *succah*, #5521, and means, *a hut or lair*. It is a very tenuous (temporary) residence. It is from #5520, *sok*, and is defined as, *"a hut (as of entwined boughs); also a lair."* The dictionary definition of the word *lair* means, *"[a lying place, hence bed, couch] a bed or*

*resting place of a wild animal; den—vi. to go to, rest in, or have a lair."*

Why would Yahweh instruct us to go and live in a temporary dwelling, or build a *succah*? The Jews today suggest that you have to put boughs and leaves on top of the *succah*, but, still, you must be able to look up at the stars of heaven. With inclement conditions, many times, occurring during the Feast of Tabernacles, why build a *succah* then? Yahweh gives rain and many times rain falls before, during, and after the Feast of Tabernacles. Yahweh loves us, and He wants us to have some protection over our heads. I sometimes jokingly say that I am surely glad for the age of clear plastic, since, if I have to build a *succah* outside and see the stars, I would want to have something between the rain and myself when the stars are not out.

Turn to Zechariah 14:16 where we notice the prophetic relevance of keeping the Feast of Tabernacles, ***"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."*** This is a prophetic Scripture. I have customarily used this Scripture to demonstrate the importance of attending the Feast of Tabernacles. Sometimes people respond that this is a conditional Scripture. I ask, "Where is the IF?" There is no "if" to be found in the text. No, this prophetic passage is not conditional. It must be obeyed faithfully. ***"And it shall be, that whoever of all the families of the earth goes not up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain."*** This is why Yahweh



# 100-K Club

## DOING A GREAT WORK FOR YAHWEH!

*“And I sent messengers to them, saying,  
I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down.”*

(NEHEMIAH 6:3A)

During the 1999 Assemblies of Yahweh Feast of Tabernacles, Elder Jacob O. Meyer (OBM) proposed to the brethren who attended that every sincere believer (who is financially able to do so) could offer a special sacrifice of \$1,000 to be used to bring the WMLK radio transmitter up to an output transmission power of 175,000–200,000 watts. The response was immediate and most gratifying! (The term 100 K represents 100 people offering \$1,000.)

The editor believes that some of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** readers may wish to join this effort if apprised of the opportunity to do so. Consequently, this informative comment has been placed in **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine.

WMLK, the Assemblies of Yahweh international shortwave radio station, is currently being updated and improved. The original transmitter broadcast operated for 15 years. A new antenna has been constructed using the existing towers. Then, in 2000, a used BBC 250,000-watt transmitter was purchased and renovated. On March 22, 2017, the BBC transmitter was damaged by a devastating transformer fire.

A new, state-of-the-art transmitter is being built that will incorporate the latest technology that will deliver a clear, crisp sound with the greatest efficiency available. As we all know, electricity costs have greatly increased; consequently, the higher efficiency will allow us to broadcast more—for less money. Also, the new transmitter will broadcast at 300,000 watts of power, and, in this way, **MOST OF THE INHABITED AREAS OF THE WORLD WILL BE COVERED WITH THIS END-TIME MESSAGE THROUGH THE POWERFUL SIGNAL OF WMLK RADIO**, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Matthew 24:14. *“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.”*

If Almighty Yahweh lays this need upon your heart, and you desire to join us in this endeavor, we pray that His richest blessing will be upon you.

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mandated building a *succah*, a temporary dwelling, so that we may have protection during the Feast of Tabernacles, because Yahweh’s blessings flow forth during this holy convocation—many times in the form of rain.

What do these huts look like? The rabbinic authorities indicate that you only need to spend as much time in a *succah* to eat a meal the size of a cookie, but I believe Yahweh’s Will is for us to move into a temporary dwelling. For 40 years, I have used a temporary dwelling to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. Today, the faithful members of the Assemblies of Yahweh use tents, camper trailers, etc. (those who are in ill health may get temporary dwelling in a motel), and we move into our temporary dwellings. It is the aspect of a temporary existence that Yahweh wants to ensure that we recognize. We should realize that life is something like a moving belt, and, someday, all of us are going to drop off the end of that belt unless Yahshua the Messiah returns. We will all, one day, have to make the grave our house until the resurrection, as Job indicates (Job 17:13-16).

In Nehemiah 8:14, we notice an event that reinstituted Yahweh’s Law-keeping in Judah after some of the Babylonian captivity returned. They discovered that they should have built booths in the Feast of the seventh month. *“And they found written in the law, how that Yahweh had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month; and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mount, and bring olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm*

*branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of Elohim, and in the broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim. And all the assembly of them that had come again out of the captivity made booths, AND DWELT IN THE BOOTHS: for since the days of Yahshua the son of Nun to that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the book of the law of Elohim. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.”*

The root of the term *sukkah* employed here is #5526, *sawkak*. It means, *a prim. root; prop. to entwine as a screen; by impl. to fence in, cover over, (fig.) protect*. There is a need for protection at Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles, isn't there? This need for protection is from the outside elements. When we turn to Hosea 3, we read, ***“For the children of Israel shall remain many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without pillar, and without ephod or teraphim: afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek Yahweh their Elohim, and David their king, and shall come with fear to Yahweh and to his goodness in the latter days.”*** We have, today, also returned from Babylon, from a contemporary religion of confusion, and we have been told to build or prepare a temporary

dwelling to live in.

Then notice Isaiah 4:5-6. ***“And Yahweh will create over the whole habitation of mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be spread a covering. And there shall be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a covert from storm and from rain.”***

Here we have a perfect picture of the Feast of Tabernacles in the coming Kingdom.

A prophesied historical event occurred on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, which was the birth of Yahshua the Messiah.

If you count on a scriptural calendar, you will find that Yahshua the Messiah was conceived about the middle of December, and He was born at the Feast of Tabernacles, nine months later. This is according to the BIBLICAL CALENDAR, not the secular calendar that is generally used today. When you count the time from the conception of John the Baptist, according to Luke 1, and continue counting, six months later Yahshua the Messiah was conceived. After the nine-month gestation period, the count brings us to the next Feast of Tabernacles.

