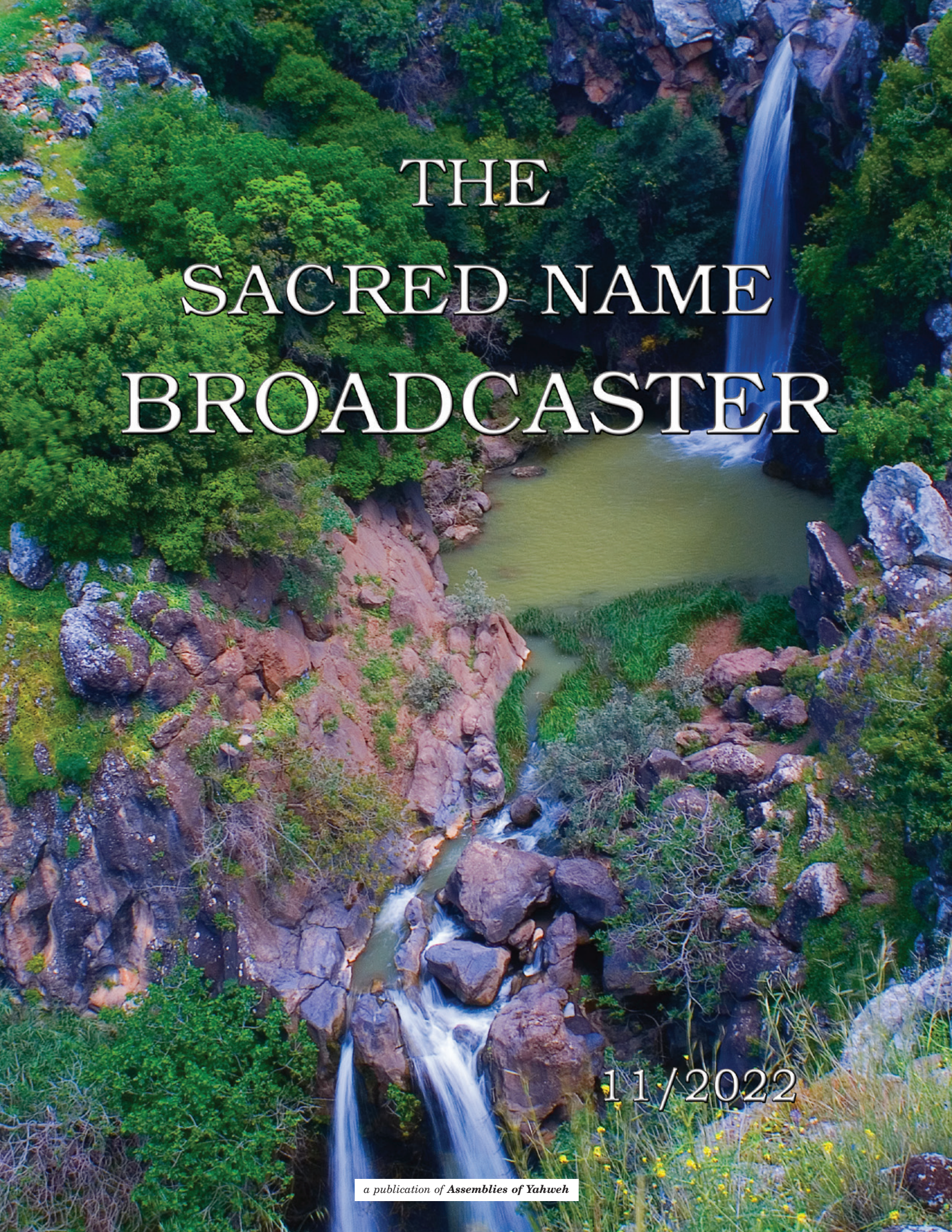

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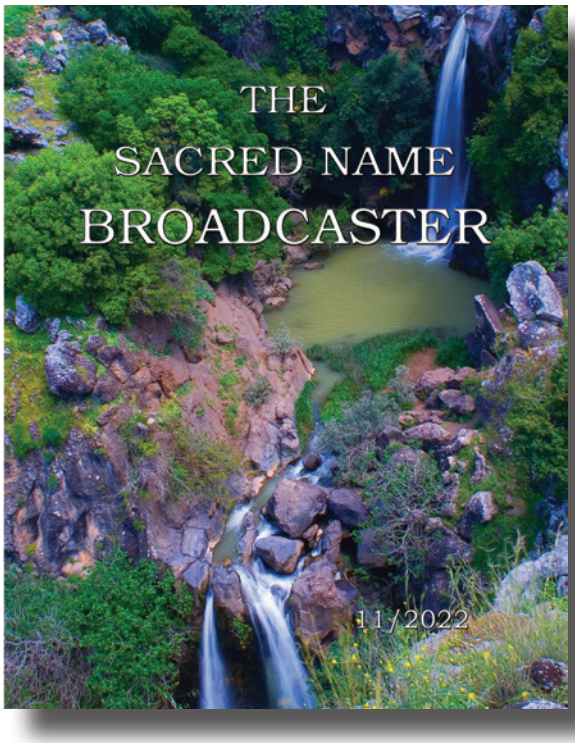

We do, however, have a vision of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh—when there will be war no more. During the Kingdom of Yahweh, Yahshua the Messiah will establish justice and righteousness upon the earth. ***"Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from now on even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this."*** *(Isaiah 9:7).*

The Prince of Peace will finally establish an era of peace that will remain forever. Are you making your calling and election sure so that you will be granted eternal life in Yahweh's Kingdom?

Then, like this waterfall, justice and righteousness will be worldwide. ***"But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."*** *(Amos 5:24).*

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People frequently follow customs set by society without questioning where these time-honored traditions originate. They assume that the world around them accurately portrays the way people should live. It is their belief that since the denominations of nominal ch-rchianity use the Bible in their teachings, they are faithfully following the biblical way of life with the traditions and customs that they keep.

However, your Bible warns continually against accepting the ways of the world. Jeremiah 10:2 admonishes us not to learn the way of the heathen (Hebrew *goyim*, *the nations of this world*). The line drawn between the practices of the Apostolic Assembly, on the one hand, and the religious lifestyle of the world, on the other, is forcefully driven home by a multitude of Scriptures. Just because millions of people do something is no clear indication it has been derived from the Bible.

Almighty Yahweh brought Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees, placing him in the region of the mountains of Canaan to teach him the way of Truth. This can be spiritualized to mean that Yahweh brought Abraham out of the system of the world and taught him the true way of life in an isolated place, much as we of the Assemblies of Yahweh today are being taught.

Israel, Abraham's descendants, came out of Egypt and spent 40 years in the wilderness learning the ways of Yahweh. Paul describes this in Acts 13:18 by saying, ***"And for about the time of forty years as a nursing father he bore them in the wilderness."*** Yahweh intended Israel to leave behind the ways of that sinful civilization. Yahweh intended Israel to provide a witness of the heavenly way of life to the surrounding nations. Your Bible contains a record of the progress and failures of people who were

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to be Yahweh's witnesses.

For several years, a file of newspaper and magazine articles relating to the pagan customs attached to the Chr-stmas celebration has been building here at Bethel. Studying the contents of this file in preparation for writing this composition was again quite enlightening. The numerous authors who wrote these informative articles fully comprehend and understand the pagan origins of the traditions and customs of Chr-stmas (as well as many of the other holidays celebrated by the world). Nevertheless, few and far between are the individuals who actually advocate eliminating these customs from their lives. While they know and comprehend these facts, they will not allow

If you can answer in the affirmative to all of these questions, then we would urge you to read this article carefully. Check the facts for yourself, then make up your mind.

themselves to be corrected by the biblical and secular evidence. Many people of the world reflect this stubborn attitude.

Are you an open-minded person? Have you dedicated your life exclusively to serving the Most High Heavenly Father? Will you be guided by the Word of Yahweh the Most High? Do you allow the Bible to correct you? If you can answer in the affirmative to all of these questions, then we would urge you to read this article carefully. Check the facts for yourself, then make up your mind. The facts published here can be verified in libraries which contain the noted reference works.

When the Apostolic Assembly sprang to life, the members totally committed themselves to making their personal preparation for the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah. The Apostolic Assembly of the book of Acts was never numerically large. It was a small group, but completely dedicated to obeying Yahweh's Truth.

The brethren of the Apostolic Assembly found themselves in the midst of a very strong empire—Rome. The religion of this mighty empire was based primarily upon that of ancient Greece. In the Pantheon, a huge building located in Rome, every major religion was represented, and the image of every mighty one was enshrined. Foremost among these pagan mighty ones was Jupiter, the Latin representation of the ancient Greek mighty one, Zeus. So strongly was the religion of Jupiter and Zeus (the father of the mighty ones) imprinted upon the minds of ancient people that, evidently, some of those pagan religious ideas were subsequently carried over into the Messianic Assembly by people who began to follow the biblical Faith.

December 25 was a sacred day for the worship of Zeus and other pagan mighty ones. Some writers even claim that Zeus was born on December 25—the winter solstice. Let us note what we find in 1 Maccabbees 1:52-64.

