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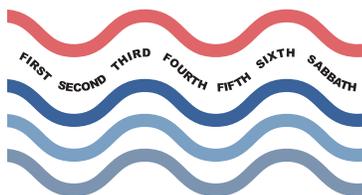
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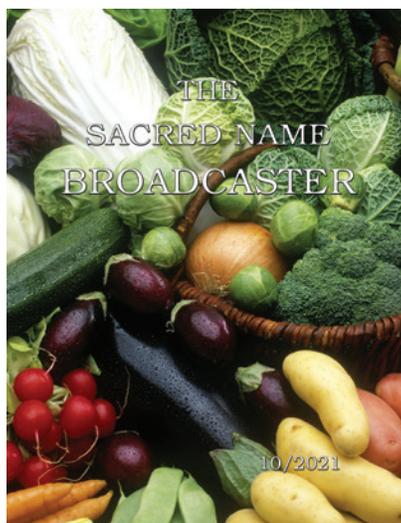
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## Our Cover:



*"You must keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am Yahweh who sanctifies you." (Exodus 31:13b).*

*After six years of working the land, Yahweh has commanded a year of rest for the land in the seventh year. Yahweh has promised a blessing for all who faithfully observe the Sabbatical year, as well as the annual and weekly sabbaths.*

*Faithfully keeping Yahweh's commandments and walking in His statutes will result in abundant blessings being bestowed upon us. He has promised that our land will be blessed abundantly—in the increase of the land and in peace and safety.*

*Did you remember to come before Yahweh with thanksgiving at the recent Feast of Tabernacles? Have you proven to yourself the necessity to keep His commandments?*

# THE SABBATH, THE SABBATICAL AND JUBILEE YEARS

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

In the last verse of Hebrews, chapter three, the writer concludes that the children of Israel did not enter into the “REST” of Yahweh because of unbelief. The rest to which the author here refers is to Israel taking up residence in the Promised Land across the Jordan River into which the Israelite general, Yahshua, eventually led the people, as we read in verse 8 of chapter 4. (It should be noted that the translator’s error “J-sus” in the **King James** has been corrected to the name Yahshua in the center-column references in other translations.)

## *The Believer’s Rest*

The writer of Hebrews, however, had something more in mind than the land of Canaan, as is shown in verses seven and

eight. Here, King David is quoted as saying in Psalm 95:7–11 that there remains yet a certain day designated for those entering His rest. King David wrote this psalm some 500 years after Israel crossed over the Jordan, when David had subdued the nations around him. The writer of Hebrews indicates there remains even now something beyond this REST. The warning to us is that the Israelites did not enter their REST because of unbelief, because in verse 3 of Hebrews chapter 4 we read, **“For we who have believed do enter into that rest....”** This rest spoken of is for us, now. It is for the believers in our time and for the Kingdom Age to come.

## *An Evil Heart of Unbelief*

Israel in the wilderness is held up as an example of a people who really did not believe (doubted)

the promises of Yahweh. Notice carefully in Hebrews 3:12, where we are warned that this is called **“an evil heart of unbelief,”** wherein those who do not have the faith are shown as separating themselves from the living Mighty One. This third chapter is a warning to us today to be careful that we do not exhibit the same unconverted attitude of hardening our hearts against Yahweh’s Word. By doing so, we will alienate ourselves from Yahweh. Chapter 4, verses 2 and 3, clearly reveal that this “REST” of Yahweh is written to us. It is a warning for our day. Listen to His Word: **“For indeed we have good tidings preached to us, even as also they: but the word of hearing did not profit them, because it was not united by faith with them that heard.”** (Hebrews 4:2).

Notice that this passage refers

to those who have the good tidings, the good news preached to them, and, also, those who have believed—or the believers—are now entering. This includes us, those who have received the good news of salvation found in our present-day translation of the Bible, and are considered those who believe the Scriptures. We are the ones to whom the author of the book of Hebrews is addressing this warning.

### ***Weekly Rest***

Although the “rest” included entering into the Promised Land, and the rest that would be enjoyed by the children of Israel, the meaning is much broader in scope than that. It includes the seventh-day Sabbath, as we see from Hebrews 4:4. Notice verse 9 where it is clearly stated that there remains a Sabbath to be kept by Yahweh’s people, because that term “rest” is translated from the Greek term *sabbatismos*, which is the same Greek word used in the **Septuagint** for the weekly Sabbath. It is not from *katapausis*—a pause or rest.

It is this “REST” that Satan tries so hard to deceive the world into ignoring. The weekly Sabbath is continually under attack by the world, and all sorts of reasons are given for doing away with this special sign that Yahweh gave His people, Exodus 31:12–18. Some teach that, because of New Testament precedent, we are to keep Sunday as a holy day; others insist we should not keep one special day holy, but to keep all days holy. However, it is Yahweh who alone sanctifies a holy day, not man. He declared the weekly Sabbath, the day we commonly call Saturday, to be holy. There is no record anywhere that He declared any other day of the week to be holy. Therefore, mortal man cannot

“keep” a day holy that has not been blessed, sanctified, or declared holy, set apart for a special purpose, because **YAHWEH NEVER SET ANY OTHER DAY APART EXCEPT THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH**. Man cannot choose another day of the week for his Sabbath of rest!

### ***Sabbaths a Sign***

The sign that Yahweh gave His people is the keeping of His Sabbaths, according to Ezekiel 20:12 and 20. In other words, Yahweh explains that the sign that sets His people apart from the world is the keeping of His sabbaths. The Sabbaths are holy days on which to worship Him. The world keeps other days, which they have substituted of their own creation to worship their mighty one, but it is the Heavenly Father Yahweh that has set His Sabbaths apart as being sacred and holy to Him. Keeping a day of worship designated by men, such as the venerable day of the sun (Sunday), has no grounds whatsoever in scriptural authority. It came from rank paganism, and thus traces to the mighty one of this world—Satan the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4). It is he who is trying to prevent the called-out people of Yahweh from keeping the Sabbaths, and, thereby, to lose the sign connecting Yahweh and His people. Satan is busily trying to deceive people into keeping another day, a counterfeit day, so that they will not enter Yahweh’s rest—the prophesied millennial Kingdom!

### ***Kingdom Rest***

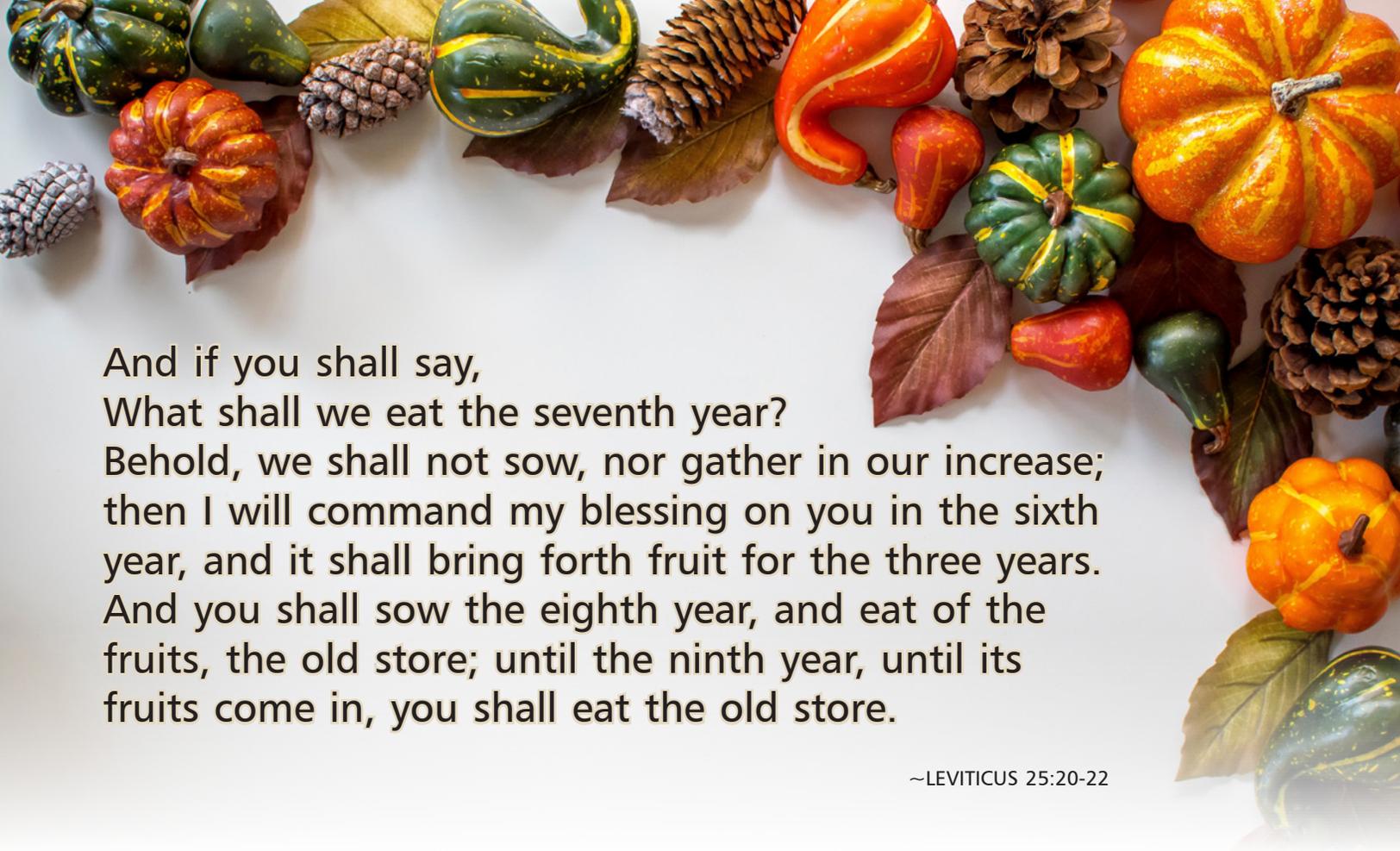
If Satan can keep mankind from observing the correct Sabbath day each week, then they will lose the special sign that identifies Yahweh and His people. If we can perceive that Yahweh has allowed mankind six days to go their own

