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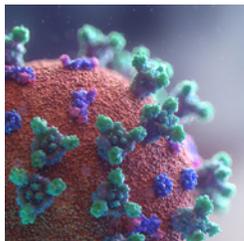
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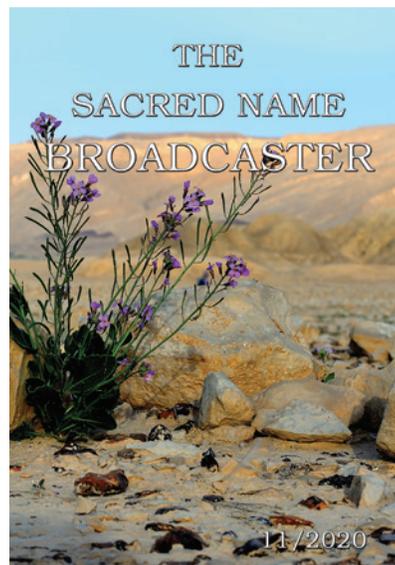
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Our Cover:



This month's cover shows a beautiful flower in the Negev Desert. Yahweh has painted His creation with brilliant and vivid colors. Even in the arid wasteland, a violaceous blossom is planted by His artistry, adorning an amber landscape with purple hues.

We are reminded by Yahweh's Word of our transitory presence on earth. **"As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and the place of it shall know it no more."** (Psalm 103:15-16).

Yahweh's Word, however, endures forever. **"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our Elohim shall stand forever."** (Isaiah 40:8).

Have you made your calling and election sure? **"Therefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Sovereign and Savior Yahshua the Messiah."** (2 Peter 1:10-11).



Deceptive Winter Holidays Popularizing Ancient Pagan Religious Fictions

Here we are, again, at that time of year when most people around the world celebrate the supposed “birth” of the Messiah. This celebration characteristically becomes a time of unreasoned abandon of good conduct, during which people spend lavishly for gifts they often cannot afford, indulge in wild parties featuring alcoholic beverages, and feast on a variety of luxurious seasonal delicacies. Decorative lights are displayed on colorfully trimmed evergreen trees. Wreaths and mistletoe are hung, and Santa Claus, clad in brilliant scarlet, haunts crowded department stores and city streets, all devoted to the celebration of Chr-stmas, perhaps the most popular holiday in history.

But is Chr-stmas really a harmless, joyful celebration, and can it realistically be scriptural? The

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meaning of the word *Chr-stmas* is the *mass of Chr-st*, and historically, it is said to be traceable to Roman Catholicism. Furthermore, why should Protestants observe a Catholic holiday? Yet, some of the most ardent celebrators of Chr-stmas do not profess any religious inclinations at all. Chr-stmas appeals to almost every worldly person, it seems, even to those people who seldom, if ever, attend a religious service, much less open their Bible.

This great paradox does not seem to bother most religious leaders today. Without pausing to examine the source of this observance, ministers sometimes cry out against the excesses of Chr-stmas. Slogans periodically appear,

urging the people of the world to “put Chr-st back in Chr-stmas.” In effect, religious leaders are condemning the result, while condoning the cause, of a great error in religion. Forthrightly, it must be concluded from the evidence that the Messiah was never a part of the Chr-stmas celebration!

Nevertheless, if you are one of those people who has been puzzled at the reason why you are forced to buy so many presents each year—which strain your budget—or why your marriage almost disintegrated after a wild office party, you should be acutely interested in the roots of this paradoxical holiday. We should ask why the world so avidly celebrates this holiday. We challenge you to investigate the merits of this popular holiday—and then act on the facts you will discover.

The Bible on Birthdays

First, did you know that the day of the Messiah's birth is not even mentioned in the Bible? The attentive Bible student knows that there is no commandment anywhere in the Scriptures to observe the birthday of the Messiah.

As a matter of fact, birthdays are only mentioned three times in the Bible, and, on each of these occasions, the observance was marked by a violent death! Please notice Genesis 40:9-22, Job 1:4, 19, and Matthew 14:3-12.

The history regarding birthday observances in biblical times proves they were anything but pleasant occasions. The sanctioned celebration of birthdays was unknown in biblical times in the religion of ancient Israel. It is quite certain that the Messiah never celebrated His birthday. Nor did Almighty Yahweh wish birthdays to be observed; therefore, the reason why He omitted commanding their observance should be obvious from His holy Word.

Remember, we have proven from the historical record of Luke chapter 1 that the Messiah was born on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. If you have never before encountered this concept, write to us and request a free article on the subject. Write to: Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507.

Where Did Chr-stmas Traditions Originate?

Since it is proven that the Chr-stmas celebration did not come from the Bible, where did it actually originate? Unbiased scholars, historians, and even many theologians have known and readily acknowledged, for a long time, where it originated.

Chr-stmas has its roots in a pagan antiquity that far antedates the birth of the Messiah Yahshua.

Let us consider, for a moment, some scholarly sources that clearly reveal the origin of Chr-stmas. If we can determine from scholarly material available in most libraries that these winter holiday customs in vogue today were actually derived from ancient paganism, and, if we thereupon compare them to what the Bible teaches, the dividing line between True Worship and the traditional practices of the people around us will become far more pronounced and obvious. We will learn that Chr-stmas is far from a harmless, wintertime diversion. It is a holiday with ominous aspects, and its celebration is, indeed, repulsive to Almighty Yahweh.

Actually, tracing Chr-stmas to its root beginnings is not very difficult. We can begin our quest with very renowned reference books. In the **Britannica Junior Encyclopedia**, Volume 5, we find these facts: *"Although Chr-stmas is celebrated on December 25, the actual date of [Yahshua's] birth is not known. The earliest Chr-stians did not even set aside a feast day for observing the Nativity.... In addition, they did not feel that it would be suitable for them to celebrate [Yahshua's] birth in the worldly way that the Romans observed their emperor's birthday. It was not until the 4th century, when worship of the emperor was no longer a problem for Chr-stians, that the celebration of [Yahshua's] birth began."*

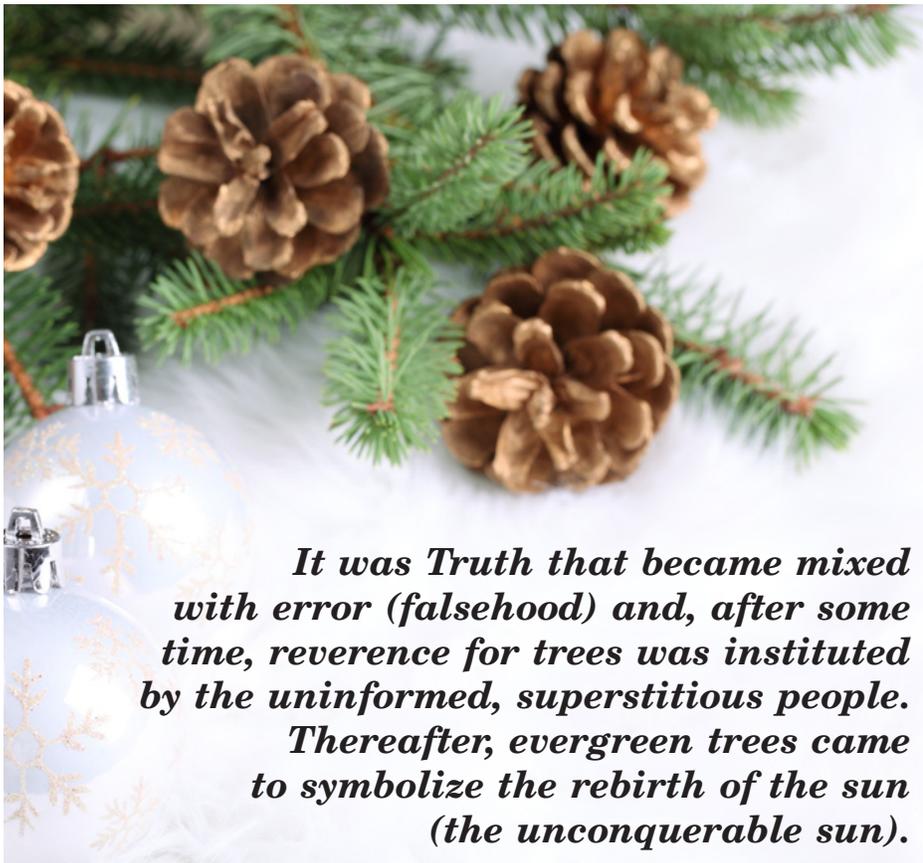
Did you fully comprehend what you read? The Messiah's birthday went unobserved for about three centuries after His death and resurrection. Let us continue reading. *"By the year*

[C.E.] 336, however, the birth of [Yahshua] was being celebrated at Rome on December 25. THIS WAS THE DAY ON WHICH PAGANS OBSERVED THE FESTIVAL OF 'THE UNCONQUERED SUN,' THEIR CELEBRATION OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE. The Romans also celebrated the Saturnalia, or feast of the [mighty one] Saturn, during the week before December 25."

Here we discover the first of many candid assertions that December 25 has been LINKED THROUGHOUT MUCH OF HISTORY WITH THE PAGAN WORSHIP OF THE SUN. The winter solstice fell at this time (when the shortest day of the year occurred in the northern hemisphere). The sun, seemingly, was departing from the earth, but, by December 25, it appeared to stop; by the first day of January, the days became visibly longer by several minutes. The sun, therefore, appeared to be returning north again. Because ancient pagan people worshiped the sun as the most powerful heavenly body, they transplanted this natural annual phenomenon into their religion, making it to be the appearance (or the reappearance) of a mighty one, or declaring it to be the birthday of the son of a mighty one. One of mankind's greatest speculative errors was the proof texting of the Messiah's birthday on December 25, and it was made because these pagan people refused to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit of Yahweh and to cleanse their minds of their former idolatrous religions.

