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1 **Respecting the Word of Yahweh**

Are you a modern-day Berean? The Bereans diligently studied the Scriptures daily to prove all things. Is the Word of Yahweh an essential part of your daily life? **"But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembles at my word."** (Isaiah 66:2b).

10 **The Law Before Sinai, Part 1**

The Bible contains many examples of where Yahweh's Law was in existence centuries before Sinai. Beginning in the Garden of Eden, Yahweh gave mankind specific instructions on how we shall conduct ourselves. The observance of the seventh-day Sabbath and the dietary laws was in force before Sinai. Even murder and sexual immorality were sins punishable by death before Moses received the Law at Sinai. Beginning on page 8, this examination will prove from the Scriptures that Yahweh does not change.

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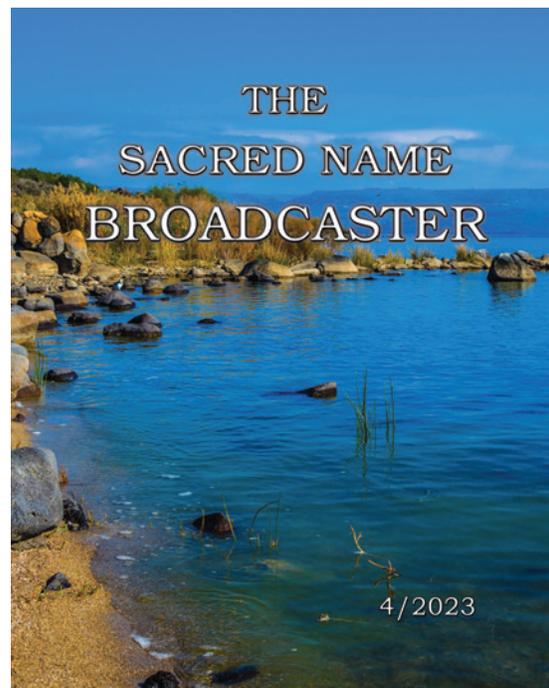
We live in an era of lawlessness, when rejection of the Law of Yahweh has become the new normal. Forgotten is the Golden Rule that was part of our upbringing. **"But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction."** (Proverbs 1:7b). Rejecting the foolishness of this age, we look to the Law of Yahweh to show us how to be an obedient believer—a true child of Yahweh.

Our Cover:

The beautiful Sea of Galilee is our cover this month. A reservoir of fresh water for the Jordan River, Kinnereth, is the second lowest lake in the world (the Dead Sea being the lowest). Providing a supply of fish for the region is what has sustained the Sea of Galilee region for centuries. Yahshua the Messiah chose fishermen from here as some of His disciples.

The Sea of Galilee also served as a transportation waterway as well, taking a boat across the lake saved time and an arduous journey that walking around the lake would have entailed. The frequent storms, however, made such travel treacherous at times, and the disciples were in fear of perishing. Yahshua, however, said, "Peace, be still," and the wind and waves obeyed Him.

Yahshua is there for us whenever the storms of life strike you. **"For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that has in all points been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need."** (Hebrews 4:15-16).



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For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. Maschil.

“We have heard with our ears, O Elohim, our fathers have told us, what work you did in their days, in the days of old. You drove out the nations with your hand; but them you planted: You afflicted the peoples: but them you spread abroad. For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you were favorable to them. You are my King, O Elohim: command deliverance for Jacob. Through you will we

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push down our adversaries: through your name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But you have saved us from our adversaries, and have put them to shame that hate us. In Elohim have we made our boast all the day long, and we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah. But now you have cast us off, and brought us to dishonor, and go not forth with our hosts. You make us to turn

back from the adversary; and they that hate us take plunder for themselves. You have made us like sheep appointed for food, and have scattered us among the nations. You sell your people for nothing, and have not increased your wealth by their price. You make us a reproach to our neighbors, a scoffing and a derision to them that are all around us. You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples. All the day long is my dishonor before me, and the shame of my face has covered me, for the voice of him that reproaches and blasphemes, by reason of the enemy and the avenger. All

Even though severely tested, the loyalty of the True Worshipers will never falter. They will never backslide; they will never be diverted. Their commitment to the Word of Yahweh remains foremost and fervent in their hearts and lives.

this has come upon us; yet have we not forgotten you, neither have we dealt falsely in your covenant. Our heart has not turned back neither have our steps declined from your way, that you have severely broken us in the place of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death. If we have forgotten the name of our Elohim, or spread forth our hands to a strange El; will not Elohim search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart. Yes, for your sake are we killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake, why do you sleep, Yahweh? Arise, cast us not off forever. Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our body clings to the earth. Rise up for our help, and redeem us for your lovingkindness' sake. (Psalm 44). Psalm 44 begins with the superscription, ***“For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. Maschil.”*** *Maschil* means a *teaching*.

Looking closely at Isaiah 66, we see that, at the beginning of this chapter, reference appears twice, which indicates that this passage has been written to those who tremble at the Word of Yahweh. These people are characterized as being of a poor and contrite spirit, meaning they are not arrogant, but humble, repentant people. Each day, they live a life that demonstrates their repentant

attitude as they realize how much they owe to Yahweh Elohim, our benevolent Father in Heaven, for offering each one of us an opportunity to be saved. They do not become self-righteous, but they always remain grateful that Yahweh has erased the separation caused by their previous sins. Therefore, these people study the Bible—daily reading it to discover ways in which the Word of Yahweh directs them to become more obedient—like the Bereans of Acts 17:10-11. These committed True Worshipers stand out from society. They are nobler than others, because each day they search the Scriptures to determine whether these things are so. They love to hear the voice of Yahweh speaking to them from the pages of the sacred text. They love to fulfill the requirements of the Sacred Scriptures, because they clearly respect the wishes of Almighty Yahweh. They comprehend how much Yahweh knows about them, and they fear to displease Him, because they love Him intensely.

In Psalm 44, we see that a persecution comes upon the people of which the psalmist is writing. In verse 17, ***“All this has come upon us; yet have we not forgotten you, neither have we dealt falsely in your covenant.”*** Persecution cannot dislodge, or divert, us away from the Narrow Pathway. ***“Our heart has not turned back*** [no backsliding is ours] ***neither have our steps declined from your way....”*** We haven't diverted, neither have we

been broken in this wilderness in which we live. ***“If we have forgotten the name of our Elohim, or spread forth our hands to a strange El*** [we know that Elohim will search this out] ***for he knows the secrets of the heart.”*** There is nothing hid from Yahweh. Yahweh looks upon the heart, we must remember. ***“Yes, for your sake are we killed all the day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*** Paul quotes this in Romans 8:36.

Then the psalmist asks, ***“Awake, why do you sleep, Yahweh?...Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?...Rise up for our help, and redeem us for your lovingkindness' sake.”*** Even though severely tested, the loyalty of the True Worshipers will never falter. They will never backslide; they will never be diverted. Their commitment to the Word of Yahweh remains foremost and FERVENT in their hearts and lives.

