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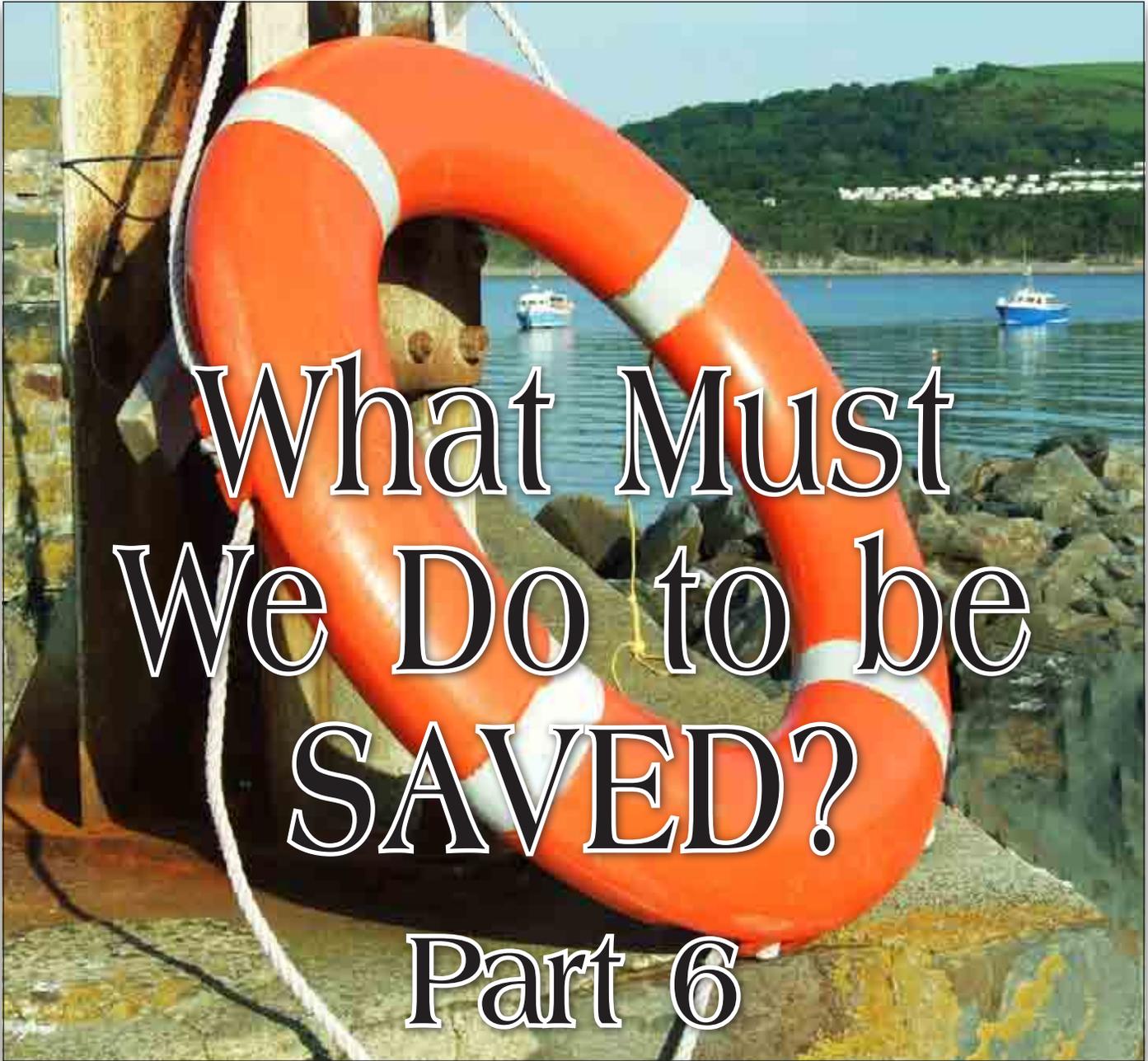


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Standing in the Jezreel Valley near Megiddo, Elder Jacob O. Meyer (OBM) holds the green ears of barley in March 2009. "Observe the month of Abib..." (Deuteronomy 16:1) might also be translated "Look for the new moon of green ears"

The month of Abib is the first month of Yahweh's year. "This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:2). Have you considered that Yahweh's new year begins in the spring and not the fall, nor in the dead of winter?

"By faith he kept the Passover . . ." (Hebrews 11:28a). Join with the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh who exercise faith, and journey with us to the Promised Land—the Kingdom of Yahweh.



What Must We Do to be SAVED? Part 6

Let us read from Psalm 91 for our pilot text, as we continue our study of the vital topic of salvation.

“He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall remain under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress; My Elohim, in whom I trust. For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, And from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, And under his wings shall

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you take refuge: His truth is a shield and a buckler. You shall not be afraid for the terror by night, Nor for the arrow that flies by day; For the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall

not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you behold, And see the reward of the wicked. For you, O Yahweh, are my refuge! You have made the Most High your habitation; There shall no evil happen to you, Neither shall any plague come near your tent. For he will give his angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion

and adder: The young lion and the serpent shall you trample under foot. 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. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, And show him my salvation.” (Psalm 91:1-16).

A Severe Tribulation Looms Ahead for the World

Psalm 91 describes the tribulation of this worldly system that will

occur at the end of the age of man. ever, this has been read the message believed in times of trouble by people all the way down through the ages since its composition. This psalm has been able to generate great faith in the hearts of those who have read it when they were beset by troubles and problems. But you will notice **THE VERY FULCRUM ON WHICH THIS PSALM HINGES IS THE KNOWLEDGE AND TRUST IN THE SACRED NAME OF YAHWEH.**

We must trust in Him, because He is our Mighty One, our Elohim (*our strong One*). A trap is set for the end of the age that will catch the unwary in its grasp. The “deadly pestilence” may refer to AIDS or another deadly pandemic disease. Are you covered by the protection of Yahweh? Is His truth, which is His

Word, like a shield and an armor around you? His people are not to be afraid for terror by night, or for the missile that flies by day. We can interpret the arrow as a guided, ballistic missile. The terror could be caused by earthquakes, or some similar judgment.

We will stand in the midst of eleven thousand corpses, dead people, who have rejected the protecting power of Yahweh, but His judgment will not come near us. We have made Yahweh our refuge, our home, our strong tower, and, therefore, no evil will befall us. Whatever plagues of Revelation 16 might be poured out, they will not come near the tent of those who are Yahweh’s people. But why use the word “tent”

here? The answer is, this upheaval could occur during the time of the annual Feast of Tabernacles (the feast of booths, or temporary dwellings).

How can we call upon the Most High if we do not know His True Name? Yahweh will only answer those who call upon Yahweh IN TRUTH. He will answer those who call upon His Name during the tribulation, the time of trouble at the end of the age, and He will protect them by His power as He did Israel during the time preceding their Exodus from Egypt.

Notice that we cannot merely find the Truth of the Sacred Name to be an interesting item. We must set our love exclusively on Yahweh. We must know and embrace the knowledge of the Name of the Almighty. He has only one Name,

and this Name is related to our personal salvation.

Do You Heed Yahshua’s Words?

In recent years, many tragic events have occurred in the world. Jetliners, fully loaded with hundreds of people, have been destroyed while flying through the skies, killing all of the passengers aboard. Explosions have killed hundreds at the hand of homicide bombers. In this locality, right here in eastern Pennsylvania, murders and suicides have struck several times, even instances among the Lancaster County religious community. Why should such terrible tragedies occur? Have people become so desperate that they can no longer have hope in the future? Who in this world is logically thinking about eternal salvation? Has pollution, pesticides, drugs, or television, affected people’s minds? Is it the spirit of the times causing the lack of forethought that we are seeing? Does it matter what we believe, or what we practice? Is there any hope for the future at all?

Do you hear the words that are spoken by Yahweh in the sacred Scriptures? The Assemblies of Yahweh, as an organization, is not a part of nominal religion, because we live and obey the teachings of the Bible. Other religious organizations might find biblical knowledge merely interesting, but in the Assemblies of Yahweh we go all the way to believe and practice what the Bible teaches. If we want to receive eternal salvation, we cannot delude ourselves into thinking that Almighty Yahweh will simply understand it if we don’t measure up to His standards. We **MUST** measure up. We **MUST** believe and obey the candid Truth of the sacred Scriptures. We **MUST** know what we believe and why we believe it. Is the Sacred Name merely an interesting fact? Is it important?

Is it vital to our salvation? Do you sincerely wish to believe and practice what the Bible teaches? If you indeed want to practice what the Bible teaches, you will soon learn that the Assemblies of Yahweh message will set you apart from other religions.

What are the implications of Acts 2:38? ***“And Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah to the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*** After these people asked, “What shall we do to be saved?,” Peter explained to them that repentance was necessary. We have already discussed repentance, and we will be taking a more extensive look at it later.

