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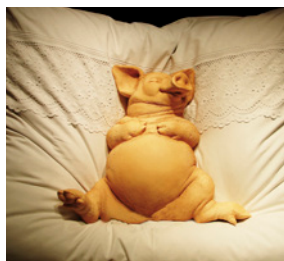
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Have the cares of this world caused you to become unfruitful? Have your ears grown dull of hearing, the application of the Scriptures lost to worldly pursuits? Now is the time for us to awake out of sleep! The Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah is imminent! Are you ready?

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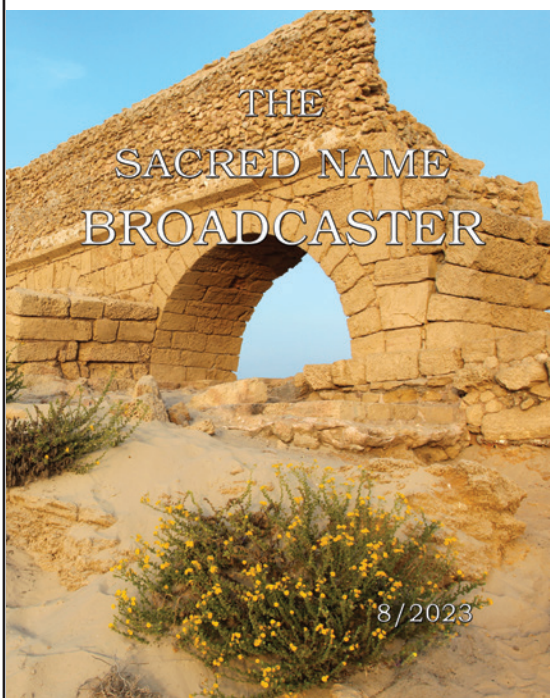
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This month's cover is taken from Caesarea National Park in Israel. Caesarea, figuring prominently in the book of Acts, was the city where Cornelius lived. Cornelius, a Roman Centurian—like the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts chapter 9—are both examples to each one of us of complete devotion to Yahweh.



The Ethiopian eunuch traveled for weeks to worship in Jerusalem, even though he was separated from the other worshipers at the Temple, Isaiah 56:3-8. Cornelius, also, was a righteous man who was renowned among the Jews for his devotion—a man who feared Yahweh Elohim and prayed without ceasing.

The Scriptures are filled with examples of men, women, and children who will be remembered forever for their fervent, unyielding love and devotion to Yahweh. Yet, how zealous are you in following Yahweh? "Of a truth I perceive that Yahweh is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that fears him, and works righteousness, is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34b-35). Now is the time to make your calling and election sure!

Complacency

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lukewarm in spiritual things



When someone enters True Worship, an initial burst of zeal is usually evident. After searching for the Truth for so many years, the individual believer has at long last found it. Eagerly, the newly enlightened person studies the Scriptures, just as did the noble Bereans, to prove for himself

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whether this teaching is true. He has a deep hunger and thirst for the Word. He cannot get enough of it! The Truth seeker is like a

thirsty man finding an oasis after wandering for days over a parched and dusty desert.

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I have this against you, that you did leave your first love. Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to you, and will move your lampstand out of its place, except you repent.”
(Revelation

us into all Truth. As we begin reading and obeying the Word of Yahweh, the Holy Spirit leads us into greater, deeper knowledge. After we have fulfilled the qualifications, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within our hearts, John 14:17 and 23. ***“Even the Spirit of truth: that the world cannot receive; for it beholds it not, neither knows it: you know it; for it remains with you, and shall be in you.... Yahshua answered and said to him, If a man loves me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him.”***

This little seed, representing the power from On High, will germinate and bear fruit if we provide plenty of spiritual nourishment for it.

After coming to know the Truth, we are not immediately rescued from the world. We must continue to live and work in this contemporary system. The spirit in the world is TOTALLY DIFFERENT from what you find in Yahshua’s Assembly. That worldly Babylonish spirit tends to influ-

ence us. It emanates from Satan the Devil, who tempts the Holy Spirit-begotten child of Yahweh.

Satan tries to encourage us to gratify our physical, carnal nature. He tries to get us to focus on temporal things. (***“Command that these stones become bread,”*** Matthew 4:3.) Satan plays upon the sensational. (***“If you are the Son of Yahweh, cast yourself down,”*** Matthew 4:6.) Satan tries to entice us to seek fame and prestige. (***“The devil takes him to a very high mountain and shows him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them,”*** Matthew 4:8.)

Having made our commitment to Yahweh, we must also confront variations of these same temptations, but, with the help of Yahweh’s Holy Spirit, we can emerge victorious.

Some things recorded for us in the Bible may be puzzling. For example, why would Yahshua the Messiah have to exhort the Ephesian brethren as He did in Revelation 2:1-7? Why did He find it necessary to admonish them as He did when He said: ***“But***

2:4-5).

The **proof** of our conversion is evidenced by our daily lives. Almighty Yahweh has given us approximately 70 years in which to educate ourselves for a position of responsibility in the Kingdom of Yahweh. We should view our lives as a beneficial, educational experience. Each day, it is imperative that we learn how to live and develop this mind and character of the Messiah.

Frequently, our vision becomes cloudy, or diverted altogether, although it should be fastened exclusively upon Yahshua the Messiah and His Word.

Just as in the parable of the sower, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the Word, and the believer can become unfruitful. ***“And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that hears the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”*** (Matthew 13:22). The ears grow **dull of hearing**, and the application of the Scriptures is lost to worldly pursuits. The

spiritual life is subordinated to secular interests.

That is when complacency sets in. *Complacency* is defined in **Webster's Collegiate Dictionary** as *self satisfaction, smugness, indifferent or lukewarm in spiritual things*. Where once the believer zealously tried to obey the commandments of our Heavenly Father, he begins to make allowances. He tolerates mediocre performance when he should strive to set an example of the True Worship by growing in grace and in the knowledge of Yahshua the Messiah. The believer's spiritual growth slackens almost to a standstill. This could be considered as stagnation, when the person involved BACKSLIDES rather than presses on to perfection.

We are living in a Laodicean age. All around us is a world described by Yahshua the Messiah in Revelation 3:14-22. Worldly people say they are *"rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing [additional]."* Materially, this is an age of affluence, but spiritually it is an age of abject poverty and moral bankruptcy.

The writer of Proverbs warns that *"The man that wanders out of the way of understanding shall rest in the assembly*

of the dead." (Proverbs 21:16). When we embark upon Yahweh's narrow way of life, we must take great concern and care that we do not wander away from it. We must continually encourage ourselves in Yahweh and keep our eyes fixed upon His Kingdom that is soon to come.

Numerous warnings against complacency are found in the New Testament. Hebrews 6:4-9 shows that those leaving the way of righteousness cannot be brought back into the Truth.