Isaiah chapter 66 is a recapitulation of the previous promises and admonishment that we find in the Obadiah passages—the 27 chapters from Isaiah 40 to Isaiah 66. The concept of comforting the True Worshipers who remain steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of Yahweh, is very clearly expressed in the beginning of the 40th chapter: ***“Comfort you, comfort you my people, says your Elohim.”*** When we read through this passage, it tells us that profound changes

are going to be made to this world—this earthly system. Those profound changes will extend to the people who do not heed the Word of Yahweh. Remember that we are merely transitory, as was Abel. That is the meaning of the Hebrew root of his name—*transitory*. It means we are only here for a short time. It is a transition—if we allow it to happen—from the fleshly to the spiritual. ***“The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the best of it is as the flower of the field: the grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of Yahweh blows upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our Elohim shall stand forever.”*** (Isaiah 40:6-8).

Are you listening to the good tidings that are being heralded to the rest of the world, especially to Mount Zion? ***“O you that tells good tidings to Zion, get up on a high mountain; O you that tells good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold, your Elohim!”*** (Isaiah 40:9). Here, I see a reference to Radio WMLK—DO NOT BE AFRAID! Don't fear Satan the Adversary; he has really given us a lot of opposition over the last years, and I know that each little bit of progress we make is going to reduce his future life by a certain measure of time. Therefore, he knows what's ahead for him, and he opposes those who are going to fulfill the prophecy. I know this. But it is surely excruciatingly difficult for us as we are undergoing this constant testing and trial. Psalm 44 informs us that the True Worshipers will receive testing and persecution, but they will always remain FAITHFUL

and ZEALOUS for Yahweh's Word.

Chapter 66 of Isaiah appears to be a recapitulation of the previous pronouncements—the comforting and the warnings of judgments upon those who do not heed the Word of Yahweh—comfort for Yahweh's Obadiah's, but imminent judgment for those who do not heed Yahweh.

Here are four summary points from a previous study of Isaiah 66:

1) What kind of spiritual house are you building? ***“In this manner says Yahweh, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will you build to me? And what place shall be my rest?”*** (Isaiah 66:1). The physical temple is necessary—a place to worship, a place with which to rally. It is the personal spiritual house that is the concern of Yahweh. ***What type of a spiritual house are you building?***

2) Only sincere sacrifices from a ***truly repentant*** heart will be accepted by Yahweh. Others are repulsive to Him.

3) Heed the voice of Yahweh's Word. Respect it. Tremble before it. Choose the lifestyle that will truly please Yahweh.

4) Recognize that Yahweh has the power to judge sinners, to destroy those who oppose Him.

“Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a manchild. Who has heard such

a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says Yahweh: Shall I that cause to bring forth shut the womb? says your Elohim.” (Isaiah 66:7-9).

5) Be among the righteous nation—spiritual Israel. *Shavuoth*, or Pentecost, is actually the birthday of a nation. The Torah is the Constitution of the spiritual nation.

There was, at one time, a big discussion in Israel: “Should we have a Constitution? We're not democratic. Why aren't we democratic? We should have a Constitution.” The Constitution is already there. They have been living by it for 50 years, presumably, anyway.

Shavuoth (Pentecost) is the *mattan Torah* remembrance—the giving of the Law. But it is also the time when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Apostolic Assembly.

Are we destined to be among the faithful? Isaiah 66:7 reads ***“Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a manchild.”*** The travail of Zion can be applied to the physical location in which Yahweh's people are over in the Holy Land, the nation of Israel—*eretz Israel*. But a spiritual interpretation can also be taken from this expression. Worldly religion is the Zion which we read about in verse 8. ***“Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth***

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her children.” Here we see the woman in travail which describes the birth pangs of the Messiah. It references the great tribulation that Yahshua the Messiah spoke about in His Olivet Prophecy.

It was reported that an Episcopalian congregation had moved to sever its ties with liberalism in the Episcopalian Chrch. This congregation could no longer tolerate the liberalism that allows homosexuality, that flies in the face of the Scriptures that say a woman should keep silence in the Assembly, and a religious organization that accepts abortions and immorality of all different types. So they made an effort to sever their ties to the liberal Episcopalian Chrch. There is a congregation in our own community that severed its ties with its denomination and has become independent, because they also cannot continue with the liberalism of this age.

Worldly religion is in turmoil. It is in a tribulation. The righteous people want to remain righteous; they want to obey the Scriptures—for the most part, anyway. They want to maintain a high standard of morality, but there are others who want to do just as they please. These are the birth pangs of the

Messiah. The great tribulation isn't here yet. That's what the Assemblies of Yahweh is all about.

Let us look back at Revelation 12:5, where it describes the woman as worldly religion that has turned apostate. It says, in verse 5, ***“And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught away to Elohim, and to his throne.”*** Satan stands in front of the woman, to persecute, to devour this nation, this group. It is very significant here that the delivery of the son in Isaiah 66:7-9 is called a nation. This man child is called a nation. Isaiah 66:8b ***“Shall a nation be brought forth at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”*** The question is asked previously, ***“Shall a land be born in one day?”*** Let's recognize Zion as worldly religion. This is, then, a question that is asked about, not just the physical location, but of religion all over the world. Shall this land—the earth—be brought into birth in one day?

Consequently, as we read Revelation 12:5, ***“And she was delivered of a son, a man***

child....” So many religious organizations believe this was Yahshua, who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron. But in Revelation 2:8-9, ***“And to the angel of the assembly in Smyrna write: These things says the first and the last, who was dead, and lived again: I know your tribulation, and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan.”*** This is addressed, then, to Smyrna, but verse 26-28 says, ***“And he that overcomes, and he that keeps my works to the end, to him I will give authority over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father: and I will give him the morning star.”***

Yahshua the Messiah is told in Psalm 2 that He would reign over the nations and break them with a rod of iron—an inflexible rule. **He is going to call assistants to help Him rule.** We need to understand that we should be preparing to volunteer ourselves to assist Yahshua in whatever

capacity He wishes us to hold at that time.

“...And her child was caught away to Elohim, and to his throne.” (Revelation 12:5b). The word is *harpazo* in Greek. It is just not caught up but **“...caught away to Elohim, and to his throne.”** In 1 Chronicles 29:23, we see that this throne of Yahweh was here on this earth. **“Then Solomon sat on the throne of Yahweh as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.”** The throne of Yahweh is here on this earth, not just simply in heaven. He has a physical throne for mankind. That is eventually going to be ruled over by Yahshua the Messiah—the greater David—when He comes.

Will Yahweh produce a birth? We have already seen in Isaiah 37:3-4, **“And they said to him, In this manner says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. It may be Yahweh your Elohim will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living Elohim, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your Elohim has heard: therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.”** All of this can be applied to our day; this is the day of the remnant. Assyria represents the Satanic system of this world, and the day of trouble corresponds to the great tribulation and the uproar of that time, the contumely—**“for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.”**

Yahweh asks the question, in Isaiah 66:9, **“Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?”** No, He will bring forth

His people, and He will create this nation. This is a very close parallel to where we are in our world today. Remember, I am explaining Scripture with Scripture. I am taking corresponding text from various places in the Sacred Scriptures, and I am applying them in relation to what we find in Isaiah 66. In Hosea 13:13-14, we read: **“The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for it is time he should not stay in the place of the breaking forth of children. I will ransom them from the power of Sheol; I will redeem them from death: O death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? Repentance shall be hid from my eyes.”** Yahweh’s eyes are on those at the end of the age who are sinners, and He will judge them.