"And many of the people and everyone who was ready to forsake the Law joined with them and they did wrong in the land, and forced Israel to hide in every hiding-place they had. On the fifteenth day of Chislev, in the one hundred and forty-fifth year, he erected a dreadful desecration upon the altar, and in the towns of Judah round about they built altars, and at the doors of their houses and in the squares they burned incense, and wherever they found the book of the Law, they tore them up and burned them, and if anyone was found to possess a book of the agreement or respected the Law, the king's decree condemned him to death. The Israelites who appeared from month to month in the towns they treated with force. On the twenty-fifth of the month they offered sacrifice upon the altar which was set up on the altar of burnt offering. The women who had circumcised their children they put to death under the de-

cree, hanging the babies around their necks, and destroying their families and the men who had circumcised them. Yet many in Israel stood firm and resolved in their hearts not to eat what was unclean; they preferred death to being polluted with food or profaning the sacred agreement, and so they died. And Israel suffered intensely." **The Complete Bible: An American Translation.**

Why do Christians celebrate Chr-stmas on December 25? Yahshua the Messiah was not born on December 25. Our published article on that subject will clearly prove this to you, if you are open-minded. Yahshua the Messiah was probably born on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall of the year. This can be ascertained from Luke chapter 1. The word *Chr-stmas* means *the mass of Chr-st*; the mass held in celebration of his birth.

Since they are idolatrous figures representing sun worship, most pagan mighty ones were born around the winter solstice which was anciently set at December 25. The birthday of Mithra was on December 25. Mithra symbolized the sun, as did other heathen mighty ones like Osiris, Hercules, and Bacchus, who were also said to have been born on that day. Interestingly, China's pagan savior, Zas, was born on December 25. (Did you note the close similarity to the Greek word Zeus?) Additionally, the Egyptian mighty one Horus, the Hindu mighty one Vishnu, and the Syrian mighty one Tammuz, had their birthdays on December 25, as did the Greek mighty one Dionysus, who was a personification of Zeus.

Sun worship is the key to understanding why Chr-stmas today is celebrated on December 25. The seasonal circuit of the earth around the sun was of great concern to ancient agrarian people. On the night between the 24th and 25th of December, the sun was perceived to be furthest from the earth, beginning its journey back from south to north. Since the sun is the light of the world, cold and famine would inevitably exterminate the human race if the sun did not return from the south. Consequently, in the north where most of the early civilizations arose, great rejoicing broke out when the people saw the sun turning. This is how these mythological traditions originated.

The ancient heathen religions called the sun their savior. Since this solar savior comes, or returns, to save the world suffering from a harsh winter, it means that new life and hope was given to the people of the world. Therefore, you can see the pagan thoughts retained in some of the Chr-stmas carols, songs that do not express the true biblical message of the Messiah's birth. The relationship between ancient pagan sun worship and the modern Chr-stmas observance can readily be noted.

In ancient Rome, the time of the Saturnalia and Brumalia was fixed in the middle of December. These feasts were known as the Paganalia. The name *Saturn* meant *abundance*. Distinctive traditions of the Saturnalia are

Mithra, Tammuz, and Horus, who were said to have been born on December 25.

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closely akin to those of Chr-stmas as it is celebrated today. Gigantic feasts were held throughout Saturnalia day. Slaves were given liberty and often were served by their masters at the feast. There was a general suspension of all public affairs. Courts and schools were recessed; commercial and all military activities were suspended. Most prominent among the festive dishes served were the boar's head with an apple or orange in its mouth, plum pudding, mince pies, with decorated sweets and cookies for dessert. Dolls were frequently given as gifts. Some historians believe that these dolls represented original human sacrifices, since human sacrifices were once offered to Saturn. (Incidentally, the English word *doll* is derived from the word *idol*.) The word *brumalia* means *winter solstice*. The word *solstice* comes from a combination of words meaning *the sun* (Latin sol) *standing still.*

Additionally, parades and mummeries, such as you find at the Pasadena Rose Parade and the Philadelphia Mummers Parade, were conducted at the Saturnalia. Such revelry formed an integral part of the extended feasts of Saturn at the winter solstice just as they do today with the Chr-stmas/New Year celebration. If anyone were to return from those ancient times, he might conclude that he is right at home among the present-day Chr-stmas/New Year celebrations. Actually, it would seem that the eight-day observance of today has replaced Yahweh's annual festival called the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:33-44).

Common in some European countries, especially England, is the yule log. The term *yule* according to **Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language**, 2nd College Edition, is defined as *the original name of a heathen festival at the winter solstice, akin to the old Norse Jol.* From this old Norse festival comes our word *jolly,* used most frequently around the Chr-stmas season to describe the revelry that cannot be supported scripturally.

It is interesting to note that the word *yule* also means *wheel* in the ancient Norse language. The celebration of yule honored the mighty one Woden with the rebirth of the wheel-shaped sun. To use anything with a wheel during the two weeks of rejoicing (work was suspended), such as wagons or spinning wheels, would have been an insult to the sun implying that it was not moving north fast enough. To hasten the return of the sun, ancient people built huge bonfires (a yule fire with the log). Traps, snares, and fishnets were also brought in so that even the fish, birds, and animals might find *yuletide* (two weeks, a fortnight; 12 weekdays plus two Sundays) a time of peace. In ancient Chaldean, *yule* mean *the feast of the child*.

Lighting the yule log signaled the beginning of the holiday merriment. In Britain, it was a religious ceremony for the Druids who blessed the log. The charred remains of the past year's log were used to light the new fire. The burning fire symbolized home and safety. The Teutons believed the burning of the yule log represented the death of the old sun, and the evergreen Chr-stmas tree stood for the annual rebirth of the solar savior. The Romans called this annual rebirth *Sol Invictus*—the *unconquerable sun*.

The legend of Santa Claus coming down the chimney also was derived from the early Norsemen. Their stories tell of the mighty one called Hertha appearing on the hearth of the fireplace and bringing good luck to the house. Therefore, a Santa Claus-type figure came down the chimneys of the ancient Norse people.

Santa Claus is usually called Old Nick, and you can prove that this was one of Satan's names

by checking the word *Nick* in the dictionary. Satan has been masquerading under a variety of names to draw worship to himself. The word *Santa* actually means *Saint*, and he was supposed to have been called Saint Nicholas. You will notice in Revelation 2:6 and 15 the word *Nicolaitanes*, derived from the Greek word *Nike,* who was the evangelist of Zeus. *Santa Claus* is a contraction of the term *Saint Nicholas,* and this can present a clear association with Nike. Santa Claus, therefore, was sent to announce the advent of the solar mighty one Zeus. Some traditional beliefs are that the present Santa Claus myth was developed from an actual Saint Nicholas who lived during the fourteenth century. He was credited with miraculous healings. According to one legend, he tossed bags of gold into the windows of three girls who wanted to get married but had no dowries. Some believe that here is where the custom of giving Chr-stmas gifts began. The wise men, you will remember, did not give gifts to each other, but they gave them to the Savior, Yahshua the Messiah.

It was the writer Clement Moore, in 1822, and the cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1863, who dressed Santa Claus in a red suit with reindeer and toys, and had him coming down the chimney on Chr-stmas Eve. However, the entire corpus of this tradition is based upon telling lies to the children, undermining their faith and trust in spoken Truth.

Chr-stmas trees are entirely pagan, also. You will see in Jeremiah 10:2-4 a scriptural passage that closely relates to tree worship. ***"Thus says Yahweh, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it moves not."***

In America, the Chr-stmas tree was brought to our shores by German immigrants. Long before they acquired the custom, worship with the use of a tree had been a traditional custom in the ancient Middle East. This dated back to the cutting down of the tree, which represented Nimrod. Aescalapius the physician, represented as a serpent, wrapped himself around the dead stump bringing forth a new shoot from its roots with the rebirth, or reincarnation, of Nimrod's son—Tammuz.

Surprisingly, the shepherds and wise men did not arrive at the same time to pay homage to the Savior, as they are depicted in the creche. Shepherds abiding in the fields near Bethlehem (Luke 2) would have undoubtedly been tending the sacrificial animals for the Feast of Tabernacles. They were pasturing their animals in a cultivated field (Greek is *agros—a field in which agriculture is pursued*). The angels did not announce to the shepherds Messiah's birth by singing a song or carol. The angel spoke—angels in the Bible never sing. It is an insult to the Bible student to hear the Chr-stmas carols annually declaring that angels sing songs.

When the wise men arrived in Bethlehem, Yahshua and His parents lived in a house, Matthew 2:11. He was no longer in a stable, if He ever was born in a stable. (We are not told that He was, only that He was laid in a manger.) Yahshua the Messiah was most likely born in a tent out in a field where a small manger stood for feeding animals at pasture. This was then used as a crib for the Messiah. No mention is made that He was born in the inn stable—only that there was no room for them in the inn.

During the month of December, the shepherds have brought their flocks into the folds for the winter around Bethlehem in the Holy Land. Shepherds would not abide in the fields

keeping watch over their flocks by night after the eighth month of the biblical year, since the weather turns cold and wet after the Feast of Tabernacles.

