A large flock of sheep of various colors (white, brown, black) is grazing on a lush green hillside. In the foreground, a rocky river flows through the scene, with several sheep standing on the riverbank and some wading in the water. The background shows more sheep scattered across the hillside under a clear sky.

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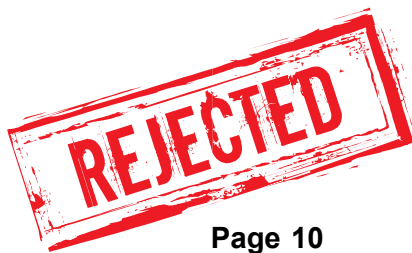
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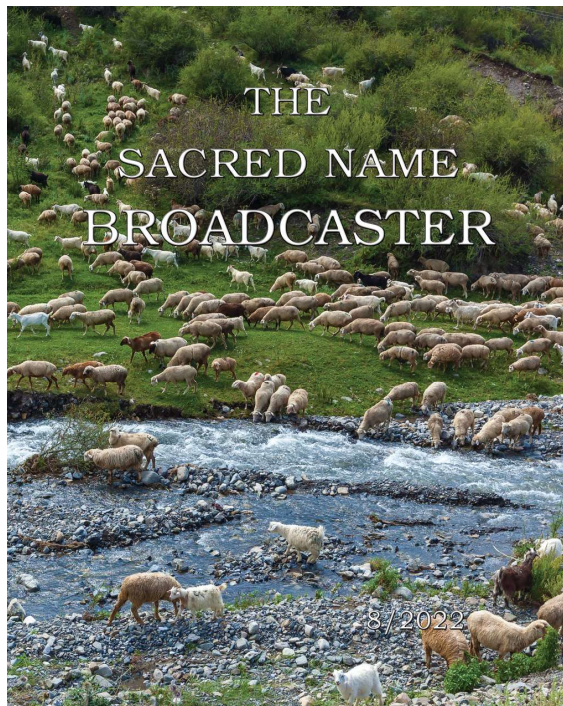
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The cover this month shows a flock of sheep feeding on green pasture. We are reminded of various scriptures that teach us that we are the sheep of Yahweh. "And you my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your Elohim, says the Sovereign Yahweh." (Ezekiel 34:31).



Yahweh cares for each one of us as a loving shepherd cares for His flock. Many times in life we realize that we have wandered away from our Shepherd. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6).

Yahshua the Messiah, the Good Shepherd, has laid down His life for each one of us—His sheep. The sheep of His flock will hear His comforting voice as He calls us back to Him again.

"I am the good shepherd; and I know my own, and my own know me, even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd." (John 10:14-16).

The Importance of Keeping



YAHWEH'S NEW MOONS

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

“And in the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt-offering to Yahweh: two young bullocks, and one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for each bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for

a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; and a tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering to every lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yahweh. And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bullock, and the third part of a

hin for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year. And one he-goat for a sin-offering to Yahweh; it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering of it.” (Numbers 28:11-15).

During a discussion at the 1968 Feast of Tabernacles, someone asked me whether we were observing the New Moon days with a special service. I had to admit that, up to that time, we had not conducted an Assembly function on the days the new moon crescent made its appearance. With the above scriptural passage and others, it became apparent that we should do so. Regarding the sacrificial system of the Old Testament, and the offerings specified for the new moons, it is obvious that they were similar to those specified for the annual holy days. However, I could find no scriptural commandment to keep the New Moon Day as a holy day, except for the one new moon of the seventh scriptural month, which is Tishri.

Consequently, in the fall of 1968, the Bethel Assembly began to observe the visible new moons, whereupon I announced an evening worship service to mark the beginning of the eighth scriptural month. Since then, we have continued to conduct these Assembly meetings on the day the new moon crescent appears so that we may comply with the requirements of the Sacred Scriptures to mark the beginning of each new scriptural month.

Let us carefully review the above passage and compare it to the verses that follow, which apply to the holy convocation that is to be observed on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. You will notice there that the sacrifices are exactly the same. Notice also Numbers 28:16-25, which reads, ***“And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is Yahweh’s passover. And on the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. In the first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall***

do no servile work; but you shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt-offering unto Yahweh: two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven he-lambs a year old; they shall be to you without blemish; and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth parts shall you offer for a bull-ock, and two tenth parts for the ram; a tenth part shall you offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you. You shall offer these besides the burnt-offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering. After this manner you shall offer daily, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to Yahweh: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering of it. And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work.”

Then, when we turn to Numbers 29:1-6, we read there, ***“And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets to you. And you shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savor to Yahweh: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullocks, two tenth parts for the ram, and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you; besides the burnt-offering, of the new moon*** [therefore, this evidently was over and beyond what had been specified for the New Moon Days in

verses 11-15 of Numbers 28], ***and the meal-offering of it, and the continual burnt-offering and the meal-offering of it, and their drink-offerings, according to their ordinance, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.”*** Therefore, the New Moon Day to mark the beginning of the seventh scriptural month is special; it is the annual Feast of Trumpets.

We must remember that when Yahweh specifies special offerings to be presented to Him on certain days, we must do something that is special. In the Scriptures, it appears that the New Moon Day was observed as a family reunion day, which is what I believe is going to be commanded as a common practice in the Kingdom of Yahweh when the pressures of this current economic system of man’s age are set aside. The scriptural economic system will then take precedence, allowing for human beings to sit under their vine or fig tree for contemplation.

Let us now carefully scrutinize the New Moon psalm, Psalm 81, and find some significant lessons that are pertinent for us to understand.

The superscription reads, ***“For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.”*** The *Gittith* is the winepress song. The Hebrew term *Gath* forms the root of this word. A *gath* represents a winepress, or an oil press. Then, we note that the Psalm is (Hebrew—*le Asaph*) for *Asaph*. The word *Asaph* is listed as the term #622 in **Strong’s Concordance**, and it means *to gather*. Consequently, it could direct us to assemble on the New Moon Days. This term *Asaph* (to gather or assemble) also appears in Ecclesiastes 12:11, the passage that Assemblies of Yahweh members read to close every Sabbath day.

“The words of the wise are as goads: and as nails well fastened are the words of the masters of assemblies....” The word *assemblies* is not *kahal* here in the Hebrew text, but it is *asupoth*. The word *asupoth* is derived from the word *asaph*, and it is taken from #622 and means *to gather together*. So, this phrase *le asaph* (to or for *Asaph*) means that the Psalm is intended for those who gather together periodically to worship Yahweh during His designated assemblies.

Also, we want to remember that the term *hagittith* (the winepress) represents a festival song, and it is a song of admonition to fidelity. There are a number of these *Gittith* Psalms, two of which are Psalm 8 and Psalm 84.

Let us read from verse 1 of Psalm 81, ***“Sing aloud to Elohim [the Strong One] our strength: Make a joyful noise to the Elohim of Jacob....”*** The name *Jacob* is usually employed as the name of the patriarch of the tribes of Israel. He was, first of all, a physical person and relied very much on his own personal

human ingenuity, intelligence, and strength, until Yahweh Elohim disabled him when he met the angel at the ford of Jabbok. See Genesis 32:24-32.

We continue in verses 2-3a, ***“Raise a song [mizmorah] and bring here the timbrel [toph], the pleasant harp [kinnor] with the psaltery [nāvel]. Blow the trumpet at the new moon....”*** Here we see the *shophar* that is sounded at the time appointed, or at the *kasah*. The root of the word *kasah* means *to cover*, so the *shophar* is blown at the time of the covering. At this time, on the first day of the new month, most of the moon is covered in darkness, and there is only a small sliver of the crescent showing light. At the time of both of Yahweh’s major feast days in spring and fall (Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles), the moon is covered with light.

Some misguided people might try to make this the full moon, but you cannot tell when a month ends and another begins merely by the full moon. Consequently, *kasah* must mean here when the moon is covered with darkness.

Then we can begin to see the first little sliver of light, which is why the root of the Hebrew term for new moon, *chodesh*, means *the rebuilding of the moon*. See **Strong’s Concordance** #2318 and #2320 for the definitions.

