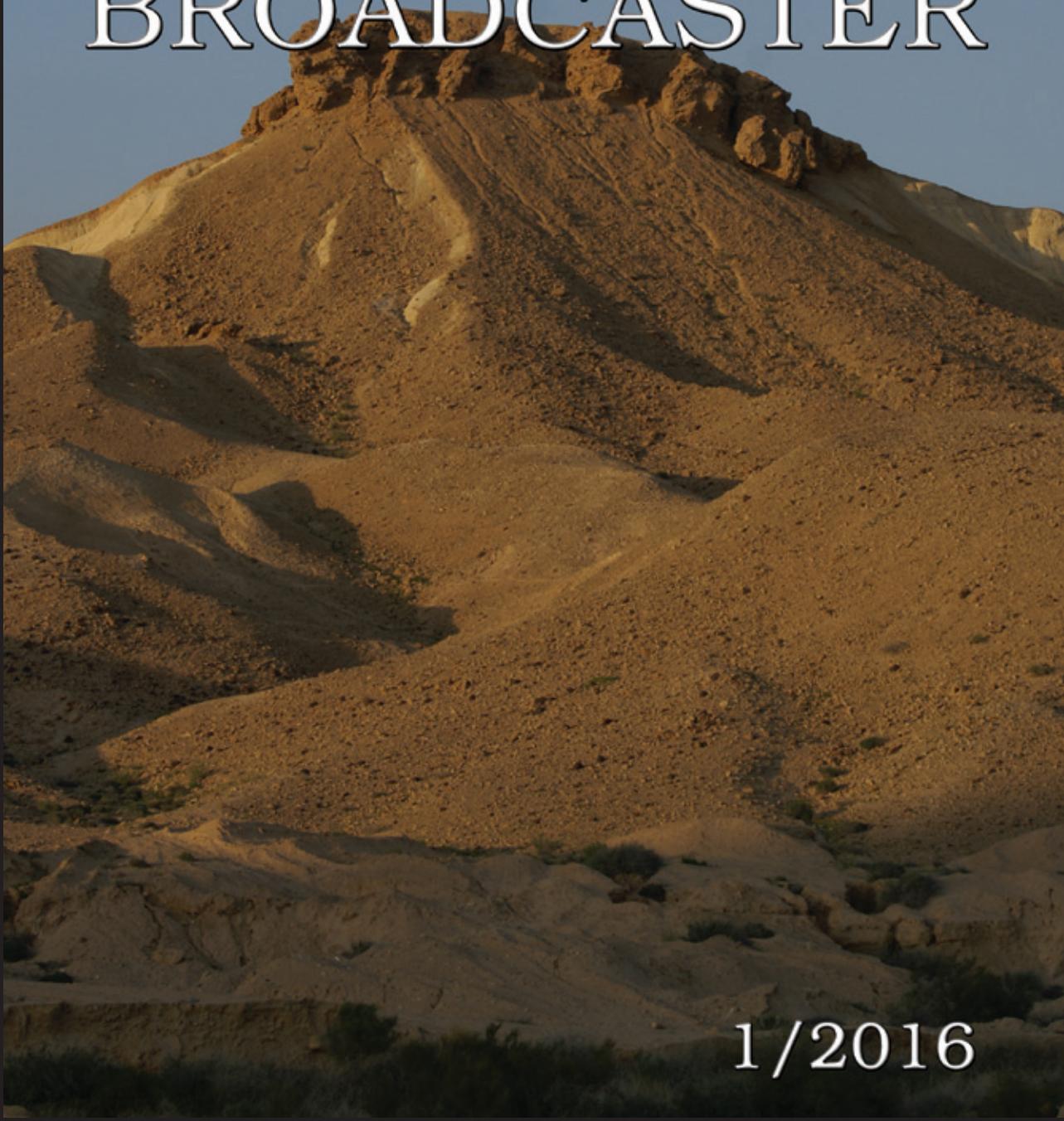


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## Our Cover:

*Our cover this month shows a barren mountain in the desert of southern Israel. When a mountain stands in your way, do you have faith to move it? Do you have faith to conquer and overcome all obstacles in life?*

*Nothing shall be impossible if we have faith in Yahweh—a faith that is as small as a grain of mustard. With Yahweh, all things are possible, and we are only limited by our lack of faith in Yahweh and Yahshua. Therefore, we should pray for greater faith and obedience. "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." (Matthew 17:20).*

# **GREAT THINGS**

## **Has Yahweh Done!**

Great things has Yahweh done!

**"Yahweh has done great things for us, we are glad!"** (Psalm 126:3).

At this moment in the history of the Assemblies of Yahweh ministry, we are passing a major milestone. It is now a half century since the inaugural **Sacred Name Radio Broadcast** was heard over the radio. During these past 50 years, the radio broadcast has been heard on many stations around the world. But, at the present moment, perhaps the most prominent segment of the outreach program of the Assemblies of Yahweh is the Assemblies of Yahweh radio station. This is Yahweh's own clean instrument that He has brought into existence to send forth the Truth of His Word to the ends of the earth in these last days.

How well my family and I remember the exciting time when **The Sacred Name Broadcast** was begun in 1966! We had communicated with an elderly lady in Baltimore who owned a nursing home. She had come to believe the

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Sacred Name of Almighty Yahweh and to trust in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for her salvation. She desired to sponsor a weekly radio broadcast in her city so that she could have a part in witnessing the Faith that she held dear to all the people living in Baltimore. She asked the author to produce the radio broadcast, and she promised to underwrite the cost of the radio time.

This opportunity truly represented a tremendous door that was opened before us! At that time, there were VERY FEW PEOPLE THROUGHOUT the United States, or even in the world, who believed in the Sacred Name doctrine and observed the Covenant Truth of the Most High by keeping His Law. When Mrs. Meyer and I learned the Truth of the Sacred Name message and the keeping of Yahweh's Covenant, we found very few people using the Sacred Name while keeping

Yahweh's Covenant Law, although we conducted a widespread search to find them. We had proven these doctrines to be the true message of the Bible. How would this message be sent forth to all of the world since the sincere believers were so few in number and scattered, with nobody wealthy? At one time, Mrs. Meyer and I even contemplated saving our tithes for a while and, then, paying for a full page ad in the international edition of the **Reader's Digest** as a one-time witness to the world, but that approach was not to be. Yahweh had other plans.

Almighty Yahweh had moved in a mighty way to prepare us to be His instruments. As I have previously explained in the editorials of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine, my family has always had a high profile of involvement in religion and education. Both my wife and I had been brought up to believe in the Bible and to obey it.

Nearing the time of our call, these are some of the ways Almighty Yahweh led us to prepare for our



*Top left: Old stone farmhouse. Top right: First meeting hall at Bethel.*

mission. For example, in 1965, when we planned to purchase a tape recorder, Almighty Yahweh moved in a very miraculous way so that we were led to purchase a semi-professional tape recorder that would give an outstanding performance in presenting the message over the air. We had previously purchased a typewriter for our own use, and this equipment was now devoted to the service of Yahweh's outreach. Later, in the spring of 1966, we purchased, with our income tax refund, a spirit duplicator, which

we used to communicate by printed page through transcriptions of the radio broadcasts and newsletters with interested people.

How well I recall the first radio broadcast, which was produced around January 20, 1966. A snow-storm had immobilized the east coast; therefore, I received several days off work, since the roads were deeply drifted and impassable. I prepared the first Sacred Name Radio Broadcast during the day, and, in the evening, we tape recorded it. The wind was howling outside, and snow was blowing into ever deeper drifts. We could not tape record in the room that I had used as an office, because the gale was loudly rattling the windows of that old stone farmhouse where we lived. I feared that the sound would be picked up on the tape. Consequently, I moved the equipment into the

kitchen and sat in the corner of the room as far away from any window as I could. There, I began to preach the message of Yahweh, with Mrs. Meyer as the first radio recording technician at the controls of the tape recorder. After producing the first tape, I auditioned it and decided I wasn't quite satisfied with its quality; therefore, I made a second tape that evening which became the first Sacred Name radio broadcast.

The first broadcast was scheduled to be aired on radio station WBMD in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 5, 1966. At noon on that Sabbath, when it was time for the broadcast to come on the air, we gathered around our radio and turned the volume up high. Sure enough, there was a voice we recognized preaching the Word of Almighty Yahweh! How we all rejoiced as this message was sent forth over the air!