Peter also told them to be baptized. We have already examined the subject of baptism and have seen that baptism means immersion in a type of death, burial, and resurrection. Notice Peter’s additional instruction that “everyone” should be baptized. There were no exceptions! And baptism was to be in the Name (**singular!**) of Yahshua the Messiah. That was His actual Name when He walked this earth!

One of the most widely used textbooks is the dictionary. The English dictionary that is probably the most widely used or respected—**Webster’s New World Dictionary of the American Language, Second College Edition**—shows that the Name of the Messiah is actually **Yahshua**. It wasn’t anything else! His title, **HaMashiach**, came directly from the teachings of Judaism. It didn’t come from some Greek corruption. It was derived from the Jewish teachings, the faith these people had in a coming leader to rule this earth in righteousness, a man who will eliminate sin and iniquity from society.

Obviously the Sacred Name is most important. This fact becomes crystal clear when you understand the meaning of the Messiah’s Name. In Hebrew, all names have a mean-

ing. Let us learn this truth from the Bible.

Another important passage relating to the Name of the Messiah is found in Matthew 1:21. It reads as follows: ***“And she shall bring forth a son; and you shall call***

The Name Yahweh is the Covenant Name in the Bible.

his name YAHSHUA; for he shall save his people from their sins.”

So, the Name of Yahshua is indeed important for our salvation. In fact, it is vital! The pronoun “he” in this verse refers to Yahweh the Almighty. The element “shua” in the name means “shall save” in Hebrew. The Name Yahshua then means ***“Yahweh is Salvation.”*** How can you worship in any name that does not contain this meaning?

One sees signs along the highway: “J-sus Saves.” But you couldn’t prove that statement anywhere in scholarly material, because the name J-sus does not carry the meaning of salvation.

Can You Answer the Question in Proverbs 30:4?

Why should a question like Proverbs 30:4 appear in the Bible? The verse reads: ***“Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son’s name, if you know?”*** It is a question and an issue that all of us must confront. Verse 6 reads, ***“Add you not to his words, Lest he reproves you, and***

you be found a liar.” What are the words of Yahweh? The oracles of Yahweh are given to the Jews, and these words are transmitted to us in the sacred Scriptures, as we read in Romans 3:1-2.

Verse 9 reads, ***“Lest I am full, and deny you, and say, Who is Yahweh? Or lest I am poor, and steal, And use profanely the name of my Elohim.”*** Who is Yahweh, and what is the Name of Elohim? We must understand it! It is of vital importance. Are you really comprehending what these Scriptures are saying as you read them? The Assemblies of Yahweh has a purpose for existing. It is Yahweh’s Will that we are here, so that all the earth may come to know that salvation can be obtained in no other Name and that everyone who wishes to be saved must be baptized into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah by one of the representatives that Yahweh has ordained. Please see Acts 4:12.

The Name **Yahweh** is the Covenant Name in the Bible. Let us prove that to ourselves. The earth had become very wicked. In Genesis 6, Yahweh deplores His creation of the human race. He regretted that He had created the human race. He was grieved at His heart, because they were bent on wickedness. Verse 13 reads, ***“And Elohim said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make you an ark of gopher wood”***

Then the text goes on to describe the ark. Verses 17-18 reads, ***“And I, behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; every thing that is in the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.”*** We learn from the Apostle Peter that only

eight souls aboard the ark were saved. Again, here is a salvation from a universal catastrophe that has become a type for the people of Yahweh in these last days.

Genesis 7:1 reads, ***“And Yahweh said unto Noah, Come you and all your house into the ark; for you have I seen righteous before me in this generation.”***

Elohim Is Not a Name

Now here is something that we must notice as we look through these passages. **Elohim** extends the Covenant to man, but it is **YAHWEH WHO RATIFIES THE COVENANT**. The title **Elohim** means *the strong ones*. It is a masculine plural term in Hebrew. If we recognize Yahweh as our Strong One, our Superior, our Sovereign, our King, Yahweh will ratify that Covenant, just as He did with Noah in Genesis 7:1. Yahweh pronounced upon Noah the stamp of righteousness. Then He directed: ***“Come you and all your house into the ark; for you have I seen righteous before me in this generation.”*** So that system of salvation is duplicated and reduplicated everywhere through the Scriptures. Yahweh saves those that He sees fulfilling righteousness, and He ratifies His Covenant with them.

Let us notice Genesis 15:1, which is another Covenant chapter. ***“After these things the word of Yahweh came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward.”*** We can see through the passage that Yahweh makes promises, and He enters into a Covenant. Abraham kills the Covenant animals that will seal and bind this Covenant with their blood, exactly as he is instructed. Verse 18 reads: ***“In that day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto your seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.”***

The Covenant did not end with our forefather Abraham, that great spiritual giant of long ago. We can see that the Covenant that was extended to Abraham is extended to us today also. In that day, Yahweh made a covenant with the seed of

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Abraham. Isn't that exactly what we read in Galatians 3? If we are the Messiah's, then we are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise—and it is a spiritual promise.

Exodus 2:24-25 reads, ***“And Elohim heard their groaning, and Elohim remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And Elohim saw the children of Israel, and Elohim took knowledge of them.”*** Now, there is so much that could be said about just those verses. It is Elohim who is watching the cries of His people in bondage, and Elohim hears, He remembers, He sees, and He takes knowledge of the problem. Then He acts! In Exodus 3:13, He appears to Moses. ***“And Moses said to Elohim, Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and shall say to them, The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say to them?”***

Elohim is, therefore, obviously not a name, but a title! Moses recognized Elohim not to be a name. The children of Israel would recognize

the word Elohim not to be a name. ***“And Elohim said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM . . .”*** In Hebrew, the term appears as ***Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh***, which translated means **I AM THAT I AM**, or **I will be what I will be**. The term **Ehyeh** is the first common singular imperfect conjugation of the verb of existence. ***“ . . . and he said, In this manner shall you say to the children of Israel, I AM [Ehyeh] has sent me to you.”*** But **'ehyeh** is the verb of existence, and it is an explanation of what you find in verse 15. It also is the first common singular, placing each speaker in its active use.

“And Elohim said moreover to Moses, In this manner shall you say to the children of Israel, Yahweh. . .” That is the third masculine singular, either **Pi'el** or **Hiphil**, conjugation. Whichever it is, it is a proper noun, so signified by the lengthening of the first syllable. Whatever way one views it, the Name of Yahweh is derived from the word of existence. It does not have to be exactly proven as a verb conjugation since it is indeed a **proper noun**.

We might spell the name **Meyer** almost a half dozen different ways, but, in the final analysis, it is the **Hiphil** participle of **light** in Hebrew. However you spell the transliteration from Hebrew, the original name remains the same. We know that the root of our name is **light**. We know that the proper noun **Yahweh** is derived from the verb of existence. But Yahweh (יהוה) is a proper noun in the final analysis.

Yahweh is the self-existent one. He is the Elohim of your fathers. Elohim is not a name. It is a title proven on every instance where it appears in more than two thousand instances in the Hebrew text.

“ . . . the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you: THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER . . .” Newspaper reporters that interviewed us recently, asked “Well, just what purpose does the

Assemblies of Yahweh perform? What service? What is the reason for your existence?" I replied, "Because the Bible teaches us that the Almighty has an exclusive Name, a special Name, and it is of vital importance that the whole world knows it. Consequently, that is the reason why we labor in the ministry to fulfill the Great Commission in the last days."

No Room for Compromise!

The term **forever** is quite significant. It is derived from the Hebrew word **'olam**. How can anyone lightly displace it from the text? The definition of the word **'olam** is proven. Many times it appears in the text in the sacred Scriptures in relation to the Almighty and in relation to His kingdom, to His Laws, and here it relates to His Name. Yahweh is His Name **forever**. The pronoun "my" has to represent the antecedent noun Yahweh, **"Yahweh is my name forever. . . is my memorial to all generations."** All generations? Absolutely! Do we believe the Bible, or don't we? Then how can ministers and educators lightly contend that it is not important? Who has the authority to minimize the importance of the Name of the Almighty, or to reduce the length of its duration? When the author started studying the Bible, and we started restoring the Name Yahweh to the text where it belongs, immediately the brilliant Truth burst forth that the Name of Yahweh is of vital importance to our salvation and that we cannot compromise by using a surrogate, or substitute term, for it in our worship.

We either believe the Bible, or we don't! If we start compromising with its instructions, where will we stop? Will we tear out the Old Testament and throw it on the trash heap of the ages? Where do we stop compromising, or apologizing, or excusing, or explaining away these doctrines? The man or woman who is intelligent and thinking will see

the importance of the Sacred Name. That is exactly why these passages are contained in the text of the Bible. We cannot add to or delete from the sacred Scriptures, or we will be in violation of the sacred commandments. How about Isaiah chapter 42? There is a reason why the Assemblies of Yahweh exists, and it is not merely because we want to be contrary, or contentious, or miserable about the interpretation of the Bible, as some people accuse. It is because these doctrines are of vital importance to our salvation!