way (six is man’s number), then the seventh must be Yahweh’s day (it is His perfect number). Many good Bible scholars agree that in the day-for-a-year concept (Numbers 14:34), we are in that sixth day, or 6,000 years since creation. The seventh day, or the seventh period of 1,000 years of time, will be when Yahshua returns to set up His Kingdom on this earth. It is then that the saints will be resurrected and will be changed to glorified bodies. If we are keeping His weekly Sabbath, we will be entering into YAHWEH’S REST!

If, however, mankind resists Yahweh’s command to keep holy His sabbaths and keeps another day such as Sunday, they will miss out on that first resurrection. Mankind will not enter into Yahweh’s rest when Yahshua returns to this earth. Because mankind, in general, keeps Sunday, the first day of the week, they will not be accounted worthy to make that first resurrection. Instead, they must await the end of the final thousand years typified by the weekly Sabbath and be resurrected on the day they have been keeping, Sunday, literally the eighth day. This we find explained in Revelation 20:5, **“The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished.”** It seems that by keeping holy the first day of the week, mankind helps himself to a day of rest first, before working, while Yahweh tells His human creation to work for six days and then take a day of rest.

### ***Yahweh’s Cycle of Sabbaths***

It is often overlooked that the “Sabbaths” in Ezekiel chapter 20 are plural. This means more than merely the weekly Sabbath, although that is the one commandment most frequently broken, for it comes around regularly every



And if you shall say,  
What shall we eat the seventh year?  
Behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase;  
then I will command my blessing on you in the sixth  
year, and it shall bring forth fruit for the three years.  
And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat of the  
fruits, the old store; until the ninth year, until its  
fruits come in, you shall eat the old store.

~LEVITICUS 25:20-22

week. It is apparent, however, that much more is involved here. Not only is the weekly Sabbath brought to our attention, but also the annual Sabbaths and the Sabbatical years as well. The Sabbatical year, which comes every seventh year, is actually a part of the everlasting Covenant that Yahweh made with His people, Exodus 23:10–11. ***“And six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in the increase of it: but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow; that the poor of your people may eat: and what they leave the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard, and with your olive grove.”*** The Sabbath year came at the end of six years. It was a time of rest unto the land. The Sabbatical year was a year when no crops were planted,

or harvested, and the vineyards were left unpruned. Notice that the Sabbatical year commandment actually is expressed before the commandment to keep the weekly seventh day, something that various groups who keep the weekly Sabbath might find difficult to understand.

#### ***Warning to Us***

So important was the Sabbatical year in the eyes of Yahweh, that, because of Israel’s ignoring these years, they were taken into captivity for 70 years under Nebuchadnezzar, as we find recorded in 2 Chronicles 36:20–21. ***“And them that had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: to fulfil the word of Yahweh***

***by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths: for as long as it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.”***

The question we must ask ourselves is simply this: “If Yahweh allowed a pagan ruler to conquer His people and take them captive because, for many years, they had not kept the Sabbath year of the land, and were then taken out of that land to allow it to rest for the 70 Sabbatical years that were neglected during many previous years, can we expect Him to overlook anyone who ignores this aspect of His Law today?” Furthermore, has Yahweh come to the point where He has simply given up on His people of today and will allow us to neglect the very Laws that brought about a wholesale expulsion from its

homeland of an entire nation which was disobedient? Can we assume that because the world in general ignores and walks roughshod over these Laws, now Yahweh has yielded to mankind's stubbornness in refusing to enforce His Laws? Does Yahweh now shake His head and shrug His shoulders, forgetting that which He has written in His Word? Or does your Bible declare, "**For I, Yahweh, change not; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed**" (Malachi 3:6)? Is it possible that a flagrant violation of Scripture's plain statement concerning the penalties for not keeping the Sabbath years will go unpunished? Or was this Sabbatical and Jubilee year command only for the agrarian people living back in ancient Palestine before the time of Messiah? Does the future reveal that a Sabbatical year is to be kept once again? Let us seek the answers to these questions and allow the Word of Yahweh to speak to us with supreme authority.

### ***Future Sabbatical Years***

Deuteronomy 15:1–6 goes into detail concerning the Sabbatical year and refers to it as a year of release. Verse 6 is especially important, for it is clear that this prophecy has never been fulfilled, and it speaks of rulership over many nations. It is for the time still ahead of us when the Kingdom of Yahweh will be set up on this earth under Yahshua Messiah. Ezekiel 46:16–18 shows that the Sabbatical years will be kept when our Savior sets up His Kingdom on this earth. The fact that these verses indicate that the inheritance, even though sold for

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a time, will always revert back to the family who was granted it by Yahweh, proves it will be a Jubilee as well. Make no mistake about it, Yahweh's laws were anciently in effect in the Promised Land, and they will be observed in the millennial reign of Messiah!

If we understand that we are in training here in this era of time for positions of rulership in the coming Kingdom, then there is no question that we must be very familiar with Yahweh's Sabbatical and Jubilee years. It is here and now that we learn of His ways and how to keep these Laws, so that they will become second nature (habitual) to us. When we have observed these Laws, so that we have experienced them and have seen the benefits of being obedient to Yahweh, they will become indelibly impressed on our mind. Yahweh's Laws should become so habitual with us so that we will become qualified to help adminis-

ter and enforce these same rules under Yahshua in the Kingdom. It is now that we learn when to keep His times of rest, what to do, and what to avoid doing, so that we do not come short of keeping a rest unto Him.

The Sabbath YEAR comes every seventh year, and is a time when the land rests. No fields are tilled, and the vineyards are not pruned. It is also a time when all debts are released. It is called a Sabbath of the land and a Sabbath unto Yahweh. The land produces seven days a week all during the growing seasons and gets no time off. The Sabbatical year is called a "**sabbath of solemn rest**" in Leviticus 25:4, and in verse 5 it is called "**a year of solemn rest.**" Deuteronomy 15:1 refers to it as "**release,**" and in verse 9 simply as the "**seventh year.**" The Sabbatical year comprises a special time for the care of the poor and the animals, as the spontaneous (volunteer) produce of the fields could be eaten, but not stored away.

### ***Jubilee Year***

The year of Jubilee is announced by the blowing of the trumpet on the Day of Atonement, both of which point to the redemption of Israel. Liberty is proclaimed throughout all the land, and the slaves are allowed to go free. Every man returns to his own possession, as the land is restored to the original owners.

The Jubilee was designed to be a remedy for the evils that exist in human society and human government. If followed, these Laws would prevent massive and permanent accumulations of wealth, and would tend to abolish poverty. It

would give the unfavored families an opportunity to start all over again. It would help the poor without any injustice to the rich. It would abolish slavery. It would give an agricultural people much leisure time for study and instruction in Yahweh's Law and would relax the pressures and tempo of hectic daily life. Furthermore, worries about food during this time will be put to rest, because Yahweh promises in His Word that the land will produce enough crops (bumper crops) in the sixth year to last for three years (Leviticus 25:20–22). This is an important point for the True Worshipers in future prophecy.

