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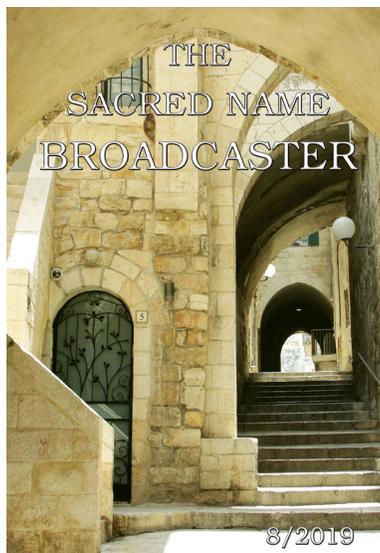
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Our Cover:

Our cover this month shows a street in Jerusalem with its stone steps and walls that have an inviting and pleasant color. The Jerusalem limestone that is mined in Israel, many times, has a yellow, or golden, hue. When the sun's light shines upon it, especially in the afternoon, it emits a warm, golden glow.

The Jerusalem to come will be a city of Truth and righteousness. Aged men and women will be seen in the streets of the city. **"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets of it."** (Zechariah 8:5).

Will you be permitted entry into Jerusalem in the Kingdom of Yahweh? Our conduct today will determine whether we will ever experience this beautiful scene. **"In this manner says Yahweh of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them and they shall dwell in the middle of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their Elohim, in truth and in righteousness."** (Zechariah 8:7-8).



THE ORIGINS OF THE
ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH MINISTRY



What Has El Wrought?

When we consider the origins of this ministry, we constantly remember the question that was asked in Numbers 23:23, “*What has El wrought?*” What great and mighty works Almighty Yahweh has brought to pass in this dynamic, end-time ministry!

The origins of this ministry have, indeed, been humble, but always directed by the hand of the Messiah, under the guidance of the Most High Father Yahweh. Almighty Yahweh has blessed abundantly throughout the years! From its inception, the ministry has continually grown—all praises to Yahweh.

We hope that you are enjoying this extended series written to recapitulate the history of this dynamic, end-time ministry and that you will develop an affinity for the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh who keep His commandments, who honor Yahshua as their Messiah, and love all of Yahweh’s children.

The year 1969 began with the anticipation of great events to come. I recall receiving several

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

telephone calls that came in at the common New Year Day. These calls were quite encouraging, as the people who telephoned explained how thankful they were for the ministry that Yahweh had begun at Bethel. They greatly enjoyed the radio messages and looked forward to receiving the publications we were sending out.

Soon afterward, some of the brethren who were faithfully supporting, and were closely affiliated with the ministry, urged that an organization should be chartered. We made plans for an organizational meeting to be held in March of 1969. I recall that it was on the Sabbath when quite a number of people gathered here at Bethel for that special meeting. While preaching the sermon for the Sabbath services, I discussed the nature of the proposed new organization—the name it should be called and the purposes for which it must be founded. I also explained how

it should be our purpose to keep the organization pure, sin-free and clean, functioning only in harmony with Yahweh’s Word.

Consequently, it was our decision that we should begin to charter such a unique organization. An attorney attended the evening organizational meeting, and he immediately began work on writing the charter and obtaining the approval of the courts of Berks County. We believed that this new organization would be the first “organized” Body of the Messiah maintaining only sound doctrine, since the one constituted by Yahshua Himself disintegrated following the deaths of the Apostles. Therefore, I have frequently described the Assemblies of Yahweh as the latter-day reconstituted Apostolic Assembly.

It was at this time that the Assemblies of Yahweh **Statement of Doctrine** was written. Originally, it was my conviction that we should simply state that Assemblies of Yahweh will always stand—completely and

without reservation—strictly on what the Bible teaches, and that this statement should suffice as our statement of doctrine. Nevertheless, one of the brethren remarked that all (or most) of the various churches make a similar statement. Consequently, people will ask, “*What do you find the Bible to contain?*” Therefore, I began writing a **Statement of Doctrine**. In the month of April 1969, the brethren gathered together to observe the memorial of the suffering and death of Yahshua the Messiah and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We spent the first part of the Feast of Unleavened Bread in Pittsburgh, but returned to Bethel for the last half of the feast. I brought along with me the initial draft of the **Statement of Doctrine**, and we studied through it for our Bible Studies at that holy season.

Upon returning home, I learned that my grandfather, Joseph Gibble Meyer (1882–1969), had passed away. Since my grandmother (his wife) had died in 1928 (years before the author was born), my grandfather had resided in the home of my parents. Consequently,

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he was very close to the entire family, and he had always taken a special interest in me.

However, I learned that he would be laid to rest on the Last High Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. I tried to persuade the family members in charge of making the arrangements to postpone the funeral by one day. They refused; consequently, I and my family could not compromise our conscience and attend the burial. However, I wanted the family to pay our last respects. We went to the funeral home late on the afternoon before the beginning of the last holy day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and viewed my grandfather’s remains. Then we returned home and prepared ourselves to

worship
Almighty
Yahweh on His annual holy day.

The services on that annual holy day were quite inspiring for me. Brethren from many different places joined us in worship that day. It was truly encouraging to perceive the growing interest in this fledgling ministry.

However, the next major step in the growth of the ministry was about to occur.

During the late winter, several people had written requesting that I visit them. These were people who had heard the radio broadcast and had developed an interest. They wished to discuss the Scriptures, and several requested to be counseled for baptism. Therefore, in several issues of the newsletter during the winter of 1968–69, I had mentioned that I was planning a trip for springtime and would be visiting people who had an interest in discussing the Word of Yahweh, or being baptized. We received visitation requests from all around the country.

Several of those individuals who were supporting the ministry thereupon sent in generous contributions to help pay for the journey. I used my own personal vehicle, a Ford station wagon in excellent mechanical condition, for the entire trip. I installed



Four generations of Meyers, early 1935. The editor, as a child, held by his grandfather, Joseph G. Meyer, who is standing behind his parents, the editor’s great-grandfather, Jacob W. Meyer, Jr., with Leah Gibble Meyer; Jacob J. Meyer, the editor’s father, is standing on the right.

all new tires on the vehicle and serviced it carefully in anticipation of a trip to the West Coast and back again. Since I was still working full-time for the poultry processing company, I tendered my resignation, giving them the option of accepting the resignation, or viewing it as only a leave of absence in case they could not fill the position until I returned. In this way, if they could hire a full-time employee, I would not stand in the way.

We kept a file containing the names of those who requested a visit, and the final number came to more than 30 individuals, families, and groups who wanted to be visited. Consequently, I made my plans to depart on the day following the Last High Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread for this first extended ministerial journey.

In the evening when the High Day ended, I typed up the spirit masters of the edited and completed **Statement of Doctrine** so I could take copies along to pass out as I traveled. During the night, as Mrs. Meyer was preparing my clothes and packing my suitcase, she took the time to print out the **Statement of Doctrine** from the spirit masters that I had typed.

I departed for the West the day after the High Day. I began my visits in Missouri, traveling on to Arkansas, and then to Texas. The trip took me through New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota. I finally ended the trip with a visit to several homes in Wisconsin. Thereafter, I traveled back to my home in Pennsylvania. This was a major journey, and it took approximately six weeks to make the circuit. Since I had started out on the day after the Last



Top:
Leah G. Meyer (center), great-grandmother of Elder Jacob O. Meyer with her children. Joseph G. Meyer seated bottom left.

