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*Each year, the snow pack of Mount Hermon gives abundant hope of sufficient water for the year. Managing the water of the Jordan River, as well as using drip irrigation to ensure that water is not wasted, are two of the highlights of Israeli technology.*

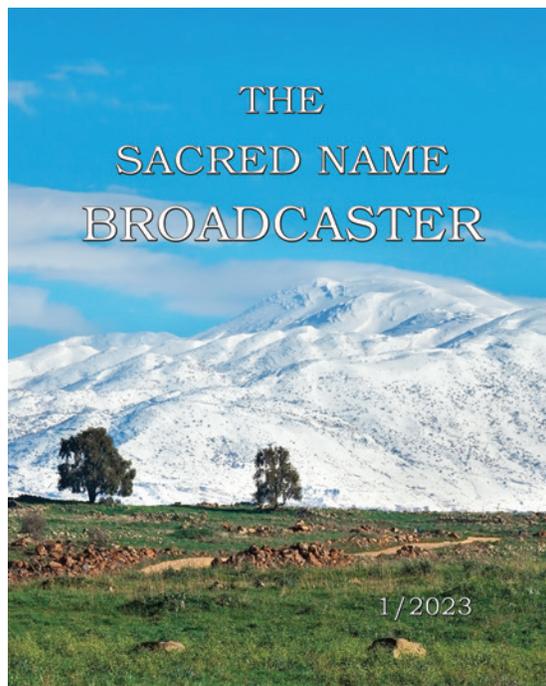
*In the coming Kingdom of Yahweh, however, there will be sufficient rain (in due season) as the earth returns to its original Edenic state. Under the rulership of Yahshua the Messiah, the whole earth will finally realize its potential.*

**"Elohim is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore**

**will we not fear, though the earth changes, and though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas; though the waters of it roar and be troubled, though the mountains tremble with the swelling of it. Selah. There is a river, the streams of which make glad the city of Elohim, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. Elohim is in the middle of her; she shall not be moved: Elohim will help her, and that right early."**  
(Psalm 46:1-5).

*Are you making your calling and election sure, so that you will see these things take place and will also enjoy the abundance of Yahweh's Kingdom?*

**"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Yahweh of hosts has spoken it."**  
(Micah 4:4).



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WHO IS HE?

WHAT IS HIS NAME?

*Our Father*

*Who Art in Heaven*

The multitude of Christianity churches in the world today is teaching a broad spectrum of doctrines. Seemingly, no two groups can agree on what the Bible teaches; hence, much division and confusion exist.

Such is obviously the case where the doctrine explaining the concept of the Great Majesty on High is concerned. By far, the majority of organizational Christianity believes in a trinity. They explain this doctrine as meaning that there are three persons in the Majesty on High, all equal in time, substance, and personality, all existing in one, and, yet, comprising three separate entities.

Then, there are groups who

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teach the duality, or dichotomy, of persons in the Majesty on High, comprising the Father and the Son, while understanding the Holy Spirit to be not a person but a force, or personality, emanating from these two beings.

Other groups teach what is known as a Oneness Doctrine. They believe that the One who became the Messiah in the New Testament was originally the Mighty One of the Old Testament. Into this category can also fall the religion of the Jews, rejecting the Messiah of the New Testament,

and adhering only to a single Mighty One of the Old Testament.

Still other Christianity groups believe in the Mighty One of the Old Testament, but reject the preexistence of the Son, who they say was merely a human being and had no prior life until the time when He was born.

Viewing this montage of diversified doctrines with a detachment that is necessary if we are to be true Bible students, one is finally left with utter bafflement and frustration. By going from one group to another, the Bible student will become thoroughly bewildered and befuddled, because each group seems to prove its doctrines to its own satisfaction. Nevertheless,

there is always another Scripture or two which they seem to have ignored, or not to have considered. As a consequence, the inquirer is usually left with lingering doubts.

The Assemblies of Yahweh may be seen as being different from any group in Christianity. It has been our primary goal to HARMONIZE THE BIBLE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, and, therefore, arrive at the sound doctrine which will stand the test of close scrutiny. This unique method of harmonizing the Bible from Genesis to Revelation has led us into an understanding of the Scriptures that is different from that which is generally taught in nominal Christianity. It has been our purpose to address EVERY SCRIPTURE that remotely applies to a particular doctrine, and, then, allow it to speak to us as though it were the very voice of our Heavenly Father, rather than to place a HUMAN INTERPRETATION upon it.

Frequently, groups in Christianity search for one Scripture in the Bible to support what THEY believe, rather than doing exactly the reverse, which is to live by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh, Matthew 4:4. Thereby, they are guilty of putting the cart before the horse, a system that is totally unworkable if we are to arrive at a correct understanding of the message of the inspired Scriptures.

When we examine some of the popular beliefs on the subject of the Majesty on High, we soon realize that the Bible will not support the trinitarian teaching. This doctrine states that all three persons in this Majesty on High are the same and equal, whereas,

John 14:28 CLEARLY STATES that, ***“The Father is GREATER than I.”*** Here we find an example of the conflict between what the

**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.**

MATTHEW 4:4

Bible teaches and what is taught as a doctrine by the majority of Christianity groups. Consequently, from this passage (and many other Scriptures), we have been forced to reject the doctrine of the trinity as being unscriptural.

The oneness doctrine is equally unscriptural if we are to harmonize the entire Bible. In 1 John 1:1-3, we discover that the life which was in Yahshua was from the beginning, and this life was made manifest in the Son so that we could have fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Yahshua the Messiah.

*“What was from the Beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands felt, concerning the Word of Life; and the Life was made manifest, and what we have seen, we also testify, and declare to you the aionian life, which was with the Father, and was manifest to us; what we have seen and heard, we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Yahshua the Messiah.”*  
**Benjamin Wilson Translation, Emphatic Diaglott.**

Now let us consider an even more lucid passage. In 1 John 2:22-24, it becomes more candidly

clear that the Father and the Son were together from the beginning.

*“Who is the liar, but he who denies that Yahshua is the Anointed one? This is the Anti-Messiah, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; he who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let that which you heard from the Beginning abide in You. If what you heard from the Beginning abide in You, you also shall abide in the Son and in the Father.”* (Wilson Diaglott version).

### ***Understanding the Word “Elohim” Clarifies the Sound Doctrine***

By translating the Hebrew word **Elohim** with the word *G-d* in the English **King James Version**, a terrible distortion of the original text has taken place. The term **Elohim** is a masculine plural word in Hebrew. It is derived from the word *ayil* (אֵיל—Strong’s #352), meaning strong, powerful, mighty. Although plural, **Elohim** is understood to be a collective noun. For example, the English word **family** is singular, taking a singular verb, it is also plural because the family is composed of more than one individual. Other similar terms are school, team, congregation, class, etc.

It is obvious in the Scriptures that there were two beings in the Elohim family. This is brought out very clearly in Hebrews 1:8-9, ***“But of the Son he says, Your throne, Oh Elohim, is forever and ever; And the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; Therefore Elohim, your Elohim, has anointed you With the oil of gladness above your***

*fellows.”*

It is obvious, then, that the Son, as well as the Father, is called ELOHIM in the Old Testament. This is very clearly demonstrated in 1 John 5:20. Let us read this verse and replace the Greek word **Theos** with the correct designation for the Majesty on High, which is **Elohim** in Hebrew. *“And we know that the Son of Yahweh has come, and has given us discernment, that we might know the true one; and we are in the true one, by His Son Yahshua the Messiah. This is the true Elohim, and the aionian life.”* (Wilson Diaglott Version).

### ***Elohim Is Plural***

At a number of places in the Old Testament Scriptures, it is obvious that there were two Beings who were working in close conjunction and association. Undoubtedly, Yahshua the Messiah intended to show this clearly when He declared that He and His Father are one, John 10:30. This relates back to the fact that when a man and woman are joined in holy matrimony, they become one flesh, Genesis 2:24. They are certainly NOT ONE PERSON, but they become one **in unity and purpose, working together, COOPERATING**, to build a home. This is the perfect picture of the Heavenly Father and His Son, closely working together in harmony and one accord to establish the Kingdom of Yahweh on this earth.

In Genesis, chapter 1, verse 26, we find that a plurality of persons was involved in the creation. It is obvious to those who know Hebrew that the plural pronoun is definitely found in the received text. *“And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the*

*sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”*

We may note a similar construction in Genesis 11:5-9.