Verses 3b-4 reads, ***“At the full moon, on our feast day. For it is a statute [or decree] for Israel, An ordinance [judgment] of the Elohim of Jacob.”*** Isn’t it also true that we come before Almighty Yahweh for judgment during the holy days? Consequently, a double meaning can be noted here. It is a statute for Israel to come before Elohim for His judgment at that time. This is the reason self examination is so vital before we approach the Great Majesty on High. See 1 Corinthians 11:31-32. When we are to pass before Him, we might ask, *“What spiritual progress have we made during the previous year?”* Yahweh will determine for Himself if we have grown in grace and knowledge, or if we have backslidden in some way. He is not pleased with backsliding, but, rather, He desires His people to make progress in our spiritual development. This



idea holds true also for a period of self evaluation on a monthly basis. Continuing with verse 5, we read, **“He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony...”** During a wedding sermon some time ago, I discussed the name change of the woman when she takes the marriage vows and becomes the wife of a man. It is very significant here in this passage that the name Joseph appears as יהוסיף. Usually the name Joseph appears as יוסף, but here the ה is inserted between the י (yod) and the ו (waw), which comprises the three letters of the Tetragrammaton. When this happens, we are to understand that this form represents the Tetragrammaton, the four-lettered Name of the Almighty (Yahweh). Why should Yahweh have blessed Joseph in this way so that the basic three letters of the Tetragrammaton appear in his name as it is changed? The answer, of course, is that Joseph did not fall victim to sin. He did not accept the advances of Potiphar’s wife to commit adultery. Joseph remained sin free; therefore, he received a special blessing—in this instance, to receive the three letters of the Tetragrammaton contained in his name just as they appear in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. Consequently, this form of the proper Name must be quite significant.

You will remember that Yahweh removed the y (yod, which is the number 10 in Hebrew) from the name Sarah (formerly Sarai), and gave her back half of the value of that y (yod) in the form of the ה (He, which is number 5 in Hebrew), adding it to her name, making it Sarah, while the other ה (number 5) was given to Abraham. Abraham’s name beforehand was Abram (exalted father) before Yahweh changed it, and Sarah’s name was Sarai. So, as a result,

we should understand that the י (which is the number 10 in Hebrew) was cut in half and the ה, which is the number 5 (the number of grace) resulted. Sarah and Abraham, therefore, each received half of the י. This name change, perhaps, became a more unifying factor in their personal relationship.

The second part of verse 5 reads, **“When he went out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a language that I knew not.”** The people did not fully comprehend the Egyptian language, because they continued to speak the sacred language of Hebrew. We should also understand this to mean that we cannot comprehend the language of the people of the world. Israel could not understand the language of Egypt—the worldly system that we also hear, since it comprises a language of sin.

Verse 6 tells us, **“I removed his shoulder from the burden: His hands were freed from the basket.”** The basket refers to the brick basket in which the baked bricks for the building projects of Egypt were carried to the job sites. Verse 7 continues, **“You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder** [it thundered when Yahweh gave His Torah at Mt. Sinai in Exodus 19:16]; **I proved you at the waters of Meribah.”** In Numbers 20:13, we find one of the accounts of the waters of Meribah. The other instance is recorded in Exodus 17. The term *meribah* is derived from the Hebrew verb *riv*, which means *a controversy [law], suit*. See **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance Hebrew Dictionary**, #7378 and #7379. Therefore, the participial form *Meribah* can be called the waters of the lawsuit. Israel appeared ready to sue

Yahweh, thinking that He was no longer hearing or working for them. What a tragic turn of events after all that Yahweh had done for Israel!

Verse 8 reads, **“Hear, O my people, and I will testify to you: O Israel, if you would listen to me!”** This reminds us of Jeremiah 6:17, where we read, **“And I set watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the trumpet [the warning trumpet]; but they said, We will not listen. Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it.”** This is apparently what occurs in Psalm 81. However, Israel did not want to listen to Yahweh.

Psalm 81:9-10 continues, **“There shall no strange El be in you; neither shall you worship any foreign El. I am Yahweh your Elohim, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt....”** In verse 9 the idea emerges that if Israel would listen to Yahweh, they could not listen to the preaching of any other religious message. This is why all True Worshipers must close our ears and minds to the outside world. We must listen only to the message of the Assemblies of Yahweh, because this is Yahweh’s revealed Truth for the end days. Only one voice can speak to us. Then, in verse 10, we are reminded of what Exodus 20:2-3 says. This is just a repetition of Exodus 20:2-3, which reads, **“I am Yahweh your Elohim, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other elohim before me.”** Consequently, this is why Yahweh reminds Is-

rael not to worship any foreign El, because it is Yahweh Elohim that brought Israel up out of the land of Egypt. We can apply this concept symbolically to our own personal exodus from sin.

Verse 10 continues: ***“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”*** In Judges 11:35, Jephthah says something similar. He said ***“For I have opened my mouth to Yahweh, and I cannot go back.”*** What about us? We have opened our mouth to Yahweh and have agreed to serve the only True and living Elohim. We cannot take back that confirmation of the Covenant we made at the time when we declared our desire to enter into Yahweh’s Covenant.

Again, Jeremiah 6:17 contains a pronouncement similar to what we find in Psalm 81:11-12, which reads, ***“But my people listened not to my voice; And Israel did not consent to me. So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart, that they might walk in their own counsels.”*** Also, Hosea 4:16 bears a remarkable similarity to verse 12 of this passage. ***“For Israel has behaved himself stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer: now will Yahweh feed them as a lamb in a large place.”*** Many times the term *stubborn* is used for Israel. Israel is like a child who is stubborn and does not want to learn. However, Yahweh desires to be good to His people, and He wants us to listen, learn, and obey Him.

Continuing with Psalm 81:13, ***“Oh that my people would listen to me....”*** The Shema apparently is the intended meaning in this passage, as Yahweh said, ***“Hear, O Israel....”*** (See Deuteronomy 6:4.) Also, a similar thought is seen in Isaiah 1:10, where Israel is instructed to hear the Word of Yahweh. Psalm 81:13 continues, ***“That Israel would walk in***

my ways!” This is a reference to Deuteronomy 10:12-13. ***“And now, Israel, what does Yahweh your Elohim require of you, but to fear Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, to keep the commandments of Yahweh, and his statutes, which I command you this***

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day for your good?” Let us also consider Micah 6:6-8, ***“With what shall I come before Yahweh, and bow myself before the high Elohim? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin***

of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does Yahweh require of you, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?”

Always remember that the commandments, statutes, and judgments of Yahweh comprise and represent the expressed Will of Yahweh, and they constitute the Kingdom way of life. We should also remember that Yahweh is the Creator, as Deuteronomy 10:14-16 continues, ***“Behold, to Yahweh your Elohim belongs heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that is in it. Yet Yahweh had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all peoples, as at this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.”***

Are we going to approach the future with a stiff neck—rejecting Yahweh’s Word and not doing His expressed Will? I hope that we all have a soft heart so that Yahweh can easily correct us from His Word.

Psalm 81:14 continues, ***“I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn my hand against their adversaries.”*** This passage is similar to what is found in Leviticus 26:8. ***“And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.”*** What a great promise appears here! We will be able to defeat our enemies, because the sword of the Spirit—the Word of Yahweh (Hebrews 4:12-13) is coming out of our mouth, just as it is out of the mouth of the Messiah. See Revelation 19:15.

“The haters of Yahweh should submit themselves to him: But their time should

How to Keep Time by Yahweh's Calendar in the Heavens

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

From the many questions that we have received over the past years concerning the reason why the Assemblies of Yahweh occasionally observe the holy days of Leviticus, chapter 23, on different days than do the Jews, it is apparent that these questions present an opportunity for the author to write an in-depth article on this timely subject.

Many of the people who have arrived at the threshold of the Assemblies of Yahweh have never questioned why they do things as they have always done them. In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we seek to delve deeply into what the Bible teaches so that we may live our lives well pleasing to Yahweh, in close harmony with His Word. Unquestionably, this concept of sincere worship and reverence for the Almighty Father in heaven will yield a life which differs in many points from what is found in Judaism, or in the churches of nominal Christianity (even though some of these Christians in some respects do seek to grasp the Narrow Way which was restored to the disciples of Jesus last after Apostolic days). Nor can we shrink from humble, submissive obedience to the directives of the Most High when YAHWEH'S commandments are brought to our attention, or we shall soon

discover that He will deny blessings to us. The Father in heaven, who looks upon our hearts, knows if we are not being obedient to a Truth which He has revealed to us.