***“And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.”*** (John 1:14). Yahshua the Messiah was born on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. According to the Law in Leviticus 12:3, what instruction is made concerning all male children? ***“And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.”*** Doesn't that passage dovetail beautifully here? Circumcision

means to cut away whatever might be separating between us and Yahweh, cut away the foreskin of the heart (Deuteronomy 30:5-6). Consequently, Yahshua being born on the first day and circumcised on the eighth day of the Feast of Tabernacles, clearly reinforces the lessons we are to take from the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles. Our goal at the end of the Feast should be a complete circumcision of the heart. This is really the most important thing that we have to work toward to be in unity with Yahweh our Elohim.

What a miraculous historical event it was that happened on the first evening of the Feast of Tabernacles that year. Shepherds were abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. This could not happen at Chr-stmas time, because in Israel, at that time, there are no shepherds in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night. Those shepherds in Israel pasturing their flocks in the dead of winter bring them in by night and put them in a fold. Conversely, the Talmud and rabbinical commentaries tell us that at Feast of Tabernacles time, the hills around Jerusalem looked like a blanket of white, because of all the sheep and cattle that were brought for sacrifices. The shepherds then were out watching over the large sacrificial flocks that the worshipers had brought to the Temple. Suddenly, the Angel of Yahweh appears and tells the shepherds that born in the city of David is a Savior who is going to be Israel's Messiah. Why should the angel be telling the shepherds who were guarding the sacrificial flocks in the fields that a Messiah has been born? The answer is because He will be the sacrifice and take the place of these sacrificial flocks that they were tending. I just



love it! The Bible is so perfect when studied and applied. If we only can come to understand it all before Yahshua the Messiah returns.

The prophetic aspect of the Feast of Tabernacles is the Kingdom of Yahweh. Let us turn to Hosea 12:9. The option to dwell in tents comes from this passage. Let us first consider verse 8 for proof. ***“And Ephraim said, Surely I have become rich, I have found wealth for myself; in all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that were sin.”***

What does this remind us of? Laodicea! It was the Assembly at Laodicea that was rich and increased with goods, needing nothing. Are riches going to remove sin from me because I can buy my way into Yahweh’s good graces?

Verse 9: ***“But I am Yahweh your Elohim from the land of Egypt; I will yet again make you to dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast.”*** Yahweh sees the attitude of people and will humble the materialistic people. However, let us also consider verse 10. ***“I have also spoken to the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and by the ministry of the prophets have I used similitudes.”*** We must remind ourselves of the things that are going to be happening in regard to the prophetic aspects of the Feast.

Turn to Isaiah 4:2. ***“In that day shall the branch of Yahweh be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall***

***come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem.”*** Do you see

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the importance of striving to be holy now? In Isaiah 6:3, we see that the *seraphim* are crying, ***“Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of hosts,”*** and man is told in Leviticus 19:1, ***“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy; for I Yahweh your Elohim am holy.”***

We are only ordered to reach the first level of holiness, although Yahweh is on the third level of holiness. If we are not even trying for that first level, we can’t be called Yahweh’s people and shouldn’t be in the Assemblies of Yahweh. All of us should be determined that we should be in a spiritually holy state at Yahweh’s feast days, reflecting that everyone will be holy and sanctified in the coming Kingdom. If there is any sin uncovered in the Kingdom, you will be sent to the lake of fire. Remember, there is no fire escape from Gehenna!

Isaiah 4:4 continues, ***“When Yahweh shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst of it, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of burning....”*** That is

what is predicted to happen in Malachi 4:1. He will burn up the wicked of this earth. It will be burnt up and cleansed. ***“... And Yahweh will create over the whole habitation of mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night....”*** What went before

Israel in the exodus—the “pillar of cloud and fire”—is going to be reestablished. How many times have I seen pillars of cloud hanging over Yahweh’s Feast sites in the 40 years that we have observed Yahweh’s holy days? Many!

The pillar of cloud and fire will again be restored to hover over the *mikra* (the Assembly). The word *mikra* means *called out* (a public meeting). ***“... for over all the glory shall be spread a covering. And there shall be a pavilion for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a covert from storm and from rain.”*** The Assembly of Philadelphia (brotherly love) conducts Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles. It intends to live the Kingdom way of life for eight days and actively to bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. When we assemble and comprehend Yahweh’s Holy Spirit in action for eight days and then return to the world, the stark contrast of this Babylonish system, as opposed to Yahweh’s Kingdom way

of life, is very apparent.

Very seldom do I ever leave the campground during a Feast of Tabernacles. I remember one of the years I hadn't been off the campgrounds during the eight-day observance, and, after we had loaded up our camping things and started out, I decided to stop at a gas station to fill up my vehicle. After pumping the fuel, I went into the station to pay for the fuel, and some men were standing near the door. The vituperation and profanity that came flowing out of their mouths was like the impact of getting hit with a fist right on the nose. Here I am, back in the reality of this present Babylonish system, I concluded, and I don't like it one bit! Having been separated from the world and in close communion with Yahweh, I felt clean; but, then, coming into direct contact with that garbage, it was like I had become unclean again.

Yahweh wants us to experience what His Kingdom is going to be like. Therefore, during the Feast of Tabernacles, we must separate ourselves from this worldly system as much as possible. Then we will experience that radical change from the protected place on Yahweh's campground and this Babylonish system all around us so that our future path and direction will become more clear.

Today, Almighty Yahweh is teaching us the principles of His good government. To me, religion is not some kind of a game that I play, but it is a very serious endeavor! It is my effort to acquire the approval of Almighty Yahweh so that I may receive eternal life. I want to be saved! We must all make the Kingdom way of life our habitual nature so that the glory of Yahweh's way of life may become our delight, so that we faithfully live it every

day. The Feast of Tabernacles is an annual rehearsal for the coming Kingdom of Yahweh, so be careful to appear before Yahweh in a holy condition.