### ***Fixing the Sabbatical Years***

We learn in Exodus 23:23–30 that when the children of Israel were to take over the Promised Land, Yahweh would not drive out the nations all at one time, or the land would become desolate and the beasts would multiply against the people. This scenario presents a problem, since there is not a clear-cut date given whereby we can establish a point to begin our count toward the subsequent Sabbatical and Jubilee years. Acts 13:19 explains that there were seven Canaanite nations that were to be destroyed (they are listed for us in Deuteronomy 7:1). It took a number of years for the children of Israel to occupy the land of Canaan.

In Yahshua 18:2 we learn that seven tribes had not yet at that time received their inheritance. Talmudic tradition says that by the twenty-first year Israel had occupied the land and kept the first sabbatic year. It took seven years to conquer the land and seven years to allocate the land. It was then necessary to grow crops for six years before the nation of

Israel could commence keeping the Sabbatical year. Then it would be necessary to keep the seven Sabbatical years ( $7 \times 7=49$ ) so that the Jubilee could finally be declared on the fiftieth year.

### ***Biblical and Historical Records***

There is scriptural evidence of a Jubilee year having been kept. During the days of Hezekiah, Sennacherib had come to destroy Judah. Isaiah prophesied that Judah would not need to fight in their own defense, since this was a Jubilee preceded by a Sabbatical year, as shown in 2 Kings 19:29–35, when 185,000 Assyrians were slain by supernatural intervention. Also, landed property was retained within the family such as appears in Numbers 36:4–7 and Ezekiel 46:17. After the captivity, those who returned very strictly obeyed all the Laws of Yahweh (Nehemiah 10:31). Other allusions to the Jubilee year may include Isaiah 61:1–2, Jeremiah 32:6–15, Ezekiel 7:12–13.

In his renowned history, Flavius Josephus, the great Jewish historian, notes that the people were exempted from tribute in the Sabbatical year by such rulers as Alexander the Great (Ant. xi. 8, 5) and by Julius Caesar (xiv. 10, 6). Tacitus also mentions the Jewish "seventh year given to indolence" (Hist. v.2, 4). Josephus (already mentioned) shows that 164/163 and 38/37 B.C.E. were Sabbath years. He also states that 68/69 C.E. comprised a Sabbath year. McClintock and Strong's **Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature** states (pp. 296) that 163, 135, and 37 B.C.E. were Sabbath years. It must be remembered that the Sabbatical and Jubilee years begin in the fall of the year on the Day of Atonement (usually occurring in

October) so that there are three months in one year and nine of the next making up the Sabbatical and Jubilee years (as it applies to common time today). Some of the commentators appear to be unsure of the way to count these years and, thereby, occasionally vary by a year. We are to count seven Sabbaths of years, and the next (the fiftieth) was to be the Jubilee year. However, the seven-year cycle of years is not broken by the insertion of a Jubilee year. The Jubilee begins the count toward the next seven-year cycle. There are 49 years, or seven cycles of seven years, between the Jubilees. Nowhere does the Bible say that the Jubilee is to come around every 50 years, but rather it directs that the fiftieth year is the Jubilee, and, thereby, the seven-year cycle is not broken. Similarly, the keeping of the fiftieth day (Shavuoth, Pentecost) does not break the weekly cycle of seven days, similarly, the Jubilee year does not break the cycle of seven groups of seven years.

### ***When is the Next Jubilee Year?***

*"The Sabbath year is the germ of the Jubilee year, as this is a type of the New Testament time of deliverance, restoration and freedom (Isaiah 61; Luke 4:18), and further a prelude and a prophecy of the heavenly and eternal Sabbath itself,"* (Hebrews 4), **Lange's Commentary of the Holy Spirit**, Fourth Section, Homiletical and Practical. It is interesting to note that many of the commentaries point out the very close analogy between the Sabbatical year to the spiritual meaning of the good news preached by Yahshua and the disciples. Lange goes on to state that the Jubilee year is a type of the glad tidings of deliverance. The true preaching of the good news is

always related to a proclamation of the Jubilee year. Should the Messiah return to the earth in a Jubilee year, there is much that would be then literally fulfilled by His establishment of the Kingdom.

Will the next Jubilee year end probation for this present wicked world? Is it naive to think that Yahweh will then intervene in the affairs of mankind? Yahshua's words have been written down for us in the New Testament, and we have His prophecy and testimony right in our Bible. The ministry that He began is still being carried on today in an unbroken witness by the Assemblies of Yahweh. The words He spoke were written down, and the inspired words of the New Testament writers have been available to the world ever since. In the last days, the good news of His soon-coming Kingdom

is going forth with increasing power and strength through the Assemblies of Yahweh. Hopefully, Yahweh's people will be studying and applying these words to their lives daily, and all the more as we see the day approaching.

### *The Qetz*

For several decades, we have been in expectation of the year following the Sabbatical year to be the final Jubilee year. However, it is entirely obvious that the Kingdom of Yahweh has not yet been established. One may wonder why.

In the book of Daniel, we learn that Yahweh has specified a time (which He alone knows) when He will call a halt to the wicked system of this human era. The term *qetz* is #7093 in the Hebrew dictionary of **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**.

The term *qetz* occurs 15 times in the book of Daniel and it means *an extremity or adverbially, with a preposition prefix—after, from* #7112, *qatzatz*, a prime root meaning *to chop off*. Therefore, only Yahweh Himself knows the time of the end of the age of man. ***“But of that day and hour knows no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only.”*** (Matthew 24:36). See also verses 42 and 44.

Therefore, the faith of the Assemblies of Yahweh membership in Yahweh's Word remains strong, since the Scriptures tell us that He alone is in control of when the last days will occur.

### *The Acceptable Year*

During the Sabbatical and Jubilee years, the land was to have a complete rest. No field was to be

*In this manner says Yahweh, Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls....*

JEREMIAH 6:16A



tilled, no vineyard pruned. This could well mean that the work in the field (world) and vineyard by the followers of Yahshua is ended. Only the great multitude will strive to be accepted as they realize they have not heeded the Word and have gone through the tribulation (Revelation 7:9). Only that which springs up of itself was to be harvested by the poor, but not stored or preserved. This could well be the acceptable year for them. Also, during this time, all debts are released, forgiven, which brings to mind the Savior's words in Matthew 6:12, "**And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**" If we are in that first resurrection, we will know assuredly that Yahweh has indeed forgiven our debts. When we are either resurrected or changed to spirit beings (1 Corinthians 15:51-54), we will no longer be earthly, but changed to something like unto His glorious body, PROOF that our debts are forgiven through Yahshua.

### **Restoration and Freedom**

The land is to go back to the rightful owner to whom Yahweh has given it. Yahshua said that the meek would inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5 and Psalm 37:11). The meek, the humble, the teachable ones are to inherit the earth.

In Daniel 7:18, 22, and 27, we read that the saints shall inherit the kingdoms of the earth and will rule with the Messiah. The promise made to Abraham was that to his seed the land would be given (Genesis 12:7). Later, we find Yahweh's promise had been expanded to include the world (Romans 4:13). Galatians 3:29 explains that all True Believers comprise that seed.

It is also a time of emancipation for the slaves. The slave will have the opportunity to go free,

no longer bound to his master. Presently, all people are bound to this world and its evil society. We are in the world, but not a part of the world. See 1 Corinthians 5:9-13. We will be ransomed by our Redeemer, no longer a part of this worldly system, but then made Spirit. We will no longer be in slavery, as Paul says, "**For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin [into slavery].**" (Romans 7:14). Certainly the Sabbatical and Jubilee years comprise a special time of deliverance, restoration, and freedom.

### **Cancellation of Debts**

Deuteronomy 15:1-3 reads, "**At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because Yahweh's release has been proclaimed. Of a foreigner you may exact it: but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release.**"

The Sabbatical year was designated by Almighty Yahweh for the people to get a fresh start financially. All debts were cancelled, except those things which had been lent to a foreigner. Interestingly, the law of our land is designed along the same line, with common, unsecured loans being terminated by a seven-year statute of limitations. Therefore, we can see that even the world today recognizes the righteousness of this Law.

Today, the True Worshipers are living under a Babylonish system. Monetary debts which we have made in the past will continue to be required of us, and, as we have seen, we can demand payment from a foreigner. However,

we who are in the brotherhood of Yahweh's saints should seek to obey this Law as far as we have control. Among ourselves, we will fulfill the obligations of this Law by forgiving all debts, but, when the Kingdom of Yahweh is established over this entire earth, the cancellation of all debts will be universally practiced at each Sabbatical-year observance.