Later in the spring of 1966, as people began to support the ministry, I assigned Mrs. Meyer to telephone various radio stations to determine if we could purchase more radio time. Sure enough, on Passover day, the manager of radio station KXEL, Waterloo, Iowa, called to inform us that the broadcast had been accepted for airing. By several miracles, Almighty Yahweh conveyed to us that we should walk through this newly opened door. Now the radio broadcast would be sent forth over

*Elder Meyer with Florence Waggy*





*Top left: Crown tape recorders used for the Sacred Name Broadcast. On right: Spirit duplicator and Elder Meyer's typewriter.*

a wide area on a powerful 50,000 watt radio station!

In the fall of the year, enough contributions had accumulated in the bank account to look for yet another station. We were able to obtain radio time on XELO, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, a station which covered the Rocky Mountain states and vast areas on either side. The ministry continued to increase at an even greater rate, as more listeners responded to this message of Truth.

Yet another milestone was being passed in early February, 1971. Beginning in 1970 we had begun to look for office space, since the

space in our home was limited. In 1969, the Assemblies of Yahweh had received its incorporation, and we were granted tax exemption as a nonprofit religious organization (people would say ch-rch). More interest was generated during those years, and growth was constant.

Our search for a building suitable for offices and a meeting hall led us to investigate the possibility of obtaining a local property that was for sale, known as the White Hall Motel. Situated on this property was a large building that could be used for all the functions of this fledgling organization.

When I inspected the property, I still did not know the mind of Yahweh concerning this purchase. However, on my tour through the property, I saw a picture that depicted the original building hanging on a wall. It was constructed in the form of the Hebrew letter *dalet* (D), which represents an open door (Revelation 3:8).

People sometimes ask me if I believe that the Assemblies of Yahweh is Yahweh's True Worship due to the purchase of this building with its unique design. Of course, I don't believe that! However, Yahshua the Messiah indicated that the signs

*Below: Main office building constructed in the shape of the Hebrew letter dalet.*





*Elder Jacob O. Meyer and Head Deaconess Ruth Meyer in doorway of the Brown Boveri transmitter.  
Center and right: Transmitter upon its arrival at Bethel at the Feast of Tabernacles 2000.*

would follow (Mark 16:20). Yahweh's end-time message of Truth began to be preached in 1966, and, five years later, Yahshua led us to this building where Yahweh intended to place His Name, confirming the message for those who might depend on physical signs. Over the years, we rejoice with the blessings of Yahweh and the growth of the ministry that have been accomplished from here.

We finally concluded a purchase agreement for the property around the turn of the year (1970-1971). Final settlement on this property of one and-a-half acres, with its large building, was concluded on February 10, 1971, and we began moving in the same day. Consequently, it is now 45 years since this building—which was rededicated to the service of Almighty Yahweh—has been occupied as Headquarters of this ministry.

Still, it was a time of great sacrifice to move in, pay the larger utility bills and mortgage payments. Mrs. Meyer offered to clean several of the rooms that we continued renting for a while. However, with the expanded space, we could accomplish much more in the way of

serving Yahweh. It was three years later, also in February 1974 (42 years ago), that Obadiah School of the Bible (Yahweh's Bible training school for laborers in the harvest field) was inaugurated. We couldn't have gotten this project underway without the additional space.

Now, we are in the year 2016, a half of a century later. As we pass these major milestones in service to Almighty Yahweh, we must rejoice in what has taken place, and the great advances that have been accomplished by Yahshua the Messiah, our Redeemer, over the past half of a century. The signs from Yahweh have truly followed the preaching of His Word, and we are thankful to Him Who has tenderly watched over this ministry.

From that little "mustard seed" beginning, the Assemblies of Yahweh ministry today extends into more than 100 countries of the world. The Assemblies of Yahweh radio broadcast goes out to the ends of the earth, and the literature is sent to people from all around the globe who respond. **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine, that was first published in 1968, has been

upgraded constantly, until it is an outstanding publication today. Almighty Yahweh has led us to publish an outstanding version of the Bible, **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**, which we have been able to price at minimal cost so everyone can afford to own a copy. The Assemblies of Yahweh has been publishing books and more than 100 items of literature that are being sent out by the ton to foreign countries.

All of this has been accomplished by Almighty Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah, all glory and praise to their Names!

What will the next half of a century hold? We believe that Yahshua the Messiah will return before that milestone will roll around, and we are constantly looking up, because we have faith that our redemption is soon to come.

May Almighty Yahweh send His Kingdom on this earth speedily, so that His will may be done in the lives of all people and the earth may be "**filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.**" (Habakkuk 2:14).



# Looking Back...

When looking back across the years of almost a half of a century of this ministry, we must conclude that great things have been accomplished for Yahweh.

Consequently, I plan to write a series of editorials wherein we hope to acquaint you with the ever-broadening scope of the outreach of the Assemblies of Yahweh. This series, devoted to reporting the steady progress of Assemblies of Yahweh expanding outreach, is intended to glorify Almighty Yahweh and His Messiah Yahshua, who have accomplished great things!

Just as the Messiah explained to the Philadelphia Assembly, we, today, are experiencing similar blessings. ***"I know your works (behold, I have set before you an open door, which none can shut), that you have a little power, and did keep my word, and did not***

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***deny my name.*** (Revelation 3:8).

In the Sacred Scriptures, the open door symbolizes several important things. For example, in Revelation 4:1, we find that a door is opened to heaven. This door means the opening of an avenue of communication between heaven and earth, since a voice is heard from On High. Just like when the staircase upon which the angels of Yahweh ascended and descended to heaven (described in Genesis 28:12, Jacob's dream, in which Yahweh conferred a blessing upon him if he would be obedient), Yahweh communicated with men from heaven. Jacob exclaimed in awe: ***"How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of Elohim, and this is the gate of heaven."*** (Genesis 28:17).

The Assemblies of Yahweh is not a large organization when compared to the established religious organizations of the world. But the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh are sincere and steadfast in the Truth. Although none of us is rich in this world's goods, we, nevertheless, cheerfully sacrifice so that this message of Truth can be sent forth to all people of the world so that they can be saved.

Yahshua the Messiah has placed an open door before this ministry. In the Hebrew language, the Daleth (the Hebrew alphabetic letter D) represents a door. The open door represents the opportunity to take this message of salvation to the ends of the earth. Notice what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 16:7-9. ***"For I do not wish to see you now by the way; for I hope to stay a while with you, if Yahweh permit."***

# **The message of the Sacred Scriptures always demonstrates that the victory is not by many, or by few, nor by the ingenuity of men, but by the blessing of Almighty Yahweh upon those who faithfully obey His Covenant.**

**But I will stay at Ephesus until Pentecost; for a great door and effectual has been opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”**

Paul recognized an open door and walked through it so that the message of salvation could be taken to distant places. **“Now when I came to Troas for the good tidings of the Messiah, and when a door was opened to me in Yahshua....”** (2 Corinthians 2:12).

Do you pray for the forward progress of the Assemblies of Yahweh ministry? We are asking you to do just as Paul requested of the Colossian brethren in chapter 4, verses 2-4. **“Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving; with praying for us also, that Elohim may open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of the Messiah, for which I am also in bonds; that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”**

We must consider the passage in Revelation 3:8. The Philadelphia Assembly had an open door placed before them because of the sound doctrines they preached. The As-

semblies of Yahweh organization today has sought to cleanse and perfect the doctrines we preach. Many times people have expressed to the author their opinion that they cannot imagine a way that the Assemblies of Yahweh will have much impact upon the world. Nevertheless, I always respond, *“Gideon’s army had great impact upon the times in which he lived and then vanquished thousands, although they were only 300 men. Abraham’s army (in Genesis 14) put to flight the armies of four foreign powers, although he had with him only 318 men.”* The message of the Sacred Scriptures always demonstrates that the victory is not by many, or by few, nor by the ingenuity of men, but by the blessing of Almighty Yahweh upon those who faithfully obey His Covenant (1 Samuel 14:6).

On February 5, 2016, the fiftieth year of **The Sacred Name Broadcast** will be complete. We shall then be entering the fifty-first year of this ministry. It has been an exciting time, wherein Almighty Yahweh has blessed and directed as we have sent forth His message of Truth to the ends of the earth.