In a discussion with a prominent educator, we posed this question. "What are we going to do with the Tetragrammaton if we are reading the Hebrew Scriptures? I can read the Hebrew Scriptures, and you also can read them," we remarked. "What are you going to do with it? You have to do something with it. Either transliterate it properly, or substitute for it as does the **King**

James Bible Version, or translate it as does James Moffatt. But what will be the correct procedure?" He replied: "I know what you mean. It is a dilemma." I said, "To me it is no dilemma." I approach it straightforwardly. When Isaiah 42:8 begins **"'Ani Yahweh,"** I am not going to say 'Ani Adonai, or 'Ani Hashem. We must read—" **'Ani Yahweh,**" because that is how the Tetragrammaton may best be transliterated. It has been proven time and again by scholarship that this is the way that it should be pronounced, so this is how we pronounce it in the Assemblies of Yahweh. **"'Ani Yahweh Hu'Shemi."** **" . . . I am Yahweh, that [Yahweh] is my name."**

Judaism Knows the Name

At one time, it was my privilege to appear on a talk show over a Boston radio station. The talk show host was Jewish. My appearance



Above: The Shema' from Deuteronomy 6:4 written on Zion Gate in Jerusalem.

was intended to be a debate with Madalyn Murray O'Hair. She didn't show up, so I had three hours and 45 minutes of talk show time all to myself—and we made good use of it. This Jewish man used the Name **Yahweh** while I was on the program, and he pronounced it exactly the way I do. He said, "There is no question. I was raised as a Jew. This is what it is. There are times when some rabbis might use it. I learned later on that on the occasion of the blessing when affixing a *mezuzah* to the doorpost, they will use the Name **Yahweh**."

"I am Yahweh, that . . ." What is the antecedent noun of the relative pronoun **that**? Obviously not **I**, another pronoun, but **Yahweh**. Now insert the antecedent noun there as you are reading it. **"I am Yahweh, [Yahweh] is my name."** It couldn't be any plainer or clearer if the Almighty were to draw you pictures. Yahweh is His Name.

"And my glory will I not give to another. . ." How could He give His glory to another? He has sought to be very forceful in saying, **"I will not give it to another."** I will not hand it away by allowing my Name to be substituted, or translated, or removed from the text. **". . . neither my praise to carved images."** These are very plain statements contained within the sacred Scriptures. Is the Sacred Name really significant? What does the Bible tell you?

I previously quoted from Acts 4:12. But let's open our Bibles and read it together. **"And in none other is there salvation . . ."** What must we do to be saved? Repent, be baptized every one, in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. That is what Acts 2:38 instructs. He makes this point very strong and plain. **"AND IN NONE OTHER."** How can you and I as intelligent people, able to reason logically, reason our way out of using the True Name of the Messiah by which He was actually called when He was here on this earth? You have read the articles in **The Sacred Name**

Broadcaster in which I quoted from such sources as **The Ante-Nicene Fathers** and **Eusebius**, where it is clearly stated that the Messiah had the same Name as the Israelite general of the Old Testament. You will find that Name explained in

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Numbers 13:16, where Hoshea was called Yahshua by Moses.

So, what are we going to do with it then in view of Acts 4:12? **". . . And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Yahshua."** This was the Messiah's Name, which we have on good evidence by people who lived during the Apostolic era. How shall we reason away, or argue ourselves out of using the authentic Name Yahshua? Could we compromise and allow our minds to be changed to use J-sus, WHICH WAS NOT HIS NAME?

The roots of J-sus Chr-st prove that it was not His Name. Since the Messiah's True Name was Yahshua; as in Numbers 13:16, how can anyone obtain salvation in any other Name and still insist they follow the Bible? Is there salvation to be found in a group that doesn't use the True Name of the Messiah? The obvious answer is NO. Yahshua Messiah didn't have many different names. If He only had one Name, and His Name was Yahshua, salvation can be found nowhere else.

***Only One Name
Holds Salvation***

***". . . for neither is there any
other name under heaven, that***

is given among men, in which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). Yahshua was given only one Name directly from the heavens. There is no other Name down here on earth, under heaven, that will bring salvation to mankind and raise us to higher spiritual levels. What must we do to be saved? The answer is: obey what the Bible teaches! Believe on the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, and be baptized in that Name, and follow the converted lifestyle that was laid down as an example by the individual who bore that Name.

Why are we in the Assemblies of Yahweh? Not to water down doctrines, not to compromise, not to explain away, not to be sociable with other organizations who do not wish to obey the Word. We are in the Assemblies of Yahweh because **THIS** is where the **Word of Yahweh** is being **strongly** and **accurately** preached in these last days. Here is fulfilled the Great Commission given to the disciples by the one whose Name alone means salvation.

Let us turn to Ephesians 3. You may not have known that there was so much relating to the Sacred Name in the New Testament. There are no objections that can be raised against the plain statement of Acts 4:12. There is no valid objection that can be raised against Ephesians 3:14-15.

"For this cause I bow my knees to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named." The Father's Name, as given in the Bible, is **Yahweh**. Now think of it! Here in the Assemblies of Yahweh **we are called by that Name**. When we go back through the Scriptures, we can see that Israel in the wilderness was also called by this particular name.

Read Ephesians 3:14 again. **"For this cause I bow my knees to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named."** The families of the cheru-

bim and angels—are they named for the Father? Of course they are. On earth, we are called the Assemblies of Yahweh. Now restore the Sacred Name to the text from which it has been so destructively removed, then read Exodus 22:20. **“He that sacrifices to any elohim, EXCEPT TO YAHWEH ONLY shall be utterly destroyed.”** What does that mean to you? I will tell you what it means to me. There are **still** sacrifices in the Messianic age that have to be offered, according to Hebrews 13:15-16. We offer them in the Assemblies of Yahweh. **“Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of lips which MAKE CONFESSION TO HIS NAME. But do not forget to do good and communicate: for with such SACRIFICES YAHWEH IS WELL PLEASED.”**

Hosea 14:2 says we must **take words** and **offer the calves of our lips**. Those are the sacrifices that will be pleasing to the Almighty. Romans 12:1-2 tells us that we must keep our bodies a living sacrifice and not be fashioned, or conformed, to the world. Those are the sacrifices of our time, and they are valid sacrifices, far superior to the animal sacrifices that were, at one time, specified in the Scriptures, in the Old Testament, under the Levitical Law.

Now, let us read it that way. He that sacrifices the praises of the calves of the lips and a pure body to any elohim except to Yahweh only, will be utterly destroyed! Does that mean to G-d? Does that mean sacrificing to Adonai? Does that mean to sacrifice to any of the names of the idolatrous nations which they use in worship? We can logically reason that there is only one True and Living Elohim, just as Psalm 96:5 tells me. **“FOR ALL THE ELOHIM OF THE PEOPLES ARE IDOLS”** That leaves no exceptions. All the elohim of the peoples are idols. **“BUT YAHWEH MADE THE HEAVENS.”**

The Scriptures Issue a Warning

Now where does that leave us? He that sacrifices the praises, the calves of the lips, or even his pure body that he is trying to maintain as

***Never use the
name of other
elohim in
worship and
praise, nor even
let it come out of
your mouth.***

a living sacrifice, to G-d, to Adonai, or to any other idol of the nations, is doing wrong. Yahweh, only, is to be the recipient of our sacrifices. Unless we sacrifice to Yahweh only (with no exceptions), we will be utterly destroyed.

Suppose in your medicine cabinet is a liquid in a bottle that is to be used only rarely for sanitation purposes, and it is found in such greatly concentrated form that there is a skull and crossbones on the label warning of its poisonous effect if used. The skull and crossbones, we all know, means death. So there is a printed warning on the label. “Do not use in concentrated form.” Do not swallow, do not take to the lips, or **you will die!** There is no antidote for this poison. What would you do? Would you defy the warning and swallow some of it? And, yet, that is exactly what ch-rchianity is doing every week when Yahweh has written a warning so strong and so clear as this in Exodus 22:20. If you give praises to any elohim except to Yahweh only, **you will die!** You will be utterly destroyed. You will be thrown into Gehenna, the lake of fire, and be destroyed forever.

But you see this warning is not found in just one passage, but also

in Exodus 23:13. **“And in all things that I have said to you take heed: and make no mention of the name of other elohim, neither let it be heard out of your mouth.”** Years ago, when I inaugurated this ministry, someone came to me one day and said, “Well that is only one Scripture. I think you are making too much out of it.” “Oh, wait a minute,” I replied, “We can also take a few cross references. I have written them down in the margin in my Bible. Will you agree if there are three witnesses?” So I took him to Yahshua 23:7-8. **“That you come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their elohim, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves to them; but hold fast to Yahweh your Elohim, as you have done to this day.”**

“That makes two witnesses. Are there any more,” he asked? “Yes,” I replied, “another one is found in Psalm 16:4.” **“Their sorrows shall be multiplied that give gifts to an idol: Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer; Nor take their names upon my lips.”** Also, Psalm 96:5, **“For all the elohim of the peoples are idols; But Yahweh made the heavens,”** and Psalm 44:20 is another.