Worship of Nimrod

Sun worship can be traced much farther back into antiquity than ancient Rome. In fact, we



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can prove from available sources that it harks back to ancient Nimrod, who appears, under the guidance of the Adversary—Satan, to be the originator of all pagan worship. Please see Genesis 10:8-12, and note that the phrase “**mighty hunter before Yahweh**” means that Nimrod was a hunter of men IN OPPOSITION TO Almighty Yahweh. Nimrod, the son of Cush and the first builder of cities, fancied himself to be a *mighty one*, an *eloah* or *elohim*, and he convinced a gullible people that he was, indeed, a viable rival to Yahweh, or even His human incarnation. Nimrod, however, was an opponent of Yahweh and His eternal Truth.

When Nimrod died, the ancient pagans pictured him as a tree that had been cut down. A serpent, symbol of the ancient healing mighty one (Aescula-

pius), encircled the dead stump of the tree and, on Chr-stmas day, the people were told that a new shoot had miraculously appeared out of the dead stump. They appropriated this fanciful speculation to justify a riotous celebration around the winter solstice. The death of their mighty one, and his reappearance each year, became the beginning of a new solar cycle.

It was this Babylonian ruler, Nimrod, at the dawn of civilization in the Fertile Crescent, who became the world’s first human despot supplanting Yahweh as the king and usurping a position in religious worship. It was the worship of Nimrod, along with that of his wife-mother Semiramis, that invaded True Worship, capturing and controlling it.

So pervasive and so appealing to the carnal senses was this apostate religion, that it

found its way into almost every culture under the sun. Indeed, it even traveled to Egypt, where it influenced the Israelites while they were held there in bondage. When Yahweh released His people, He separated them from the worldly nations so that, during their wilderness journey, He could reform their minds, and they would learn to submit themselves totally to Him and His Covenant Law.

The worship that emerged from ancient Babylon was essentially nature worship. It is most fully developed in the Baal myths of ancient Middle Eastern mythology. It is a religion characterized by opposition to the True Worship of Almighty Yahweh. It was out of this morass of confusion that Yahweh beckoned the Israelites to follow His instructions.

Are Chr-stmas Traditions Merely Cute Customs?

Let us delve into the origin of some of the Chr-stmas customs for a moment. Did you know that practically every modern-day custom associated with this winter holiday comprised an integral part of a primitive **pagan** ritual? Each traditional custom bears some kind of significance in relation to pagan worship.

The Chr-stmas Tree

The decorated tree that appears in the homes of the people each Chr-stmas season is a relic of ancient tree worship. We noticed this symbolism earlier in reference to the life of Nimrod, where the serpent, called Aesculapius (the healer), entwined himself around a dead tree stump to bring renewed life to Nimrod. Trees provided alluring idols for the primitive mind to worship, especially the evergreen tree

which seemed to defy death by remaining vibrantly green throughout the winter months. Aesculapius, incidentally, was a figure in Roman mythology, the son of Apollo, who, in turn, was identified as Helios, or the sun, and was linked to Satan the Adversary. Incidentally, the priests of Aesculapius served as the primitive physicians. Consider their symbol in relation to the modern medical symbol, the Caduceus.

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Are you beginning to comprehend the deceptive character and the pervasiveness of pagan worship which, today, masquerades as the True Worship based upon the Bible? You may have heard the song that is so popular at this time of year, "O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, How Lovely Are Thy Branches," which is fervently sung in honor of the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, did you know that the Hebrew word *tannen* indicates *the dragon* or *jackal*. The dragon also symbolizes Satan the Devil, as in Revelation 12:9. Pagan religion truly portrays a sleight of hand that has cleverly blinded the minds of the inhabitants of heathen nations.

In Deuteronomy 16:21-22, we find that the Law of Yahweh prohibits planting groves of trees near the altar of Yahweh, and the employment of any image in our worship. Ancient pagan peoples carved images into the trunks of trees that stood near the temples

of their mighty ones. These images are called *asherim* (*asherah* is its singular) in the Scriptures, and has been translated *groves* in the **King James Version** of the Bible. Sacred trees were part of the mythology of every pagan nation and people of the earth. They hark back to a dark, superstitious time in man's early and formative history.

In seeking to detect the basis for tree worship as it appears in the Bible, we must turn to the

incident wherein our progenitors, Adam and Eve, fell into sin, as recorded for us in Genesis 3. After Eve had conversed with the evil spirit-being, Satan the Devil, and had followed his suggestion to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowing the good and knowing the evil, she gave some to Adam, her husband, and he also ate, completing their family sin. Later, because of their transgression, Adam and Eve realized that they were naked before Yahweh. They had lost their innocence, and they needed to be clothed.

Consequently, they looked around for something with which to cover their nakedness. Since their sin had been related to the vegetable (agricultural) aspect of their lives, they chose fig leaves as their covering. They fabricated aprons for their apparel, apparently choosing to turn to vegetable matter.

Scholars have traced the his-

tory of pagan tree worship to this possible source. Since it was a tree that had been instrumental in bringing about their downfall, the early humans turned toward fig trees to seek a way to redeem themselves. However, there is no redemption in the vegetable kingdom. SIN DEMANDS A BLOOD SACRIFICE (Hebrews 9:22). See also Genesis 3:26. Yahweh provided a sacrifice by killing animals to make coats of skins to serve as their coverings. Later, Adam and Eve apparently told their descendents about this incident that had lost them the garden of Eden as their home. It was Truth that became mixed with error (falsehood) and, after some time, reverence for trees was instituted by the uninformed, superstitious people. Thereafter, evergreen trees came to symbolize the rebirth of the sun (the unconquerable sun).

Turn to Jeremiah 10:2-5, where a description of a decorated tree appears. The description cannot be merely a coincidence! ***"Thus says Yahweh, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it moves not. They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must necessarily be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good."*** (Jeremiah 10:2-5).

Why a Log?

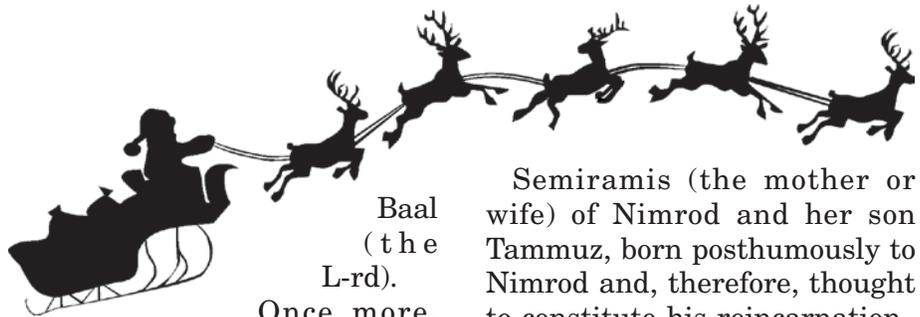
The yule log, once so popular

in medieval Europe, is reminiscent of the tree trunk that symbolized the deceased Nimrod. It also represented the death of the old sun and “Father Time.” The ancient pagans imagined that, by burning the yule logs, they were getting rid of the things that had taken place during the old year and a new beginning was given them—a sort of self-propitiation for their sins. The light from the yule log fire then, also, replicated sunlight at a dark time of the year. A new year, represented by a tree (the evergreen), a Chr-stmas tree, was brought into the house and decorated. Man has always sought in his own way to make atonement for his sins that weigh on his conscience.

Sir James George Frazer, in his masterful book on ancient pagan religion, **The Golden Bough**, states that the yule log was also burned to help the sun along in its course. Consequently, we can observe that the yule log was closely associated with pagan sun worship. It brought light and heat into the home during a dark time of year, representing the peoples’ hope for the sun’s return.

Druids and Mistletoe

Kissing under the mistletoe is considered one of the more delightful customs associated with the Chr-stmas celebration. It is derived, however, from an old Druid belief that mistletoe contained within it the secret of immortality. This parasitic plant was regarded by the Druids as a supernatural branch that fell from heaven during the winter to give renewed life to the oak, which was designated as the Druids’ sacred tree or mighty one. The Celtic Druids were considered wizards; they were priests of



Baal
(the
L-rd).

Once more, we can perceive, in an ancient custom, man’s futile effort to claim eternal life, while rejecting Almighty Yahweh’s plan of salvation, the source of all existence. The Scriptures tell us to have nothing to do with sorcery and to avoid idolatry. Read the instructions in Deuteronomy 18:9-10.

Mother and Child

One of the most basic, ancient pagan symbols to attach itself to Chr-stmas is the symbol of the mother and child. No phenomena are more deeply rooted in the collective subconscious minds of mankind. Practically every culture and nation in its religion has revered its mother-child religious motif, all of which appeal to an archetype from deep antiquity. Horus and Isis, mighty ones of ancient Egypt, are illustrations of the common acceptance of pagan mother-child symbols in Chr-stmas traditions. Frazer tells us, “*The resemblance need not be purely accidental. Ancient Egypt may have contributed its share to the gorgeous symbolism of the Catholic Ch-rch as well as to the pale abstractions of her theology. Certainly, in art the figure of Isis suckling the infant Horus is so like that of the Catholic Madonna and child that it has sometimes received the adoration of ignorant Chr-stians.*” Ibid. [Horrors!]

The mother and child actually hark back to the Babylonian

Semiramis (the mother or wife) of Nimrod and her son Tammuz, born posthumously to Nimrod and, therefore, thought to constitute his reincarnation.

