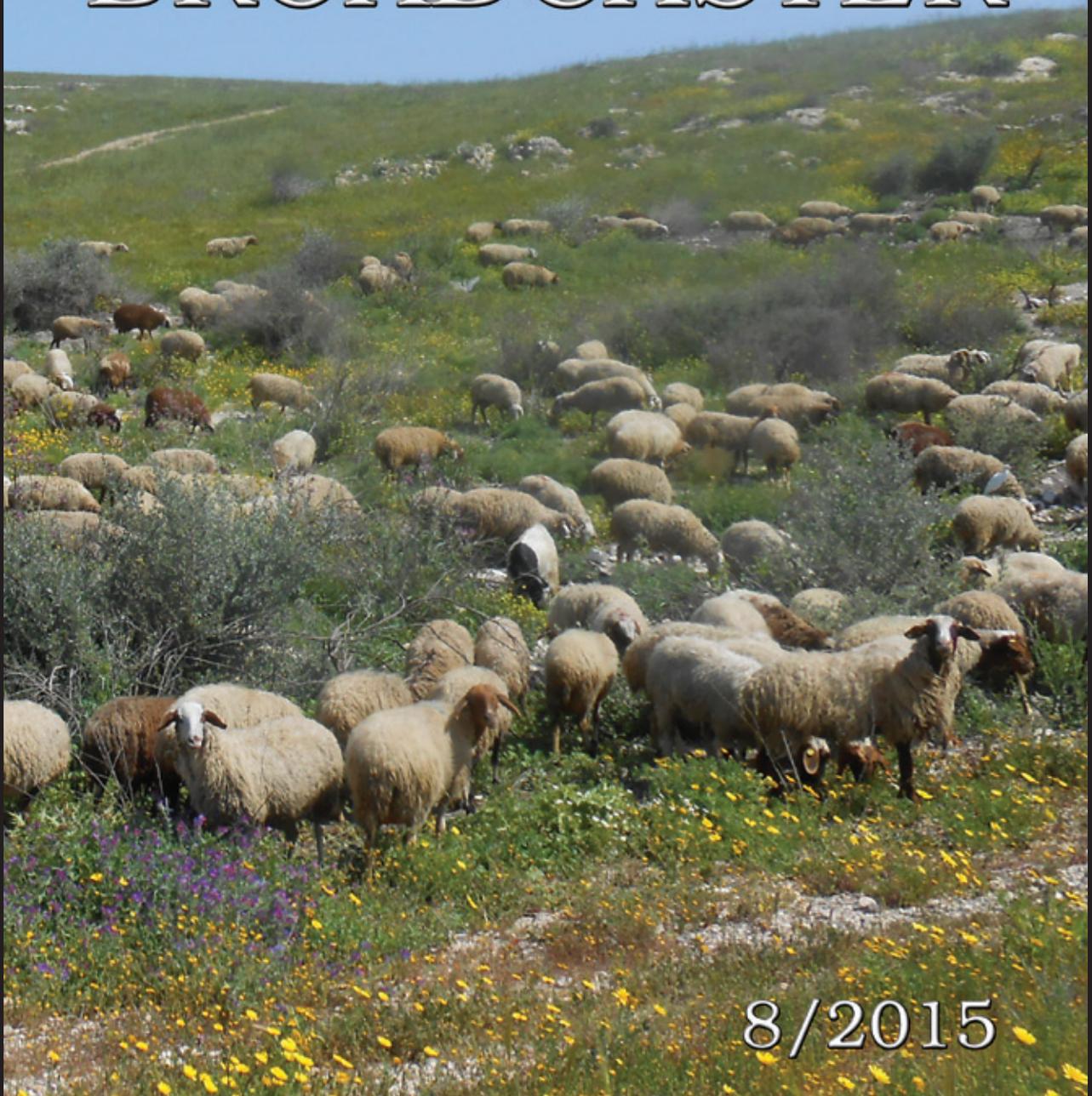


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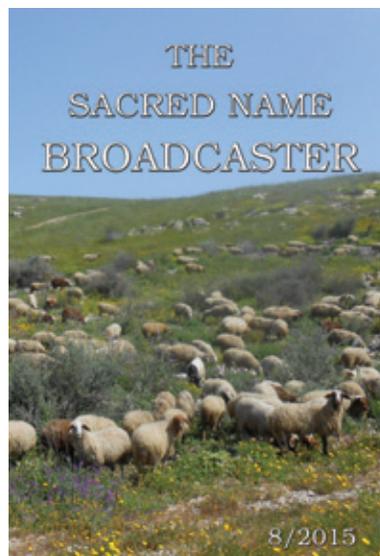
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Our Cover:

Our cover this month depicts a flock of sheep in southern Israel. The metaphor that we are the sheep in Yahweh's pasture is one that resonates throughout the Scriptures.

Other sheep must be brought into the fold by the Good Shepherd, that we may be one flock with one shepherd. The lost sheep, who have gone astray, also, Yahshua will retrieve from the wilderness to carry back to the flock with great rejoicing.

“And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety-nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.” (Luke 15:6-7).



THE Great Physician STILL HEALS

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

The world today seems saturated with an increasing volume of sickness and pain. People are asking, "Why?" While science has given people of our time many luxuries of life, it seems that we cannot depend upon science to insure good health. Cancer, heart disease, arthritis, and other debilitating diseases remain unsolved physical mysteries, although others seem to have been eradicated.

It is an established biblical fact that healing is one aspect, one segment, in the plan of salvation. In the Old Testament, Yahweh's prophets performed healing miracles. Yahshua the Messiah, as the greatest prophet who ever lived, announced the Kingdom of Yahweh to come to this earth with a healing ministry. His Apostles continued to perform miraculous acts of healing following His ascension. Later, in various historical records describ-

ing the early Assembly, healings continued to take place. But for some reason, physical healing power, alongside spiritual renewal, remains largely ignored.

Today, we rapidly approach the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah, and, as the power of Almighty Yahweh again manifests itself in our midst, we are now, again, beginning to see healings and miraculous cures among True Worshipers.

Many people throughout this world are sick and dying at a young age. They are crying out for relief from their pain. Recently, the obituary pages of our local paper carried reports of people dying in their 40s, 50s, and 60s. Many of them are dying at a young age rather than attaining to the three-score and ten that Yahweh has allotted to us, or fourscore or more if we maintain good health, as Psalm 90 has promised. Frequently, we see reports of

people succumbing from cancer at 20 or 30 years of age. Should such deaths be necessary?

In scanning through the **International Standard Bible Encyclopedia** for their comments on the subject of healing, the editors set forth the conclusion that healing of sickness is still, today, a very viable power and should be a part of the ministry of Truth. Other authors support this conviction, while modern liberalism denies such power will function in our time.

Let us look objectively at the Scriptures to understand what the Bible says on the subject of healing. That subject recently came under discussion in our membership publication magazine, **The Narrow Way**. There we showed that the ordained elders have not been as faithful in following this aspect of the Word as we should have been. Yahshua the Messiah commissioned heal-

ing. The ordained elders have been given the responsibility of healing or curing. Although we have anointed people for healing as Jacob (James) directed, we have not followed his directions to the letter.

In Matthew 10:7-8, we see how Yahshua sent out His 12 chosen disciples. Yahshua said, “...**As you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely you received, freely give.**” This commission Almighty Yahweh, through Yahshua the Messiah, has certainly extended to all of His chosen servants in all ages. First, the 12 disciples received it in Matthew 10; then, in Luke 10 practically the same instruction is given to the 70 elders when Yahshua sent out this expanded group of disciples. In Luke 10:8-9 we read, “**And into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are in it, and say to them, The kingdom of Yahweh has come near to you.**” Obviously, healing authority represents a sign that the Kingdom of Yahweh has drawn near; those who preach the message of the Kingdom will do as Yahshua commanded. The reviving power of Yahweh’s Kingdom message will be confirmed among those who sincerely are preparing themselves to have a part in it.

We have seen that Yahshua gave this commission, first to the 12, and then to the 70. Finally, He conveys it to all those who believe on Him. In Mark 16:15-18, we find, “**And he said to them, Go you into all**

the world, and preach the good tidings to the whole creation. He that believes and is immersed shall be saved; but he that disbelieves shall be condemned. And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new languages; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Of course, we must believe what the sacred Word says: that healing is a part of this end-time ministry must be forthrightly acknowledged. “**To all those who believe**” means that Yahweh’s select group of True Worshipers will receive the blessing of healing manifest in their midst. Having healed the sick in His time—2,000 years ago—Yahshua the Messiah, as Head of the Body, will also heal the sick again, in our time, just as He promised.

Yahshua the Messiah healed many times in His ministry. But let us take careful notice to something He customarily said at that time. Beginning in Matthew 9:20-22, we shall look at two healings to ascertain His method.

“And behold, a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: for she said within herself, If I do but touch his garment, I shall be made whole. But Yahshua turning and seeing her said, Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you whole. And the woman was made whole

from that hour.”