In Revelation 21:23 appears a clear description of Yahweh's Kingdom. ***"And the city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of Yahweh did light***

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***it, and the lamp of it is the Lamb. And the nations shall walk amidst the lights of it...."***

Those included will be able to walk in the presence of Yahweh and Yahshua. All around will be light emanating from the Father and the Son. This is reminiscent that the Torah (Yahweh's Law) is like a lamp (a light), and that the light searches our hearts and minds, and it looks deeply within our lives. Everything is exposed and laid bare before Yahweh, and those who transgress the Law will not be allowed into His presence, Habakkuk 1:13.

***"...and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. And the gates of it shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there)...."*** Who are these kings spoken of here? That could be us! We are afforded the opportunity

to be kings and the priests in the Kingdom of Yahweh when the holy city comes down. Yahweh gave David as an example to us that, if we are faithful, He will use some of us to help Him reign over the nations, Isaiah 55. ***"... and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it: and there shall in NO WISE enter into it anything unclean, or he that makes an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life."*** (Revelation 21:23-27).

If you have an unclean thought, a negative attitude, or anything not pleasing to Yahweh, you will not be allowed to go through the gates into the city. Before our name can be written in the Lamb's book of life, we are required to do something, to live a life of total submission to Yahweh and His Laws. Will Yahweh be pleased if you bring anything like an unclean thought, or attitude, to Yahweh's Feast? Never!

Let us continue in Revelation 22:1. ***"And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of Yahweh and of the Lamb, in the middle of the street. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. [See also Ezekiel 47:12.] And there shall be no curse anymore [the curse is the punishment for violation of Yahweh's Laws, Deuteronomy 30]: and the throne of Yahweh and of the Lamb shall be in it: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads [the family name is***

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# Atonement

## — with Yahweh —

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Today we will concentrate on the topic of honoring the commandment that Yahweh has placed in Leviticus chapter 23 verses 26-27. ***“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, On the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement....”***

I was recently reading a book written by a rabbi. He was drawing the conclusion that the numbers seven and ten have an especially profound significance in Hebraic writings. Notice here that those two numbers are closely connected in the command to observe the Day of Atonement. ***“On the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement....”*** The day of Atonement—Yom Kippur—is the day of covering, the day of

expiation of sin by our merciful Father in heaven.

Let us continue in Leviticus 23:27, ***“It shall be a holy convocation to you, and you shall afflict your souls; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh.”*** What does the term *afflict your souls* that is employed here mean for us? ***“But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I afflicted my soul with fasting....”*** (Psalm 35:13). In order to harmonize the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, we will find that it means to fast—refrain from ingesting food. This is only one of the examples in the Sacred Scriptures that shows that during a specific period of time, Yahweh requires us to fast in order to provide us a deeper understanding of how we can be more pleasing to Him.

The Feast day of Trumpets, which began the seventh month, comprises the announcement that Yahshua the Messiah is going to return. This announcement demands a decision from all of us. Which way are we going? Are we going toward the Kingdom of Yahweh, or are we going toward the Battle of Armageddon? As a sincere Bible student, the obvious answer is that we must have determined to go toward the Kingdom of Yahweh—a 1000-year period of time which leads into eternity—symbolic of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Between the Feast of Trumpets and Atonement we have a period of time in which we look at our lives and rid our hearts of anything that is contrary to the Word of Yahweh. The Days of Awe—awful days—comprise nine days in which we consider

our actions and the way that we have conducted of our lives. These penitential days are a time for deep reflection as we look deeply into our heart—souls, life, mind—to determine our current spiritual vitality, or viability. We can then confront the question that comes from this sacred day. Have we exhibited greater dedication, maturity, zeal, and spiritual stature during the past year? Or have we stagnated—maybe even backslidden—since the Day of Atonement last year?

Where do we begin in the introspection process? The point from which we must begin this analyzation is humility. We will never be able to scrutinize our lives and hearts acceptably unless we humble ourselves before the Word of Almighty Yahweh. By first humbling ourselves before our Father in Heaven and recognizing His authority over us, we then will have a heart that is willing to bend to His Will. We must look into the mirror—not in the physical sense of looking into a mirror—but look into the mirror of Yahweh's Torah Law. The Law will then show us what changes we must make. ***“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only deluding your own selves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer...”*** (Jacob 1:22).

As you study with the Assemblies of Yahweh you will notice that we refer to the Sacred Scriptures to confirm our doctrines. It is not merely a coincidence that we place such a great emphasis on Yahweh's Word. I believe that the more Scripture that we can hear and consider, the greater will be our spiritual development. But what we are doing with it the the Scripture that we hear? The Word must turn into action in our life. ***“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man beholding***

***his natural face in a mirror: for he beholds himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what manner of man he was. But he that looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and continues, being not a hearer that forgets but a doer that works, this man shall be blessed in his doing.”*** (Jacob 1:23-25). Our actions speak louder than words to our Father in heaven. In the words of the old adage: *We cannot just talk the talk, we must also walk the walk.*

***“Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that does good, and sins not.”*** (Ecclesiastes 7:20). King Solomon wants us to understand from this passage that there is no totally righteous man upon the earth who has consistently and always chosen the good and has never sinned. Today it seems that, by-in-large, the people of the world are choosing to take a position in opposition to Yahweh's Word. There is darkness all over the world. But Yahweh is light, and His Torah comprises light! ***“...And in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yahshua his Son cleanses us from all sin.”*** (1 John 1:5-7). We must walk in the light of Yahweh—He is light. Introspection means that we must see ourselves as He sees us.

We can never allow ourselves to become self-righteous. Job was a righteous man—perfect—yet he depended that his righteousness and perfection would only garner himself blessings. Once he was weakened through the removal of all of his temporal health and wealth, his weakness was

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evident. ***“I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees you: therefore, I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”*** (Job 42:5-6). We can never allow ourselves to become self-righteous because we are still in the flesh. It is, therefore, of great importance that we recognize that the first step in approaching the Day of Atonement is to achieve humility.