The Circle of Life?

The Chr-stmas wreath also comes from a time much more ancient than most people would believe. In ancient mythology the wreath symbolized the “young Jupiter,” and, of course, its shape indicates that it served as a symbol of sun worship and eternal life. The circle fascinated the ancient pagan mind because it hinted at [never ending] eternity, a motif that perhaps appeals even to the carnal modern mind.

Lighting Candles

Dr. Alexander Hislop in his book, **The Two Babylons**, notes that the practice of lighting candles at Chr-stmas can be easily traced to the prevalent custom of pagans burning candles before their idols. He also notes that another important aspect of Chr-stmas traditions is linked to a dim era of paganism—that of Santa Claus.

Santa and His Reindeer

Are Santa Claus and his reindeer merely benign characters for children to enjoy? Historian Alexander Hislop notes that the stag represented Nimrod in dim antiquity. The symbolism related especially to the antlers which stood out of its head like branches of a living tree. From antiquity, the stag was venerated in this manner, so it was hardly a surprise that we commonly hear songs of devotion dedicated to “Rudolph, the

Red-nosed [drunken?] Reindeer,” or the poem “The Night Before Chr-stmas ” with its eight tiny reindeer.

Have you ever considered the source of the name of this plump little man (elf) in the red suit? He was first called Saint (?) Nicholas, shortened to Saint Nick. However, have you considered who “Nick” really is? It is a “nickname” for Satan the Devil! Certainly, this “Saint Nicholas” has no relationship to Nicolaus, the deacon of Acts 6:5!

Could Satan really be a saint? Inasmuch as this appellation is linked to pagan worship, that is exactly what it means! But, man has turned almost everything upside down, has he not?

Gifts for Yahshua?

The custom of exchanging gifts at Chr-stmas is equally pagan in origin. The **Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology** points out that almost every authority, which may be consulted as a record, declares unequivocally that Chr-stmas is a modern innovation derived directly from the old Roman “Saturnalia,” a celebration in honor of the mighty one, Saturn. This Saturnalia festival was a riotous, immoral Roman celebration. The **Encyclopedia Britannica**, 11th Edition, under the article **Saturnalia**, describes how the Saturnalia festivities were accompanied by the exchanging of gifts, a favorite one being clay dolls. “*These dolls were especially given to children, and the makers of them held a regular fair at this time. Varro (116-27 B.C.E.) thought these dolls represented original sacrifices of human beings to the infernal g-d.*” (Again, horrors!)

Did you fully understand the ominous implications of that last quote? It may be, as Frazer

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JOHN 1:14

implies in **The Golden Bough**, that human sacrifices underlie much of the pagan rituals. In fact, it may be the primary factor in false idolatrous religion. That would explain in a gruesomely clear fashion the derivation of the word *doll*. The term *doll* might be derived from the word *idol*.

Could it be that mankind’s pagan idols gained their “life” from the lives of their human victims who were personified by a representative figure after the ritual death of a child? Nowhere in the Bible are we commanded to give each other gifts in honor of the Messiah. The wise men from the East brought gifts to Yahshua the Messiah many days after His birth! Would it not be a terrible insult to our beloved Heavenly Father Yahweh Elohim that people would give gifts to each other when they should give presents to their King, Yahshua the Messiah, who suffered and died to free them from sin?

When Was the Messiah Really Born?

We must turn exclusively to the biblical record to learn the

truth about the date of Messiah’s birth. One need not research too far into the inspired Scriptures to discover that YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH WAS NOT BORN ON Chr-stmas DAY. Beginning with Luke 1:5, we can encounter a record of a sequence of events that will give us an idea of the accurate time of Yahshua’s birth. Take a look for yourself right now.

The crucial point appears in verse 5 in the term “the course of Abijah.” By looking closely at 1 Chronicles 24:10, we discover that the course of Abijah comprised a priestly division. Every member of the priestly family served in the Jerusalem Temple one week, in the first half of the year, and for another week in the fall and winter months. The beginning time of these cycles of priestly service was the week after the major annual observances of the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the spring and the week after the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall. There are actually about 50 weeks in the scriptural lunar year. Zechariah, John the Baptist’s father, was of the course of Abijah, the eighth course. Therefore, his period of service occurred eight weeks after the Feast of Unleavened Bread and eight weeks after the Feast of Tabernacles. This week of service (the course of Abijah) is not difficult to locate on any calendar that specifies the scriptural holidays superimposed upon the Roman calendar generally in use today.

Six months after the conception of John the Baptist, the angel Gabriel appeared to the virgin Miriam and announced to her the conception of Yahshua the Messiah. Consequently, if John the Baptist was conceived in the ninth week after the Feast

of Unleavened Bread, Yahshua the Messiah would have been conceived a few weeks prior to December 25. Then how could Yahshua have been born on the day that the world presently celebrates as His birthday? It is impossible! With this knowledge, we must conclude that Yahshua was born at the Feast of Tabernacles, rather than on December 25.

This conclusion will, indeed, harmonize with other Scriptures. Notice what we find as a reinforcement of this dating in John 1:14. **“And the word was made flesh, and tabernacled among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.”**

Perusing the Greek text here, you will find that the word usually translated *dwelt* in the **King James Version** (*eskanosen*) means *tabernacled*, and is correctly translated in **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**. Once again, we can notice that scriptural passages will complement, reinforce, and harmonize with each other to open our minds to a greater understanding of Bible doctrine.

We might note, also, that December 25 falls after the Jewish month called Marchesvan (the Hebrew scriptural name is Bul). During this month, animals are no longer pastured in the fields at night in the Middle East. During the cold, rainy season, livestock was driven home from pasture by the owners and sheltered in folds during the night. Therefore, no shepherd camped in the fields with his flock so late in the season. (The author has personally witnessed in Israel this wintertime sheltering of the flocks, as well as experiencing storms depositing eight inches

of snow or more in Jerusalem around the winter holidays.)

The following is a quote from **The Two Babylons**, chapter 3, under article titled **Festivals**, “At the time that the angel announced His birth to the shepherds of Bethlehem, they were feeding their flocks by night in the open fields Now, no doubt, the climate of Palestine is not so severe as the climate of this country; but, even there, though the heat of the day may be considerable, the cold of the night from December to February is very piercing, and it is not the custom for the shepherds of Judea to watch their flocks in the open fields later than about the end of October.”

We must remember that the Romans ruled Palestine at the time of the Messiah’s birth. Joseph and Miriam had journeyed to Bethlehem at the time when taxes were being paid. The Roman authorities would never have ordered such a taxation in December, which is far removed in time from the harvest season. Poorer Israelites would have had little money for the authorities to collect. No, the Romans were shrewd administrators when it came to levying taxes. Logically, the time to make collections would have been at the Feast of Tabernacles, at the end of the harvest season, when the Jews gathered from all parts of the country to thank Yahweh for His bountiful blessings.

The Puritans Speak

Not everyone down through history has been deceived into celebrating Chr-stmas. A most informative book that all True Worshipers should read is **The History of the Plymouth Plantation**, written by William Bradford. In an off-hand manner, he informs us that many of the

Puritans knew the sinister implications of keeping Chr-st-mas.

“*On Chr-stmas day the Governor called the people out to work as usual; but most of the new company excused themselves, and said it went against their consciences to work on that day. So the Governor told them, if they made it a matter of conscience, he would spare them till they were better informed. So he went with the rest, and left them; but on returning from work at noon he found them at play in the street, some pitching the bar, some at stool-ball, and such like sports. So he went to them and took away their games, and told them that it was against his conscience that they should play and others work.*”

Apparently, some of these hardy and pious American settlers, including their leaders, were “better informed” about Chr-stmas than most newer immigrants; hence, they abstained from the solar holiday revelry. **The Encyclopedia Britannica**, 11th Edition, notes: “*In 1644 the English Puritans forbade any merriment or religious services (at Chr-stmas) by act of Parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival, and ordered it to be kept as a fast. Charles II revived the feast, but the Scots adhered to the Puritan view.*” Thus, we may note that Puritans, whose religious dedication and the opportunity for self-determination brought them to the barren shores of America, understood the pagan origin of Chr-stmas.

The **Britannica Junior Encyclopedia** tells us the following: “*In North America, the Massachusetts Bay Colony... forbade the observance of Chr-stmas. As a result, the holiday continued to be ignored in much of New England until the 19th century.*”

This is quite amazing! Stout defenders of the True Faith, Bible-studying pioneers, brought an important truth to the North American continent in an effort to live by it. It was only in the mid-19th century that Chr-stmas took on the modern trappings that make it appear so harmless. Before that time, the early pioneers knew that the name “Chr-stmas ” was not found in the Bible, and that it was a papal term—the mass of Chr-st.

The Chr-stmas tree, for instance, was introduced (or re-introduced) into England only in 1841 by Prince Albert of Saxony, husband of the popular Queen Victoria. German immigrants brought the custom to the United States, and, eventually, the custom permeated the entire society. In 1843, the English novelist Charles Dickens wrote **A Chr-stmas Carol**, which gave the holiday its sentimental, magical flavor, and, thus, the world celebrates it today.

But Chr-stmas is not a harmless celebration to amuse the children. Some of the ceremonies and practices derived from paganism are indeed enchant-

ing, and they seem like fun. However, unless we are aware of their origin, and of the evil circumstances (the falsehoods) under which they were devised, they can cunningly slip a veil of darkness forever over the eyes of those who keep them. Such ceremonies and practices can cost us our eternal salvation, because they perpetuate ancient idolatry.

Chr-stmas , as we have seen, is replete with pagan ritual and ancient false traditions. Consequently, the question is not whether it is biblical. Scholarship and the Bible clearly prove that it is not. The question is this: “Do we believe Yahweh? And, will we obey Him by renouncing worldly paganism?”