In this series of editorials, I shall be describing some of the memorable events that have occurred during these past years, over the span of almost a half of a century. It is my hope that you will perceive the dynamic way in which the Holy Spirit of Almighty Yahweh has moved all around the world to call out of this worldly system sincere people to be His True Worshipers.

How well I recall the time in 1965 and early 1966 when this ministry came into existence. A sister in the Faith (Miss Florence Waggy), who lived in Baltimore, Maryland, wished to sponsor a regular radio broadcast. It was her desire that the Sacred Name and the sound doctrines of the Bible should be preached for a witness in these last days, and, therefore, she pledged to support such radio outreach on a Baltimore station. She obtained a radio contract.

In the meantime, she had asked one of the brethren she knew to speak on the air, but since he didn’t feel qualified, he suggested that I should be contacted. Simultaneously, another acquaintance of ours heard that Miss Waggy wanted to sponsor a radio broadcast and urged me to contact her. It seems that our letters crossed in the mail, and our next communication was through a telephone call. She urged me to begin making the radio broadcasts and send them directly to the station.

The memories of that time are still quite vivid in my mind. A snowstorm was raging outside on that January evening in 1966 as I produced the first taping of **The Sacred Name Broadcast** in the kitchen of our home. For the first several weeks, I didn’t even give my address at the end of the program, but immediately listeners sent letters to the radio station requesting more information. Interested listeners apparently wanted to learn more about this intriguing subject of the doctrine of the Sacred Name. So, consequently, I began giving our address over the air, and response immediately grew.

Almighty Yahweh had been obviously leading in so many ways up to that point. I had acquired a semi-professional tape recorder which gave our recorded material excellent sound quality on the air. I already had a typewriter which I could use for communication. With our income tax refund that year, I purchased a duplicating machine, and we began offering transcripts of the radio messages over the air. Mrs. Meyer typed up the edited copies of my radio messages on the masters for publication. (Believe it or not, we still have some of those transcripts of the early radio messages. We also still have the old duplicator, typewriter, and tape recorder.)

Almighty Yahweh had miraculously moved at the Feast of Tabernacles in 1965 to place upon me the responsibility of moving forward into this new outreach ministry. A number of people who believed the

Sacred Name had gathered together in western Missouri to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. After the author had preached several stirring sermons, some who attended came to me and suggested that we should not let our inspiration die, but that we should channel it into outreach. They asked if I would be willing to undertake such an outreach program. I responded that if it was Yahweh's Will, I would do so. At one of the services, I asked those in attendance to pray for me, that if it was Yahweh's Will, He would call me into His service. Several of them laid their hands on me and offered this prayer while someone emptied a container of olive oil on my head. I knew that if Yahshua the Messiah would open such an awesome door, I would need help, and the help nearest at hand was my own family. So I put some of the oil on each member of my family and consecrated them to assist me.

It was then drawing near to a time exactly 1,900 years since the voices has spoken in the air and commanded the Apostolic Assembly to depart from Jerusalem to escape the advancing Roman armies. The fall of Jerusalem occurred in 70 C.E. Over those almost two millennia, the Apostolic Assembly had fallen into decay. But we believe that the grave had not devoured every member down through the years (Matthew 16:16-18). There had been people who faithfully maintained this message of Truth. It was for the outgrowth of this radio ministry to restore an organization of a reconstituted Apostolic Assembly in 1969, three and a half years after the ministry began. Exactly one hundred 19-year time cycles after the Apostolic Assembly had fled from Jerusalem into Transjordan before the advancing Roman armies, the reconstituted Apostolic Assembly became organized again. (A 19-year time cycle is evident in the scriptural calendar in the keeping of the feasts of Yahweh. Every 19 years the sun, moon, and earth return to virtually the same position they had held

in relation to each other 19 years previously.)

Some people are somewhat hesitant about witnessing the Faith they believe. We had concluded that people who believed the Sacred Name were rebuffed in their personal witness so many times that many did not believe that the radio broadcast would be effective. But I had studied the Sacred Name subject very thoroughly. I believe—without reservation—the sound doctrines of the Bible which Almighty Yahweh had opened up to my understanding and which I had conclusively proven. It was the opinion of the author that, if this message of Truth were presented in an enlightened manner, people would respond, because it is provable Truth and it must be proclaimed as the end-time warning message to be preached to mankind just before the Messiah returns. Please see Malachi 4:5-6.

Consequently, it was with great joy as the outreach of the radio program began that we immediately received response to the radio broadcast.

Mrs. Meyer and I were a lot younger then. Upon my consecration into this ministry at that ordination service in 1965, the author was 30 years of age—the exact age when the priests were installed. Almighty Yahweh had given me a dedicated wife, a faithful companion, and friend. We had been married near the end of 1952. She is just 10 months younger than her husband, and, at the Feast of Tabernacles, she had just turned 30 years of age. At that time we had seven children—the youngest being less than one year old.

We embarked upon this ministry with great joy, convinced that Almighty Yahweh and Yahshua His Messiah wanted their Names proclaimed to the ends of the earth. We find in Isaiah 42:8 that the Almighty's Name is indeed YAHWEH. Acts 4:12 tells us that there can be salvation in NO OTHER NAME than in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah.

*...if this message of Truth were presented in an enlightened manner, people would respond, because it is provable Truth and it must be proclaimed as the end-time warning message to be preached to mankind...*

Since we have recently passed a major milestone in the progress of this ministry with Assemblies of Yahweh outreach now extended to all the major continents of the earth, this has led to the impetus of planning of this series. We believe that you will enjoy reading more about the Assemblies of Yahweh and the outreach from the very beginning until today.

We would like to become more closely acquainted with those who love the Bible and are living in expectation of the return of Yahshua the Messiah. We believe that you will be most joyful as you learn about how this organization began as just a little mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32). But, now, it has grown to the point where it is a large tree providing spiritual food for an increasing number of ethnic peoples around the world.

Don't miss future issues of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine, in which we shall describe some of the events that occurred in the early years of this outreach ministry.



THE *Breastplate*  
OF JUDGMENT AND  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

**"Behold, Yahweh's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 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. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness. No one calls for righteousness, and*

*no one pleads in truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch adders' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eats of their eggs dies; and that which is crushed breaks*

*out into a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no justice in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whoever goes in it does not know peace.*

*"Therefore is justice far from us, neither does righteousness overtake us: we look for light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity. We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as they that have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among them that are lusty we are as dead men. We roar all like bears, and moan severely like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: transgressing and denying Yahweh, and turning away from following our Elohim, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And justice is turned away backward, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Yes, truth is lacking; and he that departs from evil makes himself a prey.*

*"And Yahweh saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness, it upheld him. And he put on righteousness as a*

*breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a mantle. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense. So shall they fear the name of Yahweh from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come as a rushing stream, which the breath of Yahweh drives. And a Redeemer will come to Zion, and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, says Yahweh. And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says Yahweh: my Spirit that is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, says Yahweh, from now on and forever."* (Isaiah 59:1-21).

It is widely known that I am personally committed to urging a government policy of not raising taxes, but, rather, we are committed to calling for a cut in spending. When someone reads the newspapers regularly, it is plain for anyone to see that taxpayers everywhere are angry concerning the entire spectrum of government in America, which so frequently appears wasteful. In foreign countries, also, governments appear to be escalating taxes on a fairly regular basis.

Frequently, the opportunity presents itself to inject into the conversation examples of how the biblical taxation system will offer, by far, greater fairness in taxation to all the citizens of the new Kingdom that is to be established on this earth when the Messiah returns. They must recognize that the current system of taxation does not accomplish such equality and fairness across the board. This is what Isaiah chapter 59 is talking about in verse 4. *"No one calls for righteousness, and no one*

*pleads in truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity."*

Consequently, I have sought to plead for truth in the ministry Yahweh has given me. This is why I have become so cynical with politicians who, seemingly all the time, are twisting the truth in some way in their favor. The current vernacular terms it "spin doctor." *"The way of peace they know not; and there is no justice in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whoever goes in it does not know peace."* (Isaiah 59:8). What is justice? We will consider that subject momentarily. Justice must be pursued by the government. They make themselves crooked paths like Satan the Adversary.