Bottom:
The Meyer family in 1969



High Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, I arrived home just prior to the Feast of Weeks.

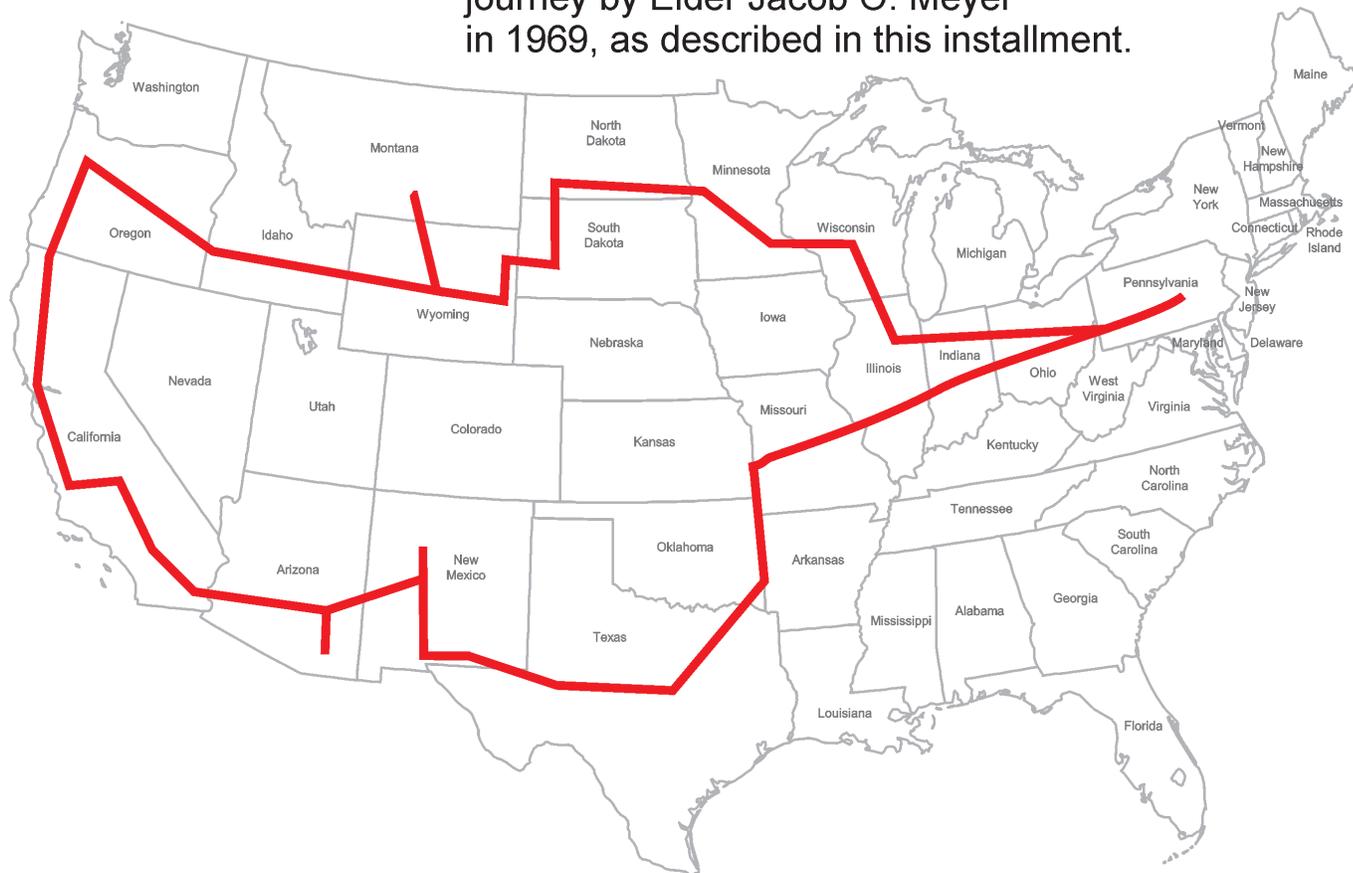
I remember that on this trip to the West Coast and back I baptized three people, contacting those with whom we had been corresponding for several years and who had been faithfully supporting the radio broadcast.

One of the drawbacks of traveling by yourself over such a long distance and being away for that span of time was that I missed my wife and family terribly. Needless to say, I was very homesick for them. While

I was away, Mrs. Meyer kept the home fires burning here at Bethel. Every few days I would telephone home, and she would update me on the mail coming in and the things that were happening. While I was away, I wrote several issues of the newsletter, and she printed them and mailed them out. She also communicated the information that several additional people wished me to stop by to see them along my route. I was able to visit these interested people en route.

Most of the people were thankful to hear of a new organization

Route of the first major ministerial journey by Elder Jacob O. Meyer in 1969, as described in this installment.



that was in the formative stages. Of course, there were always some who desired to be independent, but we had to continue the advancement of the ministry, and, for this reason, an organization was necessary, and it became a reality.

When I arrived home from this first major missionary journey throughout the country, it was time to begin preparing for the Feast of Weeks that was to occur the following weekend. Since the Meyer family had the main responsibility of organizing the feast, I immediately made various plans. We had rented a pavilion in a private campground that was located in our neighborhood. Here we conducted the weekend Sabbath services and annual Feast of Weeks, Sha-

vuoth, Pentecost, convocation.

It was at this feast convocation that the first public reading of the final draft of the **Statement of Doctrine** was made. I read the **Statement of Doctrine** on the afternoon of the feast day. Approximately 30 people (mature believers) agreed to adhere to this **Statement of Doctrine** as our constitution. Sadly, **only a few of those remained faithful over the years**, but we praise Almighty Yahweh for each one who has been faithful.

On July 8, I accompanied the attorney for our scheduled appearance in court to petition for receiving our charter. The judge had no questions, and, after reading over the charter, he quickly approved it. We learned later that it was deficient and

should have included several other items. Several years later (1971), I had another attorney go over the entire charter and correct it. He told me at that time that he would expand the potential field of service opportunities for the Assemblies of Yahweh. Not only were we granted the right to assemble for worship and to engage in such benevolent activities as are allowed by the Internal Revenue Service's 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, but we may also engage in education, in benevolent work, and any other activities that are related to the field of religion and serving the needs of humanity, both spiritually and temporally. Therefore, the Assemblies of Yahweh today has broad horizons of service still

before us.

It was quite significant that the Assemblies of Yahweh charter was approved in 1969, and in midsummer, which is almost exactly 100 nineteen-year time cycles after the Apostolic Assembly fled from Jerusalem to Transjordan. A 19-year time cycle is the time when the earth, the sun, and the moon return to virtually the very same position they had occupied 19 years earlier. The Jews, through their keeping of Yahweh's feast days, have noticed these 19-year time cycles over several thousand years.

The Apostolic Assembly, which was founded by Yahshua the Messiah in Jerusalem, began to fulfill the Great Commission and preach the message of salvation to far and distant places in the world. Yahshua the Messiah had given the Apostolic Assembly one generation (40 years) to complete the herald of the coming Kingdom.