Notice Yahshua’s mention of faith in regard to healing. To a large extent, healing depends upon faith. In this instance, Yahshua didn’t know that a sufferer was being healed. She had the faith to come to Him. She slipped up behind Him as the crowds were pressing upon Him, and touched the hem of His garment. Yahshua said, “**Your faith has made you whole.**”

The next incident closely follows. When Yahshua came into the ruler’s house, of course, this little child was already dead. When He pronounced the little girl only to be sleeping, those around the bier mocked Him. After He had put those out of the room, He then took her by the hand. With His power, the girl was immediately resurrected from the dead. Someone other than the deceased had the faith necessary for her physical renewal. Now notice yet another healing in verse 29: “**Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it done to you.**”

The Danger in Doubt

All of us should clearly understand that those who claim Yahweh’s healing **MUST** have the necessary faith. “**According to your faith, be it unto you.**” What happened after the blind men acknowledged their faith? Their eyes were opened! They had sufficient faith to ask of the powerful Messiah—to request His prayer for them—Yahshua’s intervention on their behalf.

In Matthew 17:20, we learn, “**And he says to them, Because of your little faith: for truly I say to you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, Remove from here to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you.**”

Looking carefully at the passage, we see that when Yahshua’s disciples were asked to cure the demented young man, they were unable to do so. The word *cure* in the Greek has a different meaning than *heal*.

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Do we at all doubt Yahweh's power to heal when we ask for anointing, or a prayer, from the elders and the brotherhood? Do we really trust Yahweh, or is such a prayer request merely something we feel we must do?



The Greek word *therapeuo* (#2323) means to *relieve of disease*. This can be done by administering some kind of remedy or, as Yahshua did, by a miraculous act. This Greek word forms the root of our English word *therapy*.

Yahshua said to them, ***“Oh faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I bear with you?”*** He said, ***“Bring [the young child] to me”*** and He rebuked the demon, and he departed out of him and the child was cured. Yahshua could cure not merely by using a therapeutic remedy, but He could cure instantaneously and miraculously. We must understand this truth from this passage.

Anxiously, Yahshua's disciples asked their teacher why they couldn't cast out this evil spirit. Yahshua said, ***“Because of your little faith: for truly I say to you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed....”*** How large a volume of faith do we need to be able to heal? How much faith must the sick one have to be healed? What volume of faith can we determine to be equal in size to a grain of mustard seed? Visibly, materially, a mustard seed comprises merely a small, minute substance. Yahshua declared that our faith need only be as sizeable as a small mustard seed to accomplish great things. With so much faith, we can say to a mountain, “Remove to some other

place,” and it will certainly be done.

He says, ***“But this kind goes not but save by prayer and fasting.”*** Some tenacious demons roaming the world will seize control of the people, if possible. Yahshua, with His great power, was able to cast out immediately such unclean spirits. That same hour, that very hour, it happened, the inspired Word confirms. Perhaps Yahweh's people today don't have sufficient power and faith, so we also must resort to a program of prayer and fasting. It is imperative that we increase our faith in Yahweh by maintaining close communication with Him.

Fasting symbolizes a release, as we know from Isaiah 58. Leviticus 25 clearly shows that same thing, because on the Day of Atonement, Yahweh's annual fast day, people are released—allowed to return again to their rightful possessions with all debts forgiven.

In Matthew 21:21, Yahshua again discourses on the subject of faith. ***“And Yahshua answered and said to them, Truly I say to you, If you have faith, and doubt not, you shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if you shall say to this mountain, Be you taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done.”***

“If you have faith and doubt not,” Yahshua said. I'd like to ask the question: Do we at all doubt Yahweh's power to heal when we

ask for anointing, or a prayer, from the elders and the brotherhood? Do we really trust Yahweh, or is such a prayer request merely something we feel we must do? We will not receive the blessing Yahshua has in store for us if we are doubtful. ***“And all things whatever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.”*** How many people say, “Well, if the prayer doesn't work, I'll try something else.”

They should, first of all, ask Yahweh to heal them and have implicit faith in Him to heal when they are sick. Many times, as seen in various biblical passages, Yahweh tells them to do something for themselves in addition to prayer. Yahweh will bring such a necessary remedy to our attention if our bodies lack a certain necessary element. But, first of all, we must believe (without a shadow of doubt) that Yahweh will heal us. If one has faith and does not doubt, it will be done. But how many people doubt in mind and heart? How many people today even kneel down to ask Yahweh to heal them? Why are some people reticent to kneel to pray to Yahweh, or ask the elders and the brotherhood to intercede on their behalf?

We must ask the question: “Who causes disease?” In Acts 10:38, Yahshua the Messiah is described as He preached the Glad Tidings of the Kingdom: ***“...Even Yahshua of Nazareth, how Yahweh anointed***

him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil; for Yahweh was with him." Sickness constitutes the oppression of the Devil, according to the author Luke. Yahweh allows sickness too, but such sickness is designed to serve a purpose, as in the case of Job, for example.

Consequently, the Scriptures inform us that it is Satan the Devil who caused disease. His rebellion against Yahweh's government made this human race spiritually and physically sick. One of the curses for sin that Yahweh placed upon man was that the earth would no longer yield its strengthening nourishment to humans (Genesis 3:17-19, 4:12). As the people of Yahweh who desire health, we must spurn Satan the Devil and rid ourselves of his degenerating influence. By returning to Yahweh and keeping His commandments, we will receive His blessings (Ezekiel 18:29-32). *"Yet says the house of Israel, The way of Yahweh is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Sovereign Yahweh. Return and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies, says the Sovereign Yahweh: therefore turn yourselves, and live."*

When Israel came out of Egypt, they had been overworked and undernourished. Yahweh instructed them that should they become sick, He would heal them.

"And he cried to Yahweh; and Yahweh showed him a tree, and he threw it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet.

One of the blessings for keeping Yahweh's Covenant is healing, taking sickness away from the midst of His people, allowing all True Worshipers to live out our full age.

There he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them; and he said, If you will diligently listen to the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, and will do that which is right in his eyes, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you, which I have put on the Egyptians: for I am Yahweh who heals you." (Exodus 15:25-26).

Notice the title that Yahweh attaches to His Name in this passage. "I am *Yahweh Ropheka*." The Hebrew word *Rapha* (#7495 in **Strong's Concordance**) means a *physician*. "**I am Yahweh who is your physician.**" By what standard does Yahweh judge you worthy to be healed? If you will diligently listen to the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, and do that which is right in His sight and will give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, Yahweh will hear your prayer and heal you.

How does Satan the Devil bring disease and oppression upon people? He finds a way to implant doubt in their minds, just like he did to our progenitor Eve. He implants doubt in human minds, so that we begin

to doubt Yahweh. Doubting Yahweh, we will weaken and liberalize the keeping of His commandments. Those who doubt will soon reject the keeping of Yahweh's statutes, renouncing His authority over them. Then they will sin by not keeping His commandments. *"Do you not know, that to whom you present yourselves as servants to obedience, his servants you are whom you obey; whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?"* (Romans 6:16). It is sin that separates between Yahweh and the Adamic race. *"... But your iniquities have separated between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear."* (Isaiah 59:2).

He says, *"I will put none of the diseases on you, which I have put on the Egyptians: for I am Yahweh your physician (ropheka)."* Remember that *Rapha* in the Hebrew means *physician*, your doctor, healer, or curer. So here we find a clear directive from Almighty Yahweh explaining how we may be healed. Keep His commandments, statutes, judgments, obey Him completely, and He will cure our illnesses.

The Medical Profession

In Exodus 23:24, we learn that Yahweh has made the terms of His Covenant reciprocal. He doesn't burden us with a load of terms and conditions and then not do anything for us. He says in verse 24, *"You shall not bow down to their elo-him..."* Many doctors demand from their patients utmost subservience (like a mighty one, Elohim) bordering on infallibility.

Many appear to want such honor that is accorded only to a mighty one. They will remark, "Don't question me!" If you must consult a physician for some reason, ask them questions. If they become irritated, ask them even more penetrating questions. If a doctor is ever going to treat me, I want to know exactly what he is doing to me. I will ask

why—and all of the other related questions—and demand answers. This is my body they are dealing with, and I'm not going to give someone else unlimited latitude to make decisions without asking a lot of probing questions and knowing definitely, absolutely, that he is doing the right thing. Currently, reputable physicians suggest that their patients obtain a second opinion to ensure peace of mind.

The Hippocratic Oath, composed by Hippocrates (an early physician), forms the basis for the current doctor's oath. Since Hippocrates was a pagan, he dedicated his efforts to "Apollo and the mighty ones." Did you know that? Even though most physicians today take the pledge called the "Declaration of Geneva, 1948," some schools continue to use the Hippocratic Oath. But Yahweh Rapha is not mentioned, except to be included (as in Acts 17:23) under the general term *all the elohim*.

It is no secret that, in ancient Greek mythology, the first physicians were the priests of Aesculapius. His symbol was a serpent—a snake, believe it or not! "***You shall not bow down to their elohim, or serve them, or do after their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them, and break in pieces their pillars*** [even the caduceus]. ***And you shall serve Yahweh your Elohim, and he will bless your bread, and your water; and I will take sickness away from among you. There shall none cast her young, nor be barren, in your land: the number of your days I will fulfill.***" (Exodus 23:24-26). Those are reliable promises for everyone who obeys Yahweh and serves Him, those who refuse to bow down to the elohim of the nations, whether humans or idols.

The Blessings and Curses

Yahweh says, "***I will bless your bread and your water, and will take sickness away from the middle of you.***" That is a promise. Now, do you have the faith to accept

it and live by it?