For a moment, turn to Proverbs chapter 2. This passage describes the men who speak perverse things. *"Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the perverseness of evil; who are crooked in their ways, and wayward in their paths: to deliver you from the strange woman, even from the foreigner that flatters with her words...."* (Proverbs 2:14-16). Here are described those who have joined with this strange, or foreign, woman and the religion espoused by this type of an individual, a corrupt spiritual system. See also Proverbs 8:8 and 14:2.

Continue reading in Isaiah chapter 59 with verse 9, *"Therefore is justice far from us, neither does righteousness overtake us: we look for light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity."* Righteousness does not overtake them because they have made crooked paths. We could do a study on that subject in Proverbs. There are a number of Scriptures that include this term *crooked*. The *light* is symbolized as Torah in Proverbs 6:23. *Darkness* represents the absence of Yahweh's Word and His Law.

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# **FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION**

Almost 52 years ago, Elder Jacob O. Meyer and his wife Ruth made a Covenant commitment to Almighty Yahweh to serve Him and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah. After the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread of 1964, they put their commitment into action; they sold, or gave away, their possessions—including a farm that they had acquired just months previously and a mobile home that they had recently moved from Bethel. Packing their 1959 Ford Fairlane and a U-Haul trailer, they moved to Idaho to do something to fulfill the Great Commission. ***"Go you therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*** (Matthew 28:19-20). These words of Yahshua the Messiah compelled Elder Meyer to action: "GO," and he went willingly, taking only clothes and a few possessions, setting off to serve Yahweh. ***"Take nothing for your journey . . ."*** Luke 9:3.

Then, in the fall of 1965, he again loaded up his chocolate-brown Fairlane. This time he hitched up a rented pop-up camper and drove to the Midwest to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. At this feast site in Nevada, Missouri, it was clearly evident that the Holy Spirit was powerfully moving

Elder Jacob O. Meyer. He wanted to do things decently and in an orderly fashion—thus inviting the presence of our Heavenly Father Yahweh. In both his speech and in his sermons, he desired to teach the Truth, to present the facts clearly and concisely, so that all would be able to understand perfectly. It was clearly evident that both Elder Meyer and his wife Ruth exhibited that they had a desire burning within them to take this message of Truth to the entire world, so that all people would know the Name Yahweh and the salvation that He offers to us through the Name of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah.

The small group of believers at this Feast of Tabernacles wanted to maintain this high level of zeal and to make great strides in fulfilling the Great Commission. Knowing that a worker was needed to complete this task, they desired to ordain Jacob O. Meyer to work for Yahweh. Methods of completing this Great Commission were discussed, and a radio broadcast, Elder Meyer concluded, would be a feasible way to start to preach the Truth to the multitudes. After his ordination, he took the oil from his head and placed some on his wife and each of his seven children, because he knew that he needed assistance in completing this great task.

Since this ministry began, Elder Jacob O. Meyer has taught that the Assemblies of Yahweh must strive to become the Philadelphia Assembly,

where brotherly love abounds. Though a small organization, he sought to follow the criteria that our Savior laid down for the Philadelphia Assembly: that we keep the Word, and not deny the Name of Yahweh and Yahshua. An open door has been set before the Philadelphia Assembly, and Elder Meyer has sought to move forward through that open door with the little power that Yahweh has given. We remember the last words of Yahshua the Messiah before He ascended into heaven, ***"And he said to them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father has set within his own authority. But you shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, AND TO THE FARTHEST PART OF THE EARTH."*** Sowing the seeds of Truth by the printed page, radio, television, and internet, Elder Meyer has sought to do all that he could to fulfill the Great Commission. ***"Who has despised the day of small things?"*** Zechariah 4:10.

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation and thankfulness to Almighty Yahweh for Elder Jacob O. Meyer and his dedicated wife Ruth, because they cared for the flock with the same zeal and love today as they did fifty years ago. Many sleepless nights were spent in prayer for the physical and spiritual well-being of



the flock. Whenever someone was sick, he would send out a card, or an anointed cloth, or even pray with them over the phone. He admonished those who were going astray and instructed all in the Narrow Way, saying "***This is the way, walk in it,***" Isaiah 30:21.

In an effort to be a better teacher, he enriched his knowledge with the studies he undertook with his mentor, Paul Penn. Knowing that he needed a better and more formal education, Elder Meyer continued his education at Evangelical School of Theology, beginning with a grueling 13-day course in Biblical Hebrew in 1973. He continued with Hebrew and Greek Exegetical and Extensive Reading courses, as well as History and Holy Land Geography, over the next ten years. In 1983, both he and Mrs. Meyer took a Holy Land Geography course that culminated in a three-week study in Israel at the Holy Land Institute. Still yearning for greater knowledge in Hebrew, he continued with doctorate-level studies at Dropsie University in Philadelphia. These studies have enriched us all in the sermons that he preached, in the articles that he wrote, and the books that he published. He continued to publish the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** and the **Narrow Way**, many articles and books, while also teaching a full curriculum in Obadiah School of the Bible, which he had founded in 1974.

Elder Jacob O. Meyer sought to be a good steward for Yahweh, directing an international organization that reaches into over 100 countries worldwide. He was very adept at pinching the pennies, sacrificing even to the detriment of his personal finances—always putting Yahweh first. Tireless have been his efforts to fulfill the Great Commission, and not one to rest on his laurels, he had always been forward thinking, always trying to do more for Yahweh. As an example to us all of how an Obadiah serves Yahweh, he is worthy of more than a double honor, 1 Timothy 5:17. His labor in Yahweh's Word and his teaching through sermons, Bible studies, the radio, television, and

the printed page have instructed us all, as he sought to follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

Just as the Apostle Paul recounted in 2 Corinthians 11:26, ". . . *in journeyings often, in perils of rivers, perils of robbers, perils from countrymen, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things that are outside, there is that which presses upon me daily, anxiety for all the assemblies.*" Elder Meyer maintained this commitment through countless firestorms, and though he had not been beaten and stoned physically, he endured these trials verbally.

In the spring of 1964, Elder Jacob O. Meyer and Ruth, his faithful companion, stood alone in this journey. Now, nearly five decades later, they are not alone, but faithful brethren all over the world stand shoulder-to-shoulder to add our effort with his to fulfill the Great Commission. Elder Meyer's commitment is now our commitment.

We recognize the sacrifice that he has made in past years and pay recognition for his enduring faithfulness. "You have fought the good fight, you have kept the Faith," as Paul stated in 2 Timothy 4:7. Elder Meyer kept this commitment faithfully and is an example of faithful endurance to us all. Had he not made this journey, we would not be holding this **Sacred Name Broadcaster**. We are very thankful to Almighty Yahweh for reviving His Truth in these end times and blessing this ministry abundantly for the past 50 years.

***"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and declare to my people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins."*** (Isaiah 58:1).

***"Go you therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of***

***the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*** (Matthew 28:19-20).

***"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."*** (Mark 16:15-16).

***"And he said to them, These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. Then he opened their mind, that they might understand the Scriptures; and he said to them, In this manner it is written, that the Messiah should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."*** (Luke 24:44-47).

Fifty years ago, on February 5, 1966, the Glad Tidings of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh began to be preached by Elder Jacob O. Meyer (OBM) on WBMD in Baltimore, Maryland. This end-time message of the Good News of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh may have begun as a still small voice—heralding the message of Truth to a generation walking in darkness—but has grown exponentially through the past half-century.

Yahshua the Messiah, in His Olivet Prophecy, predicted that this message of Truth would be preached worldwide before the end of the age. ***"And these good tidings of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations; and then shall the end come."*** (Matthew 24: 14). The good news of the Kingdom of the Heavens will be disseminated to the far ends of the earth for a witness to every nation before the

end comes. Like a voice in the wilderness, a call for repentance has gone forth, calling all seekers of Truth to bring forth fruits that are worthy of repentance.

***“Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of through Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying, in the wilderness make ready the way of Yahweh, make his paths straight...Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance....”*** (Matthew 3:2-3, 8).

The Assemblies of Yahweh message has brought the Name of Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, to millions of people over the past 50 years. The Name of Yahweh is much more recognizable today than it was a half century ago. However, it seems as though too few have heeded this call to repentance. The Name of Yahshua the Messiah is also more common place today than it was in 1966; however, sadly, too few have heeded the call to be immersed into His Name. Still, however, these glad tidings must be preached for a witness (testimony) to the whole world. Those who make themselves disciples of Yahshua the Messiah will be baptized into His Name. The Great Commission includes not only preaching the Names of Yahweh and Yahshua, but also teaching everyone the observance of all of the things that have been commanded by Yahweh in His Word.