To this very day, the Scottish people celebrate Hogmanay at the winter solstice. The word is said to be derived from the old Norman-French term *hoguinane*, a festival in which New Year's gifts were given and exchanged. Traditionally, Hogmanay feasting begins at midnight with the arrival of a tall, dark stranger. Music is an indispensable part of traditional Hogmanay.

But where does this festival originate? Is it found in the Bible? Actually, none of the customs, traditions, and festivals attached to the Chr-stmas/New Year holidays can be found anywhere in the Bible, except that some of them are condemned as being pagan. Hogmanay actually comes from the Hebrew word for feast (*hog*, Hebrew *chag*—means *feast*, and *manay* is *number—Mene*). Please research Isaiah 65:11 very thoroughly from the original text where you find that those who forsake Yahweh and the keeping of His commandments are keeping pagan feasts. One of these feasts is furnishing a drink offering to Mene. Customarily on New Year's eve, people of the world go dancing and drinking to celebrate the arrival of a new numbered year. (Did you know that the words *money* and *mene* can be traced to a single root? What are the implications?)

One of the most abominable aspects of the Chr-stmas/New Year celebration is people's quest for the Chr-stmas spirit (out of a bottle, that is). During the Chr-stmas holidays, more people get drunk, more divorces result, more drunken driving, and other tragedies happen that are connected with intemperate use of alcohol, than at any other similar period throughout the year. Evidently, this kind of Chr-stmas spirit is evil.

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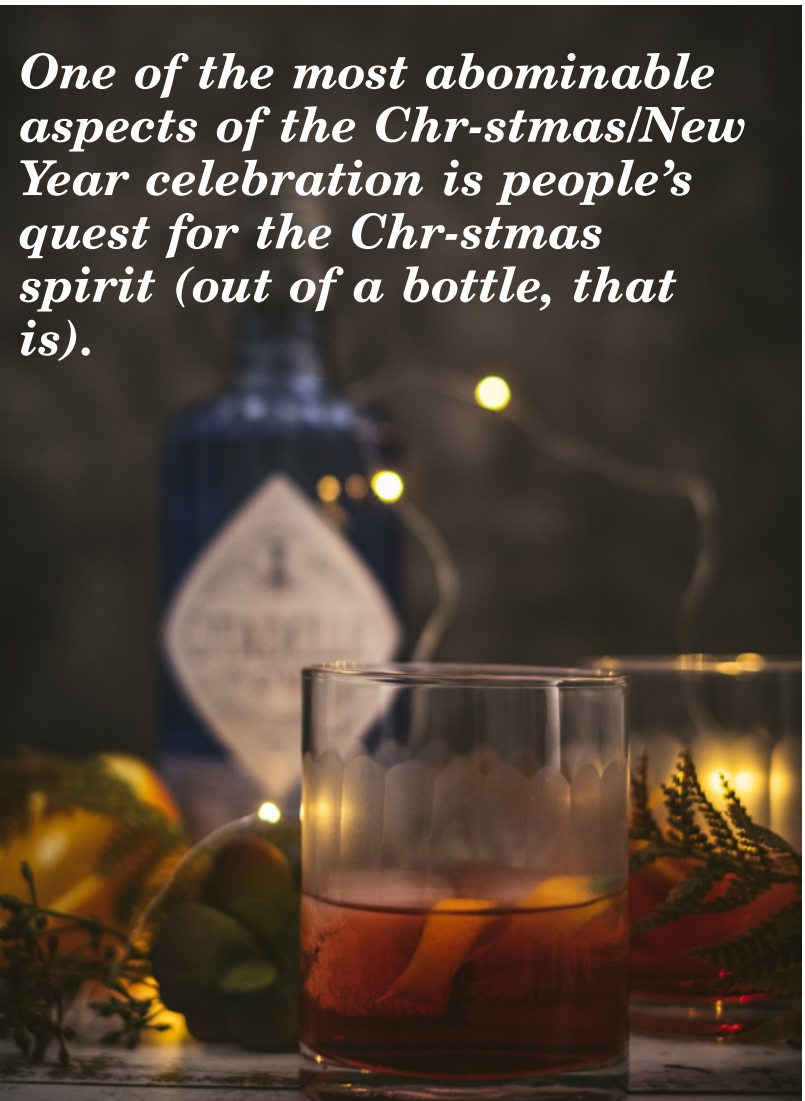


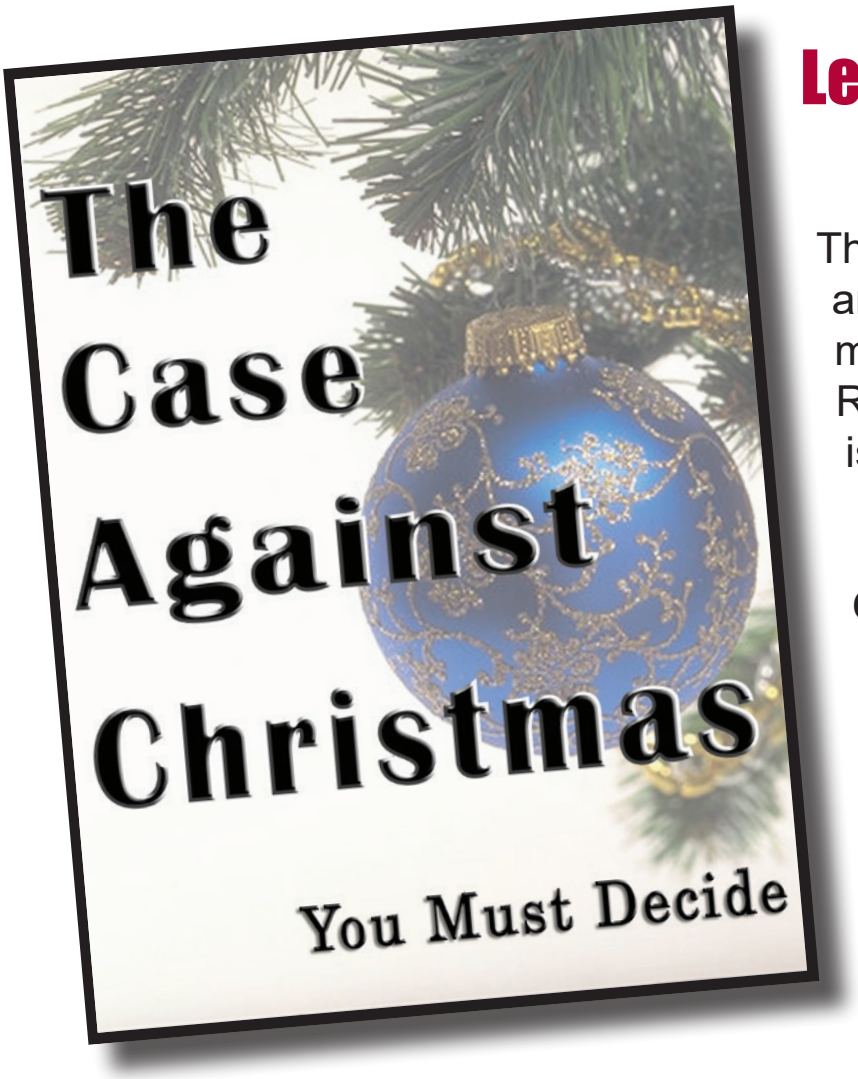
Modern Chr-stmas plants can kill you if you're not careful. Poinsettia, holly, and mistletoe contain deadly poisons that can sicken or kill a child or pet curious enough to eat the leaves. Mistletoe, a parasitic plant, was originally used by the Druids as a type of peacemaking plant. Kissing under the mistletoe was explained as heaven reaching down to kiss the earth through the rebirth of the son of heaven. None of these plants are mentioned in the Bible.

Many people go deeply into debt to buy Chr-stmas presents, a practice which is not at all scriptural. The wise men did not give presents to each other, but they brought presents to Yahweh's King, Yahshua the Messiah. Wouldn't it be better to give Yahshua the glory, as did the Magi? Better yet, we should keep Yahweh's holy days rather than any birthday.

Among the Hebrew people, birthdays were never observed. It is not wrong to wish each other a happy birthday, but to engage in birthday parties and other festivities may be traced directly to paganism, especially to ancient Rome.

Julius Sextus Africanus was the first person to specify December 25 as Yahshua's birthday. Before the year 225, it was never observed as such. The winter solstice was selected by Julius Sextus Africanus as the Messiah's birthday through his association with pagan religious practices.