The only method of Bible study which will ever bring doctrinal order out of the obvious confusion existing presently upon the religious spectrum in understanding the Scriptures is to completely HARMONIZE all of the passages on a certain subject and allow them to mold the doctrines which we believe. Such scriptural harmony is indeed possible. Both Old and New Testament Scriptures complement each other and will say the same thing if we allow them to do so. There are no unexplainable discrepancies, but unifying Truth will emerge only through consistency in research into the writings that were transmitted to us. The Holy Spirit of Yahweh will direct our sincere efforts.

Some, having failed in their attempts to find a scriptural basis for reworking time, have turned to the Jews and accepted their calendar *carte blanche*. They have attempted to justify this stand by quoting Romans 9:2. But there is a scriptural answer to the calendar question, and calendar arranging is NOT an "or-

The Jewish Calendar

However, since we observe the holy days of Leviticus chapter 23, some people have assumed that the Assemblies of Yahweh would look to the Jews to set the scriptural calendar, since they also observe the same identical holy days. However, upon obtaining a Jewish calendar, one might be surprised to learn that the orthodox Jews observe TWO DAYS CONSECUTIVELY rather than the SINGLE DAY which is legislated in the inspired Scriptures. The only exception is in observance of several holidays, which the rabbis have inaugurated under their own authority and without (for example, the Hanukkah), and, of course, in the scriptural fast of the Day of Atonement (which certainly no one wishes to extend unnecessarily). There is, to be sure, a reason for this, and the reason why the Jews have set TWO feast days to commemorate the ONCE enjoined

acle' that has been committed to the Jews. The sacred Scriptures is the oracle, the Word.

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endure forever.” (Psalm 81:15). Is there anyone who could hate Yahweh? We surely would hope not! Let us turn to Isaiah 66:5. **“Hear the word of Yahweh, you that tremble at his word: Your brethren that hate you, that cast you out for my name's sake....”** Those are the people that hate Yahweh. It is those who contend against the Assemblies of Yahweh outreach programs and resist the power of His Holy Spirit.

Let us again turn to Psalm 81 and read verse 16, **“He would feed them also with the finest of the wheat; and with honey out of the rock [rock honey] would I satisfy you.”** Let us now turn to Deuteronomy 32:4. **“The Rock, his work is perfect....”** We notice here that the word *tsur* (rock) appears, beginning in verse 4. Also, the word *perfect* in the Hebrew text is *tamim*. In Hebrew, rock is *tsur*, and this word constitutes a homonym for the land of Egypt,

since the name for Egypt is *Mitzraim* in Hebrew. Consequently, the term *tsur* is the root of *Mitzraim* (Egypt), but it also represents the Rock of Ages. It is #6697 in the **Strong's Concordance**, and the term is used nine times in this chapter.

This New Moon Psalm, Psalm 81, was sung on the fifth day of the week during the time of Temple worship.

In Isaiah 66:22, we read, **“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says Yahweh, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh.”**

The new heavens and new earth are actually a RENEWED heavens and earth, and the new moons will also continue to be observed in

that age. The Sabbaths referred to here are the seventh-day Sabbath along with the annual holy days. Also, we can infer that if we will be keeping these days holy in the Kingdom of Yahweh—the millennium—we should be doing so now. The annual high days are regulated directly by new moons, except for Pentecost, which is also indirectly related. If we learn how to observe Yahweh's feast days now, we will be prepared to assist the Messiah in educating the nations when He returns.

Most of the groups of christianity misinterpret Colossians 2:16-17 to mean that we need no longer keep the Sabbath, New Moons, or dietary Laws, but let us understand what this passage really says. **“Let no man judge you therefore in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day, or a new moon, or a sabbath: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body of the Messiah.”**

With this verse critics declare, "I am not going to let you judge me and tell me I must keep the Sabbath, new moon, or dietary law, because they are merely shadows of things to come." However, they are misunderstanding this passage. A man shall not judge you, but who is going to be judging us? It will certainly be Yahshua the Messiah who will be judging us when we pass before His judgment seat, which is mentioned in Revelation 20 and Matthew 25:31.

Consequently, we cannot allow a mortal man to judge us, but we desire that Yahshua the Messiah Himself should judge us. If He judges us in the dietary Laws of Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14, in drink, in respect of feast day (Leviticus 23), or new moon (which is the subject of this message showing that new moons are still applicable), or Sabbath, which are a shadow of things to come, He will judge according to Yahweh's Word. The shadow is that protection which is cast by the ultimate reality, or fulfillment of something. So these holy days are merely shadows of something yet to come, and the thing to come is the Kingdom of Yahweh.

However, the passage in Colossians 2:17 ends with, "**But the body of the Messiah.**" The Body of the Messiah is required to judge according to 1 Corinthians 6, and Yahshua's Body will be judging in harmony with Yahweh's Word through His Law. Let us read from 1 Corinthians 6:2, "**Or do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world is judged by you,**

are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have to judge things pertaining to this life, do you set them to judge who are of no account in the assembly?"

You would not set those who are most ignorant to judge the weighty problems and situations that come along, as we read in Exodus 18, but the prominent leaders of the Assembly should be selected to do the judging.

Also, remember that the Body of the Messiah will have received the Messiah's Holy Spirit. Therefore,

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it appears that any controversy is to be judged in the Assembly. We have the Spirit of the Messiah because He has given us the correct understanding of the Law, and we will, therefore, be able to judge righteously. Consequently, Isaiah the prophet can then write, "**And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning: afterward you shall be called The city of righteousness, a faithful town.**" (Isaiah 1:26). This prophecy is for our time, since in Deuteronomy 17:8-9 we read, "**If there arises**

a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within your gates; then you shall arise, and go up to the place which Yahweh your Elohim shall choose; and you shall come to the priests the Levites, AND TO THE JUDGE THAT SHALL BE IN THOSE DAYS: and you shall inquire; and they shall show you the sentence of judgment." You cannot turn aside from that sentence of judgment, or you will be inviting Yahweh's judgment upon yourself.

Therefore, we notice, indeed, how Yahweh's New Moons have a far-reaching effect on sound doctrine. They not only regulate the time whereby the annual holy days are scheduled, but they also apply to other aspects of Assembly organization and doctrines.

Let us turn to a prophecy of the Kingdom of Yahweh era found in Ezekiel 46:1. "**In this manner says the Sovereign Yahweh: The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.**" The Eastern Gate was the main entrance into the Temple area. It has been blocked for decades. It is called the beautiful gate in Acts 3. A Muslim necropolis has been located in front of it, because the Muslims believe that no good Jew would tread on a grave; therefore, they put many graves all along

the front of the Eastern Gate, so that the Messiah will not be able to enter the Eastern Gate and fulfill this prophecy when He returns. He will indeed enter the Eastern Gate. This prophecy is seen in Ezekiel 43:2 and 4, ***“Behold, the glory of the Elohim of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory.... And the glory of Yahweh came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.”***

Therefore, Ezekiel 46:1 shows that the Temple Gate will be opened for worship on the Sabbath and New Moon, because the Eastern Gate is that entrance through which the worshipers would come into the Temple area to worship. Although we can worship during the six working days, it is on the Sabbath day and new moon that it is opened and worship is required. The implication here is also that it will be opened on the holy days that are predicated upon the observance of the New Moon. When this gate to the sacred precinct is opened, it is up to us to worship on that day. Are we going to fail Yahweh? Many times we say that the New Moon is not really a holy day; therefore, if we have to do something else, we can do it. We should always remember that we are responsible to worship Almighty Yahweh on the New Moons; therefore, it is imperative that we attend a worship service if we desire to be obedient to Yahweh.