Why not allow your life to take a new direction by putting into practice what you’ve learned about Chr-stmas? When the world, this year, gets into the Chr-stmas spirit (usually out of a bottle), why not seek Yahweh’s Holy Spirit instead, by turning to the Bible? You will thereby gain an immeasurable amount of spiritual strength. Yahweh will then enlighten you, and reveal to you even more of His eternal

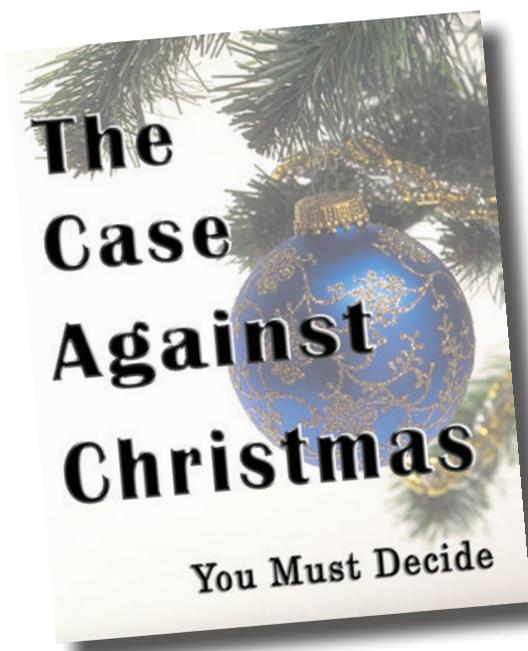
Truth.

By shunning this pagan holiday, you will prove to Yahweh—by your faith and works—that you are worthy of greater knowledge, like the prophets of old.

By standing boldly against religious error, you will follow in the footsteps of Yahweh’s faithful saints down through the ages. By obeying Yahweh’s Covenant Law, you will prove your fervent love to Him. By keeping Yahweh’s feast days of Leviticus chapter 23, you will be keeping the same days the Messiah Himself kept—days that He has and will fulfill—not the pagan days about which He knew nothing.

May we expect to see you study and prove these things as a modern Berean?

Editor’s note: Why not order the more extensive study of the pagan winter solstice holiday? It is designed as a legal case would be. The booklet is entitled, **The Case Against Chr-stmas**, and it will be sent to you free of charge upon your request. Address your letter to: Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507. ^{SNB}



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Paul's Declaration of Doctrinal Consistency

Contrary to widespread popular beliefs, Paul was **not** a lawless radical who changed the Messiah's doctrines. In this chapter, we shall begin to analyze and examine the controversial book of Galatians, verse by verse. We shall see that in his ministry Paul faithfully **supported** the Messiahs teaching of Matthew 5:17-20. By taking a more recent translation of the New Testament, rather than the obviously biased **Authorized Version, 1611**, the truth emerges with transparent clarity.

Paul begins his letter to the Galatian brethren by recalling the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah. His initial point presents an **astounding revelation** as it introduces the train of thought that creates the *unique theme* for the entire book.

"[The letter] from Paul, as apostle, not by human appointment, but by commission from Yahshua the Messiah and from Yahweh the Father

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

who raised Him from the dead.

I and the group of friends now with me send greetings to the Messianic congregations of Galatia.

Grace and peace to you from Yahweh the Father and our Master Yahshua the Messiah.

Who sacrificed himself for our sins, to rescue us out of this present age of wickedness, as our Elohim and Father willed;

***To whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."* Galatians 1:1-5 (New English Bible)**

Notice carefully how Paul explains that Yahshua was sacrificed as our sin offering and how thereby He rescued us from the wickedness of this age of man by the power of the Heavenly

Father. Yahshua's resurrection, Paul declares, clearly demonstrated that the Heavenly Father Yahweh had approved of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah. Paul forthrightly preached Yahshua's sacrifice and His miraculous resurrection from the dead. Paul recognized that this teaching would be a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks. 1 Corinthians 1:19-31. Nevertheless, this doctrine (difficult as it was for some people to accept) was scripturally founded and therefore true.

Paul begins his epistle to the Galatians by showing that the sacrifice of the Messiah was acceptable to Yahweh, arguing from the position that the Almighty otherwise would not have raised Him from the dead. Pinpointed here is a prime source of irritation to the Jews who had rejected the Messiah through what they considered *scriptural* and **traditional** reasons. But, they could

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THE GREAT RESET

“And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having 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.

“And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, that has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

“And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or on his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Yahweh, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and

whoever receives the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:6-11).

A warning message will go forth to all nations before the Tribulation begins. This warning message will proclaim to all people on earth the good tidings of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh and the imminent return of Yahshua the Messiah. This warning message will warn that Yahweh’s judgments are soon to be poured out upon this wicked generation. It is a call to all of the people of the earth to worship Yahweh in spirit and in Truth. It is also a call for all people to come out of Babylon, so that we will not receive of Yahweh’s judgments.

Yahshua, in His Olivet prophecy, declared: *“And these good tidings of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations; and then the end shall come.”* (Matthew 24:14). He also declared in Mark 16:15, *“And he said to them, Go you into all the world, and preach the good tidings to the whole creation.”* Before Yahshua the Messiah ascended into heaven, He instructed the Apostles in Luke 24:47, *“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”*

It is the Assemblies of Yahweh—the reconstituted Apostolic Assembly here on earth today—heralding the last warning message to the whole world. This will be accomplished with the many outreach programs of the Assemblies of Yahweh, the most far-reaching of which is shortwave Radio Station WMLK, which should be operational by mid-2021, Yahweh willing. It is through this powerful shortwave radio signal that EVERY NATION can receive the Glad Tidings of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh and of salvation in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. WMLK must announce the fall of Babylon the Great and warn everyone not to take the Mark of the Beast.

Stunning developments recently have revealed how close we are to the implementation of the Beast system. For some time now, we have been hearing about a plan to reset the world’s economy with a digital currency. World leaders are speaking about plans to use the Covid-19 pandemic to reform the world’s economy. They refuse to allow us to return to a world as it was previously and insist that we must get used to a “new normal.” This new normal will include endless lockdowns, restricted travel, and loss of civil liberties. We, therefore, can see

that the Beast system is forming all around us. It will spring upon us, like a trap springing shut. **“But concerning the times, and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to anything be written to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of Yahweh so comes as a thief in the night. When they are saying, Peace and safety, then suddenly destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape.”** (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3).

Reset Warning

On October 25, 2020, Carlo Maria Viganò, a Catholic Archbishop and former Vatican representative to the United States of America, wrote an open letter to President Donald J. Trump.

*“Daily we sense the attacks multiplying of those who want to **destroy the very basis of society**: the natural family, respect for human life, love of country, freedom of education and business. We see heads of nations and religious leaders pandering to the suicide of Western culture and its [Christian] soul, while the **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS** of citizens and believers are **DENIED** in the name of a health emergency that is revealing itself more and more fully as instrumental to the **establishment of an inhumane faceless tyranny**.”*

*“A **GLOBAL PLAN** called the Great Reset is underway. Its architect is a global elite that wants to **SUBDUCE ALL OF HUMANITY**, **imposing coercive measures with which to drastically limit individual freedoms** and those of entire populations. In several nations, this plan has already been approved and financed; in addition, it is still in an early*

*stage. Behind the world leaders who are the accomplices and executors of this infernal project, there are **unscrupulous characters** who finance the World Economic Forum and Event 201, promoting their agenda.*

*“The purpose of the Great Reset is the **imposition of a health dictatorship** aiming at the imposition of liberticidal, hitting behind tempting promises of **ensuring a universal income and canceling individual debt**. The price of these concessions from the International Monetary Fund will be the renunciation of private property and adherence to a program of vaccination against Covid-19 and Covid-21 promoted by Bill Gates with the collaboration of the main pharmaceutical groups. Beyond the enormous economic interests that motivate the promoters of the Great Reset the **imposition of the vaccination** will be accompanied by the **requirement of a health passport, a digital ID**, with the **CONSEQUENT CONTACT TRACING OF THE POPULATION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD**. Those who do not accept these measures will be **CONFINED IN DETENTION CAMPS** or placed under house arrest, and all their assets will be confiscated.*

*“Mr. President, I imagine that you are already aware that in some countries the Great Reset **will be activated between the end of this year and the first trimester of 2021**. For this purpose, further **LOCKDOWNS** are planned, which will be officially **JUSTIFIED** by a supposed second and third wave of the pandemic. You are well aware of the means that have been deployed to sow panic and legitimize draconian limitations on individual liberties, artfully provoking a worldwide economic crisis. In the inten-*

*tions of its architects, this crisis will serve to make the recourse of nations to the Great Reset **IRREVERSIBLE**, thereby giving the final blow to a world whose existence and very memory they want to completely cancel. But this world, Mr. President, includes people, affections, institutions, faith, culture, traditions, and ideals: people and values that do not act like automatons, who do not **obey like machines**, because they are endowed with a soul and a heart, because they are tied together by a spiritual bond that draws its strength from above [from Yahweh], that our adversaries want to challenge, just as Lucifer did at the beginning of time with his “non servaim.”*

*“Many people—as we well know—are annoyed by this reference to the clash between good and evil and the use of “apocalyptic” overtones, which according to them exasperates spirits and sharpens divisions. It is not surprising that the enemy is angered at being discovered, just when he believes he has reached the citadel he seeks to conquer undisturbed. What is surprising, however, is that **THERE IS NO ONE TO SOUND THE ALARM**. The reaction to the deep state to those who denounce its plan is broken and incoherent, but understandable. Just when the complicity of the mainstream media had succeeded in making the transition to the New World Order almost painless and unnoticed, all sorts of deceptions, scandals and crimes are coming to light.*

“Until a few months ago, it was easy to smear as “conspiracy theorists” those who denounce these terrible plans, which we now see is being carried out down to the smallest detail. No one, up until last February, would have ever thought that,

in all our cities, citizens would be **ARRESTED** simply for wanting to walk down the street, to breathe, to want to keep their business open, to want to go to [worship services]. Yet now it is happening all over the world, even in picture-postcard Italy that many Americans consider to be a small enchanted country, with its ancient monuments, its [buildings], its charming cities, its characteristic villages. While the politicians are barricaded inside their palaces **promulgating decrees like Persian satraps**, businesses are failing, shops are closing, and people are prevented from living, traveling, working, and praying. The disastrous psychological consequences of this operation are already being seen, beginning with the suicide-desperate entrepreneurs and of our children, segregated from friends and classmates, told the follow their classes while sitting at home alone in front of a computer...