"For when men have once been enlightened, when they have had a taste of the heavenly gift and a share in the Holy Spirit,

"When they have experienced the goodness of Yahweh's word and the spiritual energies of the age to come,

"And after all this have fallen away, it is impossible to bring them again to repentance; for with their own hands they are [impaling] the Son of Yahweh and making mock of his death.

"When the earth drinks in the rain that falls upon it from time to time, and yields a useful crop to those for whom it is cultivated, it is receiving its share of blessing from Yahweh;

"But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and Yahweh's curse hangs over it; the end of that is burning. But although we speak as we do, we are convinced that you, my friends, are in the better case, and this makes for your salvation." [The New English Bible].

A similar warning may be seen in 2 Peter 2:20-22.

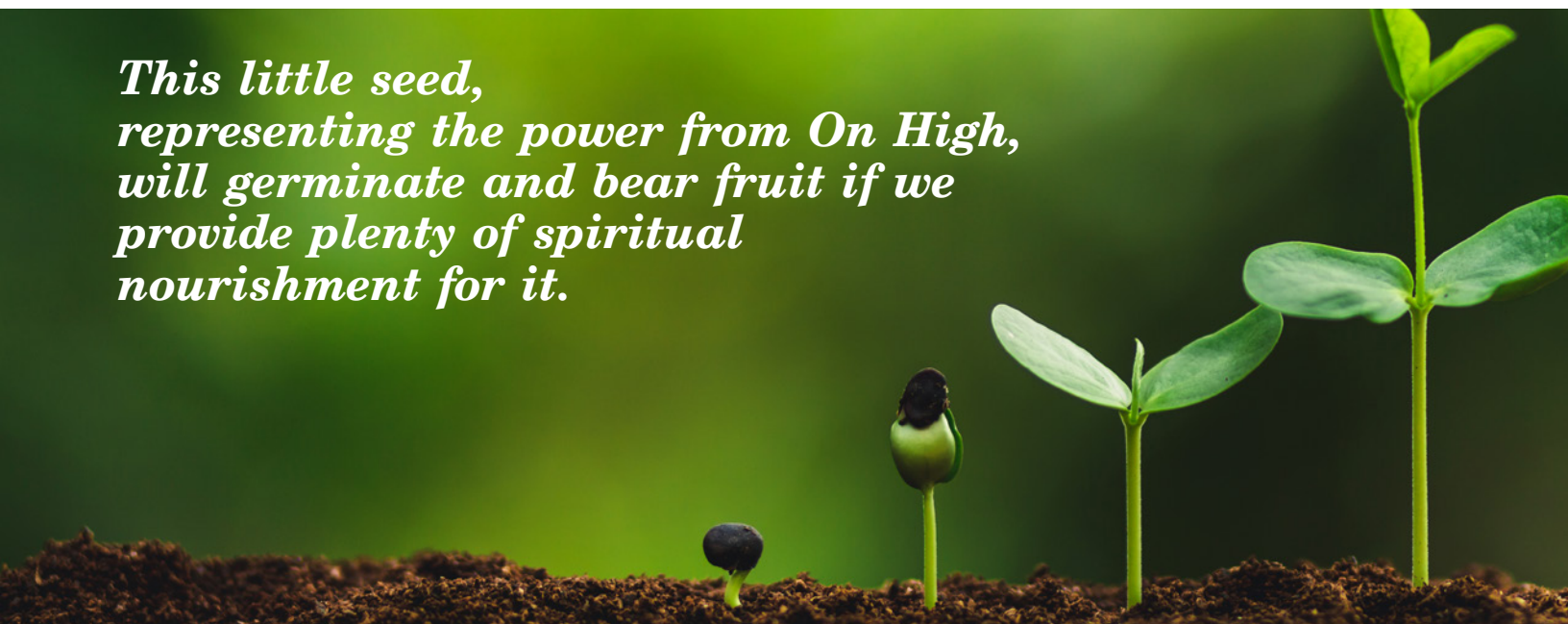
"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Master and Saviour Yahshua Messiah, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

"For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they had known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

"But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, "The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

If we become complacent, or indifferent, it will GRIEVE the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, and we may eventually renounce our calling. The Holy Spirit is the mind,

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I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would rather you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth.

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the life, the intelligence, and the character of our Heavenly Father dwelling within us. If we spurn this opportunity to share in the nature of the Most High, being again overcome by the spirit of the world, we will absorb its rebellious, hostile, and cynical nature. Those who depart from the way of righteousness will soon attack the authority of the Bible and the Covenant Law of the Most High.

How may we avoid these pitfalls? After we come into a knowledge

of the Truth, we must constantly examine and evaluate ourselves to determine our spiritual progress. If we find ourselves slipping—tolerating that which is not pleasing to our Heavenly Father—we must make drastic changes to correct our course. We **must restore that initial dynamic zeal** for righteous living that we originally had, so that we can again become an example to the world about us.

When the man of sin is revealed and Satan the Devil pulls out all

of the stops to undermine the Kingdom of Yahweh message, we must be strong in the Faith. Our hearts must burn within us with the power of the **Shekina** Glory of Yahweh's Holy Spirit. We must be anchored firmly to Yahweh's Truth, so we will not be drawn away into Satan's camp.

Let us heed this warning while there is still time and build our spiritual reserves for the inevitable storm of the Great Tribulation.

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A Purified Language

The Sacred Scriptures have predicted that when the Kingdom of Yahweh is established on this earth, a purified language will then be introduced and become mandatory for society throughout this entire earth. ***“For then will I change to the peoples a pure language, that they may call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve him with one consent.”*** (Zephaniah 3:9).

You may note that the term translated *language* is *lip* in Hebrew (#8193 in the **Strong’s Concordance Dictionary** is *saphah*). We must understand that Almighty Yahweh wishes to be worshiped by those who have

purified their hearts and will speak only a pure language with a purified lip.

Since the beginning of our serious Bible studies, the author has interpreted this verse to mean that eventually Almighty Yahweh will restore the Hebrew language as the universal means of communication throughout this earth. All the earth originally spoke one language and of one lip (#8193, *saphah*, as above), as we read in Genesis 11:1. This can also be translated, “the whole earth was of one language and unified speech (perhaps also few words).” ***“And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech.”***

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(Genesis 11:1).

When Almighty Yahweh dealt with the errant inhabitants of the earth at the tower of Babel following the flood, He confused their language so that they could not understand one another’s speech. Therefore, communication became extremely difficult and virtually impossible as different languages developed, causing the dispersion of human beings throughout the earth.