*“And Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And Yahweh said, Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they begin to do: and now nothing will be withheld from them, which they purpose to do. Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech. So Yahweh scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth: and they left off building the city. Therefore was the name of it called Babel; because Yahweh did there confound the language of all the earth: and from there Yahweh scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth.”*

You will notice here that the Name of Yahweh appears throughout the passage, while the plural pronoun is used with Yahweh. We must conclude that this passage relates closely to Genesis 1:26, where the word **Elohim** is found. There is no way that these passages can be explained away, not even by using the deceptive term “plural of majesty.”

Could it be that, indeed, there were two Yahwehs in the Old Testament text? Can such a conclusion be absolutely proven? Is this the answer to the perplexing problem that has misled so many groups in nominal christianity thus far? Can we find the answers to these questions so that the Bible can be harmonized from Genesis to Revelation? The groundwork

has obviously been laid in what we have already learned above. All we need to do now is to research the Scriptures and allow our Faith to be built by what the Scriptures teach.

### ***One Member of the Elohim Family Always Invisible***

When Yahshua the Messiah taught His disciples the model prayer, as recorded in Matthew 6:9, He began: *“Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name.”* While Yahshua the Messiah was here on earth, there was, simultaneously, a Father who lived in heaven. **Yahshua the Messiah could not have been that Heavenly Father who had come to earth**, or He would have been praying to Himself! The so-called Oneness Doctrine is obviously totally in error because your Bible states that the Almighty Heavenly Father is to be addressed in our prayers, and we are to petition Him to hallow (sanctify) His Name. The terms, *Father in Heaven* and *Heavenly Father* are used quite frequently throughout the New Testament evangelists, and this fact is most significant to the Bible student, because it proves the duality of persons in the Great Majesty on High.

Let us note what the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy in his first epistle to this young minister, chapter 6:15-16, *“Which in its own times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Sovereign of Rulers; who only has immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; WHOM NO MAN HAS SEEN, NOR CAN SEE: to whom be honor and power eternal. Amen.”* (Note our emphasis carefully.) Did you notice a very startling pronouncement that Paul made

in the latter part of the passage just quoted? He declared that **no man can approach unto the Almighty because He is dwelling in brilliant light. NO MAN HAS SEEN HIM NOR CAN SEE HIM.** He is invisible! Obviously, this could not be speaking about the Son, because the Son was seen. He was visible when He appeared on this earth.

In the Old Testament Scriptures, Elohim was seen by men, and you can determine this from reading Exodus 24:9-11, **“Then Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu went up, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and they saw the Elohim of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the very heaven for clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: and THEY BEHELD ELOHIM, AND ATE AND DRANK.”** You will notice here that Moses declares that he and the seventy elders SAW the Mighty One (Elohim) of Israel, and they even had lunch with Him. The Almighty Father always remained in heaven. He was never seen, but was always invisible. The second member of the Elohim family had contact with men. It is He who was seen by Abraham (in Genesis 18), and, later, by the Patriarchs and prophets in Israel.

Nevertheless, we must remember that, at other places in the Bible, the Heavenly Father is also described as being invisible. Notice 1 Timothy 1:17, **“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Elohim, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”** Yahshua the Messiah said the same thing in John 5:37, **“And the Father that sent me, he has borne witness of me. YOU HAVE NEITHER HEARD**

**HIS VOICE AT ANY TIME, NOR SEEN HIS FORM.”**

Obviously, then, one member of the Elohim family is always invisible, and men aren't able to see Him. Let us notice that this is confirmed in John 1:18, **“NO MAN HAS SEEN YAHWEH AT ANY TIME; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father; he has declared him.”** How truly enlightening! Here we are told that the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, was the One who declared the **invisible** Father and has shown Him to the human family. **THE FATHER IS INVISIBLE.** He has never dealt directly with His human creation in any way. However, the Son was made a little lower than the angels (Hebrews 2:9). He was made visible. It was He who communicated with the human family.

### *The Face of El*

When he wrestled with a man in Genesis 32, Jacob realized that he had been in contact with Elohim. He called the place of his wrestling **Penuel**, which means the *Face of Elohim*, and said, **“FOR I HAVE SEEN ELOHIM FACE TO face and my life is preserved.”**

Turning next to Exodus 33:11, we discover that Moses spoke to Elohim face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. In both instances, the Hebrew literally says *panim el panim* (faces to faces).

In yet another passage in the Bible, we are informed who it was that portrayed this face of Elohim. Let us go to Isaiah 63:9 for a clear explanation. **“In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence (Hebrew—*panim*) saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old.”**

When Hebrews 11:27 declares that Moses forsook Egypt because he acted **as though he saw Him who is invisible**, it obviously means that Moses had not seen one of these members of the Elohim family, but he, nevertheless, feared this Mighty One, although He was invisible.

We might turn here to John 14:8-11, where Philip expressed a desire that Yahshua the Messiah show the Father to the disciples. Yahshua indicated that such a revelation could not take place at that time, but that He had come to reveal the Father. It is now crystal clear that the Almighty Heavenly Father has isolated Himself from the human family by remaining invisible to them. He employed a second member of the Elohim family to be **HIS INTERMEDIARY** in dealing with mankind. The Father remained in heaven, invisible, while His Son appeared in visible form to the human race.

### *Who Was the Creator?*

Using the Old Testament, the Jews have taught that the Father Himself was the Creator. In effect, this is true. He was the planner. He is the One who laid out the blueprint for the creation of this universe. But, in fact, it was Yahshua the Messiah who actually did the work of creating. This may be readily understood by reading Colossians 1:15-19, **“Who is the image of the invisible Yahweh, the firstborn of all creation; for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and to him; and HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST. And he is the head of the body, the assem-**

**by: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PREEMINENCE. For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fulness dwell.”** (Be certain to notice again the passages we have emphasized.)

You will notice here that Yahshua the Messiah is the image of the invisible Elohim. The word *image* is *eikon* in Greek (#1504, **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance**), and it means *profile, representation, resemblance*. It was He who manifested Himself to mankind. The invisible Father never had any personal communication or contact with the human family at all. It was Yahshua, who was the firstborn of every creature. Revelation 3:14 calls Him the **beginning of the creation** of Yahweh. While still in eternity, before time existed as we know it, the Heavenly Father brought forth His Son. He was the beginning of all creation. From that point on, the Father merely supervised the Son in doing the actual work of creating this universe. The Almighty Father withdrew Himself, and the Son was in complete contact with creation.

Let us turn now to John 1:1-4. We shall read this passage from the **Benjamin Wilson Diaglott Version**, and we will substitute the Hebrew word **Elohim** for the translation of the Greek word **Theos**. This will remove a major obstacle from our achieving a good understanding of the passage, “*In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with Elohim, and the Logos was Elohim. This was in the beginning with Elohim. Through it every thing was done; and without it not even one thing was done, which has been done. In it was life; and the life was the*

*light of men.”*

This harmonizes with John 1:14, which tells us that the Word was made flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among mankind.

Let us seek a better understanding of the term *logos*, or *word*.

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From reading Genesis chapter 1 (the creation chapter), we learn that the creation was accomplished when ELOHIM SPOKE. The Hebrew word *wayo’mer* means *and he said*. A marvelous summary of the creation may be found in Psalm 33:4-8. Please take the time to read that passage carefully. Here is the declaration that the Word did the creating. We must remember that Yahshua the Messiah is described in John

chapter 1, as the *Logos* or *Word*. It was He who did the creating.

The Aramaic Targums used the term *Memra* for *the Word*. They recognized the fact that the Word did the creating, and the Word was a powerful Being with the Almighty, working by His side. The **Jewish Encyclopedia** has an excellent discussion of this subject. Please see the subject **Metatron**. This last term means *the power behind the throne*.

We must then understand that the Word or Logos (*Memra*) as it appeared in the Old Testament, indicated a Being who transmitted messages for some other Being. It was this Word, *Logos*, or Spokesman, who carried out the wishes of a superior member of the Elohim family. This harmonizes perfectly with Isaiah 63:9, where the face of Elohim is called an *angel*, meaning a *messenger*. He was the messenger of the Covenant, the One who presented the Covenant to ancient Israel and spoke (the *Logos*, *Memra*, or *Word*, again) to them from Mt. Sinai. You will recall that **no one has ever heard the voice of the Father, nor seen His shape**. Who was speaking from Mt. Sinai in Exodus chapter 20? It was not the Father, but it had to be the Word (the Spokesman, the *Logos*, the *Memra*, the Son) who was originally brought forth in eternity.

