

The background of the cover is a vibrant photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, there is a field of dry, yellowish-brown grass interspersed with numerous small, purple flowers. Beyond the grass, the ocean's edge is marked by white foam from waves crashing against a rocky shore. The water transitions from a deep blue in the distance to a lighter, turquoise color closer to the shore, where the seabed is visible. Large, dark brown rocks are scattered throughout the water and along the coastline. The overall atmosphere is bright and serene.

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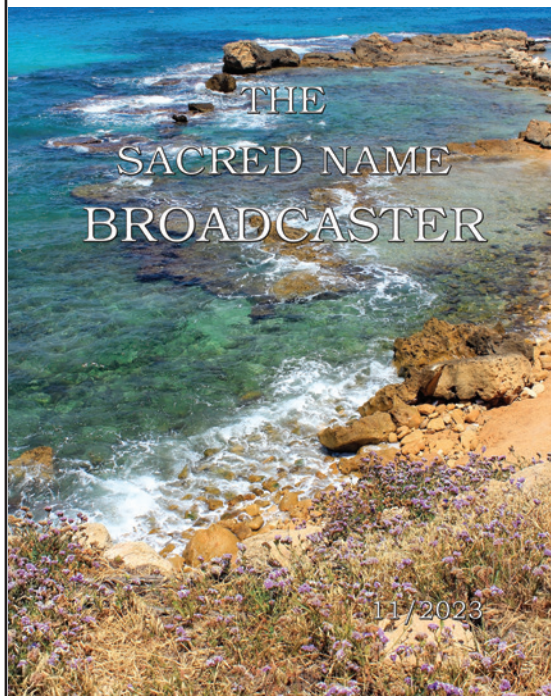
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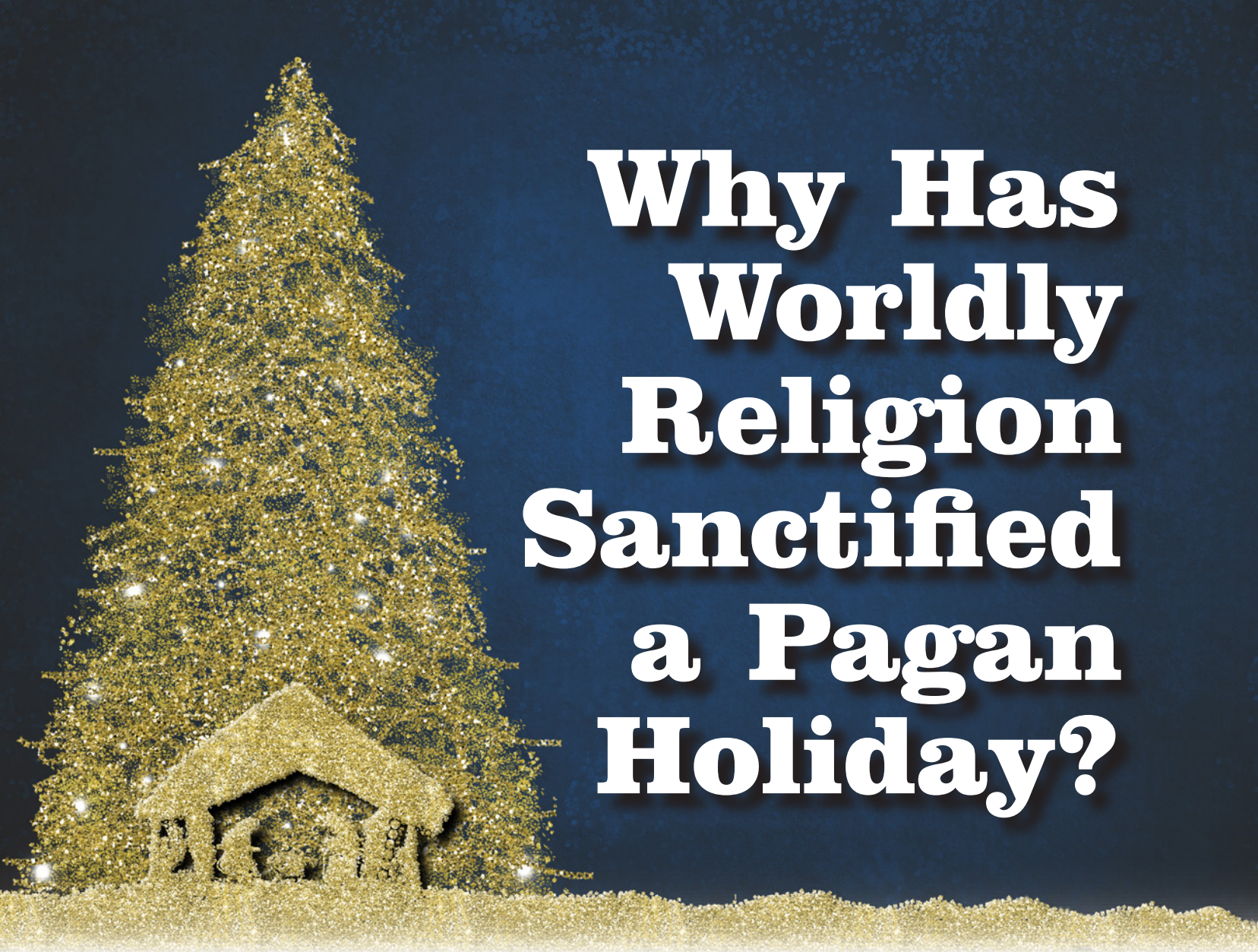
The shore of the Mediterranean Sea is this month's cover. From Mont Nebo, Yahweh showed Moses the land that He had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In Exodus 23:31, Yahweh set the borders of Israel. "And I will set your border from the Red Sea even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and you shall drive them out before you."