Luke 24:47 states that repentance and remission of sins will be preached to all nations. *Repentance* is #3341 in the Greek lexicon of the **Strong’s Concordance**, and is *metanoia* and means *compunction (for guilt, including reformation), by implication, reversal.* It is from #3340, which means *to think differently or afterwards, i.e., reconsider.* A call to repentance is gone forth for the past 50 years through the **Sacred Name Broadcast, Telecast** and in the **Sacred Name Broadcaster**.

Remission is #859 in the **Strong’s** and is *aphesis* meaning *freedom, figuratively pardon.* It is translated

into the English as deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, and remission. Freedom from sin is offered through the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for all who will heed this call to repentance. Beginning from Jerusalem, the Apostles went out to the ends of the known world at that time. Now, 1900 years later, the message is again going forth with great power. Those who heed the message today join hand-in-hand with the Apostolic Assembly, who also received this call to repentance. ***“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? 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. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call to him. And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”*** (Acts 2:37-40).

***“And I said, who are you, Master? And the Master said, I am Yahshua who you persecute. But arise, and stand on your feet: for to this end have I appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen me, and of the things in which I will appear to you; delivering you from the people, and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you, to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to Yahweh, that they may receive the remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me.”*** (Acts 26:15-18).

All sincere seekers after Truth are uniting together to carry this message of hope to a dying, hopeless generation. Will join with us, making the fulfillment of the Great

Commission a priority in your life as it was in the life of Elder Jacob O. Meyer? He instructed us in his will that we continue the Work and labor diligently for the full and complete fulfillment of Matthew 28:19-20. As the world around us degenerates into debauchery, we have chosen the road less traveled, which leads to life everlasting in the Kingdom of Yahweh. The Assemblies of Yahweh today is striving to be Philadelphia. It is our goal—our example, and pattern to follow—not that we have already attained, or have already been made perfect.

***“Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and ordinances. Behold, I will send you EliYah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”*** (Malachi 4:4-6).

The Assemblies of Yahweh must teach, and educate, and fulfill the Great Commission. A herald of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh to the ends of the earth. This assignment comprises a witness of the Truth of Yahweh to the world. We preach the Word, and those individuals who are convicted by the Word of Yahweh will voluntarily make the necessary changes in their lives so that they will eventually enter the Assemblies of Yahweh. If the Holy Spirit is calling you, you will indeed make the necessary alterations to your life to live by every Word of Yahweh and affiliate with the only group that is living in this manner.

We have a lot to do. Almighty Yahweh is with us and will give us the power to complete this building project—to build a spiritual house that transcends the physical.

Will you join with us to do this? We hope so!

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**"We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as they that have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among them that are lusty we are as dead men."** (Isaiah 59:10). We are blind as a nation. We cannot see the Truth in the Sacred Scriptures. People are only partially recognizing Yahweh's Word and Yahweh's Law. See Malachi 2:6-9.

**"We roar all like bears, and moan severely like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us."** (Isaiah 59:11). They are like an unclean person. The bear is an unclean animal, however, moaning for Yahweh's Spirit. The dove is a symbol of Yahweh's Spirit. The dove is a clean bird. Are we prepared for the advent of Yahweh's Kingdom soon to come to this earth? This is an appropriate question to insert at this point.

**"For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them...."** (Isaiah 59:12). Each one of us knows himself better than any other person on this earth. But we must remember that Yahweh knows all. Yahweh knows us better than we know ourselves, for He sees our hearts (1 Samuel 16:7).

**"Transgressing and denying Yahweh, and turning away from following our Elohim, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood."** This is a perfect characterization of the world today. **"And justice is turned away backward, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter."** (Isaiah 59:13-14). The one who departs from evil is called the wicked person.

When you read over this prophetic passage several times, you must

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conclude that this broad analysis appearing here will include many different facets of our lives, will it not?

Almighty Yahweh has established His Torah to be a supreme guide over the life of the believer. The Torah will be enforced unilaterally with fairness in His coming Kingdom age. It will establish Yahweh's fair and equitable system of justice in every phase of our lives to the people of the world, and, especially, to His people who believe in Him and His Word. In the past, Yahweh instructed the administration of His religious system during biblical times to wear a symbol that portrays this fact. That symbol was the High Priest's breastplate.

At the 1994 Feast of Tabernacles, I preached the initial sermon in this series. During this Feast of Tabernacles sermon, I unveiled the initial phase of our preparation of the replica of the ancient artifact, the breastplate worn by Israel's High Priest. In last month's segment, I introduced a second item that accompanied the breastplate of the High Priest—the crown of gold that was affixed to the turban, prescribed to be worn by the High Priest. We

have now placed the crown of gold above the breastplate when the work was completed. I would hasten to point out, however, that the fashioning of these items is our current interpretation of the biblical explanations. We plan humbly to yield to Yahshua the Messiah to correct our work when He returns if we have inadvertently misunderstood some instruction.

Let us briefly review the passage that describes these items, and then we shall study these symbols more thoroughly in the pages of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine over the next few months, Yahweh willing.

***And bring you near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.*** (Exodus 28:1-2).

Let us pause a moment to recapture something of importance that appears in another passage of Scripture. ***And he said to Moses, Come up to Yahweh, you, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship afar off....*** (Exodus 24:1). ***Then Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu went up, and seventy of the elders of Israel....*** (Exodus 24:9). Where were Eleazar and Ithamar at the time? They are not mentioned because Nadab and Abihu were in the direct lineage to succeed their father, Aaron.

Recall again the incident of Leviticus chapter 10 which describes how Nadab and Abihu did not sufficiently respect Yahweh and His Law. ***And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each his censer, and put fire in it, and laid incense on it, and offered strange fire before Yahweh, which he had not commanded***

**them.”** (Leviticus 10:1).

1 Chronicles chapter 24 reminds us of what happened. **“And the courses of the sons of Aaron were these. The sons of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.”** (1 Chronicles 24:1). The way it is expressed in the Hebrew text, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, would join these four individuals (brothers) into two associated pairs. **“But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest’s office.”** Nadab and Abihu had no children. They were young men who did not fully respect Yahweh’s Word. Therefore, Yahweh judged them and destroyed them for their sins. The following courses are then appointed through the lineage of descendants of Eleazar and Ithamar (as you can read further in the passage).

Continuing in Exodus chapter 28, we read in verse 2, **“And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.”** Remember Nadab and Abihu were sanctified—ordained into the priest’s office to be in subordination to their father. The point I am trying to make is that none of Yahweh’s True Worshipers can ever become complacent. One of the subthemes of the segments in this sermon series will be that people of the Assemblies of Yahweh sometimes become complacent and allow sin to enter into their lives. Thereupon, Yahweh’s judgment will fall upon them.

**“And you shall speak to all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron’s garments to sanctify him, that he may minister to me in the priest’s office.”** These were the men that you read about later on as the Tabernacle was being constructed in Exodus chapter 36. We see that they are named Bezalel and Oholiab, and

there are others who were associated with those craftsmen who were the Tabernacle builders engaged in constructing Yahweh’s house.

**“And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a coat of checker work, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, and his sons, that he may minister to me in the priest’s office. And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen.”**

**“And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the skilful workman.”** The term *ephod* appears in Hebrew almost exactly as we pronounce it in English. It appears here in this instance in verse 6, as ‘ephuddah, #642 in the Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, and means *a girding on (of the ephod); hence gen. a plating (of metal):ephod, ornament.* From #646, ‘ephowd, probably of foreign derivative, and means *a girdle: spec. the ephod or high-priest’s shoulderpiece; also gen. an image:—ephod.* The article of vesture is something they made like a vest which was attached to the breastplate, perhaps something like the modern-day hunter’s vest, to which could be attached the shoulder-pieces of the breastplate, We can also see from the description in verse 6 that it was to comprise a very beautiful, colorful item.