When Yahshua the Messiah began His ministry, He was looking toward the fulfillment of a Sabbatical cycle of preaching the coming Kingdom of Yahweh. He fulfilled the first half of the last Sabbatical cycle of the 490 years of Daniel 9:24. Forty years after His death represented the time of probation for the world to accept Him as their Messiah and prepare for His earthly Kingdom. Obviously, when the world rejected His Messiahship, and He did not establish the Kingdom by the Jubilee year of 34–35 C.E., the time of His Second Coming was deferred to our era today. Now the signs are coming to pass signaling the Messiah's soon return.

Yahshua had instructed His Assembly to depart from Jerusalem and move to Transjordan

when they would see Jerusalem encompassed by armies. The armies entered the Holy Land in 69 C.E., and, by the fourth scriptural month in 70 C.E., they were in control of the holy city and the Temple area.

Before the Roman armies arrived at the city of Jerusalem, the Apostolic Assembly—the Nazarenes—departed for Transjordan. Voices had been heard in the air to urge their departure, saying, “*Let us remove hence.*” Josephus records these strange events.

“Thus were the miserable people persuaded by these deceivers, and such as belied [Yahweh] himself; while they did not attend, nor give credit, to the signs that were so evident, and did so plainly foretell their future desolation; but, like men infatuated, without either eyes to see or minds to consider, did not regard the denunciations that [Yahweh] made to them. Thus there was a star resembling a sword, which stood over the city, and a comet, that continued a whole year. Thus also, before the Jews’ rebellion, and before those commotions which preceded the war, when the people were come in great crowds to the feast of unleavened bread, on the eighth day of the month Xanthicus [Nisan] and at the ninth hour of the night, so great a light shone around the altar and the holy house, that it appeared to be bright day-time; which light lasted half an hour. This light seemed to be a good sign to the unskillful, but was so interpreted by the sacred scribes as to portend those events that followed immediately upon it. At the same festival also, a heifer, as she was led by the high priest to be sacrificed, brought forth a lamb in the

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midst of the temple. Moreover, the eastern gate of the inner [court of the temple], which was of brass, and vastly heavy, and had been with difficulty shut by twenty men, and rested upon a basis armed with iron, and had bolts fastened very deep into the firm floor, which was there made of one entire stone, **was seen to be opened of its own accord about the sixth hour of the night.** Now, those that kept watch in the temple came thereupon running to the captain of the temple, and told him of it; who then came up thither, and not without great difficulty was able to shut the gate again. This also appeared to the vulgar to be a very happy prodigy, as if [Yahweh] did thereby open them the gate of happiness. But the men of learning understood it, that the security of their holy house was dissolved of its own accord, and that the gate was opened for the advantage of their enemies. So these publicly declared, that this signal foreshewed the desolation that was coming upon them. Besides these, a few days after that feast, on the one-and-twentieth day of the month Artemisius [Iyar] a certain prodigious and incredible phenomenon appeared; I suppose the account of it would seem to be a fable, were it not related by those that saw it, and were not the events that followed it of so considerable a nature as to deserve such signals; for, before sun-setting, **chariots and troops of soldiers in their armour were seen running about among the clouds, and surrounding the cities.** Moreover, at the feast which we call Pentecost, as the priests were going by night into the inner [court of the] temple, as their custom was, to perform their sacred ministrations, they

said that, in the first place, they **felt a quaking, and heard a great noise, and after that they heard a sound as of a great multitude saying, 'Let us remove hence.'** But, what is still more terrible, there was one [Yahshua], the son of Ananus, a plebeian, and an husbandman, who, four years before the war began, and at a time when the city was in very great peace and prosperity, came to that feast whereon it is our custom for every one to make tabernacles to [Yahweh] in the temple, began on a sudden to cry aloud, 'A voice from the east, a voice from the west, a voice from the four winds, a voice against Jerusalem and the holy house, a voice against the bridegrooms and the brides, and a voice against this whole people!' This was his cry, as he went about by day and by night, in all the lanes of the city. However, certain of the most eminent among the populace had great indignation at this dire cry of his, and took up the man, and gave him a great number of severe stripes; yet did not he either say anything for himself, or anything peculiar to those that chastised him, but still he went on with the same words which he cried before. Hereupon our rulers supposing, as the case proved to be, that this was a sort of divine fury in the man, brought him to the Roman procurator—where he was whipped till his bones were laid bare; yet did he not make any supplication for himself, nor shed any tears, but turning his voice to the most lamentable tone possible, at every stroke of the whip his answer was, **'Woe, woe to Jerusalem!'**

"Now, if any one consider these things, he will find that [Yahweh] takes care of mankind, and by all ways possible foreshews to

our race what is for their preservation; but that men perish by those miseries which they madly and voluntarily bring upon themselves; for the Jews, by demolishing the tower of Antonia, had made their temple four-square, while at the same time they had it written in their sacred oracles,—'That then should their city be taken, as well as their holy house, when once their temple should become four-square.' But now, what did most elevate them in undertaking this war was an ambiguous oracle that was also found in their sacred writings, how, 'about that time, one from their country should become governor of the habitable earth.' The Jews took this prediction to belong to themselves in particular; and many of the wise men were thereby deceived in their determination. Now, this oracle certainly denoted the government of Vespasian, who was appointed emperor in Judea. However, it is not possible for men to avoid fate, although they see it beforehand. But these men interpreted some of these signals according to their own pleasure; and some of them they utterly despised, until their madness was demonstrated, both by the taking of their city and their own destruction." (Flavius Josephus, **Josephus, Complete Works**, translated by William Whiston, Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1960, pp. 582–583.) (Emphasis ours.)

Now, 1,900 years later, 100 nineteen-year time cycles later, the organized Apostolic Assembly Yahshua had founded was again reconstituted! HalleluYah, all praises to Almighty Yahweh for this significant development. (Be certain to watch for future issues of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine and the continuation of this series.) ^{SNB}



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RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

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Assemblies of Yahweh

*From a radio message delivered by Elder Jacob O. Meyer, aired on **The Sacred Name Broadcast** in 1969 and published in **The Sacred Name Broadcaster**, June 1969.*

I have recently completed a month-long trip through the western part of the United States. On this trip, it was my privilege to visit various individual brethren in the Faith and also some Assemblies of Yahweh congregations. Frequently, I meet people who assume that the Assemblies of Yahweh organization is only an isolated little group that exists at Bethel, Pennsylvania—a group holding to some strange doctrines which are quite at variance with the common teachings of modern Christianity. They imagine that these beliefs could not possibly be derived from the inspired Scriptures. Perhaps this broadcast would offer an opportune time to set the record straight and

to introduce our listeners to the organization which we call the Assemblies of Yahweh, thereby giving you a comprehensive report regarding the broadening scope on this ministry.

On my recent trip, I was privileged to visit some 40 individual homes and local Assemblies of Yahweh congregations. These people are actually scattered in every state of the United States and throughout many of the countries of the world. In the United States, various congregations may number as many as 50 or more members (at Bethel there currently assembles for worship upwards of 200 people each week). Compared to many of the nominal churches, this number would seem rather insignificant, but our listeners will realize that the True Worshipers are never described in the Sacred Scriptures as comprising a large multitude, but, rather, they are to be few and scattered. I can

assure you that it is a wonderful experience to fellowship with sincere Bible students who search the Scriptures daily as did the early Bereans (Acts 17:11), those who know what they believe and why they believe it, concerning the inspired Word of our Heavenly Father.