We have been referring to two commandments in the Law of Yahweh, His Covenant Law—Exodus 22:20 and Exodus 23:13. We shall not sacrifice to any elohim except Yahweh only, or we will be utterly destroyed. That statement is not too difficult to understand.

Exodus 23:13 states: watch out and listen to everything that I have spoken, and never use the name of other elohim in worship and praise, nor even let it come out of your mouth.

What have you said to your child when you caught him or her using a word that isn't to be used—profanity perhaps? Have you grabbed your child and said, “Now I'm going

to tell you something: NEVER, NEVER, NEVER use that word again. NEVER speak it, NEVER think it." I have said that to some of my children, and, as a matter of fact, my mother said it to me when I was a young child.

Doesn't Yahweh say the same thing? Those names that the nations use to worship appear like profanity in the eyes of Almighty Yahweh. He says NEVER, NEVER, NEVER use them, NEVER speak them, NEVER think them. The question now remaining for each one of us to answer is this: "Will we obey?"

Rebellious Shall Fall

Now turn to Proverbs 28:9. "***He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.***"

In the Law of Yahweh appears stringent restrictions against using **names of pagan mighty ones**. We preached several sermons in the past on the term **toebah leYahweh** (Strong's Concordance, #8441), "an abomination to Yahweh." It is like profanity in Yahweh's ears to hear those names, and to His obedient child He says NEVER, NEVER speak them. NEVER think them. Eliminate them from your vocabulary. Go through the operation of Hosea 2:17. "***For I will take away the names of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned by their name.***"

It is my objective to close the doors on these arguments that have guided people down the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

Notice Jeremiah 23:23-24. "***Am I an Elohim at hand, says Yahweh, and not an Elohim afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says Yahweh. . . .***" Where can you go to hide from Yahweh? Would you dig a hole somewhere and crawl in it to offer the sacrifices of paganism? You cannot hide from Yahweh! See

Psalm 139:1-12. In Ezekiel 8, even digging into an underground chamber they could not hide from Yahweh to practice their wicked idolatry.

“. . . Do not I fill heaven and earth? says Yahweh." Yahweh sees everything. He knows everything. "***I***

What is the truth when we go back to the roots of this book?

have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart?" (Jeremiah 23:25-26). Few people would say, "I dreamed up this idolatry," but they do declare, "Now I came up with this objection to the use of the Sacred Name."

"How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies [they are preaching lies!], even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? That think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for Baal." (Jeremiah 23:26-27). People ask, how do you associate the name Baal with L-rd? That is easy. Any Bible dictionary, any Bible commentary, or the margins of most Bibles, will readily confirm this fact. They will tell you in Hosea 2:16-17, in particular, that the Baals were the L-rds of the regions. I didn't author these numerous scholarly works. All I am doing is researching and informing you what scholarship

says. What is the truth when we go back to the roots of this book?

Preachers are causing people to forget the Name **Yahweh** by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers did when worshiping Baal, while forgetting the Name of Yahweh.

Isaiah 52:6 reads, "***Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that does speak; behold, it is I.***" This is what Yahweh says: MY PEOPLE SHALL KNOW MY NAME, singular. We must accept such declarations from the mouth of the Almighty.

Yahweh asks in Jeremiah 23:29, "***Is not my word like fire? . . . like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says Yahweh, that steal my words every one from his neighbor. Behold, I am against the prophets, says Yahweh, that use their tongues, and say, He says. Behold, I am against them that prophesy lying dreams, says Yahweh, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; neither do they profit this people at all, says Yahweh.***" So there is no profit to join an organization that is not preaching Yahweh's Truth. Only the organization that teaches the whole counsel of Yahweh will benefit you.

You are reading these sacred pronouncements from on High directly from your own Bibles. Jeremiah 8:8-9 informs us, "***How do you say, We are wise, and the law of Yahweh is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has worked falsely. The wise men are put to shame, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of Yahweh. . . .***"

How about you? You have heard what the sacred Scripture says. You have heard the Will of Yahweh, the voice of Yahweh. They have rejected the Word of Yahweh. They have

rejected the sacred Scriptures. How do we do that? How can we reject the sacred Scriptures? The uncommitted do this by compromising, by explaining away plain statements that cannot easily be misunderstood, by just simply saying I will not follow what the Word says.

Educators Know the Name, Too!

Recently, I described in an Obadiah School of the Bible class a chance meeting of upwards of 20 years ago now. It was late at night. I was working at a secular job. My colleague and I decided to stop at a restaurant for a cup of coffee. I walked into the restaurant and sat down. The waitress behind the counter looked very familiar. She looked at me, and then I saw from her name tag that her name was Linda.

I said to her, "What would your last name happen to be?" She looked at me and replied, "Meyer, the same as yours. I am your second cousin."

I said, "I thought I recognized you, although I haven't seen you for a long time, not since you were quite small. How are you doing, and what are you doing?" As the conversation progressed, she said, "I am taking classes in a Bible college." I said, "Oh! Now tell me what is the Name of the Almighty." She smiled and said, "It's Yahweh." I turned to my colleague and said, "There you go. Don't take my word for it. I have told you that the Name of the Almighty is Yahweh, but here is my cousin who is going to Bible college, and she is saying the same thing I am." She informed us that the professors had no hesitation about using the Sacred Name Yahweh.

Any time one studies in an institution of biblical knowledge, he must soon arrive at a knowledge of the Almighty's Name.

I remember a class I took in Hebrew years ago, and the reaction

of one young man in the class. In a lesson, we came upon the Tetragrammaton, as all must come, eventually. He looked at it and asked the professor, "So, this is the Almighty's Name in Hebrew?" The professor said, "Yes, that is Yahweh."

They have rejected a fundamental doctrine of the sacred Scriptures—Yahweh.

The men of wisdom shall, one day, be put to shame, because they haven't taught this knowledge; they have rejected a fundamental doctrine of the sacred Scriptures, and they will have to answer to the True Living Mighty One who wrote the book—Yahweh.

"For then will I change to the peoples a pure language, that they may call upon the name of Yahweh . . ." (Zephaniah 3:9-10). What name? YAHWEH. ***" . . . to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed . . ."*** Who are the dispersed of Yahweh? The Israelites have been dispersed by Yahweh for their sins. They went into captivity in 722 or 721 and 586 B.C.E. They are called "my dispersed."

Here, attention is drawn to the "daughter of my dispersed." As I have shown in Obadiah School of the Bible classes, if one takes a map and puts a ruler on Jerusalem, laying that ruler directly across the map, beyond the rivers of Ethiopia (the White Nile and the Blue Nile) from the land of Cush (Ethiopia from the Nile), one would cross Africa and the Atlantic Ocean. The ruler points directly to the United States

of America. Here is indicated the modern-day location of the daughter of the dispersed of Yahweh, "the Diaspora," who ***" . . . shall bring my offering."***

Yahweh shows that this people has purified their language. Just as Yahshua the Messiah predicts in Mark 15, they shall speak with new tongues. The author believes that this passage points to the need for a new religious vocabulary, as we have learned in the Assemblies of Yahweh. Eventually it points to speaking Hebrew in the Kingdom of Yahweh, when all the earth comes to utilize one language.

But now we have purified our tongues with a pure religious vocabulary. Dr. F. F. Bruce says in his noted volume, **The Books and the Parchments**, that the Greek New Testament vocabulary was derived from the Old Testament Greek (Septuagint) religious vocabulary which was pagan in character. It was used in the New Testament and "sanctified." Let's be logical. It was never sanctified by Yahweh. Only translators rendered the autographs in such a way as to rely on Old Testament Greek pagan religious vocabulary.

Let Us Offer a Pure Offering

"From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring my offering." The pure offering to Yahweh probably refers to Isaiah 18.

"In that day shall you not be put to shame for all your doings, in which you have transgressed against me . . ." Why? Because there will be people who will repent and change to conform to the Word of Yahweh. ***" . . . for then I will take away out of the middle of you your proudly exulting ones, and you shall no more be haughty"***

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PROPHETIC TRENDS

today's news in prophecy



NEWS EVENTS OF TODAY IN THE LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY

“O Yahweh, you El to whom vengeance belongs. You El to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth. Lift up yourself, you judge of the earth: Render to the proud their desert. Yahweh, how long shall the wicked, How long shall the wicked triumph? They prate, they speak arrogantly: All the workers of iniquity boast themselves. They break in pieces your people, O Yahweh, And afflict your heritage. They kill the widow and the sojourner, And murder the fatherless. And they say, Yah will not see, Neither will the Elohim of Jacob consider. Consider, you brutish among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastises the nations, shall not he correct, Even he that teaches man knowledge? Yahweh knows the thoughts of man, That they are vanity. Blessed is the man whom you correct O Yah, And teach out of your law; That you may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked. For Yahweh will not cast off his people, Neither will he forsake his inheritance. For judgment shall return to righteousness; And all the upright in heart shall follow it. Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? Unless

Yahweh had been my help, My soul had soon dwelt in silence. When I said, My foot slips; Your lovingkindness, O Yahweh, held me up. In the multitude of my thoughts within me Your comforts delight my soul. Shall the throne of wickedness have partnership with you, Which frames mischief by statute? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, And condemn the innocent blood. But Yahweh has been my high tower, And my Elohim the rock of my refuge. And he has brought upon them their own iniquity, And will cut them off in their own wickedness; Yahweh our Elohim will cut them off.” (Psalm 94).