Let's turn to Romans 3:9. ***“What then? Are we better than they are? No, in no wise: for we are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one; There are none that understand, there are none that seek Elohim; they have all turned aside, they have together become unprofitable.”*** This describes the state of the world today. Many times, as we interact with the world, we discover that they have influenced us. Now continue in verse 19: ***“Now we know that whatever things the law says, it speaks to them that are under the law; that***



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***every mouth may be stopped, and that all the world may be brought under the judgment of Yahweh: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.*** As a consequence, the knowledge of sin is given to us through the Law of Yahweh. Introspection reveals to us that, unless we identify our weaknesses and have the humility to repent and forsake them, we will eventually fall under the judgment of Yahweh.

***“But now apart from the law a righteousness of Yahweh has been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of Yahweh through faith in Yahshua the Messiah to all them that believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh.”*** (Romans 3:21-23). Sinning—falling short of the glory of Yahweh—will end in judgment and ultimately death in Gehenna fire. But through the

New Covenant, a way of escape has been made. When you read Jeremiah 33, verses 31-34, you find that the New Covenant indicates that the Law of Yahweh will be written within—internalized—the hearts of the people of Yahweh, not just simply outwardly on tablets of stone.

Paul continues in verse 24: ***“Being justified freely by his grace thought he redemption that is in the Messiah Yahshua.”*** The word *justified* means *to be acquitted—declared innocent*. Even though we are guilty of sin—violation of Yahweh’s Torah Law—we can find mercy through the blood of Yahshua. I used an example last Sabbath about a detective who was charged with abusing two witnesses that he was interrogating. He admitted that, although he did not do it intentionally, he was still guilty of breaking the Law. His only option was then to throw himself on the mercy of the court. When Yahweh reveals to us that we are transgressing His Law, our only choice is to repent of, and forsake, our sins, throwing ourselves on the mercy of our Savior.

I grew up in a household that did not eat according to the commandments of Almighty Yahweh. My forefathers wrongfully justified eating all sorts of unclean foods. But then I came to understand that Yahweh had forbidden the eating of certain foods in His holy Word. Yahweh’s Word showed me that I was guilty! I should have died for my sin. As most of the people here in this audience today can affirm, we were guilty of eating pork. We should all have died for that violation of Yahweh’s Torah. It’s not just a physical law, it’s a spiritual Law as well. Why do I say it’s a spiritual Law? Because Yahweh gave the commandment, and it’s up to us to live it.

With the knowledge that we are all guilty of violating Yahweh’s Law, and that the punishment for that violation is death, is there any hope for us in the future to make it into Yahweh’s Kingdom? ***“For I will forgive their iniquity, and will remember their sin no more,”*** (Jeremiah 31:34). We are justified by His forgiveness—grace, mercy—through the redemption that is through the Messiah Yahshua. With the shedding of His blood, the sin-offering nailed to the tree, we have the opportunity to be cleansed, to go forward in newness of life. Do you now see more clearly that we are reliant on an atonement sacrifice? Yahweh sent forth His only begotten Son, Yahshua the Messiah, to be that atonement sacrifice through faith in His blood. He is the One who paid the penalty of death for us. Oh, you see this is just such a logical book! How could anyone misunderstand the clarity that Yahweh has put in His Word?

***“Whom Yahweh set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in His blood to show His righteousness because of the passing over [the exemption] of the sins formerly committed [our past sins] in the forbearance of Yahweh [because Yahweh had patience, and He overlooks the past when His people don’t know any better] for the showing, I say, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that has faith in Yahshua.”*** (Romans 3:25-26). The word *propitiation* in the Greek text is *hilasmos*, which is #2435. It is defined as *an expiatory, the place or the thing that atones*. He does not want to kill anyone who is repentant for their sins. Those who are truly repentant—converted from

being a sinner—can live in the hope of Yahweh's saving grace. He then continues in verse 27: ***"Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? Of works? No; but by a law of faith. We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith*** [by believing that Yahweh will forgive us] ***apart from the works of the law. Or is Yahweh the Elohim of the Jews only? Is he not the Elohim of Gentiles also?"*** Yes, so it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or Gentile, if you violate Yahweh's Law, you are a sinner! What does that do for us then? Yahweh has promised that He would give an obedient child of His a down payment of the Holy Spirit—crying Abba, Father. Through the growth of the Spirit, we can all then be adopted into the family of Yahweh—whether Jews or Gentiles. We must all come to a point of repentance, and strive to do things that are pleasing in Yahweh's sight—putting our sinful lives behind us.

To recognize that we are sinners—that's the point. We must seek to do all in our power to correct our lives so that we may merit Yahweh's grace. That's what He is telling us here. ***"Do we then make the Law of no effect through faith?"*** He answers his own question: ***"By no means, we establish the Law."*** We don't desire to continue to disobey, even though we have been afforded grace. So when we make the necessary corrections, and begin to conform to the Will of Yahweh—to obey His Laws, statutes and ordinances—we can be justified through His grace. That's when we put faith into practice in our lives. No, you can't receive eternal life just by living the Law, because we all have sinned, but we can hope that through His shed blood we can have our sins covered and then

live in obedience to His Word.

The key is to be obedient so that Yahweh will offer grace and mercy to us. There must be a life-giver—Yahweh the Creator—that's involved who wants to offer us all eternal life. He intends for us to desire to live so much that we will shed our sinful ways and become obedient to His Law. But He will not give eternal life to one who defies His Will by violating His Law. He will not give eternal life to a disobedient child. A good example is offering a child a reward for obedience. ***"If you play nice with your friends we will stop and get ice cream on the way home"***. The child is presented with an option: obey the parent and get the reward, or disobey, and the offer of the reward is withdrawn. Yahweh wants to reward us, but we must respond, seeking to obey all of His directives.

***"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."*** (Isaiah 1:16). The clear instruction here is to cease to do evil—desist sinning—learn to do well—keep Yahweh's Law. We have learned to be very circumspect about obeying the dietary Laws for example. You might think that they may be one of the least of the Laws, but they are still part of Yahweh's Law. Just because the government has sanctioned eating certain foods, and they have received the stamp of the Department of Agriculture, does not mean that Yahweh has approved it. You must be very, very strict by rejecting anything that is of unclean origin, and refrain from ingesting it in any way whatsoever. Why does he say to judge the fatherless and plead for the widow? Why does it say

to relieve the oppressed? Why does it say seek justice? Because all of these things are aspects of Yahweh's Torah. Yahweh's Law is a unit and must be considered as such. We cannot oppress the stranger, consume unclean foods, or violate any of Yahweh's commandments, and expect that He will have mercy on us.