In our world today, the concept of consolidation appears to be running rampant. Everything seems to be geared toward larger size. Industrial corporations, farms, and even religious bodies, are consolidating at such a rapid rate that one can scarcely keep abreast of such developments on the national and international scene. As we observe several small organizations merging to form giant, sometimes mammoth, conglomerates in almost every field, we wonder if this trend will be really beneficial to all in the long run. In fact, occasionally the opposite occurs. While the motives behind merger and

consolidation may be noble, the end result may not justify the ultimate price which must be paid to attain that larger size.

In the religious field, the Scriptures strongly dictate against sacrificing Bible Truth to attain any goal. Compromise may be a valid excuse to escape from a bad situation, but it certainly should not influence thought or doctrine in the religious field, nor dictate the policies of a church merger. If you have ever read the Sacred Scriptures, or studied them in any depth, you have had to squarely face the fact that the Bible speaks dogmatically concerning many areas of life. The spiritual author—Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father—speaks with authority regarding how we should deal with the ideas of misguided men who do not desire to live in complete obedience to the inspired Scriptures. Such compromises have caused the religious world to wallow in the confusion that has led to a doctrinal dilution, degeneration, and moral decay evident throughout our society. If our churches would faithfully return to the authority of the inspired Scriptures—obeying all of the commandments, preaching them, and living by them—you would notice an immediate change for the better in the moral fabric of our nation today.

The brethren who comprise the Assemblies of Yahweh membership are a people who have personally studied the Bible and found that this largely unread volume is completely applicable for our day and age. It is quite apparent that the Bible comprises the instruction book by which mankind must live. We have found that the Bible means what it says and says what it means.

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We have found that both the Old and New Testament Scriptures that appear in your Bible actually make one complete unit, both speaking the very same thing. It has been our aim and motive to cut through the accumulated traditionalism of religion which surrounds the sound doctrines of the Bible and makes it almost unrecognizable to the average person. Consequently, when the average person hears these true doctrines being taught, he will customarily look upon them as falsehood! The brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh have learned that the Bible does not contradict itself.

When we attempt to impose thoughts and ideas upon the teachings of the Bible, which are foreign to it, we actually find that this is the root cause for

the widespread religious confusion and the numerous different denominations existing on the religious scene today. Rather than teaching the traditional thoughts and ideas of men, perhaps those set forth by some great human teacher or prophet, and asserting that we believe thus and so about the Bible, the ordained ministers of the Assemblies of Yahweh, conversely, teach the Word of Yahweh as our only source of sound doctrine. We choose to allow the Bible to interpret itself.

In our world today, theology has almost completely capitulated to the theory of evolution. By retaining the traditional doctrines which are such a source of conflict in the churches, the ministers of our day are, in effect, bowing to the evolutionary theory of the world's development. So much of modern theology is atheistic in nature. I am not in any way preaching a fundamental Christian doctrine as such, but, rather, urging a return to sound reasoning through accepting the authority of Yahweh's inspired Word.

If you care to do so, you can actually prove beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt that the Bible is true, that the Almighty is real and exists, and that the Bible means what it says! By stating that the Bible episodes which were recorded by the prophets are merely myths, modern theologians have carelessly introduced a concept which has opened the doors to all kinds of critical assumptions advanced by some unprincipled educators. Some of these educators may only have been thinking aloud, but when idle thoughts are expressed in print, people naturally assume that they are true, and

they believe them. Throughout the Scriptures, the apostles and prophets repeatedly warn us to avoid adopting the philosophies and traditions of men which are contrary to the Word of Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding differences, which sets the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh apart from the rest of the religious world, is our faith in the revealed, personal Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father. We find that the Sacred Scriptures declare that our Heavenly Father places great emphasis on His unique Name. This Name, by which He calls Himself, constitutes the seal with which He will mark individuals worthy of receiving His protection in the last days of this age, as this earth undergoes a time of punishment and judgment from our Heavenly Father. The sins of the world today seem to multiply and grow as a malignant festering sore within the moral fiber of our nation. This majestic Name comprises a firm anchor through which we may attach ourselves to true doctrine in our era of confused thinking. The revealed, personal Name of our Heavenly Father Yahweh comprises the primary element in the Savior's true Hebrew Name, Yahshua. In Hebrew it means *Yahweh is salvation*, and it will determine your eternal personal salvation.

While misguided individuals have sought to keep this Sacred Name hidden from the people, suggesting that it is too sacred for common usage, the Word of our Heavenly Father predicts that in the last days, at the close of this age, the Sacred Name would once again be powerfully preached as a witness to the world just before the end

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of the age. As a matter of fact, the fourth chapter of Malachi (among other passages) indicates that this will be the last warning message to be preached to this earth just before the Second Coming of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah.

Another important issue setting the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh apart from the rest of organized religion is obedience to the commandments of the inspired Scriptures. Scriptural passages, such as John chapter 14, clearly indicate that without the keeping of the commandments of the inspired Scriptures, we will be denied access to the Holy Spirit. ***“And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, which Yahweh has given to them that obey him.”*** (Acts

5:32). Modern religious theology teaches that the biblical commandments constituted a yoke of bondage upon the necks of the people and that when the Savior died for us on the tree of Calvary, the Laws and commandments of the Scriptures were annulled and replaced by grace alone. They do not take into consideration that the scriptural definition for sin is transgression of the Law. See 1 John 3:4.

They do not take into account that Scriptures such as Deuteronomy chapter 6, among others, characterize the Laws and commandments of Yahweh as being good for us and avenues through which Yahweh's Laws will give us happy fruitful lives if we obey them. Rather than seeking to find a way of escape from obeying them, the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh seek to live in complete obedience to all the injunctions that regulate a standard of morality which Almighty Yahweh has placed in His Word.

In speaking to the multitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, the Savior, in Matthew 5:17-20, states, ***“Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one yothe or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the***

The Bible is not nearly as complicated as some misguided people would have you believe. It is completely logical, reasonable, and applicable for our day and age.

righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30). You see, YAHSHUA’S TEACHINGS COMPRISE A LIGHT YOKE, the yoke of worldliness and sin is very heavy.

In Matthew 4:4, the Savior quotes from Deuteronomy 8:3 which says, ***“And he humbled you, and suffered you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh does man live.”*** The

members of the Assemblies of Yahweh sincerely strive to obey this injunction. We try to obey the 10 Commandments, along with all the other Laws, statutes, and judgments which were given by Almighty Yahweh as His Covenant made with Israel.

Furthermore, we observe all of the commanded annual holy days of Leviticus 23, rather than the traditional holidays which the world almost universally observes. The Scriptures teach that these holy days commanded in the inspired Scriptures will mean our eternal salvation just a few short years from now, if we sincerely obey them. If observed in the spiritual manner in which they were intended, these annual holy days can provide a source of great joy and fulfillment as Almighty Yahweh meets with His people.

Obedience to scriptural Law is not being Jewish or Judaizing, but obedience will characterize the saints in the last days, as we read in Revelation 12:17 and 14:12. ***“And the dragon became exceedingly angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and hold the testimony of Yahshua.”*** (Revelation 12:17).

The brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh have come to the point where they have accepted the grace of our Heavenly Father Yahweh. We have accepted the shed blood of the Messiah Yahshua as an atonement for our sins. We have, above all things, determined not to cast one disrespectful, disobedient aspersion upon this precious blood which Yahshua the Messiah shed to atone for the sins of the world. We believe in and trust in the

Messiah, who was prophesied to appear as the anointed ruler of this world. He lived and He died nearly 2,000 years ago (all according to the Scriptures).

This same glorified personage is soon to reappear on this earth, coming with the clouds of heaven in great power and glory to rule this earth in righteousness for 1,000 years (a millennium). This period of renewal will see the establishment of the Kingdom of the heavens on this earth to bring it into subjection to Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, and to His royal Laws.

Do you not conclude that it is about time for you to look into the Scriptures for yourself? The Bible is not nearly as complicated as some misguided people would have you believe. It is completely logical, reasonable, and applicable for our day and age.

The teachings of the Assemblies of Yahweh are not nearly as “far out” or “kooky” as you may think when you begin a systematic personal study of the Bible. When you consider the Assemblies of Yahweh Faith, doctrine, and practices carefully, you will discover that we adhere strictly to Yahweh’s Word in every doctrine. The Bible is our only hope for salvation. It comprises the only source for the believers in Faith, doctrine and practice. When you obey it, you will find that obedience to its teachings will confer upon you great peace and joy. It is the anchor to sustain our lives and the doorway through which we may glimpse the bright future which awaits us in the Kingdom of Yahweh that will come to earth just a few short years from now. Will you be joining us there? May we be of assistance in your quest for eternal life? ^{S_{NB}}



The Sacred Name Broadcast

RADIO MESSAGE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Will You Obey the Sacred Scriptures?

“Your name, O Yahweh, endures forever; your memorial name, O Yahweh, throughout all generations. For Yahweh will judge his people, and repent himself concerning his servants. The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; they have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. They that make them shall be like to them; yes, every one that trusts in them. O house of Israel, bless Yahweh: O house of Aaron, bless Yahweh: O house of Levi, bless Yahweh: you that fear Yahweh, bless Yahweh. Blessed be Yahweh out of Zion, who dwells at Jerusalem. HalleluYah!” (Psalm 135:13-21).

If you have been listening to the **Sacred Name Broadcast**

during the past, and have fully realized what you were hearing, you have learned that our Heavenly Father revealed His personal Name to His people, speaking it so that all could hear. In the inspired Hebrew Scriptures, the record of His spoken Word, He has written there the Name Yahweh, the only Name which our Heavenly Father wishes us to call Him in worship. He states in Exodus 3:14-15 that this is to be His Name forever and His memorial to all generations. ***“And Elohim said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, In this manner shall you say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you. And Elohim said moreover to Moses, In this manner shall you say to the children of Israel, Yahweh, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you: this is my name***

forever, and this is my memorial to all generations.”

You also heard as I read from Psalm 135, that the Name of our Father in heaven is Yahweh and that He will be the judge of His people. I have often wondered just how impudent, defiant, or sure of himself, a person will be when he stands before the great White Throne at the judgment day. Will mortal man then look up at the Majestic Being seated on the judgment throne and say, “I know that you didn’t mean what you said concerning your Name! Can’t I be saved on the basis of my parents’ religion?”

In these last days, just before the close of man’s age, we must begin to realize that it was not merely to absorb space that the Apostles and the prophets exhorted us to study, search, and seek for eternal life. If you are sincerely interested in learning the Truth of the Scriptures and

are honestly seeking to learn the Will of the Almighty, you should begin by returning as closely as possible to the original biblical autographs (the documents originally written by the authors) of both the Old and New Testaments. In Jeremiah 8:8 we read, ***“How do you say, We are wise, and the law of Yahweh is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has worked falsely.”***

For those who believe that the translated Bible has not seen tampering by mortal man, that the published Scriptures have always been sacred and have not been influenced by the ideas of men in recent times, the original texts as they have been handed down to us prove otherwise. For example, it has been said that the **King James** text contains from 20,000 to 30,000 mistakes. I cannot know this for certain, since I have not counted them for myself. I do know from my Bible studies, however, that I have found numerous errors in the translated text. Often, these mistakes have led to the false doctrines which Christianity continues to hold dear.

One of the errors in the **King James** translation (and in the majority of translations) is that the revealed, personal Name of our Heavenly Father has been REMOVED and NAMES AND TITLES have been inserted, which in no way do justice to our Heavenly Father, or to His omnipotent character. The most frequently used word in the Hebrew Bible, the Name Yahweh, appears 6,823 times. It was intentionally removed and other terms substituted in 134 instances. This error of substituting a different name for the authentic

one first began to take root some 200 or 300 years before our Messiah's time. It originally began as an overzealous interpretation of the third commandment by the Temple priesthood, especially after Alexander the Great had visited Jerusalem. Perhaps the priesthood

***“I
am Yahweh, that
is my name; and my glory
will I not give to another,
neither my praise to
carved images!”***

ISAIAH 42:8

did not wish to hear that Alexander the Great would call himself the son of Yahweh as he had been calling himself the son of Zeus.

Perhaps it was begun to make the Israelite religion more palatable to the rest of the world. It may have resulted from the rise of an ecumenical spirit of that day. It may have been the whispering of Satan and his evil spirits in the ears of the religious leaders of that day. It certainly did not originate within the inspired Scriptures! As a matter of fact, this antagonism against the revealed, personal, Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father caused scribes to remove the Tetragrammaton (the four letters of the Almighty's Name) from the inspired text in many passages.

It has been asserted that the common use of the Sacred Name was prohibited because it was too sacred to be spoken. We have documented evidence that the early scribes removed the Sacred Name YAHWEH from the Hebrew text in 134 different instances and replaced it with the word *adonai* where the majestic Name

of our Heavenly Father rightfully belongs. I, myself, must conclude that this would certainly be blasphemy against the Most High.

As a matter of fact, most of the modern Bible translators agree with this conclusion. Would you not agree that it would be much better to restore the Truth of the original Scriptures that were handed down, than to continue perpetuating the errors which were made by some misguided, insincere scribe? In our day, there are now several Bible versions that have begun the revolution of a restoration to the text of the original Name which our Heavenly Father actually called Himself. If you are really interested in Bible Truth, you will immediately go to a public library or Bible store and peruse one or more of these translations.

The versions that restore the Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father YAHWEH to the texts are **The Anchor Bible**, the **Rotherham Emphasized Bible** translation, and **The Jerusalem Bible**, which, as a matter of fact, is becoming very popular. (Also, here at the Sacred Name Broadcast we use **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**, published by the Assemblies of Yahweh, which has restored to the text both the revealed Names of our Heavenly Father Yahweh and our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah.)

If we can establish that our Heavenly Father revealed His Name to His people and that this Name is Yahweh, then we are going to have to contend with some plain scriptural passages. Psalm 83:18 asserts: ***“And they shall know that your name is Yahweh alone, Most High over all the earth.”*** We have employed this verse of Scripture

as a kind of motto here at the Sacred Name Broadcast, since this is the message we declare to all the earth.