Yahweh faithfully promised us that when we worship Him and spurn other mighty ones, when we keep His sabbaths, when we eat a biblically controlled diet, He will take sickness away from the midst of His Assembly. What applied to ancient Israel also, today, applies to

the Assemblies of Yahweh. "***There shall none cast her young, nor be barren, in your land: the number of your days I will fulfill.***" Yahweh will bring His obedient people to the three-score and ten mark, and even beyond, because they will be healthy. I am trusting Yahweh to do this in my life. That is why I am faithfully

Ancient Hippocratic Oath

I swear by Apollo the physician by Aesculapius, by Hygeia, Panacea, and all the g-ds and g-ddesses, that, according to my best ability and judgment, I will keep this oath and stipulation; to reckon him who taught me this art equally dear to me as my parents; to share my substance with him and relieve his necessities if required; to regard his offspring as on the some footing as my own brothers, and to teach them this art if they shall wish to learn it, without fee or stipulation, and that by precept, oral teaching, and every other mode of instruction, I will impart a knowledge of the art to my own sons and to those of my teachers, and to disciples bound by a stipulation and oath, according to the law of medicine, but to no others.

I will follow that method of treatment, which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous. I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; furthermore, I will not give to a woman an instrument to produce abortion.

With purity and with holiness I will pass my life and practice my art. I will not cut a person who is suffering with a stone, but will leave this to be done by practitioners of this work. Into whatever houses I enter I will go into them for the benefit of the sick and will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief and corruption, and further, from the seduction of females, or males, bond or free.

Whatever in connection with my professional practice, or not in connection with it, I may see or hear in the lives of men which ought not to be spoken abroad, I will not divulge, as reckoning that all such should be kept secret.

While I continue to keep this oath inviolate, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of my art, respected always by men, but should I trespass and violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot.



According to your faith
be it done to you.

keeping His commandments with the help of the Holy Spirit. His Word can be relied upon and trusted, but we must exercise a living Faith.

In Leviticus 26 is listed the curses Yahweh brings upon the disobedient. It is startling to read again the severity of the curses that Yahweh lays upon the disobedient. Note verse 16, ***“I also will do this to you: I will appoint terror over you, even consumption and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and consume the soul; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.”***

A little later in the chapter, in verse 25, He says, ***“And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant; and you shall be gathered together within your cities: and I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall***

be delivered into the hand of the enemy.”

The message comes through more plainly in Deuteronomy 28, where we read in verse 21, ***“Yahweh will make the pestilence hold fast to you, until he has consumed you from off the land, which you go in to possess.”*** Also in verse 27, ***“Yahweh will afflict you with the boil of Egypt, and with the tumors, and with the scab, and with the itch, of which you cannot be healed.”***

Yahweh certainly has fulfilled His promised judgment with more to come. In America today, many people are suffering the very evidence of the cursing that Yahweh has promised to bring upon the human race.

Look carefully again at that passage in Deuteronomy 28. What do you see? These curses are pronounced upon a people who do not

keep Yahweh’s commandments. In verse 15, ***“But it shall come to pass, if you will not listen to the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you this day, that all these curses shall come upon you, and overtake you.”*** Yahweh wants the people of His Assembly to be a strong, healthy people. This will be a sign and example to the people of the world regarding the power He holds and the veracity of His Laws.

Passages from the book of Psalms greatly encourage the True Worshiper. One such passage is Psalm 105:37. ***“And he brought them forth with silver and gold; and there was not one feeble person among his tribes.”*** Now you may see more candidly why we find something like Exodus 15:25-26. When Moses took the branch and threw it into the water, the leaves of the tree (natural remedies), along with Yahweh’s healing power, will heal the sick. Yahweh became Israel’s physician, and, therefore, Israel became a physically strong people from then on so they could conquer the Holy Land. Yahweh was blessing them. By obedience to Him, they would prevail and be stronger than their enemies.

We now want to tie all of the preceding Scriptures together. Satan causes people to doubt Yahweh; Satan influences people to rebel against the keeping of Yahweh’s commandments. If we obediently keep His commandments, Yahweh has promised to be our physician. He will heal us if we do become ill. He has faithfully promised to do that. One of the blessings for keeping Yahweh’s Covenant is healing, taking sickness away from the midst of His people, allowing all True Worshipers to live out our full age.

How many those who become ill be healed? Jacob, the overseer of the Jerusalem Assembly who succeeded Peter, tells us what to do. Jacob (James) 5:13, ***“Is any among you suffering?”*** The term *affliction* in its root means to *suffer hardship*,

to suffer evil, to be strengthless. Is any among you strengthless (suffering hardship or illness)? **“Let him pray.”** The first thing to do when you encounter a physical problem is to pray. We are all physical; we’re still very human, physical (carnal or fleshly, in a temporal sense). We have human bodies that are inherently weak, and there is a possibility that we will sometimes get sick. The first thing we must do in such event is to pray. Pray first. Don’t run to the medicine cabinet first and then, later, remember to pray to Yahweh for healing.

Here is a personal experience. One night I had such a bad cold that I was very congested in my chest. I arose and knelt by the bed, praying to Yahweh for healing. Suddenly in my mind I thought, *“There is Vicks Vaporub in the closet. Put some on.”* So, I did that and within a short time my breathing returned practically to normal. I was able to sleep soundly, rest, and then go to work at the office the next morning. It was the power of Yahweh that healed. He brought to my attention that I could use some of His creation to bring my body back into harmony with health.

Later on, we will see that Yahweh’s power indeed works hand-in-hand with His creation. When we separate between Yahweh’s power and the healing substances that He created, people find themselves weak—strengthless. Let us remember that a human body cannot be healed unless Yahweh the Healer performs this strengthening.

Proper Healing Procedures

Is any among you afflicted? Jacob tells us to pray first in such a situation. Before we do anything else, we must ask Yahweh to heal us. **“Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly; and let them pray over him, anointing**

him with oil in the name of Yahweh....” (Jacob 5:13-14).

One of the most important aspects of healing is that Yahweh conferred this power of healing upon the Elders of the Assembly. He has conferred that power upon those who preach His Word. **“...Let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of Yahweh....”** The oil represents the Name of Yahweh. **“Your oils have a good fragrance; your name is as oil poured forth; therefore do the virgins love you.”** (Song of Solomon 1:3).

The person who develops an illness should call for the elders to pray over and with that person. They will join their hearts in heart-rending petition to Yahweh together with the sick one. Such united prayer represents the request of more than one witness. If you pray personally and are not immediately healed, the next step you should take is ask others to join you in prayer. The ordained elders are supposed to join that sick person in praying, and they, in turn, may ask the members of the congregation to join with them.

The elders are directed to anoint the sick person with oil in the Name of Yahweh. Why? Because Yahweh has given us His promises in His Word. He has attached His Name to the terms of His Covenant and, therefore, when someone fulfills that Covenant with Yahweh, we may expect blessings from Him. He said, **“I will take sickness away from the middle of you.”** We must believe this promise of Yahweh’s intention.

The prayer of faith shall save the sick. Here is where the elders exercise great faith and put some of the oil—representing the Covenant Name—on the head of the sick one while petitioning Yahweh for him. They are to hold a living faith in their hearts. The anointing oil, representing Yahweh’s Name (Song of Solomon 1:3), will remind Yahweh of the promises that He has made. The sick one must accept that oil as a sign that he embraces the terms of Yahweh’s Covenant and trusts

in the Mighty One who made that Covenant.

Sin, Forgiveness, Obedience

“The prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and Yahweh shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.” (Jacob 5:15). Here, we must confess, is where the elders of the Assemblies of Yahweh have fallen short in times past. We haven’t asked the sick person, reminded the person, to confess his sins to Yahweh before healing can take place. Sin, you will remember, is the transgression of Yahweh’s Law. We have inaugurated a policy of reading some of these very Scriptures to those people before we anoint them. We do not simply anoint people indiscriminately. We want to know if that person has gotten down on his knees and forthrightly confessed his sins to Yahweh. Sometimes in the past, reports have reached us that people who weren’t healed blamed the elders, when, in actuality, it was the sick person’s responsibility. Yahweh will not come to the aid of a person who continues to commit sin.

Almighty Yahweh can and does heal sincere people. I believe that; I trust Him for that. Notice Jacob 5:19 again. If some member has sinned against another in Yahweh’s Assembly, then he should go to that person and confess his faults. If you have sinned against Yahweh, you are required to confess your faults to Yahweh and repent so He will heal you.

We have already seen one of the passages coming clearly to our attention—Isaiah 59:1, **“Behold, Yahweh’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear....”** Yahweh has not cut off His arm. He is still as powerful as He always was. He hasn’t plugged up His ears, nor is He sleeping! No, His arm and His hand are just as powerful and outstretched as they EVER were. His ear is not heavy; it will hear.

What is the problem then? ***“...Your iniquities have separated between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear.”*** Let us never forget that penetrating thought! Sin separates between Yahweh and His people. Sin is the corruption that will produce sickness, because Satan the Devil has then caused that person to doubt his obedience to the terms of Yahweh’s Covenant. He has caused the sinner to doubt the power of Yahweh to enforce His Word. Satan can oppress such people, because Yahweh will withdraw His blessings from the sinners. They will then be under bondage to disobedience, sin, and death.

“Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man avails much in its working.” (Jacob 5:16). That is why the elders ask the brotherhood to join us in prayer for those deserving ones who desire healing. For this reason, we maintain a published prayer list. ***“The effectual, fervent prayer,”*** Jacob says. We must pray fervently, a deep, believing prayer for the sick who confess their sins to Yahweh. We ourselves who pray must be righteous in Yahweh’s sight. EliYah was a man subject to like passions, as we are. He wasn’t some giant, or some kind of bionic man. No, he was a human being just like we are. He was able to pray and stop the rain,

producing an extended drought. Then, he prayed again, and the rains came after the three and a half years of drought. This is what Jacob wanted us to understand. We have access to the same power that EliYah had. All that we have to do is attach ourselves to that boundless Holy Spirit power by obedience to Yahweh’s commandments, Acts 5:32.

“My brethren, if any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he who converts a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.” That is why He directs us to confess our faults, and, then, pray for one another. Yahshua the Messiah exercised that miraculous healing power. Yahshua’s healing power came from Yahweh, because He was obedient.

“And all the multitude sought to touch him; for power came forth from him, and healed them all.” (Luke 6:19). The people came to Him as He was preaching, desiring to hear His messages and be healed of their diseases. Those who were vexed of unclean spirits were healed. The whole multitude sought to touch Him, and there went virtue out of Him. That virtue refers to goodness, righteousness, and the dynamic power connected with them, because Yahshua was Yahweh’s Son.

We must sincerely and diligently serve Yahweh and obey His Commandments, not minimizing any

single one of His statutes and judgments. Do we minimize Yahweh’s dietary laws? I am getting hesitant about eating at public restaurants. All kinds of food items that are not biblically clean are being cooked on restaurant stoves. If you are an unconverted cook, it doesn’t matter when stirring bacon with a spatula that you also flip hotcakes that will be eaten by the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh. Should we not follow Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14? Note 2 Corinthians 6:18 where it tells us not to touch the unclean.

In Luke 8:45-46 and Mark 5:30, we see again that virtue went out from Yahshua and healed people. We must remember that those who hope to heal must be virtuous, righteous, upright, pious people. Almighty Yahweh will heal those who are in need when they use the proper methods He used. We, today, in the Assemblies of Yahweh, are on the verge of doing great miracles. ***“Bless Yahweh, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless Yahweh, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases....”*** (Psalm 103:1-3).

Not every sickness comes from sin. Yahshua said that. Yahshua was asked whose sin was responsible for the blindness suffered by the young man, ***“And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned,***

If our bodies came from the ground, and we obtain our strength from there, it seems only proper that we can derive extra strength to recover from an illness by what we eat.



this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind? Yahshua answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of Yahweh should be made manifest in him." (John 9:1-3).

But many times, we must conclude that Yahweh has allowed sickness to fall upon us because of sin. The glory of Yahweh is also revealed in healing. Sickness can be caused by either a spiritual or a physical sin against our own bodies. Not enough good food—or the wrong kind of food—or not enough proper rest, constitutes a sin against our physical bodies. Our bodies are Yahweh's creation, and we must carefully preserve them, because they are fallible.

Yahweh shortened the daylight hours during the winter months for a reason, so that we would take more rest and not be as active when it is cold. As a young boy, while living on the farm, our family would go to bed at 9 or 9:30 p.m. each night during the winter time and be in bed until almost 7:00 in the morning. We often ate lots of onions (which provided us with a natural antibiotic), along with fried cornmeal mush. Electricity has been one of the greatest means to spread disease ever invented, because now we just keep working hard, winter and summer. Years ago, we would be getting a needed rest when our bodily resistance was naturally lowered. More rest gave us more resistance against disease.

Psalms 103:3 in context reads ***"Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases...."*** When you take that in relationship with what Jacob says, this message comes through very clearly. Confess your faults and sins to Yahweh so He can heal you. Don't continue to separate yourself from the source of healing power through your sins.

"Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfies your desire with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle." Psalm 103:4-5. This passage clearly

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says that Yahweh will renew the youth of His obedient child like the eagles. Yahweh wants us to have the blessing of good health, so we can enjoy our use of His earth.

In Psalm 107:20, ***"He sends his word, and heals them, and delivers them from their destructions."*** Yahweh sends out His Word. This surely means that He wished His Word to be obeyed. We can respect it, or spurn and reject it, only to suffer for that rejection. Satan tries to implant doubts in people's minds that will influence them to reject the Word of Yahweh, thereby no blessing awaits the disobedient.

"He sends his word, and heals them." He promised this in Exodus 15:25-26, where He directed that those who desire healing must obey His commandments. Yahweh heals repentant sinners.

I'd next like us to direct our scrutiny toward faith, the most necessary ingredient for healing. Notice the act of faith necessary for healing in 2 Kings 5. Naaman had traveled from Syria to Israel at the suggestion of his slave girl who had told him of the great prophet living there who could surely heal him.

He went to Israel to consult the prophet Elisha, who told Naaman to go wash himself seven times in the Jordan River. Is your faith going to be strong enough to go to that river and wash seven times? Elisha gave Naaman a physical act to perform. Rarely does Yahweh confer healing by a word. In this case with Naaman, it was the same. He had to do something to receive the bless-

ing. *"Why should I come over here and wash in the Jordan? There are satisfactory rivers in Syria. I would have thought that Elisha would have come out and merely waved his hand over the leprosy or called on the Name of Yahweh."* The servants urged reconsideration. *"If there is a possibility that you'll be healed then you'd better do it. Don't let Elisha's instructions anger you."* So Naaman performed the physical act, demonstrating faith. Indeed, faith without works is dead, Jacob 2:26.

He was healed, certainly, but he had to express sufficient faith that took him to the Jordan for the special seven-fold bath. The Jordan River doesn't have miraculous healing powers different from that of other rivers. But Elisha chose to send Naaman there to test his faith. Also, Naaman had to wash again and again and again—repeating the act seven times. How often do we persist when the healing doesn't take place the first time? If we ask in prayer, or take a natural remedy, do we expect a miracle immediately, or do we repeat the process seven times (or even 77 times), if necessary.

In John chapter 9 is found a very interesting episode. Yahshua anointed the eyes of a man who was born blind, making clay mixed from dust and spittle. ***"Go and wash in the pool of Siloam,"*** He directed the blind man. He sent him to do something, a physical act to test his faith. ***"He went away therefore, and washed, and came seeing."*** He, like Naaman, also could have demurred. *"Yahshua could have said the word and I would have been healed right here,"* he could have concluded. *"Why make me do something?"* But Yahshua wanted to test his faith to determine how badly this man wanted to see. The blind man meekly and humbly obeyed—and he was healed.

Years ago, I knew a lady living in Oregon; at that time she was in her late 60s. She developed such a severe cancer, that, when the doctors operated on her, they closed her up again and told her that there



AND NOW, YAHWEH, look upon their threatenings: and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch forth your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy Servant Yahshua. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken in which they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of Yahweh with boldness.

~ ACTS 4:29-31

was nothing they could do for her. “Go home and die,” they said. “You can’t live more than three weeks to a month.” She was so sick that she was unable to retain and digest any food. She prayed first and then asked the people of Yahweh to pray for her. While she was lying on her bed of affliction she thought, “I love life and think I can still be useful.” The thought then came to her to begin using grape juice. She obtained some, but, at first, could only hold down a tablespoonful! Nevertheless, she kept on taking it persistently. Soon, she could consume more, and shortly, she passed fibrous tumors. She eventually had another operation for another reason, and the doctors were amazed to tell her that her stomach and intestines showed signs of great previous injury, a lot of scar tissue. They expressed surprise that with such severe cancer she hadn’t died. “Now you are totally healed from the cancer,” they said, calling her their miracle patient.

The point I want to make is that Yahshua (and the prophets of the Old Testament) didn’t simply snap His fingers and heal everyone. He told some of them to do something to test their faith. Elisha told Naaman to wash in the River Jordan. Yahshua told the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam. Isaiah told those who nursed Hezekiah to put a fig cake on his boil. Each one of these is an act of faith.

Yahshua healed a woman on

the Sabbath who needed a release from the bonds of Satan—a physical problem, Luke 13:10-17. Shouldn’t that happen on the Sabbath, since the Sabbath represents a day of release (from a week of labor)? In John 9, the blind man’s eyes were also opened by Yahshua on the Sabbath. We hope for a release in Yahweh’s Millennial Sabbath Day—the Kingdom of Yahweh—to have the veil of blindness totally removed when all the earth sees Yahshua. This healing actually served as a sign to the people, because, during the Millennium, life will be completely different than in this Babylonish system, Isaiah 35:5-6.

The Pharisees insisted that Yahshua could not be the Son of Yahweh, because they thought He broke the Sabbath. They realized that one who does not keep the Sabbath cannot heal. The man healed of blindness was questioned intensely.