Verse 2 of Ezekiel 46 continues, ***“And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate from outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship***

at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening [all day, from sundown to the next evening, the gate is open for worship]. ***And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Yahweh on the sabbaths and on the new moons. And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer to Yahweh shall be on the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; and the meal-offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal-offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah.”***

This does not quite match up with what we saw as the standard offerings, does it? How can we then harmonize what was read from Numbers 28:11-15 with this passage? The answer is that Yahshua the Messiah was, Himself, the offering that Yahweh accepted for sin, so that this offering is His own offering and is not affected by what was read in Numbers 28:11-15. He, Himself, has offered up the perfect sacrifice for sin, so there is no goat here for the sin offering.

Continuing with Ezekiel 46:6-8, we read, ***“And on the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: and he shall prepare a meal-offering, and an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah. And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by the way of it.”*** We note that there is no sin offering, and this is how we harmonize this passage with that in Numbers 28.

Also, remember that this is a prophecy for events that are yet in the future. This system will be put into effect after the return of Yahshua the Messiah and there will obviously be less sin in the millennium. Remember, the sinners are immediately judged and executed, as Isaiah 66:24 points out.

At this time, I want to urge all the readers that we must obey the voice of Yahweh’s Word. We must remember that we must offer special sacrifices on the New Moon Days. However, they are not holy Sabbaths, regardless of what some misguided interpreters occasionally try to make them. We must offer special worship on the New Moon Day. The only holy day on the first day of a month is the Feast of Trumpets at the beginning of the seventh month, the month of Tishri.

As spiritual Israel in the last days, we must recognize that the new moons will be observed in Yahweh’s Kingdom. This is prophesied by Isaiah the prophet and also by the prophet Ezekiel. Therefore, I will end this message by urging as I usually do, ***“On to the Kingdom!”*** It is soon to come, and its coming depends upon our preaching the Word of Yahweh and preparing a people to meet Yahshua in the air. Yahweh will not tolerate sin. Are we ready for the Second Coming of Yahshua, or must there still be some cleansing of our hearts, minds, and lives? Let us finish the work that we have been called to do. ***“And these good tidings of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations; and then shall the end come.”*** (Matthew 24:14). Are you helping to complete this important endeavor? **SNB**



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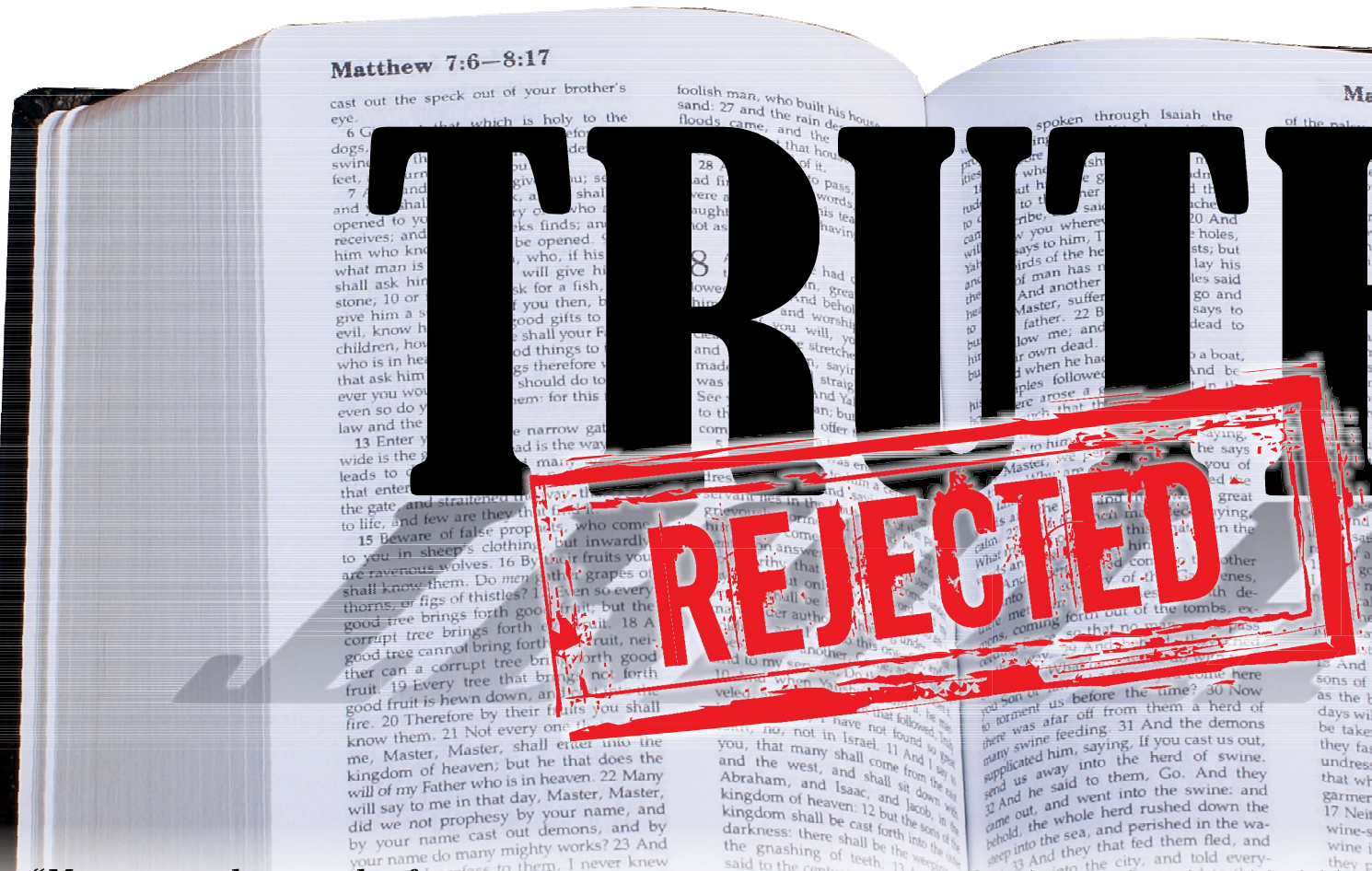
The **First Day** of the Scriptural Month

In the Assemblies of Yahweh, the first day of each scriptural month (which is the New Moon Day) is observed as a time of congregation for special worship. This service is held in the evening and does not conflict with the people's daily obligations. While we do not find that these days are commanded to be observed as holy Sabbaths, special offerings were made on these days during the era of the animal sacrifice law.

“And in the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt-offering to Yahweh: two young bullocks, and one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for each bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; and a tenth

part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering to every lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to Yahweh. And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bullock, and the third part of a hin for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb: this is the burnt-offering of every month

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Matthew 7:6—8:17

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“Moreover the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the BLOODY CITY? Then cause her to know all her ABOMINATIONS. And you shall say, In this manner says the Sovereign Yahweh: A city that SHEDS BLOOD in the middle of her, that her time may come, and that makes idols against herself to defile her! You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed, and are defiled in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come even to your years: therefore have I made you a REPROACH to the nations, and a MOCKING to all the countries. Those that are near, and those that are far from you, shall mock you, you infamous one and full of

tumult. “Behold, the princes of Israel, every one according to his power, have been in you to shed blood. In you have they set light by father and mother; in the middle of you have they dealt by oppression with the sojourner; in you have they wronged the fatherless and the widow. You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my sabbaths. Slandering men have been in you to shed blood; and in you they have eaten upon the mountains: in the middle of you they have committed lewdness. In you have they uncovered their fathers’ nakedness; in you have they humbled her that was unclean in her impurity. And one has committed abomination with his neighbor’s wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and an-

other in you has humbled his sister, his father’s daughter. In you have they taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by oppression, and have forgotten me, says the Sovereign Yahweh. “Behold, therefore, I have struck my hand at your DISHONEST GAIN which you have made, and at your BLOOD which has been in the middle of you. Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I YAHWEH, HAVE SPOKEN IT AND WILL DO IT. And I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries; and I will consume your filthiness out of you. And you shall be profaned in yourself, in the sight of the nations; and you

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shall know that I am Yahweh.

“And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me: all of them are bronze and tin and iron and lead, in the middle of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. Therefore thus says the Sovereign Yahweh: Because you have all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the middle of Jerusalem. As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in my anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt you. Yes, I will gather you, and blow upon you with the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in the middle of it. As silver is melted in the middle of the furnace, so shall

you be melted in the middle of it; and you shall know that I, Yahweh, HAVE Poured out MY WRATH UPON YOU.