It is the duty of those to whom this message has been revealed and whom Yahweh has called to declare this witness to the world just before the closing days of this age. Our message is the advent of the Kingdom of the heavens will take over the rule of this earth and that it will be the Kingdom of Almighty Yahweh. We must certainly know whose Kingdom it will be (the Name of the King)! In this regard, the revealed personal Name of our Heavenly Father is most significant. It is so vital that, before the Messiah's imminent judgment and the Bible prophecies for these last days can be fulfilled, the message of the Sacred Name must be preached throughout all the earth.

We read this prediction, for instance, in Revelation 14:6-7, ***“And I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the eternal good tidings to proclaim to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he says with a great voice, Fear Yahweh, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.”*** It is going to be quite important that you learn the Sacred Name, since the Beast that will take over the rule of this world just before the time of the end will have the names of blasphemy written upon its head. It will be imperative that we do not engage in support of this Beast (government) system, since it will cost your eternal salvation. Our Heavenly Father has revealed His only Name to mankind as Yahweh. If we are

sincere and use it, we will be kept safe from a deviation into false religion espoused by the Beast.

If we can establish that our Heavenly Father's Name is Yahweh, then we must obey the Scripture found in Isaiah 42:8. Our Heavenly Father thunders from the pages of our Bible, ***“I am Yahweh, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another; neither my praise to carved images!”*** Here we encounter a passage which we just cannot ignore or relegate to insignificance. Let us consider an example. If I tell you that my name is Jacob O. Meyer, you will surely not look at me and say, “Why, you just don't know your own mind; your name is John Jones.” Such a possibility really appears ridiculous the more we consider this scriptural passage and use a little of our native intelligence and logic.

Who are we, mortal humans, to look up to heaven and assert, “Heavenly Father, I know more than you. You should call yourself something else. Why not try some other Name which is easier for the people to accept?” If one of my children would do this to me, I can assure you that they would be in line for a rather swift attitude adjustment. I would be insulted that the name by which my family has called themselves for centuries would be reduced to insignificance in the eyes of my child. My family has a good name, and it certainly would be a disgrace for any of my children to discredit it. Can you imagine just how much more indignant our Heavenly Father becomes when one of His mortal children act in such a manner?

Have you ever studied the meaning of the parable of the Ten Virgins of Matthew 24? Most of the steady listeners to the Sacred Name Broadcast have heard me

explain that the scriptural symbol of oil is the Sacred Name. We read in Song of Solomon 1:3, ***“Your oils have a good fragrance; your name is as oil poured forth; therefore do the virgins love you.”*** If the Name of our Heavenly Father and our Messiah is the oil that lights the lamps of the five wise virgins, then, don't you agree that we had better obtain plenty of it? We read that the five foolish virgins were shut out of the wedding feast, because, while they had gone away to purchase the oil for their lamps, the bridegroom arrived. They were unavailable when they were needed, just because they had not been sincere enough to seek True Worship and to study sound doctrine, while they had the opportunity. They preferred to sleep! We cannot procrastinate and imagine that we will be accepted into the Kingdom of the heavens on the virtue of someone else. We must know what we believe in the way of doctrine, and why we believe it, for ourselves, because, on the day of judgment, we must give account for our personal actions. If we are to be the people described in Revelation chapters 7 and 14 (the 144,000), then we will be spiritual virgins, and we will be protectively sealed with the personal Name of our Heavenly Father and the Messiah. Why not seriously contemplate Revelation 14:1? ***“And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty-four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.”***

In reference to our Savior's Name, we must begin with the fact that he was a Jew (see Hebrews 7:14) and that He surely spoke Hebrew, or Aramaic (a sister dialect of Hebrew). He surely

would not have had a Greek Name! He told His disciples in John 5:43, ***“I have come in my Father’s name, and you receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive.”*** Our Savior never did things in a half-hearted manner. The things which He did and the words He spoke can usually be proved from several different Bible passages. Surely, this Sacred Name means more than merely the character of our Heavenly Father. Not only did the Savior come in His Father’s Name, but He came also to reveal Himself to Israel.

When Israel was released from Egyptian bondage, they immediately followed Moses, because this renowned prophet came in the Name of the Almighty. ***“And the people believed: and when they heard that Yahweh had visited the children of Israel, and that he had seen their af-***

fiction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.” (Exodus 4:31). They knew that they could trust in this historic Name, since it was this identical Mighty One who had been worshiped as the True Elohim by their progenitors—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Even so, today, you may be assured that you will be released from the bondage of sin if you look for salvation to this Sacred Name of our Heavenly Father. His name is derived from the Hebrew verb of existence, assuring all who trust in it to be given eternal life when they are faithful in keeping His Covenant Law. Therefore, THE NAME YAHWEH also serves as the COVENANT NAME.

Undoubtedly, you have often heard the verse of Acts 4:12 quoted. It says, ***“And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is***

given among men, in which we must be saved.” The Messiah’s Hebrew Name was Yahshua, and it means *Yahweh is salvation!* Again, this Scripture speaks most dogmatically and leaves no doubt as to the meaning intended. Recall, also, that on the Damascus Road, Paul heard the Messiah speak His Name in the HEBREW language. ***“And when we had all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goad.”*** (Acts 26:14). What name would Paul have heard—certainly not J-sus, but Yahshua!

The question now arises, will we believe these Scriptures, or will we continue to disobey? You sit in judgment of this matter for yourself. You look at these Scriptures and then ask yourself, “Am I going to disobey my Heavenly Father, or am I going to say, ‘Yes, Almighty Father Yahweh, I acknowledge my inherent human nature, but I come to you as a repentant child.’” We pray that you will choose to obey the instructions of the original inspired Scriptures, so that you may inherit life eternal!

We would like to leave the verse of Psalm 96:4-5 with you at the close of this series. ***“For great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all elohim. For all the elohim of the peoples are idols; but Yahweh made the heavens.”***

Are you a worshiper of this only True and Living Elohim (Mighty One) who calls Himself Yahweh, the Creator of heaven and earth? Indeed, the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh are!

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Modern Technology Can Be Employed for *Good* or *EVIL*

Recently, I encountered a publication that featured an article comprising a discussion concerning how the advancing technology of the early twentieth century had possibly contributed to the Holocaust. The thesis of the article sought to show that, although machines have no national allegiance and no moral code, they can become powerful instruments for good or for evil in the hands of human beings. Such was the situation in the Holocaust of a half century ago.

The article pointed out how Hollerith machines were apparently used by the Nazi German government statistical offices to track Jewish population centers and to register Jewish people during their incarceration in the concentration camps. A forerunner of the modern computer, the Hollerith machines were manufactured by International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) and its subsidiary, IBM of Germany. In the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., several of these machines are currently on exhibit.

Some of the older **Sacred Name Broadcaster** readers may remember these machines through their earlier appellation “unit record machines.” The unit record system featured a keypunch machine to record the information onto punch cards, which were then sorted and analyzed by other machines in the system. At one time, years ago, the editor had purchased such a system of reconditioned unit record machines from IBM for use in managing our mailing list; however, on the advice of some members who are more knowledgeable in the statistical field, he canceled the order, because the advancing technology would prove more adequate and less expensive to meet our future needs.