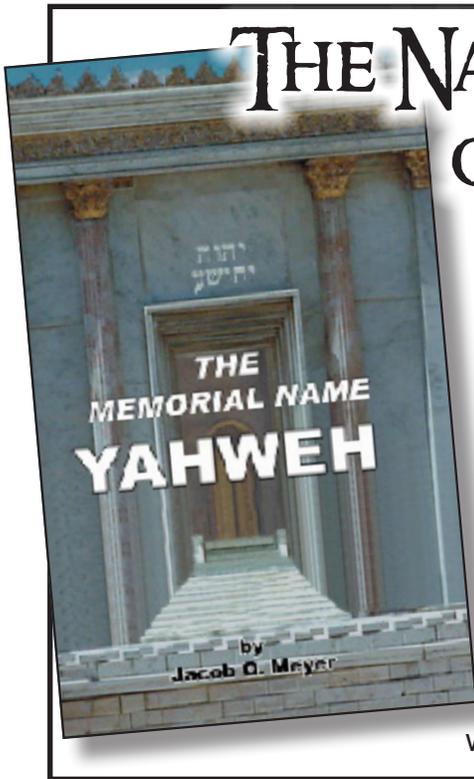
Romans 11 expands our knowledge of this text. **“I say then, Did Yahweh cast off his people? By no means. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.”** Did He bring to the birth and then allow them die? Paul is speaking here in Philippians 1:6, **“...being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Yahshua the Messiah....”** Yes, He is going to perfect the work that He started. **“Even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart, since, both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the good tidings, you are all partakers with me of grace.”** (Philippians 1:7). He is writing to the Philippians—and we also understand that he is writing to us, as well. **“For Elohim is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies**

of the Messiah Yahshua. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; so that you may approve the things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and void of offense to the day of the Messiah; being filled with the fruits of righteousness [fruits of the spirits], which are through Yahshua the Messiah, to the glory and praise of Yahweh.” (Philippians 1:8-11).

What is this referring to? What is it talking about? Paul, I think, is referring back to what you find in Isaiah 66. Paul was very well-versed with the Scriptures and quoted a lot of it and used allusions to those texts.

Let’s get a deeper understanding here from Revelation chapter 3. I just love to do this: to take cross-references from many different places in the Scriptures and apply them to the text which they refer to. The text has something that we need to understand, and then there are other Scriptures scattered throughout the Bible that apply to this particular expression or pronouncement. Revelation 3:7-8, **“And to the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write: These things says he that is holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, he that opens and no one shall shut, and that shuts, and none opens: I know your works (behold, I have set before you an open door, which none can shut), that you have a little power, and did keep my word, and did not deny my name.”** Isn’t that what He says in Isaiah 66? That He will bring to the birth, and He opens the womb? And no one is going to shut that womb against the birth of this nation. This is what we’ll be celebrating and remembering at Pentecost.

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“...And that shuts, and none opens....” He’s going to shut the womb, however, against those who REBEL against His Word, who REJECT His Covenant Law, who DESPISE His Holy Spirit. So this is something that really applies to Isaiah 66. **“...I know your works (behold, I have set before you an open door, which none can shut), that you have a little power [like a baby] and did keep my word, and did not deny my name.”** After the excruciating experience of coming through a birth, you wonder, *“This tiny little baby, this tiny little life, must have a determination to live, or it wouldn’t have been able to get through the birthing experience. It would have been stillborn.”*

When you start applying these thoughts to what you find in the Obadiah passages, then you can certainly sense that these Obadiah chapters, 40 through 66, really form something like the evangel of salvation in a nutshell. Now, connect Revelation 3:7-8 to Isaiah

66:8a, **“Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?”** What things? Look to verse 7, **“Before she travailed, she brought forth ...”** the remnant, the small man child, the small nation that has just a little bit of power, just that spark of life to come through the birthing process which is what Satan will be attacking. Remember what we read in Revelation chapter 12. It tells us that Satan the dragon stands before the woman that is about to be delivered, so that when she is delivered he is going to grab the child and eat it up. That is where we are—right here at this moment of time—Satan is ready to devour this Assembly. If we are not careful, he is ready to devour this Assembly. He is ready to devour any individual who drops his crown, and he’s going to do it. **BEWARE, BRETHERN! Remain STRONG. Battle Satan with the sword of the Spirit—the Word of Yahweh! Defend yourself with the whole armor; this is important! We**

cannot go the way of the world. If we divert ourselves from the Narrow Pathway to the pathway of the world, —the broad way which is going to destruction—and this destruction is Satan devouring those who are not sincere!

So, you see, **“Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came....”** Before the woman goes into the birth pangs of the Messiah, she is delivered of the man child. That’s why we have the Assemblies of Yahweh today, because of Yahweh’s goodness. He’s calling out of this world such as should be saved. Who has heard of such a thing? Before the pain comes—and the pain is going to be the great tribulation upon this worldly system—especially upon worldly religion. That nation is a nation of kings and priests. We see that from Exodus 19—a nation of kings and priests, a holy nation—is connected with Revelation 3:7-8, in that the Philadelphia Assembly will be keeping the commandments of Yahweh and will never deny His Name.

“Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says Yahweh: Shall I that cause to bring forth shut the womb? says your Elohim.” (Isaiah 66:9). Yahweh is going to shut, or close, the womb against those that are insincere, but no one can shut that womb against those that are **SINCERELY TRYING TO SERVE YAHWEH**. Consequently, we want to notice again in this passage that this is an expression of the whole world, and we understand that Zion describes the religious people of the world. **“For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”** Yes, it applies to a location, because that is where the battle of Armageddon is going to be fought. The woman in travail relates to the birth pangs of the Messiah.

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you that mourn over her....” (Isaiah 66:10). Are you a mourner who is mourning over the current degeneracy of the Jewish people in Israel? I know that we are living in terrible times!

“For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and have pity upon her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of Yahweh, and all the kings of the earth your glory....” (Psalm 102:14-15). Are we servants of Yahweh that take pleasure in the structures of Jerusalem and have pity upon the dust of the ages that has collected during this time of Diaspora? All you need to do is to read what happened in the Maccabean times, and, then, you can relate that to what is going on today. The dust of the ages seems to have infiltrated Israeli society up to this point. ***“He has regarded the prayer of the destitute, and has not despised their prayer. This shall be written for the generation to come; and a people which shall be created shall praise Yah.”*** (Psalm 102:17-18). We say, “HalleluYah!” at the end of our prayers, but we have no objection to using the word Amen. It was our decision to be different from worldly religion, so, at the end of our prayers, we decided to say, “Praise Yah!” Worldly religion is not praising Yahweh. We are. We say, “HalleluYah!” to each other, “Praise Yah!” which is an imperative, a command. ***“...A people which shall be created,”*** by Yahweh are a spiritual creation—a spiritual house— as we see from 1 Peter 2.

“...This shall be written for the generation to come.” Do we see ourselves here, the Assemblies

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of Yahweh? I do! I apply that to the end of the age, just as I do Isaiah 40:1. ***“...a people which shall be created,”*** are the ones who come to the birth, before the tribulation. You know, we have a good chance, a good opportunity. Mrs. Meyer and I have been in the Faith for many decades. We rejoice over that, because we have been able to learn so much that should carry us over through the coming great tribulation. Some people come into this organization, they grab their crown, and then they drop their crown, and away they go! They have had their opportunity. Other people, however, will seize the crown and never relinquish their grip, or drop their crown. Remember: Yahweh is talking about a remnant—just a small group of people—but it will be a powerful nation.