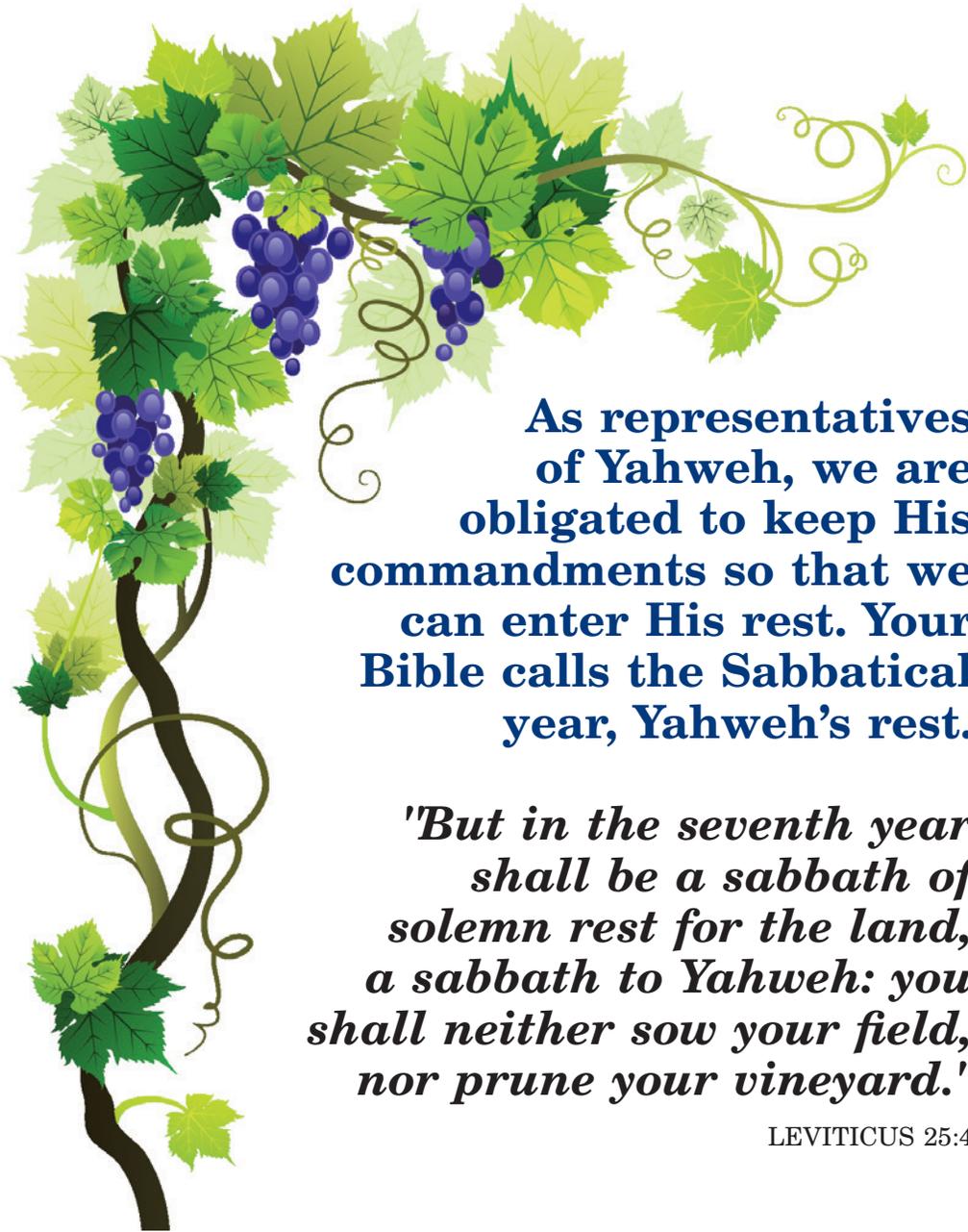
### **What To Do in the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years**

The year 1973 was considered to be a Sabbath year. The next one began on the day of Atonement in 1979 and included the growing season of 1980. This meant that those striving to be obedient to our Heavenly Father ceased from having any land under their control being cultivated. Whatever grows of itself on the land should be left for the poor, and what they don't use, the beasts of the field are allowed to have. Yahweh's people should prepare ahead of time for each Sabbatical year just as we make adequate preparations for the weekly Sabbath.

The subsequent Sabbatical years occurred in 1986-1987, 1993-1994, 2000-2001, 2007-2008, and 2014-2015. Now we are preparing for the next Sabbatical year, 2021-2022.

If we are already following Yahweh's Law, we will not be reaping the corners of the fields, nor gleaning the fields (Leviticus 19:9). This means that there will be left a surplus of seed in the fields for the poor and the beasts, and, also, that Yahweh will see to it that there will be plants volunteering themselves from that which is left.

The question immediately arises concerning the fresh vegetables and fruits that would be essential to one's diet. The editor has been writing a publication called the



**As representatives of Yahweh, we are obligated to keep His commandments so that we can enter His rest. Your Bible calls the Sabbatical year, Yahweh's rest.**

***"But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to Yahweh: you shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard."***

LEVITICUS 25:4

**Sabbatical Year Newsletter.** To answer the question briefly: various fruits can be eaten; volunteer growth can be eaten, but not preserved; nuts (except peanuts) are permitted; and seeds can be sprouted for fresh vegetables year round. Vegetables are preserved and eaten during the Sabbatical. (If you are interested in observing the Sabbatical year, request this publication.)

The world, in general, will scoff and ridicule such nonsense as a Sabbatical year. However, as representatives of Yahweh, we are

obligated to keep His commandments so that we can enter His rest. Your Bible calls the Sabbatical year, Yahweh's rest (Leviticus 25:4). By allowing the corners of the field to go ungleaned, and food growing naturally, we will be in a position to give that to the poor who are in need. It will be a heaven-sent opportunity to tell them about the Sabbath year. It will actually be a way to witness to the world that Yahweh's Laws are still in effect, and that there are people that obey Him in all things.

We must remember we may not make use of what Yahweh has prohibited. The Hebrew term, #8059, *shemittah*, means *remission (of debt), or suspension of labor*, from #8058, *shamat*, to *let alone desist, remit*.

Those individuals engaged in agriculture are especially involved in Yahweh's Sabbatical and Jubilee years. However, it must be remembered that Yahweh will not command us to do something and then have us end up worse because we obey. Just as His Law of tithing has proved to be a blessing to those who obey it, so will the Law of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. He has promised a bumper crop in the sixth year that will be the equivalent of three years (Leviticus 25:20-22). There are many other tasks that can be done during this year, repairing of equipment, the fixing up and remodeling of buildings and fences. Work can be done with the cattle and livestock. Life in the city will not be greatly affected, for all are allowed to continue working at their jobs. This is not a Sabbath for mankind, but a Sabbath of rest unto the land and unto Yahweh.

### ***Heavenly Order of the Sevens***

It is quite apparent to the serious Bible student that Yahweh's special times are especially anchored to the number SEVEN. It is the SEVENTH day of the week that is holy unto Him. Pentecost (Shavuoth) comes at the end of SEVEN weeks counting from the weekly Sabbath that falls within the days of Unleavened Bread. The SEVENTH scriptural month has more holy days than any other on the calendar, and none of these times have yet had a fulfillment of type as have Passover and Pentecost. There is no doubt that they point to a

future time when prophecy will be fulfilled. Tabernacles, like Unleavened Bread, is a feast to be kept SEVEN days, with the eighth day a special occasion. The Sabbatical year comes every SEVEN years, and at the end of SEVEN Sabbatical cycles, we have the Jubilee year.

Coming as it did at the end of 49 years, the Jubilee would be celebrated at least once during a normal lifetime by all of the people. If an individual lived for his allotted seventy years (Psalm 90:10), and was allowed to observe a Jubilee by his teen years, he would conceivably observe another before his sojourn on earth had ended. It would undoubtedly be the high point of one's spiritual growth. It would be a time of great rejoicing, a time when the family once again regained their inheritance, and, if anyone had been sold into slavery, it was a time of freedom. Certainly this Jubilee would be a time of rejoicing and family reunions. Just as Yahweh's people today look forward eagerly to the next Feast of Tabernacles, the Jubilee would be sought with multiplied anticipation.