The Hollerith machine method used the punched cards to store various data. The cards were then fed into another machine that compiled the results, similar to the IBM unit record system. Another machine printed out the information. The system had actually been invented in 1884 by a young German-American

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scientist as part of a contest to improve the speed and accuracy of government census taking. During the Depression, IBM had continued to assemble and stockpile these unit record machines in anticipation of the census of 1940. When 1940 arrived, the machines were ready and marketed to various governments. The United States government used a considerable number of these machines. As the machines were developed, as many as 80 categories of information could be recorded on each card.

Although almost every government gathers information about its citizens, the German Nazi regime abused that information to track political opponents, to record the religion of the citizens, and to enforce racial policies that ultimately led to the implementation of mass murder during the Holocaust.

These sophisticated information tabulating machines became widely used during World War II. In Germany as early as 1934, government bureaus began using

these card catalogs to identify perceived political and racial enemies of the Nazi regime.

Information in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at the Hollerith machine exhibit explains: *“During the 1930s and 1940s, Hollerith machines were the best data processing machines available. The Nazi regime employed thousands of people in 1933 and 1939 to record national census data onto Hollerith punch cards.”*

The S.S. used Hollerith machines during the war to monitor the huge number of prisoners shipped in and out of concentration camps. The machines were manufactured by DEHOMAG (Deutsche Hollerith Maschinen Gesellschaft—German Hollerith Machine Company), a subsidiary of IBM since 1922. (Interestingly, a newspaper headlines recently have also accused the German subsidiary of the Ford Motor Company and also General Motors in Holocaust activities.)

One of the commentators quoted in the article indicated: *“We have no proof that the Hollerith machine was ever used to target INDIVIDUALS for deportation lists. It was a back-up system, because it was too broad a system providing aggregate counts of population groups. However, when they would check deportation lists against what was known as the number of Jews in a town, then the Hollerith list would provide the evidence that the figure was reasonable. We know we have X number of Jews, X number of Roma [Gypsies], registered in this town; therefore, we know that this might have been used as back-up material.”*

Dr. Fredrick W. Kistermann, a retired IBM of Germany employ-

ee specializing in the history of technology and database management, has argued that German authorities did not use the Hollerith machine results of the 1933 and 1939 census to locate SINGLE VICTIMS during the Holocaust. A single person was never a target of population census, but only the GROUPED and ACCUMULATED DATA became the target of a census, Kistermann commented.

History records that many different devices have been used during times of war and persecution against classes of oppressed people. Certainly, in World War II, the Germans used unit record tabulating equipment in their racial purity program. They also used the newly developed cryptogram equipment called Enigma during World War II. They used the newly available international radio transmitters, they used telephones, and, on the battlefield, they used sophisticated airplanes, machine guns, tanks, and later V-1 and V-2 rockets that were hurled against the population centers in the British Isles.

Today, we are approaching an age of great technology. More than two thousand years have elapsed since the birth of Yahshua the Messiah. (He was probably born in 6 or 7 B.C.E.) During Yahshua’s lifetime, there was no modern technology, as we know it today. We believe that soon the Messiah will return from heaven and establish the Kingdom of Yahweh on this earth. Today, we live in a world filled with doubt and unbelief. People doubt that the Bible prophecies will be fulfilled. However, some situations in life can only relate to the intervention of a supernatural power from

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on high; therefore, we must believe that there is indeed a Mighty One at the controls of this universe. His Name is Yahweh, and, soon, He will send His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, back to establish His eternal Kingdom on this earth.

The Assemblies of Yahweh ministry was begun in 1966 with a radio broadcast, and this outreach soon brought good response. As we began to receive increasing response to the weekly radio broadcast, we also hoped to establish regular communication with those who had an interest in participating in this ministry. Therefore, we employed a rather simple means of publication which was then available based on a certain technology; nevertheless, over the years, we have incorporated some more sophisticated equipment into our publication system and also for handling our ever-expanding mailing list. Therefore, we can observe how modern technology has enhanced and enlarged this

end-time ministry FOR GOOD.

When the radio ministry began in 1966, Mrs. Meyer and I frequently brainstormed, anticipating the day when there would be a radio station that we would build at Bethel to cover the entire world with the message of the truth of the Sacred Scriptures to herald the second coming of the Messiah. As the years passed, we were actually able to inaugurate such a project! It is WMLK Radio, International Shortwave Radio Voice of the Assemblies of Yahweh, which was built in the early 1980s and was licensed to broadcast in 1985. Our target areas are Europe and the Middle East; however, many other areas on earth also receive the signal, since the antenna sends out a powerful signal on side lobes.

In the past several years, it has become obvious that we must upgrade radio station WMLK if we are to become more effective. Therefore, we have begun improving this great tool of the ministry. Certainly, if sophisticated machines were used for dubious purposes [as evidently they were in World War II], then we eagerly look forward to the

time when modern technology will fulfill the third angel message, the powerful voice that goes forth to all the earth with the warning message concerning the mark of the Beast that is about to be enforced at the end of the Age. The **Sacred Name Broadcast** has been preaching the three angel messages, which we find in Revelation 14, ever since the inception of this ministry. However, when the current tenuous world economic system disintegrates, then the mark of the Beast will be established. (One of the current uses of technology, electronic transfer of funds and computer algorithms, have been identified as major sources of the erratic financial markets recently.)

Over the years, we have periodically published a feature section in the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine titled, “**What’s Happening at Bethel?**” On these pages you will find some photographs depicting the work currently being done on the antenna of radio station WMLK. Therefore, please consider this editorial to provide such a report to our readership. We have installed a new antenna

that will become much more efficient in broadcasting the Truth of Yahweh, and more information will be published in forthcoming months to update you as the construction project continues.

We also have planned to upgrade the transmitter to send out 300,000 watts of power that will cover much of the population of the world. We hope to complete this project as rapidly as we can and as funds become available.

Almighty Yahweh has situated Bethel in a very significant location—exactly on the Great Circle Global route on the map. Bethel, Pennsylvania, is located on the line that will cover Europe and the Middle East and continue on around the globe to cover most of the population centers of the world. The center of the beam will pass near Brussels, Belgium (the European Common Market Headquarters), and just south of Jerusalem, near Mt. Sinai.

We look forward to publishing continued reports which will update the progress of this significant project! Be certain to watch for them. Keep in touch with this ministry as we advance toward our goal of fulfilling the Great Commission. While the time remaining is short, we believe that just enough time remains to get the job done. ^{SNB}



***WMLK building
present day.***

QUESTIONS TO BETHEL



Where should you go today to observe Yahweh's holy days? Where on the face of the earth today has Yahweh placed His Name?



The Assemblies of Yahweh gather in obedience to the commandment of Leviticus 23:34-36 three times each year. Information is available for people of good will desiring to attend Sabbath services, or the annual convocations.

1 Kings 8:43 plainly informs the reader that Yahweh placed His Name in His earthly Temple. Inasmuch as the True Worshipers are YAHWEH'S SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, wherever two or three of us gather together in His Name, His Name is there—and that means He is there with us. This conclusion is supported by the words of Yahshua the Messiah when He said, ***“Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and you say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Yahshua says to her, Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. You worship that which you know not: we worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such does the Father seek to be his worshipers. Yahweh is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*** (John 4:20-24).

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20).