“And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, Son of man, say to her, You are a land that is NOT CLEANSED, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the middle of it, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in the middle of it. Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have made NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE HOLY AND THE COMMON, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the middle of it are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed for them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies to them, saying, In this manner says the Sovereign Yahweh, when Yahweh HAS NOT SPOKEN. The people of the land have used OPPRESSION, and exercised ROBBERY; yes, they have vexed the poor and needy, and have oppressed the sojourner wrongfully. And I sought for a man among them, that should build up the wall, and STAND IN THE GAP before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. Therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the

fire of my wrath: THEIR OWN WAY HAVE I BROUGHT UPON THEIR OWN HEADS, says the Sovereign Yahweh.” (Ezekiel 22).

Yahweh, the Almighty Father in Heaven, has launched a severe indictment against the people of our day. He has accused the people of this world of violence and bloodshed. He has explained to the people how they are not keeping His commandments by spurning the counsel of their father and mother. He has shown how the people are committing lewdness and gross immorality. He has brought an indictment upon our generation for seeking dishonest gain. Her priests, He explains, have done violence to His law and have profaned His holy things by failing to make a distinction between the holy and the common, the unclean and the clean, and they even hide their eyes from faithfully keeping His Sabbaths (the weekly Sabbaths, the annual Sabbaths and the Sabbathical year; see Nehemiah 10:31 and 13:15-18). Writing in the book of Proverbs, King Solomon made the following explicit pronouncement, **“Righteousness exalts the nations; but sin is a reproach to any people.”** (Proverbs 14:34).

There was a time when the United States of America was indeed exalted as a nation. We recognize that worldly people have always been somewhat sinful, but a preponderance of the people still recognized the authority of the Bible and, in many ways, sought to live by it. The United States became exalted as a nation after winning World War II, because we relied upon the powers of heaven to save us in that time.

During the intervening three quarters of a century, the nation of America has substantially declined until, today, our country has become overwhelmingly

sinful! Perhaps we can trace the decline to a point 60 years ago, when religion and the Bible were removed from the schools. You might well insist that each family should have the responsibility of teaching religion to their children, and this conclusion would be true, except that many parents have not fulfilled this responsibility in their home. Decades ago, the schools would somewhat fulfill this position with a daily ritual of Bible reading and prayer. Also, the Golden Rule was a fundamental part of our education system, in that each student was held responsible for treating his fellow students, teachers, and principals with respect, as they wished to be treated. This influence is now gone, and a new generation of children has grown up without hearing a single word of the Sacred Scriptures.

What we have seen recently is that we have a generation of feral children. They have grown-up in single-parent homes as fatherless children, or in foster care, and have not been taught what is right and what is wrong. Recent instances have horrified the nation as gangs of youths have preyed upon the vulnerable like a pack of wolves. Physical assaults, robbery, burglary, grand-theft auto, and murder have been committed by children as young as ten or eleven. Some of these crimes are clearly hate crimes; yet, where is the judicial system that has sworn to uphold the laws of the land?

While many people in our country lament the growing tide of violence and immorality, a deplorable situation exists in our country today. The citizens of the United States used look up to their leaders as pillars of the community. Now we find that our elected officials, appointed judges, bureaucrats, and business leaders

are morally bankrupt. Because the American people have lost trust in their leaders, we find that people today have become quite cynical and distrustful of the government and business leaders. We are a post-constitutional nation that has abandoned the principles of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

The Assemblies of Yahweh today calls upon the people of the United States (and of the world as well), to take up their Bibles and begin reading the Word of Yahweh again. We call upon the people of the world to repent of their sins against the Most High, just as Daniel prayed in the ninth chapter of his prophecy where he made confession for his people. Upon reading the scriptural message, we must thereupon immediately implement what the Bible teaches.

Spiritual Wickedness in High Places

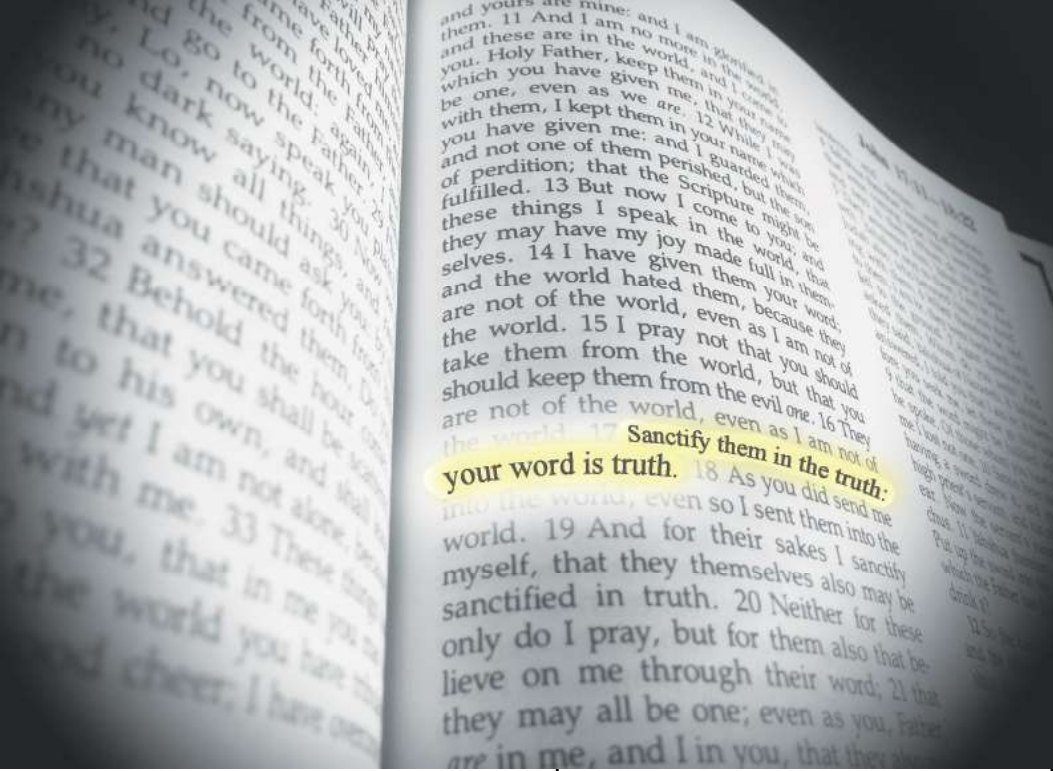
Since the new federal administration has taken power, many government officials have been appointed who are homosexuals. We cannot understand why there is such a preoccupation with placing so many homosexuals in prominent positions. (Some people have suggested that homosexual sex is being advanced as an alternative to abortions.) What has happened to our modern world?

Almighty Yahweh has pronounced homosexuality to be an abomination and those who practice it under a sentence of capital punishment—death. See Leviticus 18:22 and Leviticus 20:13. We cannot change the Sacred Scriptures!

Paul writes extensively on this subject in the first chapter of Romans. Furthermore, he condemns fornication and all uncleanness, explaining that those people who practice such sins will NOT IN-

HERIT THE KINGDOM of the Messiah and Yahweh (Ephesians 5:3-5). See also Galatians 5:19-21. Furthermore, he writes in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, ***“Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh? Be not deceived: neither FORNICATORS, nor idolaters, nor ADULTERERS, nor EFFEMINATE, nor ABUSERS OF THEMSELVES WITH MEN, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh. And such were some of you: but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, and in the Spirit of our Elohim.”*** The Scriptures have spoken; therefore, we, who preach the Word, must speak out against such deviate lifestyles.

Yet school teachers, principals, superintendents, administrators, and school board members have normalized these sins and advocated that students explore such sexual perversions. Laws have been passed recently, such as Florida’s Parental Rights in Education Law, which reinforces parents’ fundamental rights to make decisions regarding the upbringing of their children. The bill prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation, or gender identity, in kindergarten through third grade and prohibits instruction that is not age appropriate for students and requires school districts to adopt procedures for notifying parents if there is a change in services from the school regarding a child’s mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. Across America, school districts are encouraging young children to change their gender identity and even to receive puberty blockers



beast; and his kingdom was darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and THEY BLASPHEMED the Elohim of heaven because of their pains and their sores; AND THEY REPENTED NOT OF THEIR WORKS.” (Revelation 16:8-11).