Since 1976 was the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, our thoughts return to that bygone era represented so prominently by the Liberty Bell. Engraved in the metal of that bell is a quote from Leviticus 25:10, ***"...Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants of it..."*** What most people who view the bell do not realize is that this quote relates to the keeping of the Jubilee Year. Interestingly, 1776/1777 was a Sabbatical year. In 1966 (another Sabbatical year) was the beginning of **The Sacred Name Broadcast**, the start of a ministry that began very humbly and small, but has now grown into the Assemblies of Yahweh.

Looking back into history, we can see that many important events have happened in Sabbatical or Jubilee years.

### **Summary**

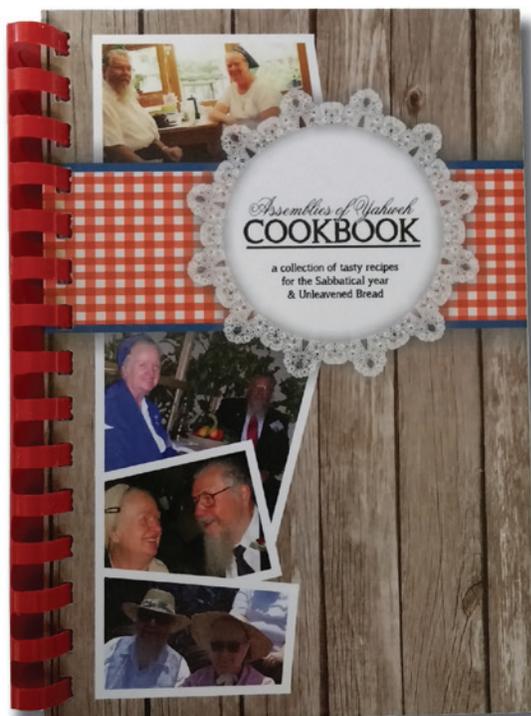
Our study has more deeply impressed upon us the importance of keeping the Law of Yahweh and preparing ourselves for the end-times lying before us at the close of this age. Many of the important events in history occurred during these special years that were legislated by Yahweh for a sacred purpose. Let us, therefore,

give heed that we be not like ancient Israel and lose our reward because of unbelief, but seek to obey our Heavenly Father in all His commandments.

It is not too late to begin preparing for the Sabbatical Year, 2021–2022. Food should be preserved and stored up. If we prepare for the Sabbatical year and a Jubilee, we will be well on the way to preparing for the three-and-a-half-year tribulation time. Let us be faithful to Almighty Yahweh and His Word, as was Yahshua the Messiah. <sup>SNB</sup>

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# Why Stand

by *Elder Jacob O. Meyer*

Harvest time on the farm is one of the most stimulating memories of my boyhood. Ground had been plowed and prepared to receive the seed which was sown in the fertile earth. Good seed had been selected from among the varieties available. We had watched anxiously as the stalks emerged and grew, hoping for ideal weather conditions so that an abundant harvest would be realized.

Nostalgic recollections of my youth call forth distant scenes of heavy machinery lumbering toward the ripe fields, being drawn by spans of prancing horses and mules. We had waited months for this exciting time to arrive. Now the work could begin; reward for diligent labor finally became tangible.

As the machines cut wide swaths of ripe grain, the first few rounds usually appeared very insignificant when compared to the grain still standing. We could estimate the bounty of the harvest by lifting various sheaves, comparing the size of the heads, and noting the height of the stalks. Would we ever get the field mowed? Never-

theless, as the day progressed, the remainder of the standing grain became smaller, and eventually we came to that last round as the final stalk of grain fell before the moving blade of the harvesting machine.

Now the activities became more feverish as the hauling and threshing took place. Especially urgent were the times when a sudden summer thunderstorm appeared on the western horizon. We had to work even faster to bring in the heavy sheaves of grain before a storm would sweep across the country and ruin the harvest for which we had worked and waited so long.

The days took on a new dimension as we toiled long hours, sometimes late into the night, to store away the harvest safely under the protective roof of the barns. What a pleasant sensation of relief and satisfaction enveloped us as we watched the thresher gobble up that final sheaf and the grain poured from the bagger, to know that our efforts had been fruitful. Now the crop could be stored for use, or sold and the money used to pay accumulated bills.

Yahshua the Messiah used the example of harvesttime on several occasions to redirect the thinking of his disciples toward more important things. They were men of the earth also, and they could readily understand the urgency expressed by the term “harvest.” Produce must be harvested at the **precise moment** of FULL ripeness, or it will lose some or all of its abundance.

For instance, as the men whom Yahshua had chosen returned from Shechem with food, Yahshua pointed them toward the spiritual rather than the physical. John 4:34-38, ***“Yahshua says to them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already to harvest. He that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit to life eternal; that he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together. For in this is the saying true. One sows, and another reaps. I sent you to reap that on which you have not labored: others***

# You Idle?

*have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”*

By scanning events on the spectrum of this contemporary era, it becomes obvious that the time of harvest has indeed come. Knowledge has been increased (Daniel 12:4), and we must proclaim that knowledge to the world! The time to gather in the fruits of the labor of others has arrived, so that we may ALL rejoice together in a **plentiful harvest** when Yahshua returns. Re-read the above passage of Scripture, and savor each of Yahshua’s words as you read.

On another occasion, Yahshua told His disciples, “*The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray you therefore the owner of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.*” (Matthew 9:37-38). Some of the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh ask me occasionally, “What can I do to assist the Work of Yahweh?”

First and foremost, each and every one of the members should **pray** that Almighty Yahweh provide laborers to gather in the rich harvest. If they wish to be used by Yahweh in the harvest field, they should **prepare themselves**

**for service** by a diligent study of the Bible.

Those who are directing the harvest efforts clearly recognize the financial needs of the outreach ministry. Does each brother or sister in the Faith and each reader of the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** realize that the magazines (for example) do not simply materialize out of thin air? Many hours of labor go into writing and editing the copy. Various drafts are typed before they go to the imagesetter. Workers prepare the layouts and printing plates after they have been designed. In the printing department, the pressmen keep the presses and collating machinery humming far into the night at magazine time. Office personnel and volunteers address each publication and stuff envelopes, which then must be sorted and bundled for mailing.

Remember that all this beehive of activity goes on constantly—month after month! Year after year! But, each of us here at Headquarters is interested in only one thing—to get this end-time warning message out, so that sincere people may come to a knowledge of salvation!

Do you ever think about this dedicated labor of love as you read Assemblies of Yahweh publications? Very few actually do, it would appear. We estimate that about 10 percent of all people who receive this publication ever think about making a contribution toward what they receive. See Luke 17:12-19. Perhaps we are at fault in this oversight, since we have always given our literature away to people of good will without any cost or obligation.

Perhaps people assume that, since we give our literature away, we are funded by some rich foundation, or person of great wealth. Nothing could be **further** from the truth! Our support comes from the tithes and offerings of the **poor people** of this world who are **rich in faith**. Jacob, in 2:5 of his epistle, explains that these people will inherit Yahweh’s Kingdom because they love Him and place Him first in their lives. Are you one of those people?

These tithes and offerings do not go to enrich any individual. Yahweh’s ordained ministers live in very modest surroundings. They drive economy cars of the older vintage variety. The sala-

ries of Yahweh's ordained elders and the office staff actually are substantially below average, on the bottom of most wage scales.

But, we sacrifice willingly and cheerfully. The foundation of this ministry was laid by the Meyer Family, who cheerfully volunteered our sacrificial efforts to bear good fruits in the harvest. The only thing we look for from our readership is that you appreciate our efforts enough to help

others?" See 1 Corinthians 9 and 2 Corinthians 9.

The tools which Almighty Yahweh has placed at our disposal to use to disseminate the glory of His Name, His Covenant, and His Messiah are commercial radio and TV, the printed page, our educational institutions, a short-wave radio station, and personal witness of Assemblies of Yahweh missionaries and members.

Have you been carefully read-

your heavenly bank account can be correctly balanced?

YAHSHUA asked the pointed question, "How much value do you place on your soul—your eternal life?" The quality that makes your soul (life) valuable to Yahweh is your obedience! ***"And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his burden and follow me.***

There is ***much*** to do everywhere in these last days! Look around you, for the fields are **white to harvest!**

hold up our hands in prayer and give something by faith when the Holy Spirit of Yahweh lays it upon your heart. It is our hope that you will remember those who labor behind the scenes as you read the vital, dynamic information you find in the publication and that you remember that a magazine is printed on paper, by machines, using energy for power, all of which cost substantial sums of money. Nevertheless, we can paraphrase the words of Paul, "We are not interested in your money—we are interested in YOU! But, if you receive good from our labor of love for you, will you share with us so that we can expand and send out this end-time revealed Truth to

ing the recent "Prophetic Trends" sections of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster**? If you are at all spiritually awake, you must be comprehending how close the hands on the timeclock are approaching to the midnight hour! Pause and give yourself an honest evaluation: Will Yahshua commend you as a good steward of the material, temporal possessions that Yahweh's goodness has placed in your charge?