It would appear as though most of the customs of Chr-stmas are derived directly from the ancient anti-Messiah and false-savior Nimrod and his mother-wife Semiramis. The world today worships a false savior and an anti-Messiah under the guise of sun worship. To restore the pure worship of the Bible, and to eliminate from our lives festivals and celebrations displeasing to Almighty Yahweh, should be our



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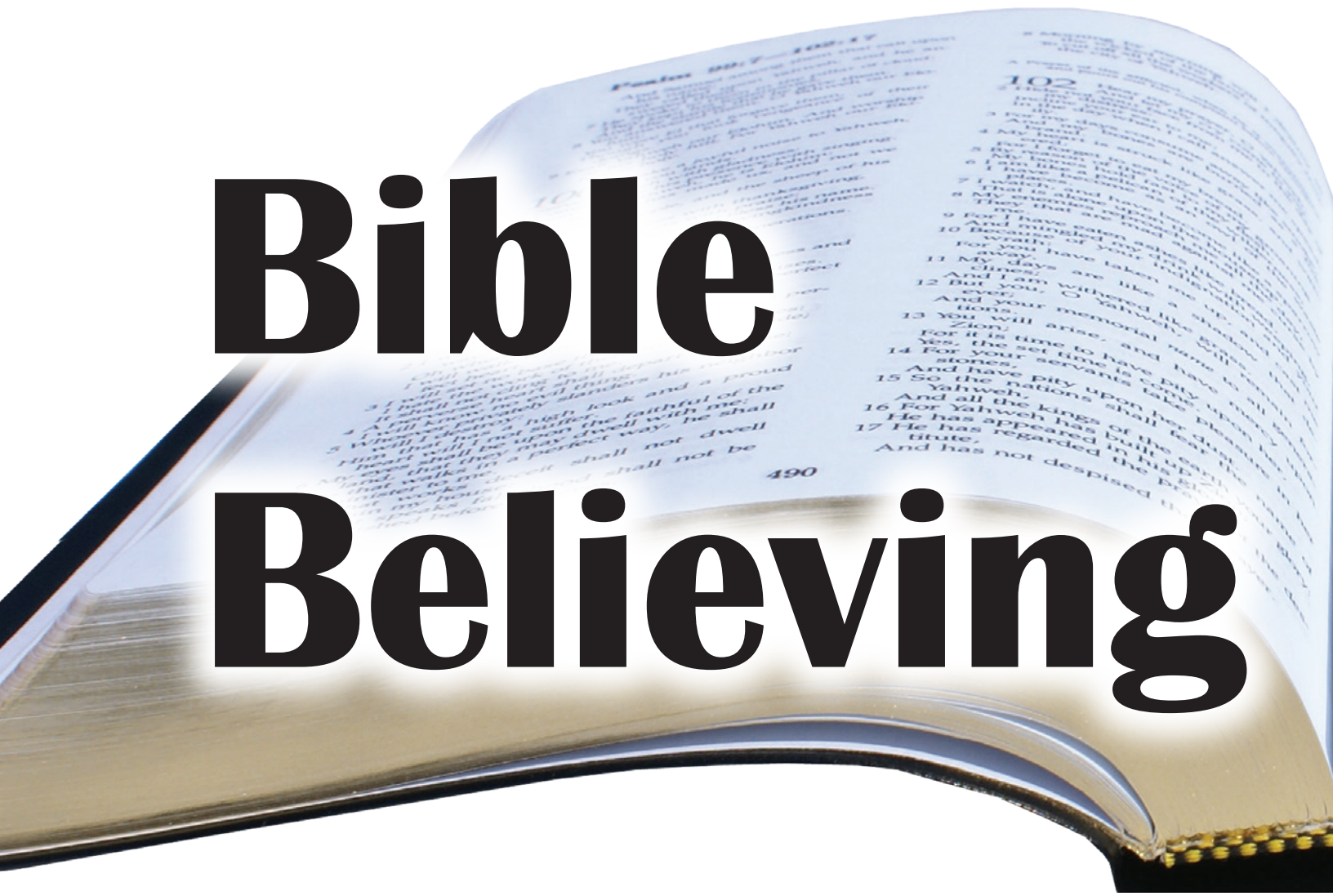
aim. Let us read the Bible and see for ourselves how groundless are the traditions attached to the Chr-stmas festivities observed today.

Now that we have examined the customs and traditions of the Chr-stmas-New Year celebration and have found them to be derived from ancient pagan mythology, what shall we do? Shall we continue to observe them, however half-heartedly we may enter into the celebration, now that we know it is wrong? Or should we do as Yahshua Messiah Himself has told us—to obey His Word and keep His commandments (Matthew 5:17-20)? Yahweh gives His Spirit to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32). Those who keep Yahweh's commandments will be blessed (Revelation 22:14). Those who do not, curse themselves (Deuteronomy 27, 28).

Let us not add to the Word, or diminish from it, but let us keep the commandments of Yahweh for our good (Deuteronomy 6). Eliminate that which is displeasing to Yahweh from your worship and receive His blessing today. SNB

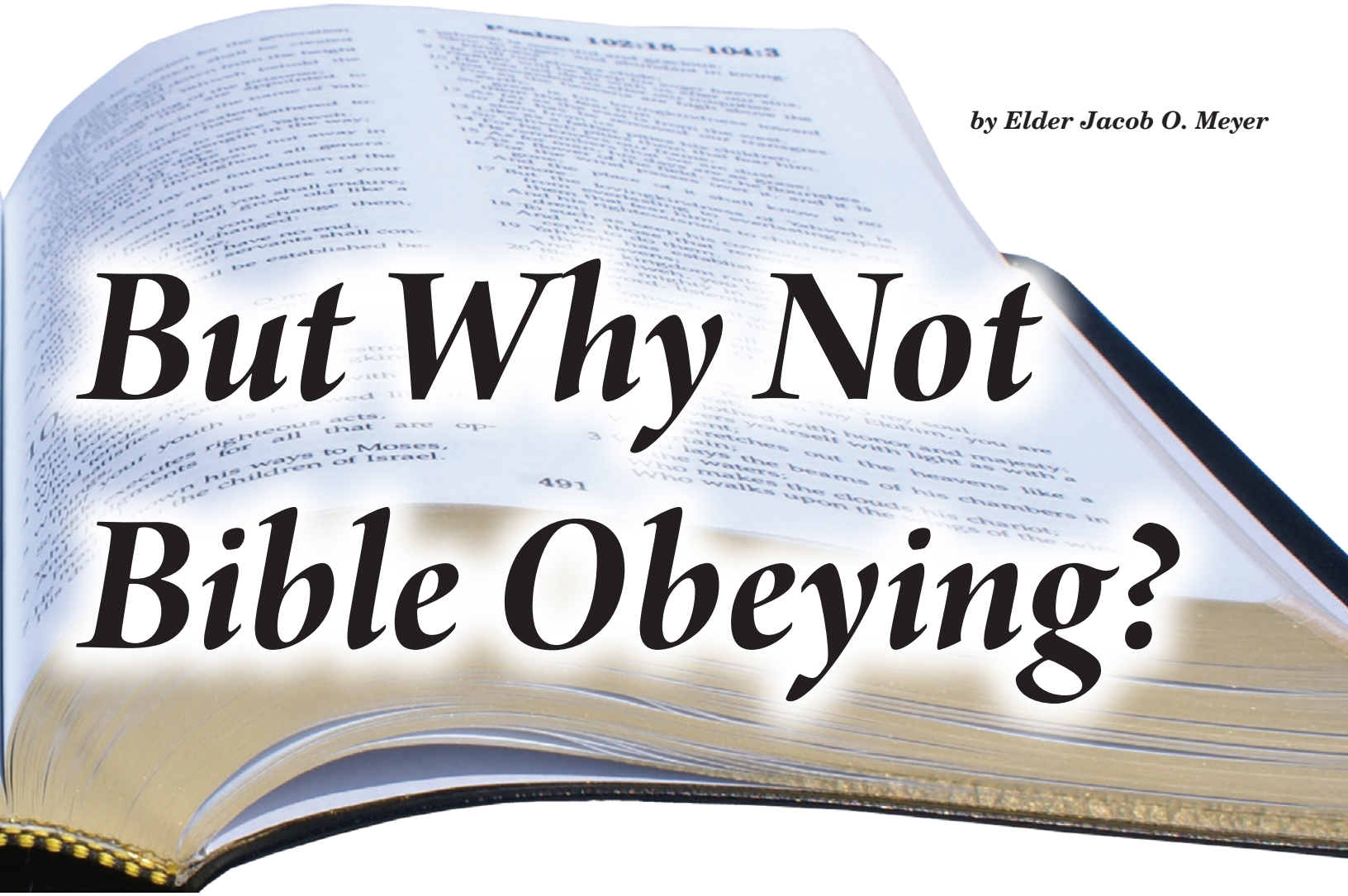


Bible Believing

In this contemporary era in which we are living today, we are being saturated constantly by sound. Pouring from the audible news media of radio and TV are a torrent of words. Could it be conceivable that a brain-washing effect is being produced upon the inhabitants of our country without their knowledge? It is a proven fact that a person can be hypnotized and controlled by a steady drumbeat of noise, just as the Chinese destroyed the thinking capacities of people with their water torture. Are you really understanding and comprehending what you are hearing over the air today? As you listen to **The Sacred Name Broadcast** from week to week, do you comprehend what I am preaching, or are you still under the pseudo impression that I am just another preacher in nominal Chr-stianity? Frequently, we receive letters from people who state that they have listened to this broadcast for some time, and, suddenly, one day, for some reason, their minds were opened, and they grasped what I was teaching.