Yahshua the Messiah foretells that those who receive His Holy Spirit will speak with NEW lan-

guages. ***“And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new languages.”*** (Mark 16:17). Those new languages will apparently and ultimately, include the restoration of the biblical language of Hebrew for common communication in His new Kingdom age. The nation of Israel has begun this trend by implementing restoration in daily usage of the biblical language of Hebrew. It also implies, however, that the new language will include a purified tongue. Please note that in the **Hebrew Bible** no profanity (as such) ever appears.

Having seriously considered the implications of some of the New Testament doctrines, it is the opinion of the author that in 1 Corinthians 14 the passage does not speak about the modern-day religious glossolalia, but rather this passage is concerned with employing the use of a foreign language liturgy in our worship. Many religions have maintained a foreign language in worship, rather than using their native tongue. They have been severely criticized for this, and, undoubtedly, Paul’s intended meaning in 1 Corinthians 14:19 clearly indicates that he taught the necessity of intelligent communication. He says, moreover, in verse 9, that we must utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood. As we understand it, this means that a language is meant as the medium of communication, and it must be intelligible.

During his studies, the author took various exegetical courses in several excellent educational institutions. In one of them, the professor explained that, during a course in philology, people in our time appear not to be cognizant of things they are saying. Perhaps

this is even more true today in 2023 than it was over 50 years ago when this conclusion was expressed. People today appear to be captivated by the use of harsh, or vulgar, expletives. Profanity has become commonplace and habitual, while vulgarisms abound in our culture. Today, most television programs contain expletives said to make the dialogues realistic; however, a quarter century ago they would not have been allowed in the media.

Today one hears profane language seemingly everywhere—in the world of journalism, in business, in entertainment, even in places where it should not exist—in religion. Especially do we hold television responsible for a large portion of the corruption evident in common speech. We must frequently cover our ears at the words we hear or, as in the case of television, never even turn on any of the more recently produced, vulgar shows. It seems that so much profanity is now heard that people no longer notice it to become offended by it. The public has been desensitized by hearing it constantly.

The aforementioned professor, during his comments on philology, made the statement that religious people are sometimes guilty of using expressions which he termed “polite profanity.” These expressions are thought by society to be harmless uses of euphemistic expletives. Such interjections appear constantly in almost every type of conversation, but many people do not seem to realize the roots underlying such expressions from which they originated.

All words originated somewhere. We need to consider their source, their root origins. Should we use these (polite) expletives anyway? Yahshua the Messiah heavily emphasized that in our conversa-

tions, our “yes” must be “yes,” and our “no,” “no.” He explains that whatever is more than this basic response to questions comes of the evil one. The exact quote reads as follows: ***“Again, you have heard that it was said to them of old time, You shall not forswear yourself, but shall perform to Yahweh your oaths: but I say to you, Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of Yahweh; nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Neither shall you swear by the head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your speech be, Yes, yes; No, no: and whatever is more than these is of the evil one.”*** (Matthew 5:33-37).

His brother Jacob (James) included the following instruction, which appears in line with what our Messiah had declared. ***“But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but let your yes be yes, and your no, no; that you fall not under judgment.”*** (Jacob 5:12).

The English term *euphemism* means *to use a word or phrase that is less expressive or direct while considered to be less distasteful, less offensive, etc., than another.* It means to substitute a word or phrase for terminology that might be offensive and choose another term that would be more polite to use in casual communication. For example, in the **English Authorized Version Bible**, we find the word “bastard,” but we usually substitute the term “illegitimate” when we read Hebrews 12:8, because the term would be less distasteful to most people.

Sometimes people connect the term “goodness” with G-d. This

Have you also possibly fallen into the bad habit of using worldly expressions for emphasis or exclamation? Perhaps you are unaware of what they mean. We shall here reproduce a list of some of the more frequently used terms that you might hear in the average conversation among even religious people. Nevertheless, the root terms underlying these various expressions are obvious. The author has listed some of these terms of “polite profanity” and their root origins. The definitions are taken directly out of the **Webster’s New World Dictionary of the American Language, Second College Edition**. Check them for yourself in a dictionary.

- blasted—damned; confounded: a mild expletive
- bloody—[Brit. Slang] cursed; damned; a vulgar usage—**adv.** [Brit. Slang] a vulgar usage—**vb.**.... to cover or stain with blood.
- by *Jove!*—(gen. of *Juppiter*, JUPITER)...whence *Gr. Zeus*...an exclamation of astonishment, emphasis, etc. [These are the names of pagan mighty ones that we must by all means avoid using (Exodus 23:13, Yahshua (Joshua) 23:7-8, Psalm 16:4, and Hosea 2:16-17).]
- confounded—damned: a mild oath (confound—to damn: used as a mild oath)
- crap—[Vulgar Slang]
- darn—a euphemism for DAMN (the curse)
- doggone—[euphemism for *G-d damn*] *damn! darn!* [also *gol-darn*] (See 1 Samuel 5, where the name of the idolatrous mighty one Dagon is pronounced similarly.)
- drat—**interj.** [aphetic < ‘od rot < *G-d rot*] confound! darn! a mild oath expressing annoyance
- frigging—properly of vulgar origin *frig*, copulate...[Slang] darned; damned: a vulgar, generalized intensive
- Gads—[a euphemism for G-D] [also **g-**] a mild oath or expression of surprise, disgust, etc. [like *ye Gads*]
- gee—euphemistic contraction of J-(SUS). [J-sus —A Greek-Latin name assumed to be that of the Hebrew Messiah and Savior. Its use is studiously avoided by all followers of Yahshua, whose Name means “Yahweh is salvation.”]
- golly—euphemism for G-d [G-d —A term used to indicate any object of worship, but commonly employed to designate the Almighty. It is clearly linked etymologically with the worship of fortune, or good luck, also a molten image.]
- gosh—a euphemism for G-d
- heck—**interjection**...a euphemism for HELL

is not true, however. The Indo-European base (root), is “*ghedh-*, to unite, be associated, suitable.” The root of the term “G-d” is shown in the dictionaries as being derived from the Indo-European root “*ghau-*, to call out to, invoke, whence Sans. *havat*, (he) calls upon.” The term “G-d” was the name of a pagan (Germanic, Indo-European) idol and the term (including its euphemistic derivatives) should never be used! See Isaiah 65:11, with marginal notes.

Almighty Yahweh wants His converted, dedicated True Worshipers to be kings and priests in the Kingdom of Yahweh. A

priest is a teacher; therefore, we must consider ourselves at this time to be students and learners who are seeking to implement the Kingdom way of life. The Kingdom way of life must be learned before the Kingdom is established. In Yahweh’s Kingdom, there will be no vulgar expressions, or profanity, used in communications. Consequently, we must do all in our power to cleanse our lips (vocabulary) and prepare ourselves to enter that new Kingdom age.