**“It shall have two shoulder-pieces joined to the two ends of it, that it may be joined together. And the skilfully woven band, which is upon it, with which to gird it on, shall be like the work of it and of the same piece; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.”** Gold has a yellowish, reddish color, and it symbolizes value, durability, sound doctrine. The blue symbolizes trustworthiness and fidelity. The

purple symbolizes royalty. Scarlet is an exciting color. Fine twined linen was always white or perhaps just a bit off-white in color. It symbolized purity. This is obviously a very colorful garment. Think of the hunter’s camouflage vest and how colorful those are. The ephod appeared even more colorful.

**“And you shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the children of Israel: six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the six that remain on the other stone, according to their birth.”** We did this on the onyx stones on the shoulder chains of the breastplate replica. According to the order of their birth was Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin. We engraved the onyx stones for the shoulder-pieces with these names, as they are found in the book of Genesis.

**“With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shall you engrave the two stones, according to the names of the children of Israel: you shall make them to be enclosed in settings of gold.”** The engravings should be like a signet as penetrating the surface of the stones. The brother that did the engraving found it very difficult to penetrate those very hard onyx stones. We choose black onyx, because the engraving would show up much better than the white onyx stones. We did penetrate the stones with the engraving, and the names of the Israelite tribes are clearly visible and legible on the stones.

**“And you shall put the two stones upon the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before Yahweh upon his two shoulders for a memorial.”**

They are to be memorial stones to remind us of the tribes of Israel. We know that this is a very signifi-

## PART TWO

cant statement, “**to be stones of memorial**,” because the Diaspora of Israel must be brought to remember their Mighty One. Yahweh always intended the High Priest’s vestments to set forth a memorial, even when so many Israelites were sent away out of Eretz Israel (the land of Israel) for judicial punishment for their sins. Do we remember why Reuben was not given the primary right of inheritance, although it should have been his? Do we remember the sins of the remainder of Israel? 2 Kings 17 itemizes and enumerates them very plainly. However, the tribes of Israel are always remembered—to appear on the shoulders of the High Priest to remind Almighty Yahweh that they, and their descendants, are somewhere dwelling on the earth.

We notice that the term *Shechem* in Hebrew means *shoulders*. At Shechem are two mountains—Gerizim on one side and Ebal on the other side. It is almost as though you are reading again from Deuteronomy chapter 27 where the text instructs Israel that the names of six of the tribes were placed on Ebal for a curse and the other six names were placed on Gerizim for a blessing. This text reminds us of almost a parallel instruction.

**“And you shall make settings of gold, and two chains of pure gold; like cords shall you make them, of wreath work: and you shall put the wreath chains on the settings.”**

**“And you shall make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skilful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, you shall make it.”** This description relates to the backing for the setting of the stones.

**“Square it shall be and double; a span shall be the length of it, and a span the width of it.”** This measurement would be about nine inches in length. It would be about

nine inches square and doubled.

**“And you shall set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row; and the second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; and the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be enclosed in gold in their settings.”** I hope to discuss the significance of these stones in one of the future segments. We must understand the significance of these stones and how it is that they refer to the tribes of Israel.

**“And the stones shall be according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, they shall be for the twelve tribes. And you shall make on the breastplate chains like cords, of wreath work of pure gold. And you shall make upon the breast-plate two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-plate. And you shall put the two wreath chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. And the other two ends of the two wreath chains you shall put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, in the forepart of it. And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge of it, which is toward the side of the ephod inward. And you shall make two rings of gold, and shall put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart of it, close by the coupling of it, above the skilfully woven band of the ephod.”**

In other words, what Yahweh, the Master Designer, intends for the craftsmen to produce is a secure object so that when the High Priest moves about, the breastplate will

remain securely attached to the ephod. Everything will be bound together so that the priest is able to move around freely, and, yet, the breastplate will not shift from side to side upon his torso.

**“And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings of it to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be upon the skilfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goes in to the holy place, for a memorial before Yahweh continually.”** The High Priest had to bear the names of the children of Israel upon his heart symbolically, just as Yahweh has a concern for the interests of the children of Israel.

**“And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron’s heart, when he goes in before Yahweh: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before Yahweh continually.”**

We must very carefully examine the terms *Urim* and *Thummim*. As the author mentioned in one of the Obadiah School of the Bible classes, the Bible comprises a never-ending fountain of knowledge and Truth. Rather than lightly brushing over the minor prophetic books of Joel and Obadiah, I was led to a study that related the book of Joel to a number of prophetic passages in other books. The study revealed that the Bible is filled with numerous passages that are interrelated; therefore, I felt compelled to study the book of Joel minutely and not brush over it. This is what we intend to do with the terms *Urim* and *Thummim*.

*Urim* is a Hebrew term meaning *lights* and *Thummim* is translated *perfections*. This is Yahweh’s inten-

## THE *Breastplate of JUDGMENT AND RIGHTEOUSNESS*

**Urim is a Hebrew term meaning lights and Thummim is translated perfections. This is Yahweh's intention that He will reveal to His Body of True Worshipers—the Israelites of old and the people of Yahweh today, the knowledge we need to overcome the allurement of the world before the Messiah's Second Coming.**

tion that He will reveal to His Body of True Worshipers—the Israelites of old and the people of Yahweh today—the knowledge we need to overcome the allurement of the world before the Messiah's Second Coming.

Hopefully, we will all comprehend much more clearly the picture concerning the judgment of the children of Israel carried upon the High Priest's heart before Yahweh. Aaron was to be the judge of Israel in his day, and that judgment is manifested in this item in his vesture.

**"And you shall make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue. And it shall have a hole for the head in the middle of it: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of a coat of mail, so it is not rent. And upon the skirts of it you shall make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the skirts of it; and bells of gold between them round about: a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe round about."** (Exodus 28:31-34). Pomegranates represented fruitfulness in ancient Israel. You can almost see what is happening by attaching the bells and pomegranates to the robe, The pomegranates would strike the bells and the bells would tinkle both from the strike of the pomegranate and, undoubtedly, from the little clapper within the bell.

**"And it shall be upon Aaron**

***to minister: and the sound of it shall be heard when he goes in to the holy place before Yahweh, and when he comes out, that he does not die.***" The High Priest knew there was music there. There is a significant purpose to the pomegranates and the golden bells and that is to present music to Almighty Yahweh. Additionally, these items are meant to be a signal to those who are outside the Holy of Holies that the High Priest is doing his duty and functioning as he has been taught by the administration.

***"And you shall make a plate of pure gold, and engrave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO YAHWEH. And you shall put it on a lace of blue, and it shall be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be."***

A picture of the completed breastplate and head band replicas appears on the first page of each month's segment of this series. There are slits on the ends of the headband through which is drawn this lace of blue so that it can be fastened upon the turban or bound around the head. This one will not be bound around any human head. If Yahshua wishes to use it when He returns, then our humble efforts will receive a reward. We tried to reproduce each of these items very attractively, prepared to be placed on the High Priest's head. Yahshua is our High Priest. When He returns, I hope He will accept it and use it.

**"And it shall be upon Aaron's**

***forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before Yahweh.***" Remember that the Law should be written on the foreheads of all of us. The forehead signifies the seat of human intellect that they should be accepted before Yahweh.

Again the headband is to be engraved like a signet. It is to say *chodesh le-Yahweh*—holy to Yahweh. Does your character represent holiness to Yahweh? Is your mind cleansed of every thought of sin and rejection against Yahweh's Word? That is what Almighty Yahweh intends for us to understand. When the golden plate on the mitre was seen, it was meant to remind them that the holy priesthood of Israel, and everyone in Israel, was to regulate himself according to the Word of Yahweh and be sin free. The headband meant that, in the minds of the Israelites, they were servants of Yahweh because they were bearers of the Sacred Name of the only True and living Elohim.

The term *breastplate* here in this passage in Exodus chapter 28 is #2833, *choshen*, and is defined from an unused root prob. mean. to contain or sparkle; perh. a pocket (as holding the Urim and Thummim), or rich (as containing gems), used only of the gorget of the highpriest:breastplate. The origin of the term *gorget* is from the Middle

English to Old French, and it means “1. a piece of armor to protect the throat: see ARMOR, illus. This is from the Webster’s Dictionary of the American Language, Second College Edition. Also, “2. a collar 3. an article of clothing covering the neck and breast, formerly worn by women 4. a patch of color on the throat of a bird.” Consequently, this breastplate was to be worn fairly high, just under the throat, and that is why Yahweh instructed that it be placed upon Aaron’s heart, the central part of his breast.