Today the nation of Israel occupies only a portion of land that Yahweh has promised. But the fulfillment of this prophecy will be realized fully in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Have you considered the prophecy of Zechariah 14:8, how a river of living water will flow out of Jerusalem? Half of the water will flow to the Dead Sea, while the other half will flow into the Mediterranean.

Will you be faithful to the end so that you will see the river of the water of life and the tree of life growing on each of its banks? Be faithful to the end, and Yahweh will grant you the right to eat of the tree of life and its fruit which will be new each month. What a blessed vision Yahweh's Word has given us!



Why Has Worldly Religion Sanctified a Pagan Holiday?

Every time we discuss the winter holidays with anyone who acknowledges their interest in Truth, we immediately tell them that the Messiah's birthday could not have been on December 25. Many of the people freely acknowledge that we are treating the Scriptures with great accuracy, just as we do with all Assemblies of Yahweh doctrines. We strive to be most meticulous with our interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures.

The author was once able to present this scriptural exegetical interpretation to a Bible study group affiliated with a well-known denomination in our area. Sitting in the group was the pastor of the ch-rch. Indeed, he revealed his

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skepticism when, at the end of my discussion, he remarked, *"Well, we simply don't see things this way."* The author had introduced his presentation with Daniel 12:4, insisting that knowledge had been increased in practically every field of human endeavor and reason over the past century, but religion continued to maintain their status quo of spiritual blindness acquired in medieval times.

You may ask how we can prove that the Messiah was not born on December 25. The evidence concerning this conclusion forthrightly appears in Luke chapters

1 and 2. Zachariah, the husband of Elizabeth, was a member of the priestly course of Abijah. Customarily, few people ever take the time, or have the interest, in defining these terms. The interested Bible student can easily scan 1 Chronicles chapter 24 and learn much about the assignments of service for the priestly responsibilities in the Tabernacle and Temple. You can also prove when Yahshua was really born by using these courses of service. The annunciation of impending parenthood and the birth of their son Yahanan (John) was made during Zachariah's order of service in his course. The course of Abijah meant that he belonged to



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the eighth priestly course. Beginning to serve, course after course, following the annual holy days; each course served for one week. Therefore, the first service of the year of the course of Abijah occurred just after the observance of the feast of Pentecost (*Shavuoth* in Hebrew). By perusing an Assemblies of Yahweh calendar which notes the annual holy days, the interested individual can easily begin to count the time. Zachariah completed his service on the weekly Sabbath, then it took him another several days to return to his home which was located in the hill country of Judah. See Luke 1:39. Thereafter, Elizabeth, his wife, became pregnant.

Now, count off six months and the scriptural account continues

with the angel Gabriel being sent to Nazareth to announce to the virgin Miriam that she was blessed to bear the Messiah. This occurred in the month which the world commonly calls December.

The author, along with his family, once visited an elderly lady who had been a Catholic, but had become genuinely interested in the Assemblies of Yahweh ministry. As Mrs. Meyer and I sat at her dining room table studying the Sacred Scriptures, I explained that the Messiah's birth could not have been on December 25. I took her calendar and superimposed upon it Yahweh's annual holidays for that year. The study, as it will, revealed that the Messiah was actually conceived in early December. The date of His conception, as we

were plotting it on the calendar, fell on the Catholic feast of the Immaculate Conception. This lady became quite agitated and horror stricken. How could the Messiah be conceived and then born two weeks after His conception? This would be impossible, she realized. I injected that some of the Catholic authorities specify the "immaculate conception" as being that of the virgin Miriam, but there is no indication anywhere in the Sacred Scriptures that this is possible. However, as you continue counting from the date specified in Luke chapter 1, specifying the Messiah's conception, you will end with Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles in the seventh scriptural month the following fall.