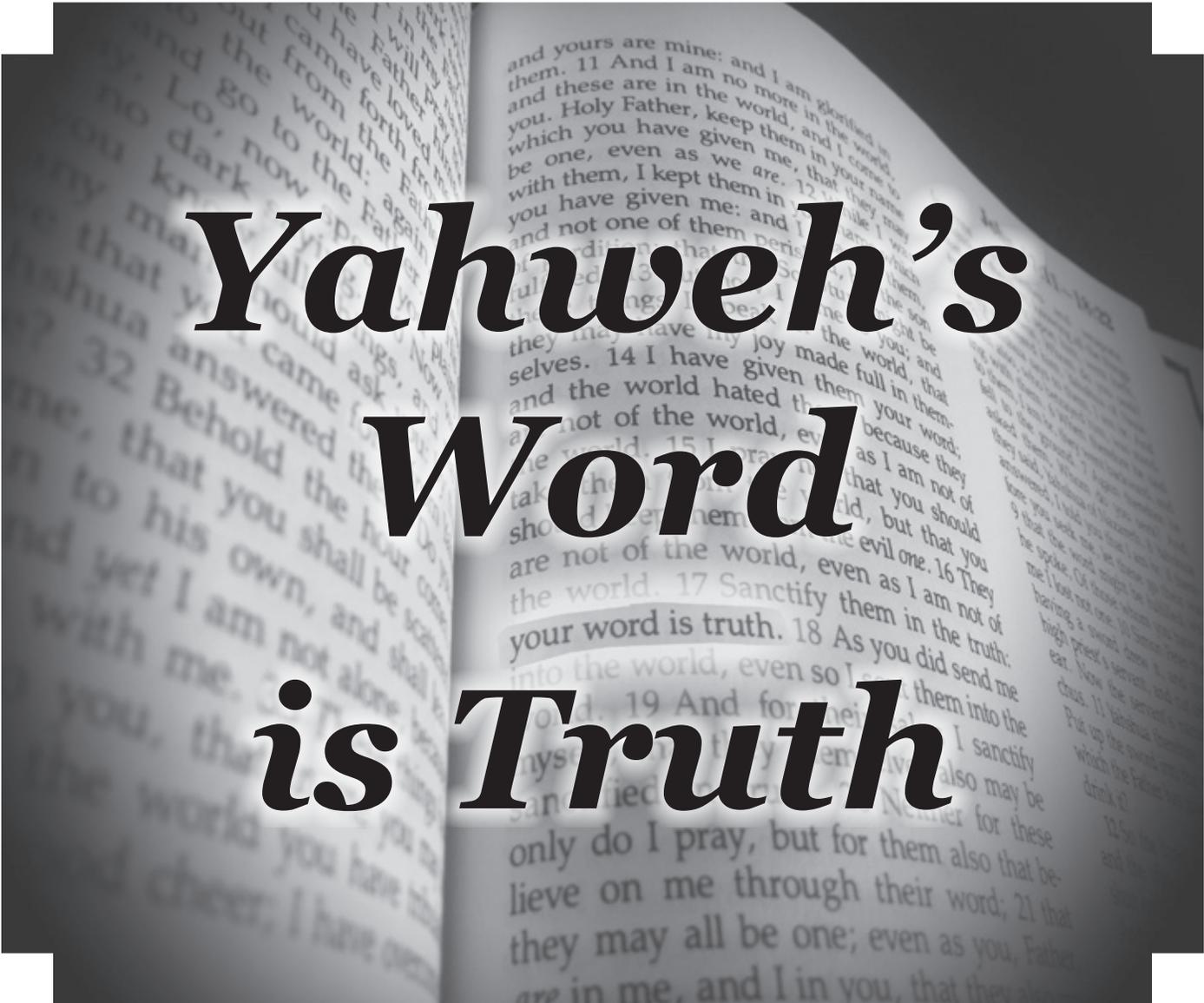
Others said to Him, “How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?” The blind man said, “He is a prophet.” But the Jews didn’t believe that he was blind until they called in his parents and questioned them regarding the conditions of his birth. They were afraid of the Jews, and therefore, passed this comment, “He is of age, ask him.” The Jews had already proclaimed that if any man would confess that He was the Messiah, they should put him out of the synagogue. They called this man again and said, “Give Elohim the praise, this man is a sinner.” The

formerly blind man answered, “If He is a sinner, or not, I don’t know. But one thing I do know, I was blind, but now I see.”

Yahshua’s power had actively moved in the life of this man. He was born blind, but had now been healed. Let us consider a comment we find in both the Old and New Testaments. Mark 5:25-27, “**And a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was not improved, but rather grew worse, having heard the things concerning Yahshua, came in the crowd behind, and touched his garment.**” Isn’t that what people usually do? They seek the physicians first, then when all else fails, they turn to Yahshua. They take the reverse course of what the Apostle Jacob tells us to do. Yahshua wasn’t preaching, however, at the time the woman was spending all of her money on the physicians. This healing occurred at the beginning of His ministry. When she learned of Yahshua, she came for healing. Today, Yahshua’s dynamic message is here on this earth, and the Messiah can, will, and does heal. All He asks is that we believe and act on our faith.

Don’t go consult the physicians first. Appeal first to Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah. In 2 Chron-

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Yahweh's Word is Truth

As the Assemblies of Yahweh continues to proclaim the Truth of the inspired Scriptures with ever widening scope, the objections raised against this dynamic end-time message will continue to escalate. Those who do not wish to allow themselves to be corrected by the Bible will attempt to fabricate and devise any objections which they believe will justify their position, allowing them to avoid obeying the Word of Yahweh. Are you steadfast in the Faith in the face of such attacks? Can you see through their fallacies?

Throughout this ministry, it has become candidly clear that people are presented with two distinct

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choices. We can humbly submit ourselves to the authority of the Word of Almighty Yahweh, or we can oppose the message and, thereby, become a “gainsayer” (critic).

Paul described this present era in which we are now living with great accuracy. He said in 2 Timothy 4:2-5 (NIV): **“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will**

not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.” How perfectly this describes our time!

As the Assemblies of Yahweh boldly proclaims Yahweh’s Truth via radio, television, and the printed page, it is apparent that opposition to the message will continue

to mount. Many “sacred cows” and cherished traditions dominate the minds of those who do not wish to submit to the clear Word of our Heavenly Father Yahweh. In this article, I would like to discuss the approach that the author has taken in regard to scholarly research so that you can more clearly understand the position of the Assemblies of Yahweh. Should we always accept every statement found in reference works, or should we prove all things against the Bible, the Word of Yahweh?

Our study of the Bible was instituted by proving that the Bible is

demonstrate that they far transcend human intelligence, wisdom, and comprehension. They could only have been the product of a Being whose broad overview of this world comes directly from the boundless vantage point of eternity.

Undoubtedly, the best proof of the Bible is the fulfillment of prophecy. In the inspired Scriptures, statements are made that the author can declare, or predict, the end from the beginning, Isaiah 46:10. **“...Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel will stand, and I will do**

he must believe that it contains the ultimate, eternal Truth. When he studies the Word, the Truth-seeker can readily prove that the Bible forms one complete unit. He soon observes that it agrees and harmonizes throughout its 66 books—from Genesis to Revelation. Therefore, he has proven that John 17:17 summarizes the supernatural character of the inspired Scriptures. **“Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth.”** (John 17:17).

When he seeks information from secular sources, he will soon discover a broad variety of disagreement between scholar’s opinions. Some

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true, and that its message was inspired by Almighty Yahweh from the very heavens. You can prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the Bible is indeed “Yahweh-breathed.” **The New International Version** translates 2 Timothy 3:16 as follows: **“All Scripture is Yahweh-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”**

Additionally, Peter explains that the Bible came into being by the Will of Almighty Yahweh—not men. **“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from Yahweh as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”** (2 Peter 1:20-21, NIV). We can prove, quite convincingly, that the Bible is true, authentic, and authoritative.

Whenever I taught classes in Obadiah School of the Bible, I constantly pointed out passages of Scripture that could not have been merely the thoughts and ideas of men. These passages themselves

all my pleasure.”

The unmistakable watermark imprinted upon the biblical message is predictions describing what the Almighty will do, followed by the actual historical record of how He brought it to pass. Fulfilled prophecy proves that Yahweh’s Word is Truth.

He, furthermore, declares that He will confirm the word of His servants, Isaiah 44:26. Almighty Yahweh also declares that He will nullify and undermine the predictions and declarations of false prophets, Isaiah 44:25. **“...That frustrates the signs of the liars, and makes diviners mad; that turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolish; that confirms the word of his servant, and performs the counsel of his messengers; that says of Jerusalem, She shall be inhabited; and of the cities of Judah, They shall be built, and I will raise up the waste places of it....”** (Isaiah 44:25-26).

When the Truth-seeker has proven the trustworthiness of the inspired Scriptures and has built up his faith in the Word of Yahweh,

scholars will present information that seemingly undercuts the basic truths of the Bible. Other scholars will present evidence to support the truthfulness of the Word. Some scholars will advance both supporting and critical evidence regarding what the Bible teaches. How shall the Truth-seeker view this often contradictory material? Can the scholarly world be motivated by Yahweh’s Holy Spirit if so much disagreement prevails? Yahweh’s spirit unifies and leads us into all Truth, John 16:13.

After I proved the truthfulness of the Bible and began to study the writings of scholars, a decision confronted me. We cannot be blown about by every wind of doctrine, Ephesians 4:14. Therefore, in reading these frequently contradictory writings, the practice of the editor has been to reject that material which undermines, or weakens, the sound teachings of the Bible.