"As is now clear, the [Pope] has betrayed his role from the very beginning, in order to defend and **PROMOTE THE GLOBALIST IDEOLOGY**, supporting the agenda of the [deep state], who chose him from its ranks....

"And yet, in the midst of this bleak picture, this apparently unstoppable advance of the "Invisible Enemy," an element of hope emerges. The adversary does not know how to love, and it does not understand that it is not enough to **ensure a universal income or to cancel mortgages** in order to subjugate the masses and convince them to be branded like cattle. This people, which for too long has endured the abuses of hateful tyrannical power, is rediscovering that it has a soul; it is understanding that

it is not willing to exchange its freedom for the homogenization and cancellation of its identity; it is beginning to understand the value of familial and social ties, of the bonds of faith and culture that unite honest people. This Great Reset is destined to fail because those who planned it do not understand that there are still people ready to take to the streets to defend their rights, to protect our loved ones, to give a future to their children and grandchildren. The leveling inhumanity of the globalist project will shatter miserably in the face of the firm and courageous opposition of the children of Light."

As a Thief in the Night

Take the time to examine the postings that are found on the World Economic Forum's website. It can then be easily verified that what he, and many others, are decrying is actually true. Therefore, we must prepare ourselves for the evil to come. **"But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: for you are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night: and they that are drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For Yahweh appointed as not to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our Savior Yahshua the Messiah, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Therefore exhort**

one another, and build each other up, even as also you do." (1 Thessalonians 5:4-11).

Where We Are Headed

Four years ago, on November 11, 2016, Ida Auken, MP of the Danish Parliament, wrote a piece that was published in the **World Economic Forum**. It was titled, **Welcome to 2030. I own Nothing, have No Privacy, and Life has Never Been Better**. She wrote, "Welcome to the year 2030. Welcome to my city—or should I say, "our city." I don't own anything. I don't own the car. I don't own a house. I don't own any appliances or any clothes."

She continued, "It might seem odd to you, that it makes perfect sense for us in this city. Everything you considered a product, has now become a service. We have access to transportation, accommodation, food, and **all the things we need in our daily lives**. One by one all these things became free, so it ended up not making sense for us to own much. First communication became digitized and free to everyone. Then, when clean energy became free, things started to move quickly. Transportation dropped dramatically in price. It made no sense for us to own cars anymore, because we could call a driverless vehicle or a flying car for longer journeys within minutes. We started transporting ourselves in a much more organized and coordinated way, when public transport became easier, quicker and more convenient than the car. Now I can hardly believe that we accepted congestion and traffic jams, not to mention the air pollution from combustion engines. What were we thinking? Sometimes I use my bike when I go to see some of my

friends. I enjoy the exercise and the ride. It kind of gets us sold to come along on the journey. Funny how some things seem never to lose their excitement: walking, biking, cooking, drawing and growing plants. It makes perfect sense, and reminds us **how our culture emerged out of a close relationship with nature.**

“In our city, we don’t pay any rent, because someone else is using our free space whenever we do not need it. **My living room is used for business meetings when I’m not there.** Once in a while, I will choose to cook for myself. It is easy—the necessary kitchen equipment is delivered at my door within minutes since transport became free, we stopped having all those things stuffed into our home. Why keep the pasta-maker and a crepe cooker crammed into our cupboards? We can just order them when we need them.

“This also made the breakthrough of the circular economy easier. When products are turned into services, no one has an interest in things with a short lifespan. Everything is designed for durability, repairability and recyclability. The materials are flowing more quickly in our economy and can be transformed to new products pretty easily. Environmental problems seem far away, since we only use clean energy and clean production methods. The air is clean, the water is clean, and nobody would dare touch the protected areas of nature because they constitute such a value to our well-being. In the cities we have plenty of green space in plants and trees all over. I still do not understand why in the past we filled all these spots in the city with concrete....

“My biggest concern is all the

people who do not live in our city. **Those we lost on the way.** Those who decided it became too much, all this technology. Those who felt obsolete, useless, when robots and AI took over big parts of our jobs. **Those who got upset with the political system and turned against it.** They live different kinds of lives outside of the city. Some have formed little self-supplying communities. Others just stayed in the empty and abandoned houses in small 19th century villages.

“Once in a while I get annoyed about the fact that I HAVE NO REAL PRIVACY. Nowhere I can go and not be registered. I know that, somewhere, **everything I do, think and dream is recorded.** I JUST HOPE THAT NOBODY WILL USE IT AGAINST ME.

“All in all, it is a good life. Much better than the path we were on, where it became so clear that we could not continue with the same model of growth. We had all these terrible things happening: lifestyle diseases, climate change, the refugee crisis, environmental degradation, completely congested cities, water pollution, air pollution, social unrest and unemployment. We lost way too many people before we realized that we could do things differently.” She then concluded with an author’s note: “Some people have read this blog is my utopia or dream of the future. It is not. It is a scenario showing where we could be heading—**for better and for worse.**” (emphasis ours).

World Economic Forum

The World Economic Forum gathers in Davos, Switzerland, each year to discuss political strategies for the upcoming 12

months. Perhaps you have seen the news reports of those who have traveled to Davos for the annual World Economic Forum. World leaders and the global elite—businessmen and celebrities alike—rush into this ski resort city to rub elbows and plot the future of the world’s economies. The news reports highlight all of the private jets parked wing tip to wing tip at the airport, and some commentators criticize the attendees (most of whom are believers in global warming), yet they fly in their private jets halfway around the world to Switzerland to plot their global agenda. The World Economic Forum is a Geneva-based non-profit foundation, whose ranks include Prince Charles, Al Gore, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the president of the European Central Bank, the Secretary-General of the OECD, the managing director of the IMF, George Soros, world trade union leaders, chief executives of Big Tech, and representatives of NGOs like Greenpeace and WWF.

The Forum’s founder and executive chair, Klaus Schwab, also believes “**the pandemic presents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world.** All aspects of our societies and economies must be revamped, from education, to social contracts and working conditions.” He labels this the “Great Reset.” “In short,” he says, “we need a Great Reset of capitalism.”

Come January 2021, the World Economic Forum’s Great Reset campaign will begin in earnest. Schwab is determined that a return to a business-as-usual world will not happen after Covid-19 is over. Have you noticed how many times throughout this year

you have heard people refer to the “new normal?” The WEF, the United Nations, and its various agencies will use the current depressed economic environment to push for a “**more inclusive social contract**,” a decarbonized economy and a “**control without ownership**” business sector, where companies “*serve all stakeholders, not just shareholders.*”

The **Australian Spectator** reveals: “**Intense pressure will be applied to parliaments everywhere to pass enabling laws and to abdicate more responsibilities to unelected bureaucrats in global institutions. Crony capitalism is anathema to genuine market economies, and giving more leverage to those who encourage it is simply fascist. No surprise that some of the organizations behind the “stakeholder capitalism” push are accused of corruption, sexual-harassment, cover-ups and a general abuse of power. Still, the WEF’s oligarchy derives much of its extraordinary influence and wealth from these same institutions and no one should doubt their Big Brother intentions.**

“*Indeed, anyone who fears big government and values free speech, freedom to choose and property rights, should be terrified. Yet, so far, political, business and ch-rch leaders, along with the mainstream media, seem oblivious to the threat and TURN BLIND EYES to the **dictatorial abuses already perpetrated in the name of the pandemic.** There is even bi-partisan support for policies which, two decades ago, would have been considered **politically and economically unthinkable.***

“*Stripped of the propaganda, the Great Reset is not new. It’s*

*another FASCIST EXPERIMENT BEING PUSHED BY CONTROLLING ELITISTS. ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL MOBILITY, MUST BE SUBORDINATE TO THE COLLECTIVE. Connections will be institutionalized and privilege perpetrated. History demonstrates that the children of the elites will receive preferential access to higher education and elite positions. Inclusion and fairness? Forget it. Think **inequality, serfdom and misery.***”

Global Tracking System

Chinese Communist leader, Xi Jinping, is calling for countries across the world to accept a GLOBAL COVID-19 TRACKING SYSTEM that will “expedite international travel.” Xi proposed the concept during a recent G20 leaders’ meeting, noting that this “global mechanism” uses an **electronic barcode** that would help determine a traveler’s health status.

Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch responded, “*beware of the Chinese government’s proposal for global QR code system. An initial focus on health could easily become a Trojan Horse for a broader political **monitoring and exclusion**, attended the dangers associated with China’s social-credit system.*”

Stuart Hargreaves, associate professor at Chinese University of Hong Kong, said if the QR code is used to store classified health information then issues over privacy become “particularly important.” “*(For example), WHAT INFORMATION IS STORED in the underlying record, how it is generated, where it is stored, **who has access to it?***” he argued.