***"Come now, and let us reason together, says Yahweh*** [let's think this thing through, step by step]: ***though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are crimson, they shall be as wool."*** (Isaiah 1:18). I have described how I used to help my father shear his sheep. If by chance the clipper would nick some of the skin, that beautifully glistening, pure white wool next to the skin would absorb the red blood into its fibers. The contrast would be stark and unmistakable. I was able to see what Isaiah the Prophet was talking about. The contrast is just absolutely remarkable and unmistakable. Yahweh is saying that your sins are very evident to Him. Just as you cannot hide the blood that has seeped onto a fleece, you cannot hide sin from Yahweh. That is why it is so imperative during this time to introspect our life and eradicate anything that Yahweh despises.

***"If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it."*** (Isaiah 1:19-20). There are only two choices—either we do good by being willing and obedient to serve Yahweh, or do evil and reject His word. We can either be blessed by Him, or cast away from His presence—***"for the mouth of Yahweh has***

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## RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

# A Preview of the Kingdom

What do you want out of life? Are you looking forward to a future life in the hereafter? You would really be surprised to learn of all the ideas which modern man has invented to explain his existence on this earth and to justify his present conduct. Everyone today seems to have his or her own philosophy of life. Some of these opinions have come from the Sacred Scriptures, but most of them have come from the ideas of some ancient, pagan intellectual, who did not know Yahweh—the only True and living Mighty One.

As a matter of fact, most ministers of our day put more time into the study of worldly philosophy than into the study

of the inspired Scriptures. The Apostle Paul exhorts the congregation at Colossae, in Colossians 2:8, ***“Take heed lest there shall be anyone that makes spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after the Messiah.”*** Man’s philosophy is not some modern concept, but the early Apostles also had to contend with this pagan influence in the early Assemblies.

Every person on this earth really wants something good out of life. First, they want their daily needs to be supplied. They desire a good home to live in and a tranquil environment wherein

to raise their families. Some people are content with the satisfaction of these basic needs. Yet, most everyone wants something more out of life. They are looking for a utopia wherein everything always works out right, where no evident problems exist to contend with, where a livelihood can be earned with minimal physical exertion, and where we may live out our earthly lives in satisfaction and pleasure.

Our libraries contain numerous shelves that are just groaning under the weight of volumes which have been written explaining exactly how these goals may be achieved. Yet, to this very day, our society has still not found the way to happiness, even with these detailed instructions.

Our lives still go on just as before, life for most people continues to be brutally boring and uninteresting. Problems seem to mount instead of diminish. Most people in our asphalt and concrete urban jungles seem to regard their lives with less hopefulness than ever. In order to bear their drab mundane existence, most people eventually turn to the sensual pursuit of alcohol, drugs, and sex. Rather than solving their problems, these avenues of escape turn into dead-end streets of despair. Rather than leading to the utopia which they promise at first glance, these escapes ultimately lead to self-destruction.

Did you know that just about every ancient civilization contains a story of a lost utopia? Most of the readers have read, or heard, of Pandora and her box, how she disobeyed and opened the box, thereby releasing a corruption of the blissful life she previously had. Such a parallel is the account of Adam and Eve in Genesis chapter 3.

Since the time that Eve induced Adam to disobey Almighty Yahweh and, thereby, yielding to their base carnal nature, this trait of disobedience has excluded mankind from returning to the place (the garden of Eden, the paradise of Yahweh) from which they were driven for their sin. Mankind in his subconscious mind, however, is still hoping for a return to this blissful state of life from which he is now excluded, but most people simply do not wish to pay the price to achieve permanent happiness. Your Bible reveals just how man became excluded from this paradise, why it happened, and how he may return to this Edenic state. Your Bible contains the truthful answers to life's problems and questions rather than the more popular philosophical suppositions.

Your Bible calls this coming utopia, or paradise, ***the Kingdom of the heavens***, or the ***Kingdom of Yahweh***. It reveals

that this Kingdom (or government) will be established right here on this earth.

