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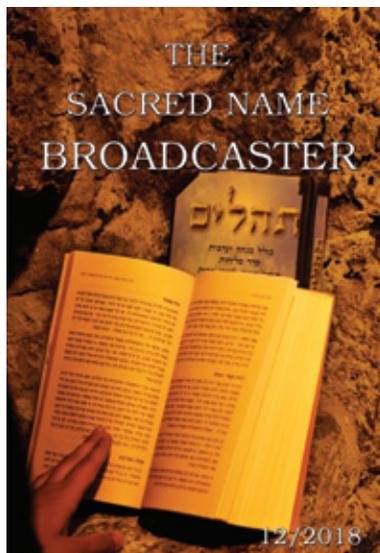
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The scene from the tunnels at the Western Wall is this month's cover. Tehillim is the Hebrew name of the book of Psalms, the first book of the Ketuvim—the sacred writings of the Tanak, or the Hebrew Bible.

Tehillim means "praises," and many times the book of Psalms exhorts us to praise the name of Yahweh. This is the root of the name Judah and also HalleluYah, which is an imperative, or command, to praise Yahweh. **"Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name for ever and ever."** (Psalm 145:2).

Do you remember to give honor and praise to Yahweh each day? Live the life of a True Worshiper of Yahweh who follows in the footsteps of Yahshua the Messiah!

**"O give thanks to Yahweh; for he is good; for his lovingkindness endures forever. And say, Save us, O Elohim of our salvation, and gather us together and deliver us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and to triumph in your praise."** (1 Chronicles 16:34-35).

Let Your

# Light Shine



by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

A very striking example of the spiritual life has been set forth for us in the Sermon on the Mount by the teaching of Yahshua the Messiah. The directives contained therein are indeed a most vital source of instruction for the True Worshiper, and, by their application to our personal lives, we should become more aware of what Yahshua the Messiah sought to show us. If you have not recently read over this

passage in Matthew chapters 5-7, why not take the time to do so immediately? The message could be called a summary of the Bible in a nutshell. It will always be pertinent to every age, since its timeless, unlimited Truths are the root of Yahshua's teaching as He instructed His disciples upon the mountain away from the multitudes of people who followed Him early in His ministry.

Let us focus our attention

now upon just one facet of this message, Matthew 5:14-16. ***"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shines to all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."***



***"...For Yahweh is not an Elohim of confusion, but of peace."***

(1 CORINTHIANS 14:33)

**Yahweh is the author of peace,  
and this very word means completeness,  
harmony, one accord.**

Have you ever considered that someone who is begotten again by the Holy Spirit of Yahweh will become a light to the world? The unconverted world has always been described as darkness and without light. They are spiritually dead—lifeless, wandering about in darkness—and, thus, find themselves confused in their thinking. Notice the description of the true light, Yahshua the Messiah, which is found in John 1:5, ***"And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not."*** The Greek word translated *comprehended* in this verse means that the darkness did not overcome, or overpower, Him. Yahshua the Messiah is the light of the world, and even though the darkness of the world sought to persecute Him, it could never overpower His message. The hostility of those who lived in the darkness of the world caused Him to be slain as a martyr upon the tree of Calvary. Nevertheless, today

His message still shines brightly, although the evil spirit of the world has determined to destroy it down through the ages. We have the promise of the Messiah that the True Light coming from Him would always be in the world, and that light is to be found within His people.

Yahshua described His people as the light of the world. Paul said the same thing in Philippians 2:15. ***"...That you may become blameless and harmless, children of Elohim without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world...."*** The entire passage, Philippians 2, is devoted to applying the perfect example of Yahshua the Messiah and His righteous life to our own individual lives. What a marvelous message! The entrance of Yahshua the Messiah into the world brought light that banished darkness. Yahshua's people will maintain that light

and keep it burning brightly if they keep their eyes upon Him and model their lives according to the pattern He set. Although we live in a wicked world that is dead in sin and darkness, the Body of the Messiah will proclaim the message of Truth that is illustrated as light to dispel the gloom of night.

One is reminded of the account of the creation in Genesis 1. Here in this passage we learn that the world was in a state of chaos, and darkness was upon the face of the abyss before Elohim began to take action to correct the situation. The elements were churning in disorder—out of harmony, in total confusion. The voice of Yahweh resounded through the darkness ***"Let there be light!"*** And there was light. The light of Yahweh shining through the darkness of sin will dispel error, confusion, and disorder. Yahweh is the author of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33), and this very word means *completeness, harmony, one accord*. Let us learn this great Truth! Yahweh's people, the True Worshipers, have been placed here on this earth to show the way of Yahweh through the darkness and gloom of the world. In their midst is order and harmony such as only the Holy Spirit can bring. If it were not for Yahweh's people on this earth today, there would be no further need for Him to work with this creation.

Notice what we find in Malachi 4:4-6. ***"Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and ordinances. Behold, I will send you EliYah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and***

***the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.***

Consequently, it is easy to see that those who are the light of the world will be fulfilling the EliYAH ministry. They will be holding forth the Word of Yahweh that brings light to the world. They will be declaring His Name to their brethren. Restoration will be their message just as it was in EliYah's day, 1 Kings 18.

Let us consider what the Apostle John said in his first epistle. ***“And this is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that Yahweh is 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). What a beautiful thought! Yahweh enlightens His people with heavenly light so that they may be as lamps set upon a lampstand. He is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. The evil spirit of the world, Satan the Devil, has blinded the minds of men so that they cannot see the light of Yahweh. Through his efforts, the creation of Yahweh is kept in turmoil and confusion, resulting in all of the sadness and sorrow that we find around ourselves today. With the light of Yahweh shining within us, we may become lights to the world, and through Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh, we share a common life in the Elohim family.

The darkness that Satan casts into the world is most agreeable to carnal, unconverted people because thereby they find a

convenient shelter for their wickedness. Have you noticed how many crimes and sins are perpetrated in the dark of night? The wicked person imagines in his heart that, when he misbehaves at night, no one will be aware of his misconduct, and, possibly, he even believes it is hidden from the Heavenly Father Himself. Nevertheless, let us not be deceived by this misleading idea, since Yahweh sees and knows all that happens. Yahshua's own words describe the actions of the wicked people of the world. ***“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, and comes not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. But he that does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been worked in Yahweh.”*** (John 3:19-21). Yahshua said it better than any other person could have explained light and darkness! The evil forces of this world seek to hide their diabolical deeds behind the mask of darkness, but the people of Yahweh are drawn toward the light of Yahweh and His Word. This light will allow them to correct their own lives and to send some of the purifying light from Yahweh like a beacon out into the world so that others also may be able to see.