If He were to return RIGHT NOW, this very minute, would Yahshua pronounce you a good, faithful servant? But, you still have the opportunity to remedy the things in which you have been remiss! Why not do it now, so that

***For whoever would save his life shall lose it; and whoever shall lose his life for my sake and the evangel's shall save it, For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life? For whoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*** (Mark 8:34-38). The commandments on giving tithes and offerings are an important part of Yahweh's Covenant (Leviticus 27:30-33) and to obey them will

please Yahweh.

Brethren, we have all been called into the harvest field at the end of this age. Yahshua's parable in Matthew chapter 20 is pointed toward us today. The owner of the vineyard needs assistance in harvesting, and for this reason, Almighty Yahweh has opened up the spiritual eyes and understanding of His people. He has contracted with a group of workers (human agents) for a reasonable wage.

**TRUTH** that you have found in the Assemblies of Yahweh.

Also, you could carry full baskets of grapes after others have harvested them. By analogy, I mean that you can be an **inspiring example** of True Worship in your own locality. When someone desires to affiliate with brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh, you can offer love, fellowship, and stability to that newcomer, so that the transition into pure worship will not be

***through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.***" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Why stand around idle? There is ***much*** to do everywhere in these last days! Look around you, for the fields are **white to harvest!** The Assemblies of Yahweh has far to go if we are to fulfill end-time prophecy. Will you allow Him to use you according to His Will, or must He raise up dedicated ser-

## Will you allow Him to use you according to His Will, or must He raise up dedicated servants from stone?

These people set out immediately for the vineyard.

Several more times during that day, the owner of the vineyard went to the marketplace and found idle workers, waiting to be hired. "Why stand you here idle?" was his question. They answered, "Because no man has hired us." As a member of the Assemblies of Yahweh, **you have been hired (called) to assist in this great harvest.** There is something that you can do right in your own area to call the attention of the people to the sound doctrines which are being preached by the Assemblies of Yahweh. When opportunity presents openings, you can **tell your friends and relatives** about the

as traumatic as Satan always tries to make it. You should **attend all meetings and Bible Studies** of the Assemblies of Yahweh in your area, in addition to the annual feasts, as encouragement to the minister and the brethren. You should contribute your tithes and offerings regularly to this growing, dynamic ministry. Remember, your dedication will please our Redeemer Yahshua. ***"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does consume, and where thieves do not break***

vants from stone? Everyone likes to see growth. Failure on our part to work diligently for Yahshua in these last days will be to neglect our talents, and they will certainly be taken away from us.

***"He that gathers in summer is a wise son; But he that sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame,"*** Proverbs 10:5.

WORK for the night is coming wherein no man can work, John 9:4!

Will He find us working when He returns? The decision you make now will influence whether you will be in Yahweh's eternal Kingdom. Make the **RIGHT CHOICE**—and do it today! <sup>SNB</sup>



# American Thanksgiving

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Each year in late November, a popular holiday arrives. The people of our country get a long, work-free weekend as a day of national thanksgiving has been declared. Years ago, most people went to offer their worship and thanks to the Almighty on that day. In our modern time, it has been designated as “T-day,” or “turkey day,” and is customarily spent sitting glued to a television football game, following a sumptuous feast.

Although this day is supposed to be observed by the American people in thanksgiving to the Almighty for

His blessings, currently very little spiritual significance is attached to the observance. In our time, reference to religion has been virtually expunged from common reference (except for profane use).

Have you ever asked yourself if we should be observing this holiday, or if it is, in fact, biblical to do so? If you have not as yet confronted these (and other) questions, you may be blindly following error.

True Worshipers will faithfully obey the commandments of Yahweh (Revelation 12:17 and 14:12). These verses plainly show that, even in this New Testament era, the identifying watermark of the True Worshiper is commandment keeping. By maintaining our lives free from sin (which means the

# Popular But Problematical

breaking of Yahweh's commandments, 1 John 3:4), our worship will please Almighty Yahweh, and it will show Him love (1 John 5:3). Only by obeying the commandments of our Heavenly Father will He give His Holy Spirit to His people (Act 5:32). A part of Almighty Yahweh's Covenant Law relates to the observance of the weekly and annual holy days that He, Himself, has sanctified and established, wherein His people must worship Him (Leviticus 23). Needless to say, the world as a whole has rejected the observance of Yahweh's commanded holy days.

The American Thanksgiving Day in 2012 will be held on Thursday, November 22. Can we find this "holy day" specified anywhere in the Sacred Scriptures? The answer is that nowhere in the Bible appears such a worship service directed by the commandments of Yahweh.

When the term "Thanksgiving" is used, most people conjure up in their minds a procession of a band of pilgrims in broad-brimmed black hats with buckles,

men wearing knickers, and, also, with buckles on their shoes, the men carrying guns with women and children closely following them. Some will even be reminded of a primitive feast with venison, turkey, duck, beef, fish, and a variety of vegetables and fruits; pilgrims feasting together in apparent harmony with a group of Indians.

The shocking fact is that little information about the first American Thanksgiving feast is recorded in Pilgrim records. The first Thanksgiving Day was believed to have been held in 1621, *but not in November*. The dates most frequently given by the encyclopedias are actually October 3 to 6.

Among the early settlers of the New World, several special Thanksgiving Days were noted. The Englishmen of Virginia held a Thanksgiving Day on December 5, 1619, as an annual commemoration of the date on which their ship arrived in the New World. After the Pilgrim's festival, the next Thanksgiving Day observance was held in 1630. The early settlers in the

New World believed that a Thanksgiving Day observance should be held spontaneously, rather than stipulated annually (except that they were Bible students and may have fixed a regular observance to correspond to the Feast of Tabernacles, and October 3 to 6 would have been very close to Feast of Tabernacles time).

As a matter of fact, the British and Canadians today observe their Thanksgiving Day much more correctly than do the Americans. This year the Canadian Thanksgiving Day was held on October 11, just after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Many of our readers will be familiar with the annual harvest home festival (since



## *Feast of Tabernacles*

**The members of the Assemblies of Yahweh keep the commandments of Yahweh, and that includes Yahweh’s commanded holy days, His feast days of Leviticus 23.**

many churches commemorate it to this day). The members of the congregation will bring some of the fruits and bounties of the earth—canned goods, fruits, and vegetables—which are then donated to orphanages and old-folks homes, or given to the poor people of the community. If you have ever participated in such an observance, you will remember that it usually takes place in the fall of the year when the harvests of the summer have been gathered in.

Can we identify the month of November in relation with any biblical festivals? First of all, the month which we call November is derived from the Latin term which means “nine.” But the first part of the common month of November actually corresponds to the end of the EIGHTH BIBLICAL MONTH. From the fifteenth to the twenty-first day of that month, combined with the twenty-second day of the month representing a separate observance, all of the days corporately comprise an EIGHT-DAY FESTIVAL—Tabernacles.

By turning to 1 Kings 12:25-33, we discover the apparent roots

of our modern Thanksgiving Day. When Jeroboam *rebelled* against the Davidic dynasty and established the House of Israel nation (the ten northern tribes of Israel), he soon concluded that he must create a sharp division between the northern and southern kingdoms, or the inhabitants of this northern nation would soon return to the worship of Yahweh in Jerusalem. If Israel kept **Yahweh’s feasts in one place** as the Bible instructs them to do, they would necessarily go to Jerusalem where the Levitical priesthood (who had not apostatized) would quickly influence them to submit themselves again to the government that Yahweh Himself had originally established—the Davidic dynasty.

Jeroboam, thereupon, took counsel from someone (perhaps in his government). He acted on this shrewd advice and hastily built two shrines, where he directed his people to assemble and worship during the new holy days he had legislated. He erected a golden calf at each of these shrines—Dan and Bethel. He told Israel, “It is

much too far for you to go to Jerusalem to worship. Worship at these shrines within the borders of your own nation.” Here is an obvious support for the unscriptural doctrine of local autonomy, while, in fact, the Bible teaches a doctrine of **one body**. See Deuteronomy 12, for example, and also 1 Corinthians 12:13.