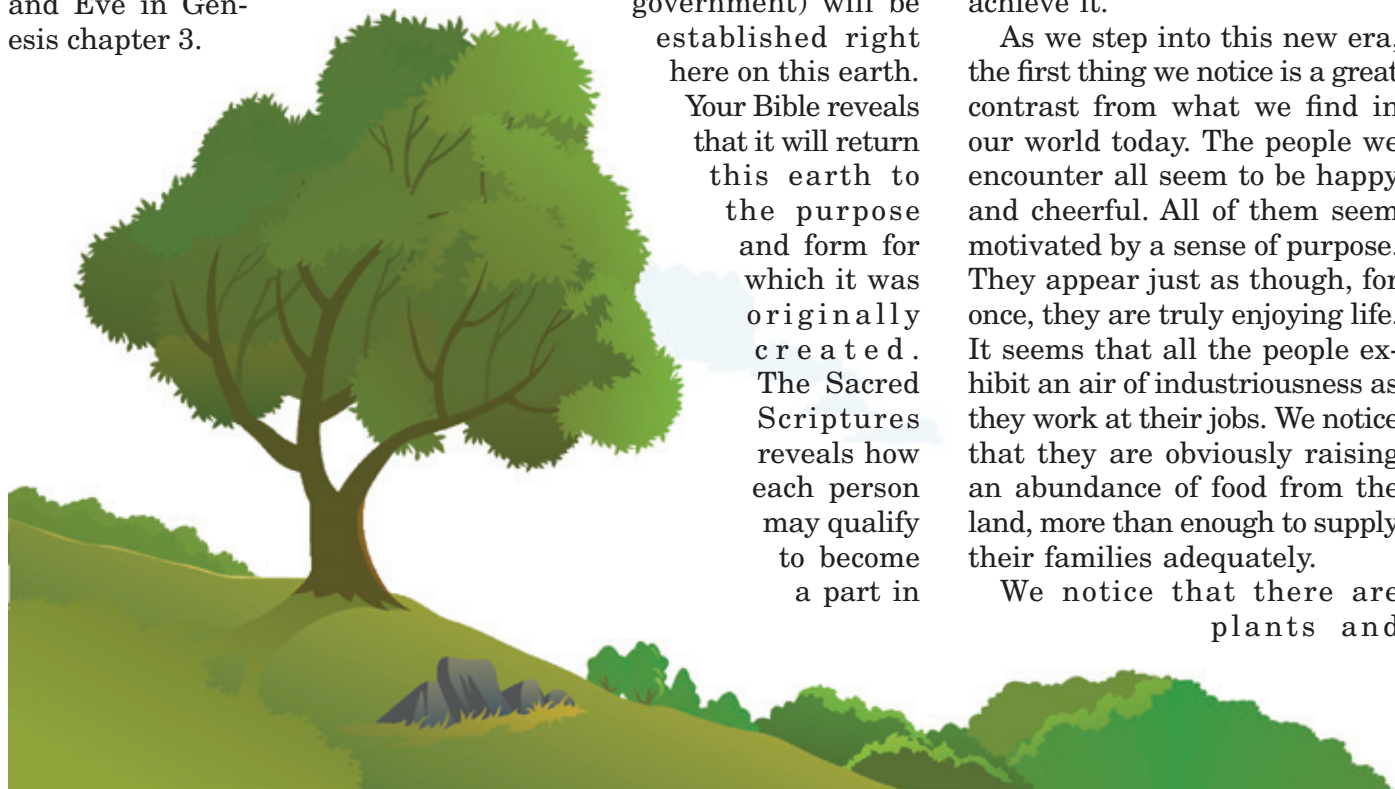
Your Bible reveals that it will return this earth to the purpose and form for which it was originally created. The Sacred Scriptures reveals how each person may qualify to become a part in

this master plan for this earth. The Bible outlines the requirements to enter into the coming Kingdom age. It reveals just what it will be like and the type of life that will be lived in this still future era.

In my Bible research, I have traced the path of sin which this world has taken and how this erroneous pathway will soon lead this world into a cul-de-sac of judgment and destruction from which there is no escape. If it were not for the Second Coming of Yahshua, our Savior, to rescue man from certain extinction there would be no hope. Now it is time to consider the bright future which awaits man immediately after the impending righteous government is set up on this earth. Why not accept my invitation to a preview of just what this government will be like? Let us step across the years that separate us from that future era and walk into that time to learn just what awaits those who care enough to try to achieve it.

As we step into this new era, the first thing we notice is a great contrast from what we find in our world today. The people we encounter all seem to be happy and cheerful. All of them seem motivated by a sense of purpose. They appear just as though, for once, they are truly enjoying life. It seems that all the people exhibit an air of industriousness as they work at their jobs. We notice that they are obviously raising an abundance of food from the land, more than enough to supply their families adequately.

We notice that there are plants and





trees which seem to be in every stage of fruit bearing, from early-bud stage to ripe harvest, all at the same time! This indeed seems incredible, since we, today, are not accustomed to this phenomenon. We also notice as we examine the plants that they have a healthy, deep rich color and that the fruit is very large and luscious, extremely palatable and tasty. We notice that pests, or insects, are not in evidence and that the farmers appear to be cultivating their crops mainly to loosen the ground so the roots can have easy access to soft ground for spreading out. We also notice that there are no weeds.

We ask the direction to the nearest city, and we are told to follow the road near where we are standing. We find this road very straight and well built, and, as we travel, we also notice that the terrain is very flat. The large trees and vegetation all look so marvelous and colorful, indicating adequate rainfall to produce heavy foliage!

We soon come upon a city, but what a change from the age gone by! We find no tall skyscrapers, but, rather, we find the streets lined with trees, with houses set back from the curbs, surrounded by well-kept lawns and gardens. The atmosphere appears to be so very invigorating, with no depressing smog and city fumes in evidence at all.

It is late afternoon and people can be seen around their homes, most of them sitting in the afternoon shade, reading, of all things, the Bible! Some are dozing, while others are just meditating, or visiting. Life seems so relaxed and tranquil, even though we notice our watches indicate that

it is almost 5:30 p.m. The noise and bustle of the old-time rush hour in the Babylonish age are all gone, and in their place, we find a period of relaxation and reflection on the events of the day prior to bed time.

We pause to consider why the tempo of life has been so drastically reduced. Something has obviously happened to the people themselves. They are very relaxed and easy going. This changed nature also seems to have affected the animals. In the pastures, we have noticed many different animals all grazing together. Even animals, which we knew in their wild state in the past age, such as bears, lions, and wolves, are calmly grazing (of all things) beside sheep and cattle. It seems that a fad has developed, wherein most little children now have a pet lion instead of a dog. As a matter of fact, these once fierce animals are now ridden and driven like ponies, and they are no longer carnivorous.