On the last broadcast I asked the question, *"If you are looking for the true ch-rch, for what name would you be searching?"* I showed from the Scriptures that man does not have the prerogative to choose a name for the True Body of believers. It has already been named. The Heavenly Father Himself has named the Body of True Worshipers for Himself, and this you may read in Ephesians 3:14-15. ***"For this cause I bow my knees to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named...."*** Today, in our contemporary society, you may observe that a veritable multitude of names has been chosen by groups who desire to set themselves apart in nominal Chr-stianity. There is only one group of people on this earth today who is **named for the Heavenly Father**, as Paul, in his epistle to the Ephesians, has indicated that the True Worshipers would be. Now the problem presented is this: are you going to be an obedient child of the Father and accept His Word as final—as I myself had to do—or will you continue to rebel against the sound teachings of the Bible?

Once a month, I teach a Bible Study class in Baltimore, Maryland. Returning to my home in Pennsylvania, I usually tune my car radio to one of the stations which carries our broadcast, and, since it is a Sunday night, reli-



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But Why Not Bible Obeying?

gious broadcasts are in progress. One particular broadcast last week made an impression upon me. After giving the invitation for the lost sinners to accept their savior, the speaker urged those who had just made their decision to seek out a "Bible-Preaching, Bible-Believing Ch-rch." I have heard this pronouncement being made on a number of occasions previously, by ministers who were affiliated with different denominations. Certainly, I must applaud such a declaration, although I am certain that it is only a deceptive expression to lure people into fundamentalist Chr-stianity. Believe me, when one begins to preach the inspired Scriptures and believe them implicitly, and then obeys all that they teach, he soon finds himself rejected by the very Chr-stianity that had exhorted him to seek a group of people who believes and teaches the Bible strictly. Now that "Bible Believer" becomes a false teacher simply because he has found things in nominal Chr-stianity which are incompatible with what the Bible teaches, even though he has proven them from the Word.

How many people today are being evicted from nominal religion for the name of J-sus Chr-st? And, yet, our Savior has predicted in His Word that such a time would arrive. We read in John 16:1-3, ***"These things have I spoken to you, that you should not be caused to stumble. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yes, the hour comes, that whoever kills you shall think that he offers service to Elohim. And these things will they do, because they have not known the Father, nor me."*** In Luke 21:12 we read, ***"But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake."*** I repeat the question. "How many people are being persecuted for the name of J-sus Chr-st?" Begin now to use the correct name of our Savior—which was Yahshua the Messiah—and you begin immediately to note a fulfillment of this prophecy. Here is where "Bible Believing" enters the picture. If we can prove from the Bible that the Savior's Name was indeed Yahshua the Messiah, will we accept this humbly, or seek frantically for some obscure

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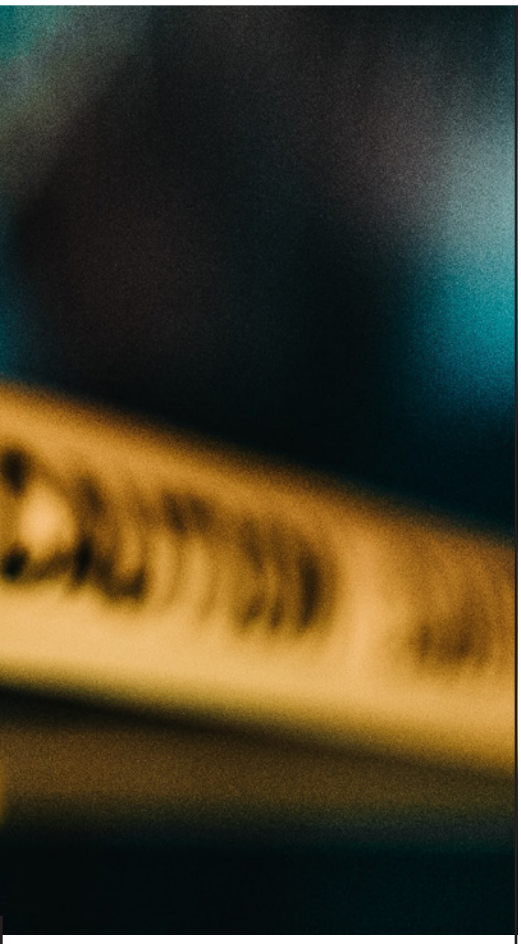
Will You Heed the Warning?

Scanning through news reports each day, one cannot help but feel great concern regarding the continued decline of contemporary society. With each passing day, just when we think that we have heard it all, a new news report surfaces that reveals a new fulfillment of end-time Bible prophecy. One might ask the question, *"How can this continuing slippage be stopped, or at least slowed?"* WE ARE WATCHING THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR SOCIETY IN REAL TIME! Just like seeing an automobile crash, or a train wreck, about to occur, someone desperately cries out in warning—but it is too late.

A vision similar to this goes through our minds as we scan the news each day. One cannot help but feel helplessness, insufficiency, and frustration that an obvious collision looms just ahead. Telltale signs have appeared —not only here in the United States, but worldwide—that THIS WORLD IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. We had better face up to the fact that these trends are bound to continue until the time of the great tribulation (a time of great trouble) which looms ominously near.

With unerring accuracy, the prophets of the Old Testament predicted these events precisely centuries, and even millennia, ago. The prophets of old spoke for Yahweh during a period of time similar to the one in which we are living today. The nation of Israel had become complacent and indifferent about their national heritage. Complacency had led to corruption in high places, and the internal decay was leaving Israel with only a thin outer shell. Compare this with the trends in the United States today, as well as many other nations. This cycle has returned to the point of origin, and the prophecies apply to us, since we are of Israelite extraction. We will experience the complete fulfillment of these predictions just before the Kingdom of Yahweh is established.

Let us turn to the great prophecies of the Bible and see for ourselves what the Word of Yahweh has predicted so accurately for our time. In Isaiah chapter one, we find that the United States closely resembles the character of Israel during the time when this prophet spoke. Will you SPURN the Word of Yahweh, as did the people of that time—and SUFFER SEVERELY for your sins? ***"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for Yahweh has spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people does***



not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken Yahweh, they have DESPISED the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged and gone backward. Why will you be still stricken, that you REVOLT more and more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and fresh stripes: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with oil. Your country is desolate; YOUR CITIES ARE BURNED WITH FIRE; your land, STRANGERS DEVOUR IT in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except Yahweh of hosts had left to us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like Gomorrah." (Isaiah 1:2-9).

It should be candidly obvious to anyone who reads the news from day to day that we are CERTAINLY NOT PROGRESSING SPIRITUALLY. We are headed in the opposite direction, departing further and further from our Heavenly Father. Although Yahweh is the Mighty One of Israel, it is only a REMNANT people today who ACKNOWLEDGE Him as their Mighty One. Had not Almighty Yahweh called out a people in our time, the earth today would be desolate. ***"Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and ordinances. Behold, I will send you EliYah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."*** (Malachi 4:4-6).

If Almighty Yahweh had not called a faithful people, there would have been no need to spare any of the earth, but the Righteous Judge would have been justified in doing what He did to Sodom and Gomorrah. It is for these people to be sealed that Yahweh has held back His judgment. ***"After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree. And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living Elohim: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Do not hurt the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our Elohim on their foreheads. And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel."*** (Revelation 7:1-4).

But that remnant is here on this earth today and is united in sending the Truth of Yahweh to the world. You are reading their warning message as you read **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine. We hope that the message of this publication will be instrumental in calling all sincere people back to a loving Heavenly Father, so that the predicted judgment described in the Word of Yahweh will not befall them. Will you heed the Word of Yahweh as you read it and see how it is being fulfilled right before your very eyes?

If one reads the books of the prophets in the Bible, it is obvious that they also prophesied during times of crisis. Their message was directed to a people who lived in an age of INDULGENT AFFLUENCE. These people had a form of religion, but, for them, it was merely an external ritual. The Word of Yahweh did not PENETRATE into the hearts of the people to change their attitude, because their hearts were hard and stony. They contended that, because the Temple of Yahweh was among them, Yahweh would not forsake them. The Temple became a kind of "good-luck charm." Since the people were worshiping foreign mighty ones in the dark recesses of their imagination, it seemed IMPOSSIBLE to change their CORRUPT attitudes. In reality, the fault lay with the priesthood. The ministers had neglected their

calling. ***"The priests said not, Where is Yahweh? And they that handle the law knew me not: the rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit."*** (Jeremiah 2:8).

When Ezekiel and Jeremiah prophesied, Israel did not heed the message. They listened to these prophets as they spoke, but the messages were rejected out of hand. ***"And as for you, son of man, the children of your people talk of you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that comes forth from Yahweh. And they come to you as the people comes, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but do them not; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their gain. And, lo, you are to them as a very lovely song of one that has a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for THEY HEAR YOUR WORDS, BUT THEY DO THEM NOT. And when this comes to pass, (behold, it comes.) then shall they know that a prophet has been among them."*** (Ezekiel 33:30-33).

Just as did the people in the time of Ezekiel, there are many people who express a superficial interest in the message of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine. Some people think that the message sounds very good—perhaps the best of any publication in print today. *"You can really make the Bible harmonize,"* they say. But, as in the days of Ezekiel, FEW PEOPLE OBEY THE MESSAGE!