The list above is by no means complete. However, the author quite emphatically suggests that before you employ an expletive of

any kind, you should check the term in a good dictionary. Look carefully at the root of the term. Does it reflect converted speech? IF THE ROOT TERM INDICATES A CORRUPTED ORIGIN, AVOID SPEAKING THE WORD.

As one old preacher emphasized in a sermon heard by the author when he was a youth, “We shouldn’t even add to our answers the term ‘surely’ (here he used the German colloquialism *gehwiss*), but our communication—should be simply—yes or no.” Certainly, now that Yahweh has revealed His Truth, we should be corrected by His Word. ^{SNB}



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How Different are the Assemblies of Yahweh?

Since we have expanded our radio outreach, many listeners have written to me requesting information about the Assemblies of Yahweh and what we teach. Perhaps you have been listening to the Sacred Name Broadcast for some time, and have been puzzled by my use of the Sacred Name **Yahweh** for the Almighty and **Yahshua the Messiah** for the Savior, but have just not taken the time to write in and request our literature. At this time, it may be opportune to briefly present some of the doctrines which we teach, why we teach them, and

how they differ from the rest of nominal Christianity.

It is not our intention, through malice, to drive a wedge between Christian denominations, but when we find specific injunctions in the inspired Scriptures, we cannot compromise with the Word of Yahweh. When our forefathers, living during the Reformation, came upon plain statements in the Scriptures that did not correspond with what the state church was teaching, they didn't turn their heads and close their eyes, but they made a stand for the Truth of the Bible. Today, we seem to

be living in an era of absolute tolerance, to the point that many people will compromise the plain statements of the Bible merely to maintain the status quo within a religious organization. However, all the while there is a nagging sense of irritation because the person has proved the Truth from the Bible and now must compromise with error!

In the Assemblies of Yahweh, our search for Bible Truth has led us back to the original texts (as closely as we can return to them). Here is where an initial difference arises. In the Hebrew Scriptures,

we have been confronted immediately by the importance of the Sacred Name and its apparent neglect by nominal religion. The Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father is not L-rd, as you may suppose. Neither is it Jehovah, since this attempted transliteration has resulted through corruption by tradition. The Hebrew Name for the Almighty is composed of four letters, and they can be vocalized accurately, regardless of what some misguided theologians may tell you relative to their being lost. We have a large volume of sufficient evidence to prove conclusively that these four letters can best be transliterated into the English language from the Hebrew texts as YAHWEH. Check this in your encyclopedia, or dictionary, as soon as possible. In addition, you may have access to some Bible translations in your possession that carry an explanation of the Sacred Name in the preface. Among these translations are the **Moffatt**, the **Rotherham**, the **Smith-Goodspeed**, and the **American Standard of 1901**, to name a few. If you have a copy of the new **Jerusalem Bible**, or the **Anchor Bible Version**, you will be able to find the evidence that the Sacred Name has been replaced in the text by a surrogate term.

Why should the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh be so insistent about a specific Name for the Creator? If you have ever done any Bible reading, you will recall that the Almighty places great emphasis upon His Name. Comparing the various Scriptures which deal with the Name of the Heavenly Father will yield the conclusion that man, himself, cannot fashion a Name for the Almighty, but that a special Name has already been selected by the Almighty.

Scripture reveals that if we desire to receive salvation, we are required to call upon this one special Name—Yahshua. It seems that every nation on the face of this earth worships its own mighty ones. Each ethnic group supposedly worships the Almighty, while calling on a veritable host of different Names. Can the Almighty be pleased with this worship, when He Himself says in Isaiah 42:8, ***“I am Yahweh, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither***

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my praise to carved images.”?

It is a fact that while the Name of the Author of the Bible has been changed, always seemingly to a name which was at one time used for a pagan mighty one, the names of the Apostles, prophets, and even the name of the evil spirit, Satan, have all been allowed to stand unmolested. Surely, if we are to be consistent, we must render the Name of the Almighty faithfully as it appears in the original Scriptures.

A primary, familiar instance of the use of the Sacred Name may be found in the word *HalleluYAH*, which means *Praise Ye YAH*, and not as you may have understood previously, *Praise Ye*

the L-rd. When the saved people are commanded to praise the Almighty in Revelation chapter 19 (for example), they reply *Alleluia* (correctly—*HalleluYah*), a total of four different times in this one chapter.

The Savior's Name is very important also. When we read in Acts 4:12, ***“And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, in which we must be saved,”*** it is imperative that we have faith in the correct Name of the Savior. Our Messiah was of the tribe of Judah, and, at the time that He was born, the Jews of the Holy Land were speaking Aramaic, which was a late Hebrew dialect. The Messiah was named a Hebrew Name, and this is indicated so positively in Matthew 1:21. His Name could not have been the Greek or Latin substitute which is in common use today, but it was Yahshua the Messiah. His true Name may be ascertained from the English **King James** text in Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8, if you would like to check the context.

Do you remember that in the book of Acts, the Apostles were teaching the Name of the Savior in their evangelistic travels? Why should this be so insignificant? The fact remains that the Heavenly Father and the Savior had similar Names and the Savior's Name, Yahshua, means *Yahweh is salvation*. We may then ask a legitimate question: “How may we obtain salvation except from a Name which means this intrinsically?” The truthful answer is that you cannot! Additionally, the Name *Yahweh* means *eternal, eternity, everlasting, endlessness*. Can you expect to receive everlasting life

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Minor Prophets Describe

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A subject of genuine interest, and of some special importance, to all those who worship Yahweh in spirit and Truth and rely upon His Word (**The Sacred Scriptures**), is the coming millennial Kingdom of Yahweh.

With eager anticipation, the True Worshipers await the return of Yahshua the Messiah to establish a righteous Kingdom rule upon this tortured earth. The millennial rest after the resurrection of the righteous has been the hope of Yahweh's people throughout the ages of time. The golden millennial age to come certainly encourages the True Worshipers

with the promise that Yahweh rewards His servants who have dedicated their lives to serve Him.

Scattered throughout the Scriptures is a description of life during the Millennium. The Scriptures contain passages which set forth the glorious characteristics of the millennial age, along with an outline of the government during the Kingdom reign.

The Minor Prophets portray an excellent view of the coming Kingdom. They present it as a time of joy, peace, and fruitfulness—a period wherein righteous rule will be the order of the day. When Yahshua returns, descending to stand on the Mount of Olives, the wicked, who will be fighting to prevent His coming to the earth, will be destroyed.

Swords and spears, all the weapons of war, will, thereupon, be refabricated into plowshares and pruning hooks—instruments of agriculture. Thus, peace and fruitfulness will be commonplace, while war and moral decay will be interdicted. The general atmosphere will be joyous. Yahweh will be praised for His blessings and righteous acts.