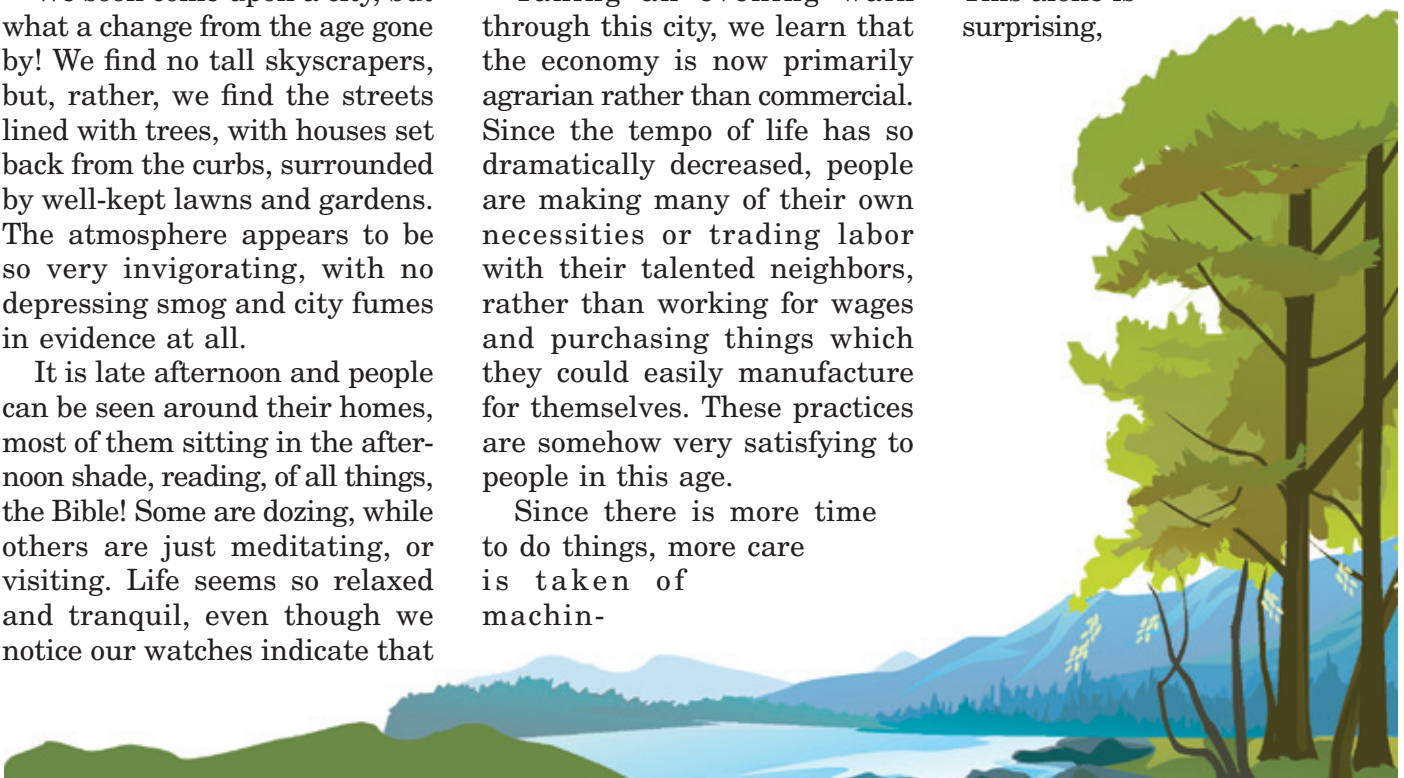
Taking an evening walk through this city, we learn that the economy is now primarily agrarian rather than commercial. Since the tempo of life has so dramatically decreased, people are making many of their own necessities or trading labor with their talented neighbors, rather than working for wages and purchasing things which they could easily manufacture for themselves. These practices are somehow very satisfying to people in this age.

Since there is more time to do things, more care is taken of machin-

ery, and this causes everything to endure many years longer. Equipment is also safer to operate. We notice no police cars, and we see no jails. We are told all of that is a thing of the past Babylonish age. We are also told that this has actually allowed for a substantial tax decrease.

In asking about taxes, we are told that what is demanded by the government is a flat 10-percent income tax on all increase, with a second 10 percent levied every third year for charity purposes to maintain homes for people in need and to give the ministers an extra allowance. We are amazed since we remember that in the old age of the past, government taxes ate up from one-third to one-half of our income! Life seems so much better now, even though taxes are cut to a bare minimum.

We spend the night in a very relaxing atmosphere in the home of one of the many people we met during the day, who had politely offered us lodging overnight. This alone is surprising,



when we remember that in the old Babylonish age, people even rarely conversed with neighbors, let alone with complete strangers. People seem to have lost all fear and apprehension. They are completely outgoing and anxious to assist strangers. We notice in the homes of the people that there are no elaborate, or multiple, locks on the doors.

The atmosphere in the homes we visited was not tense with arguments, or fighting, among members of the family. The conversation was centered around the much-anticipated departure of the family a few days hence for Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. It seemed that the whole city was talking of nothing else.

After a magnificent sunrise and a hearty breakfast, we ask directions to the nearest school. What a difference we find in this school. The first activity of the school day is a Bible class. The Bible is read, spiritual songs are sung, and the class joins in prayer. No jazz songs are ever heard. The teacher is teaching a lesson on how our forefathers, the ancient Israelites, came out of Egypt, and he is instructing the class that it was Almighty Yahweh who is responsible for this release from bondage. He points out to the class that we are obligated to honor Almighty Yahweh for releasing the world from the spiritual bondage of sin of the bygone ages, just as He actually released the Israelites so long ago. You never saw a class of happier children so eager to learn.

Upon departing from the school, we stopped a man on the street to ask him what has so drastically changed this world. He is a rather ancient-looking man who, we find, had lived

as a boy in the old Babylonish age. His answer is short and to the point. "We now obey the Laws of Yahweh," he tells me. "We learned that obedience is the only true way to fulfillment and happiness. It took a little persuasion from Yahweh in the form of judgments, but we eventually got the message, and now look at this earth! It has finally reached its potential."

Dear readers, this is no idle pipe dream I am describing. It is an actual scenario which will soon happen on this earth. Do you want proof? Please read these predictions from your own Bible.

***"And they that shall be of you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."*** (Isaiah 58:12).

***"Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of it; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, says Yahweh your Elohim."*** (Amos 9:13-15).

***"And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling***

***together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.***

***"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, that stands for an ensign of the peoples, to him shall the nations seek; and his resting-place shall be glorious."*** (Isaiah 11:6-10).

***"And all your children shall be taught of Yahweh; and great shall be the peace of your children."*** (Isaiah 54:13).

***"For then will I change to the peoples a pure language, that they may call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suplicants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring my offering."*** (Zephaniah 3:9-10).

I personally hope to be counted worthy to enter this Kingdom-of-Yahweh age. The term "paradise" actually means a garden of sensual pleasures. If we put to death our carnal, destructive lust now, we may enter into this garden in which we will be given the genuine pleasures that will not destroy, but will build up.