When Jeremiah the prophet spoke for Yahweh to ancient Israel, they rejected him. ***"Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of Yahweh."*** (Jeremiah 20:2). They put him in stocks. They insulted him. They threw him into a dungeon from which he was delivered by a benevolent individual. They threatened to kill Jeremiah. They burned his prophetic book. Throughout the time of his ministry, the nation would not change its attitude, nor would the people repent of their evil.

This was a much different attitude from that which was exhibited during the days of the prophet Micah. That time, the people repented, and Almighty Yahweh did not bring upon them the predicted judgment. As one of the elders of the people said, in defending Jeremiah against the angry mob, ***"Then said the princes and all the people to the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy of death; for he has spoken to us in the name of Yahweh our Elohim. Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, In this manner says Yahweh of hosts: Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear Yahweh, and entreat the favor of Yahweh, and Yahweh repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? In this manner should WE COMMIT GREAT EVIL AGAINST OUR OWN SOULS."*** (Jeremiah 26:16-19).

From the above, you might see that living in different times brings about different reactions from the people. During the time of Jonah, the Assyrians REPENTED and asked FORGIVENESS for their sins, but, in the time of Noah, the Cain civilization DID NOT REPENT. Almighty Yahweh does nothing except He REVEALS His secrets to the prophets. ***"Surely the Sovereign Yahweh will do nothing, except he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets."*** (Amos 3:7).

As you read these warning messages being published today in **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine, what is your attitude? Do you see the impending judgment of Yahweh looming before you as you read about the degenerating conditions in the world today? Do you recognize the nearness of the prophesied end of the age? Do you seek to live your life by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh (Matthew 4:4)? Or, do you FIGHT AGAINST the Word of Yahweh and what it teaches, even fighting against the messengers of the Most High who deliver His words?

We are living in dangerous times during which the love of many has grown cold. Let us STIR UP our love for Yahweh and for His Word! Let us no longer fight against the Most High. The news events of our time reflect obvious trends toward fulfillment of Bible prophecy. This should make us realize how critical it is that we PAY ATTENTION when Yahweh SPEAKS to us from His Word. **We have only just enough time to prepare ourselves for what lies ahead.**

Where can we place the blame

for these trends? Should we not find the answers in the Bible—the inspired Scriptures—the Word of Yahweh? Turning to one of the books of the prophets, we see just how accurately all these things were predicted in the Word of Yahweh. ***"For, behold, the sovereign, Yahweh of hosts, does take away from Jerusalem and from Judah stay and staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water: the mighty man, and the man of war; the judge, and the prophet, and the diviner, and the elder; the captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the expert artificer, and the skilful enchanter. And I will give children to be their princes, and BABES SHALL RULE OVER THEM. And the people shall be OPPRESSED, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself PROUDLY against the old man, and the base against the honorable."*** (Isaiah 3:1-5).

Kids Rule

"Say to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him; for what his hands have done shall be done to him. As for my people, CHILDREN ARE THEIR OPPRESSORS, and women rule over them. O my people, THEY THAT LEAD YOU CAUSE YOU TO ERR, and destroy the way of your paths. Yahweh stands up to contend, and stands to judge the peoples. Yahweh will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and the princes of it: It is you that have eaten up the vineyard; the PLUNDER OF THE POOR is in your houses." (Isaiah 3:10-14).

Recently, the state of California passed a bill which will make the state of California a sanctuary state for children seeking transgender medical treatment—even without their parents' permission. The bill allows California courts to take "temporary emergency jurisdiction" over out-of-state minors if they are seeking transgender drugs, surgery, or mental health care. The bill would make California a legal destination for kids who want to make their sex-change permanent and, according to the California Family Council, would become a gateway for children to receive hormones, puberty blockers, and irreversible gender surgery.

It is obvious that the genetic manipulation of Yahweh's creation has no boundaries! Obviously, this was one of the sins of the Cain era—since there is nothing new under the sun—that caused Yahweh to be grieved with the wickedness of that time. ***"And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it grieved Yahweh that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And Yahweh said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping thing, and the birds of the heavens; for it grieves me that I have made them."*** (Genesis 6:5-6).

Our Drugged Society

The proliferation of prescription drugs and illegal drugs becomes even more rampant. With each passing week, news reports clearly show that this nation cannot admit that it has a drug problem. Perhaps because of the pandemic, there has been an exponential spike in Adderall prescriptions for children and teenagers. Adderall is one of the drugs that is used to treat ADHD. Now, the FDA has indicated that there is an Adderall shortage. With rampant use of

marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, and fentanyl, the CDC has reported that drug overdose deaths in the United States have now topped 100,000 annually. Yet nothing is done to stem the flow of drugs through our porous southern border, or the over prescription of drugs.

Is the answer to this dilemma free drugs for drug addicts? It seems that our government supports the use of drugs when they hand out kits, which include a crack pipe. The answer is not to supply free drugs to further deteriorate the bodies and minds of the addicts, but the solution is to rehabilitate the drug user. We must make them understand that they are injuring themselves through the use of drugs. We must give them a FAITH IN THE FUTURE. Too many people are pessimistic about the future. THEY HAVE NO HOPE! Also, medicine and religion have not pinpointed the source of the drug problem today. They have not revealed that there is a DEMON SPIRIT, through the use of drugs, that controls an individual and will not release the mind from this prison.

One of the works of the flesh that is listed in Galatians 5:20, is sorcery, rendered in the **King James** version as *witchcraft.* This word is translated from the Greek word *pharmakeia*, from which we get the word *pharmacy*. According to Dr. E W Bullinger and the **Companion Bible,** it means *a magical incantation by means of drugs.* The **Arndt and Gingrich Greek Lexicon of the New Testament** gives the following definitions for this and related words: *sorcery, magic, magic arts, a mixture of poisons, magician, mix poison, practice magic, poison, magic potion, charm, medicine, remedy, drug.*

It has always been our contention that drugs are poison, and, when a person takes heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, or some other drug, it brings the user close to the point of death. This gives a pleasing sensation as the mind drifts toward lifelessness. But the dosages are usually regulated, so that the user takes only a small quantity which is not quite enough to actually kill him. Except, too frequently, it does, and they overdose. The pain and sorrow that it inflicts upon their families, however, is heart breaking. Parents, grandparents, and relatives mourn endlessly for their lost loved ones, inconsolable in their loss.

Those who practice this kind of activity are following the works of the flesh, according to the Apostle Paul, and give themselves over to demon spirits. Can we allow our tax dollars to be used to supply our fellow man with a drug that will even eventually take his life? Yahweh's Law says, ***"You shall not commit murder."*** (Exodus 20:13). How many doctors and politicians have blood on their hands? Is it the scheme of government to legalize drugs in order to control an addicted populace? Or is it the plan of a communist world government to destroy our society by flooding us with a cheap, abundant, and addictive poison?

Saints Will Rule in the New Kingdom Age

Although it seems that the majority of people today MEEKLY TOLERATE EVIL, perhaps because their own conduct is not up to the noble standards of the Sacred Scriptures, and, therefore, they themselves do not wish to be exposed. We know that someday, Yahweh's Saints will take over the rulership of this earth, and they will govern it in righteousness. ***"And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.... But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even forever***

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A SEPARATE PEOPLE

Most of the listeners to the **Sacred Name Broadcast** are familiar with the biblical term *Bereans*. Many Sunday school and Bible study classes are named for these ancient studious people. We find mention of them in Acts 17:10-14. ***"And the brethren sent Paul and Silas immediately by night into Berea: who when they had come there went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so. Many of them therefore believed; also of the Greek women of honorable estate, and of men not a few. But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of Yahweh was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there also, stirring up and troubling the multitudes. And then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as far as to the sea: and Silas and Timothy remained there still."***

As the Apostles preached the glad tidings of salvation throughout the world, they came to the town of Berea. Here they encountered a people with a different attitude than that which they usually found in Macedonia. These

people did not jump to conclusions about the doctrine which the Apostles were preaching, perhaps rejecting it without checking. They looked into this new doctrine and searched the Scriptures daily to learn if the Apostles were indeed preaching the Truth. We find, also, that the Apostle Paul urges Timothy to study to show himself approved unto Yahweh, a workman who needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. ***"Give diligence to present yourself approved to Yahweh, a workman that needs not be ashamed, handling properly the word of truth."*** (2 Timothy 2:15). However, in our day, it would seem that when new light on the Scriptures is brought forth—things which do not correspond with popular teaching—frequently, an emotional plea is made to retain error rather than acknowledge and live the Truth which is revealed. Recently, I received a booklet from a brother in Messiah, which he had obtained from a prominent religious denomination. This booklet attacked a certain minister, who is heard over the radio, and attempted to refute the doctrine he is preaching. A person who had never studied the Bible for himself might be swayed by the arguments in the booklet, because the arguments seemed plausible and educated. However, as I was reading the booklet, it became obvious that this was merely a "snow job" on an emotional level. The writer of the booklet had not answered one of the Scriptures which was presented about a popular doctrine which he was espousing, as taught by nominal Chr-stianity. Study of the Bible should not take second place to anything in religion. If you read the book of Proverbs, this becomes absolutely obvious. Solomon repeatedly urges that we acquire wisdom and knowledge, which is of more value to us than great riches. If you have never done any systematic study of the Bible, I can assure you that it is the most rewarding endeavor you could pursue.