Sometimes it appears as though

people wish to identify the sixth month in Luke 1:26 to be the sixth month of the year. However, the Sacred Scriptures plainly tells us in verse 24 that Elizabeth hid herself five months, and then, in the SIXTH MONTH, the angel Gabriel made the annunciation to Miriam. Then, we clearly read in verse 36, “*...she also has conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that was called barren.*” Context, therefore, eliminates the identification of the sixth month as the sixth month of the year and demands that we understand it as the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy.

Occasionally, people ask, “Could we not start with John the Baptist’s conception in wintertime and go from that source?” Actually, such an interpretation is also prohibited when we consider John 1:14. “*And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace*

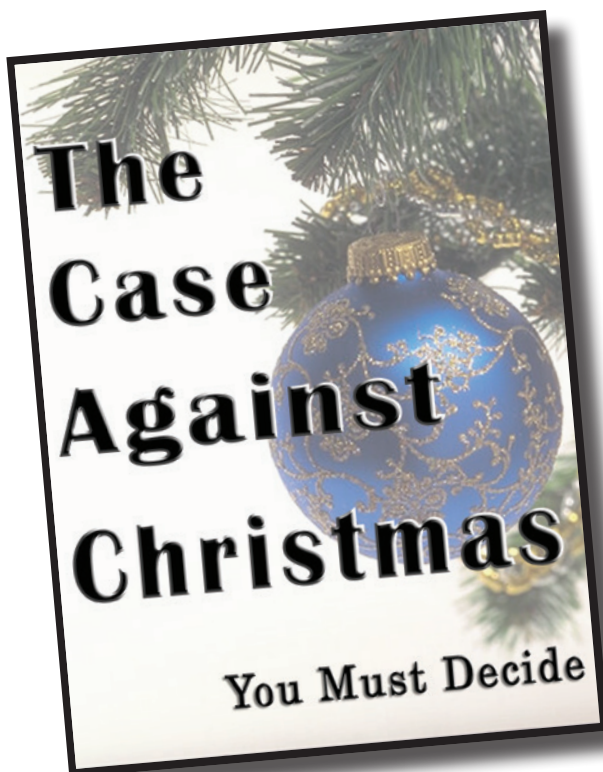
and truth.”

Consequently, it is clearly proven from the Bible, without any question at all, that the Messiah was not born on December 25, but, rather, His conception took place around the beginning of December (the Hebrew month—Chisleu). Why was December 25 selected anyway to be the date for the Messiah’s birth? From the Babylonian mysteries and other pagan religions comes the observance of the winter solstice as the birthday of the new son (make that SUN!). For example, in Semitic languages, the word *yalad* means *a child*. The term *yule*, dropping the *daleth* (Semitic letter “d”) means *child’s day*. When the yule log is burned by various cultures to this very day, they are symbolically burning the old year, burning the old solar being, and getting prepared to install the child, or the new year, *sol invictus* (the unconquerable sun).

Ancient pagan religions glorified nature worship. Even to this day, some ethnic peoples are still mo-

tivated by the worship of nature. The pagan people could readily view the sun moving away from them and the temperatures becoming colder, while the weather became more threatening in the fall and winter. The days became increasingly shorter as the sun set earlier while it traveled toward the southern hemisphere. Then, suddenly they noticed that the sun stood still in its southward departure. After several days, they could notice that the day had now become several minutes longer as the sun continued to move north day by day. Therefore, a wild celebration took place during which they praised the Almighty for the birth of the new son (actually identified with “SUN”).

From the Babylonian mystery religions, we learn that Nimrod, the great-grandson of Noah, had become very wicked. Nimrod was leading people away from Yahweh doctrinally. His great-uncle, Shem, the brother of his grandfather, Ham, finally brought him to justice and had him executed for apostasy



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However, in the meantime, his wife, Semiramis, had become pregnant. She began to spread the rumor that Nimrod had been reincarnated as the child in her womb. When her child was born at the winter solstice, she named him Tammuz and presented him as a reincarnation of her husband, Nimrod. Thereafter, some of the legend becomes confused, and there is a question: Was Nimrod the child of his wife, who was his mother, or was Nimrod married to Semiramis, who was his mother when she gave birth to Tammuz? Similar confusion of persons can be detected today in the Chr-stian religion.

In the Babylonian religion, the death of Nimrod was depicted as a tree cut down. Around the dead stump curls the serpent of Aesculapius, the ancient physician mighty one. Next to the portrayal of the dead tree stump sprouts a new little evergreen tree, which symbolized the birth of the new son, or Tammuz. The new son could readily be portrayed by the new solar year at the winter solstice. Therefore, the burning of the yule log each year depicts the dead Nimrod, and the so-called Chr-stmas tree depicts the birth

of Tammuz, his new son (sun).