Why not come with us as we climb the upward pathway which will lead to the paradise of the Kingdom of Yahweh? You will never regret your decision to enter the Kingdom way of life! <sup>SNB</sup>



# Atonement

## with Yahweh

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**spoken it.”**

Be thankful that the Elohim of light, joy, gladness, and love has allowed us to draw close to Him on the Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur. Let it be a new beginning for all of us—a renewal of our relationship with Yahweh. A renewal of our love for Him and for His Truth; a oneness with Yahweh that we hope to someday attain at the second coming of Yahshua the Messiah, and the resurrection of the just.

While we are afflicting our souls on the Day of Atonement, we may feel pain. But this is only a reflection of the realities of our human existence. We, nevertheless, feel joy inside to know that our repentance—*teshuvah*—will bring us closer to Almighty Yahweh. We have, in effect, apologized to Almighty Yahweh for whatever wrongs we may have done to Him. We now can be united in *shalom*—peace—and we can fully experience Yahweh’s love. This is the message that I want us to take home with us today.

Let us continue to draw closer to Almighty Yahweh, that we may merit His love, that we may merit His forgiveness, His mercy, and His grace. May Almighty Yahweh bless us as we ponder the glory of Almighty Yahweh. Yahweh is light—sin is darkness. We must hate sin and love righteousness. We must always strive to do the things that are pleasing in Yahweh’s sight. By doing so we can be afforded the opportunity to one day be at one with Him in the Kingdom that is soon to come to this earth. HalleluYah! S<sup>N</sup>B

# Tabernacles

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Dwelling with Yahweh

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imprinted on their foreheads]. ***And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for Yahweh Elohim shall give them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.”***

The future is now! I am convinced that we become too dependent upon this worldly system throughout the year. Therefore, Yahweh orders us out of our houses to take up a temporary residence once a year. He wants to inspect us in holy convocation and to know how we react to various situations that may occur in the Assembly. The permanence of our existence rests in the durability of the Law of Yahweh and in His wisdom. It rests in the government of Almighty Yahweh, His Assembly, His Kingdom, and in eternal life.

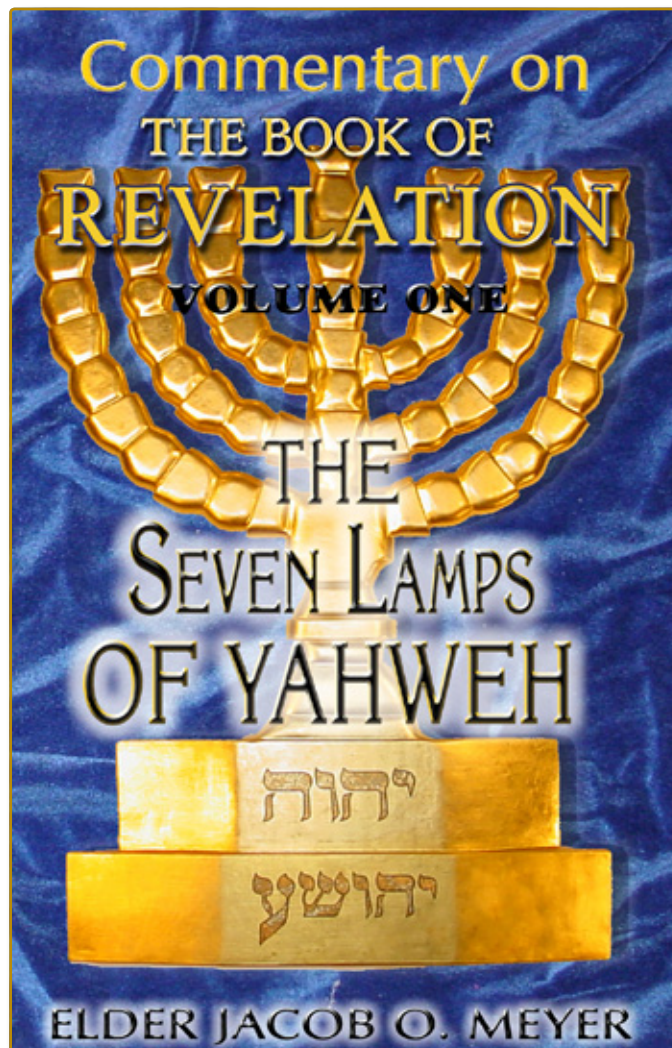
When we read and study the great promises and Covenant Yahweh has made to those who overcome, what better way to conclude than in the great Faith chapter of Hebrews 11. Let’s begin in verse 8, ***“By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he went. By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, DWELLING IN TENTS*** [just like the Bedouin in Israel today, as we do at Tabernacles], ***with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for the city which has the foundations*** [the holy city coming down from Yahweh, as in Revelation 21], ***whose builder and maker is Yahweh.... These***

***all died in faith*** [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob], ***not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from far off, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things make it manifest that they are seeking after a country of their own. And if indeed they had been mindful of that from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return*** [They have turned their backs on their old lives, have you?]. ***But now they desire a better country, that is a heavenly: therefore Yahweh is not ashamed of them, to be called their Elohim; for he has prepared for them a city.”*** (Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16). That holy city described here and in Revelation 21 comes down, having 12 foundations and 12 gates. It will rest on this very earth, and it will be during the Kingdom of Yahweh, founded on Truth, with its doors open wide to those who have triumphed over Satan and his worldly ways but closed to those who commit sin.

This subject is very dear to me. We have been given the opportunity, through Yahweh’s Word, to live eight days in a Kingdom-like atmosphere. If the lessons we learn during Yahweh’s feast days are applied to our daily lives, then we can dwell with Yahweh and His Son for all eternity. If we do not learn these lessons, we shall be rejected. Let us learn these spiritual lessons faithfully, so that we may be pleasing to Almighty Yahweh and inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh when Yahshua the Messiah returns. S<sup>N</sup>B

# The Seven Lamps of Yahweh

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer



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the beginning.”***

(Isaiah 46:9-10)

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