The term *breastplate* also appears in Isaiah chapter 59 where the Hebrew word is # 8302, *shiryon*, *shiryan*, *shiryah*, *shiryormh*, there are four related terms brought out. It means *in the orig. sense of turning; a corslet (as if twisted):-breastplate, coat of mail, habergeon, harness*. It is from #8281, *sharah*, meaning “*a prim. root; to free—direct.*” You can also begin to take into account that this word begins with a *sheen* and #5630 begins with a *somek*, *siryon*, meaning *a coat of mail*, and also *a breastplate*.

Therefore, the High Priest’s article of attire (the breastplate) was intended as a symbol of judgment. It is mentioned with the armor of Yahweh in Isaiah chapter 59, and also mentioned for the armor of the True Worshiper as in Ephesians 6:14, where it signifies righteousness. Good judgment upon the heart symbolizes and implies what is typically recognized to mean righteousness. Good judgment and righteousness go hand in hand. All of us must be judges, and we must judge ourselves according to the Word (Law) of Yahweh.

Turn to 1 Corinthians chapter 11. We must judge ourselves so that we shall not be judged (verse 29). The term *judgment*, as I pointed out in last month’s segment, is #4941, *mishpat*, meaning *a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, espec. a sentence or formal decree (human or [partic.] [Yahweh’s]*

*law, individual or collect), includ. the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstr. justice, includ. a partic, right, or privilege.* The relationship between Isaiah chapter 59 and the term *judgment* as it is used in Exodus 28 should certainly be obvious to all of us. The term is from #8199 which is *shaphat*, meaning *to judge, i.e. pronounce sentence (for or against); by impl. to vindicate or punish.*

The term *righteousness* is # 6666, *tsedoqah*, which is taken from #6663, *tsadaq*. It means *rightness (abstr.) subj. (rectitude), obj. (justice), mor. (virtue) or fig. (prosperity).* The connection between the terms *righteousness* and *justice* from their Hebrew definitions should be evident to the Bible student.

What lessons should we learn? Righteousness reaps rectitude, or right, and produces justice, morality produces virtue. Figuratively, when all of these terms are associated, the True Worshiper making the application will live in blessing and prosperity, happiness and joy.

The term *tsadaq*, is a prime root, meaning *to be (causat. make) right (in a moral or forensic sense):-cleanse, clear self....* Also, #1899, *shaphat*, means *to vindicate or punish*, it is a decision predicated on that premise.

***“And you shall weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and you shall make a mitre of fine linen, and you shall make a girdle, the work of the embroiderer.”***

Let us read from Deuteronomy chapter 32. This passage comprises some very special instructions in the Sacred Scriptures. We should begin reading with verse 4 to get the context for verses 35 and 36.

***“The Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice: an El of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is he.”***

The term *Rock* in Hebrew is *tsur* and is also a homonym for the root of Egypt. Remember, Egypt is not

a rock of righteousness, but a rock of evil. Yahweh’s Rock is *tamim* (perfect).

When we think about what happens in the world today, are we truly in harmony with Yahweh’s Word concerning Yahweh’s way of justice? How many people customarily brush aside Yahweh’s Covenant Law and commandments? Yahweh’s ways are perfect! Justice and righteousness are Yahweh’s inherent characteristics.

***“They have dealt corruptly with him, they are not his children, it is their blemish; they are a perverse and crooked generation.”*** The blemish is the human stigma of the weakness in the flesh, which is magnified during certain periods in history. The weakness of the flesh then becomes a spirit of evil and iniquity penetrating almost every corner of the world,

***“Is this how you repay Yahweh, O foolish and unwise people? Is not he your father that has bought you?”*** The term *father* here refers to the one who redeemed Israel from Egypt. *Qarzah* in Hebrew is the term for *bought or redeemed*. How do you repay Yahweh? Sinful people do not seem to consider this question when they want to fall into sin, a lifestyle of the world.

The worldly lifestyle will bring you eternal death. If you engage in a relationship with worldly people, they are going to take you away from Yahweh. This is proven to me each time I have to deal with members’ personal problems. When people become cozy with the world, then they are on the way to sin that leads out of the Assemblies of Yahweh. How comfortable are you in the universal system of this world? Does it vex your soul every time evil things are portrayed on television? Just like Lot, nephew of Abraham, my soul is vexed when I see the evil in the world. See 2 Peter 2:7-8.

***“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask your father, and he***

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*will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.*" Continuing in verse 9, we read, "**For Yahweh's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.**" Here you find a type of the two witnesses again—Jacob and Israel. These two witnesses are here on this earth today.

**"He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He compassed him about, he cared for him, He guarded him as the apple of his eye."** Where did Yahweh find you? You can undoubtedly confirm that He found you in a spiritual drought, desiring to become one of His people. He found you in a place where you were not getting spiritually fed. He brought you to the Assemblies of Yahweh to receive abundant spiritual nourishment.

In Proverbs 7:52, we see the same terms used there regarding the *apple of his eye*. The rabbis of Judaism have interpreted this *apple of the eye* as the *little man*. When you stand in front of someone, you can possibly see your reflection in his eye. The clearness of the eye is something that people guard very meticulously.

**"As an eagle that stirs up her nest, that flutters over her young, He spread abroad his wings, he took them, He bore them on his pinions. Yahweh alone led him, and there was no foreign el with him."** Who are you worshiping? I worship the only True and living Mighty One of the Hebrews—Yahweh. I worship the Mighty One of Israel—Yahweh. He is the Author of the Sacred Scriptures, and I will always adhere to His worship.

What about people today? They want to worship the oriental mighty ones, or Indian mighty ones, seemingly just to get away from the Bible.

**"He made him ride on the high places of the earth...."** The term for *high places* in the Hebrew text is *bamoth*. These are the high places wherein the Canaanite pagan

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mighty one—Baal—was worshiped.

**"...And he ate the increase of the field; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; butter of the herd, and milk of the flock, with the fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the finest of the wheat; and of the blood of the grape you drank wine [fermented]."**

Yahweh gave the Israelites nothing but the best. He gave them honey and oil, and butter (*chemah*, which has the meaning of *curdled milk or soft cheese*). He also gave them milk, meat, and fermented wine. Then they enjoyed good times.

**"But Jeshurun [the upright one] grew fat, and kicked: you have become fat, you have grown thick, you have become sleek; then he forsook Elohim who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They moved him to jealousy with strange elohim; with abominations provoked they him to anger, they sacrificed to demons, which were no Elohim, to elohim that they knew not, to new elohim that came up of late, which your fathers dreaded not."** Satan is depicted as being at work against the faithfulness of the Israelites. In Revelation 9:20, we read that, in the last days, the people of the world would be worshiping demons.

**"Of the Rock that procreated you you are unmindful, and have forgotten El that gave you birth. And Yahweh saw it, and**

**abhorred them, because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters.**" When people reject Yahweh, He sees it and knows it. We tell children that Yahweh is watching them at all times, but do we, as adults, recognize that vigilant observation also?

**"And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom is no faithfulness."** Yahweh will just simply go away, and wait to observe what will happen. He knows that eventually Israel will get themselves in so much trouble that they will have to call upon Him again. As the prophet Ezekiel prophesied, **"For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them...."** See Ezekiel 36:37.

In Deuteronomy chapter 32, we continue reading with verse 21. **"They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not El; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those that are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation."** As Moses describes in Deuteronomy 30:19, we should choose obedience that yields life, not the curse that produces death.

**"For a fire is kindled in my anger, and burns to the lowest Sheol, and devours the earth with its increase,"** The present earth is preserved for the devouring fire described in 2 Peter chapter 3.

**"I will heap evils upon them;**

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*I will spend my arrows upon them: they shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat and bitter destruction; and the teeth of beasts will I send upon them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust.*

All of these things are described in Leviticus chapter 26 and Deuteronomy chapter 28, the chapters containing the blessings and the curses.

*"Outside shall the sword rob them, and in the chambers terror; it shall destroy both young man and virgin, the sucking with the man of gray hairs."* This passage speaks of people suffering from war and diseases, incurable diseases like AIDS and herpes. It is terrifying to travel almost anywhere in the world today. Drugs and illicit sex have produced the AIDS plague that infects and kills thousands.

*"I said, I would scatter them afar, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men; were it not that I feared the taunt of the enemy...."* As Moses reminded Yahweh that His enemies will accuse Him that He had brought a people out of Egypt, but could not save them (Exodus 32:11-14).