The setting up of a Chr-stmas tree has actually been strictly prohibited by the Sacred Scriptures. In Ezekiel chapter 20 we find, ***“For when I had brought them into the land, which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there also they made their sweet savor, and they poured out there their drink-offerings.... And when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, do you pollute yourselves with all your idols to this day? And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Sovereign Yahweh, I will not be inquired of by you; and that which comes into your mind shall not be at all, in that you say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone,”*** (Ezekiel 20:28, 31-32).

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that matter, command, that an evergreen tree be brought into a house dedicated to worship and be set up. Furthermore, many churches, pastors, and lay members place round Chr-stmas wreaths on their front door every year. Why are these wreaths round? The answer is because they depict the solar disc, the sun beginning its new journey northward, the beginning of a new year, and they portray the revival, or rebirth, of the unconquerable sun.

Jeremiah the prophet clearly describes modern-day Chr-stmas trees in Jeremiah 10:2-5. ***“Thus says Yahweh, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it moves not. They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must necessarily be borne,***

because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good."

Historically, the Chr-stmas tree popularity in our modern time is said to trace to the time when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Germany. Albert was said to have brought with him the tradition of a Chr-stmas tree, which was then adopted by English culture and religion. Thereafter, historians note that the custom was transferred to the United States of America. This would make the Chr-stmas tree fad only about 150 years old. However, we must remind the reader that both ancient Babylonian and Egyptian religion incorporated the worship of trees at the winter solstice.

While we are discussing vegetation, we should also remember that the mistletoe, to which so many people take delight at Xmas time, is a parasitic plant. It is poisonous if eaten, as are poinsettias, the red flower of the winter holiday season. It was the Druids who taught the acceptance of the mistletoe and perpetuated many of its traditions today, for example, kissing under the mistletoe.

The Roman soldiers, the army of Imperial Rome, had a great deal to do with circulating these customs throughout the known world. The popular religion of the Roman armies was the religion of Mithra. The term *Mithra*, as seen through Semitic philology, might mean *death of the ruler*, and that is what Mithra depicted. The mighty one would sit astride a bull and thrust a knife into his neck severing the jugular vein. From the flowing blood of the bull, the fertility for the crops in the following year could be derived. Mithra worship also depicted many traditional relationships to the worship of the sun.

The Chr-stmas observance surely presents the thinking Bible student with a paradox when we find so many doctrinal relationships between Chr-stianity and the ancient pagan worship of the sun. For example, Yahweh declares His day of rest and worship to be the seventh-day Sabbath, commonly called Saturday, but Chr-stianity has transferred the sanctity of this holy day to the first day of the week, Sunday. Chr-stianity claims that the Messiah was born at the winter solstice, when, in fact, he was born at the Feast of Tabernacles (and circumcised on the eighth day of that holy

season). (You can get some very strange looks from friends and relatives when you tell them, "We remembered the Messiah's birth during the Feast of Tabernacles.") With the death of the Messiah on Passover day as prescribed in the Sacred Scriptures, ch-rchianity has transferred the worship of that time to the resurrection day, which they specify to have been on a Sunday. In fact, there are not seventy-two hours possible between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning, although Yahshua the Messiah declared this to be the only sign of His Messiahship. See Matthew 12:40.



Saturnalia (1783) by Antoine-François Callet, depicts an interpretation of what the Saturnalia might have looked like.



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You can notice how so many of the practices of ch-rchianity revolve around days on which the ancient people worshiped the sun.

So many of the Chr-stmas traditions that are observed today are derived from the ancient Roman observance of the Saturnalia. Saturnalia was observed around the time of the winter solstice each year.

The Saturnalia was a time of great feasting and abandon. People took precautions to bathe before the festivities began in the morning, so they could spend the entire day eating and drinking. Slaves were given liberty during that time and were often served by their masters at the feast. Public affairs were generally suspended. Courts did not sit, schools were closed, commercial and all military activity were suspended. At the Saturnalia, among the dishes most prominently served for breakfast and supper was boar's head, stuck

with rosemary and an apple or orange in its mouth, accompanied by plum porridge and minced pies. All of these traditions were intended to honor a pagan mighty one.

Why was December 25 selected as the birthday of the Messiah when so many authorities acknowledge that He was not born at that time? It was the historian Julius Sextus Africanus, a historian of Alexandria, Egypt, who composed a chronicle of events of the world to 221 C. E. Therefore, it took historians two and a quarter centuries after the Messiah's birth, actually to decide that His birth date was at the winter solstice, December 25.

Yet, many of the fundamentalist Bible students continue to reject December 25 as the Messiah's birthday. Furthermore, the Pilgrim fathers went so far as to declare that the Messiah's birthday should not be observed like that of a Roman emperor. In the


book, **History of the Plymouth Plantation**, the Pilgrim fathers are reported to have worked on December 25 as just another day of labor during the week. It was only later that December 25 became prominent as a holiday, sanctioned by the government and religion here in the United States.