To keep the people of Israel from annually traveling to Jerusalem, **he ordained** (proclaimed) a feast in the **eighth** biblical month on the **fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that was held in Judah—Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles**. He, himself, went to worship at the shrines and offered up sacrifices of his own at that time.

*“And he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had derived of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.”* (1 Kings 12:33).

Consequently, this passage portrays the origin of keeping

a harvest festival feast in the **eighth** biblical month, rather than the **seventh** as Yahweh had commanded. It was even proclaimed as a statute by the government. Therefore, the people of the House of Israel had to make a choice: They could either obey the commandments of Yahweh, or, conversely, they could obey the dictates of the government.

Let us take a closer look at the calendar for the year 2012. The seventh biblical month began when the new crescent was first sighted at sundown on the evening of September 17, according to our common calendar. This made the first day of the seventh month—which is the Feast of Trumpets—fall on September 18. The Day of Atonement, the tenth day of the seventh biblical month, this year, fell on September 27. The fifteenth day of the seventh biblical month of Yahweh occurred on October 2 (beginning with the evening of October 1). The Last Great Day fell on October 9. These were the feasts of Yahweh of the seventh month for 2012. **We hope that you observed them.** You should have kept them with the Assemblies of Yahweh. **Remember, attendance at Yahweh’s feasts is NOT optional, IT is strongly commanded.** Why not plan right now to faithfully obey Yahweh’s commanded fall convocation next year?

Soon after the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh returned from keeping the Feast of Tabernacles, the new moon of the eighth month appeared. On the evening of October 16, at sundown, which represented the beginning of October 17, the new moon crescent appeared. This was the first day of the eighth biblical month. The fifteenth day of the eighth biblical month would occur on October 31. The Last Great Day of Jeroboam’s

Feast of Tabernacles would occur on November 7. Actually, this is only about two weeks before the date of the American feast of Thanksgiving. Why keep a thanksgiving feast in November anyway, when Almighty Yahweh commands us to keep it in the **seventh biblical month?**

As a matter of fact, the American Thanksgiving Day has been the product of a presidential proclamation, which puts the federal government *squarely behind* its observance. President George Washington, the first American president, issued the first presidential Thanksgiving Day proclamation for November 26, 1789. But the following presidents did not care for a federal government-sponsored holiday, and none was again decreed until 1815.

During subsequent years, designating a certain day as Thanksgiving Day was left to the various states. By 1859, many

states were proclaiming the fourth Thursday in November as their Thanksgiving Day.

Sarah Hale, editor of **Ladies’ Magazine** in Boston, and later of **Godey’s Ladies’ Book of Philadelphia**, continually pressured the federal government to establish a national Thanksgiving Day. She lobbied presidents, government officials, and other men of influence by writing numerous letters. Mrs. Hale wrote a Thanksgiving Day editorial in September 1863, and on October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a national proclamation for an American Thanksgiving Day.

Almost every president and state governor has followed Lincoln by proclaiming the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day.

Interestingly, one president, over the years, tried to alter that tradition. President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939, while attempting

### Possible Dates for Feast of Tabernacles 2022 (yet to be determined by visible verification)

Feast of Trumpets .....	September 28, 2022
Day of Atonement .....	October 7, 2022
Feast of Tabernacles .....	October 12-18, 2022
Last Great Day .....	October 19, 2022
New Moon Bul (the eighth month) .....	October 27, 2022
Canadian Thanksgiving .....	October 10, 2022
Jereboam's Feast of Tabernacles .....	November 10-17, 2022
American Thanksgiving .....	November 24, 2022

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to help the merchants through the Great Depression by lengthening the Christmas shopping season, moved Thanksgiving Day ahead by one week. That lasted only two years, however, and in 1941 Congress issued a resolution moving the national holiday permanently back to the fourth Thursday of the month of November. In 2012, the fourth Thursday of November would be the 22nd, only 15 days after the Last Great Day of Jeroboam's Feast of Tabernacles.

People of the world cannot seem to realize that it is better to obey **Yahweh** than men (Acts 5:29). **THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH**, and that includes Yahweh's commanded holy days, His feast days of Leviticus 23. When the worldly holiday observances arrive as specified on our

common calendar, which worldly people usually keep, the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh work right through Sunday, Christmas, Easter, and the American national Thanksgiving. Instead, we keep Yahweh's sanctified holy days as they are set forth in Leviticus 23.

We obey the commandments of Yahweh (Revelation 12:17 and 14:12). We keep the holy days of Leviticus 23. We love Almighty Yahweh, and we desire to obey Him so that He will bless us. ***"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). ***"Here is the patience of the saints; They that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua."*** (Revela-

tion 14:12).

When you stand before the judgment seat of the Messiah, will you be rewarded for keeping Yahweh's commandments, or judged for rejecting them?

May Almighty Yahweh give us all more encouragement to do His Will, so that we may please Him in doing what is right and good in His sight. ***"You shall not tempt Yahweh your Elohim, as you tempted him in Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do that which is right and good in the sight of Yahweh; that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which Yahweh swore to your fathers."*** (Deuteronomy 6:16-18). SNB

## How to Keep Yahweh's Holy Days

By Elder Jacob O. Meyer

*Most religious groups today have long abandoned the holy days commanded by Yahweh in favor of corrupt, man-made holidays. But Yahweh's holy days, commanded and kept first in the Old Testament and perpetuated in the New, were never abolished by the Father or His Son. They are as vital to salvation as they ever were—and you need to understand why.*

The Scriptures declare that the commandments of Yahweh are everlasting. Psalm 119:142. Your Bible dogmatically says that the commandments of Yahweh will endure forever, Psalm 119:160. The Messiah's own words indicate that He subscribed unequivocally to the commandments of Yahweh, voicing His approval of them early in His ministry. Matthew 5:17-20.

Yahshua said that not one yoke or title should "pass from the law until all be fulfilled." Who are we to reverse such a profound, authoritative statement from the very lips of the Captain of our salvation? When we study the Bible seriously, it becomes apparent that the inspired Scriptures can be harmonized from Genesis to Revelation.

History supports the fact that the Nazarenes kept the commandments of Yahweh; these Nazarenes were the remnant of the original apostolic assembly that sprang to life on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Elements of that original apostolic assembly

have remained through the ages.

The True Worshipers lived their lives in obedience to the law of Yahweh.

Today, at the end of the age, the prophecy of Revelation 12:17 can be fulfilled: ***"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."***

From studying the commandments of Yahweh, we discover that there are a number of special days that our Heavenly Father wishes that we observe. Some of these days are observed weekly, some monthly, and some annually. On these special days, Almighty Yahweh directs that we bring our worship to Him.

If you have never read our article **The Sacred Appointments**, write immediately to the Home Offices of the Assemblies of Yahweh and request it. It is free for the asking and is most enlightening if you have never considered this subject.

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### Are They Sacrificial Days?

These holy days of Yahweh are listed for us in Leviticus 23 and Numbers 28 and 29. Numbers 28-29 lists the holy days along with the specified sacrificial offerings that are to be made to Almighty Yahweh on those days.

One of the most frequently encountered arguments against keeping the feasts of Yahweh is that they were kept as sacrificial days, and that this makes their observance void for the New Testament era. But such an argument can easily be proved false with several Scriptures.

First of all, Numbers 28:28 shows us that sacrifices were offered every day. Should we do away with the day. Should we sacrifice some offered every day of the week since animal sacrifices were offered on them? As a matter of fact, we cannot eliminate any day from the week. We can remember the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah for our sins each day when we give thanks to Yahweh!