Are you hearing the voice of Almighty Yahweh at this moment, as you read these passages of Scripture? Is the Holy Spirit convicting you to repent of your sins? Then fall down on your knees, and pour out your heart before Almighty Yahweh. Promise Yahweh that you will make fundamental changes in your life immediately, so you may conform to the keeping of His commandments.

Truth Rejected

In Isaiah chapter 59, appears a passage that foretells the breakdown of morality in our time. Almighty Yahweh explains to the people of this world that they are no longer seeking Truth. The answers are right there in front of them, but they REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE the veracity of Yahweh’s Word. Therefore, judgment is promised to fall upon the wicked.

We find in the world today a group of people who try to explain away plain facts by putting “a new spin on things.” Falsehood, thereupon, becomes truth.

“Behold, Yahweh’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have SEPARATED between you and your Elohim, and your SINS have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness. No one

WITHOUT PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OR CONSENT. In one case, a parent found out that their child had changed their name and was identifying as a different gender when they received their child’s yearbook.

Certainly, we must recognize that Almighty Yahweh loves His creation, although the human race has fallen into sin. Yahweh LOVES HIS PEOPLE and has sent His only begotten Son to die for the sins of the world. He loves the sinner who repents, but He cannot love those who persist in disobeying His commandments. Throughout the Bible, Yahweh promises that judgment for sin will be poured out upon sinful mankind. YAHWEH LOVES THE SINNER, BUT NOT THE SIN!

It should be obvious from the reading of Genesis chapter 19 that Almighty Yahweh hates homosexuality. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for this sin. Read also Judges 19-21, where an Israelite tribe was almost totally destroyed for defending such abominable sins in their midst.

What will happen to this world, the United States of America,

and other nations of the world which are today bent upon tolerating such abominable sins? Almighty Yahweh has promised to punish such sinners severely. Notice Revelation 9:20-21, **“And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, REPENTED NOT of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”**

Sadly, when Yahweh pours out His judgment upon the earth, people will not repent. **“And the fourth poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat: and they blasphemed the name of Yahweh who has the power over these plagues; and THEY REPENTED NOT TO GIVE HIM GLORY.**

“And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the

calls for RIGHTEOUSNESS, and no one pleads in TRUTH: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.” (Isaiah 59:1-4).

Can you see how the Scriptures are being fulfilled today, even to the very letter? *“Their works are works of INIQUITY, and the act of VIOLENCE is in their hands. Their feet run to EVIL, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and THERE IS NO JUSTICE in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whoever goes in it DOES NOT KNOW PEACE.”* (Isaiah 59:6b-8).

Where is Justice?

We live in a two-tiered judicial system, where one class of people is allowed to break the law without any consequence, while others are harassed by prosecutors. Across America, prosecutors release the criminals back into society without holding them for trial to answer for their crimes. California and New York, for example, have passed bail reduction laws, putting the criminals back on the streets again. **It is no wonder why crime rates have soared.** Obviously, allowing the criminals back onto the streets again only allows them to commit further heinous crimes. Denying bail for one group, for example, keeping them incarcerated for a misdemeanor (and denying them bail) while allowing hardened criminals to commit felonies without prosecution is JUDICIAL HYPOCRISY.

“Therefore is JUSTICE FAR FROM US, neither does righteousness overtake us: we look

for light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity. We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as they that have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among them that are lusty we are as dead men. We roar all like bears, and moan severely like doves: WE LOOK FOR JUSTICE, BUT THERE IS NONE; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: transgressing and denying Yahweh, and turning away from following our Elohim, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And JUSTICE IS TURNED AWAY backward, and righteousness stands afar off; for TRUTH HAS FALLEN in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Yes, TRUTH IS LACKING; and he that departs from evil makes himself a prey.” (Isaiah 59:9-15).

Believing a Lie

We are warned by Yahshua the Messiah in His Olivet Prophecy that we must take heed (pay attention, watch out) that no man lead you astray. **Take heed** in the Greek is #991, *blepo*, meaning, *to look at (literally or figuratively), behold, beware, lie, look (on, to), perceive, regard, see, site, take heed.* **Astray** is #4105, *planao* in the **Strong’s Concordance**: *cause to wander, to wander, lead astray, deceive.* It is defined as *properly, go astray, get off course; to deviate from the correct path (circuit, course), roaming into error, wandering; (passive) be misled.*

Will you allow yourself to be

misled? We are warned in 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 that Yahweh will determine through testing (tribulation) and the great falling away (apostasy) whether or not we will LOVE THE TRUTH or be lead astray and BELIEVE A LIE. **“And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Sovereign Yahshua shall consume with the breath of his mouth, and annihilate by the manifestation of his coming; even he, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood, and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh sends them a WORKING OF ERROR, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had PLEASURE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.”**

The elect Assembly at the end of the age will not allow themselves to be led astray, because they are called, chosen, and faithful. They will obediently follow the Lamb wherever he goes. **“These are they that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were purchased from among men, to be the firstfruits to Yahweh and to the Lamb. And IN THEIR MOUTH WAS FOUND NO LIE: they are without blemish.”** (Revelation 14: 4-5).

The Elect will faithfully keep the commandments of Yahweh and hold on to the testimony of Yahshua the Messiah. **“And the dragon became exceedingly**

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throughout the months of the year.” (Numbers 28:11-14). From this knowledge we find that, during the New Covenant era, we, today, are obligated to gather together for worship to offer special sacrifices to Almighty Yahweh of the praises of our lips. **“Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. But do not forget to do good and communicate: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased.”** (Hebrews 13:15-16).

It is easy to read over various parts of the Scriptures without comprehending them completely. So it is with the New Moons, as you may have read over them without seeing their significance. They are mentioned as days of worship along with the Sabbaths in Isaiah 66:23, **“And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh.”** They are mentioned in the same breath with other applicable laws in Colossians 2: 16, where Paul is informing us that they are shadows of things to come. A shadow is a protection which is cast by a larger object.

“And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Yahweh on the sabbaths and on the new moons.” (Ezekiel 46:3). In this passage, the people, who will live on this earth during the Millennium, are commanded to worship on the Sabbath and also on the New Moons. If they will be days of worship in the Millennium, they are already days of worship

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(GENESIS 8:13)

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which must be observed by the True Worshiper. Let us pay special note here to these New Moon Days and see their significance in the Scriptures.

The first mention of the first day of the scriptural month is to be found in Genesis 8. Noah believed Almighty Yahweh and prepared the ark to shelter himself and his family during the deluge. Having been saved from destruction, Noah sent out a raven and a dove as

the waters receded, and the ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat. It was the first day of the tenth scriptural month that the tops of the mountains were seen. **“And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.”** (Genesis 8:5). When the dove did not return to the ark after having brought back the sign of the olive leaf, it was

on the first day of the first month that Noah removed the covering from the ark and saw the face of the dry ground. **“And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the surface of the ground was dry.”** (Genesis 8:13). The significance of this event could mean that on a New Moon Day we should look above the cares of this life for the salvation of Yahweh. On the scriptural New Year Day, we may look about us to find a new beginning, after Almighty Yahweh has miraculously saved His people. It might be well to recall that Noah was in the ark for one full year and ten days.

In Exodus 12:2, we find that Almighty Yahweh has instructed Israel that the first day of the first scriptural month (Abib) was to be the first month of the year to them. **“This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.”** Today, the Jews say that the first day of the seventh month is Rosh Hashanna (head of the year). Last fall in **Israel** magazine, a writer presented an article which pointed out some of the inconsistencies between what the Bible teaches and what is taught by modern Judaism. Among these traditions were the scriptural New Year and the keeping of the New Moons. There is a movement rising in Israel today to set aside the New Moons as a national holiday each month.

One of the most outstanding examples of power from On High being manifested at a New Moon meeting was at the construction and dedication of Israel's tabernacle in the wilderness (Exodus 40).