The great-grandmother of the author used to explain that when she was young, people did not observe Chr-stmas as the traditions later developed. She clearly said that the schools remained open during Chr-stmas week.

When we can prove all of these facts from the Bible and history, why do people continue to observe what is clearly a pagan holiday and contrary to the teachings of the Sacred Scriptures? Using these traditions as a springboard toward a spirit that is not the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, the observance of this holiday, although pagan in origin, is hyped with materialism and merchandising. It is obvious that most people get their Chr-stmas spirit from a bottle! That spirit causes much grief and many heartaches each year.

Why not make the decision this year to drop out of the system? Worship Almighty Yahweh, obey His holy days, reject the worldly holidays that have no meaning where your salvation is concerned. Rely upon the promises of Almighty Yahweh to save you through His only begotten Son, Yahshua the Messiah, who was born at the Feast of Tabernacles and circumcised on the eighth day. Receive His Holy Spirit, which comes from obedience to His Word (Acts 5:32). Join the remnant Assembly of the Messiah that keeps the commandments of Yahweh and has the Faith of Yahshua the Messiah (Revelation 12:14 and 14:12).

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The Power of the Occult Thrives

For anyone to ignore the growing influences and pressures that are being applied to us from the spiritual realm, is becoming increasingly problematic. The Bible declares that there is an unseen realm not known to our physical being, but it is, nonetheless,

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quite real. There are spiritual beings of the angelic host who do Yahweh's bidding, while there are also demonic spirits following the directives of Satan the Adversary. This demonic realm attempts to

thwart the plans of Almighty Yahweh. As we draw closer to the day when Yahshua will return to set up Yahweh's eternal Kingdom on this earth, our Bible informs us that Satan will use all of his cunning deceptions at his disposal, because he knows his time is grow-



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that is faithfully following
Yahweh's Truth, attempting
to dissuade them from being
obedient, from walking down
the Narrow Way.**

Worldly Pleasures Abound

The continual seeking of worldly pleasures and enjoyment absorbs the attention of most of the people of this world today. Overindulgence in the things related to the world will interfere with our relationship with Yahweh, our Creator Mighty One who inspired the Bible to be written, although not all that the world does is bad. In the mad rush

of business activity, social activity, and partying, many people simply do not reserve sufficient time for serious Bible study. The pressures of making a living and doing those things that bring approval from their peers in the community, comprise the major aspect of the struggle which demands a great portion of their lives. The demands of social life often cause individuals to engage in things they do not really enjoy. Some people participate in groups with which they are not in complete harmony. Somehow, they feel obligated to

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activity, that
influential club, that
special circle of colleagues
and their parties, even though
they derive little or no enjoyment
from it. Demonic influences bring
constant pressure upon this modern
world to become absorbed in
worldly activity to the detriment
of profitable Bible study.

For the Most Part, Riches Have Failed

Satan uses another ploy to divert the attention of those who are unaware of his strategy to keep them from the pursuit of spiritual things, from the sacred message of salvation. Not only does he make this world a place of pleasure and

instill in people a desire to become a part of it, but he also resorts to other clever devices that are much more insidious and harmful. With the continual dwindling influence of worldly religion, mankind has lost their connection with the biblical message. The social g-spel and the bland sermons no longer inspire, or interest, the listeners. Seemingly little inspiration, or challenge, comes from the sermons presented by religious-sounding men who preach from the Holy Bible. More and more churches are accepting women as priests and ministers, while even practicing homosexuals have found a place in many denominations, some even being accepted as ministers to preach from the Bible, the very book that plainly condemns their carnal lifestyle, Romans 1:27. With nominal ch-rchianity falling increasingly into Laodiceanism to the point that they accept anything and stand for nothing, foreign Eastern religions appear to gain an unprecedented following in our land. With the customary trends of ch-rchianity becoming more bland and socially accommodating, many people in society are turning to the occult, or to Eastern religions that seem to offer more relevance to their personal goals and aspirations.

Mankind's Destiny— What Is It?