“And say, Hear the word of Yahweh, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: In this manner says Yahweh of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which whoever hears, his ears shall tingle. Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it to other elohim, that they knew not, they and their fathers and the kings of Judah; and have filled this place with the blood of innocents, and have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt-offerings to Baal; which I commanded not, nor spoke it, neither came it into my mind: therefore, behold, the days come,

says Yahweh, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter.” (Jeremiah 19:3-6).

“Also in your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor: you did not find them breaking in; but it is because of all these things. Yet you said, I am innocent; surely his anger has turned away from me. Behold, I will enter into judgment with you, because you say, I have not sinned.” (Jeremiah 2:34-35).

Baby Killers?

In an article published in the **Journal of Medical Ethics** entitled, “After-birth Abortion: Why Should the Baby Live?” states that “. . . newborn babies are not ‘actual persons’ and do not have a ‘moral right to life.’ The academics argue that parents should be able to have their baby killed if it turns out to be disabled when it is born. They argued: the moral status of an infant is equivalent to that of a fetus in the sense that they both lack those properties that justify the attribution of a right to life to an individual. Rather than being ‘actual persons,’ newborns were ‘potential persons.’ They explained: both a fetus and a newborn certainly are human beings and potential persons, but neither is a ‘person’ in the sense of ‘subject’ of a moral right to life.”

The authors therefore concluded that what we call “after-birth abortion” (killing a newborn) should be permissible in all cases where abortion is, including cases where the newborn is not disabled. How horrible it is to find infanticide so prominently presented in the news today! Almighty Yahweh stated that such horrible acts are not commanded by Him, neither did He speak it, nor did it even come into His mind! Can you see that once the killing of the fetus is legal, the next logical step is infanticide and euthanasia. Soon the governments of this world will be arguing the case for unplugging the elderly and the infirm, as well as the mentally disabled. Such was the case in Nazi Germany when the genocide began with the elimination of the mentally disabled before they implemented the Final Solution, which led to more than 10 million people losing their lives.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sibelius told a House of Representatives panel recently that a reduction in the number of human beings born in the United States will compensate employers and insurers for the cost of the new HHS mandate, which requires all health-care plans to cover sterilizations and all FDA-approved contraceptives (including those that cause abortions). *“The reduction in the number of pregnancies compensates for the cost of contraception,”* Sibelius said. The Catholic Church teaches that sterilization, contraception, and abortion are wrong, but the new mandate forces them to provide these services against their beliefs. This mandate has created quite a firestorm in the United States of America as Catholics, as well as others who share their beliefs, raised a cacophony of protest. What is next? If we follow this train of thought to the obvious conclusion, it will not be long until we hear government officials, those in the media, or academia, making the case for forced euthanasia.

Wrongful Birth?

News accounts recently were filled with reports of a lawsuit that was filed by Ariel and Deborah Levy after their daughter, now almost five years old, was born with Down Syndrome. The \$3 million lawsuit, estimated to be the cost of their daughter’s medical care, was brought against the medical professionals that failed to identify the condition.

During the trial, the parents admitted that they would have proceeded with an abortion had they known that the child had Down Syndrome. Many, if not most, fetuses identified with the Down Syndrome gene are aborted, even late term.

Euthanasia Spreads

From the UK, a former rugby player who has been paralyzed following a stroke has successfully petitioned the courts to be put to death. He has assured the doctors that there will not be any wrongful-death suit if they grant him his wish.

A recent Swiss election rejected a planned ban on assisted suicide for non-residents. Switzerland has become a destination for those who wish to be euthanized in what has been called “suicide tourism.” Though assisted suicide is not allowed in Switzerland, it does allow assisted suicide for non-residents. There are even reports from other European countries that have become destinations for euthanasia, even with mobile euthanasia clinics that come to your hotel to assist with one’s desire to end their life.

Yahshua Is Coming Soon!

Just as Yahshua the Messiah made outstanding predictions in His Olivet prophecy, we see these

prophecies being fulfilled at this period of time. A great apostasy is prophesied to take place at the end of the age. Faithful members of the Assemblies of Yahweh, however, will continue to maintain the sound doctrines of the Word of Yahweh. How sincere are you in obeying the sacred Scriptures? Will your faith be challenged and swept away in times of trouble? We must never waiver, or become discouraged.

All who are diligent in serving Almighty Yahweh must come together in unity and form a strong organization in these last days, even though Satan makes our lives difficult. The great tribulation looms as pressure from a non-repentant world mounts. Already, we can perceive the hour of judgment nearing. Are you ready for Yahshua’s return? Look up, for our redemption is drawing near! We must perfect our lives by diligent obedience to Yahweh’s Covenant Law. Yahshua the Messiah, when He returns, will call up a prepared people to meet Him in the air. Then, we will come down to the earth and offer ourselves in service to Yahshua the Messiah as He reigns over the world supreme. Do you hope to meet Yahshua when He returns? All of the faithful people will maintain their faith in the Bible and in Yahweh’s promises of eternal life in the new Kingdom that He has promised us.

“And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draws near.” (Luke 21:27-28).

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts should be overcharged with debauchery, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare: for so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. But watch you at every season, making supplication, that you may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:34-36). ^{SNB}

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[Arrogant, egotistical now—but we must humble ourselves if we are going to be Yahweh’s people. Then we can be accepted into Mt. Zion, the Holy Mountain of Yahweh. In my holy mountain. But I will leave in the middle of you an afflicted and poor people, and they shall take refuge in the name of Yahweh.]

“The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it, and is safe.” (Proverbs 18:10). Let us repeat it for emphasis. **“The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it, and is safe.”** They take refuge in the Name of Yahweh. That powerful, authoritative Name becomes the strong tower protecting Yahweh’s people.

“But I will sing of your strength; Yes, I will sing aloud of your lovingkindness in the morning; For you have been my high tower; And a refuge in the day of my distress.” (Psalm 59:16). We are just about coming full circle again and getting back to the prophecy of Psalm 91.

I get thrilled in my heart every time I go through this tremen-

dous subject. You should obtain a copy of our book **The Memorial Name—Yahweh** if you want to do a complete study on the Sacred Name doctrine. Read and study through it thoroughly. You should also review it occasionally. All of the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh should review it on a regular basis, and there will be no objection in your mind against using the Names—Yahweh and Yahshua—in worship.

Psalm 91 also refers to the refuge for the believer. All those promises in Psalm 91 hinge upon a single factor—the Name of Yahweh. The Name is the hiding place. The Name protects us from the end-time plagues of Yahweh’s judgment.

Yahweh Remembers the Righteous

Turn now to Malachi 3:16-18. **“Then they that feared Yahweh spoke one with another; and Yahweh listened, and heard . . .”**

When we use the Name of Yahweh, He wonders how we are using it. So, He listens. He must like the way these people that are described in Malachi 3 are using it. **“ . . . And a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Yahweh, and that**

thought upon his name.” Those who fear Yahweh, and are thinking upon His Name, are the ones that He remembers as in Psalm 91. **“And they shall be mine, says Yahweh of hosts, even my own possession, in the day that I make; and I will spare them . . .”**

That is what Psalm 91 is all about—sparing the obedient child of the Most High as a man spares his own son that serves him. How about you? Are you serving Yahweh? If you are, then you will be spared as Psalm 91 shows us, and you will be protected through the tribulation—provided you know and call upon the Name of Yahweh. **“Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serves Elohim and him that serves him not.”**

(Malachi 3:18). That is what we are able to discern, or distinguish. The one who serves the True Almighty will be worshiping in the Name of Yahweh. He will revere the Name of His Messiah Yahshua. We can distinguish between those who keep Yahweh’s Covenant and those who don’t, because the Name is the first part of Yahweh’s Law. The first commandment reads, **“I am Yahweh your Elohim.”** Please recall Isaiah 42:8.

Let’s rejoice with the knowledge that Yahweh has opened to us so freely. Let us be thankful that we were not left back in that worldly system of Babylon headed down the broad way to destruction, but be thankful that we have been given the opportunity to find eternal salvation. Be thankful that an Assemblies of Yahweh that has taken a stand for Yahweh’s Truth exists today to bring you this Truth. Be thankful that this message is going out to all the world as a warning in the last days. You are seeing prophecy being fulfilled. These prophecies relate to the calling out of the remnant of Israel. The remnant people of Yahweh who shall do no iniquity, they will be pure in keeping Yahweh’s Covenant. SNB



In the book of Acts, we read that only one Name holds the key to salvation (Acts 4:12). For a thorough explanation of the Savior’s Name, send your request to

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Recipes to Enjoy for the Days of Unleavened Bread

“Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread . . . ”
(Exodus 12:15a)

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a very special time of year. During the holy days, our diet must be changed to fulfill all the scriptural requirements of this Feast. We must eliminate all leavening (Hebrew—*se’or* and *chametz*, meaning yeast, barm, to swell up or corrupt) from our everyday lives. This includes all food sources and all products we use in our homes and on our bodies such as deodorants, toothpaste, vitamins, soap, beer, sodas, even dogfood, etc. These are our dwellings and no leavening agent may be seen in all our quarters (Exodus 12:15-19). Grain alcohol (sometimes used in extracts like vanilla) and distilled vinegar are also prohibited.