The initial order of business upon Yahshua's return will be to establish a supreme government to rule over the earth during the Millennium. The form of the government Almighty Yahweh promises to inaugurate will be a Kingdom. ***“And saviors shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be Yah-***



the Kingdom

weh's." (Obadiah 21).

Since the Kingdom will be Yahweh's, one can naturally expect high standards of leadership in that Kingdom. Yahweh is perfect; therefore, He wishes and expects His creation to be just as perfect also. See Matthew 5:48, Leviticus 20:7, and Deuteronomy 18:13.

Micah 4:1-2 (also find this passage reiterated in Isaiah 2:2-4) shows that the Law will go forth from Zion and Yahweh's mountain (or government) will be higher than all other mountains or hills (governments).

"But in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and

peoples shall flow to it. And many nations shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem." (Micah 4:1-2).

Jerusalem—the Center of Government

Jerusalem will be the focal point of the Kingdom according to Micah 4:1-2. Why? Because the King will designate Jerusalem as the city of His headquarters. In fact, Yahshua Himself will reside there.

"Sing, O daughter of Zion: shout, O Israel; be glad and

rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. Yahweh has taken away your judgments, he has cast out your enemy: the King of Israel, even Yahweh, is in the middle of you; you shall not fear evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not; O Zion, let not your hands be slack. Yahweh your Elohim is in the middle of you, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love; he will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:14-17).

Thus, the King of Israel, Yahshua, after returning to this earth, will set up His government in Jerusalem and, in

particular, make Mount Zion His headquarters. Zechariah 2:10-13 also confirms this fact. Furthermore, Zechariah 2:12 goes on to say that Yahweh will yet choose Jerusalem and inherit Judah as His portion. ***“And Yahweh shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.”*** (Zechariah 2:12).

Joel the Prophet blends accurately with Micah and Zechariah (in Joel 2:27) to support the conclusion that Yahshua will dwell in the middle of His people Israel.

Zechariah 14:1 states that the extent of the Kingdom will reach to the ends of the whole earth. Yahshua will be ruling over all the earth. A commandment-keeping, one-world government will thus be established having a righteous King as the ruler. Whereas today a self-serving Babylonish system rules on earth, in the age of the Messiah's new Kingdom, rule based upon Yahweh's Torah (Law) will be firmly established.

“In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches of it; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations that are called by my name, says Yahweh that does this.” (Amos 9:11-12).

Amos records that the tabernacle of David will be repaired. Presently, that tabernacle has fallen, and it is not operative; however, the Messiah King will sit on David's throne, Isaiah 9:6-7. This passage clearly shows not only that Yahshua will be the King in the Kingdom, but also that Yahshua's family will be included (see Mark 3:31-35 and Isaiah 53:10) to assist Him

in ruling in that Kingdom. Refer additionally to Revelation 1:6 and Revelation 5:10.

“And speak to him, saying, In this manner speaks Yahweh of hosts, saying, Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place; and he shall build the temple of Yahweh; even he shall build the temple of Yahweh; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” (Zechariah 6:12-13).

The Branch (compare Isaiah 11:1), who is the offspring of David and his father Jesse, Yahshua, will rule in the Kingdom as both Priest and King. His assistants also will rule as priests and kings, Revelation 5:10. Zechariah 6:12-13 also predicts that the temple of Yahweh will be rebuilt. In 1 Peter 2:4-5, the Apostle shows that the temple Yahshua builds is composed of His people, the *living stones*. Please review Isaiah 56:1-8.

Micah the prophet also addresses the subject of who will serve as assistants to Messiah Yahshua. ***“In that day, says Yahweh, will I assemble that which is lame, and I will gather that which is driven away, and that which I have afflicted; and I will make that which was lame a remnant, and that which was cast far off a strong nation: and Yahweh will reign over them in mount Zion from now on even forever. And you, O tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, yes, the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.”*** (Micah 4:6-8).

Micah 4:8 shows that ***“the***

former dominion” will come to the daughter of Zion and that the daughter of Jerusalem will have a major part in the Kingdom rule over the earth. Just as the temple can have a spiritual meaning, the daughter of Zion today means those who submit themselves to Yahweh's rule. See Revelation 20:6. In our time, that means the Assemblies of Yahweh. In the end days, Yahweh's righteous system of judges will be restored (Isaiah 1:26), as it was in Israel as described in Exodus 18.

All in all, Yahshua will establish a Kingdom, the Kingdom of Yahweh. This Kingdom, with rulership from the top down, will be the government presiding over all the people of the whole earth. Yahshua will be the Sovereign (Micah 4:13), ruling under Yahweh's direct authority, Zechariah 6:12. Also turn to 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.

The establishment of the Kingdom of the Heavens will bring much rejoicing to those who have faithfully awaited Yahshua to return. Indeed, the establishment of the Kingdom will usher in a period of unparalleled happiness. Joy among men in that day will far surpass the time when Israel was delivered from Pharaoh's army, the time when David brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem, or even the time when the Solomonic temple for Yahweh was dedicated.

Death Swallowed Up

All of those who have served Yahweh throughout the history of the earth are longing for death to be swallowed up in victory. ***“But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then the saying shall come to pass that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”*** (1 Corinthians 15:54).

Paul obtains this thought in the quote from Hosea 13:14. ***“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.”***

Also note Romans 8:22-23: ***“For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, namely, the redemption of our body.”***

A passage which vividly portrays the universal rejoicing which will break out at Yahshua’s Second Coming is found in Malachi 4:2. ***“But unto you that fear my***

name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings; and you shall go forth, and gambol as calves of [let loose from] the stall.”

Those who have some experience with tending livestock can easily envision the joy and gladness of the cattle being released from a long winter of confinement in a stall. Frisky calves jump and run for joy upon being released. The same will occur at the resurrection. Those who serve Yahweh will be joyfully released from the grave, or from a fleshly existence, to meet Yahshua in the air and to return with Him to the mount of Olives to establish the Kingdom upon the earth.

Zechariah 2:10-13 states that the daughter of Zion will sing and rejoice at the establishment of the Kingdom. As many nations

join themselves to Yahweh in that day, they will become the people of Yahweh. Hosea 1:10-11 and 2:16-23 also predict that Yahweh will designate the converted people to be His own family.

Hosea 2:19-20 describes the marriage feast. See the companion prophecy in Revelation 19:6-8. This will be a time of much joy as the True Worshipers are married to Yahshua our Messiah—the bridegroom—in righteousness, in justice, in lovingkindness, in mercies, and in faithfulness. At Yahshua’s return the captivity of Israel will return and the remnant of those Israelites who were scattered will be regathered, Amos 9:14. Yahshua the Messiah will then be recognized as the husband of the bride—spiritual Israel.

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the Kingdom.