“To hear the sighing of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death....” (Psalm 102:20). Yahweh looked down from heaven, you see, ***“...to hear the sighing of the prisoner....”*** This is in our day. A prisoner of what? A prisoner in Egypt—in this Egypt of the sinful state of this world—and Babylon (the confu-

sion of this world), the prisoner of spiritual darkness. Yahweh heard Israel, in the early chapters of Exodus, when they started sighing and crying for deliverance.

He heard their despairing cries. ***“To loose those that are appointed to death....”*** is to give them eternal life. The sincere ones will receive eternal life. ***“That men may declare the name of Yahweh in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem....”***

(Psalm 102:21). We have the opportunity to be there!

Think about it. Isn't this just fabulous? When you go back and forth through the Scriptures, and you find passages that bear upon a certain subject that enlighten us and expand our knowledge—it is thrilling. Philippians 4:4, for example, reads, ***“Rejoice in Yahweh always: again I will say, Rejoice.”*** Isn't that what we are told to do in Isaiah 66:10? We are told to rejoice at Jerusalem, at the prospects of the Kingdom being established on this earth, with the ruling city being Jerusalem? Rejoice with her, ***“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you that mourn over her....”*** That is us, we whose eyes are on the Holy Land and on the city of coming peace—Yahweh's city—which is going to be peaceful. So, ***“Rejoice in Yahweh always*** [because He has allowed us to understand these prophecies] ***again I will say, Rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. Yahshua is at hand. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to Yahweh. And the peace [shalom] of Yahweh, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts***

**and your thoughts in the Mes-
siah Yahshua.”**

In Isaiah 66:12, we read, **“For thus says Yahweh, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river [the shalom of Yahweh that passes all understanding is here], and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: and you shall suck of it; you shall be borne upon the side, and shall be dandled upon the knees.”** Many times I have seen my wife cooking in the kitchen, as she had a big family to take care of. Sometimes, the children would get fussy. In my mind’s eye, I can see her standing at the stove cooking, and she couldn’t lay the child down. I can see her holding the child on her hip while she is doing something at the stove, and the little child is sucking on a pacifier and watching her. How

many times was she dusting, or whatever, and she was holding a child on the hip to keep comforting the child? How many times have you fathers comforted your child by taking the child on your knee and playing as if the child was riding a horse? This would occupy the child and make the child feel a little better, perhaps. Things like these common ordinary occurrences demonstrate how Yahweh feels about us.

Right now we have tribulation, don’t we? Satan is angry. But Yahweh says, **“...you shall be borne upon the side....”** “Yes, I am going to be doing My work, but meanwhile I am going to be holding you and comforting you.” This is the comfort of the first verse of Isaiah chapter 40. **“... And shall be dandled upon the knees,”** as if riding a horse,

and the child loves something like that to occupy itself. In Isaiah 66:11, **“...that you may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.”** We are, right now, mourners for Zion; we see what’s happening in Jerusalem, but, afterward, we have comfort and rejoicing.

“I will bless Yahweh, who has given me counsel; yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons. I have set Yahweh always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.” (Psalm 16:7-8). We have already seen that; no one is going to backslide. **“Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also shall dwell in safety. For you will not leave my soul to Sheol; neither will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.”** That is what happened to Yahshua. We will be walking in His footsteps. **“You will show me the path of life: in your presence is fulness of joy [complete, enveloping joy] in your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”** Then I see what Yahweh means about dandling the child on the knees, or putting the arm around the child and carrying the child on the hip like mothers do.

This is a tremendous book! **“But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before Elohim: yes, let them rejoice with gladness. Sing to Elohim, sing praises to his name: cast up a highway for him that rides through the deserts; His name is Yah; and exult before him. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is Elohim in his holy habitation.”** (Psalm 68:3-5). The term *exult* means *to be FILLED with joy and gladness*. It seems that every time joy is expressed,

*The grass withers, the flower fades ;
but the word of our Elohim shall stand forever.*

ISAIAH 40:8



or mentioned, Yahweh's Name and His personality appear there. This is what precedes what we find in Isaiah 66:11.

“His foundation is in the holy mountains. Yahweh loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of Elohim.” (Psalm 87:1). Then, in Isaiah 24—how many times I think about this passage: ***“And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yahweh will punish the host of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.”*** Satan and his angels—his demon hordes—are going to be destroyed, and, in the meantime, restrained in the abyss. ***“And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be visited.”*** This is going to happen to Satan, in Revelation 20. ***“Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Yahweh of hosts will reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem; and before his elders shall be glory.”*** (Isaiah 24:21-23). The glory there is the *Shekinah* glory where Yahweh dwells.

I really love the 33rd chapter of Isaiah. I think about it frequently, and I have read it many times. Isaiah 33:17-22, ***“Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold a land that reaches afar. Your heart shall ponder the terror: Where is he that counted, where is he that weighed the tribute [like in Egypt]? Where are the tax collectors that are confiscating so much of our earning power? Where is he that counted the towers? You shall not see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that you can not com-***

prehend, of a strange tongue that you can not understand. Look upon Zion, the city of our festal assemblies [where, eventually, the Feast days are going to be observed. Right now they need to be observed, of necessity, in foreign countries.]: ***your eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed, the stakes of which shall never be plucked up, neither shall any of the cords of it be broken. But there Yahweh will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers and streams*** [such as is described in the 47th chapter of the book of Ezekiel], ***in which shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass by it. For Yahweh is our judge, Yahweh is our lawgiver, Yahweh is our king; HE WILL SAVE US.”*** The Name Yahshua—Yahweh is salvation—comes through in that last clause.

Who do we allow to judge us? Do we allow neighbors, or the community, to judge us? Shouldn't we allow the Assembly and the judge of the Assembly who judges with the Law of Yahweh? Do we prize the Law of Yahweh above the law of the state? It is better to serve Yahweh than men, and that includes the religious tradition of the Pharisees which you read about in the fifth chapter of Acts. ***“Your tacklings are loosed; they could not strengthen the foot of their mast, they could not spread the sail: then was the prey of a great plunder divided; the lame took the prey. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell in it shall be forgiven their iniquity.”*** (Isaiah 33:23-24).

All of these passages lead us to the conclusion that a great change is coming in this system of things. We mourn now as persecution is

poured out upon us, but in the Kingdom of Yahweh, we shall rejoice. ***“Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.”*** (Isaiah 60:5). Verse 16-17, ***“You shall also suck the milk of the nations, and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall know that I, Yahweh, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood bronze, and for stones iron. I will also make your officers peace, and your exactors righteousness.”*** Why does he say these things? The answer is the nation of the saved ones—like Israel—the Assemblies of Yahweh, throughout all ages of mankind are representatives of the only True and Living Elohim.