Many people begin their investigation of the occult merely out of curiosity. Not being really certain of what the occult represents, people are attracted, because it may teach them something new, or more exciting and different. In addition, the people are usually promised a form of religion offering superhuman knowledge, success, and satisfaction. In addition, some of these outside-the-mainstream groups and individuals will even

pretend to foretell the future, or allow the people to communicate with their deceased loved ones. **The religion of the Bible has never promised us a life of ease, nor have we been told that we would receive promotion and success.** The occult, however, makes such promises and much more. Conversely, ch-rchianity is losing ground when seemingly all they can promise is for people to be “saved” or “born again” by accepting the Savior “into your heart.” Rarely do we hear of any Chr-stian group that teaches fulfillment as the reason for man’s creation and existence—that is, to take on the very nature of Elohim (2 Peter 1:4) and to become Kings and Priests in Yahweh’s soon-coming Kingdom on this earth (Revelation 20:6). Yahweh Elohim has promised His converted True Worshipers the possibility of rulership over the nations in the 1,000-year Millennial Kingdom on this earth, Revelation 5:10. (Write in for our free article, **The Kingdom of Yahweh, the 1,000-Year Messianic Reign on Earth.**)

We are called upon to CHANGE OUR LIVES and pattern them after that of the Messiah Yahshua. We will then be converted into spirit beings and given the responsibility of rulership over this earth if we can faithfully conform to the characteristics described in the Sacred Scriptures. Very few Chr-stian groups teach that we should be learning Yahweh’s Laws now so that we can administer them under Yahshua the Messiah in His reign on this earth. Some of the teachings of the occult present a direct counterfeit of what will be taking place when the Messiah returns to this earth at His second coming. First, however, Yahweh’s True Worshipers must prove that they can **rule themselves** by

conforming to the Covenant Laws of the Sacred Scriptures.

Divination's Many Forms

Some occult counterfeits that Satan uses are very insidious—hardly perceptible to the unwary. One of those elements relates to astrology and the signs of the zodiac. Predicting the future has always been intriguing for humans to contemplate and has captured the attention of those who seek to communicate with the spirit world. Our Bible refers to attempts to uncover secrets of the future with the aid of superior beings who will employ divination.

Divination has been used down through history as a means of ascertaining the Will of the Almighty, both by civilized and savage people. The Bible lists numerous forms of divination such as by rods, Hosea 4:12; divination by arrows, Ezekiel 21:21; divination by cups, Genesis 44:5; divination by examining the liver of sacrificial animals, Ezekiel 21:21; divination by dream interpretations, Deuteronomy 13:2,3; and consultation of oracles (voices of the spirit realm), Isaiah 41:21-24.

Signs of the Zodiac

Nearly every newspaper in the country today publishes a daily horoscope predicting future happenings for that day. Many people indulge in this seemingly innocent pastime of seeking to learn what their horoscope may predict to befall them on that particular day. They often insist they are doing so merely in fun, but that they do not really rely upon, or believe in, the accuracy of these predictions. They assert that they look forward to the daily prognostication simply out of curiosity. Thousands of people,

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PROPHETIC TRENDS today's

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"In this manner says Yahweh, Behold, a people comes from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred up from the utmost parts of the earth. They lay hold on bow and spear; THEY ARE CRUEL, AND HAVE NO MERCY; their voice roars like the sea, and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, O daughter of Zion. We have heard the report of it; our hands become feeble: anguish has taken hold of us, and pangs as of a woman in travail. Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; FOR THE SWORD OF THE ENEMY, AND TERROR, ARE ON EVERY SIDE. O daughter of my people, gird yourself with sackcloth, and wallow yourself in ashes: make mourning for yourself, as for an only son,

most bitter lamentation; for THE DESTROYER SHALL SUDDENLY COME UPON US." (Jeremiah 6:22-26).

"For thus says Yahweh, THE WHOLE LAND SHALL BE A DESOLATION; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. Every city flees for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city is forsaken, and not a man dwells in it. AND YOU, WHEN YOU ARE MADE DESOLATE, WHAT WILL YOU DO? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, though you deck yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint,

in vain did you make yourself fair; your lovers despise you, they seek your life. For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that gasps for breath, that spreads her hands, saying, WOE IS ME NOW! FOR MY SOUL FAINTS BEFORE THE MURDERERS." (Jeremiah 4:27-31).

"Behold, YAHWEH MAKES THE EARTH EMPTY, AND MAKES IT WASTE, AND TURNS IT UPSIDE DOWN, and scatters abroad the inhabitants of it. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor;

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as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest to him. The earth shall be utterly emptied, and **UTTERLY LAID WASTE**; for Yahweh has spoken this word. The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the lofty people of the earth languish. The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants of it; because they have **TRANSGRESSED THE LAWS, VIOLATED THE STATUTES, BROKEN THE EVERLASTING COVENANT**. Therefore has the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell in it are found guilty: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.” (Isaiah 24:1-6)

“And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and

prophecy to them, and say, you mountains of Israel, **HEAR THE WORD OF THE SOVEREIGN YAHWEH**: In this manner says the Sovereign Yahweh to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword up on you, and I will destroy your high places. And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your killed men before your idols. And I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-images may be hewn down, and your works may be abolished. And the killed shall fall in the middle of you, and you shall know that I am Yahweh. **YET WILL I LEAVE A REMNANT**, in that you shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries. And **THOSE OF YOU THAT ESCAPE SHALL REMEMBER ME** among the nations where they shall be carried captive, how that I have been broken with their lewd heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the harlot after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. And **THEY SHALL KNOW THAT I AM YAHWEH**: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.” (Ezekiel 6:1-10).