*"Lest their adversaries should judge amiss, lest they should say, our hand is exalted, and Yahweh has not done all this. For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them. Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!"* Do you ever ponder the promise of the Kingdom of Yahweh? Yahweh wants us to be in that Kingdom, or He would not have revealed His Truth to us.

We see here, in verse 30, a refer-

ence to Leviticus 26:8, *"How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and Yahweh had delivered them?*

*"For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. For their*

*their power is gone, and there is none remaining, shut up or left at large."*

This redemption is described by the prophets of old, and the Apostles of the New Testament are similarly trying to make Israel understand the redemption of Yahweh. Yahweh will

finally judge His people. On which side will you be? Will you be on the side of the sheep who obediently submit, or on the side of the goats who rebelliously reject Yahweh's Covenant Law? Understand that this passage is talking about those who are serving Yahweh.

Yahweh proves that the elohim of the people are vanity. *"And he will say, Where are their elohim, the rock in which they took refuge; which ate the*

*fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink-offering? Let them rise up and help you, let them be your protection."*

Some day Yahweh will judge, and in vengeance He will produce the punishment that we all deserve—evil for rejecting Him, or the reward of eternal life for faithfully serving Him. How serious are we about serving Yahweh?

*"And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel; and he said to them, Set your heart to all the words which I testify to you this day, which you shall command your children to observe to do, even all the words of this law. For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you are going over the Jordan to possess it."*

## ***Yahweh has not changed! People may change, but Yahweh—never!***

*"For I, Yahweh, change not;  
therefore you, O sons of Jacob,  
are not consumed."*

MALACHI 3:6



*vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:*" The world today is like Sodom and Gomorrah of old. Their wine is even bitter. The same sins that brought annihilation to Sodom and Gomorrah will soon bring this world into the final judgment of Yahweh's wrath.

*"Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of asps."* See Isaiah 59 for a cross reference. Who is this describing? It is Satan the Adversary, whose demon spirit the people of the world have ingested.

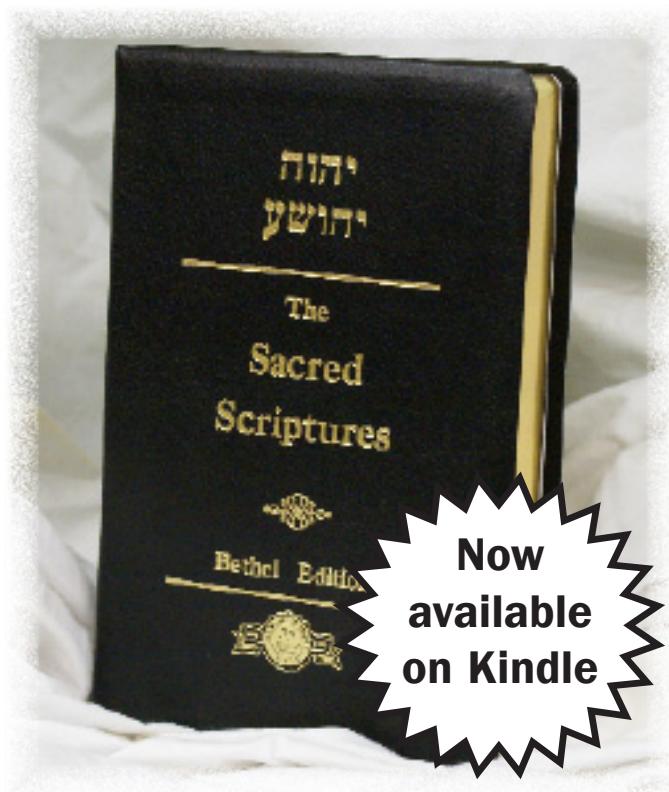
*"Is not this laid up in store with me, sealed up among my treasures? Vengeance is mine, and recompense, at the time when their foot shall slide: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that are to come upon them shall make haste. For Yahweh will judge his people, and repent himself for his servants; when he sees that*

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(Deuteronomy 32:44-47).

Here we find another mention of the heart in verse 46. The heart is the seat of affection—the center of our being. The reason we are alive today is because the heart keeps pumping in our chest.

You might wonder what you are receiving in return for keeping the Law. Our human life is not the end for those people who desire to be in the Kingdom of Yahweh, but this life will be all that you will have unless Yahweh’s converted attitude will always prevail within your heart. Obeying all the words of Yahweh’s Law is what will give you eternal life.

Carefully consider this stirring conclusion to Moses’ new moon sermon. The book of Deuteronomy is Moses’ last statement before his death, except for the prophecy to the tribes in Deuteronomy chapter 33. Thereafter, Yahweh told him to

go up to Mount Ebal, and Moses died there.

This is practically his last statement to Israel. **“Set your heart to all the words which I testify to you this day, which you shall command your children to observe to do, even all the words of this law. For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you are going over the Jordan to possess it.”** (Deuteronomy 32:46b-47). Obedience to Yahweh’s Law is not worthless—it is your eternal life. Your eternal life is at stake.

Can Yahweh mislead the ministers of religion today? Is His message for today different than it was to ancient Israel? Of course not—we follow in the same charge as Abraham gave his children, we give our children the same instruction

(Genesis 18:19 and 26:25). Yahweh has not changed! People may change, but Yahweh—never!

I hope that we pay attention to these words, because they are vitally important. Years ago we recognized that when we start dealing with the breastplate, it is a very serious subject and it is perhaps one of the last subjects that one can almost preach, because it says, **“For Yahweh will judge his people....”** (Deuteronomy 32:36a). Vengeance for sin belongs to Yahweh. On which side will we be—the side of Yahweh, or the side of His vengeance? That is really the underlying theme behind the breastplate messages.

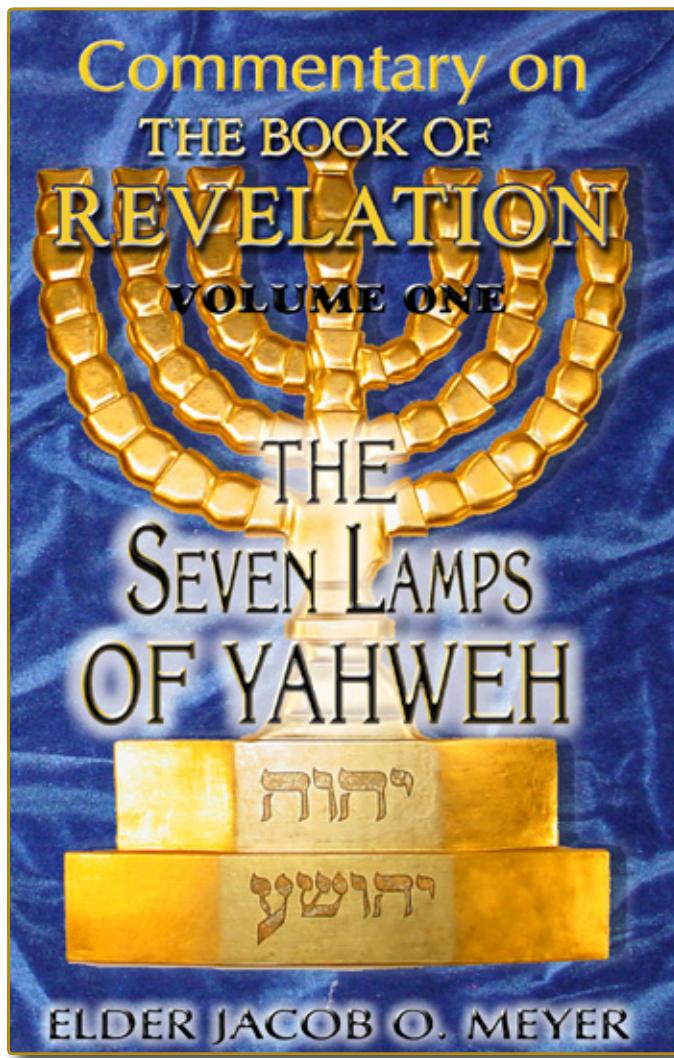
Let us not discount this message at all. It is one of great seriousness.

May Almighty Yahweh bless us as we ponder the words of the Sacred Scriptures and strive to fulfill those things that are pleasing in Yahweh’s sight.

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