“In this manner says Yahweh: I am returned to Zion, and will dwell in the middle of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called The city of truth; and the mountain of Yahweh Of hosts, The holy mountain. In this manner says Yahweh of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets of it. In this manner says Yahweh of hosts: If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes? says Yahweh

Millennium. “I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the grain, and blossom as the vine: the scent of it shall be as the wine of Lebanon.” (Hosea 14:5-7).

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of Yahweh, and shall water the valley of Shit-

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and I will save that which is lame, and gather that which was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame has been in all the earth. At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring back your captivity before your eyes, says Yahweh.” (Zephaniah 3:14-20).

Note that not only will the people be rejoicing, but, also, Yahshua will rejoice over His people at this time, Zephaniah 3:17. It truly will be a joyous time! The people will be gathered, the lame will be saved, and, as Micah 4:6-8 records, the afflicted will be comforted in

of hosts. In this manner says Yahweh of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them and they shall dwell in the middle of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their Elohim, in truth and in righteousness.” (Zechariah 8:3-8).

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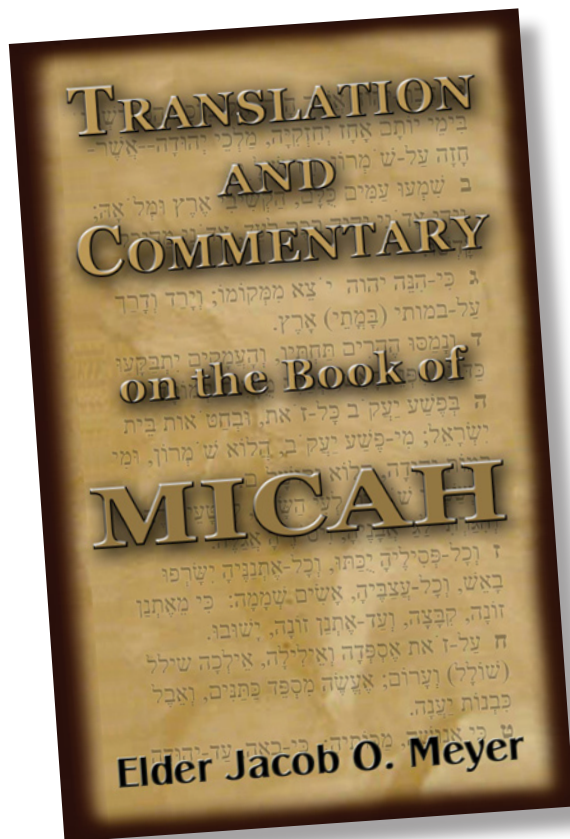
A Fruitful Earth

Consider the following quotes which demonstrate the fruitfulness of the earth during the

tim.” (Joel 3:18).

“Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of it; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, says Yahweh your Elohim.” (Amos 9:13-15).

For the plowman to overtake the



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reaper means that planting and harvest will take place simultaneously all around the year. While the crops are being harvested, the plowing to plant the next crop has already begun. As Joel 3:18 records, a fountain will come forth out of the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem to water the valley of Shittim. Zechariah 14:8-10 shows that this stream of living waters will go out of Jerusalem and divide, proceeding both toward the western and eastern seas. All the land which these waters touch will be made fruitful like the Arabah. The wilderness will be fruitful as the following quote shows:

"Then was Yahweh jealous for his land, and had pity on his people.

And Yahweh answered and said to his people, Behold, I will send you grain, and new wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with it; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations... Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; for

Yahweh has done great things. Be not afraid, you beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness spring, for the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and the vine yield their strength. Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in Yahweh your Elohim; for he gives you the former rain in just measure, and he causes to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm, my great army which I sent among you. And you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of Yahweh your Elohim, that has dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be put to shame. And you shall know that I am in the middle of

Israel, and that I am Yahweh your Elohim, and there is no one else; and my people shall never be put to shame." (Joel 2:18-19 and 21-27).

Zechariah 3:10 states that each one may partake of the fruits of the Kingdom while sitting peacefully under their own fig tree and under their own vine. Hosea 2:22 adds to the prediction of grain and oil as fruits in the Kingdom. Zechariah 9:17 adds that ***"Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins."*** Thus the Kingdom will be agriculturally and horticulturally productive.

To enjoy the fruits of the Kingdom will require the establishment of an era of peace. Warfare destroys the produce of the land, as armies maneuver for the advantage of military position. Military weapons will be refabricated into implements for the farm and orchard; war will be totally abolished.

“And he will judge between many peoples, and will decide concerning strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 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. For all the peoples walk every one in the name of his mighty one; and we will walk in the name of Yahweh our Elohim forever and ever.” (Micah 4:3-5).

“And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping things of the

ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land, and will make them to lie down safely.” (Hosea 2:18).

Hosea, as does Isaiah 11:6-9 and 65:25, also predicts the end of warfare. Furthermore, Hosea predicts that the nature of the wild beasts will be changed. Thus one need not fear any wild beasts. ***“The remnant of Israel ...shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”*** (Zephaniah 3:13). Joel also proclaims an end of warfare (chapter 2, verse 20) so that the righteous inhabitants of the Kingdom may dwell safely.

“And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I make, says Yahweh of hosts.” (Malachi 4:3).

See also Zechariah 14:12-15.

Since many of the wicked nations will be destroyed at Yahshua's Second Coming, the problems these aggressive people have created will be virtually eliminated, along with the people themselves. However, other people will have to be dealt with during the Millennium, but absolute authority will be vested in the righteous King Messiah to govern.

Idolatry Banished

Idolatry will be eliminated in the Kingdom. Hosea 14:8 shows that Ephraim will give up idolatry. ***“And it shall be at that day, says Yahweh, that you shall call me Ishi, and shall call me no more Baali. For I will take away the names of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned by their name.”*** (Hosea 2:16-17).



“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.”

(HABAKKUK 2:14)

The idolatrous names of the Baalim (Baals) will be eliminated from the mouths of the people, and a pure language shall be restored and taught to the people. ***“For then will I change to the peoples a pure language, that they may call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my supplants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring my offering. In that day shall you not be put to shame for all your doings, in which you have transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the middle of you your proudly exulting ones, and you shall no more be haughty in my holy mountain. But I will leave in the middle of you an afflicted and poor people, and they shall take refuge in the name of Yahweh. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.”*** (Zephaniah 3:9-13).

This passage reveals a number of things to come. First, a pure language—the Hebrew tongue—will be the language of Yahweh’s Kingdom. Thus, all people will speak the same thing and call upon Yahweh, not upon some foreign idol. Also, the passage reveals that the proud and haughty will be removed from the government, and only humble people will have a part in the government (holy mountain). These humble people will take refuge in the Name of Yahweh.