“And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, **REPENTED NOT** of the works of their hands, that they should not **WORSHIP DEMONS**, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: and they **REPENTED NOT OF THEIR MURDERS, NOR OF THEIR SORCERIES, NOR OF THEIR FORNICATION, NOR OF THEIR THEFTS**.” (Revelation 9:20-21)

“And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind. And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, **HID THEMSELVES** in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: **FOR THE GREAT DAY OF THEIR WRATH HAS COME; AND WHO IS ABLE TO STAND?**” (Revelation 6:12-17).

Through the years, **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** has sought to publish various articles that appeared in the news media and analyze them with a view toward pointing out how the trends are leading up to the final culmination of end-time Bible prophecy.

Prophetic Trends has sought to set forth the information in which to alert those who are concerned about the deterioration of this modern worldly system. The past years have been quite significant in revealing the trends leading up toward the fulfillment of end-time Bible prophecy. We have pointed out how the morality of the worldly people has slipped quite rapidly into sinful ways, and how Almighty Yahweh has begun judging in many different ways. The current trends are certainly clear to those who read and study Bible prophecy. The prophecies for the end of the age are clearly revealing trends pointing toward a looming final fulfillment. In an overview of ancient history, it becomes apparent that America is taking the same road that led Rome to disaster and disintegration. Ancient Rome had once ruled much of the known world. Then, various trends developed that eventually brought Rome to disintegration, leading to its downfall.

The leaders of the Western world hardly appear to remember the era of the Second World War and the monumental sacrifices that were made to curb Nazi aggression. Many of the people in the Western world have become ultra-liberal, compromising their principles and even their determination to remain free. Many of the people of the Western world have sold out to the state, whether that is through adopting socialistic policies and ideas, or whether it simply indicates that they have enjoyed such an affluent lifestyle, with the government serving as a generous benefactor—it is hard to distinguish.

Doctor Merrill C. Tenney, in his outstanding duo of volumes scrutinizing the era of the New Testament—**New Testament Survey** and **New Testament**

Times—has painted a vivid word picture describing Rome and its empire during the formation of the Messianic Faith. He begins his discussion by concentrating on the social world and the economic world by saying, *“The world of the first century was not unlike the modern world of the 20th century. Rich and poor, virtuous men and criminals, free men and slaves lived side by side and the social and economic conditions that prevailed were similar to those of the present day in many aspects,”* page 47.

Then he turns his attention to the various strata of society—the aristocracy, the middle class, the plebs, the slaves, and the criminals. *“The old free-holding populace of Italy had disappeared. Many of the earlier senatorial families had perished in the party struggles, though some had survived. In their places had arisen a new aristocracy, the landholders who controlled public lands by their influence and who bought cheaply the private lands of those whose families were impoverished by war or by the impossibility of making a living from a small farm....”* page 48.

The Middle Class

“Largely because of the rise of slavery [in our time, compare the wage slaves], which was built upon the use of military captives, the middle class was almost crushed out of the empire. Many had been killed in the wars and proscriptions. Many others had been unable to meet the competition of slave labor, and have slowly been starved out of their small farms and estates. Gradually, they swelled the homeless and foodless mobs, which filled the great cities, especially Rome, and they became dependent for their sustenance upon the state. The hungry, idle crowds, who would vote for any

candidate whose promises sounded better than those of his competitor were dangerous and unpredictable factor in the social life of the empire.”

The Plebs

“The plebs, or poor people, were numerous and their condition was pitiful. Many lacked steady employment and were worse off than slaves, who had at least assurance of food and clothing. The unemployed proletariat were ready to follow, any man who would give them a dole to feed their stomachs and amusements to wile away their idle hours. They were easy prey for demagoguery of every description,” page 49.

Moral Standards

“Moral declension does not mean that no comparatively decent people existed, or that virtue was completely stifled. It does mean that the prevailing trend in society verged downward in indulgence and to lawlessness. Human life was cheap and murder was frequent. Divorce was easy to obtain and was generally accepted in ‘society.’ The exposure (expose means to abandon the child to die) of unwanted infants was a common practice, as illustrated in the well-known letter of Hilarion to his wife, Alis: ‘Should you bear a child, if it is a boy, let it live; if it is a girl, expose it.’ Superstitions and trickery of every kind flourished.”

There are many similarities between the decline of the ancient Roman Empire and the decline of the Western world, especially the United States of America, during the past half-century. Do we comprehend the close parallel of the decline and fall of ancient Rome and the deterioration of our own modern world?