For a type of the Father and Son relationship in the Old Testament, we can turn to Exodus chapter 4. Beginning in verse 10, Moses petitions Almighty Yahweh to call a substitute for him. Moses suggests that he is not able to speak eloquently, and, as a consequence, he would be unable to confront an arrogant Pharaoh. Yahweh said that He would call Aaron, Moses’ brother, to the position of spokesman. Let us read the passage carefully, verses 14 to 17.

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...and I shall be to you a mouth, and you shall do the signs."

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Why do the members of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH place such heavy emphasis on a Name? Is it merely to be different, or controversial? Do we merely try to draw men after ourselves for the purpose of forming yet another splinter religious group? Could it be for individual aggrandizement?

The members of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH have proven the importance of the Sacred Name to themselves. You can do the same. By perusing a concordance, you can personally check each instance where the majestic Name of our Heavenly Father appears in the Hebrew Scriptures.

You will find, upon checking, that the Tetragrammaton, the four-letter word that stands for the Name and appears about 7,000 times (6,823 to be exact) is usually translated the *Lrd* in the King James text. Occasionally, it is translated *g-d*, which is then rendered in small capitals.

You may also check to see what such eminent Bible translators as Moffatt, Rotherham, Lamsa, and others have to say about the Sacred Name.

For instance, I once had occasion to speak with Dr. George Lamsa. In reference to the Tetragrammaton, this renowned Bible translator stated, "That is YAHWEH. It is the original name. All others were added later!" Additionally, you might check any good dictionary or encyclopedia in your own home under the heading "Y-d" or "L-rd."

The writer of the preface of the Complete Bible, Dr. J. M. Potts Smith, writes in reference to the Sacred Name: "Anyone, therefore who desires to retain the flavor of the original text has had to read 'Yahweh' wherever he sees *L-rd* or *G-d*." Since the translators are in universal agreement that YAHWEH is more correct than the other names and titles employed in translating the Name of our Heavenly Father, and that this is His rightful Name which appears in the original Hebrew text, let us begin immediately to read it into the text when we encounter the place where it should rightfully appear.

Let us look into the Bible together and answer some important questions which arise. Please take your own Bible and read these Scriptures for yourself so that you may begin to understand just why the brethren of the ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH obstinately insist upon the correct, revealed Name of our Heavenly Father.

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***"And the anger of Yahweh was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is there not Aaron your brother the Levite? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he comes forth to meet you: and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. And you shall speak unto him, and put the words in his mouth: and I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. And he shall be your spokesman to the people; and it shall come to pass, that he shall be to you a mouth, and you shall be to him as Elohim. And you shall take in your hand this rod, with which you shall do the signs."***

Do you perceive the perfect analogy here? Moses stood in the

position of the invisible Elohim. Aaron would be the one who would speak to Pharaoh, standing in the position of the Son, the Spokesman. Moses was to instruct his brother Aaron in what to say to Pharaoh, directing Aaron's actions and thoughts, while Aaron would then do the speaking under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Are you beginning to visualize a different doctrine taking shape here before your very eyes than what you may have previously believed? You are seeing proven, from a harmony of both Old and New Testament texts, the true doctrine of the Father-and-Son relationship as the Majesty on High in the Bible. You are discovering that the word *ELOHIM* means a family, a Father and a Son working together in close relationship and harmony, in one

accord, to establish the physical creation. This has already been thoroughly proven in these texts.

***The Importance of the Sacred Name***

We might ask ourselves then, what was Yahshua's Name in the Old Testament? Yahshua said in John 5:43, ***"I have come in my Father's name, and you receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive."*** Yahshua the Messiah had a Name in the Old Testament, and you may be surprised to learn what that Name really was.

Proverbs 30:4 should give us some indication. ***"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?"* What is His Name [singular] and what is His Son's Name [singular], if you can tell? Obviously, from this verse, it might appear that, in the Old Testament, both the Father and the Son were known by the same Name.

Let us research a little deeper now to determine whether such a conclusion is sustained.

### ***The Son Bore the Father's Name***

The relationship of the Father and the Son is clearly seen in Exodus 23:20-23. Let us read that passage carefully. ***"Behold, I send an angel before you, to keep you by the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Take heed before him, and listen to his voice; provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgression: for MY NAME IS IN HIM. But if you shall indeed listen to his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries. For MY ANGEL shall go before you, and bring you in to the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: and I will cut them off."*** (Notice once again the emphasized words.)

You will notice here that there are **TWO BEINGS** clearly depicted in this passage. First of all, there is a **Being who bears a specific name**. He is doing the speaking. Then He is speaking about **another** Being, His angel (see Isaiah 63:9), his messenger who would be dealing with His human creation, Israel. Notice, also, in Exodus 14:19, in that in the pillar of cloud and fire the angel is called the Angel of Elo-

him, while in Exodus 13:21 He is called YAHWEH! Certainly, these facts are indeed enlightening!

After you have studied these passages very carefully and have seen these two Beings very clearly described, then it should be possible for you to determine the Name of the Almighty and the Name that was in His Son (Exodus 23:20-21). Without a doubt, the Name (singular) that both members of the Elohim family used throughout the Old Testament (approximately 7,000 times) is Yahweh. This is the Name of the One who is the Covenant Mighty One. It is the Name through which the Almighty dealt with mankind when the languages were confused at the tower of Babel. It is the answer to the question posed in Proverbs 30:4. Both Father (the invisible one) and Son (the Angel) were called Yahweh! Yahshua the Messiah came to speak the Words of Yahweh, both in His preexistence and in His visible life on earth. By using the Name Yahweh, people came to believe that this was His Name—when He was only the messenger of Yahweh.

Another verse that cements this doctrine very firmly is Psalm 110:1, ***"Yahweh says to my Sovereign, Sit at my right hand, Until I make your enemies your footstool."*** Who was David's Sovereign or Master? Was it not the Son? We must conclude that this is the case, because Yahshua used this verse in Matthew 22:41-46 to silence the accusing Pharisees. When Yahshua asked, ***"If David then calls him Sovereign, how is he his son?"*** The religious leaders of that time refused to reply, because they knew that the verse condemned their doctrines. Yahshua the Messiah was David's Master (Sovereign—King) and was eventually born in a miraculous

way into his family.

### ***An Even More Conclusive Passage***

As we have seen, all we need to do is to research the inspired Scriptures and to allow these crucial verses to direct our final conclusion. We cannot frantically seek to explain away these plain passages of Scripture, but we must accept them and weave them into the doctrines we believe and obey.

Possibly the most convincing of all passages of Scripture showing that both Father and Son bore the Name Yahweh in the Old Testament is found in Genesis 19:24, ***"Then Yahweh rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of heaven."*** How perfectly astounding! Have you ever seen this verse before? There was a **Yahweh** in heaven and a **Yahweh** on earth, simultaneously!

The Yahweh on earth had met with Abraham, Genesis 18:1 and 16-33. This visible Yahweh had completed the investigation of the sins of Sodom. He had determined that the Sodomites and the people of the plain in that area were indeed guilty of gross sin against the Most High. Consequently, this Yahweh on earth, who appeared as a man to other human beings and represented the Most High invisible Father in heaven, was able to petition the Yahweh in **heaven** to send down the consuming fire of judgment upon the sinners. There can hardly be a more convincing Scripture to prove that there were two Yahwehs: the One who was invisible, who never appeared to mankind, who remained in heaven seated upon His throne directing the affairs of the universe; and the second Yahweh, the Son, the One who was in contact with men and who was



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the messenger of the Most High Heavenly Father.

***Sealed with the Name of the Father and the Son***

The hundred and forty-four thousand of Revelation 7:1-8 are sealed in their foreheads and given protection just before the tribulation strikes. This select group of people has committed their lives to the Heavenly Father. They are described in Revelation 14:1-5. The standard that has been set in the passage is very high, and we must strive daily to attain to it if we are to be accepted and numbered with this group.

However, let us notice that the seal of the Most High is described for us in verse 1. ***“And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty-four thousand [persons], having his name, and the name of his Father, written***

***on their foreheads.”***

It becomes obvious that the True Worshipers in these last days will be sealed in the Name of both the Father and the Name of the Son.