The True Worshipers who keep the Word of Yahweh are able—by the light of Yahweh—to dispel the darkness around them. Yahshua was speaking to the Jews of His day in John 3. Paul also spoke to the Jews and, by extension, to all who will hear, since his message was inspired by the head of the Body, Yahshua the

Messiah. Notice what he says in Romans 2:17-24. ***“But if you bear the name of a Jew, and rest upon the law, and glory in Yahweh, and know his will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness, a correcter of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth; you therefore that teach another, do you not teach yourself? You that preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You that say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You that hate idols, do you rob temples? You who glory in the law, do you through your transgression of the law dishonor Yahweh? For the name of Yahweh is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, even as it is written.”***

When someone obeys the Law of Yahweh and keeps His commandments, light enters. We no longer live in darkness, since we have been shown the WAY OF YAHWEH! Let us allow the Old Testament to give us just one more definition of light at this point. Proverbs 6: 20-23, ***“My son, keep the commandment of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother: bind them continually upon your heart; tie them about your neck. When you walk, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall watch over you; and when you awake, it shall talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is fight; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life....”*** The light of Yahweh is to be found in

His Law, which His people will be keeping. Law keeping among the people of Yahweh will direct the unconverted people living in darkness of the world toward the WAY OF YAHWEH.

What, then, is that light from Yahweh that enlightens us?

It is none other than the Holy Spirit, which we receive at baptism into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. This is explained for us in Hebrews 6:4-6. ***“For as touching those who were once ENLIGHTENED and tasted of the HEAVENLY GIFT, and were made partakers of the HOLY SPIRIT, and tasted the good WORD OF YAHWEH, and the POWERS of the age to come, and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance; since they impale to themselves the Son of Yahweh again, and put him to an open shame.”***

(Note especially the words we emphasized.) There it is! The Holy Spirit, the Word of Yahweh, the glad tidings of salvation, comprise the enlightenment that comes to the believer. The True Worshiper only becomes a medium for transmitting that spiritual light to the world. The Holy Spirit of Yahweh is His Words, His power, dwelling within us, causing us to live overcoming lives and bringing forth fruit that will endure to life everlasting. Beware that you do not drift aside and thus become one of those who is rejected!

In the Old Testament, the Glory of Yahweh appeared to Israel when they stood before Mt. Sinai and heard Yahweh

speak His Law, Deuteronomy 5:24. The Hebrew word used in the text is *kābōd* (*kavod*). It means *to make heavy with honor; expansive; copiousness.*

***One who has this Holy Spirit Shekina Glory living within him—giving him new life—just cannot hide it! It emanates from him—in his conduct, in his character, in his behavior.***

The Glory of the Mighty One of Israel was visible to the people in the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire (Exodus 16:10). The Glory of Yahweh filled the Tabernacle and Solomon’s Temple (Exodus 40:34-35, 2 Chronicles 5:13-14). The Glory of Yahweh was manifested upon the Ark of the Covenant. When the Philistines captured this treasure during the time of Eli, and his daughter-in-law gave birth, she referred to the Glory of Yahweh which had departed. ***“And she said, The glory has departed from Israel; for the ark of Elohim has been taken.”*** (1 Samuel 4:22). This is why she called her son *Ichabod—no glory.*

The Glory of Yahweh resided over the ark between the cherubim. The lid of the ark was called the *mercy seat*, because Yahweh and His Glory dwelled there. ***“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.”*** (Exodus 25:8). ***“And you shall put the***

***mercy-seat above the ark; and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will commune with you from above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the***

***testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”*** (Exodus 25:21-22).

The word for dwell in the Hebrew is *shakan*, meaning *to dwell, reside or settle.* This is the description of how the

Holy Spirit is received by the people of Yahweh. Notice how Yahshua received the Holy Spirit. ***“And Yahshua, when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of Yahweh descending as a dove, and coming upon him [settling upon him].”*** (Matthew 3:16). Yahshua informed His disciples in John 14:23, ***“Yahshua answered and said to him, If a man loves me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him.”*** Yahweh and Yahshua will come to their people with their power—the Holy Spirit—and will take up residence with the believer who fulfills the conditions set forth in the Word of Yahweh.

Among the Israelites, the dwelling of the Holy Spirit was called the *Shekina Glory*. This term is not found in the Bible, but was a composite description using the word *Shakan* (*dwell, reside, settle*) of Yahweh’s Glory

dwelling in His House among His people. The *Shekina Glory* was the glow that manifested the presence of Yahweh through His Holy Spirit in the cloud and fire, on Mt. Sinai, in the Tabernacle, and in the Temple. The Shekina Glory was said to have hovered between the cherubim on the ark of the testimony. It was a manifestation of the majesty and power of Yahweh that stayed close to His Law as a confirmation that He was standing solidly behind His Word—His Covenant promises to Israel. When the first temple was destroyed in 587 B.C.E., and the ark was taken from the Temple, the Shekina Glory disappeared. It never returned, although a new Temple was constructed after the exile. The historical records list the Shekina Glory as one of the five things absent in the reconstructed Temple. Commentators have shown that the Shekina was like a light emanating from the Holy of Holies, visible at the time when Yahweh had close communion with His people. The Shekina was described as appearing with wings like a dove.

What happened to the Shekina Glory of Yahweh, that visible manifestation of the invisible Mighty One? It should be obvious, if you have been attentive to what you have read, that the Shekina today is the Holy Spirit given to the believer, living within him, the glow of love, joy, and peace which are fruits of the Holy Spirit. No longer does it reside in earthly temples. Now the Shekina resides within the one who is Yahweh's child, the true Temple of Yahweh. One who has this Holy Spirit Shekina Glory living within him—giving him new life—just cannot hide it! It emanates from him—in his

conduct, in his character, in his behavior. There is a visible sparkle, or glow, in his eyes revealing that Yahweh, through His Holy Spirit, lives within! Such power, viability, and exuberance cannot be hidden, just as Yahshua said it could not be covered by a meal-tub. They stand out in the crowd as though a well-lighted city was set like a beacon upon a hill. Those people who have the Holy Spirit living within them exhibit to the unconverted people of the world a living example of the Way of Yahweh that is found in keeping His commandments. They are living, again, a life like Yahshua the Messiah lived when He walked this earth and overcame the carnal nature of fleshly men.

The light of the world will never die, because it is a power derived from Almighty Yahweh, who is eternal. Yahweh is light, and in Him is no darkness. Yahweh is spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Let us see some prophecy that will explain this concept. Isaiah 60:1-3, ***“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Yahweh will arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”*** How perfectly this passage illustrates what we have just seen from the Word of Yahweh about the light. Yahweh's light will be upon His people who inhabit the New Jerusalem, and it will finally dispel the great, deep darkness of the world. The nations of the world will walk in the light of those who have the

Holy Spirit. When Yahweh Himself is dwelling in the Holy City, all of the Earth will be bathed in Supernatural light. Revelation 21:23-24, ***“And the city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of Yahweh did light it, and the lamp of it is the Lamb. And the nations shall walk amidst the lights of it: and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.”*** How perfectly these two prophecies harmonize.