For example, if teachings are encountered that seemingly do away with the Sabbath—when Almighty Yahweh has stated that His Sabbath would endure forever and that it

would be a sign between Himself and His people (Exodus 31:12-18), and that it is the duty of Yahweh's people to keep the Sabbath (Hebrews 4:9)—the writings of men opposing this sound doctrine must be rejected as error. The Bible must stand as our final authoritative rule of faith. **"...Let Yahweh be found true, but every man a liar...."** Romans 3:4. Yahweh's Word, His revealed Truth in the Bible, must remain supreme, even though the whole world might contradict what the Bible says.

Here it must be plainly stated that neither the author, nor the Assemblies of Yahweh, are opposed to scholarship. This should be obvious from all your past reading of this publication. However, it is an impossibility to accept every scholarly contention as true fact unless it harmonizes with Yahweh's Word. It is a fact that scholars disagree. According to the Word, some scholars are right and some are wrong.

In making a stand such as this, I have frequently faced the charge of "selective scholarship." To support the Bible teachings, we have been able to unearth a vast amount of evidence written by some of the most prominent scholars in the field of religion and biblical languages. This evidence is constantly presented in feature articles in the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine. You have been regularly reading some of this evidence in support of the Word of Yahweh.

In the February 1981 issue of the **Sacred Name Broadcaster**, a letter written by Dr. R. Laird Harris of Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, was published. This letter sought to refute the Sacred Name doctrine. The evidence that I presented for the authenticity of the Name Yahweh was quite clear and conclusive, although Dr. Harris took the position against the necessity for using it exclusively. Recently, a reply was received from Dr. Harris. We will comment on a few of the assertions that he made.

His reply states that the Hiphil (causative) conjugation of the He-

brew verb of existence (hyh) has not been developed. He, therefore, appears to reject the Name Yahweh on this ground.

We will acknowledge that the Hiphil conjugation for this verb was not attested in the written Hebrew Bible. However, one cannot dogmatically declare that it was not developed. Just because no recorded evidence for it exists is no positive grounds for believing that it was never used. The verb of existence in Hebrew does appear in Qal (simple active voice) and Niphal (passive, reflexive voices). It could have been used in spoken Hebrew in the Hiphil (although infrequently) and simply did not appear in the Bible.

One must first understand that the true pronunciation of the Name Yahweh was never lost. Even the Jewish writers make this unequivocal declaration.

In the **Encyclopedia Judaica**, volume 7, column 680, the author clearly says, *"The Name of [Yahweh] was never lost."* He then explains that the Tetragrammaton appears very frequently in the Hebrew text. He shows that the Greeks faithfully transliterated it, as well as appearing in such other ancient documents as the **Lachish ostraca** and the **Elephantine papyri** (the latter was written in Aramaic). The Name Yahweh, as well as its true pronunciation, emerges from many additional ancient sources that witness this timeless truth. Therefore, I was forced to reject any assertions that the form of the Name Yahweh is incorrect. It is obvious from the transliterations that the Name is derived from the Hiphil verbal conjugation.

Dr. Harris suggests that it may not even be a derivative from the verb. However, this assertion must also be rejected because of the explanation we find regarding the Name in Exodus 3:14. There the Almighty calls Himself *Eyeh* which is the *Qal*, first common person singular form of the verb of existence. The Heavenly Father clearly points toward the verb of existence as forming

the basis for His Name. Therefore, Exodus 3:15 goes on to point out that He Himself defines His Name as *He exists, or He causes to exist*. We need not speculate about its roots and origins.

It is our hope that each reader of the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine will obtain the use of a modern translation of the Bible employing the Sacred Name Yahweh. The following are good translations and widely accepted. You can peruse the **Jerusalem Bible** and the **Rotherham Emphasized Bible**. Both of these texts faithfully reproduce the Name Yahweh. **The Anchor Bible**, although frequently considered liberal in its translation and theology, has faithfully transliterated the Name Yahweh. It is a much-valued study aid.

The New International Version Interlinear by Professor John R. Kohlenberger has recently published the Name Yahweh, faithfully transliterated in the interlinear text. This is an unparalleled advance which will, undoubtedly, have widespread impact upon the scholarly community. When you use these versions, you will discover that the Name Yahweh appears very frequently.

Perhaps you have access to the **American Standard Version**, 1901, which has employed the erroneous attempted transliteration *Jehovah*. If you can peruse a copy of this version, you will observe where the Sacred Name actually appears in the text and the frequency of its use. By substituting the Name Yahweh, you will be restoring Truth to this translation.

It was interesting and revealing to note in the reply received from Dr. Harris that he raised no tangible objections to the doctrinal position Elder Jacob O. Meyer and the Assemblies of Yahweh have taken on the Name Yahweh. Believe me, if valid objections could have been brought forth, they would have been strongly voiced. It is, therefore, most

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The *Aloe Vera* Plant

The aloe vera plant has come to be known as the “miracle healing” plant. There are many kinds of aloes, found mostly in tropical areas of Africa and America.

Given internally, aloes increases the amount of bile produced, as well as the rate of bile flow. This stimulates digestion, breaking down fatty acids and, also, purging the large intestine.

The lign-aloes of scriptural reference are quite different from medicinal aloes; lign derives from lignum, Latin for wood. The scriptural aloes are a strong, fragrant resin from a tree found in India and China.

Please read the following biblical passages mentioning aloes: Numbers 24:6, Psalm 45:8, Proverbs 7:17, Song of Solomon 4:14, and John 19:39.

Aloe vera has a history of broad medical uses dating back many centuries. The Egyptians, Greeks, Chinese, and various other ethnic peoples have long known of its therapeutic value. Occasionally, people of our time have come to know it as the plant providing relief from burns, including sunburn, but its use is much broader than this.

The plant has been used as an ornamental, appearing somewhat like a cactus, but without sharp spines. When a leaf is squeezed, the jelly emerging from the inside can be used externally for healing burns, abrasions, or other surface epidermis injuries.

Aloe vera juice (or gel) can be used internally also. It functions excellently as a pain killer. It can be used to heal internal infections, especially of the digestive system (like a colon).

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icles 16:11-13, “**And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was very great: yet in his disease he did not seek**

Yahweh, but the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first year of his reign.” A lot is left unsaid between verses 12 and 13. Asa sought the physicians; he didn’t seek Yahweh. What would have happened, we wonder, if he had gone to Yahweh first? Yahweh heals; His power is omnipotent.

The Tree of Life

“... In the middle of the street. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.” (Revelation 22:2).

In eternity, the tree of life is not

withheld from those nations who are faithful. The fruit of this productive tree will adequately feed the nations. It yields its fruit every month, but the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ***“And by the river upon the bank of it, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither; neither shall the fruit of it fail: it shall bring forth new fruit every month, because the waters of it issue out of the sanctuary; and the fruit of it shall be for food, and the leaf of it for healing.”*** (Ezekiel 47:12). (Notice the **King James Version** rendering *medicine*.)

In the Scriptures, the leaves of the tree perform healing for the nations, and the fruit of the tree will nourish the people. In Isaiah 38:9, the prophet is responsible for the healing of Hezekiah. In verse 9, a song of praise for this healing is recorded to Yahweh. Then, we are told the source of blessing behind this song of praise.

In verse 21, ***“Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover.”*** Isaiah not only used Yahweh’s power, but the fruit of the tree, to heal the king. Figs provide a very potent medicine—a natural medicine that Yahweh has created for that purpose. Hezekiah’s nurses made some type of an ointment, or plaster, of the figs, and it drew the poison out of Hezekiah’s body that was backed up from the boil. He recovered, lived 15 more years, and, during that time, fathered a son to take the throne.

We must certainly conclude that Yahweh’s power, prayer, faith, herbs, and diet are supremely important for healing. Chemical medicines are

generally harmful. I am very concerned about that, because I want to see Yahweh’s people strong and healthy. When the man who sold us the radio recording equipment installed it, we casually talked about his profession. He was a medical student, and the son of a doctor. As a young man, he was very candid in reply to my question, ***“What about these chemical medicines?”*** He explained, “All of these chemical medicines are harmful to some part of the body. A physician must make a decision when giving them to the patient whether it will damage other parts of the body more than it will heal the diseased part of the body.” I asked about using natural foods for nutrition and healing. He agreed that diet is supremely important. But how many doctors will admit that, and how many doctors are going to prescribe a healing diet for a patient when he is sick?

Currently, dietary research is allotted only two percent of the total annual allocation for spending on all medical research. Various doctors have become concerned with that. If our bodies came from the ground, and we obtain our strength from there, it seems only proper that we can derive extra strength to recover from an illness by what we eat.

In Jeremiah 8:22, the prophet asks, ***“Is there no balm in Gilead?”*** Gilead was known for its healing ointments. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no vitamin, is there no tea or juice, is there no natural ointment, is there no conscientious physician there? The physicians of Israel didn’t prescribe dangerous chemicals. They prescribed natural remedies. ***“Why then is the health of the daughter of my people not recovered?”*** asks

Jeremiah. Are people today looking in the correct direction?

Chemical medicines invented in the last 30-50 years have damaged the physical bodies of the patients. They have not solved the mysteries of diseases such as cancer, heart disease, etc. Too many physicians prefer to practice rather than heal. But we thank Yahweh that today more physicians are stressing healthful living rather than only repairing the damage of unrighteous living.