Remember when the queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon, it says he was so wealthy, so rich, because Yahweh had blessed him. ***“But you shall be named the priests of Yahweh; men shall call you the ministers of our Elohim: you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves.”*** (Isaiah 61:6). The members of the Assemblies of Yahweh are to be a nation of priests. Who was to collect the tithes? The priesthood. An example of this is found in 2 Chronicles 31. It says that the priests did not have the wherewithal to serve Yahweh properly. And it says, ***“He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the***

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THE LAW BE

by Teaching Elder Jonathan S. Meyer

Nominal Christians today are very inflexible believers in the theory that the Ten Commandments and the moral law were received for the first time by mankind at Mt. Sinai. They believe that Yahweh took the children of Israel out of Egypt and, thereupon, taught them a restrictive, burdensome set of Laws, which were finally annulled when Yahshua the Messiah was impaled upon the tree. Beginning in the New Testament era, they contend, began a time of freedom, or release, from obedience to the Law.

Can this commonly held belief be supported by the Sacred Scriptures? We shall present evidence from both Old and New Testaments to determine whether Yahweh's Word is consistent from

eternity to eternity, between the bounds of eternity. In Revelation 22:13, Yahshua the Messiah makes the firm statement, "***I am the Aleph and the Tau, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.***" He, as the Word of Yahweh made flesh, has beforehand existed in eternity and shall continue on into eternity, following time, when the imposition of Yahweh's eternal Kingdom for all ages is made complete.

The Bible substantiates that the Law was surely in existence and observed by the patriarchs and, indeed, dates from the time of Creation. We shall learn whether a new Law was imposed at Sinai, or whether the Law which Yahweh gave to Moses at Sinai was simply a restatement of His perfect Law, which had been forgotten by mankind. Was this Law merely a unique, national Law given to Israel in preparation for their entry

into the Covenant and Promised Land of Almighty Yahweh, or was it known and observed by the first humans of the Adamic family?

Purpose of the Law

A car rounds the bend, out of control, at a high rate of speed. The driver passes over the median strip into the opposing lane of traffic, where another car is approaching in the opposite direction. They collide head on, and all the occupants of both vehicles are instantly killed. **A law has been broken which RESULTED in the PENALTY of DEATH.** The broken law is simply stated thus: "No two objects can occupy the same space at the same time." This scientific principle actually rests upon a physical law, even though unwritten, which we must all observe, even today, if we wish to preserve our lives.

Laws were given to man for a



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number of reasons. First, rules must be obeyed for people to live at peace with one another. It is necessary for man to have a system of laws to control man's conduct toward each other. These laws establish neutral boundaries and simultaneously make individuals aware of what is expected of them, and the limits to which they can go, before they must pay for overstepping their boundaries. Yahshua the Messiah states this as "trespass," Matthew 6:15.

Laws exist, whether they are the laws of our secular government, or of the government of Yahweh, not only for the punishment of the guilty, but, in addition, *for the protection of the innocent.* Laws give human beings a set of boundaries, allowing them freedom to operate within a given territory, just as sheep in a pasture are freely allowed to move about within the bounds of the fence. The

fences surrounding that pasture prevent the sheep from running into the road, saving them from death. The fence preserves their lives. The pasture is spacious and large, and the sheep have abundant room to roam as they please. However, they are protected from a neighbor's property by the fence. They live in a controlled environment, regulated by a firm set of boundaries. If they break through the fence, they will trespass on another's property, or rights. The writer of Psalm 119:96 conveys the same message in regard to Yahweh's Law: ***"I have seen an end of all perfection; But your commandment is very broad."***

The Laws of the Bible (in many ways similar to the laws of our land) have been given to man by Yahweh to make man complete. This completeness is a quality that Almighty Yahweh portrays. Almighty Yahweh and His Son,

Yahshua the Messiah, keep the Laws we have been given to observe Themselves, since They are our ultimate examples. Sin separates us from the presence of our Heavenly Father. If this were not the case, we, today, could stand before Almighty Yahweh and His throne, and He Himself could be on this earth right now instead of waiting (as His Word tells us) until the earth has been cleansed of sin.

We are human, carnal by nature, sinful, constantly falling short of the goal Yahweh has established—which is perfection. His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, proved by His perfect, sinless life on this earth that we can indeed overcome this carnal, rebellious, human nature, and reach the level of perfection. However, as we frequently fall short and lose sight of our goal, we can only attain that perfection through

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“And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

(REVELATION 20:12)

the shed blood of Yahshua's sacrifice if we adhere obediently to the Law of Yahweh, just as the Messiah did. We must obey it completely.

Since the creation of Adam, Yahweh has extended His Covenant to all those people who diligently observe His Law. The Covenant that Yahweh made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) is freely offered to the children, or descendants, of Israel, as well as those people of the nations who will learn the ways of Israel (Jeremiah 12:16).

This Covenant Law is vitally important to the salvation of mankind, for it is by this Law that each person's life will be judged (Revelation 20:12). Therefore, we must recognize the importance of keeping this Covenant Law. If each person is to be judged according to this Law regarding his personal actions (works), Yahweh would have *had* to convey a knowledge of this Law to Adam. He, in turn, was required to teach

it to his descendants. Even if by negligence, or ignorance, a person does not know, or comprehend, the full extent of the Law, Yahweh has still placed inherently within him a conscience, the necessity of choosing right when confronted with a decision between right and wrong-

Yahweh is quick to forgive if we sin in ignorance against Him and His perfect Law. ***“The times of ignorance therefore Elohim overlooked; but now he commands men that they should all everywhere repent: because he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; of which he has given assurance to all men, in that he has raised him from the dead.”*** (Acts 17:30-31).

Mankind needs to live by Yahweh's Law to fully achieve personal peace and, above all, salvation. While Christians attempt to limit this Law, or its importance to mankind, they

cannot prove their contention from the Bible. Men everywhere need this Law, and they cannot be complete, or whole, without it. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 supports this assertion. ***“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. all has been heard fear Elohim, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole of man. For Elohim will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.”***

The commandments of Yahweh are of great importance, and neither are they grievous. ***“For this is the love of Yahweh, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”*** (1 John 5:3). Nor are they impossible to keep, as the nominal religious world today would have you believe. We must also realize that obedience to the commandments of Almighty Yahweh makes us free from sin. ***“And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; For I have hoped in your ordinances. So shall I observe your law continually For ever and ever. And I shall walk at liberty; For I have sought your precepts.”*** (Psalm 119:43-45). Sin is the transgression of Yahweh's Laws, 1 John 3:4.

The Commandments Before Sinai

When Elohim created the earth and the creatures in it, He created man to be its caretaker. After Adam's creation, Yahweh immediately began to give instructions for him to follow, Genesis 1:29. ***“And Elohim said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding [Hebrew—seeding] seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to***

you it shall be for food.”

Yahweh gave this commandment to Adam to instruct him regarding what humans could eat if they wished to stay healthy. It was a commandment he had to remember and observe every day. It is a good commandment that must be observed today. Yahweh wants us to eat green herbs that reproduce by bearing seeds. Many people lose sight of the fact that Yahweh gave us these Laws for our good. He is our Creator and Sustainer. He knows best what will make our bodies function correctly. Why, then, does mankind generally insist upon rebelling against the simple and plain instructions which their Heavenly Father has given them so that they might obtain eternal life? He is our Creator and Maker. He knows what is best for us.