Raina MacIntyre, head of the

Biosecurity Research Program at the University of New South Wales’ Kirby Institute, stressed that safeguarding private information is pivotal. “*(But) will individuals consent to another government that isn’t their own government **accessing their data?** THAT MAY BE THE PRICE TO PAY FOR TRAVEL,*” she said.

Awake to Righteousness

Can you see how quickly the Beast system will be implemented? These fast-moving events clearly point to the imminent return of Yahshua the Messiah. Those who continue to be oblivious to the current prophetic trends can only blame themselves for remaining in a Laodicean attitude. The warning sounds loud and clear: “**Behold the bridegroom!**” Have you prepared yourself to meet Him?

What must take place before Yahweh can shake you out of your complacency? We are living in the Laodicean age. The love of many has grown cold, because lawlessness abounds. Yahshua the Messiah commands a Laodicean Assembly to buy gold refined by fire (meaning sound doctrine), white garments (meaning righteousness, or the keeping of Yahweh’s commandments), and eye salve to anoint the eyes (pointing to the ointment, or oil of the Name of Yahweh and of Yahshua the Messiah, Song of Solomon 1:3). Are you lukewarm (as were the Laodiceans) about your salvation?

It is with great urgency that we write these words. As you can see for yourself from these **Prophetic Trends**, Almighty Yahweh is revealing to His sincere people that the time is

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not confute the concrete fact of the resurrection. Yahshua had predicted His own death on the tree and His resurrection to follow His entombment by exactly three days. This fulfillment of prophecy was taken directly from the Scriptures, for example, Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. The Jews then looked for (and still do look for) a ruling human king, rather than a suffering servant who first came to be tested.

Yahshua had proved to His kindred Israelites that His doctrine was **approved** by the Heavenly Father, because He was to be raised from the dead supernaturally after precisely three days in the tomb. Matthew 12:40 tells us, ***“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth,”*** The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition. This prophecy was based on Jonah 1:17. ***“And Yahweh prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.”*** The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition (TSS)

No other source of life exists in the universe apart from that which emanates directly from Almighty Yahweh, whose Name in Hebrew means *everlasting existence*. (The author has written an exhaustive book on this vital subject. Write to the Assemblies of Yahweh; Bethel, PA 19507, for information on obtaining it.) Resurrection from the dead proved

the Messiahship of Yahshua as He had personally predicted. The only human who has already died and experienced a resurrection to glory would be Yahweh's Messiah. Paul had proclaimed this Messiah and the meaning of His death and resurrection to the Galatians.

Another Glad Tidings?

How can someone again leave the true message of salvation after he has learned it? Does the message of the Bible ever change? Does the Old Testament contradict the New Testament? Is the glad tidings message preached to one ethnic group of people in one age, then **radically changed** for a different group in another age? The Apostle Paul boldly addresses these questions in this letter to the Galatians. You, as a seeker after truth, must also come to grips with these fundamental issues since they are the bedrock of the sound doctrine.

“I am astonished to find you turning so quickly away from him who called you by grace, and following a different glad tidings.

Not that it is in fact another glad tidings; only there are people who unsettle your minds by trying to distort the glad tidings of the Messiah.

But if anyone, if we ourselves or an angel from heaven, should preach glad tidings at variance with the glad tidings we preached to you, he shall be held outcast.

I now repeat what I have said before: if anyone preaches glad tidings at variance with the glad tidings which you received let him be outcast!” Galatians 1:6-9 (New English Bible)

To arrive at a more in-depth understanding of this passage, let us first seek some pertinent

definitions. The meaning of the word **grace** is *“unmerited kindness or mercy.”* Nowhere in the Bible can we find a passage telling us that grace does away with the law of Yahweh. Conversely, Yahweh gives us grace to keep His law. Grace is unmerited forgiveness of sin. The Greek word translated **grace** is *charis* (Strong's Concordance Greek Lexicon, # 5485). The definition given is as follows: *“graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstr. or concr.; lit., fig., or spiritual); espec. the [heavenly] influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude.”*

A **Greek-English Lexicon** by H. G. Liddell and Robert Scott define *χάρις charis as* *“grace or favor, beauty in its objective sense, or concretely a favor or kindness due to or for someone.”* On the part of the receiver it means a sense of favor received in which one is made to feel gratitude or thanksgiving.

Arndt and Gingrich add to their definitions: *“help, goodwill, practical application of goodwill, gracious deed or gift, benefaction.”*

Since the Old Testament provides the basis for the New Testament faith, the Old Testament words for **faith** must be considered. The most important one translated **grace** from the Hebrew Old Testament is **chenb** (Strong's number 2580). It is from the root **Chanan** (Strong's number 2603), defined as *“to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior.”* The Hebrew term **חֶסֶד chesed** (Strong's number 2616 or 2617 [verb noun cognates]) which means *“lovingkindness or tender mercy, kindness or piety must be considered as forming an associative field of reference.”*

You will remember that the scriptural definition of sin is ***“the transgression of Yahweh's***

law,” 1 John 3:4. This definition, long neglected by Christian theology, has its roots in the Hebrew Bible. See Leviticus chapter 4, for example.

Sin incurs the automatic and absolute penalty of **death**, Romans 6:23. Since each of us has broken the law of our Heavenly Father, the sentence of death was justly recorded against us. Death is defined as everlasting destruction from the presence of Yahweh, 2 Thessalonians 1:9. Death means the absence of life or separation from the life given Yahshua.

When we repent of our disobedience to the commandments of the Almighty Heavenly Father, He freely offers us forgiveness through the shed blood of His Son Yahshua the Messiah. This constitutes a **kindness** on His part by His stooping to help out an inferior being. The death penalty is not carried out for the one who turns from sin and accepts the Messiah’s atoning sacrifice. We receive life through the Holy Spirit, which He gives us. Grace **restores** us to a position of **righteousness**. Glance rapidly through Romans chapter 3 and Hebrews 9-10 in your Bible to obtain the clearer picture of this process.

Note in the preceding quote from Galatians 1:6-9 that we have substituted the term **glad tidings** for the word **gospel** that appears in the **New English Bible**. By seeking the root word in the Greek text, we will be led to the word **euaggelion**. This word means “*the good message*” and the cognate verb means “*to announce good news.*” Webster traces the etymology of **gospel** to: God + spel (story). The Old Testament Hebrew equivalent is **basar**, meaning to announce

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Messiah.*

(glad news), viz. Isaiah 61:1.

As Paul begins his communication with the Galatian brethren, he expresses his astonishment that they had begun turning aside so quickly from the sacred message of salvation that had previously been preached to them.

Why had they suddenly become unstable? Why should anyone be swayed about with every wind of doctrine? “***That we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error;***” **Ephesians 4:14 (TSS)**. We have already noted that Paul preached the biblical message of Yahweh for every age—obedience to Yahweh’s commandments. Romans 3:31 confirms this: “***Do we then make the law of no effect through faith? By no means: No, we establish the law.***” The Galatians had accepted the Israelite faith, but now they were again turning away from it.

Paul leads his audience toward the crucial revelation that forgiveness for sin depends upon nothing but the mercy of Almighty Yahweh and the shed blood of Yahshua the Messiah. This message constitutes the

glad tidings that he preached to them. But it seems that a false teaching had now infiltrated the Galatian congregations.

Someone was sowing seeds of discord among the brethren by promulgating a different message of salvation.

Paul pronounced the curse (anathema) of an instant sentence of **eviction** from the assembly upon that unknown person (or persons), whoever was responsible. He even includes **himself**! Should Paul himself at any time become guilty of such an aberration from the truth he had once preached, he was also to be dismissed from the assembly and accursed (anathema). If an angel from heaven should in some way alter the true message, he should also be an outcast from the assembly.

Does that appear as if a change could be possible in the biblical message at any time in the era from Genesis to Revelation? Yahweh is consistent. “For I, Yahweh, change not; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed,” Malachi 3:6 (TSS). Throughout the 66 books of the Bible the same doctrine prevails. This should show us that if *man or angel* loses his faith in the message that was proclaimed from the beginning (1 John 1:7), **we must reject him.**

Therefore, Paul underwrites the scriptural doctrine of consistency and precedent. Yahweh does not change, nor does the Messiah, Malachi 3:6-7, Hebrews 13:8. His Word stands absolutely firm and sure, Psalm 111:7-11. He urges the Galatians to stand resolutely upon the message of the Assembly of Yahweh that was preached down through the annals of Scripture, a message that began in the book of Genesis (chapter 3).

No Promise of Compromise

The message of the Bible is one of **humble obedience** to the directives of the Heavenly Father, designated variously as commandments, statutes, or judgments. Preaching this sound doctrine of **adherence** to Yahweh's covenant is the commission that Paul had received from Yahshua the Messiah. It is to be the message of Yahshua's assembly. Galatians 1:10 reads,

Does my language now sound as if I were canvassing for men's support? Whose support do I want but Yahweh's alone? Do you think I am currying the favor with men? If I still sought men's favor, I should be no servant of the Messiah. NEB

Paul plainly declares that he consistently preached the true message the Messiah had given him. He will stand boldly and resolutely for the truth of the Scriptures. He asserts that **he will not compromise or soften** his message to play games with what the Bible teaches. Paul is determined to interpret the Scriptures faithfully **as they were written**, because he is a loyal servant of the Messiah—not of men. He would not engage in congregational politics by altering Yahshua's message in any way.

Such a candid declaration which includes the speaker is indeed commendable and we can observe similar dedication expressed throughout all the books Paul wrote. He made enemies because of his inflexible stand, but Paul indeed was a sincere, dedicated man.