*Most religious groups today have long abandoned the holy days commanded by Yahweh in favor of corrupt, man-made holidays. But Yahweh's holy days, commanded and kept first in the Old Testament and perpetuated in the New, were never abolished by the Father or His Son. They are as vital to salvation as they ever were—and you need to understand why.*

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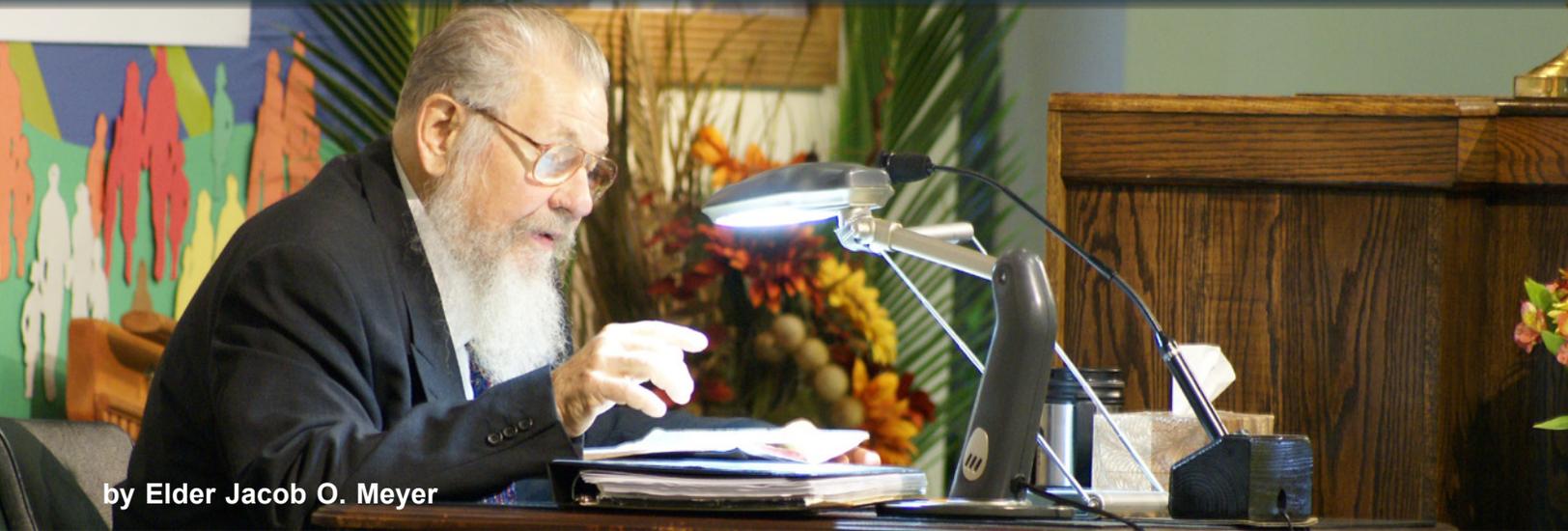
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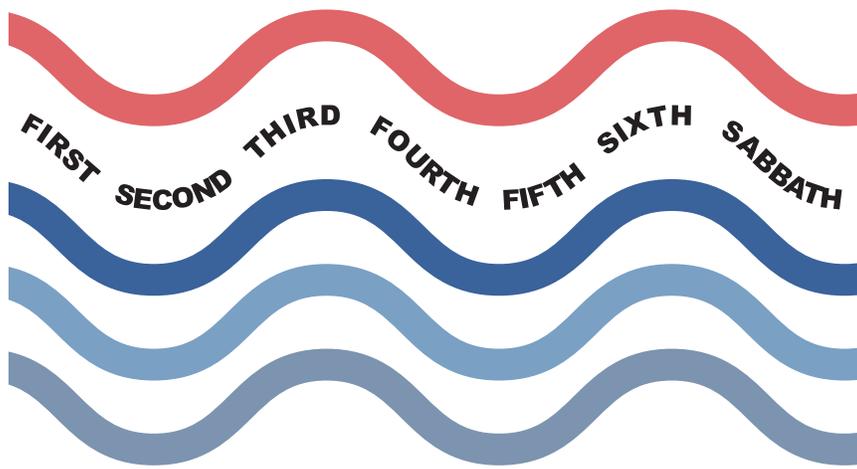
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# The Sabbath Rhythm

In the coming Kingdom age, the Melchizedek priesthood will rule in the government under Yahshua the Messiah, since Israel will be a “Yahocracy.” No longer will there be a republic or democracy. The major two-party system of the United States of America and other countries will forever be a thing of the past. There will be no need to elect legislators to make any nonsensical laws.

There will be one law enforced all over the world: the Law of Yahweh. It is perfect, pure, and authoritative. Yahweh alone has the prerogative to legislate. He is the Creator. It is the duty of man, of Israel, and of all people, to administer and abide by Yahweh’s Torah Law and, by doing so, he will truly live up to the meaning of the name, Israel-ruling with

EL, or an overcomer.

The beasts of the field (animals), birds of the air, and fish of the sea need to be governed by a higher source; so also is the case with man. The former were created to serve by instinct, but man must serve through intelligent obedience to Yahweh’s Law, or suffer the consequences of disobedience. **“For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of Yahweh is eternal life in the Messiah Yahshua our Master.”** (Romans 6:23).

Sin always pays off its victims! The house of Israel today, the Jews, the Anglo-Saxon Celts, and kindred peoples, are slow to learn this truth. As the prophet Ezekiel prophesied long ago, **“In this manner says the Sovereign Yahweh: For this, moreover, I**

**will be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them ... and they shall know that I am Yahweh.”** (Ezekiel 36:37-38).

At that time Yahweh will indeed hear the cry of His people and deliver them, not only from their sins, but from their enemies. Yahshua’s Body will be chosen to serve in this Kingdom age to administer Yahweh’s Law of love, the Melchizedek law (Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18). Then, and only then, will righteousness and peace prevail simultaneously. **“Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”** (Psalm 85:10).

The Melchizedek high priest, Yahshua the Messiah, who was appointed and confirmed by the oath of Almighty Yahweh (see

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Psalm 110:4), paid the price of our redemption by shedding His blood which made atonement once and for all for our sins, has thereafter entered into the heavenly Holy of Holies to sit at the right hand of Father Yahweh (Hebrews 5-8). Therefore, it is Yahshua’s right to reign. As members of His Body, we are the only ones who truly long for His presence at this time, the only ones who will obey His Laws. **“Behold, he comes with the clouds; and every eye shall see HIM; and they that pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Amen.”** (Revelation 1:7).

The Assemblies of Yahweh is involved in the most important business in the world—the King’s business. May Yahshua return soon! We are being educated to assist Yahshua the Messiah when He returns to reign supreme. In the meantime, our duty is to fulfill the Great Commission by announcing the coming Kingdom of Yahweh.

Yahweh will yet demonstrate to Israel, and the world, the beauty and grandeur of His Law, and this is seen clearly through the Sabbatic rhythm. The whole Law is wrapped up in a beautiful time rhythm. The Law has a lovely balance and beautiful motion. This is particularly noted in the Sabbaths of which there are at least three: 1) The Sabbath day-weekly Sabbath, six days of work and then one day of rest, the sanctified seventh day;

2) The Sabbath year—Sabbatical year, a cycle of seven years, six years of sowing and reaping, and then one year of rest for the land, and followed by another

six cycles of seven years, totaling 49 years; 3) The Sabbath of jubilee—Jubilee year, a special year of rejoicing and joy for the liberation of the children of Israel, the fiftieth year (Leviticus 25:1-22).

Remember the words of Yahshua our Master to Nicodemus, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, Except one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of Yahweh... Truly, truly, I say to you, Except one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Yahweh.”** (John 3:3, 5). By the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, we are able to perceive the glory of Yahweh’s coming Kingdom through His perfect, pure Law which enlightens the eye. If we continue faithful to the end, we will be born from above into His Kingdom rest (Hebrews 4:1-9).

The Law of Yahweh gives a special atmosphere to His Kingdom. The Sabbatic rhythm shuts out all injustice. His Kingdom is for the poor in spirit, mourners, meek, hungry, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake (Matthew 5:3-12). Yahweh’s people have voluntarily chosen to renounce this present Babylonish system to live the blessed Kingdom-of-Yahweh way of life right now.

We believe the day is near when Yahshua will send abroad the trumpet sound as stated on our Liberty Bell and, **“proclaim Lib-**

**erty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.”** **“And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all your land to all the inhabitants of it: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family.”** (Leviticus 25:10).

Debts and their accompanying high interest rates and misery of all kinds, the results of sin, will be gone forever as we enter into the final Sabbatic rhythm of rest in the 1,000-year millennial reign of Yahshua the Messiah, the Day of Yahweh, Hebrews 3-4 and Revelation 20:4-6.

Will you be there to enjoy that blessed time of Kingdom rest when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14)? See also Isaiah 11:9.

To be a part of the coming Kingdom, you must display your determination to live Yahweh’s Kingdom way of life by renouncing sin (transgression of the Law, 1 John 3:4). Then, you must implement His Torah Law and live by every Word that has proceeded out of the mouth of Yahweh (Matthew 4:4 and Deuteronomy 8:3). You must become so convinced that you desire this way of life that you will never revert to your former manner of life in this worldly Babylonish system.

May we help you to comprehend the Word of Yahweh more completely? Why not study the Bible systematically with the Assemblies of Yahweh through our Correspondence Course? Your first lesson will come to you free of charge upon your request. Write to Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507. We will be looking forward to receiving your communication. SNB

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