In Genesis 2:16-17, Yahweh lays upon Adam another commandment. ***“And Yahweh Elohim commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of knowing the good and [knowing the] evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”***

Do we see how simple Yahweh made His commandment to Adam? Yahweh was not trying to deceive Adam. But, rather, He straightforwardly and decisively made His point. Adam kept this Law faithfully until his wife Eve, the weaker sex, was tempted into disobedience. Laws are indeed important to mankind, as we can see. Yahweh wasted no time, but immediately instructed both Adam and Eve in what was right and good for them.

In Genesis 4, we find that Cain and Abel offered of their increase. Cain brought of the fruit of the ground, while Abel brought the firstlings of his flocks (the fat-

test and best). Adam and Eve had taught their sons the Law of Yahweh from birth. However, Cain, when his offerings were not acceptable in the sight of his Heavenly Father Yahweh, fell into a bad attitude. He would not correct the problem, which he could easily have rectified. Yahweh admonished him strongly to change and warned him **not to sin** in verses 6 and 7. ***“And Yahweh said unto Cain, Why are you angry? and why is your face fallen? If you do well, shall it not be lifted up? and if you do not well, sin crouches at the door. And to you shall be his desire, but you should rule over him.”***

Yahweh was instructing Cain that, if he would **obey**, Yahweh would accept him. However, Yahweh warned that if he refused to obey and willfully transgressed Yahweh’s Law (if he sinned), then he would be serving himself and not Yahweh. Which law will you serve today—the Law of Yahweh, or the law of self (sin)? The choice is quite clear-cut. Every human being upon the face of this earth must make that decision before the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah.

Do we now plainly see how



Which came first: Yahweh’s Law or Hammurabi’s?

much emphasis Yahweh places upon obedience and obeying His perfect Law? Not too many people truly comprehend, realize, understand, and have internalized how much Yahweh wants every human being to overcome. To overcome self, sin, the world, and the devil, can only be accomplished through faithfully obeying Yahweh and His Laws.

Man’s Morals Constantly Deteriorate

If Yahweh had not taught Adam and Eve and their children the commandment, “You shall not commit murder,” why then was



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Cain CURSED by Yahweh after he murdered Abel? Yahweh would have been arbitrarily putting an unjustified curse upon Cain. Cain would have had no way of understanding why Yahweh had pronounced a curse upon him! Is Yahweh an unfair, cruel, mean, and arbitrary, and unscriptural Heavenly Father? The answer can only be **NO!** He even sent His Son into the world to give His life to cover over the sins of contrite men who will accept His sacrifice. Yahweh has expressed His love to mankind by giving us His commandments. We must reciprocate that love through obedience to His Laws.

When the Scriptures are harmonized, we can understand that Yahweh always detested sin (transgression of the Law, 1 John 3:4). Cain had committed sin, because he knew what was right and good in Yahweh's eyes and should have been following it, rather than rejecting Yahweh's counsel and Law. In love, Yahweh even warned him to resist sin. But Cain did not control his carnal nature. He even went one step further and

killed his brother, Abel. It was for this reason that Cain was exiled from the area where his parents lived and went to live by himself. Yahweh had made him a fugitive and a wanderer, because he had to be separated from those who conducted themselves in harmony with Yahweh's Laws.

An interesting thought emerges in Genesis chapter 6. Yahweh was grieved with mankind, because the **wickedness** of man was so monstrous and pervasive in all the earth. Every *imagination* of the **thoughts** of their **HEART** was continually concentrating upon ways to do evil. However, in verse 8, we are told that Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh. ***“But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.... Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with Elohim.”*** Just as did Seth and Enoch, his forefathers, who were righteous men walking with Elohim, so Noah also took the righteous pathway to salvation.

How could Noah be called a **righteous** man if he had not been keeping all the commandments of Elohim as perfectly as possible?

Because of his faithfulness in serving Yahweh and doing His Will, even in opposition to sinners around him, Yahweh offered to enter into the Covenant with Noah and save him from the universal destruction of the flood.

In chapter 7, we note that Noah knew and kept the clean food (dietary) Laws. ***“Of every clean beast you shall take to you seven and seven, the male and his female....”*** (Genesis 7:2). Noah also kept the feasts of Yahweh. Genesis 7:11 proves that Noah knew and reckoned time by Yahweh's calendar. ***“In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”*** In order for Noah to understand when the flood began and how time was reckoned, he had to be observing the biblical, visible new moons. We also are told to watch for the new moon of green ears—and this shall be the beginning of months to you, Deuteronomy 16:1.

The above passage occurred three days after the second Passover, which is the fourteenth day of the second month. It would appear that Yahweh patiently gave that wicked, pagan, heathenized civilization yet one additional chance to repent at the last moment and take part in that second Passover, so He would pass over them in judgment. However, when they rejected Yahweh, He rejected them.

Another instance of the keeping of the feasts of Yahweh can be found in Genesis 19:3, when Lot fed the angels unleavened bread with their meal. This must have occurred during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Previously, in chapter 18, Abraham directed Sarah, his wife, to quickly make bread for the vis-

Examples of the Law Before Sinai

"And Yahweh Elohim commanded the man, saying..."

iting heavenly messengers. It had to be unleavened bread, because leavened bread takes the better part of the day to prepare.

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brethren and was sold into the service of Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's guard (Hebrew—chief executioner), Joseph was blessed by Yahweh. Many times later on, Yahweh also blessed Joseph until he was advanced to a responsible position in the Egyptian government. Joseph was made overseer of Potiphar's whole household. When Potiphar's wife tempted him, Joseph refused to sin, Genesis 39:8-9. ***"Behold, my master knows not what is with me in the house, and he has put all that he has into my hand; He is not greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back any thing from me but you, because you are his wife: How then can I do this great WICKEDNESS, and sin against Elohim?"***

1 John 3:4 unequivocally states that sin is the transgression of the Law of Almighty Yahweh. We cannot assume Joseph would use the word *sin* loosely. **He had been educated by his father Jacob** (Israel) from a child and was faithfully taught the Law of Yahweh.

Some might argue that the commandment against adultery was derived from the law of the land and adopted by the Hebrews. Perhaps they will maintain that Joseph was just following the moral code of the Egyptian nation. Or some will assert that the Hebrews derived their moral code from the Babylonian Hammurabi.

We must not be blind to the fact that **Yahweh gave His Law to Adam**. Adam's descendants drifted away from True Worship, but their roots were still in the original pattern for a peaceful society given to Adam and Eve. ^{SNB}

1. Herb-yielding Seed Genesis 1:29



2. Tree of Knowing Good Genesis 2:16-17



3. Murder is a Sin Genesis 4:6-7



4. Noah was Righteous (Deuteronomy 6:25) Genesis 6:9



5. Clean Beasts Unclean Beasts Genesis 7:2



6. The Biblical Calendar Genesis 7:11

7. Feast of Unleavened Bread Genesis 19:3



8. Adultery is a Sin Genesis 39:8-9



by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

PSALM 119

The Scripture lesson for today is from the Psalm 119:1-16. ***“Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, who walk in the law of Yahweh. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, that seek him with the whole heart. Yes, they do no unrighteousness; they walk in his ways. You have commanded us your precepts, that we should observe them diligently. Oh that my ways were established to observe***

your statutes! Then shall I not be put to shame, when I have respect to all your commandments. I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous judgments. I will observe your statutes: Oh forsake me not utterly. With what shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed to it according to your word. With my whole heart have I sought you: Oh

let me not wander from your commandments. Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Yahweh: teach me your statutes. With my lips have I declared all the ordinances of your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and have respect to your ways. I will delight

myself in your statutes: I will not forget your word.