The remnant of Israel will not do iniquity (sin). See the definition of sin in 1 John 3:4. They will neither speak lies or use deceit. See Revelation 14:1-5. Thus, this passage clearly shows that a major

problem of today, the problem of pride, will be eliminated from the Kingdom. However, the following quote shows that some will scoff at Yahweh’s commands even in the Kingdom. Nevertheless, Yahweh will deal with them.

“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoever of all the families of the earth goes not up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt goes not up, and comes not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague with which Yahweh will strike the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLY TO YAHWEH; and the pots in Yahweh’s house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy to Yahweh of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil in it: and in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite in the house of Yahweh of hosts.” (Zechariah 14:16-21).

If some of the Egyptians who are spared decide not to keep the Feast of Tabernacles at Jerusalem, then they will receive no rain that first year. If they persist in disobeying His Covenant, Yahweh will follow up His punishment by striking them with the plague. Yahshua will rule with a rod of

iron, Revelation 19:15. Zechariah 14 indicates that the annual fall Feast of Tabernacles convocation will be observed during the Millennium. See also Isaiah 66:22-23. In fact, feast observance will be strongly enforced.

“And Yahweh shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall Yahweh be one, and his name one. All the land shall be made like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her place, from Benjamin’s gate to the place of the first gate, to the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananel to the king’s winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more curse; but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.” (Zechariah 14:9-11).

The curses fall upon people for disobedience. The curse means punishment for sin. To eliminate the curse, obedience is necessary. Yahweh will truly **reign** over all the earth and all praise will be directed to him. ***“In that day shall Yahweh be one, and his name one.”*** (Zechariah 14:9).

When the innocent blood is cleansed from Judah and Jerusalem (Joel 3:19-21), Yahweh will be praised. ***“And you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of Yahweh your Elohim, that has dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be put to shame.”*** (Joel 2:26). Certainly the redeemed will give praise and glory to Yahweh for what He has done for His people.

Truth and righteousness will flourish and be established in the Kingdom, Zechariah 8:8. Righteousness means the keeping of Yahweh’s Laws and command-

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Isaiah 35

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Have you ever considered the length and breadth of our nation and became very impressed with just how wonderful this creation really appears? Possibly you have traveled abroad and have viewed the breathtakingly scenic splendor of renowned vacation retreats. You may have chosen your personal residential site with the primary purpose of living in the atmosphere of an inspiring view of great splendor. On a trip to the West Coast, the pilot of the airplane on which I was flying, banked sharply to each side over the Grand Canyon so that the passengers could observe from the air a memorable view of this outstanding scenic tourist attraction. It is absolutely awesome to perceive the marvelous splendor of this earth from a height of multiple thousands of feet of altitude!

What has happened to the minds of the people of this world that they would become bogged down with the trivial, mundane routine of daily living so that they have forgotten the purple mountain's majesty above the fruited plain? The human mind generally is so limited in scope that distant

splendor in our environment can hardly be comprehended. Proverbially, we cannot seem to see the forest for the trees. Our mind's eye focuses upon a small point when we should be taking into account the overall picture while standing on a grand, majestic viewpoint above the cares, trials, and problems of daily life. Possibly, it is time for us to experience a mountain-top encounter with the Almighty, as did our Savior on several occasions.

Conversely, we might turn the coin over to the other side. While driving toward Oklahoma City, we were appalled to observe a massive bank of smog clouds which we beheld from a distance of over 50 miles away. There it hung—motionless—hovering like a shroud of death over this queen city of the plains where no such contamination should, at present, be evident. In the surrounding elevated deserts north and east of Los Angeles, the smog problem has become candidly obvious to the human eye as the smog clouds roll over the crest of the mountains and envelop communities which were once known for their

pristine invigorating atmosphere. The rivers of our land, and the oceans also, are becoming more polluted with each passing year, it seems. Anti-pollution forces are striving to make everyone aware of the problems which exist, but the effort is merely in its initial stages at this moment, with much yet to be done to restore a proper balance to nature. Forest fires denude thousands of acres of our mountainland each year, destroying enough trees to provide lumber to build multiple thousands of homes. A problem of startling dimensions confronts our nation as we are told that fossil fuels are rapidly being depleted. Precious land is being absorbed at a fantastic rate for new housing and industrial construction, along with the construction of highways that utilize precious land which can never be replaced. They are just not manufacturing any new land any longer!

I have given you two contrasting portraits of what life on this earth is like. On the one hand, we may observe the marvelous beauty which has been

engineered into this creation by our benevolent Heavenly Father Yahweh. Conversely, we have the almost malicious destructiveness of man evident on the other. Too many people, concerned citizens, news media commentators, and others, concern themselves with the seamy side of life, with the problems that stagger human intellect and which are enough to make the average person wish to withdraw themselves in mortal fear of what may lie just ahead for us. The usual commentaries do not offer any solutions to the problems, but, rather, they leave one with a sense of slightly hysterical claustrophobia, realizing that there is no way out!

What will it take to change the direction of this world? Can beauty be restored and a balanced approach to life be revived? The answer to these questions and other puzzling questions which confront us at this moment in our history may be found in the Bible. The Bible contains instructions that should be accepted as the absolute Will of Yahweh Elohim, our Father in heaven. It sets forth a workable blueprint to achieve a tranquil earth, for a happy and fruitful life, a master plan for living, for building a benevolent environment on this earth for humans to enjoy. The Bible sets forth a plan whereby all aspects of nature can exist in ecological harmony.

Presumably, you may have a question in your mind concerning when this reversal of the damage which has been done to this

earth by the human race can be accomplished. The answer to this question can be found in Isaiah chapter 35. This passage presents a portrayal of the changes which will be instituted when the Messiah returns. When Yahshua our Messiah was here on this earth during His first appearance, the amazing miracles which He performed were done so that He could prove to the world that, indeed, He

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was the Messiah. Usually people seem to maintain the opinion that miracles are personal things which occurred almost daily in the scriptural era. Such is not the case. The power of Yahweh Elohim performed these miracles in order to prove to Israel, and the world, that He was supporting the Work of His Son, the Messiah. You should spend some time in the Bible and research these miracles to become inspired with their message.

Isaiah chapter 35 begins, ***"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."*** Archeology has established that the Sahara Desert, at one time, supplied thousands of animals with life-giving forage. When the Israelites inhabited the Promised Land it was not a desert

as it appears today.

We read how Moses described the Promised Land in Deuteronomy 11:10-12, ***"For the land, which you go in to possess, is not as the land of Egypt, from where you came out, where you sowed your seed, and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs; but the land, where you go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinks water of the rain of heaven, a land which Yahweh your Elohim cares for: the eyes of Yahweh your Elohim are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year."***

This description is certainly very different from what is actually to be observed today in the Holy Land. I might add that the Bible has predicted a great famine to sweep across this earth at the end of the age, and arid conditions will be widespread. When this condition is alleviated and deserts universally blossom forth as a rose, it will be the days of the Messiah.