On recent broadcasts, I have been answering the question, *"Who is the true ch-rch?"* Associated questions to this are: *"Is it here on this earth? What are the characteristics of the Body of Messiah?"* These questions have come to me recently from listeners to the broadcast, and I think that the answers may be timely. Perhaps you are one of the people who has been concerned about this subject, just as I was some years ago when I began my Bible study. In these messages, I am merely

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laying the facts before you from the Scriptures, and then you can be the judge as to who is the Body of Messiah in these last days.

In our time, it is a common misconception that the True Worshipers will be actively working for social reform, taking part in government, and, generally, on the forefront of the secular activities of this world's society. Did you know that exactly the opposite is the case? Modern religion assumes that when the Savior was here, He was trying to set up the Kingdom of the Heavens in the hearts of men and through man's resourcefulness. They assume that the Kingdom is set up now, in the hearts of the Believers, and, consequently, they should be going about righting all the evils in this present society. This belief comes from a wrong translation of Luke 17:20 and 21 in the **King James Version**, which reads, *"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of Yahweh should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of Yahweh cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of Yahweh is within you."* A much better translation would be ***"The Kingdom of Yahweh is among you or in your midst."*** The Kingdom of Yahweh was certainly not in the hearts of those wicked Pharisees! They were doing all in their power to subvert its arrival. What our Savior was trying to tell them was that regardless how hard they looked for it so that they could destroy it while it was in the budding stage, it was going to come in spite of their watchings. In fact, it had already arrived in the form of the King who was standing in their midst.

If the ministers, who are marching in demonstrations, or who are leading political action groups, would refresh their memories, they would find that the people of the Almighty are supposed to be called out and separate from this world and its power structures. In our day, it would seem that just about every endeavor, other than preaching the good news of salvation, is the occupation of the ministers of this world's ch-rches. Perhaps a graphic illustration of this point was brought home to me several years ago when I observed one of the ministers of my former affiliation on TV selling a breakfast cereal and another one running for Congress. This may sound funny, but it is not an isolated occurrence. The flock of Yahweh, the sheep of His pasture, is crying to be fed with the bread of life, while the shepherds seek to enhance their egos and financial status in the business world, or in the political arena.

Twice in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul speaks of his mission in the converted life as being an ambassador of the Kingdom of Yahweh. We read this in Ephesians 6:20, ***"for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak,"*** and in 2 Corinthians 5:20, ***"We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of the Messiah, as though Yahweh were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of the Messiah, be reconciled to Yahweh."*** An ambassador is a person who is sent from one country to live in another, to represent his home government to that of the country to which he is sent. An ambassador does not take part in the government of the nation to which he is sent as a representative. While doing his ambassadorial duties, he obeys all laws of the government to which he is sent, but he is not to meddle in the actual government processes. Does this sound like the religion commonly taught in our day? Most of the denominations urge that their members take part in government in some way: by voting, serving on juries, service in the armed forces, and such like.

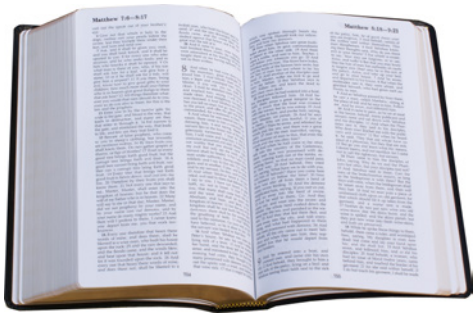
For the most part, the world today is unaware that Roman Catholicism, and the ch-rches who came from her in the Reformation, are not the representatives of the Apostolic Assemblies. When our Savior told His people to flee to the mountains for safety when they saw Jerusalem compassed about by armies in Luke 21:20 and 21, He was speaking about the time that the Apostolic Assembly fled to the town of Pella prior to 70 C.E. From there, the brethren migrated throughout Europe, always remaining on the fringes of society through the Dark Ages. They were always in the minority, usually following the farming occupation, or some allied trade, in the remote mountain villages. They were known as Paulicians, Waldenses, and Albigenses. They were known as Puritans, also. Have you ever wondered why the Pilgrim Fathers left England and went to live in Holland for some years before they came to America? It was because at that time the Hague held a great concentration of Jews. These Puritans felt at home with those Jews, because their religion was similar, since they kept the scriptural Sabbath and the annual holy days. The influence of the Apostolic Assemblies could be felt in such places as the Cloisters, a religious community located at Ephrata, Pennsylvania. In this community, Jewish influence can be seen in such places as the meeting house with its separate sides for men and women.

During the Dark Ages, we can see developing a religious organization which dominated the

governments of all the nations of Europe. This organization, in many ways, was preaching a doctrine which was diametrically opposite to that which was preached by the Savior and His Apostles. This worldly ch-rch did not readily acknowledge that there were people who were living on the fringes of the nations of Europe and who were trying to obey all the commandments of Yahweh and had the Faith of the Messiah. When they are mentioned in scattered places in history, they are always called heretics. Against these believers were thrown the inquisitions which caused the pages of history to literally flow with rivers of blood. Along with the Jews, these people were the most persecuted people of this era. These people were hounded from mountain valleys to caves in the peaks of the mountains. When they were caught, they were thrown from precipices to a martyr's death. It is no wonder that few groups remained into the latter centuries and down to our age.

Some people argue that we must take part in the government so that we may not be overcome by governments which could become hostile to our cause. Nevertheless, few of these people seem to realize that the kingdoms and governments of this world are not under subjection to Almighty Yahweh. If our governments were already in subjection to Him there would be no need for the seventh angel to sound and the voices to say ***"The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Yahweh, and of his Messiah: and he shall reign forever and ever."*** (Revelation 11:15). In our time, when spiritual wickedness exists in high places as never before, it should be the policy of the True Worshiper to exclude himself from the contamination which results from close association with governments controlled by the Adversary, Satan the Devil.

Try this sometime.
Begin to read your Bible and then live what you find there.



You will soon see just how you begin to be separated from the people of this world.
But you are not alone!

The true Body of Messiah is a separated people. They have heard the cry of the Savior in Revelation 18:4 urging them to come out of Babylon the Great. ***"Come forth, my people, out of her, that you have no fellowship with her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues."*** The Apostle Paul echoes this call in 2 Corinthians 6:17-18, ***"Therefore Come out from among them, and be separate, says Yahweh, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you, And will be to you a Father, And you shall be to me sons and daughters, says Yahweh Almighty."***

This separation of the people of Yahweh from the people of the world is spoken about in Leviticus chapter 20, verses 24-26. We read there, ***"I am Yahweh your Elohim, who has separated you from the peoples."*** And again, ***"And you shall be holy to me: for I Yahweh am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that you should be mine."*** The meaning of the Greek word *ecclesia*, from which is translated the word *ch-rch*, is *to call out an assembly of worshipers*. This is the meaning of the Hebrew word *kahal*, also. Just as was ancient Israel called out of Egypt, so we, today, are called out of sin and into separation from society and the darkness of this world.

Perhaps the most obvious reason for our separation from other people is that we try to live by every word which proceeds from the mouth of our Heavenly Father. After beginning a serious Bible study, we must soon arrive at the conclusion that most of the things which are preached by modern chr-stianity are not found in the Bible, but they actually come down to us from pagan traditions. In order to be virgins, we must weed out of our Faith those things which are not pleasing to our Heavenly Father and begin to obey Him completely. Try this sometime. Begin to read your Bible and then live what you find there. You will soon see just how you begin to be separated from the people of this world. But you are not alone! There is a group of people who is trying to live every by word which proceeds from the mouth of our Heavenly Father, and they are inviting you to join them in a journey toward that heavenly Kingdom which is soon to come to this earth. SNB

Bible Believing

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avenue to circumvent the Truth in order to remain in the mainstream of a Chr-stianity which was stagnated and died? Since everyone wishes to be a member of the Philadelphia congregation as described in Revelation 3:7, let me emphasize that, in verse 8, these people do not deny His Name.

Basically, the difference between the Assemblies of Yahweh and nominal Chr-stianity is that we return to the original inspired Scriptures as closely for authority upon which to base our doctrines. A rather peculiar malady has seized the people of the religious community, especially in the locality in which I live here in Eastern Pennsylvania. Many of the so-called "Plain People" think that anyone who uses any version other than the **King James** translation is terribly liberal, and some become so alarmed that they are swift to consign such a person to the fires of hell. Ironically, most of these people are German, whose forefathers used the **German** translation of the Bible. I recall that some of my forefathers frowned upon anyone using even an English version. Additionally, the English people of several hundred years ago, were never swift to accept the **King James Authorized** version, which supplanted the **Bishop's Bible**. However, for several centuries the **King James** translation has been the accepted version. With numerous new versions emerging from the pens of translators and revisers, a different point of view became manifest. How is the average person to know which version has merit and which one is faulty?