Lawful living versus lawlessness will be the subject of this message. The 119th Psalm is one of the greatest passages in the whole inspired Scriptures that specifically deals with the subject of the great Law of Yahweh. The theme of the entire Psalm is to learn the Law, meditate upon it, and live it in your everyday life so that it may be well with you and your people. It speaks of a great judgment that is coming upon all lawbreakers and of a great reward for the Lawkeeper. It speaks of a great oppression that is coming to all Lawkeepers that will be perpetuated upon these innocent people by a mistaken majority.

Turn with me to verses 125-128, where we read, ***“I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies. It is time for Yahweh to work; for they have made void your law. Therefore I love your commandments above gold, yes above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all your precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.”***

Today, we see, as at no previous time in history, a period in the history of man when seemingly all people have fallen into permissiveness. We find educators, teachers, and religious leaders sounding the alarm about the trends in the morals of the world, trends that clearly reveal such a Lawless attitude. The Scriptures say in verse 126, ***“It is time for Yahweh to work; for they have made void your law.”*** People today seemingly refuse to acknowledge that there is any such thing as Law. They do

not want to acknowledge a great Lawgiver, so they make void, or do away with, His Law. They do not seem to realize that every cause will produce an effect, and for every undesirable effect, there had to be, somewhere back along the line, a cause, or reason, why this effect was produced.

Jet propulsion and outer space travel are based on this same principle, and, yet, it would seem that people, when it comes to their personal lives, are too blind to see this principle at work in their everyday lives. They cannot seem to see that the free-love society they are today creating will lead only to internal national decay, broken homes, divorces, mental

“Great peace have they that love your law; and they have no occasion of stumbling.”

PSALM 119:165

disturbances, and heartaches that cannot be measured in material substances. Verse 165 of this same 119th Psalm says, ***“Great peace have they that love your law; and they have no occasion of stumbling.”*** Today, the world’s population is truly like the waters of a great sea. Restlessness is its universal characteristic. People cannot get enough, it seems! And, yet, for the true believer, the true child of Yahweh, the Law-abiding, Kingdom-seeking believer in the Holy Scripture, the pleasures of this world have become meaningless. We are looking for the righteous Kingdom of the Heavens, where Law will reign supreme, and where obedience to Law will produce the apex of happiness that the world today is trying to crowd into the short

life span of a human body—a sensual happiness that lasts for a very short time, and, then, ends in misery.

The Name of Yahweh is also mentioned prominently in this 119th Psalm. Turn to verses 55 and 56, ***“I have remembered your name, O Yahweh, in the night, and have observed your law. This I have had, because I have kept your precepts.”***

Today, we are in the 11th hour of the age of man, nightfall so to speak. This is the time prophesied for the revival of the true Name of Yahweh, the only Name that is strong to save, the only Name that will keep us from the evil days that have been prophesied

to be just around the corner, just a few short years away. Proverbs 1:7 says, ***“The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”***

Will we be instructed in the Name of Almighty Yahweh, and the Name of Yahshua the Messiah—the Names that will make us wise unto salvation? Or will we continue to despise wisdom and instruction that will lead only to judgment and condemnation? We can understand the importance of the Name of Yahweh, because it is legislated as the first commandment in His Law, Exodus 20:2.

Obedience to the Law of Yahweh is the personal action that will produce the love for Yahweh that the Scripture says is better to possess than fine gold. Gold in the Scripture, spiritually speaking, means pure doctrine. It is the gold tried in the fire that the Laodicean Congregation is admonished to buy in Revelation 3:18. ***“I counsel you to buy of me gold refined by***

fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness not be made manifest: and eye-salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.” Getting this gold will produce the white garments, which means, right-use-ness, or righteousness. It will also produce the eye-salve to anoint our eyes that we may see, the anointing oil of the great Name of Yahweh, Song of Solomon 1:3. **“Your oils have a good fragrance; your name is as oil poured forth; therefore do the virgins love you.”**

Which commandments should be observed today? Let us read from the epistle of 2 John:4-6.

“I rejoice greatly that I have found certain of your children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father. And I now beseech you, lady, not as though I wrote to you a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.” The Law of Yahweh has been from eternity, the very beginning of creation. It is a stable object that will continue down through the future ages of eternity to produce the happy,

affluent, Great Society that men are trying to produce through human ingenuity, but will only reap failure for their efforts. Read the 105th Psalm also, and note the many references to Law-keeping.

Will we heed the Word of Yahweh today? Will we meditate in His great Law that we might not sin against Him, who cannot even look on sin? Will we confess our sins and come humbly to the throne of grace? Will we ask of Yahweh forgiveness for past sins through the Name of His only begotten Son, our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah? Will we then be converted, that our sins may be blotted out, living a life of obedience to our Heavenly Father, obedient to His Law, that we may truly be called His children? May He hasten the day when all men will be able to say, **“Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”** (Psalm 119:11). Beloved friends, remember that sin is the transgression of Yahweh’s Law, 1 John 3:4. **“Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”**

I leave you now with this thought found in this great 119th Psalm, verse 160. **“The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever.”** Be sure to read this great Psalm at your earliest opportunity for greater light into Yahweh’s great Law. By keeping the thoughts of this Psalm in mind at all times, you will be rooted and grounded in sound Bible doctrine as was the Psalmist and the original New Testament Apostolic Assembly. ^{SNB}

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Respecting the Word of Yahweh

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set feasts, as it is written in the law of Yahweh. Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem [those are the Jews of Judah] to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the law of Yahweh.” (2 Chronicles 31:3-4).

Where is the tithe going today? Malachi 3:8-12 tells us that we must bring all of the tithes into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house (in Bethel). How many billions of people are living on this earth today? They estimate nearly eight billion people. Think of it. If every one of those people—rich and poor—would be required to give their 10 percent to Yahweh, these passages would be certainly fulfilled. The sea is going to bring the offerings and the tithes to Yahweh, and you will suck the wealth of the nations. Think of what Yahweh is going to do with this great wealth! The worldly nations are going to function like a perfect machine. Everything will go right for a change. There won't be sick people anymore! There aren't going to be any paupers. Everyone will be serving Yahweh, and Yahweh is going to miraculously heal. The people will receive the strength from the land again. We could just go on and on, exulting in what Yahshua is going to do when He reigns, when He is our Lawgiver—not Washington, not the U.N. headquarters, not NATO—but Yahweh is the Lawgiver, Yahweh is the One who reigns.

You can now see what makes me so joyful. If we are faithful, we are going to see this for ourselves. We are going to see this great system showing what the earth could have been all of these 6,000 years up to this point, but, instead, has become corrupted, as you read in the 8th chapter of Romans. Isaiah 49:23, **“And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am Yahweh; and they that wait for me shall not be put to shame. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captives be delivered? But thus says Yahweh, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him that contends with you, and I will save your children. And I will feed them that oppress you with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I, Yahweh, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”** (Isaiah 49:23-26). Why is it? Because the saved ones—the Assemblies of Yahweh members from all ages of mankind—will be there, resurrected, and will be serving Yahweh and Yahshua with all of their income. What will happen?