Who will be bearing that light in these last days? Turn to Ephesians 5:25-27 and see. ***“Husbands, love your wives, even as the Messiah also loved the assembly, and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the assembly to himself a glorious body, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”*** A glorious assembly, washed clean by the Word of Yahweh, keeping His commandments, separated from the world, without spot, wrinkle, or blemish, is the picture that is presented by the Apostle Paul. Can we fulfill the description of Yahweh's Assembly today? Can we be lights to the world if we know what it means to keep the Word of Yahweh. Beloved reader, let your light shine in the gross darkness of our time! Rise up! Get out on that hill! Overturn that obstacle hiding your light! We have a message to take to the nations, and time is growing short! Yahweh's Holy Spirit will give us the power to take His Truth to the world. Will you allow His light to shine through you? You are a light to the world! <sup>SNB</sup>

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## RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

# True Worship vs. Idolatry

If I were to ask you to define the difference between True Worship and pagan religion, how would you do it? This is a subject upon which you should reflect frequently, since it should be your determination to worship our Father in heaven IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH. Achieving **pure worship** should be your constant goal in life.

Ever since the Christian reformation began under Martin Luther and some of the other great reformers around the year 1500 in this common era, many individuals, or groups of people, have attempted an exodus from pagan customs and doctrines

which cling tenaciously to the popular religion of the masses. Since the time that I have been broadcasting over the radio, some of these so-called “fundamentalist sects” have been mailing periodicals to me, wherein it becomes obvious that **every** one of these groups has only succeeded in partially withdrawing from paganism. The only group that I have ever known which has endeavored to throw off every facet of idolatry is the Assemblies of Yahweh. This may appear as a narrow-minded, prejudicial statement to some people, but, nevertheless, I am able to support my conclusion with

scripturally grounded arguments. Would you care to consider this conclusion with me?

To return to the above-stated question, regarding how to distinguish between True Worship and pagan religion, **the only absolute basic foundation of Faith is the Old Testament Scriptures**. We even find the Apostle Paul, in such passages as Ephesians 2:30, stated that our spiritual house is built upon the **foundation** of the **apostles** and **prophets**, with **Yahshua the Messiah** being the Chief Cornerstone. The prophets, to whom he refers in this passage, can be none other than the Old

In both Revelation 12:17 and 14:12, we find that the Apostle John provides the description of the dedicated, zealous people who would be proclaiming pure worship in the last days, just before the time of the end of the age.

***"And the dragon became exceedingly angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and hold the testimony of Yahshua...."***

(REVELATION 12:17)

***"Here is the patience of the saints; They that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua."***

(REVELATION 14:12)

***Does your present denomination fit this two-fold description, or have you been building upon the shifting sands of popular theology?***

Testament writers, beginning with the greatest prophet who ever lived in ancient Israel—Moses—and his writings in the Torah (passages often quoted by the Apostles in the New Testament).

In both Revelation 12:17 and 14:12, we find that the Apostle John provides the description of the dedicated, zealous people who would be proclaiming pure worship in the last days, just before the time of the end of the age. He described them as those who **keep the commandments of Yahweh** and have the **Faith**

**of Yahshua the Messiah.** Does your present denomination fit this two-fold description, or have you been building upon the shifting sands of popular theology?

References to terms used in ancient pagan religions have been traced by Philologists to the Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures. World civilization has been traced indisputably to the Middle East. From this information we may conclude that, at one time or another, **all of the people of this world** had access to the Truth, since, after the time of the flood, the human family was still

living in the vicinity of Babylon in the Fertile Crescent for a number of years. However, the Truth became corrupted when a liberal admixture of the thoughts and ideas of men was introduced, sometimes by human interpretations of various passages and sometimes by outright rejection of plain, clear, and concise statements in the Sacred Scriptures.

A deep study of many of the pagan religions will reveal that underlying the veneer of paganism, both in ideas and customs, bits and pieces borrowed from Yahweh's eternal Truth may still be recognized. Modern apologists, who have been contaminated by the theory of evolution, would assert that religion as we know it in our contemporary society today has evolved upward, but the plain truth of the matter is that pagan religions **EVOLVED DOWNWARD** (they degenerated in their defection from the Truth) to comprise the legendary myths and stories which then governed their worship.

Even many of the names used in pagan worship have been derived from the Hebrew Scriptures. This is not only true of pagan European religions, but it is true also of some of the Eastern religions. The Swedish novelist and dramatist, August Strindberg, known as the Shakespeare or Walter Scott of Sweden, did a study on the similarities between the Chinese characters and the Hebrew letters, finding the Chinese to be merely monograms of some of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. In addition, he found some similarities between the Japanese and Korean characters and the Hebrew letters. As one example, it is interesting to note that, in both Chinese and Hebrew, the word for visiting is *paw-kad*,

indicating that, at one time, all languages seems to have had a common root, paradoxical as this may seem. Strindberg also concluded that the Samurai could probably be traced to the Samaritans. He believed that a family migrated toward the East from the northern tribes of Israel to become this fabled fighting tribe.

In European religion it is interesting to note, also, that the names of many of the mighty ones of the nations have been traced to Hebrew origins. The great mighty one of the Greeks was Zeus. Some philologists have traced this name to the word *commandment* in the Hebrew, **Tseus**. It has been proven by the Frenchman, Victor Berard, that none of the names found in the Greek pantheon, or in Greek mythology, has any identifiable meaning in that language, but transferred to the Hebrew language the words have definite meaning.

The Arabs call the Almighty *Allah*, and this term can be traced to the Aramaic word *Elah*, applied for the Almighty Yahweh in the book of Daniel, sounding similar, being ultimately derived from the Hebrew family of words meaning the Almighty: *Elohim*, *Eloah*, and *El*. It is interesting to note some of the differences in opinion among philologists and observe to which source they trace a particular word (or words). Sometimes the conclusions are rather amusing, but frequently enlightening. It is an established fact that their conclusions are often tainted by anti-Semitism, since few of the educators would admit that the Hebrews were of any consequence on the wide spectrum of world history. Nevertheless, some linguists will recognize

that somewhere there existed a fundamental, primary source of the practices and languages of all people.

The basic point which I am trying to establish is this: while heathen peoples have taken words and phrases from the Hebrew language and incorporated them into their worship, this kind of worship is unacceptable to the Almighty. Our Heavenly Father has prescribed a specific kind of worship and has blocked any deviation from the model which He has made for us. As our spiritual Father, He certainly has the right and, also, the superior intelligence to dictate His wishes authoritatively. He calls His concept the **Way of Truth**. While all religious groups claim to get their doctrines from the Bible, they do not completely follow the Truth, but they proof-text their beliefs from one or two passages.

Even though terms may have been taken from the sacred writings (the Bible), or have come to mean something revered to the people of our day, nevertheless, our Heavenly Father reveals some very alarming issues about false worship.