Anyone who faithfully adheres to a firm conviction without compromise will undoubtedly have few friends. When one person takes a determined stand for

Bible truth against **popular opinions**, he soon finds himself ostracized from the group espousing error. The Jews rejected Paul and persecuted him severely because he would not support their *traditional doctrines*, which were designed to undermine the Messianic doctrine.

Now let us transfer this concept into our present day. By taking a stand for obedience to the law of Yahweh, the Assemblies of Yahweh have been forced from churchianity. We have received persecution for our determined doctrinal stand, but we **cannot compromise** what the Bible so plainly teaches. We cannot compromise the use of the true Name of the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh or His Messiah Yahshua, because we hold fast with the same determination Paul had. We must stand for Bible truth, disregarding **all** consequences. We cannot be faithful servants of the Messiah unless we obey Him and accurately teach His message.

You will recall the previous discussion of Matthew 5:17-20 in the first chapter. Yahshua stood resolutely on the side of law keeping. By keeping the commandments of Yahweh we will be partakers of the same Spirit that the Messiah was given, Acts 5:32. The Apostolic Assembly, serving as a model for us today, had that identical Spirit in their midst. Those who keep the commandments of Yahweh and have a faith in Yahshua the Messiah (Revelation 12:17 and 14:12) comprise the modern day revival of the Apostolic Assembly. Those who do not fulfill these two characteristics are not representing Yahshua's true assembly. On which side do you stand?

The True Glad Tidings

"I must make it clear to you, my friends, that the glad

tidings you heard me preach is no human invention.

I did not take it over from any man; no man taught it me; I received it through a revelation of Yahshua the Messiah." Galatians 1:11-12 (New English Bible)

Let us clearly identify what is meant by the "glad tidings." There is only one doctrine set forth in the Bible, as everlasting teaching of eternal truth. That glad tidings of the Messiah, the doctrine which He preached, is found in Matthew 5:17-20. It represents the royal rule by Almighty Yahweh over an individual when that person keeps the biblical commandments. Then the obedient person lives in the *Kingdom way of life*.

The central message of the Bible in a nutshell, the very message that the Messiah preached, is found in Mark 1:14-15. ***"Now after that John was put in prison, Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the glad tidings of the Kingdom of Yahweh,***

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Yahweh is at hand: repent you, and believe the glad tidings." NEB

The truth of the Kingdom of Yahweh message emerges more candidly and plainly when we read the word "government" where the term "kingdom" appears. ***"The time is fulfilled the government of Yahweh is at hand..."***

Yahshua identifies the everlasting glad tidings as the government of Almighty Yahweh ruling on this earth. His Kingdom government is encapsulated in His laws. Those people whom He calls must submit themselves voluntarily to His heavenly rule by keeping (obeying) His commandments. Paul explains that anyone who preaches a doctrine

at variance to this teaching shall be an outcast from the assembly.

If someone should enter the modern-day Messianic assembly while professing *a different doctrine*, can his ideas be tolerated any more than they were in apostolic times? The ministers of Yahweh sincerely try to assist all those who desire to know the way of salvation, but we cannot compromise with what the Bible teaches. We stand in awe of **Yahweh**, not men. Forthrightly we preach the message He has given us.

If Yahweh's ministers today do as Paul did—compare Scripture with Scripture, harmonizing the Bible from cover to cover, and allow the Bible to interpret itself—we will consistently maintain the same doctrine that Paul—and ultimately Yahshua—taught. We will be able to prove directly from the opening pages of the Old Testament that Yahshua was the Messiah. We will be able to envision the predicted New Testament era of grace previously described in the Old Testament Scriptures. We will join with the biblical prophets and Apostles in condemning sin (transgression of Yahweh's laws).

The Apostles preached exclusively from the Old Testament, because they themselves were the builders of the New Testament assembly. The New Testament was built upon the foundation of the Old Testament texts. The New Testament is the *record* of Yahshua the Messiah as He dwelt on this earth and the *history* of His assembly after His return to the heavens to sit at the right hand of Yahweh the Father, Psalm 110:1.

Yahshua the Messiah personally revealed Himself to Paul on the Damascus Road, thereby proving His resurrection. Paul knew the doctrine of the Messiah from his deep studies into

the Old Testament texts. When the existence of the Messiah was proved to him by Yahshua's supernatural appearance, he instantly believed and accepted it, and he immediately began to preach it.

The doctrine of the Messiah

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was **proved** from the Old Testament Scriptures alone. When we read the Bible, we see Him described in the Old Testament prophecies long before He appeared. We observe Him described in the New Testament through the witness of the Apostles. Therefore, with this view in mind, the Bible becomes a complete unit proclaiming salvation through Yahshua the Messiah, the Son of Yahweh, from Genesis to Revelation.

Paul's Zeal

“You have heard what my manner of life was when I was still a practicing Jew: how savagely I persecuted the assembly of Yahweh, and tried to destroy it; and how in the practice of our national religion I was outstripping many of my Jewish contemporaries in my boundless devotion to the traditions of my ancestors.

But then in his good pleasure Yahweh, who had set me apart from birth and called me through His grace, chose

to reveal His Son to me and through me, in order that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles.

When that happened, without consulting any human being, without going up to Jerusalem to see those that were apostles before me, I went off at once to Arabia, and afterwards returned to Damascus.” Galatians 1:13-17 (NEB)

In this passage Paul describes his early life and his religious experiences in Judaism. He recalls his fanatical devotion to the traditions of the Jews. This reminiscence is a most enlightening vignette of a segment in the life of the man who was to become such an ardent Messianic proponent.

He had been well educated in the *traditional Jewish religion* taught in the rabbinic schools. He was familiar with the decisions of the Jewish religious courts regarding various aspects of the observance of scriptural tenets. He was well versed in the *traditional interpretations* attributed to the famous rabbis. But Paul recognized how Almighty Yahweh planned to improve upon that system in giving all men a final opportunity for salvation.

Upon formation of the Apostolic Assembly, the disciples of Yahshua cast aside the centuries-old accumulated theological debris, the traditions and doctrines of men. Some of these same erroneous traditional interpretations had caused the people of Paul's day to reject the Messiah. Paul had defended traditional Judaism against the rise of the Messianic faith, but later he **accepted and taught** this new faith.

Paul knew **both** sides of this issue. He was quite familiar with the traditional interpretation of Yahweh's law as set forth by the

Pharisees. Theirs was in reality only a ceremonial form of worship, adhering closely to the letter of the law while ignoring the spiritual intent of Yahweh's covenant.

Paul knew that the spirit of the law (love) far outweighed the keeping of the letter (ritual tradition). This concept *elevated* the believer above the burden of legalism. Legalism in law-keeping can be a crushing, depressing burden—while the keeping of the law of Yahweh spiritually, because we love Him and seek to do His will, is uplifting, inspiring, joyful, and life-giving. Legalism pronounces a person automatically **guilty**, while keeping the law through *grace* and with the help of the *Holy Spirit* places each adherent on the plane of **personal responsibility**.

Such buoyant spirit was lacking in the empty, pharisaical, observance that Paul had been taught. Conversely, it was clearly evident in the Apostolic Assembly.

When Yahshua called His future servant on the Damascus Road, Paul did not go first to obtain instructions from men. He explains that he went to Arabia and restudied the Bible from this new doctrinal perspective. He proved the Messiah to himself exclusively from the Old Testament scrolls of the law, the prophets, and the sacred writings, just as Yahshua had proved His Messiahship to His disciples after His resurrection, Luke 24:44-46. The Sacred Scriptures are an unchangeable document. Paul sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit to learn the prophetic revelation of the Messiah strictly from the Word of Yahweh.

Paul knew that he had been taught error in the religion of his ancestral heritage. Now he clearly beheld the Messiah in the sacred Scriptures: from the

book of Genesis and throughout the prophetic writings. Because he had been called to preach the Messiah, he knew that first it was imperative to fix **all aspects** of the doctrines clearly in his mind. This meant that he had to understand and know the Scriptures thoroughly.

Therefore, Paul devoted himself to the task of concentrated study. When after three years he had finished, he began to fulfill the commission Yahshua had given him. Astonishingly, his message was **not** at variance with the recognized leaders of the Apostolic Assembly. Rather, it was in **total harmony** with what Yahshua had taught them! The Holy Spirit had led Paul to learn the same message directly from the scrolls of sacred Scripture that Yahshua had personally taught His disciples during His earthly sojourn.

Function of the Sacred Writings

The Israelite nation has always been different in religion from the ethnic peoples of the world. The main reason for this difference is that they have had religious **writings**, whereas the remainder of the world has almost exclusively relied upon *verbal transmission* of their teachings. Hebrew-Israelite worship of the Almighty **has not drifted** in transmission over the centuries—because they constantly studied these sacred Scriptures.

Originally, all religion on earth had a common source. It is provable that the religion of the Israelites (the Hebrews) perpetuated the True Worship of the ante-deluvian patriarchs (Adam, Seth, Methusaleh, Noah, etc.) and that it was controlled by written manuscripts passed down through succeeding generations.

Notice what the Bible itself

has to say concerning the biblical written record. Hebrews 10:7 informs us, "Then I said, Here am I: as it is written of me in the scroll, I have come, Oh Yahweh, to do your will." This is a quotation from Psalm 40:7-8, which reads, "Then I said, 'Here I am! I am coming!' In the scroll of the book am I not commanded to obey your will? My Elohim, I have always loved your law from the depths of my being." **Jerusalem Bible**

This harmonizes with Proverbs 22:20 in the **King James Version**: "*Have I not written to you excellent things in counsels and knowledge.*" Hosea 8:12 confirms the written record. "*Though I give him countless rules in writing, they are treated as invalid.*" **New English Bible.**

Notice carefully how all of these references refer to a written transmission of the sacred Scriptures. Almighty Yahweh explains that people always have known what He wished them to understand. "*I do not speak in secret, in realms of darkness, I do not say to the sons of Jacob, 'Look for me in the empty void.' I, Yahweh, speak what is right, declare what is just,*" Isaiah 45:19 (NEB).