I scanned through these pas-

sages in 2 Chronicles 32 and it saddened me to see it. Verse 24, **“In those days Hezekiah was sick even to death: and he prayed to Yahweh; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign. But Hezekiah did not render again according to the benefit done to him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. However Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the anger of Yahweh did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.”** (2 Chronicles 32:24-26). Hezekiah made some mistakes, too, didn't he? But he recovered himself with repentance again, and that is what we are doing in the Assemblies of Yahweh. We are calling upon the world to repent!

In Exodus 25:1-9, we see the pattern of the tabernacle and its furniture, but in Exodus 32, after Moses comes down from the mountain, we see the diversion of the golden calf. The golden calf is the false worship that Israel made to itself—a misuse of personal resources for evil. That's what we find in Exodus 32. Do you know what Yahweh had to do? He had to tell Moses to stand in the gate and cry out, **“Who is on Yahweh's side, let him come to me.”** And all the people of the tribe of Levi—the name Levi means a joiner—joined Moses, but they had to use their sword and kill those who had sinned. Aaron evidently was one of the culprits, but he repented of making that golden calf.

What could have been done for the tabernacle had Israel not misused their personal resources like that? What did Moses have to do? He took the golden calf, he ground it into powder, and scattered it in the stream and said, **“Drink it.**



**"But at midnight
there is a cry,
Behold, the bridegroom!
Come forth to meet him.**

**Then all those virgins
arose, and trimmed their
lamps.**

**And the foolish said to
the wise, Give us of your
oil; for our lamps are
going out."**

MATTHEW 25:6-8

Know that you did wrong. Drink the water. Correct yourself. Drink the sound doctrine. Turn that golden calf back to dust—to the nuggets you find in the stream and drink it. Then do what's right after this."

In Isaiah 66:11, we read, **"...that you may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory."** We will join with all of this improvement—worldwide correction. This is going to really be the global village, then, that is responsible to Yahweh. This global village foolishness that is going on in the world today is nothing but a diversion, as was the Third Reich—a counterfeit of the Millennium. The Third Reich was supposed to be 1,000 years long, but how long did it last? Twelve years—until Yahweh got control

and put better government back again on this earth.

The global village is supposed to introduce the new millennium, and this new millennium is supposed to be everyone treating each other with kindness and non-judgmentalism. But it's going to bring the battle of Armageddon! That's what it's going to produce!

The Kingdom of Yahweh, however, will be the true global village, where the family of Yahweh exists in bliss and harmony for 1,000 years and, then, into eternity for the faithful ones. The wealth of the nations is going to come in during that time, because the people will be giving—just as Israel was—to build the tabernacle.

"For thus says Yahweh, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: and you shall suck of it; you shall be borne upon

the side, and shall be dandled upon the knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." (Isaiah 66:12-13). Yahweh is recapitulating what He has already said in the previous 26 chapters.

"Oh that you had listened to my commandments! Then your peace would have been as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea: your seed also would have been as the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like the grains of it: his name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me." (Isaiah 48:18-19). Isaiah 60:18-19 recaps what He has already said so that we are reminded of these important features in these passages and in other places throughout the sacred text. **"Violence shall no more be heard in your land,**

desolation nor destruction within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. The sun shall be no more your light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light to you: but Yahweh will be to you an everlasting light, and your Elohim your glory." This passage is quoted in Revelation 22:5. Like a mother comforts a child, Yahweh is going to comfort the people in Jerusalem by the righteous reign of His only begotten Son.

The word *comfort* is *nācham*, **Strong's Concordance** #5162, and is used 14 times in these Obadiah chapters of Isaiah. *Nācham* means *to pity or console*. Isaiah 66:14, "**And you shall see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of Yahweh shall be known toward his servants** [the Obadiahs, the servants of Yahweh] **and he will have indignation**

against his enemies." The hand of Yahweh will protect and watch over His Obadiahs (His servants), but indignation and judgment will be poured out upon His enemies. That's what we find in the next paragraph; Yahweh will come with fire, and His chariots shall be like the whirlwind.

How are you going to stand against the elements? People today are so smug—they're so arrogant and conceited! They don't seem to understand that we're in Yahweh's hands. But Yahweh says, "**...you shall see it, and your heart shall rejoice.**" We'll see this great sight of Jerusalem blessed by Yahweh, "**...And your bones shall flourish like the tender grass** [you'll get new bones] **and the hand of Yahweh shall be known toward his servants** [in His protection, in His blessing] **and he will have indignation against his enemies.**" His hand will be toward His servants, but it will be against His enemies to

push them away.

Brethren, can we measure up to these promises and blessings? The Feast of Weeks reminds us of the giving of the Law. We remember the birthday of the Apostolic Assembly—the begetting of the Apostolic Assembly—with the Holy Spirit of Yahweh that was poured out in Acts 2. The results of that outpouring of the Holy Spirit are described in the book of Acts and in places in the Epistles. Can we measure up to Yahweh's requirements so that we may receive these promises and blessings? We can! That's why the Holy Spirit was given!

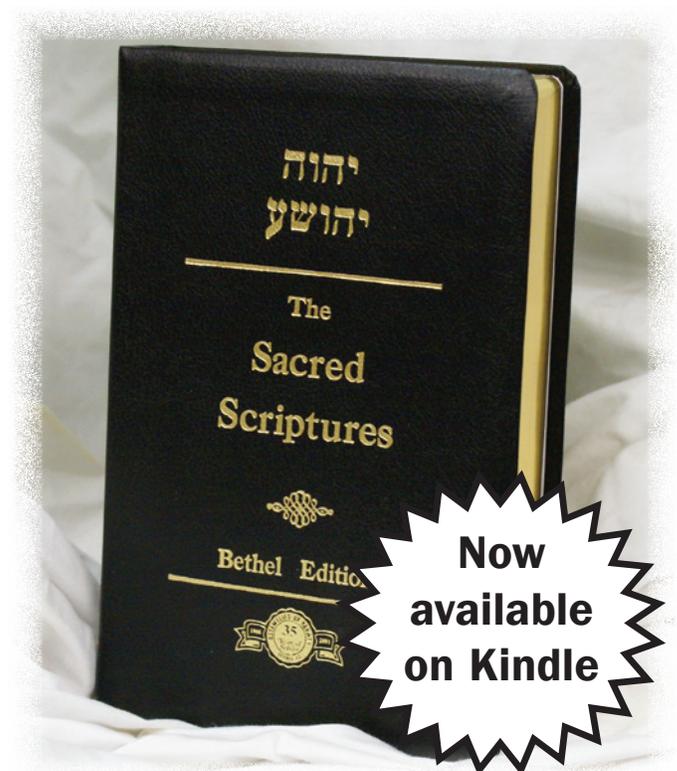
We've heard it before: "*My words are spirit; my words are life. My spirit brings eternal life, because it is my personality, my power, my mind.*" Yahweh puts it into His people. May Yahweh bless us as we rejoice at how Yahweh has given us courage and comfort to withstand the evil days in which we find ourselves right now. ^{SNB}

***“Sanctify them in the truth:
your word is truth.”
(John 17:17)***

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