In Psalm 96:4-5, the psalmist says, ***For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all elohim. For all the elohim of the peoples are idols; But Yahweh made the heavens.*** In Psalm 135:13-18 we read, ***Your name, O Yahweh, endures forever; Your memorial name, O Yahweh, throughout all generations. For Yahweh will judge his people, And repent himself concerning his servants. The idols of the nations are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; Eyes have they, but they***

***see not; They have ears, but they hear not; Neither is there any breath in their mouths. They that make them shall be like to them; yes, every one that trusts in them.***

How plain and simple! Our Heavenly Father, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, has proclaimed that the Name **Yahweh** is to be His special memorial throughout all generations. The word **memorial** in the Hebrew is *zawkar* and is defined in the lexicons as *a memento, a recollection, a commemoration, to mark (so as to be recognized), to remember, to mention*. It is quite obvious that the one specific distinguishing difference between pure worship and heathen idolatrous religion is the unique **name** to which homage shall be rendered. The psalmist implies that everyone who engages in a religion other than True and pure Worship is himself to be compared to the inanimate characteristics of the lifeless idols. Certainly, this warning should inform us that Yahweh will withhold the blessing of eternal life from all who do not strictly follow the instructions of the Sacred Scriptures.

In our time, thinking people have been quite concerned about their personal survival should an atomic holocaust occur, because such an eventuality still looms constantly upon the horizon. In times past, a program to build fallout shelters had been inaugurated, and some public officials urged that these individual family shelters should even be subsidized by the government. However, you know that one cannot carry these shelters wherever you might go. Consequently, there really is no safe place to hide except to be a long distance from the center of the blast. You

cannot even be certain where an atomic bomb may land, since the missiles carrying them are guided by electronics and such equipment is always very fallible. Actually, then, no place on this earth is safe from an atomic attack. There is no place to hide from the danger of an atomic war.

However, there is a place of safety, and that is in the Name of our Heavenly Father. The prophet Zechariah, in the 13th chapter, has written in verses 8 and 9. **“And it shall come to pass in that day, that in all the land, says Yahweh, two parts in it shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left in it. And I will bring the third part into the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, Yahweh is my Elohim.”**

**“Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known my name.”** (Psalm 91:14).

**“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 world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”** (Revelation 3:10).

Here we encounter more Scriptures that reveal the marvelous dynamic power in, and the universal importance of, the Sacred Name. The Almighty promises that trusting in the Sacred Name will bring us protection from the end-time catastrophic destruction which is prophesied to take place in the last days. On what else can you depend to acquire absolute assurance of protection? Proverbs 18:10 says, **“The**

**name of Yahweh is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it, and is safe.”** There will be safety and protection for all who revere and trust in the Sacred Name of the Most High.

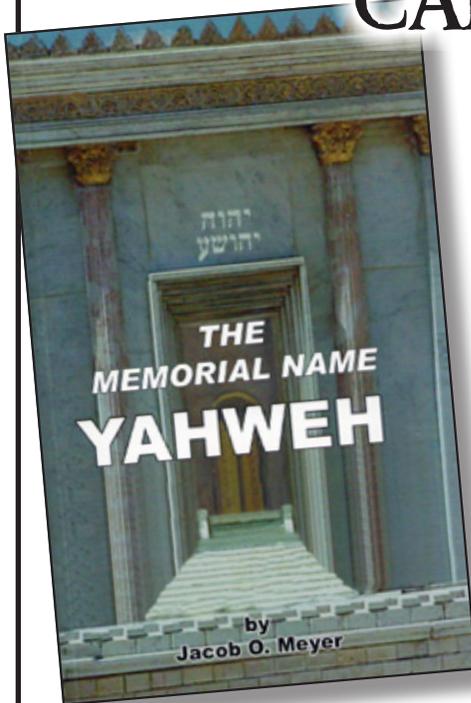
Perhaps one of the most reassuring passages of Scripture, to which the chosen people of Yahweh may turn in times of trouble, is Malachi 3:16-17. **“Then they that feared Yahweh spoke one with another; and Yahweh listened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon his name. 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.”**

The book of remembrance alludes to the book of life, which is to be the only record of those who will be saved and granted eternal life. The people whose names appear in this book will be worshipers of the Mighty One of the heavens, the Creator of the universe, Yahweh Elohim, the only True and Living Mighty One.

Have you learned this Sacred Name, which will bring you this priceless gift? Why not do as the prophet has suggested and daily meditate on its importance? <sup>SNB</sup>

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# BABYLON

## ACROSS THE AGES

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Looking at the panorama of ancient Babylon and exploring the implications of the prophecies concerning this renowned city, we see that this great city empire of Babylon is a type for the people of the last days. If we are alert to the image, which is projected by the people of our contemporary society, it will be rather easy to recognize the similarities between our time and ancient Babylon. Possibly, you will recall that Babylon was founded originally by Nimrod. If you are a diligent Bible student, you have certainly encountered this notorious individual in your studies. He is mentioned in Genesis chapter 10:8-12. The **King James** translation reads, ***“And Cush procreated Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh: that is why it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before Yahweh”. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Out of that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth-Ir, and Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (the same is the great***

*city).”*

Now let me explain this passage from the Hebrew so that we may obtain a better understanding of this man Nimrod. The name *Nimrod* is derived from the word *Marad* meaning *to rebel*. Nimrod was the man who coordinated and staged a rebellion against the rule of Almighty Yahweh immediately after the flood. His hunting took on the nature of hunting men. His hunting excursions were planned in defiance of Yahweh, or in opposition to Almighty Yahweh. The message of the Bible has always been the Kingdom of Yahweh, meaning living under the government of Almighty Yahweh. He planned this earth to be His kingdom, and the human race was destined to be His people. When Adam sinned, he rebelled against the rule of Yahweh, and, as a consequence, the blessings were lost. Similarly, when Nimrod began to conquer the world, he began to set up a kingdom in opposition to Almighty Yahweh. This Kingdom was Babylon. Eventually, Abraham was called out of Babylon. He obeyed the voice of Yahweh and exited from the community in which he had been born and raised. Babylon means confusion, since it was at

the tower of Babel that Yahweh confused the language of men in chapter 11.

Interestingly, it was Nimrod, the rebel, who built Babylon and also Assyria. In Genesis 10:11, the verse should read, ***“Out of that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth-Ir, and Calah.”*** Do you grasp this important fact? Not only was Nimrod the founder of Babylon, but he was the founder also of the mighty Assyrian empire of which Nineveh became the capitol. In order to facilitate a rapid flow of traffic between the two cities, Nimrod built a system of rapid transportation in a highway network. To the student of ancient religions, it will be obvious that the religions of Babylonia and Assyria were derived from one source. The one distinguishing difference between the two is the names of the deities which the two nations worshiped.

We might ask ourselves here just why it is that the worship of ancient Babylon has been so attractive to the world that eventually it would nearly permeate almost every segment of worship? The answer is that the religion of Babylon gave man exactly what man wanted. At the tower

of Babel was just one outstanding example of the religion of Babylon. In this passage of Genesis 11, we learn that the people built a tower on the plain of Shinar or Babylon. It was here that they brought their ambitions to ascend to the heavens and be like the Most High almost to fruition. It was their intention to make a name for themselves—to bring themselves to the point of being heroes or Mighty Ones.