The Name of the Father always has been, and always will be, Yahweh. When men heard the voice of the visible member of the Elohim family speaking, they assumed that it was really the Father. However, the Son was only the Word, the Spokesman, speaking in the Father’s Name, never revealing His own Name. Please see Genesis 32:29, Judges 13:18, and Isaiah 9:6. The Name of the Son was not revealed until Matthew 1:21. There He is called Yahshua.

***What Is the Name of the True Worshipers?***

Indeed, the True Worshipers are called by a certain specific name

in these last days. They are called by the Name of Yahweh. They bear the Name of the Heavenly Father. This is conclusively proven from 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.”***

We must remember from 1 Corinthians 11:1-15 that the Heavenly Father stands at the head of every family. He is the great First Cause, because He created the Son, Revelation 3:14. We must address our prayers to Him, Matthew 6:9. ***“After this manner therefore pray: Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name.”*** The Apostle Peter says, ***“And if you call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judges according to each man’s work, pass the time***

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# Spiritual Israelites

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## Not Jews or Chr-stians

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The Assemblies of Yahweh is an enigma to many people. As the doctrines being taught by the Assemblies of Yahweh are scrutinized, the average individual soon discovers that he cannot readily pin a label upon the group. The world generally seeks to stereotype things, to designate them according to simple classifications. The Assemblies of Yahweh is a religious organization which cannot be readily stereotyped as being a part of the world's great religions—either Chr-stianity or Judaism. Herein lies the puzzle for the average person.

The Assemblies of Yahweh members cannot be called Chr-stians, since one of the definitions of the word (as found in the **Second Collegiate Edition of Webster's New World Dictionary**) means *of or representing Chr-stians or Chr-stianity*. The Assemblies of Yahweh cannot be classed as a part of Chr-stianity, since we do not follow the doctrines that are generally espoused as being representative of this segment of religion. Let us scrutinize some of the reasons why the Assemblies of Yahweh cannot be classified as a group in the Chr-stian tradition.

It has been the intention of the

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Assemblies of Yahweh to follow the inspired Scriptures as closely as we can return to the original autographs. Whatever is directed by the Bible, that we seek to obey and fulfill in our lives. What makes the Assemblies of Yahweh truly unique is that we endeavor to harmonize the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and, then, obey everything that it teaches.

Yahshua the Messiah declares in John 10:35 that ***"the Scripture cannot be broken."*** We believe that it, indeed, cannot be broken (separated) at the testaments, at a book, at a chapter, at a verse, or at a word, but that the entire Bible comprises one complete unit (Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, and Revelation 22:18-19).

This unique interpretation of the Scriptures has led us to the doctrine of the Sacred Name of Yahweh and the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, the key to understanding the Bible that is of vital importance to our salvation. The Sacred Name doctrine is totally neglected in nominal Chr-stianity, because of the tradition of incorporating the worship of the nations.

Can you see just how important it is to institute the practice of harmonizing every word in the Bible into your own personal study rather than following their general practice of selective sectionalization of the Scriptures?

The Assemblies of Yahweh cannot be called Chr-stian, because the Chr-stian religion generally neglects the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh. Although they declare their faith in the Messiah of the New Testament, Chr-stianity actually rejects the message He taught in Matthew 5:17-20.

***"Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one yothe or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that***

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# The Great Tribulation

Perched precariously on the fulcrum of uncertainty, the world today is breathlessly awaiting the culmination of this present age of man. The point forcefully driven home, by each successive daily news report, is that end-time prophetic trends are moving forward with deliberate speed. During the past few decades, we have seen various aspects of end-time Bible prophecy move into position for final fulfillment. The world is becoming more violent with each passing day. Upset weather patterns are causing hardship in many areas of our country and the world. Economic reports become more gloomy with each passing day. The world's major religions are in turmoil, and the trends show an obvious effort at religious unity, which will also be an end-time prophetic sign.

Bible prophecy shows that the culmination of this age

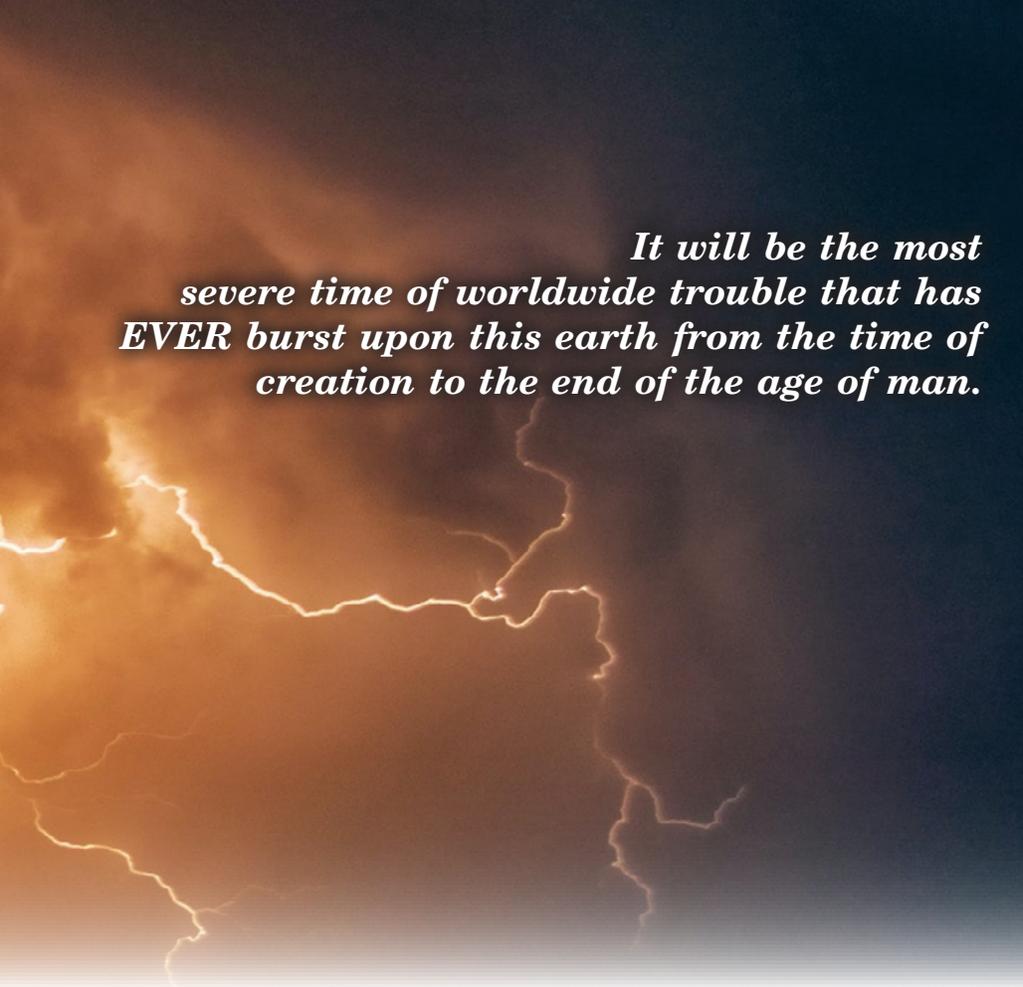
will include a great tribulation, Matthew 24:21. The word *tribulation* has been translated from the Greek word *thlipsis*, and it means *a time of great distress that is brought about by outward circumstances*. Consequently, the association of this word, with end-time Bible prophecy, means a time of great, worldwide trouble. This great tribulation is discussed and described in numerous biblical passages; in some of these passages, the meaning is hidden under a faulty translation. Consequently, by taking into account the various passages in which this word is used, we may broaden our understanding of just exactly what this end-time trouble will be like and why it will occur. Let us examine several of these passages to give us greater vision regarding the time of trouble confronting us in these last days.

## *The Great Tribulation*

The great end-time tribulation, that will envelop this earth, is found described for us in Daniel 12:1-2.

***“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who stands over the children of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to the same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”***

You can readily perceive in this passage that several very important characteristics will distinguish this end-time tribulation from any other time of trouble that ever came upon the earth. First of all,



*It will be the most severe time of worldwide trouble that has **EVER** burst upon this earth from the time of creation to the end of the age of man.*

such a severe time of trouble will **never again** occur. It will be the most severe time of worldwide trouble that has **EVER** burst upon this earth from the time of creation to the end of the age of man. During that time of trouble, Michael (the word means *who is like El?*) will stand up in defense of His people—Israel. The Israelites (those who are keeping Yahweh’s Law and are overcomers) will be spared from extinction. It will be at this moment, when the resurrection will take place, when Yahshua the Messiah returns to cut short this tribulation, or no human being could survive.