How do you celebrate Yahweh's feasts today? What do you do for each festival?



The true Messianic Israelites celebrate Yahweh's feasts by gathering together in holy convocation to worship Him at the location where He has placed His Name. Yahshua told us that where two or three are gathered together in His Name that He would meet with us. We believe that we should also meet with Him at the PRECISE TIME that He has set for the annual sacred appointment. Otherwise, it would be like trying to keep an appointment with your dentist when he is out playing golf. If you gather at the wrong time—Yahweh will not be there!

During the spring and fall festivals (Feast of Unleavened Bread and Feast of Tabernacles), we meet together for the entire specified time period. We usually have preaching services (a spiritual feast) once or twice a day and a special Bible Study, a song service, or a sing-along. During the fall festival (the Feast of Tabernacles), we encourage the brethren to stay in temporary dwellings, those who can are encouraged to camp out. WE DO NOT HAVE ANIMAL SACRIFICES, since these types of offerings were all fulfilled in Yahshua the Messiah.

“Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. 16 But do not forget to do good and communicate: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:15-16).

“Take with you words, and return to Yahweh: say to him, Take away all iniquity, and ac-

cept that which is good: so will we render as bullocks the offering of our lips.” (Hosea 14:2).

We do, however, partake of delicious meals on all Yahweh’s feast days (except, of course, on the Day of Atonement, which is a day of complete fasting without food or water from sunset to sunset).

During the Feast of Weeks, the Assemblies of Yahweh conducts a two-day festival (weekly High Day Sabbath and holy day) with preaching services and fellowship meals. This is because the weekly Sabbath and this annual Sabbath always fall consecutively, comprising what amounts to a 48-hour sacred observance.

It is not the custom of the Assemblies of Yahweh to pass a collection plate or take any offerings in services during the weekly worship services throughout the year. However, our Creator Yahweh tells us that we are not to appear before Him empty on seven annual holy days. These funds are used to further the work of proclaiming the glad tidings of the Kingdom of Yahweh to all nations as a witness via radio, television, and printed page. A full in-depth scriptural explanation of why and how we keep each of the annual festivals is available in our **Correspondence Course of the Bible**, commencing with Lesson 9. Be sure to enroll today if you are not already receiving these lessons. Lesson 1 can also be taken from the Internet. Send in the completed first quiz, and you will be automatically enrolled.

In addition, we have available a free reprint article on the subject of **How to Keep Yahweh’s Holy Days**. Write to Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507, and request it.



Since I observe the feast of Yahweh, I was wondering why the Assemblies of Yahweh sometimes publishes different dates on their calendar for observing the annual feast days than what are generally found on Jewish calendars. Can you enlighten me on this question?



In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we try to adhere to the teachings of the Bible as strictly as we possibly can. We find that Almighty Yahweh has given us directions regarding how we shall determine the feast days and when they should be observed. Please note that Exodus 12:1-2 tells us that the beginning of the year is in the spring, the time when the Passover must be observed.

Some groups use a complex and complicated system depending upon finding the vernal equinox and then setting the Passover by the new moon which occurs nearest to this date. However, this system is totally unscriptural, since no directive involving the vernal equinox can be found anywhere in the Bible. The Bible itself tells us when to begin our year and when to end it. Usually the calculation systems are based upon an unscriptural premise.

The literal translation of Deuteronomy 16:1 serves as our guide regarding when to begin the scriptural year. ***“Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover to Yahweh your Elohim....”*** The Hebrew term for *observe* is from the root meaning *to watch for, or view*. The Hebrew word for *month* is *new moon* (*khodesh*) and means *a renewing of light*. This directive means that we must watch for a new moon crescent which is visible, having begun to renew its light. The moon is given to establish the sacred seasons (Psalm 104:19). ***“He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows his going down.”***

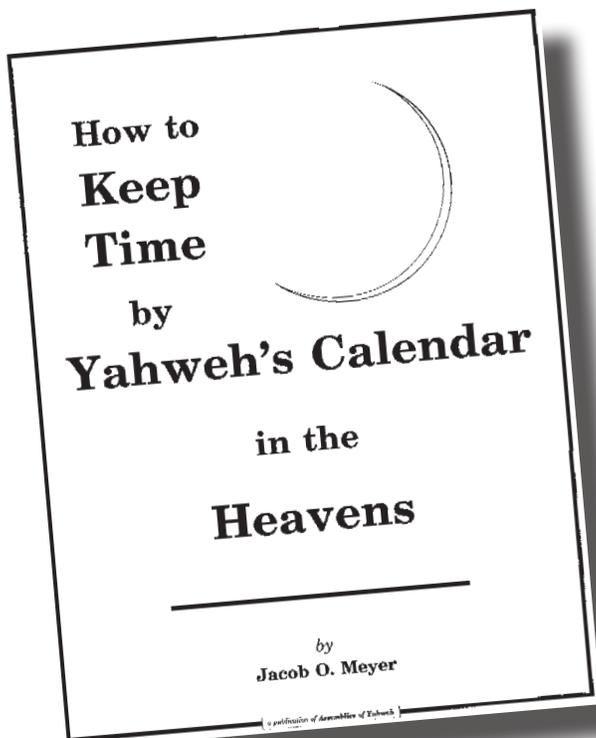
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This renewing moon (the first appearance of the lunar crescent of a rebuilding moon) to become the new year moon (month) must be visible at the time when green ears have appeared in the field in Israel. The holy days must be observed at the same season when Israel came forth from Egypt (Deuteronomy 16:6).

The green ears (*Abib* in Hebrew) of which the Bible teaches refers to the green ears of barley. Barley was one of the early crops destroyed by the plague of hail before Israel's Egyptian Passover in Exodus 9:31. Now we have seen that Almighty Yahweh has given us plain instructions concerning the definite time to keep the spring holy days and when we are to begin our year. We must watch for the new moon crescent after the first green heads of barley have appeared in the spring in the land of Israel.

Relative to the scriptural feasts which are set by the Jewish calendar today, research informs us that centuries ago, in order to keep all of the Jews of the dispersion together in the observances of the feasts, the rabbis set the holy days by advance calculations. This practice was evidently derived from Judah's captivity in Babylon where studies of astronomy flourished.

Today, the feasts of the first month and the seventh month are set arbitrarily by the Jews so that the holy days will fall either on a weekly Sabbath, a Tuesday, or a Thursday. They never deviate. The Feast of Weeks (according to their calculations) varies according to the first holy day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. During the days of Yahshua the Messiah, however, history records that the new moons were still sanctified visually. It is enlightening to check a Jewish calendar and notice what days they set for the feasts and to learn that orthodox Judaism always keeps TWO DAYS HOLY for each holy DAY directed by the Scriptures (except for the Day of Atonement fast). This is done so that they will always observe one holy day on its correct date, even though the days are set for the worldwide Diaspora by calculation. Since Assemblies of Yahweh observes only the scripturally appointed holy days, only one day is set. Therefore, we make a special effort to learn which day Yahweh has chosen. We have an article which may interest you that explains this subject in greater depth. It is called **Yahweh's Calendar in the Heavens**. It will be sent free upon your request. Why not request a copy of the scripturally established calendar also when you write? ^{SNB}



If you have not studied Yahweh's inspired method for calculating time and the annual calendar, you need to read this article.

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