In Jeremiah 46:11, ***“Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain you use many medicines; there is no healing for you.”*** That prophecy directly relates to our time today. Go up, go to the place where the healing herbs are found, plants and minerals that concentrate nutrition to build strong bodies, instead of rushing to ingest amounts of poisonous chemicals that tear down some part of the body. People today are using many medicines, but are not being cured. Cancers are taking a heavy toll. Many operations are being given, perhaps many of them needlessly, simply because the medical profession does not make full use of Yahweh’s power and natural substances that will nourish the body to engage its own healing mechanism to fight off disease.

The fruit of the earth is certainly good food. ***“Beloved, I pray that in all things you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.”*** (3 John 2). Our spiritual lives today have been strongly built up by Yahweh’s Truth. He has revealed His Truth to us in these last days and blessed us tremendously. That is the message. I hope and desire all of us—Yahweh’s people—to be in good health, both

IF YOU will diligently listen to the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, and will do that which is right in his eyes, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you, which I have put on the Egyptians: for I am Yahweh who heals you.

~ EXODUS 15:26



*For a few moments let us review.
The steps of healing are as follows:*

1. Go to Yahweh in prayer first.
2. Faith (an important element of praying a believing prayer).
3. Eating a good, nourishing diet.
4. Getting the proper amount of rest.
5. Using juices and vitamins.
6. Proper exercise.
7. Maintaining a good mental and spiritual attitude.

spiritually and physically. They go hand in hand. If our spiritual lives are prospering, our physical lives should also prosper so that we can present a dynamic witness to the world.

Yahweh's people don't have to die at a young age. We must all die, just as the biblical people who received Yahweh's promises died. We don't have to die in pain and agony, though. We can just expire as did Jacob, at the age of 147, when he blessed his sons, prophesied to them, gathered his feet onto the bed, and then simply expired. No tortured death was experienced by the patriarchs who lived close to Yahweh. In the Kingdom age, there will be no sickness—sin will be eliminated. ***“And the inhabit-***

ant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell in it shall be forgiven their iniquity.” (Isaiah 33:24).

Our healing was accomplished by Yahshua's sacrifice for us. Let us hear the prophet speak. ***“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*** (Isaiah 53:5). It was done at Calvary. ***“...Who his own self bore our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose stripes you are healed.”*** (1 Peter 2:24). Let us claim that healing and live in harmony with Yahweh's Laws so that we will receive it SNB

Yahweh's Word is Truth

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gratifying to learn that the great volume of evidence that I have gathered over the last few decades proving the veracity of the Name Yahweh has not been refuted under the close scrutiny of the scholarly world. (Do you have all of our free literature on the Sacred Name? If not, write for it today. It's free for the asking.)

Therefore, we proclaim more boldly than ever before the authenticity and veracity of the Name Yahweh. We announce to the world that the Name Yahweh will bring you salvation. Unless you call on His Name and on the Name of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, you cannot be saved. (Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, Acts 4:12, Romans 10:13). This doctrine is both biblical and scholarly.

Recently, we published some very important scholarly evidence regarding the erroneous title *Chr-st* as opposed to the True scripturally sanctioned title *Messiah*. Additional comments on this subject will be forthcoming to support our contention that the title *Chr-st* should be entirely eliminated from our religious vocabulary and worship, while the authentic title *Messiah* should be elevated to the exalted position of prominence.

We hope you will be watching as the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine each month continues to blaze a pioneering trail in restoring the knowledge that was lost during the Dark Ages. We strive to point the sincere people of this world toward the Kingdom of Yahweh. Knowledge is being increased, Daniel 12:4. Why not yield yourself to this convincing, resurrected biblical knowledge that will lead you to salvation. Let us hear from you soon, so that we can present these facts to you for your personal evaluation. There is no obligation of any kind. It is our personal gift to you. SNB

Why We Use the Word

MESSIAH

- **The Chr-stians have a very real problem explaining the word Chr-st.**
- **The Greeks would not have called the Savior “Chr-st.” The reasons and implications are discussed in this article.**

It was F. F. Bruce, a noted evangelical theologian widely quoted, who wrote a most revealing fact relating to the text of the New Testament.

“It is not always realized that the New Testament writer’s task of recording the [evangel] in Greek was made easier because the Septuagint already existed. They did not have to invent a Greek Theological vocabulary; such a Vocabulary lay ready to hand in the Septuagint. The general religious vocabulary of the Greek language was pagan in character, but several elements of that pagan vocabulary had been

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

taken by the Alexandrian translators and used as equivalents of the great words of the Old Testament revelation. Thus, it came about that in Greek-speaking Jewish circles these words did not bear their original pagan significance, but the new significance which they acquired from the Hebrew vocabulary which they represented....

“Much the same took place with regard to a number of other words, including names and titles

of divine beings, psychological terms, and words denoting such things as righteousness, mercy, truth, sin, and atonement.” (Quoted from **The Books and Parchments**, published by Fleming Revell Co., Westwood, New Jersey; copyright 1963.)

It is imperative that we must ask the question at this point: By whose authority did the words and terms come to take on different meanings when translated from Hebrew to Greek? Obviously, the distinctive nuances of the definition and underlying meanings of the Greek terms were retained in the



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minds of the readers, even though they were used for sacred Hebrew names and terms which connoted a completely different doctrine in the Israelite *sitz im leben* (life setting).

We must conclude that the original texts of the Bible (as closely as we can return to those autographs) were the inspired words of our Heavenly Father Yahweh. No translation can be inspired. Truly, men of Yahweh spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). Their utterances were inspired, not the translation of their words. In order to recapture the thoughts and concepts of True Worship as closely as possible, those who preach Yahweh's Word must explain, as thoroughly as they can, what the original inspired Scriptures contained.

The editor of this magazine has concerned himself to show that the basis of the True Faith of the Apostolic Assembly was founded upon the Hebrew Scriptures perpetuated by

the Israelite nation. No other people was ever assigned the responsibility of preserving the words of Yahweh except the Israelites and the Jews (Romans 3:2). By introducing the element of pagan, Greek names and terms into the Apostolic Assembly, a corrupted Faith emerged. As a matter of fact, most, if not all, of the books of the New Testament were written in Hebrew or Aramaic (Semitic languages), rather than in Greek. If you have never read our booklet **Exploding the Inspired Greek New Testament Myth**, be sure to write in immediately and request it.

When my wife and I began studying the Bible in-depth during the early 1960s, one of the first study aids we obtained was a **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance**. As we learned the significance and necessity for using the Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father Yahweh and the revealed, personal Name of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, we were

forced to examine very closely other terms commonly used in contemporary worship. We proved to ourselves that such designations as *L-rd*, *G-d*, and *J-sus* were derived from pagan sources and were unacceptable for use by the True Worshipers.

As we continued our studies, research was done using the **Strong's Concordance** on the Hebrew word *Messiah* and its alleged equivalent in Greek, *Chr-st* (*Chr-stos*). We discovered that the veracity of this Greek term must be seriously questioned, and its etymology was not based in sacred writings as was the Hebrew word *Messiah*.

Chr-stos appears as #5547 in the **Strong's Concordance**, defined as *anointed, i.e. the Messiah, an epithet of J-sus*. It is derived from #5548, the Greek root word, *chrío*. It is defined as *through the idea of contact; to smear or rub with oil, i.e. (by implication) to consecrate to an office or religious service*. This word is akin to #5530—*chraomai*—a prime

word meaning to handle. It also means to employ or (by extension) to act toward one in a given manner. Looking at the spectrum of cognate words in **Strong's Concordance**, we discovered #5540 (derived from #5530) means sexual intercourse (as an occupation of the body).

It was with no surprise that we discovered research on the word *Chr-st* done by Dr. Morton S. Enslin in a festschrift titled, **Essays on the Occasion of the 70th Anniversary of Dropsie University**, dedicated to the memory of Professor Solomon Zeitlin. This significant article is called, **Once More the Messiah**. Dr. Enslin is a *Chr-stian* scholar, although Dropsie University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a Jewish school of higher education.

The significant section of what he said that applies to the word *Chr-st* already shown above is found on page 50 in the book. You will find what he said very interesting.

"The origin of this figure of speech indicating divine selection and approval by the term "anointed" is a consequence of Hebrew practice where the use of oil was a basic part of the ceremony

of king-making. Pouring oil on the head of the king was presumably originally definitely an act of religious veneration. So also, in the case of the priests, eventually to be regarded and styled 'high priests.' In Exodus 29 it is prescribed that the anointing oil be poured on the head after the ceremony of robing. With this background the use of this specific term to indicate [Yahweh's] approval, choice, and blessing not unnaturally continued even after the actual practice of pouring the consecrating oil ceased.

"This practice, so meaningful

in Hebrew circles, was unknown in the Greco-Roman world. The Greek translation of Χριστός was [Messiach]. But to the Greek the connotation was very different. It was far from descriptive of king or priest-making. Rather, oil was a remedy for the relief of pain or a cosmetic. Thus Χριστός [Kris-tos] would naturally suggest an invalid smeared with medicated oil or a fop, prettied up with paint and powder. Thus, although there is a very real problem as to how this term first came to be applied to [Yahshua] of Nazareth, we can be very sure that it was the result of Jewish, not Greco-Roman, practice. It should not be forgotten that once the group eventually came to find itself in the Greek world the word Χριστός speedily lost any earlier descriptive sense and became easily part of the proper name, J-sus Chr-st.