The prophet Isaiah has a very outstanding passage of Scripture recorded for us in Isaiah 5:18-25.

*“Woe to them that draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and sin as it were with a cart rope; that say, Let him make speed, let him hurry his work, that we may see it; and let the*

*counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it! **WOE TO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe to them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink; that justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!***

*“Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; **BECAUSE THEY HAVE REJECTED THE LAW OF YAHWEH OF HOSTS, AND DESPISED THE WORD OF THE HOLY ONE OF IS-***

***RAEL. THEREFORE IS THE ANGER OF YAHWEH KINDLED AGAINST HIS PEOPLE, AND HE HAS STRETCHED FORTH HIS HAND AGAINST THEM, AND HAS STRUCK THEM; AND THE MOUNTAINS TREMBLE, AND THEIR DEAD BODIES ARE AS REFUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREETS. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.”***

Isn’t that just a very perfect description of the time in which we are now living? People are calling good evil, and evil good. Moral values have been reversed. Criminals go unpunished, while those who try to live a righteous life receive persecution and harassment. When one seeks to live in harmony with what the Bible teaches, he is persecuted for his Faith, while criminals are let off with a slap on the wrist, or can plead for leniency through having their “civil rights violated.” If you are a steady listener to news broadcasts, or a regular reader of online news report, or one of the few who receive and read a newspaper, you will notice that this is certainly an upside-down era in which we are living. The values of the average individual have become terribly muddled and confused. We cannot seem to make a clear determination of what is right and wrong and, then, stand upon our convictions. The reason for this deplorable situation is what we find in verse 24, *“Because they have rejected the law of Yahweh of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.”*

Our Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh still manifests His magnificent love each day toward His creation. His Holy Spirit is abroad through the length and breadth of this earth today. It is calling and convicting people. All who will follow the Word of Yahweh

and yield to His Spirit will be accepted as His children. That call is penetrating into your heart and mind as you are reading this magazine. The sound doctrines that it proclaims directly from the Word of Yahweh are a witness against you.

If you have not been living according to the Word and obeying what the Heavenly Father has directed us to do in the Bible, then the **Word commands you to repent.**

Can you not see the beauty of the plan of salvation that has been given to us by our Heavenly Father? He has given His only begotten Son, who died for you upon the tree of Calvary and shed His blood, to atone for your sins. He has expressed His love for you. Have you returned even a small portion of your love to Him for what He has done?

You can show your love for Him by keeping His commandments and obeying His Laws. **“By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Yahweh and do his commandments. For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”** (1 John 5:2-3).

The great tribulation will climax in a mammoth world war. It will draw into the field of battle representative armies of all of the nations of the world. The weak will say, “I am strong.”

**“Proclaim this among the nations; prepare war; stir up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Hurry, and come, all you nations all around, and gather yourselves together: there cause your**

**mighty ones to come down, O Yahweh. Let the nations bestir themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the nations all around. Put in the sickle; for the harvest is ripe: come, tread; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.**

**“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of Yahweh is near in the valley of decision.”** (Joel 3:9-14).

Just such a similar description can be found in Isaiah 5:26-30.

**“And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss for them from the end of the earth; and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: none shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the ratchet of their sandals be broken: whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses’ hoofs shall be accounted as flint, and their wheels as a whirlwind: their roaring shall be like a lioness, they shall roar like young lions; yes, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and there shall be none to deliver. And they shall roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea: and if one looks to the land, behold, darkness and distress; and the light is darkened in the clouds of it.”**

You will notice in verse 30 that the word *distress* is used here (sorrow in the **KJV**). That word *distress* or *sorrow* is the Hebrew word צַר (*tsar*), and it means *tribulation*. This passage then gives us a bird’s-eye view of the climax of the end-time tribulation at the close of the age of man, which will be the most gigantic military

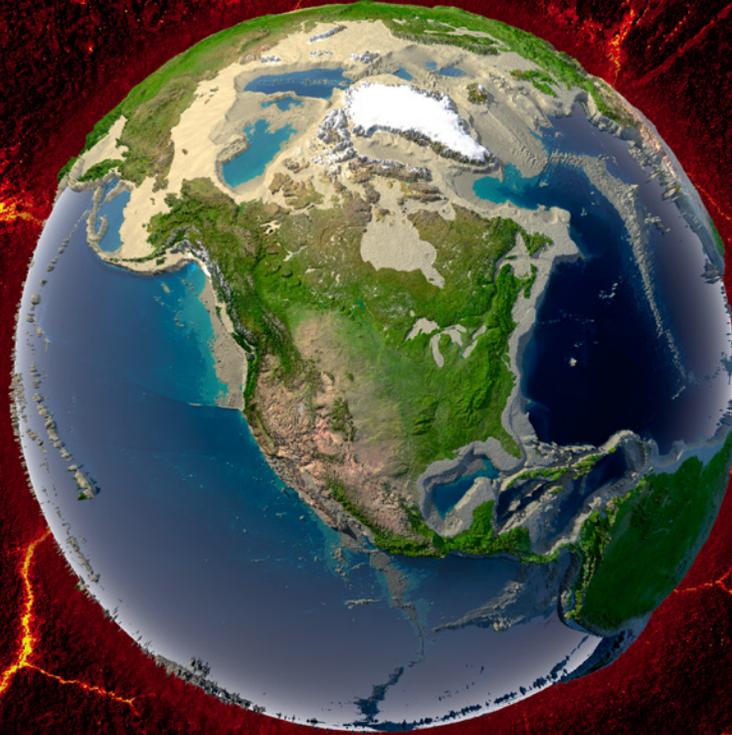
conflict ever to erupt on the face of this earth.

### ***Famine During the Tribulation***

Let us turn now to Isaiah 8:21-22. Here we encounter yet another indication of what will take place during that tribulation time. **“And they shall pass through it, greatly distressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass that, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse by their king and by their Elohim, and turn their faces upward: and they shall look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and into thick darkness they shall be driven away.”**

Did you notice here that when Almighty Yahweh takes away the blessings of His ungrateful people, they will then begin to look toward the heavens for salvation? **Their attitude will be changed.** It will be then that they will curse their king (the beast who has taken them into this tribulation) and their elohim (the false mighty ones they are worshiping today instead of Yahweh Elohim—the True, Most High Heavenly Father). They will then look upward, seeking the True Mighty One of the Heavens **whose Name is YAHWEH**, and they will seek their King, Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua said in Matthew 23:38-39, **“Behold, your house is left to you desolate. For I say to you, You shall not see me from this time, till you shall say, Blessed is he that comes in the name of Yahweh.”**

In this passage of Scripture, the Israelites are warned that they would not see Him again (meaning that He would ascend into the heavens—to remain there to await the culmination of the age) until they would truly look for



Him and desire Him to rule over them. The only way that Israel can have a true desire for their Messiah is for Almighty Yahweh to prove to them that their mighty ones cannot save. This will be the purpose of the tribulation. It is only those who call upon Yahweh in worship who will be spared during that time.

Verse 32 says that, while they look upward, they will also look about themselves upon the earth, and there will be trouble (the great tribulation), and everywhere will be darkness. Do you harmonize that with Revelation 16:10-11 as I do?

We can note that in many of these biblical references of the end-time tribulation, you will find that it will be a time of great darkness. It will certainly be an absence of

sunlight on this earth, but, in addition, it will be a time of spiritual darkness also. ***“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Yahweh will arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you,”*** (Isaiah 60:1-2). The tribulation will definitely be a time of famine. Rain will be withheld for three and one-half years during the testimony of the two witnesses, Revelation 11:6. It will be during this time that the grain used to make flour and baked goods will be weighed with the minute care of a sensitive laboratory balance, Revelation 6:5-6. The cost of a loaf of bread will be outrageously exorbitant. The famine will rage, because Almighty Yahweh

has withdrawn His blessings from this earth.