These leavening agents appear under such names as yeast (*both baker’s and brewer’s*), baking powder, baking soda (*sodium bicarbonate*), sourdough, barm (*yeast*), cream of tartar, or other names.

These ingredients can possibly emerge in such things as soap powder used for detergent, soup (*canned, dry, or bouillon*), angel food cake, table salt, vitamins, bread, crackers, cookies, cakes, soda pop, beer, and so on. This list is large, but it is important that we as True Worshipers get **ALL** the leavening out (Exodus 12:15, 19; Deuteronomy 16:4). Don’t forget the crumbs in the toaster or the vacuum cleaner bag (*after all the clean-up*)! Be sure to read every label on all product containers in your home.

All these things have to be removed from your quarters (*property*). See Exodus 13:7 and 1 Corinthians 5:8—you cannot save them for later use. Remember to start early, checking all ingredients on every purchase that you make, and every item in your house. (Why not be a year-round label reader so that you can obey Yahweh’s dietary Laws?)

To make the Feast of Unleavened Bread a special time, the following recipes are included in this publication.
Joyous eating!

Passover Bread (Unleavened Bread)

3 pints milk
1 pound butter
flour

Take milk, butter, and as much flour as needed to give it a body similar to pie dough. Divide into four parts and work each until it blisters; then roll out till about the thickness of pie dough. Cut into 2" x 4" pieces. Score or prick with fork (like a pie shell). Bake at 350° F until lightly browned at the edges.

Mayonnaise

1 egg
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard powder
1/2 teaspoon sugar (or honey)
1/2 teaspoon salt
dash cayenne pepper
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 cup salad oil

Put eggs, seasoning, vinegar, and 1/4 cup of oil into blender container. Cover and process at BLEND. Immediately remove feeder cap and pour in the remaining oil in a steady stream. (If necessary stop the blender, use a rubber spatula to keep mixture around processing blades. Cover and continue to process.) Store covered in the refrigerator up to 1 week. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

Flat Bread

2 cups flour
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons butter
2/3 cup warm water

Sift flour, cornmeal, and salt together. Cut in butter and mix until crumbly. Stir in warm water and chill. Roll chilled dough into balls the size of large marbles. Roll out into paper-thin rounds, 4" in diameter. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 375° for 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool and store in a tightly sealed container. This dough may be wrapped in waxed paper and kept in the refrigerator to be baked as needed.

Baked-On-Griddle Flat Bread

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup oil
water

Mix thoroughly. In measuring cup pour oil, add water to make almost 1 cup (7/8 cup). Mix it slightly and pour all at once into flour and salt mixture. Stir it together quickly with a fork, then shape about the size of a walnut (rounded tablespoon) and roll out between wax paper, to about the thickness of pastry dough. Cook on a lightly greased hot griddle until lightly browned on each side. Can be made ahead and refrigerated and used as needed.

Quick Biscuits

2 cups flour
1/3 cup mayonnaise (see recipe for mayonnaise above)
3/4 cup milk
1/3 cup sharp cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon onion minced (optional)

Mix together flour, mayonnaise, and milk until well blended. Add cheese and onion. Drop by tablespoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes until lightly browned.

Oatmeal Crackers

1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
2/3 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt, seasoned salt, celery or garlic salt
1/3 cup toasted wheat germ
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/4 cup oil
1/3 cup water

In mixing bowl, stir together oats, flour, wheat germ, brown sugar, and desired salt. Make a well in the center and add the water and oil all at once. Stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Form dough into a ball and divide in half. On greased baking sheet roll half the dough to a 12"x 8" rectangle. Cut into 2" squares. Bake at 350° for 20-22 minutes or until crisp. Remove to wire rack to cool. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 48 crackers.

Swedish Pancakes

7 eggs
8 tablespoons butter
3 cups milk
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons salt

Mix ingredients together. Heat heavy skillet and coat with butter. Pour small amount of batter into skillet, enough to lightly cover bottom of skillet. Cook until lightly browned on both sides. Makes 12 large pancakes. Top with favorite fruit and sweetened cottage cheese or sweetened whipped cream (if desired), and roll up. Enjoy!

Pizza Turnovers

1 lb ground beef
2 tablespoons butter
6 oz tomato paste
1 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup shredded cheddar
1/3 cup green pepper, chopped
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1/4 cup water
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Pastry for 2 double crust pies

Brown meat, and drain well. Sauté green pepper and onion in butter. Combine meat and vegetables. Add tomato paste, water, and seasonings; simmer 15 minutes. Add cheese. Roll dough to 1/8" thickness and cut in 3 1/2" circles. Spoon small amount of mixture in center, fold and press edges. Bake at 450° for about 10-12 minutes.

Skillet Brownies

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 oz unsweetened chocolate
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter and chocolate in heavy saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add sugar, then mix in eggs. Stir in flour, vanilla, and pecans. Spread into well greased 8"x 8"x 2" pan. Bake 30-35 minutes. Cool in pan and cut.

Dessert Bars

1/2 cup soft butter or margarine
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup shredded coconut
1 cup walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 cup corn flakes firmly packed
1 cup sifted flour
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed

Mix 1/2 cup brown sugar, flour, and butter. Press into greased 12"x 8"x 1" pan. Bake 15 minutes at 350°. Mix eggs with 1 cup brown sugar till light and fluffy. On low speed, add remaining ingredients—just until mixed. Spread on top of crust. Bake 20 minutes.

Pound Cake

1 cup butter or margarine
4 eggs
1 cup sugar
2 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Cream butter, gradually adding sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla; add eggs one at a time. Sift together flour, salt, and nutmeg. Gradually add dry ingredients to egg mixture and beat until thoroughly blended. Turn butter into greased 9"x 5"x 3" loaf pan. Bake in a 325° oven for 60-65 minutes. Cook cake in pan. Makes 1 loaf.

Brownies

1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2/3 cup butter, melted
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup cocoa powder
4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 cup sliced nuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13 inch by 9 inch baking pan. In one bowl, mix flour, salt, and cocoa. Mix well. In another bowl, mix sugar and butter. Add vanilla and eggs. Beat well. Add nuts. Stir until well distributed. Add flour mixture. Stir until well blended. Spread in pan. Bake 30 minutes or until brownies start to pull away from the sides of pan. Do not overbake.

Mexican Wedding Cakes

1 cup butter
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cream butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla. Combine flour, salt, and pecans and stir into butter mixture. Shape into 1" balls. Bake on ungreased baking sheet at 325° for 20-25 minutes until lightly browned. Roll warm cookies in powdered sugar. Cool on racks and roll in powdered sugar again.



PASSOVER FACTS

Understanding Yahweh's Spring Holy Days

Mankind, in general, has virtually lost the understanding of Yahweh's commanded holy days. We would like to introduce you to an understanding of Yahweh's spring holy days. A righteous person will observe all of Yahweh's commandments (Deuteronomy 6:25), or he shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20).

Contrary to popular belief, PASSOVER is NOT EASTER. As a matter of fact, the term Easter is never found in Yahweh's Scriptures. Where you find this word in the **King James Version**, the Greek word that appears is *pascha*, which is (shocking to most people) **Passover** and not Easter at all!

The observance of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread is commanded in Leviticus 23:4-8 and Numbers 28:16-25. As you read these verses, notice that Yahweh intends them to be observed and obeyed "forever." (In Hebrew, this term is *'olam* and means *to time*

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beyond comprehension.) Paul, being a scholar, worshiped on these holy days and observed them as times of sacred worship throughout his life. Verification of this fact can be found in Acts 18:21, 20:6, and 20:16. He was observing the feast days of Yahweh, just as the Messiah did. As a matter of fact, he tells us to keep the feast in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8.

Passover is specified for the fourteenth day of the first month, in the spring. **"In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, is Yahweh's passover."** (Leviticus 23:5). The so-called Passion Week is related closely to the week-long festival called Passover in the Bible. Presently, we express our obedience to Yahweh's Scriptures by taking Yahshua's Memorial annually every year on the evening

of Passover as we were instructed by the Messiah's example in John 13. Members of ch-rchianity usually refer to it as the communion supper. Paul explains these emblems used in the account of the Messiah's last supper in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Therefore, every year on the evening of Passover, the foot washing service is observed first, followed by the partaking of the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine. These emblems were inaugurated by Yahshua the Messiah at His last Passover and are now repeated annually according to Paul's admonition, since the Memorial compares to the Jewish *yahrzeit*—a year of time since the death of a loved one.