The reference to Nimrod is unmistakable. But Almighty Yahweh is still the King of this universe, and He brought the building project to an abrupt termination by confusing the languages of the people so that they could no longer comprehend what their neighbor was saying. Strangely, when the United States put a man on the moon, the words of President Nixon, as he commented in his exultation, brought chills to my spine, when he said, *“The entire world cooperated in this project. All mankind is responsible for the completion of this project in which man first set foot on the moon.”* Once again, mankind has erected a tower of Babel. You, today, are standing in another Babylon, and our Heavenly Father is calling you out of this confusion now. It is up to the human race to be in subjection to Almighty Yahweh and not to attempt to dethrone Him by making an artificial ladder to the Heavens. Man is out of his sphere of influence.

When Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon, he also built a towering high place.



***Hanging Gardens of Babylon (19th century) depicts the Tower of Babel in the background.***

Ostensibly, this was to provide an environment similar to the homeland of his queen. So much work was devoted to the famous hanging gardens of Babylon that they became one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. At the height of its power, Babylon was a glamorous city surrounded with a magnificent wall. The buildings were erected to gain the advantage of height, since each building was erected about five-stories high. Eventually, all of that splendor perished as the Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Medes and the Persians. Those seemingly reliable walls of the city were worthless to hold at bay an enemy that was very cunning. A river was diverted as it flowed into the city, and the Persian army walked into the city on dry ground with absolutely no opposition from the Babylonian army.

The destruction of Babylon

was foretold by the prophet Jeremiah in chapter 51 of his prophecy. There is a striking resemblance here to the prediction of the fall of modern Babylon in Revelation chapter 18. Let me select several verses so that you may be able to note the similarities. We shall begin with verse 6 of Jeremiah chapter 51. ***“Flee out of the middle of Babylon, and save every man his life; be not cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of Yahweh’s vengeance; he will render to her a recompense.”*** Did you comprehend the similarity to Revelation 18:4? ***“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that you have no fellowship with her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues...”*** As I have stated repeatedly in this series, the call in every age has been, *“Come out of her My people.”*

Verse 7 reads, ***“Babylon has been a golden cup in Yahweh’s hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.”*** A corresponding verse in Revelation 17:4 reads, ***“And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, even the unclean things of her fornication....”*** The people who will be living during this period of time will be accepting the mark of the beast (Revelation 14:9), where we see that Almighty Yahweh will force all who receive this disgraceful mark to drink of a cup containing the wine of the fierceness of His wrath poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation.

Verses 8 to 10 of Jeremiah 51 read, ***“Babylon has suddenly fallen and is destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies. Yahweh has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of Yahweh our Elohim.”*** We may find corresponding verses in Revelation 18:2-3, ***“And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and has become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird. For by the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations have***

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***fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth became rich by the power of her wantonness.”*** It is no coincidence that the term *Babylon is fallen* has been utilized in these prophecies. Built to the elevation which was common in Babylon, when the city fell, it was a literal fall of the tall buildings.

Does this similarity of prophecies mean then that when ancient Babylon fell, all of these predictions were fulfilled completely? No, hardly, since the Apostle John wrote the Apocalypse several hundred years after the destruction of Babylon. The prediction of the fall of Babylon in Revelation 17 and 18 is the prediction of a spiritual Babylon.

Let us just, for a few moments, look around us and see what has taken place on the religious spectrum since our Savior was here on this earth. Initially, when Yahshua our Messiah was here, He taught the obedience to

the commandments of Almighty Yahweh. However, what do the people who are supposedly worshipping Him observe as the day of worship? Should it require worship on a Sunday, when the word is never used once in the Bible?

Furthermore, did you know that Matthew 28:1 says that the Messiah rose in the end of the Sabbath, and that He never rose on the first day of the week? When the visitors to the garden tomb arrived on the first day of the week, the angels met them with the encouraging news, ***“He is not here, He is risen, Come see the place where He lay.”*** Additionally, when the Messiah was here, He observed the Feasts of Yahweh which are enumerated in Leviticus chapter 23. He never observed Easter, Christmas, New Year, etc. In fact, all of the early Apostolic fathers kept the Feasts of Yahweh. How about using the correct Name of the Heavenly Father?

In Revelation 17:4, we find that the woman rides the beast, which is full of the names of blasphemy. It is an established fact that, in ancient Babylon, the people worshiped a host of deities. Now how about you—will you make an exit from this spiritual Babylon and heed the Savior’s voice? One of the ways that you can begin your exit from spiritual Babylon is through the keeping of all the feast days which are commanded in Leviticus chapter 23. The Assemblies of Yahweh observes all of these holy days spiritually, as days devoted to the pure worship of Almighty Yahweh. If you would like more information on this vital subject, write to us for our free article called the **Yahweh’s Sacred Appointments.** <sup>SNB</sup>



## *The Sacred Name Broadcast*

# RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

# New Year's Day

At this time of year, most people customarily think about Chr-stmas and New Year's Day celebrations. Yet, you never find either Chr-stmas or January 1 (New Year's Day) mentioned, or commanded to be observed, anywhere in the Bible.

Ch-rchianity has for generations been proof-texting their beliefs out of the Bible. They have no approval, either in the Bible, or from anyone of the Elohim family, to do this. Rather, the True Worshiper should study the Sacred Scriptures to learn what the Bible teaches and then obey its instructions, since it is written from above.

Why keep January 1 as New Year's Day, when our Bible clearly tells us that New Year's Day, the first day of the beginning of the SCRIPTURAL months, comes in the spring of the year? The scriptural month of Abib is the first month of Yahweh's scriptural year. In Exodus 12:1-2, we read, "**And Yahweh spoke to**

***Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.***"

Actually, today the Jews observe the Feast of Trumpets, the new moon of the seventh month, as their New Year's Day. However, Yahweh's Sacred Scriptures tells us in Exodus 12:2 that it is on the first day of the month of Abib that we shall reckon our New Year Day. "**Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover to Yahweh your Elohim; for in the month of Abib Yahweh your Elohim brought you forth out of Egypt by night.**" (Deuteronomy 16:1).

Since we live in the world and must conduct business in the world, we must use the common calendar which is the product of ancient Rome. However, we do not celebrate January 1 as New Year's Day, or December 25 as Chr-stmas (the birthday of the Messiah), nor do we celebrate or keep any of

the other religious holidays designated on the Roman calendar, because they are not found, or commanded, in the Bible.

Some ethnic people continue to keep the **Hogmanay** festival. It just so happens that this term *Hag-mene* has a special meaning in the Hebrew. The term *hag* in Hebrew means *a festival*. The term *hag matzoth* means *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*. *Hag* in Hebrew is the term that specifies Yahweh's annual feast days or holy days.