The people of the world will be worshiping Baal in these last times, rather than Yahweh. As a consequence, those who persist in worshiping Baal (the Lord) will lose their blessings; even though the true message of salvation is preached, few will repent and heed. Yahweh says in Hosea 2:8-9, ***“For she did not know that I gave her the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, and multiplied to her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. Therefore will I take back my grain in the time of it, and my new wine in the season of it, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness.”***

Who says it is unimportant that we know and use the Sacred

Name in our worship? Certainly the Bible never said it. The Bible says we cannot use the names of Baal. If we do, we will be rejected from being the people of the Most High Heavenly Father Yahweh.

We are told that, prior to and during the end-time famine of bread and water, there will be a famine of hearing the Word of Yahweh. This prophecy is today being fulfilled.

### *Losing Faith*

Just recently, a Gallup poll showed that many have difficulty accepting a LITERAL INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE. Undoubtedly, this reflects the attitude and theology of most ministers today. For this reason, they no longer uphold the Bible as their only rule and standard of faith, and their messages reflect their skepticism. The poll showed that only 20 percent believe that the Bible is the literal word of Yahweh.

How can ministers and church organizations state that homosexuality is blessed by Yahweh, when the Bible plainly states that this is a very obnoxious offense against the commandments of the Most High? Paradoxical, isn't it? In order not to be convicted by the message of the Bible, very little Bible is being preached by the ministers of worldly religion. **There is a famine of hearing the Word of Yahweh.** Consequently, the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, must bring people back to the Word through PHYSICAL JUDGMENT that will occur during the tribulation. Because of the famine of hearing the Word of Yahweh, a famine of bread will sweep across this world as the Almighty takes back His blessings.

### *Violence on the Increase*

It is not a coincidence that Yahshua the Messiah has compared the end-time days with the

days of Noah just before the flood, Matthew 24:37-39. Characteristic of those antediluvian times was widespread violence. In Genesis 6:11 we read, ***"The earth was corrupt before Elohim, and THE EARTH WAS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE."***

Month after month, as we scan the news articles that are published, we can see that we are living in very violent times. The front pages scream with headlines describing various blood-chilling crimes that are committed each day. The prophet Ezekiel describes these times very accurately in Ezekiel 7:23, ***"Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence."***

People are acting more and more like ANIMALS. Police authorities are searching for members of a "wolf-pack" gang of youths who beat and rob elderly persons after midnight. This wolf-pack

gang engages in after-midnight break-ins, threatening and robbing elderly people and sometimes beating them.

### *Swarming Attack*

Recently, a group of eight teenage girls—three of which were just 13 years old—beat and stabbed a 59-year-old homeless man in a swarm attack. Ken Lee was savagely murdered, allegedly at the hands of these eight teenage girls, in what is being called a "swarming" attack. ***"Lee's death came in the early morning of December 18, when he was assaulted and stabbed, allegedly by a group of GTA [Greater Toronto Area] teenagers—all between the ages of 13 and 16,"*** according to the **Toronto Star.**

Murderous acts such as this are becoming commonplace in the news today, with attacks

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# Spiritual Israelites

## Not Jews or Christians

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***except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.***

There are several passages of Scripture in the New Testament which clearly describe the True Worshipers. First of all, Yahshua the Messiah Himself declared in Matthew 4:4 that it was imperative for all men to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh. ***“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.”*** Not one word of Almighty Yahweh can be omitted, therefore, without damaging the overall unity and message of the Book.

Now when we turn to Revelation 12:17, the description of the True Worshipers in the last days is in total harmony with what we find in other passages. Let us note that the book of Revelation is a prophecy directed toward the people of the end times in which we are now living. ***“And the dragon became exceedingly angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and hold the testimony of Yahshua.”***

When we turn back to the 14th chapter of Revelation and encounter verse 12, we see that same description is repeated for em-

phasis. The context of the passage shows that these people are different than those who have accepted the mark of the Beast. ***“Here is the patience of the saints; They that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua.”*** Obviously then, the saints are those who keep the commandments of Yahweh and have the Faith of Yahshua the Messiah. Nominal Christianity cannot fulfill that description, can it? The Assemblies of Yahweh seeks to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh, keeping the commandments of Yahweh (just as did the Apostolic Assembly) and holding fast to a faith in Yahshua the Messiah, whose blood cleanses us from all sin. Consequently, does this prophetic description point toward Christianity or the Assemblies of Yahweh as being the Body of the Messiah?

When someone comes into the knowledge that the commandments of Yahweh must be observed in this New Testament age, he immediately turns his attention toward the Jews, because, through the centuries, these much-persecuted people have adhered to the keeping of the biblical commandments. Do they teach the way to salvation? However, by scrutinizing the religion of Judaism, we will discover many reasons why we cannot follow this religion.

First of all, the Jews are actually at the root of the Christian tradition of incorporating the

names of the mighty ones of the nations into their worship. They were the ones who began to substitute the names of pagan idols for Yahweh, the Mighty One of Israel. Because the Jews took a superstitious misconception of the third commandment and built it into a doctrine, they succeeded in withholding the true Name of the Heavenly Father from general use in worship. They have succeeded in hiding the key of knowledge in the Scriptures, Luke 11:53-54. Today, the Jews are worshiping a pagan mighty one. *Adonai* was a common and popular mighty one of the pagan Semitic nations, a Baal. ***“For all the elohim of the peoples are idols; but Yahweh made the heavens.”*** (Psalm 96:5).

Let us introduce here a quote from the **Botterweck and Ringgren Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament**, Vol. 1, page 59.

*“Etymology. ‘adon or ‘adhan, “lord,” and its feminine cognate ‘adhath are not common Semitic words; outside the Hebrew of the OT, they occur only in “Amoritic,” Canaanite, Phoenician, Punic, and (in any case ‘adhath) Palmyrenian, while ‘adonai is found only in the OT and in literature influenced by it. Further, like his cult, the name of the Greek god Adonis certainly had a Semitic predecessor (probably Phoenician) ‘adon, as brought to light unexpectedly through an inscription, just as an excavation of an Adonis temple at Dura-Europus in 1922-1923 corrected earlier ideas of this god as merely an ideological figure, and made it necessary to regard him as a genuine cult figure. As is evident in the literature cited below, quite a number of etymological explanations have been proposed. Thus, Albright has revived the suggestion that the word ‘adon is derived from Egyp. idnw, “administra-*

***We have come out of the world to  
serve our Heavenly Father by  
obeying His Word.***

***We seek to restore the pure worship  
of the Apostolic Assembly of the book  
of Acts and prepare ourselves to meet  
the Messiah in the air when  
He returns.***

*tor, steward,” earlier proposed by S. Yeivin in 1936. He dated this Egyptian loanword in the third millennium B.C., in a period when the mutual interchange between Egypt and Canaan was very lively.”*

But you might say that the Jews are keeping the commandments of Yahweh, are they not? Actually, Judaism does not keep the commandments perfectly. Yahshua the Messiah brought this out quite clearly when He said in Matthew 15:3, **“Why do you also transgress the commandment of Elohim because of your tradition?”** Yahshua the Messiah then went on to describe the traditional religion of Judaism in this way. **“You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.”** (Matthew 15:7-9).

We might ask, “What could be the purpose of Yahshua’s very pointed and candid accusation?” Could it be that the Jews were breaking Yahweh’s commandments through some of their traditions? This is precisely what He meant.

Since the Jews are not wor-

shipping the true Mighty One, but, rather, are using the name of a mighty one of the nations, they are making other very serious doctrinal errors. Today they are not keeping Yahweh’s new year in the spring in the month of Abib (green ears), according to the direction of Exodus 12:2. Judaism observes Rosh Hashana (New Year) on the first day of the seventh month, which is actually the Feast of Trumpets. They have incorporated Baal’s New Year into the scriptural calendar. The new year of Baal was held in the fall in pagan religion. Additionally, the Jews are using a calculated, rather than a visually-sighted calendar, as directed by the inspired Scriptures in Deuteronomy 16:1. Therefore, their feast days are frequently in error. This is why they usually observe two days for their feast when the Scriptures indicate only one. The Jews have combined Passover and the first Holy Day of Unleavened Bread, which is an error Yahshua pointed out very clearly when He ate the Passover of Yahweh and kept the true memorial before He suffered, Luke 22:15.

The Jews have made a very glaring error in doctrine by rejecting Yahshua as the Messiah.