To continue, ***"It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of Yahweh, the excellency of our Elohim."*** Truly, this era will be a delightful time when a balanced ecology is restored.

Verses 3-6 describe a healing of bodies made feeble by disease. ***"Strengthen the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees."***

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your Elohim will come with vengeance, with the recompense of Elohim; he will come and save you.

“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.”

When we read Hebrews chapter 11, we learn that all of the men of Faith who lived down through the scriptural ages died, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off. The Kingdom, then, shall be the time when they will receive the healing of their bodies which they desired to receive in this life and never did.

Verse 7 reads, ***“And the glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.”*** Again, a picture appears of an abundance of water which will be necessary to grow grain and food sufficient to supply the needs of the people.

Verses 8-10 read, ***“And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for the redeemed: the wayfaring men, yes fools, shall not err in it. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of Yahweh shall return, and come with singing to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”***

A way of holiness shall provide the way to return to Yahweh and it shall be the roadway of the future. Holiness to Yahweh means the obedience to His commandments, as we can read in Leviticus 20:22-26, where there appears a definition of this term *holy*. Almighty Yahweh has instructed us that we should be holy for He is holy, Leviticus 19:2. This does not mean the pseudo-sanctimonious holiness which is practiced by some of the world's churches. It means to be truly set apart by the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh. When we keep all of His commandments we will be blessed with the protection which He offers to those who revere Him, Revelation 3:10.

When will be the time when sorrow and sighing shall flee away? This question is answered in Revelation chapter 21:3-4. ***“And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of Yahweh is with men, and he shall tabernacle with them, and they shall be his peoples, and Yahweh himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim: and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, anymore: the first things are passed away.”***

Friends, what a wonderful time that will be when Yahweh's millennial Kingdom is established on this earth. In the past, mankind has tried to establish this Kingdom with human ingenuity, but it cannot be done. Hitler tried it and just barely got through the first decade. This Kingdom rule of Almighty Yahweh is imminent. Will you have a part in that Kingdom Age? You must prepare now to participate in the Age to come. You will be glad you did. SNB

Minor Prophets Describe the *Kingdom*

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ments (Deuteronomy 6:25, Psalm 119:172, and Revelation 19:7-8).

“And many nations shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.” (Micah 4:2).

People will go to the ruling city of Jerusalem to be taught of Yahweh. They will wish to learn His ways and will wish to be like Yahshua. Sincere people will wish to learn Yahweh's Laws; to do them will make the Kingdom age fruitful and peaceful. It will be an era filled with righteousness. ***“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.”*** (Habakkuk 2:14).

Yahweh will reign over the whole earth. Thus, all the earth will know of the glory of Yahweh and of the Kingdom He will establish.

“Peace and fruitfulness,” “joy and righteousness,” “obedience and praise”—these terms describing the Kingdom motivate each one to strive to gain entrance to the Kingdom in order to obediently serve Yahweh.

Will you be among those who will experience this era of productivity and joyful existence? Why not begin now to prepare to enter into the coming Kingdom of Yahweh when Yahshua the Messiah returns? SNB

How Different are the Assemblies of Yahweh?

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unless you call upon a Name which has this meaning as an intrinsic quality?

Another striking difference between the Faith of the Bible—which the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh live and teach—is the pure worship which is directed through viewing the entire Bible in complete harmony, meaning the unity of both Old and New Testament Scriptures. Actually, the entire Bible makes one complete unit; the entire book proclaims one identical message throughout.

The basis of our Faith must always be the Law of Yahweh, the keeping of His commandments, statutes, and judgments. How many groups today do you find who attempt to live by every Word which has proceeded from the mouth of Almighty Yahweh, while, at the same time, holding fast the doctrine of the Messiah and His atoning blood?

Here I would like to digress for just a moment, to show you some very obvious descriptions of the True Worshipers from the Bible. Matthew 4:4 reads, ***“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.”*** How many people do you know today who are living by every word found in the Sacred Scriptures? Perhaps the most easily understood description of the True Worshiper could be found in Revelation 12:17 and 14:12. These two verses are almost identical; therefore, I shall quote only the first one. ***“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.”

Now, if you become obedient to the entire Law of Yahweh, your life will take on a very remarkable change! You will begin to live your new life just like the Messiah lived His while here on this earth. You will begin to keep the scriptural Sabbath because He kept it. If you are not today keeping the scriptural Sabbath, you should check into this vital subject, and you will find that, during the Millennium, you will have to keep this important day if you wish to enter into Yahweh’s coming Kingdom. Isaiah 66:23 tells you this.

Most religious bodies will inform you that they do not keep the scriptural Sabbath because there is no commandment to observe it in the New Testament. This is erroneous, however, since we do find such a commandment in Hebrews 4:9. The Greek text reads, ***“There remains therefore the keeping of the Sabbath to the people of Yahweh.”*** The English **King James** translation has the true meaning hidden quite completely. If you are really interested in proving which day the early Apostles observed, read the book of Acts, and you will find the word Sabbath mentioned nine times, while THE WORD SUNDAY NEVER APPEARS AT ALL. Even the translation “first day of the week” in Acts 20:6, in the Greek says, “first of the Sabbaths.”

If you have never understood that the Savior did not rise from the dead on the first day of the week, but at the end of the Sabbath, as we read in Matthew 28:1, you should study this historic event thoroughly from the Sacred Scriptures. The Messiah was in the grave three days and three nights, and one cannot get three full days and three full nights from

a Friday crucifixion and a Sunday resurrection, can you? By refuting this argument scripturally, the only reason for Sunday worship vanishes into thin air.

When we begin to observe the scriptural Sabbath, we are confronted also with the observances of the seven annual holy days listed in Leviticus chapter 23. These annual holy days mark the journey of the True Worshiper out of sin and into the Kingdom of Yahweh. They have deep spiritual significance for each one of us in our journey out of Egypt. The Assemblies of Yahweh observes all of these days as days of sacred worship.

As you read **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** every month, you might initially be under the mistaken impression that we are just another religion, or a different church. Believe me, we aren’t at all! There is a group of people on this earth today which is the true Body of the Messiah. It is a small group, insignificantly so, in the eyes of the world. The crucial difference, however, is that they are totally yielded and obedient to our Heavenly Father, zealously desiring to do His Will. This causes them to receive His rich blessings, and an open door has been placed before them. ***“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.”*** (Revelation 3:8). I, personally, desire to be a part of this group. You should also. If you are not a member of this select group, you should be making every effort to become a part of that Body and to be sealed by the Name of the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit is calling you today. What will your answer be? SNB

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