The parallels between the Passion Week and the Old Testament spring holy days are inspiring and beautiful. On the tenth day of the month, the lamb was taken (Exodus 12:3). This was the same day of the month on which the Messiah

entered Jerusalem riding on the colt of an ass. He was accepted by the people who thronged Him saying, “. . . **Blessed is the King that comes in the name of Yahweh: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.**” (Luke 19:38). They accepted Him as their Passover Lamb on the tenth day of the month. For the next four days, He walked among them, in their sight, teaching in the Temple, just as the lamb lived with the people of Israel for four days in their dwellings (Exodus 12:3-6).

After four days of close affection, the lamb was betrayed and sacrificed (Exodus 12:6). The same happened to the Messiah during that Passion Week when His innocent blood was shed to cover over the sins of the world.

A very interesting study is the account of the wave-sheaf offering in Leviticus 23:10-11. Write and request our article on **The Wave-sheaf Ordinance**, which explains the parallels of the wave sheaf and the Messiah’s resurrection. Our Correspondence Course also offers deep

insight into the subject. Additionally, we have a separate article on the symbol of the cup in the Memorial Supper. Request it also. They are free of charge for the asking. Write to Assemblies of Yahweh, P. O. Box C, Bethel, PA 19507.

Upon His resurrection, Yahshua fulfilled the sign of Jonah. He had lain 72 hours—three days and three nights—in the heart of the earth just as Jonah lay in the great fish’s belly for three days and three nights. You cannot fit 72 hours between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning, contrary to popular teaching. Our article, **The Sign of Yahshua’s Messiahship**, explains the counting of this period very clearly. Yahshua the Messiah become our wavesheaf offering by being presented to Yahweh in resurrected form on the first day of the week.

A major characteristic of the spring holy days is the removal of all leaven from the dwellings of True Worshipers. Leaven is scripturally defined as false teaching leading to sin. Just as Israel (True Worship)

left Egypt (sin, Hebrews 11:25) so we must leave sin behind us. The Feast of Unleavened Bread reminds us annually that we must leave sin behind. During this week, we carefully scrutinize ourselves and our beliefs to make sure we have thrown out all leaven so we can be pure in doctrine.

Israel left Egypt in unity on the first holy day of Unleavened Bread, taking sound doctrine with them, but leaving behind leaven (sin). We are commanded not to have leaven in our dwellings throughout this entire week (Deuteronomy 16:4, Exodus 12:15, 1 Corinthians 5:8). Therefore, any substance containing leaven must be removed beforehand to correctly observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The second High Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread represents Israel in unified convocation passing through the Red Sea on their way toward Yahweh’s Kingdom—the Promised Land.

To answer your questions about Yahweh’s holy days, we have published several articles. Please write for them and request them to enlarge your understanding of Yahweh’s annual sacred system. Three articles—**Easter or Passover, The Sacred Appointments, and How to Keep Yahweh’s Holy Days**—are yours for the asking. We also have several lessons of our Correspondence Course dealing specifically with the feast days. Please request your first Correspondence Course lesson, and learn how to be more obedient to Yahweh. (Please see the address above.)

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: all has been heard: fear Elohim, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

“Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, who walk in the law of Yahweh. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, That seek him with the whole heart.” (Psalm 119:1-2). S_NB

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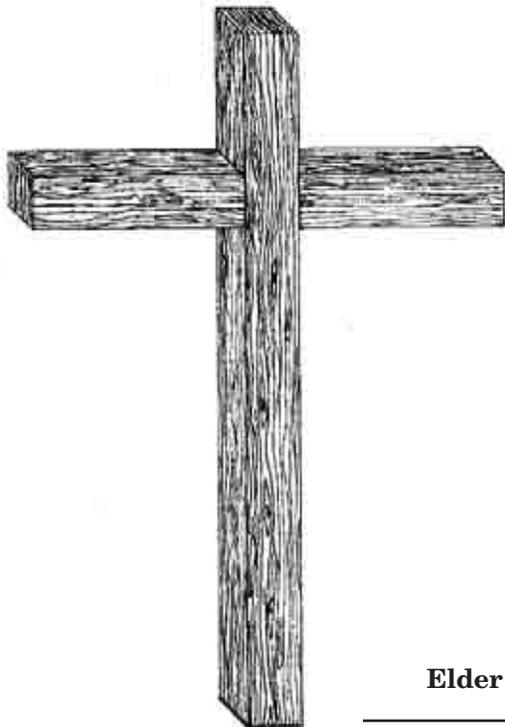
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THE DEATH OF THE MESSIAH

Was it on a CROSS or on a TREE?



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One of the shocking surprises which awaits the diligent Bible student is the knowledge that the pagans were using a “cross” as a symbol of their worship hundreds of years before our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, was put to death. Variations of the cross may be found associated with almost every sun

deity that was ever worshiped. Was our Savior really put to death on a cross? Your Bible holds the answer.

Just recently, in the Holy Land, a corpse of a man was discovered who had been put to death exactly as the New Testament writers describe the death that our Savior suffered.

The surprising thing, which caused consternation among ecclesiastical circles, was that this person appeared to have been put to death in a different manner than the usual “crucifixion” of our Savior depicted in religious art. The criminal had been put to death on a post, with his hands and feet nailed together.

The old rugged WHAT?

Did you know that those shiny crucifixes people wear are actually symbols of **SUN WORSHIP**?

Perhaps this discovery is one of the ways that Yahweh has chosen to substantiate His True message in these last days as He confirms the word of His servants.

The Assemblies of Yahweh teach that our Savior was not executed on a "cross." The word *cross* is entirely foreign to the words which are used in the New Testament for the instrument of torture upon which our Savior was placed. Two words have been translated *cross*, and they are *stauros* and *xulon*. A *stauros* was an upright post, similar to a fence paling, upon which criminals were nailed for execution (with their hands fixed in an upright position over their heads). The word *stauros* means *to drive stakes!* A *xulon* was simply a dead log as distinguished from a green tree. Neither of these words ever mean a piece of manufactured work such as a cross, especially two pieces of timber nailed at right angles to each other. There is nothing in the Greek to even imply two pieces of timber!

The following is a part of the study on "The Cross and Crucifixion," Appendix #162 in the **Companion Bible**. Please study it carefully.

"In the Greek N.T. two words are used for "the cross", on which Yahshua was put to death.

1. The word *stauros*; which denotes an upright pale or stake, to which the criminals were nailed for execution.

2. The word *xulon*, which generally denotes a piece of a dead log of wood, or timber, for fuel or for any other purpose. It is not like dendron, which is used of a living, or green tree, as in Matt. 21:8; Rev. 7:1, 3; 8:7; 9:4, etc.

As this latter word *xulon* is used for the former *stauros*, it shows us that the meaning of each is exactly the same.

The verb *stauroō* means to drive stakes.

Our English word "cross" is the translation of the Latin *crux*; but the Greek *stauros* no more means a *crux* than the word "stick" means a "crutch".

Homer uses the word *stauros* of an ordinary pole or stake, or a single piece of timber. And this is the meaning and usage of the word throughout the Greek classics.

It never means two pieces of timber placed across one another at any angle, but always of one piece alone. Hence the use of the word *xulon* (No. 2, above) in connection with the manner of our Master's death, and rendered "tree" in Acts 5:30; 10:39. Gal. 3:13. 1 Pet. 2:24. This is preserved in our old Eng. name *rod*, or *rod*. See the Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th (Cambridge) ed., vol 7, p. 505d.

There is nothing in the Greek of the N.T. even to imply two pieces of timber.

The letter chi, X, the initial of the word Christ (Χριστός), was originally used for His Name; or XQ. This was

superseded by the symbols ✠ and †, and even the first of these had four equal arms.

These crosses were used as symbols of the Babylonian sun-god, ☉, and are first seen on a coin of Julius Caesar, 100-44 B.C.E., and then on a coin struck by Caesar's heir (Augustus), 20 B.C.E.

On the coins of Constantine the most frequent symbol is ✠; but the same symbol is used without the surrounding circle, and with the four equal arms vertical and horizontal; and this was the symbol specially venerated as the "Solar Wheel". It should be stated that Constantine was a sun-god worshipper, and would not enter the "Church" till some quarter of a century after the legend of his having seen such a cross in the heavens (Eusebius, Vit. Const. I 37).

The evidence is the same as to the pre-Christian (phallic) symbol in Asia, Africa, and Egypt, whether we consult Nineveh by Sir A. H. Layard (ii. 213), or Manners and Customs of the Ancient Egyptians, by Sir J. Gardner Wilkinson, iii. pp. 24, 26, 43, 44, 46, 52, 82, 136.

Dr. Schliemann gives the same evidence in his Ilios (1880), recording his discoveries on the site of prehistoric Troy. See pp. 337, 350, 353, 521, 523.