Yahshua the Messiah is central to the entire Bible, beginning with Genesis 3:15. Throughout the Old Testament text, He was there with Israel. When He came, He came to His own; but His own did not receive Him. Consequently, the doctrine of Judaism today (which is modern Pharisaism) finds much of the basis for its teachings in oral tradition—rather than in the written word—a set of doctrines that will keep the Jewish people from ever accepting the Messiah.

Frequently in the New Testament, when the Apostle Paul inveighs against the law, it is not the commandments of Yahweh that are meant. Paul, himself, declared that he was keeping the Law of Yahweh and teaching its necessity in Romans 3:31. **“Does this mean that we are using faith to undermine law? By no means: we are placing law itself on a firmer footing,”** (NEB). When the Apostle Paul declared that a law has been done away in the Messiah, it was the ceremonial law and the oral law upon which Judaism has been erected. This oral law, in many cases, stands contrary to the intent of Yahweh’s perfect Law.

The True Worshipers today must bear the characteristics of Israel. We are the Israel of Yahweh. **“For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of Yahweh.”** (Galatians 6:15-16).

The Israel of Yahweh comprises those people who have joined in a unified body and are overcoming their carnal natures through having their hearts circumcised. They are keeping the commandments of Yahweh. **“Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of**

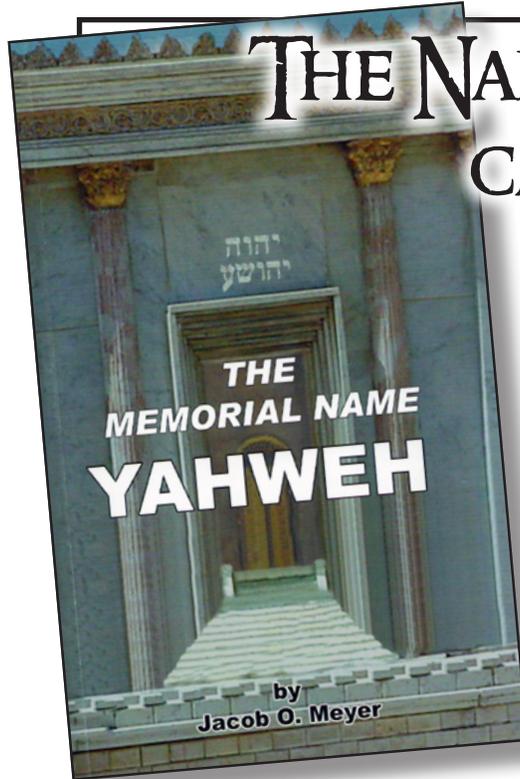
*the commandments of Yahweh.”*  
(1 Corinthians 7:19).

Too many people relate the three words, Hebrew, Israelite, and Jew, as being identical. This is incorrect. The Hebrews are of the descendants of Shem. The word *Semitic* is derived from the Hebrew word *Shem*. The Hebrew people were the descendants of Heber, although the word also means *one who has crossed over*, as one having come out of sin, Genesis 11:14-17.

Jacob was the first Israelite, Genesis 32:28. There the name Israel is defined as *one who has power with El*, or *one who has prevailed or overcome*. The history of Jacob can be construed as being allegorical, because it corresponds to the life of every True Worshiper. Jacob was the epitome of the carnal man. Then, the Heavenly Father began to deal with him through the Holy Spirit. Eventually, a crisis occurred where he wrestled with the angel of Yahweh and is brought to a point of repentance. He then submitted himself to the Most High and cleansed himself from his previous life to embark upon the pathway to salvation—the narrow way of conversion.

Few people realize the fact that Jacob was the first Israelite, and he had a son, Judah, who became the progenitor of the Jews, Genesis 29:35. The word Jew and Israelite are not synonymous. All Jews are Israelites, but all Israelites are not Jews. The Jews are merely 1/12th of Israel. Even Moses was not a Jew. He was descended from the tribe of Levi. He was a Levite! Although Paul recognized himself to be a Jew in several Scriptures (for example, Acts 21:39 and 22:3), he actually declares himself to be from the tribe of Benjamin, Philipians 3:5.

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Israel described in Psalm 73:1: **“Surely Elohim is good to Israel, even to such as are pure in heart.”** They have power with Elohim, because they have overcome their carnal natures. They have repented, and, through the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, they are seeking to walk in His way by doing His Will. Their hearts are circumcised to do the Will of Yahweh. The Israelite worship is the True Worship today. It is totally different from nominal Christianity, because the True Worshipers keep the commandments of Yahweh. It is different from Judaism, because the True Worshipers have the Faith of Yahshua the Messiah, and we worship in the true Name of the Heavenly Father and His Son. We are His people, because we are called by His Name—The

Assemblies of Yahweh.

Consequently, we, the True Worshipers, seek to fulfill Revelation 18:4. **“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....”** We have come out of the world to serve our Heavenly Father by obeying His Word. We seek to restore the pure worship of the Apostolic Assembly of the book of Acts and prepare ourselves to meet the Messiah in the air when He returns. Our eyes are fixed on the Kingdom of Yahweh, the age of righteousness. Will you join us in fulfilling these prophecies? Will you help us to restore the true Israelite Faith of Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham?  
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## PROPHETIC TRENDS

# THE GREAT TRIBULATION

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upon those who are weak, handicapped, homeless, or elderly. The prophecy of Yahshua the Messiah in His Olivet Prophecy is being fulfilled on a daily basis. **“And because lawlessness shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall grow cold.”** (Matthew 24:12). These are the kind of people described by the Apostle Peter, who said in his second epistle (2:12-13), **“But these, AS CREATURES WITHOUT REASON, BORN MERE ANIMALS TO BE TAKEN AND DESTROYED, railing in matters in which they are in ignorance, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed, suffering wrong as the hire of wrongdoing....”**

It is not puzzling at all that the Apostle Paul would use such terms to describe people of the last days as **“fierce,” “without natural affection,”** and **“no lovers of good,”** (2 Timothy 3). These are indeed perilous times, when men act like beasts, because values are turned upside down.

Bible prophecy also states in Revelation 19:17-18, **“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come be gathered together to the great supper of Elohim, that you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great.”**

**“And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of**

**the fourth living creature saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and the grave followed with him. And there was given to them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the SWORD, and with FAMINE, and with DEATH, and by the WILD BEASTS OF THE EARTH.”** (Revelation 6:7-8).

### **Savage Animal Attacks**

Also in the news today, there are many reports of attacks by vicious animals. Last year, a woman was set upon by a pack of vicious dogs and was so badly mauled that she was unrecognizable to her family. A farmer neighbor came upon the attack and was able to disperse the dogs with gunfire. Also in the news, the deaths of young children who are mauled by guard dogs. Perhaps because of the spike in crime, some people have resorted to breeding guard dogs to protect their home and property, only to find that they are held criminally responsible when these vicious animals take a life of an innocent young child, such as happened recently in Louisiana, when a seven-year-old girl was mauled to death by a pit bull terrier.

A news report in **India Today** stated that 3,930 lives have been lost in the last eight years by wild elephants alone.

Throughout Africa, 500 people per year are killed by hippopotamuses. In Uganda last month, a hippo attacked a young two-year-old boy, swallowed him alive, but, then, spit him out, saving his life. But we are seeing an increase in vicious animal attacks upon people around the world. **“And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: For they are a VERY PERVERSE generation, children in whom is no faithfulness. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not El; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those that are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. For a fire is kindled in my anger, and burns to the**



*lowest Sheol, and devours the earth with its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them: they shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat and bitter destruction; and the teeth of beasts will I send upon them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust. Outside shall the sword ROB them, and in the chambers TERROR; it shall destroy both young man and virgin, the suckling with the man of gray hairs. I said, I would scatter them afar, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men; were it not that I feared the taunt of the enemy, lest their adversaries should judge amiss, lest they should say, Our hand is exalted, and Yahweh has not done all this. For they are a nation VOID OF COUNSEL, and there is no UNDERSTANDING in them. Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!” (Deuteronomy 32:20-29).*

These are just some of the news reports now reaching us which indicate that there is some kind of aberration taking place at the present time among the various species of animals. Undoubtedly, such a change in the natures of animals and man was taking place in Noah’s day. But, you see, this is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. **The world is becoming more violent**, just as it was preceding the flood. Are you prepared for even WORSE things to befall mankind in the future?