In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we take special diligence in our Bible studies. For those who do not know Hebrew and Greek, there are many study aids available which readily assist those students desiring to acquire a better understanding of the Scriptures. Excellent study Bibles are available today which were not available a hundred years ago. Bible dictionaries, exhaustive concordances, lexicons, and Bible encyclopedias have been published, which allow the student to dig deeply into the originals and sift Truth from error. This is definitely a fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel, in chapter 12:4, which reads, ***"But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."*** If ever this prophecy will be fulfilled, it is being fulfilled in our day.

One of the first things which we learn upon beginning our Bible study is that the Almighty has one specific Name which is found in the Scriptures almost 7000 times—6823 times, to be exact. The Name which He has revealed in His Word is Yahweh, and, to this transliteration, every Bible scholar, known to myself, will

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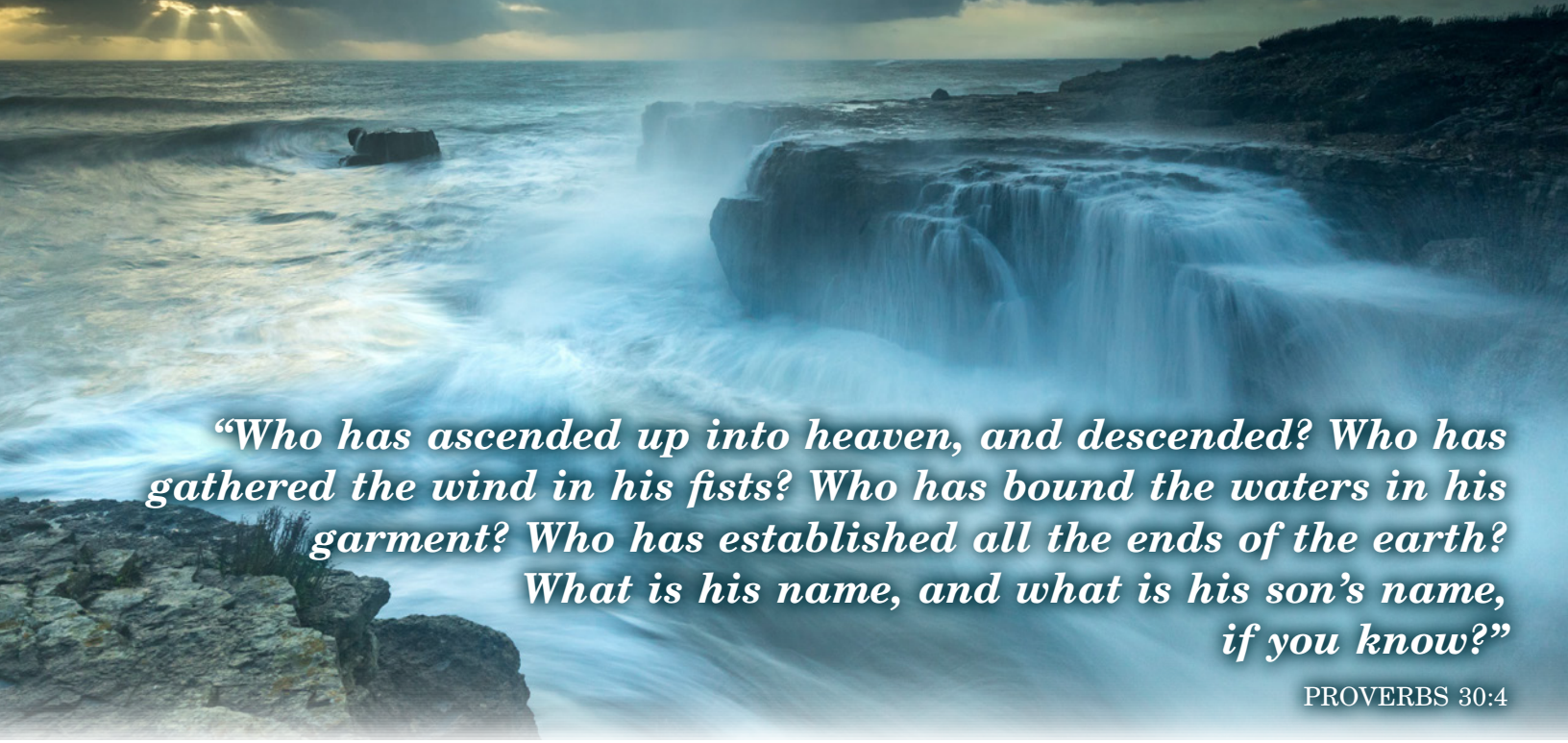

agree. In fact, recently a scholarly article came into my hands which was written several years ago, in which the writer, a noted Hebrew scholar, proved numerically, that the Sacred Name is correct.

Now if you are indeed a Bible-believing person, let us go to Psalm 68:4 in your own **King James Bible**. Are you ready for a surprise? We read here, ***“Sing unto the Mighty One. Sing praises to His Name: Extol Him that rideth upon the Heavens by His Name “Yah” and rejoice before Him.”*** This Name Yah may sound a little strange to you at first. However, you have certainly heard it spoken in the Hebrew word HalleluYAH. *HalleluYah* means *praise ye Yah*. Yah is found additionally in the names of such prophets as Isaiah and Jeremiah. Now, as you can see clearly if you have your Bible open before you at this moment, we are told to extol and praise Him by His Name—YAH. Are you going to obey? We do not have the option to choose another name which may sound more pleasing to our personal tastes and ideas.

With the exception of three places in the **King James** translation, the Sacred Name has been removed, and the term *the L-rd*, has been substituted for it. Actually *L-rd* is not a name, but a title, and an inferior title at that! The writer of Proverbs 30:4 asks the question, ***“Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son’s name, if you know?”*** Do you know it? Who is the L-rd? What is the L-rd’s Name, if I must use interrogatives as frank as these? Again I wish to underscore the importance of this point with the question, are you really a Bible-believing person? Do you accept what it says as absolute Truth and allow yourself to be molded by what it directs? If you have answered in the affirmative, then I am ready with a bombshell which no one—neither you nor I—can escape, if you are an honest person.

This verse is found in Psalm 83:18. In the **King James** it reads, ***“That men may know that thou whose name alone is Jehovah, Art the Most High over all the earth.”*** Actually, the name *Jehovah* is an erroneous transliteration. It is in error because of the added vowel points which should not be in the text. The four letters of which the Sacred Name is composed are Hebrew vowel letters and need no added vowels, as do other Hebrew letters. They can be used as vowels since they are vowel letters. They should be pronounced *Yahweh*. Now when we have proven this to ourselves, what alternative do we then have for calling the Almighty anything but what He has declared to us and revealed in His Word? And if you want additional evidence, check Isaiah 42:8, where we read in the corrected translation, ***“I am Yahweh, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to carved images.”***

The problem which now confronts us squarely is this: will we heed and obey dogmatic and absolute statements from the inspired Scriptures, or will we reject them and thrust them aside lightly, merely to remain a member of the mainstream of nominal Chr-stianity? SNB

PROPHETIC TRENDS

WILL YOU HEED THE WARNING?

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and ever.... But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." (Daniel 7:14, 18, 26-27).

Today, a group of sincere people are preparing to serve Yahshua the Messiah in His Kingdom. They are striving to reach a state of PERFECTION and establish their personal CONVERSION. When they govern in the Kingdom of Yahweh, all sin and immorality will be finally routed out of this world. ***"Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy living and righteousness, looking for and earnestly desiring the day of Yahweh, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."*** (2 Peter 3:11-13).

Yahweh asks no less than moral perfection from His children. He informs us in Deuteronomy 16:18-20, ***"Judges and officers shall you make yourselves in all your gates, which Yahweh your Elohim gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not wrest justice: you shall not respect persons; neither shall you take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous. That which is altogether just shall you follow, that you may live, and inherit the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you."***

Yahweh's people are commanded to do that which is altogether just and right. That will require good judgment in every phase of our lives. Today, it appears as though good judgment is lacking in the legal system of our world as WE LITERALLY SEE PEOPLE GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER.

The prophet Micah describes a time like the one in which we are now living. ***"The righteous man has PERISHED out of the earth, and there is no one upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. Their hands are upon that which is evil to do it diligently; the prince asks, and the judge is ready for a reward; and the great man, he utters the evil desire of his soul: thus they weave it together. The best of them is as a brier; the most upright is worse than a thorn hedge: the day of your watchmen, even your visitation, has come; now shall be their perplexity. Trust not in a neighbor; put no confidence in a friend; keep the doors of your mouth from her that lies in your bosom. For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.***

"But as for me, I will look to Yahweh; I WILL WAIT FOR THE ELOHIM OF MY SALVATION: my Elohim will hear me." (Micah 7:2-7).

It will not be long until Yahweh will judge the people of this wicked age. Will you be spared His righteous judgment? ***"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts should be overcharged with debauchery, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare: for so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. But watch you at every season, making supplication, that you may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."*** (Luke 21:34-36).

Are you sticking closely by the side of the Messiah with the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh, who walked resolutely down the Narrow Pathway that leads to everlasting life in the eternal Kingdom of Yahweh? May we be of assistance to you to reach this prophesied, desired destination? Why not communicate with the Assemblies of Yahweh and join those sincere individuals who are striving to live by every Word that has been spoken by Almighty Yahweh? SNB

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