The term *mene* is also found in Isaiah 65:11. "**But you that forsake Yahweh, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for Fortune, and that fill up mingled wine to Destiny [mene].**" Yahweh's people must never forsake Him by rejecting His Word (the Torah—Law), His holy mountain, or His government. The Law was never done away with (annulled) when the Messiah died. In Matthew 5:17-20, Yahshua candidly stated that He did not come to do away

with (annul or weaken) Yahweh's Law, but that He came to fulfill the requirements of the Law and the prophets.

Yahweh is the true Name of the Almighty which He inspired to have written into the Hebrew Scriptures. His Name of four letters is known as the Tetragrammaton—the four-lettered word that represents the Name of the Almighty—Yahweh. The Name of the Almighty should be correctly transliterated from Hebrew to English as Yahweh. The form Jehovah is incorrect! Research clearly proves that there was no J sound in the Hebrew language. You probably have heard the abbreviated form Yah in the term HalleluYah, or in the names of the prophets: for example, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Zechariah. “Yah” is the first syllable of the Tetragrammaton, the Name of Yahweh. *HalleluYah* means *praise Yah*, an imperative (command) in Hebrew. The Name Yahweh is the most frequently used word in the Hebrew Bible, appearing 6823 times. This fact alone should reveal its importance.

The Hebrew term for *fortune*

is *gad* (*gimel*, *qames*, and *daleth*; the *gimel* and *daleth* are two consonants and the *qames* is the vowel which was placed between them. It is pronounced like the “a” in father). So, the word is pronounced *gad* (like g-d). The people are preparing a table or feast for Fortune, *Gad*, meaning *good luck or fortune*, at the season of the Chr-stmas celebration.

The Hebrew term for *destiny* is *Meni*. The term *Meni* is #4507 in the **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible** and means *Apportioner; i.e. Fate (as an idol)*. The root is #4487, *manah*, and means *to weigh out: by impl. to allot or constitute officially, also to enumerate*. It also has a secondary meaning, *to count*, and may have some affinity to the English word *money*. The Hag-manay festival in Hebrew means the *feast of the numberer*. This is a perfect illustration of the common observance of the worldly holidays in the winter: Chr-stmas and New Year.

On New Year's Day, when people lift their glass of alcoholic beverage and they make a toast to the number of the year, they are toasting Destiny. Janu-

ary 1 is not the scriptural New Year anyway! It is derived from the worship of Nimrod. Genesis 10:8-12 shows that Nimrod was the “mighty hunter” in opposition to Yahweh, and many of the worldly holidays trace to him.

Have you ever asked yourself the question, “Why don't we observe the holy days that Yahweh commands in the Bible?”

Yahshua the Messiah kept these holy days that appear in the Bible. For example, we read how He kept the seventh-day Sabbath in Luke 4:16. **“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, AS HIS CUSTOM WAS, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.”** The Sabbath day is the seventh day of the week, not the first day of the week (on which sun worship was conducted). It is the seventh-day Sabbath (commonly called Saturday) that Yahshua the Messiah observed, the day still observed with sacred worship by the Jews.

Turn to Acts 17:2, where you may read that Paul also worshiped in the synagogue on the Sabbath. **“And Paul, AS WAS**

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**HIS CUSTOM, went in to them, and for three sabbath days reasoned with them from the scriptures.**” Paul went into the synagogue of the Jews that was located in Thessalonica (verse 1). There he engaged in a Sabbath Bible study and worship. To Paul has been attributed the changing of the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day; nevertheless, our own Bible tells us that it was his custom to go to the house of worship on the Sabbath (the seventh day).

In Exodus 31:12–13, we read a very dogmatic commandment. **“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, YOU MUST KEEP MY SABBATHS: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am Yahweh who sanctifies you** [one of Yahweh’s titles, Meqodishkem].” Do you believe that we must keep Yahweh’s Sabbaths? He tells us we are required to do so. Why not obey Him?

Yahshua the Messiah is our example. In 1 Peter 2:21, the Apostle Peter indicates that Yahshua the Messiah left us an example that we should follow in His footsteps. **“For to this were you called: because the Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow his footsteps.”** Do you take Yahshua the Messiah as your example? He is the Son of Yahweh—a man who kept Yahweh’s commandments without sin.

In Luke 22:14-15, we read, **“And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you**

**before I suffer.”** Yahshua kept the Passover BEFORE HE SUFFERED His cruel death upon the tree by shedding His blood to atone for our sins. If He is our example, should we not do as He did? The logical answer would be the affirmative.

In John chapter 7, you can find that Yahshua the Messiah was at Jerusalem observing the Feast of

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Tabernacles. Yahshua preached a sermon on the Last Great Day of the feast, the eighth day of the Feast of Tabernacles. **“Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. He that believes on me, as the Scripture has said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Yahshua was not yet glorified.”** (John 7:37-39).

Yahshua even went so far as to attend the celebration of the feast of dedication, Hanukkah. **“And it was the feast of the**

**dedication at Jerusalem: it was winter; and Yahshua was walking in the temple in Solomon’s porch.”** (John 10:22). No, Yahshua did not keep Chr-stmas, but He was at Jerusalem at the Feast of Dedication, a time when the Jews have taken it upon themselves to memorialize the rededication of the Temple after it was desecrated by the Syrian-Greek tyrant, Antiochus Epiphanes.

Nowhere does the Bible indicate that Yahshua ever observed His birthday, or that He kept Chr-stmas. Nowhere in the Bible is Chr-stmas, or the New Year’s Day celebration, commanded, nor is it recorded that any member of the Apostolic Assembly ever kept these two days. Consequently, the Assemblies of Yahweh does not keep the Chr-stmas holiday, or January 1 as the New Year. We keep Yahweh’s holy days just as Exodus 31:12-13 instructs us to do.

Turn to Isaiah 66:23, which contains a description of the eternal Kingdom of Yahweh. **“And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh.”** The new moons relate to Yahweh’s annual holy days, since the annual holy days are set by the new moons. The Sabbaths can refer to the annual holy days, but they also refer to the seventh day of the week, which is not Sunday (the first day of the week). Almighty Yahweh is not pleased to see all of the practices that are derived from pagan traditions, which the people in ch-rchianity are keeping when they engage in the winter worldly holidays. Almighty Yahweh wants us to keep His holy days; therefore, He commanded in Leviticus 23

that we keep them.

Turn to Zechariah 14:16–19, ***“And it shall come to pass, that everyone 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.”***

We have already read Isaiah’s prophecy concerning the importance of keeping Yahweh’s holy days. Ezekiel chapters 45 and 46 tell us that the holy days and the seventh-day Sabbath must be kept in the Kingdom and in eternity.

Are you keeping Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles? The Assemblies of Yahweh keeps the Feast of Tabernacles as a time of worship. Yahweh warns those who do not keep this feast (Zechariah 14:16-21).

***“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.”*** (Zechariah 14:17). People who do not keep the Feast of Tabernacles will have a difficult time, because the blessing of Yahweh will not be upon them. Rain represents sound doctrine and teaching, which the ministers of Yahweh preach at Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles. Furthermore, crops will not grow and bring forth a harvest without adequate rainfall. Perhaps this is the reason you are having a difficult time in your life.