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It was when Moses constructed the tabernacle for the first time and had sanctified the priests to serve, that the glory of Yahweh filled the house so that Moses could not enter because of the power which rested upon this symbol of pure worship. Notice that it was on the scriptural New Year day (the first day of the first month of the second year of the journey of Israel) that Moses erected the tabernacle and arranged the pure worship. Please note especially verses 2, 17, and 34.

Another New Moon meeting was held in Numbers 1:1. Just one month after Israel had erected the Tabernacle, Yahweh told Moses to number Israel on a New Moon Day. Notice how Moses and Aaron assembled the men of Israel and conducted the census of the camp. **“And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they declared their ancestry by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to**

the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.” (Numbers 1:18). The primary lesson we are to glean from this example is that it is imperative for us to gather together in the congregation to study the Word on the New Moon Day. If we are not faithful in doing this, we may eventually be omitted from the census of the Israel of Yahweh. It is imperative that we gather in the congregation on the weekly Sabbath and the feast days. **“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the day drawing near.”** (Hebrews 10:25). It is very possible that some of Yahweh's judgment on this wicked world will be poured out while His people are gathered together in congregation.

2 Kings 4:22-24 also indicates that we should assemble around a man of El whenever possible on the New Moons. **“And she called to her husband, and said, Send me, I pray you, one of the asses, that I may run to the man of Elohim, and come again. And he said, Why do you want to go to him to-day? It is neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; do not hold back riding for me, unless I speak to you.”**

It was on a New Moon occasion, the first day of the eleventh month, that Moses preached the sermon to Israel which became the scriptural Book of Deuteronomy. **“And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to**

all that Yahweh had given him in commandment to them....” (Deuteronomy 1:3). This book takes three hours to read aloud. It could have easily been preached during the evening hours of the New Moon Day. Later that same day (during the daytime), Moses viewed the Promised Land from Mt. Nebo, died, and was buried (Deuteronomy 34:1). Notice that Israel mourned Moses for 30 days (verse 8), which would have brought them right up to the New Moon for the twelfth month. Aaron the priest, brother of Moses, had died exactly six months previously on the New Moon of the fifth month. **“And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of Yahweh, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month.”** (Numbers 33:38). It is interesting to note that the number five in scriptural numerology indicates “grace.” Consequently, we can note that for Aaron the end of his grace period for disobedience to the command of Yahweh had arrived (Numbers 20: 12-13).

We next encounter the New Moon in 2 Chronicles 29:17. **“Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of Yahweh; and they sanctified the house of Yahweh in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.”** Hezekiah, a great reformer-king of Judah, had given command for pure worship to be restored. The priests began to cleanse the house of Yahweh on the first day of the scriptural month. There was no time to cleanse the house of Yahweh for the Passover observance in the first month, so

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Hezekiah the King ordered that it be observed in the second month.

Next, we find Ezra the Scribe leaving Babylon on the first day of the first month and arriving in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month. You may read this account in Ezra 7. Notice verse 10 which follows the account of his journey. **“For Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of Yahweh, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and ordinances.”** Babylon, as you know, can be spiritualized, as can Jerusalem; consequently, the journey of Ezra from the environs of pagan worship to the shelter of pure worship took four full months, beginning and ending with a New Moon observance.

In Nehemiah 8, we find that Ezra and the Levites read the Law of Yahweh on another first day of the month, this time the seventh month, which is the Feast of Trumpets. **“And he read in it before the broad place that was before the water gate from**

early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.” (Nehemiah 8:3). Israel had been in Babylonian bondage and had to learn again the Law of Yahweh, accepting the teaching of the priests which Almighty Yahweh had placed in charge of the congregation. In Haggai 1:1, another New Moon observance bears upon this era of the return from Babylonian captivity. Please also see Ezra 4:5.

Ezekiel the Prophet had been sent to captive Israel residing by the River Chebar. Ezekiel was a priest of the tribe of Levi who had been sent to instruct the 10 northern tribes who were released from Assyrian captivity. Ezekiel was to call for repentance among the Israelite captives and use, as a sign of his commission from Yahweh, predictions of the imminent destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon. It is amazing how often Ezekiel received prophecies on the first day of the month. Notice 26:1, 29:17 and 31: 1. Then, in Ezekiel 45:18, we find the instruction to cleanse the Temple was set for the first day of the month as well. **“In this manner says the Sovereign Yahweh: In the first month, in the first day of the month, you shall take a young bullock without blemish; and you shall cleanse the sanctuary.”**

I trust that this study will give you greater determination to serve our Heavenly Father on the days which He has set apart for this purpose—the times when He descends through the Holy Spirit to meet with His people. A closer relationship with Almighty Yahweh is possible by bringing our personal lives into greater harmony with His Word. **SNB**

Questions to Bethel

Q. *What does the keeping of the New Moons have to do with salvation?*

—Michigan

A. We realize that salvation is a free gift from Almighty Yahweh (Ephesians 2:8). However, Almighty Yahweh does not condone sin, and sin is the transgression of the Law of Yahweh (1 John 3:4). When we are baptized into the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, we cannot continue to commit sin (Romans 6:1-7). Yahweh only gives His Spirit to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32).

There are few people on this earth today who really comprehend the message of the Bible. The intrinsic message of the Bible is that Almighty Yahweh is the King (absolute ruler) over heaven and earth, and we faithfully serve Him, although He is invisible. The Bible does not teach the pseudo-spirituality which is the current theme of nominal christianity. Almighty Yahweh is ruling His people now when we submit ourselves voluntarily to His righteous Law, although He is invisible. His rule in our lives is evident through the keeping of His commandments. We can then expect to be included in the millennial Kingdom when Yahshua the Messiah returns from heaven to rule over this earth in righteousness. All people will be keeping the Law of Yahweh at that time.

Almighty Yahweh has included observing the Sabbath and the feast days in His eternal Covenant Law. The feast days are regulated and set by the New Moons. We must be assured of the correct days on which to worship during the feasts of Yahweh; therefore, we observe (watch for) the New Moons so that we can set them accurately. Extra sacrifices were offered on the New Moons, indicating that they were of some importance in the spiritual life of the True Worshiper.

The reason why we must be certain when Yahweh's holy days occur is because **THEY ARE SACRED APPOINTMENTS**. Almighty Yahweh has set these days aside (established them) for us to appear before Him in worship, in a congregation of believers (Hebrews 10:25). Since He is the supreme King, He has specified these days as a time when He will hold an audience with His people (Isaiah 66:23). His Holy Spirit will be evident in the midst of His gathered people (Matthew 18:20). During this time, the ordained Elders teach His people sound doctrines, so that they can offer to Almighty Yahweh perfect spiritual sacrifices, well-pleasing in His sight.

Let us never forget that these holy days will be the only acceptable times of worship during the Millennium. Turn to Ezekiel 46:1, 3. ***"In this manner says the Sovereign Yahweh: The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened.... And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Yahweh on the sabbaths and on the new moons."***

Isaiah 66:23 shows that, during the Millennium, the Sabbath and the New Moons will be observed. ***"And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh."*** Logically, then, if they will be observed during the Millennium, they should be observed now also, so that we can learn how to keep them and be well prepared to be of service to Yahshua the Messiah when He comes to reign over His Kingdom. The answer to your question is that all of the people who will be saved will be keeping them!

We might take this answer just one step further. Since Almighty Yahweh has established specific days on which He wishes His people to gather before Him in worship, those days must be observed punctually. Remember that Almighty Yahweh is the Great King over all the earth. If we worship on the wrong day and bring our sacrifices to Him tardily—or on a day too early—His Holy Spirit will not be there with us, and our worship will be worthless.