"Instead of the designation

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'the Chr-st,' which was sure to suggest to unsympathetic hearers 'the smeared one' or 'the perfumed one.' a different title became necessary and was speedily found, κύριος, the L-rd."

As Dr. Enslin clearly points out, the Greek world would not have related the meaning of the word *Chr-stos* to a royal figure who will rule the world. As Mrs. Meyer and I began to study the Bible and call the Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, by His correct Hebrew Name that He was actually given from On High, a different mental image was imprinted upon our minds. Yahshua

the Messiah represented to us the powerful King that Yahweh will send to rule the earth in righteousness. It designates the biblical King who will sit on the throne of David as His successor—a man from the tribe of Judah.

In the religious art, so frequently revered in nominal ch-rchianity, the representation of the Messiah is one of an effeminate person with long hair and pallid complexion. Nowhere is He represented as a powerful person. We often wondered why such a characterization was made, because Isaiah the prophet describes Him: **"For He grew up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness, and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their face.**

He was despised; and we esteemed Him not."

(Isaiah 53:2-3, American Standard Version).

Why should religious art depict the Messiah as a beautiful, effeminate person, when,

as a matter of fact, He was a rugged individual who had no handsome physique? Undoubtedly, the meaning of a prostitute, or a fop, for the word *Chr-stos* is to some extent responsible, having affected the earliest thinking.

It is imperative that all True Worshipers eliminate from their religious vocabulary words applying to the Almighty that are not sanctioned by the Hebrew Scriptures. When we can do this, a vast corpus of paganism will have been eliminated. Scholars know these truths, but they have never insisted that the members of their congrega-

tions obey them. The members of the Assemblies of Yahweh humbly submit themselves to the sound teachings of the Bible so that we may find everlasting life. We wish to please our Heavenly Father by being totally obedient to His commands. The Name of the Most High and His Son is of vital importance to our salvation. We must use them in worship and eliminate names that are displeasing to Him.

For those who have never known that the Savior's True, revealed, personal Name is, in fact, Yahshua (the same name borne by the Israelite General of the Old Testament who took the people of Yahweh into the Promised

Land), then, we would like to introduce further evidence to substantiate this Truth from ancient history. The following is a quote from Eusebius Parnphilus from his ecclesiastical history.

"It is now the proper place to show that the very name of [Yahshua], as also that of [Messiah], was honoured by the pious prophets of old. And first, Moses himself, having intimated how exceedingly august and illustrious the name of [Messiah] is, delivering types and mystical images, according to the oracle which declared to him, 'See that thou make all things according to the pattern which was shown thee on the mount,'—the same man whom, as far as it was lawful, he had called the high priest of [Yahweh], the self-same he calls [Messiah]. And in this way, to the dignity of the priesthood, which surpasses with him, all superiority among men, as additional honour and glory, he attaches the name of

[Messiah]. Hence he evidently understood that [Messiah] was a being divine. The same Moses, under the divine Spirit, foreseeing also the epithet [Yahshua], likewise dignifies this with a certain distinguished privilege. For this name, which had never been uttered among men, before Moses, he applies first to him alone who, by a type and sign, he would be his successor after his death, in

The Hebrews anointed kings and priests with oil; the Greeks who were anointed were either the sickly, the prostitutes, or the effeminate. The Greek word Chr-st didn't have the connotations of the Hebrew word Messiah.

the government of the nation. His successor, therefore, who had not assumed the appellation J---, (Joshua), before this period, being called by his other name Oshea, which his parents had given, was called by Moses J---, (Jehoshua, Joshua) Num. XIII. 17. This name, as an honourable distinction, was superior to any royal diadem, was conferred on Joshua, because Hoshua the son of Nun bore a resemblance to our Savior, as the only one after Moses, and the completion of that symbolically worship given through him, that should succeed him in a government of pure and undefiled religion."

Yahshua the Messiah said, **"... and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."** (John 8:32). The question confronting every one who reads the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine is this: "Do you want to be free?"

The Assemblies of Yahweh

publishes the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine regularly for the purpose of preaching the Word of our Heavenly Father Yahweh. We want to send out the strong meat of the Word, rather than milk. Yahshua the Messiah said that the Truth is in the Word of Yahweh (John 17:17). He also said, **"Search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of**

me...." (John 5:39). The Scriptures cannot be broken (John 10:35).

The only way that we can ever be in sound doctrine and restore the Truth of the Apostolic Assembly is to harmonize the Bible and correlate its message from Genesis to Revelation. We

cannot divide the Word, or break it apart, in any place. In order to harmonize the Scriptures, we must begin with a solid foundation—the Old Testament Word of Yahweh—and allow the New Testament to interpret and fit into the big picture.

It is mandatory that we follow Yahweh's Word in all things. It is important that we reject suppositions and humanly fabricated reasonings in order that we may keep the commandments of Yahweh. When the scholarly, modern world finds itself in the midst of an explosion of the knowledge of the Bible clearly proving that the Assemblies of Yahweh is in True doctrine, it should be heeded by all who have a sincere interest in salvation. We would like to hear from you if you have settled in your heart to obey the Word without reservation. There is no hope except to seek the only True and Living Mighty One and His Son, who alone have power to save through Their holy Names. ^{SNB}

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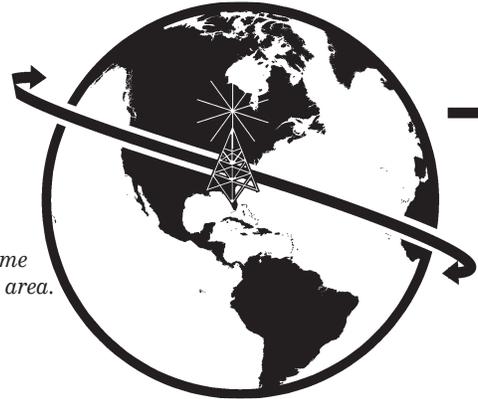
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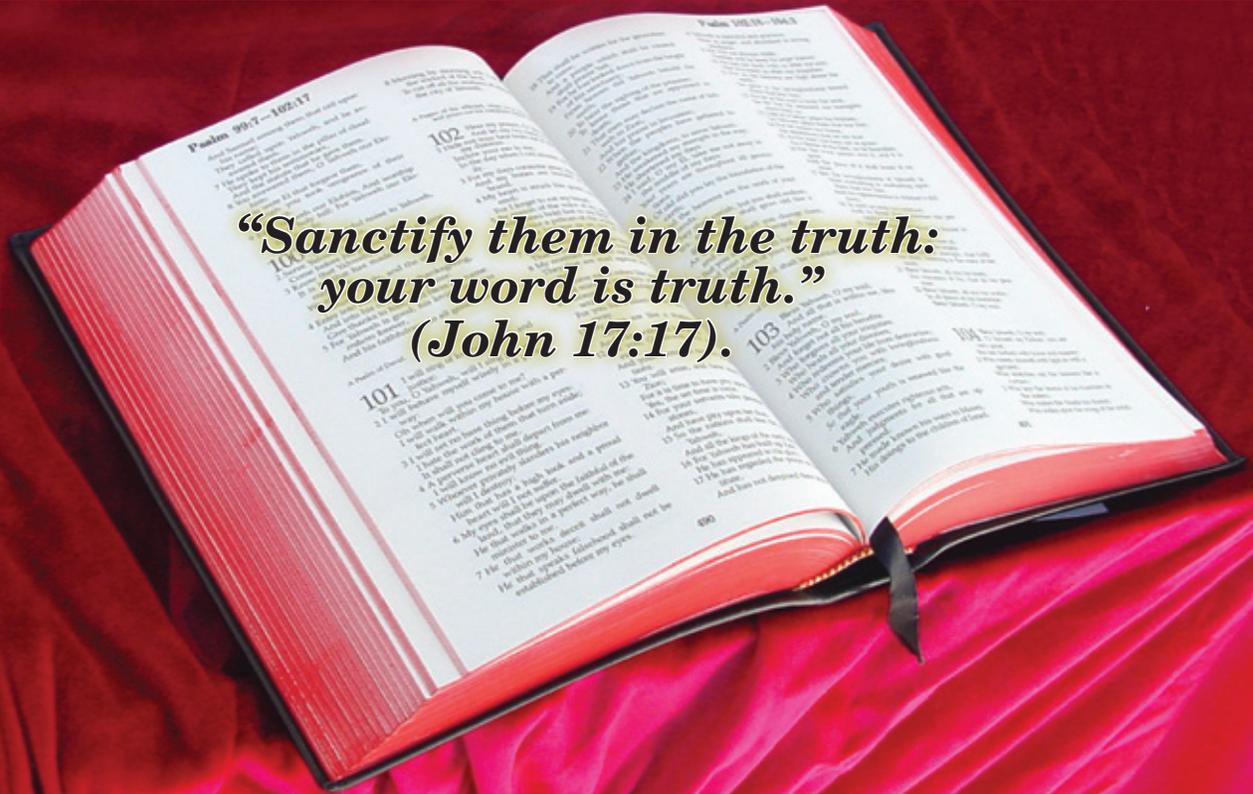
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