Yahweh inspired the prophets and Apostles to record His words faithfully so future generations could come to learn of His glory. Those 'Yahweh breathed'—sacred Scriptures (writings) are collected in the book we call the Bible. The reason the pure Messianic worship of the book of Acts can be restored today is that the *written record* describing it is *available* to all who are interested. With the help of Yahweh's Holy Spirit we may study the written record and learn of Yahweh's truth. After his conversion, Paul realized that he was inadequately prepared for the calling he had received

from Yahshua. Thereafter, Paul immediately went to Arabia (a sparsely populated desert area) where he engaged in the deep, thorough study of the Bible which at that time comprised what we call the Old Testament texts. He had to prove the doctrine of the Messiah to himself exclusively from the sacred Scriptures. The inspired texts he used were the Old Testament books: the law (*Torah*), the prophets (*Naviim*), and the sacred writings (*Kethuvim*).

The reason Paul began a concentrated study was **not** a determination to find a way to **discard** the law of Yahweh and thereby begin a **new** religion. It was primarily to gain expanded knowledge so that he could prove to the skeptical Israelites and Gentiles from the prophecies of the Bible that the spirit being who had appeared to him in vision on the Damascus Road was indeed the *Messiah of Israel*. Paul knew that if he was to convince his hearers, he needed ready answers for the questions they would certainly ask him. Not only Paul, but the other Apostles of Yahshua (who had been Yahshua's disciples) were themselves using the inspired Old Testament Scriptures to prove that the Messiah of Israel had now appeared. From these same Old Testament texts they substantiated the claim that the man of Galilee fulfilled all of the prophecies concerning the Messiah. Since Yahshua's life corresponded exactly to the predicted pattern set down for Him in the inspired Scriptures, those who accept this biblical witness as genuine will receive the Messiah.

"When that happened, without consulting any human being, without going up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, I

went off at once to Arabia, and afterwards returned to Damascus.

Three years later I did go up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas. I stayed with him for a fortnight,

Without seeing any of the apostles, save [Jacob] James Yahshua's brother.

***What I write is the plain truth; before Yahweh I am not lying."** Galatians 1:17-20 (NEB)*

It is of vital importance that those preachers who teach the Messianic doctrine be inseparably united by speaking the same thing. ***"Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. . Is the Messiah divided? Was Paul impaled for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?"*** (1 Corinthians 1:10) **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**

Paul claims that he was not taught the doctrine of the Messiah by any of the Apostles. He plainly declares that all of the Apostles were in **one accord** in their teaching relating to the doctrine of the Messiah. They studied the **same Bible** and the indivisible, unifying power of the Holy Spirit of Yahweh led them into **harmonious** belief. Every Apostle was an eyewitness that indeed Yahshua had been raised from the dead. His resurrection after three days in the tomb proved the veracity of His Messiahship. That resurrection also proved the prophetic value of the Sacred Scriptures.

The Apostles were not promulgating a no-law doctrine in the Messianic assemblies. They knew

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that Yahshua the Messiah had taught a way of life encompassed in the biblical commandments. Yahshua had strongly asserted that the law of Yahweh would not be annulled at any time, Matthew 5:17-20. He had come to **magnify** the law and make it honorable as the Old Testament predicted in Isaiah 42:21. Yahshua and His Apostles had sought to qualify to rule in the Kingdom of Yahweh by keeping the ways of the Bible, acknowledging Yahweh's government structured upon a system of laws and commandments, Psalm 111 and 119.

The inspired Scriptures plainly tell us that Yahshua the Messiah would die for the sins (transgressions of the Law) of the world (Isaiah 53), and rise again the third day (Jonah 1:17 and Matthew 12:40). Consequently, Yahshua's Messianic claims are clearly proved. Yahshua the Messiah fulfilled that which was predicted of Him. *No other being has done this.*

It is important for us to notice that Jacob (James), Yahshua's brother (Matthew 13:55), was present when Paul visited Jerusalem, This fact is crucial as we continue reading the book of Galatians. Jacob (James) was a

great proponent of keeping the law of Yahweh, as his book in your Bible plainly reveals. If Paul had been advocating something foreign or contrary to commandment keeping, Peter and Jacob would without question **have corrected him immediately!**

Significantly, these three men were in **complete harmony** when they met and discussed the doctrine of the Messiah! As they compared what they knew and believed of the Messianic True Worship, those in the vanguard of leadership in the Apostolic Assembly found themselves in complete accord in the doctrines taught by the Messianic Assemblies of Yahweh. We must conclude therefore, that such unity is possible today simply because **we all have the Bible the Apostles had.**

Notice that Paul first contacted Peter (Cepha). He was the first preacher the Holy Spirit had used to bring Gentile believers into the Messianic assembly. In Acts chapter 10 Cepha was the first Apostle chosen by Yahshua the Messiah to take His message to the Gentiles. (Gentiles in Hebrew is **Goyim**, the Greek is **ethnos**—both words mean “nations”).

Peter preached to the household of the Roman army officer Cornelius and baptized those who

gave evidence of their sincerity. In Acts chapter 11, he made his report to the Jerusalem assembly of Yahweh and defended his action before the group.

Paul stated on numerous occasions that he had been selected as the Messiah’s chosen preacher to the Gentiles (Galatians 1:13). The Jewish religious authorities referred to the Gentiles as uncircumcised sinners. Gentiles **were not accepted** into Judaism unless they first submitted to the **prescribed ritual circumcision**. This was the evident reason for Peter’s uncertainty about the meaning of the vision of the sheet in Acts 10. That vision did not call Peter to go out and slaughter unclean animals for food (hogs, rabbits, bears, etc.), but it called him to preach to men whom the Jews considered unclean.

As we read the Evangelists and Acts, it becomes apparent that Cepha was the recognized leader of the Jerusalem assembly. After Philip had preached to the people of Samaria and baptized many (Acts chapter 8), he was required to *send for Peter* so that those ethnically mixed people could receive the Holy Spirit. The Apostle John accompanied Peter on this journey.

Paul had also previously preached the Messiah among

the people of Damascus, Syria, immediately after his conversion (Acts 9:19-22). It was his desire to be in complete harmony on doctrine with the Messianic assembly that had been established by Yahshua the Messiah, therefore Paul continued his studies of the sacred Scriptures in Arabia. The Holy Spirit had led Paul to proclaim the sound doctrines that formed the foundation of the Messianic assembly. The power of the Holy Spirit kept the one true body united.

Today this identical Holy Spirit-inspired unity is flourishing anew. People are reading and studying their Bibles with open minds. They are being brought into **doctrinal harmony** because they are humbly following the Holy Spirit into all truth. We have access to the same inspired Scriptures that were studied by the Apostles. We can thereby revive the identical faith that burned so brightly in the hearts of the Apostles, if we always approach the Word of Yahweh with humility and harmonize the Bible throughout. The Word of Yahweh can be **harmonized** from Genesis to Revelation with a uniform doctrine emerging. We hope you will take the time to prove that point. ^{SNB}

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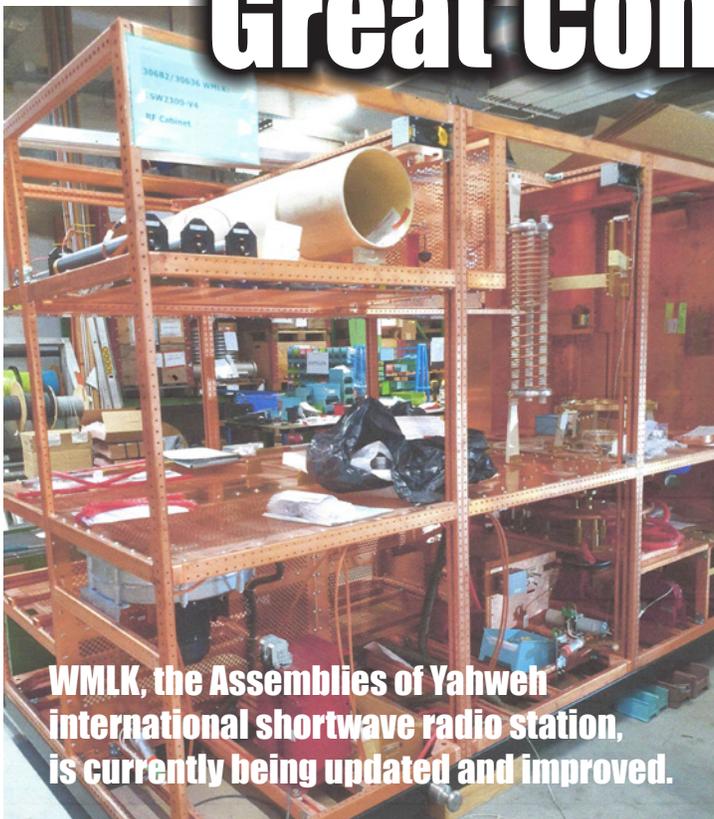
“For Yahshua himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of Yahweh: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first; then we that are alive,

that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet Yahshua in the air: and so shall we ever be with Yahshua. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

“And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us

than when we first believed. The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day; not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, and do not make provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts of it.” (Romans 13:11-14). ^{SNB}

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