Colossians 2:16 indicates that Yahweh's feasts are shadows of things to come. As shadows, they offer protection when we observe them properly. The significance of the New Moons in regard to salvation is to guide us to the correct time for the convocation of the True Worshipers. When they worship Yahweh according to His wishes, True Worshipers will be protected in the end-time judgment which He will pour out upon the wicked world. Isn't that what salvation is all about? ■

Q ♦ *The wilderness experience of ancient Israel is said to be a type of the children of Israel who are living in the End Time (1 Corinthians 10:6, 11). During those 40 years in the wilderness, the children of Israel did not keep those annual Sabbaths. They were told to keep them when they got to the Promised Land (Exodus 13:4-10; Yahshua 5:10). The Scriptures make it plain that we will keep them in the Millennium when Yahweh will take the reins into His own hands (Isaiah 66:22-24; Zechariah 14:16, 17). So the question is—why bother to keep them now? —Michigan*

A ♦ Is it a bother to keep the feasts of Yahweh? The carnal-minded person might think that it is terribly burdensome, when he will usually take a two-week vacation each year, or sometimes even more, just like the commandment keeper. In fact, Yahweh was the originator of the two-week vacation when He established feast day keeping. It is not a "bother" to keep the feasts of Yahweh, it is a blessing, a privilege, a joy, and we assemble with brethren on days that He has selected, because we love Him.

As soon as Israel learned about the feasts of Yahweh, they began to obey and seek ways to keep them! This can be determined from the first mention of the feasts in Exodus 10:9. Israel knew about keeping the feasts of Yahweh even before they entered the Promised Land while on their journey there. They knew that these holy days were legislated in the Word of Yahweh and had been known as far back in time as the days of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4). Abraham kept them, and this is obvious from the Hebrew text of Genesis 17:21 and 18:14 (set time and time appointed in the Hebrew is *moed*, elsewhere used of the feast days). The days were known to the patriarchs, but they received new significance when Israel was released from Egyptian bondage, as they will again be revitalized when we inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh, if we are faithful to the end (Hosea 12:5, Matthew 26:29 and Luke 22:16-18).

Israel kept the Passover in the wilderness, and this may be ascertained from Numbers 9:1-14. Now remember, this was only the second year of their exodus from Egypt, verse 1. We wonder how they made unleavened bread at this time, if they had some flour still with them from their Egyptian residence, or if they used the manna as a substitute, since they were commanded to keep it WITH ALL THE RITES AND CEREMONIES. The object of my conjecture is to show that, if someone IS SINCERELY DESIROUS of serving Yahweh, he will find ways to keep His Law. So your point is invalid, that Israel did not keep the feasts until they entered the Promised Land. The point you made is that they could not offer a wavesheaf in the wilderness, because they had not planted nor harvested. Although they probably did not have flour to make unleavened bread, they used a substitute until they could enter the Promised Land and reap the blessings, undoubtedly using the manna as an unleavened bread substitute, Numbers 11:8. Please see Deuteronomy 28:6. Anyway, what is the most important here:

to worship Yahweh on days that He has appointed for this purpose, or to offer animal sacrifices that could not make the donor perfect? Hebrews 9:9-10.

Israel kept the Sabbath in the wilderness, and they did so strictly (Exodus 16, 31:12-17, and Numbers 15:32-36). As shown above, they kept the Passover. Undoubtedly, they kept the New Moons, as can be determined from Deuteronomy 1:3. The feast days are commanded to be observed in the eternal Covenant, Exodus 23:17 and 34:23, and this passage makes no mention of coming into the land. You will notice that Leviticus 23 was written while Israel was assembled at Mt. Sinai, and this is the chapter that lists the observance of the Sabbaths of Yahweh. Israel apparently did not await their entry into the Holy Land before they began to learn to keep the feasts. We know that we will be keeping them in the Millennium, so why not begin now (Zechariah 14:16-21 and Isaiah 66:23, along with Luke 22:18)? Apparently Israel used innovations when they were in the wilderness so that they could be obedient to the Law of Yahweh, and this is why there was a portable altar in a portable tabernacle. This could be the reason why Moses was inspired to write Deuteronomy 12.

Basically the answer to your question then is we, of the Assemblies of Yahweh, “bother” to keep the feasts now because we wish to learn to serve Yahweh and keep His commandments, because all the world will be living by His righteous Law as its Constitution of government in the Kingdom age, and we wish to be included. Today, we are learning to keep the Law of Yahweh outside of the Kingdom, just as Israel did in the wilderness, so that, when that Kingdom is established, we will be able to be of immediate service to Yahshua and will not need to fear the possibility of desecrating the Holy Land. ■

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Isn't the name “Assemblies of Yahweh” presumptuous? Other religious groups, including the Roman Catholics, use the Name Yahweh also.

—Michigan

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As stated in the Assemblies of Yahweh **Statement of Doctrine Preamble**, this organization was founded to confront the confusion and false doctrines that were found throughout the nominal Sacred Name Movement. Even among those people who espoused the necessity of using the Sacred Names, there was very little evident doctrinal unity, very little agreement on even the basic doctrines of the Bible. Yet, the True Worshipers must be unified (Ephesians 4:3, 13; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Romans 12:5; etc.). Therefore, to promote effective unity and progress, it was necessary to form an organization that teaches and enforces true doctrines. We had to come out of organizations that are not in sound doctrine, even though they may indeed occasionally use the Sacred Name.

An organization needs a name for identification, and it is most important, of course, to select a name with a scriptural basis. There are several possible names found in the Sacred Scriptures that we could have used. We have selected the name (we believe) that is best qualified to represent our understanding of the Body of True Worshipers: “Assemblies of Yahweh.” This is the identifying name of the organization. The International Headquarters for the various scattered Assemblies and individuals who join this effort is registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Trademark and service mark registrations have been retained for the United States, as well as foreign countries.

The Assemblies of Yahweh Headquarters does not presume to represent all who use, or even all who teach the exclusive use of Yahweh's Name, nor do we interfere with their worship. It is the Headquarters for those who have VOLUNTARILY JOINED THIS ORGANIZATION, since they have proven that here is the place where the whole counsel of Yahweh's Word is being taught at the end of the age. We are striving diligently to qualify as the Body of the Messiah that is prophesied to be raised up before the Second Coming of Yahshua at the end of the age. We are striving for the perfection required to meet Yahshua the Messiah in the air when He returns. We clearly recognize that we cannot remain in organizations that do not try to fulfill Yahweh's Covenant as perfectly as possible. ***“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that you have no fellowship with her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues...”*** (Revelation 18:4). ■

PROPHETIC TRENDS

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angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and hold the testimony of Yahshua." (Revelation 12:17).

The saints will faithfully keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the Faith of Yahshua the Messiah. *"Here is the patience of the saints; They that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua."* (Revelation 14:12). Even in the midst of all of this persecution and tribulation, the faithful saints of Yahweh, the Elect, will follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They are referred to as chosen and faithful. *"These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast. These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Sovereign of rulers, and King of kings; and they shall also overcome that are with him, CALLED AND CHOSEN AND FAITHFUL"* (Revelation 17:13-14).

Have you made your calling and election sure? *"For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 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: 8-11).

"So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; for it is Yahweh who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and questionings; that you may become BLAMELESS AND HARMLESS, children of Elohim without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:12-15).

Consequently, we must work on our salvation diligently each day, so that we will be ready when Yahshua the Messiah returns. If we live the Kingdom way of life now, then when Yahshua the Messiah returns, He will place us with the sheep that He will place on His right hand, granting them entrance into the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Blessings Follow Judgment

"And in this mountain will Yahweh of hosts make to all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat

things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He has swallowed up death for ever; and the Sovereign Yahweh will WIPE AWAY TEARS from off all faces; and the REPROACH of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Yahweh has spoken it.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our Elohim; we have waited for him, and HE WILL SAVE US: this is Yahweh; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isaiah 25:6-9).

Indeed, profound changes are in store for this earth. These changes will be for the better. *"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea."* (Habakkuk 2:14).

Currently, sin, iniquity, and evil reign supreme over the earth. Satan the Adversary is generating mounting sins in this universal Babylonish system, enticing the nations to be more sinful—believing his lies and rejecting the Truth.

One day, Yahshua the Messiah will return, and He will bring peace and productivity to this earth. He will destroy this Babylonish system, and, on its rubble, He will build the eternal Kingdom of Yahweh.

Do not spurn the convicting power of Yahweh's Holy Spirit as you read these words. Repent and prepare to have a home in that Kingdom to come. If you do not act immediately, it may soon be too late.

May we assist you to prepare for the Kingdom of Yahweh? ^{SNB}

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