***“And if the family of Egypt goes not up, and comes not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague with which Yahweh will strike the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”*** Do you want to be struck with a plague? This is the reason why

there are so many diseases prevalent at the present time. People are hearing the Word of Yahweh, but they are not keeping it. ***“This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”*** Those who do not worship Yahweh during His sacred seasons will be punished. Certainly, all those will die by the plague, if they do not obey Almighty Yahweh.

You must decide if you will continue to keep the holidays that Almighty Yahweh has never

commanded, that the world is observing!

Conversely, you must decide if you will obediently observe the holy days He has commanded His True Worshipers to keep.

Request our free articles on the subject of Yahweh’s holy days by writing to: Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507. Write in today! Begin to obey the commandments of Yahweh and turn away from sin. ***“Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”*** (1 John 3:4). S<sub>N</sub>B

## *Have you remembered to include the preaching of Yahweh’s Truth in your will?*

What greater memorial could you construct to your memory than to leave a generous bequest to the Assemblies of Yahweh for use in teaching the Truth of the Bible? Rather than spending lavishly on monuments, or things that perish, you can direct that a portion of your estate should be used to proclaim enduring Truth.

Have you made your will? Don’t assume that your heirs will remember to give a contribution for the perpetuation of Yahshua’s Faith. Unless you make your wishes known while you are living (through the directions in a will), you cannot be assured that Yahweh’s work will be remembered.

Why not take the time right now to organize your estate? See an attorney as soon as possible about ensuring that your gift for the ministry of the Word of Yahweh is included in your will. If you need any assistance, please write in today for more information.



## *The Sacred Name Broadcast*

# **RADIO MESSAGE**

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# The Bible Translators Affirm the Sacred Name

This is the age of the specialist. Undoubtedly, this could be construed as one of the signs of our times. The current industrial climate has shifted from the old blacksmith shop standing under the spreading chestnut tree which produced a broad spectrum of articles, including repairs on broken equipment, until today, the modern factories specializing in a specific item of equipment, or in one or two components. We should not confine this comparison to the field of industry exclusively, but we might include fields of technology such as medicine, academic studies, and even the field of religion. This is the age of the disappearance of the physician with a general practice, the disappearance of a liberal arts education, and, perhaps, even the disappearance of the parish pastor. Possibly, this is

good, since it allows a person to concentrate upon, and become an expert in, one particular area of his chosen profession. However, it may also tend to isolate an individual from the mainstream of life, becoming quite set in his or her ways, losing some of their versatility.

Our contemporary society has become accustomed to expert service and advice. If someone has a heart ailment, they consult a cardiac specialist; if they have emotional problems, they consult a psychiatrist. They have determined to accept nothing but the best of knowledge and expertise for treatment of their infirmities, just as they will turn to an expert who has concentrated on transmissions if their car has developed this kind of trouble.

We have been speaking on the necessity for using and calling upon the Sacred Name

of our Heavenly Father which He has inspired to be written in the Sacred Scriptures. I have been showing you just what the internal text of the Sacred Scriptures says on this subject. The subject of the Sacred Name is very timely today, since the Bible indicates that this will be the last warning message to be preached to mankind just before the Second Coming of Yahshua Messiah (see Malachi 4:5-6). Certainly, if you are a member of the Body of the Messiah, you will wish to know the actual, genuine Name of the husband of the virgin Body that will meet Him in the air when He returns and who will be married to Him. His Name is what will bring us salvation, because it has great meaning in the plan of salvation.

The most popular translation of the Bible during the past several hundred years

has been the **King James Version**, which is usually known as the **Authorized Version of 1611**. I know some people who would resist to the bitter end any deviation from the use of the **King James**; however, as you know, in recent years many different translations have appeared. There is a reason for this, and you may learn just why there are so many translations by reading the preface of each version. The translator who has done the work of translation usually indicates that he feels that a new translation directly from the originals is necessary and desirable for a better understanding of the originals. Language changes over a period of years and word definitions drift. Study reveals that some of the controversial passages in the original manuscripts mean something different than what was originally inserted in the translation. Perhaps sometimes, it is the obstinacy of a certain scholar who feels that he cannot accept what other men have done. From some of these translations, we may glean gems of Truth which were hidden from common knowledge, but which a certain Bible translator has discovered. Our modern times are described in the prophecy of Daniel to be an age when knowledge would be increased, when we may research and compile gems of truth which have been hidden for centuries, but have been unearthed in the end times. Personally, I always try to adhere as closely as possible to the original texts (the autographs, as closely as we can return to them), because they have seen less corruption than later translations.

All translations are works of men. If there were an inspired translation from one language to another, there would be no need to correct the errors of previous works.

I would like to give the experts an opportunity to speak to you about the Sacred Name. We shall call upon the Bible translators and commentators to determine what their opinion is on the Sacred Name. As you may be aware, in recent years several widely known scholarly translations began to include the Sacred Name of Yahweh in their texts. These are the **Rotherham**, which has been around for almost a century; the **Anchor** translation, which is a more recent Catholic-Protestant collaboration; the **Jerusalem Bible**, which is a recent Catholic translation by the Ecole Biblique, or School of the Bible, in Jerusalem, Israel; and several other versions.

If you were to go to a library to secure one of these editions, you would find some amazing Scriptures which prove that the revealed Name of our Heavenly Father is necessary to know and use in worship. This is exactly what Dr. Joseph Bryant Rotherham indicated in the preface of his translation. I might insert here, parenthetically, that Dr. Rotherham has produced a very faithful translation. He knew the biblical languages, and, although the translation reads rather stiffly, it is very accurate. Here is what this eminent translator had to say about the Sacred Name. He devotes over seven pages to the Sacred Name in the preface to his noted work.

#### **THE REASON FOR THE SUPPRESSION**

*“The motive was good—let*

*that be assumed. It was to safeguard the Divine Majesty in the minds of men. It was to prevent the inconsiderate mention of Him before whom seraphs veil their faces—though even so it is very difficult to see how one name should occasion irreverence and another not. Why not, then, leave Him altogether unnamed? Why not fear to allude to Him by any title that could definitely refer to Him? The passages commonly cited as furnishing good reason for the suppression surely cannot mean what is thus attributed to them, since there is a wide distinction between not taking His Name in vain, and not taking His Name into our lips at all, even for prayer or praise. In a word, the motive is respected; but the reverence is regarded as misapplied—the reason given is seen to be invalid.*

#### **“THE NAME RESTORED WHY?”**

*“1. Because its suppression was a mistake. So grave a mistake cannot be corrected too soon. An unwarrantable liberty has been taken; the path of humility is to retrace our steps.*

*“2. Because thereby serious evil may be averted. Men are saying today that Yahweh was a mere tribal name, and are suggesting that Yahweh Himself was but a local [elohim]. As against this, only let The Name be boldly and uniformly printed, and the humblest Sunday School teacher will be able to show the groundlessness of the assertion.*

*“3. Because solid advantage may be counted upon as certain to follow the restoration. Even if the meaning of The Name should not disclose itself, the word itself would gradually gather about it the fitting associations—and that would be*

a gain; and [righteous] readers would be put on quest—and that would be a further gain; and if the true significance of the Tetragrammaton should be brought to light, there would be a trained constituency to whom appeal could be made—and that would be a yet greater gain.”