Dr. Max Ohnefalsch-Richter gives the same evidence from Cyprus; and these are "the oldest extant Phoenician inscriptions"; see his Kypros, the Bible, and Homer: Oriental Civilisation, Art, and Religion in Ancient Times, Plates XIX, XXV, XXVI, XXX, XXXI, XXXII, XL, LVIII, LXIX, etc.

The Catacombs in Rome bear the same testimony: "Yahshua" is never represented there as "hanging on a cross", and the cross itself is only portrayed in a veiled and hesitating manner. In the Egyptian churches the cross was a pagan symbol of life, borrowed by the Christians, and interpreted in the pagan manner. See the Encycl. Brit., 11th (Camb.) ed., vol. 14, p. 273.

In his Letters from Rome Dean Burgon says: "I question whether a cross occurs on any Christian monument of the first four centuries".

In Mrs. Jameson's famous History of our Lord as Exemplified in Works of Art, she says (vol. ii, p. 315): "It must be owned that ancient objects of art, as far as hitherto known, afford no corroboration of the use of the cross in the simple transverse form familiar to us, at any period preceding, or even closely succeeding, the time of Chrysostom"; and Chrysostom wrote half a century after Constantine!

"The Invention of the Cross" by Helena the mother of Constantine (in 326), though it means her finding of the cross, may or may not be true; but the "invention" of it in pre-Christian times, and the "invention" of its use in later times, are truths of which we need to be reminded in the present day. The evidence is thus complete, that Yahshua was put to death upon an upright stake, and not on two pieces of timber placed at any angle." (Sacred Names inserted).

How amazing! Did you notice that there is nothing in the words *stauros* and *xulon* in the **Greek New Testament** to even imply that two timbers were placed at right angles to each other to form an instrument of death? As a matter of fact, the cross first appears in Christian worship several hundred years after the Savior died, and by this date, the Apostolic Assembly had slipped from the pathway of pure Truth. Sun worship had crept in, and with it had come symbols which were venerated by this false idolatry. Believe it or not, much of nominal Christianity today is almost a carbon copy of ancient sun worship.

If you desire more information on the word *cross*, you may check Greek lexicons for the roots to the words *stauros* and *xulon*.

Don't you think that the type of our Savior's execution should have been depicted in the Old Testament Scriptures? The Old Testament is



Above: Depictions of impalement on a *stauros*, a tree or pole. Left: Roman Statue. Right: An illustration from the 16th century.

actually the basis for our Faith. Yahshua the Messiah Himself informs us that He would fulfill a type which appeared in the Old Testament. We read in John 3:14, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." Also, in John 12:32 and 33 we read, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die." How obvious, if we are indeed searching for the Truth! We must return to the Old Testament episode to which we have been directed, when Israel was in the wilderness, to find precedent for our Savior's death and how it was to occur.

In Numbers 21:8 and 9, we learn what took place after Israel had sinned, and Yahweh had sent fiery serpents among the people as punishment, because they were dissatisfied with the *manna* He had provided for them. "And Yahweh said to Moses, Make you a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he sees it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of bronze, and

set it upon the standard: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze, he lived." The word which has been translated *pole* is *nace* in the Hebrew, and the margins of some Bibles say *standard*. There is not even a hint of two pieces of timber placed at right angles to each other. No cross is even implied! The serpent of brass was placed on a pole, a straight stick of wood, just as was our Messiah.

In writing to the Assembly of Yahweh at Galatia, Paul the Apostle points us back to the Old Testament to prove that the Messiah was to take upon Himself the curse for disobedience to the Law of Yahweh which we, the human family, rightfully deserve. Galatians 3:13 reads, "The Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree." Paul was quoting from Deuteronomy 21:22-23 and preaching this passage to the Galatian brethren: "And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree; his body shall not remain all

night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him the same day; for he that is hanged is cursed of Elohim; that you defile not your land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you for an inheritance.”

As you have noticed, the death of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, fulfilled several of the prophecies in this passage. A check of the words used for tree will reveal that *xulon* appears in the Greek and *ets* in the Hebrew (which is defined in Hebrew lexicons as a *tree* or a *piece of wood*). Again, we have ample evidence that our Savior was not executed on a cross.

Religious history proves that the cross was also used in ancient worship as a phallic (sex) symbol. Sex worship among the ancient pagans was very prominent and associated closely with the worship of the sun. Those of you who have taken biology in high school and college will remember that the cross was used to signify the female (depicted like this: ♀). Similarly among the pagans of ancient times, the cross was used as a sign of the female. Our Heavenly Father demands that we destroy all vestiges of pagan worship (Deuteronomy 12:1-3). We must never allow pure scriptural Truth to become mingled with idolatrous worship.

If you would like to learn more about who was, perhaps, the foremost source who introduced an abundance of paganism into the Apostolic Assembly, research the life of Constantine. The Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, was a man of violence, a hardened soldier, who was so terrified that someone would displace him as ruler that he murdered several members of his own family! He was the man, although not yet baptized, who moderated the Council of Nicaea, at which most of the basic scriptural commandments were set aside and were supplanted by the doctrines of pagan sun worship. History informs us that Constantine was a sun worshiper all his life, and only on his deathbed was he baptized into Christianity. When he supposedly saw the vision of a cross coming out of the sun with the attached inscription, *In hoc signo vinces* (In this sign conquer) while leading his Roman army, he was a sun worshiper and would certainly have interpreted this pseudo-vision in the light of the doctrines which he then believed. However, this pagan error has been enlarged and glamorized by Christianity, until today it is believed as a miraculous truth. Should we revere the cross? Just think about this for a moment. If our Savior had been executed by

hanging, would we sing lyrics to the “Old Hangman’s Noose”? Had Yahshua been put to death by cyanide, would we sing praises to the “Old Gas Chamber”? Ridiculous! It is absolutely meaningless to sing praises to anything but to Him to Whom we owe our everlasting salvation.

The word *crucifixion* should be eliminated from our vocabulary also, since it is foreign to True Worship. Some of the writers, in describing the death of Messiah, use *impalement*. I have found that a more accurate term to use is *transfix*, since *impalement* denotes a *thrusting through*. *Execution* would also be a proper term to use.

Are you a dedicated, sincere, True Worshiper? Are you humble enough to reject error when you find it and begin to believe the Truth? The Word of Yahweh has corrected us! Will you brush it aside lightly and continue to allow your worship to be leavened by the contamination of pagan error? If we do, we may find ourselves outside the Kingdom, in company with the rejected group of people described in Revelation 22:15, a list which includes those who **love** and **make** a **lie**. May Almighty Yahweh give you the understanding to follow the narrow pathway of Truth. SNB

Each spring, on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first scriptural month, True Worshipers enter into a communion with Almighty Yahweh through the Passover Memorial service. It is through the shed blood and atoning sacrifice of our Messiah Yahshua, commemorated with the Passover emblems, that we are granted redemption of life eternal.

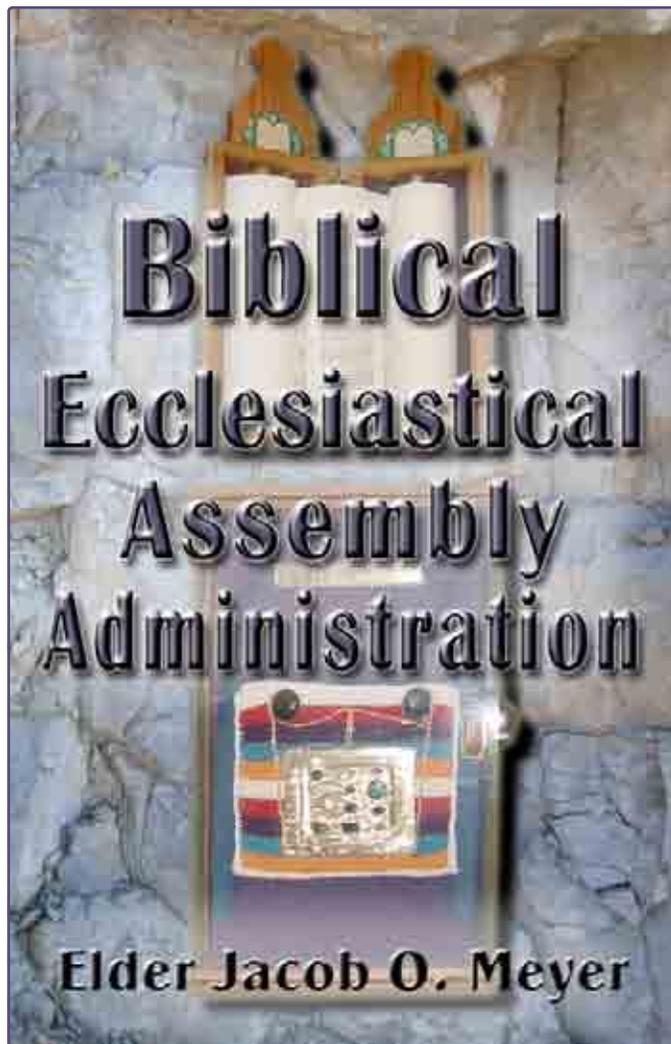
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