### **Former Pope Dies**

Pope Benedict XVI died recently at the age of 95. The former Cardinal Ratzinger was the first pope

to resign the papacy in nearly 600 years. He was replaced by Pope Francis, a liberal, having made many controversial statements over the years. Recent reports have also indicated that conservatives within the Vatican are **plotting to force Pope Francis to resign**. According to a news report in the **Daily Mail**, “His appointment signaled a definite change in the Catholic Church, with his criticism of capitalism and open attitude toward homosexuality, abortion, communion for remarried divorcees and celibacy for priests.” Is this what Pope Francis meant when he warned of an “elegant demon” that was lurking among Vatican staff—or was he referring to this plot or another?

Various news articles, appearing recently, indicate the current strength of the ecumenical movement, as all roads are leading back to Rome.

It is obvious from the Bible that, in the last days, the nominal Christians will once more be reunited, as we can see from Revelation 17:4-5. The daughters that have come forth from the womb of the Roman Catholic Church, those who separated themselves from her because of their desire for greater Truth and to come out of religious corruption, will once more be reunited with her in these last days. Let us all be watchful as we can see these trends developing. This ecumenical spirit will undoubtedly continue to sweep forward and catch up many other groups. Unity can be achieved by **lowering standards and compromising doctrines**, but what will be the end destination of such a path?

The Assemblies of Yahweh came to the conclusion long ago that the advancing ecumenical movement would be one of the primary fac-

***HALLELUYAH—  
The only word  
common to ALL  
languages, that  
has never been  
translated, is  
Hallelujah!  
[HalleluYah].  
How true it is!  
Every person on  
this earth can  
give glory to the  
true Heavenly  
Father Yahweh  
by simply saying  
“HalleluYAH.”  
HalleluYah is a  
Hebrew sentence  
command which  
means “Praise ye  
Yahweh.”***

tors in the uniting of this world’s religions into one group. Amos 3:3 asks the question, “**Shall two walk together, except they have agreed?**” Speaking in tongues seems to be uniting the groups of Christianity as the agreement between these people is not **doctrine** (which remains diverse), but *glossalalia* (speaking in tongues). The spirit of the world is drawing people together in a religion—but not into the TRUE religion.

Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit of Yahweh is hard at work calling

those people who desire to serve the Heavenly Father, uniting them into the **One Body of True Worshipers**. Have you seen the beauty of the plan of salvation which emerges through a harmony of the Bible? Here is where the Truth can be found, and the Holy Spirit is working in the Assemblies of Yahweh.

### **Rejoice! Yahweh's Kingdom Is Coming!**

Let us remember that our Heavenly Father has not left us with a spirit of discouragement. He has given us His Spirit when we accepted His plan of salvation, and we entered the water of baptism to bury our old man. His Spirit gives us love, joy, and peace, along with other fruits of the Spirit. We have the assurance in His Word that eventually this present, confused, Babylonish system of things will perish. True Worship will be uplifted over all the earth.

Yahshua the Messiah will return to establish the Kingdom of Yahweh wherein a wonderful era, unimaginable to the human mind, will restore this earth into the Edenic paradise which was once the home of Adam. Our progenitor, Adam, along with his wife, Eve, lost this Edenic paradise because of sin. Those who are preparing their lives today to become a part of the Elohim family are turning their backs on this sinful world. They have repented of past disobedience to the Word of our Heavenly Father. They have accepted the atoning sacrifice of the blood of Yahshua the Messiah to cover their sins. They are bringing forth fruits worthy of REPENTANCE and are actively learning the CONVERSION experience. These people desire to be like the Most High in their attitude and in their daily lives. They are studying the

Bible and are seeking to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh.

What a wonderful day that will be when the Kingdom is established! We may read about that era in Isaiah 11:1-11.

***“And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit: and the Spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh; and his delight shall be in the fear of Yahweh; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears; but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he kill the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.*”**

***“And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall he down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.*”**

***“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse,***

***that stands for an ensign of the peoples, to him shall the nations seek; and his resting-place shall be glorious.***

***“And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yahweh will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.”***

Are you living your life in harmony with the Word of Yahweh? Do you desire every day to have Yahweh's life—His mind, His attitude, His personality—within you? He has given us the assurance that, if we fulfill the requirements and enter into the Covenant with Him, He will accept us as one of His children. He will give us His Holy Spirit that will burn the carnal dross out of our minds and change us into the likeness of His Son.

Have you prepared for that change? Are you preparing to have a part in His Kingdom? Will you have protection during the tribulation? Just remember Proverbs 18:10, ***“The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it, and is safe.”*** If you are living a righteous life by keeping His commandments, and you are calling upon His Name, and being called by His Name (when you are a member of the Assemblies of Yahweh), then you will have protection and you may play a part in end-time Bible prophecy. The tribulation cannot touch you because you will have **protection from the Heavenly Father**. This brings the message of the Bible home to each one of us, and we may have a part in the restoration of this earth during the Kingdom age. SNB

# Our Father Who Art in Heaven

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*of your sojourning in fear.”* (1 Peter 1:17). In Ephesians 5:20 we read, **“Giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah to Yahweh, even the Father.”**

Obviously, then, we are required to worship the Heavenly Father Yahweh. See Revelation 19:10. The True Worshipers are called by the Name of the Father. We must call upon Him alone. We must ask in prayer that His Name might be hallowed or sanctified.

In the Old Testament, Israel was called the **Assembly of Yahweh** (*kahal Yahweh*). In Deuteronomy 23:1-3 this name appears five times. Israel was the Assembly in the wilderness, Acts 7:38. The New Testament makes clearly obvious that the scattered groups of True Worshipers will be called the **Assemblies of Yahweh** (plural). For example, 1 Corinthians 11:16 should have been translated into English as the Assemblies of Yahweh. The scattered Assemblies of Yahweh worship each week in their own local areas, but they become one united Assembly at the feast days as the general Assembly of the Firstborn whose names are written in heaven. See Hebrews 12:23.

## ***Is Yahshua the Father?***

Frequently, misguided people will turn to Isaiah 9:6 and seek to show that Yahshua the Messiah is Himself the Father. **“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon**

***His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty El, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”*** It is obvious that those who believe that Yahshua is the Father at this present time are not thinking clearly, merely trying to prove a point. The Heavenly Father existed in the Old Testament BEFORE THE SON. The Son will BECOME the Father to the people of the world when He takes over the reins of the Kingdom government of this earth. He will then be as a Father to the human family. The Hebrew reads here אבי-אד (*abi ‘ad*). You will notice the future tense in this passage which means that He will eventually receive the designation “Father until (the meaning of the word ‘*ad*’) or forever. We must remember that Yahshua the Messiah will reign until He has subdued all things and then **He will also** be subject to the Father, 1 Corinthians 15:23-28.

## ***Glorify Thy Name!***

In John 12:28 Yahshua the Messiah implores the Father to glorify His own Name. Immediately an angel brings the reply from the very heavens. **“I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”**

For too long the Name of the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh has been ignored or minimized. In these last days we are being called upon to restore that Name. Knowledge is being increased, Daniel 12:4. Why not increase your knowledge as we move toward

the Kingdom of Yahweh? Glorify the Name of Yahweh with us by making it central to your worship. Yahweh has revealed this truth to us in a very miraculous way and He, today, indeed is glorifying His Name!

## ***Duality of Persons in Majesty on High is the Sound Doctrine***

As we have seen in the passages of Scripture we have studied, it becomes clear that it is a duality of Beings that forms the Majesty on High. The Father, whose Name is Yahweh and who is invisible and dwells in eternity, stands at the head of every family, including the Elohim family. Immediately beneath Him is the Son, created in eternity, the One who did the work of creating this universe, the One who preexisted with the Father and served as the Word, Messenger, *Logos*, *Memra*, in the Old Testament. Before His human birth, He was Elohim (plural) and was known by the Name of His Father, Yahweh. **“Know that Yahweh, he is Elohim: It is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”** This Word became flesh and became the Savior of the world.

The Father is, in effect, the Redeemer and Savior of Israel (Isaiah 45:21), because He sent the Son to be the Savior of the world (1 John 4:14). The life that was in the Word was transferred into human flesh and this One became the righteous human being who shed His blood for the remission of the sins of the world. After Yahshua the Messiah ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the human family. The Holy Spirit is not a person, but a power—the power from on high—the personality and life of the Father and the Son. <sup>SNB</sup>

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