Now I would like to turn to the **Moffatt** translation. Dr. James **Moffatt** has, indeed, produced a most masterful work which is used by many ministers. With some exceptions, it is a most accurate translation also. However, I suspect that many of the people using this translation have never bothered to read the preface, or else they have removed it from their copies.

“One crucial instance of the difficulty offered by a Hebrew term lies in the prehistoric name given at the exodus by the Hebrews to their G-d. Strictly speaking, this ought to be rendered ‘Yahweh’ which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of ‘Jehovah.’ Were this version intended for students of the original, there would be no hesitation whatever in printing ‘Yahweh.’ But almost at the last moment I have decided with some reluctance to follow the practice of the French scholars and of Matthew Arnold (though not exactly for his reasons), who translate this name by ‘the Eternal,’ except in an enigmatic title like ‘the L-rd of hosts.’ There is a distinct loss in this, I fully admit; to drop the racial, archaic term is to miss something of what it meant for the Hebrew nation.”

Dr. J. M. Powis Smith has set down relatively the same conclusions as have Drs. Rotherham and Moffatt.

“One detail of the translation which requires explanation is the

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*treatment of the divine name. As nearly as we can now tell, the Hebrews called their [Elohim] by the name of Yahweh, and in a shorter form, Yah, used in relatively few cases. In course, in time they came to regard this name as too sacred for utterance. They therefore substituted for it the Hebrew word for ‘L-rd.’ When vowels were added to the text, the consonants of ‘Yahweh’ were given the vowels of ‘L-rd.’ Somewhere in the fourteenth century C. E. Christian scholars, not understanding this usage, took the vowels and consonants exactly as they were written and produced the artificial name ‘Jehovah’ which has persisted ever since. In this translation we have followed the orthodox Jewish tradition and substituted ‘the L-rd’ for the name ‘Yahweh’*

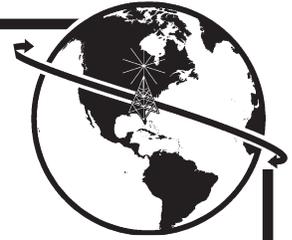
and the phrase ‘the L-rd G-d’ for the phrase ‘the L-rd Yahweh.’ In all cases where ‘L-rd’ or ‘G-d’ represents an original ‘Yahweh’ small capitals are employed. Anyone, therefore, who desires to retain the flavor of the original text has but to read ‘Yahweh’ wherever he sees L-rd or G-d.”

For those of you who seem to feel that this Sacred Name is of recent invention, I would like to present the fact that the earliest copyrighted book in which I personally found the Sacred Name Yahweh is in a **Jewish Quarterly Review** published in 1888. It has always been known among the Jewish scholars, although it has not been widely taught. The Jews have always known it since it appears in the Hebrew text with which they are familiar. (Even though the Jews have read the vowel points to say Adonai, they have had the evidence that this is not actually the Heavenly Father’s Name, because before them appeared the four sacred letters in the text, and they knew what they represented.) The pronunciation of the Name Yahweh has not been continually lost as some people would have you believe, but it has been known over the centuries.

In these last days, when knowledge is being increased, will you reject that which is proven to be fact? Are you really anxious to learn the genuine Truth, or are you simply studying to substantiate that which you have already prejudicially concluded? I trust that you will have your heart directed to seek the Truth of Yahweh and to learn His Name, because in it and in the Name of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, you will find eternal salvation.

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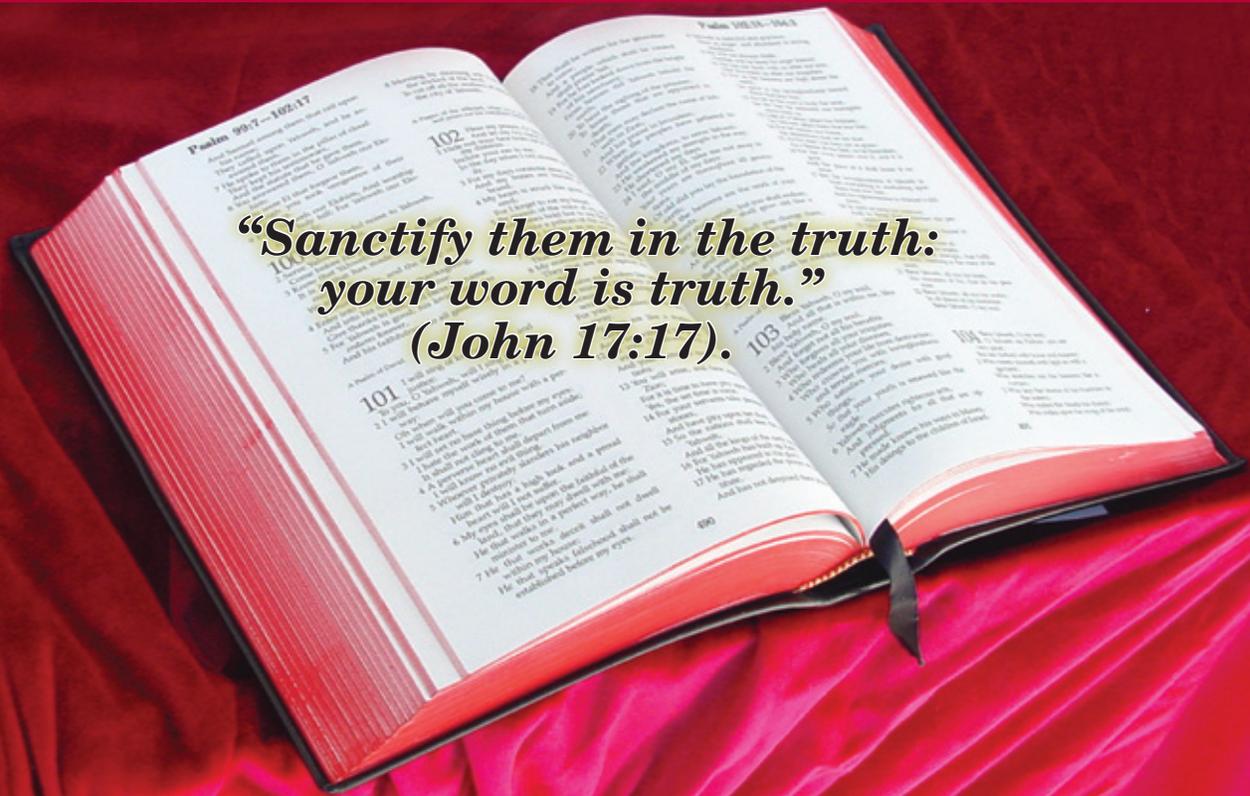
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