The United States and many other nations of the world are currently wallowing in very serious economic trouble. Yet the people

are not being informed concerning what is going on. **WE ARE HANGING ON THE EDGE OF AN ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE** similar to (if not greater than) to what happened in the Great Depression of 1929! When the dominoes begin to fall, there will be no stopping them; indeed, the world's economic system will collapse! Out of this collapse will emerge the Beast system of Revelation 13, which will enslave the people of the world, because the money interests will demand their returns.

No nation in the history of the world has ever escaped this level of indebtedness—annual and cumulative—without a severe and totally involuntary adjustment. The US owes its foreign creditors more than \$33 trillion dollars, and just the interest due on all these loans means more borrowing, which will require still more loans to keep rolling over all those 10-year treasury notes as they become due for repayment, plus interest.

Outlook Negative

"Recently, Moody's Investors Ser-

vice, one of the three main credit rating agencies, signaled the US Sovereign Credit Rating could be subject to a future downgrade by changing the assigned outlook from neutral to negative. By revising the outlook on US sovereign debt to negative, Moody's is telling investors that the U.S.' pristine AAA rating is in jeopardy. The reason—which should come as no one's surprise—is OUT OF CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING AMIDST AN ALARMINGLY INCREASING DEBT BURDEN," according to Forbes.

"Moody's is also quite pessimistic on the near-term potential for Congress to get its act together, noting 'any significant policy response that we might be able to see to this declining fiscal strength probably won't happen until 2025 because of the reality of the political calendar next year.' In other words, expect allocations to keep spending taxpayer money until they garner enough votes to keep their jobs beyond next November. Unfortunately, the odds are strongly in favor of Moody's taking further action before the 2024 elections conclude, which means the US could be about to lose its last remaining top-tier credit rating."

Are you prepared
for what is looming
just ahead? **OUR
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THE EDGE**

OF CATASTROPHE! We have been generous and handing out funds in many places, even though all this money had to be borrowed. We have been giving nations subsidies on an annual basis for many years. Again, we urge all of the individuals who are reading this material to be aware of what lies just ahead for our country. Read Isaiah chapter 2 for a picture of what is going on, and, then, consider the impending reality of the inauguration of the Beast of Revelation 13.

Did you know that the U.S. debt clock is currently adding \$218 million every hour, amounting to \$5.2 billion every single day? Yet, we have become a generation of spendthrifts at every level of government and the private sector, **RECKLESSLY SPENDING AND WASTEFULLY SQUANDERING OUR NATION'S FUTURE.** Just recently also, credit card debt in America has exceeded \$1 trillion. Credit card interest, as well, is approaching 35 percent on some credit cards. **THIS USURY IS UN-ACCEPTABLE AND SINFUL!** It is a **CURSE** upon America! Have you read **Usury, America's National Curse?** Why not request your free copy today?

Apparently, we have reached a financial slippery slope for which we cannot recover. We are borrowing our prosperity on high interest credit. The growth in the third quarter was fueled partially by a large increase in credit card balances. Household debt rose to \$17.3 trillion in the third quarter of the year, an increase of 228 billion from the last quarter, the



New York Fed said. Credit card balances rose by \$48 billion to \$1.08 trillion. Auto loans rose to \$1.6 trillion, while loan delinquencies were up for most debt types.

“Credit card balances experienced a large jump in the third quarter, consistent with strong consumer spending and real GDP growth,” said Donghoon Lee, Economic Research Advisor at the New York Fed. *“The continued rise in credit card delinquency rates is broad based across area income and region, but particularly pronounced among millennials and those with auto loans or student loans.”*

Middle East War Imminent

Astounding atrocities took place on October 7, 2023, when Hamas and Palestinians from Gaza invaded Israel and brutally killed more than 1,400. They also kidnapped more than 200, taking them back into Gaza. More information has been revealed, showing how vile this modern-day pogrom was. Gleefully, they slaughtered innocent civilians, as well as Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers. Some of the Hamas terrorists wore GoPro cameras to document their atrocities, and, then, uploaded the footage to the web to inspire Muslims the world over to do the same. As the world’s media turned against Israel, accusing them of “disproportionate” response to the attacks, Israeli government officials held special screenings of this footage, as well as video of what the IDF soldiers and first responders found when they arrived on the scene. Though this has had a profound effect on some reporters, the media sources around the world still promote the Hamas talking points.

In response, the United States has moved into naval battle groups into the region as a deterrent to

the spread of violence. The British Navy has also responded to the Mediterranean, as well. **THE WORLD COULD DESCEND INTO WAR IN AN INSTANT.** Throughout the West, governments had been quietly raising their terrorist warning levels in anticipation of terror attacks.

Al-Aqsa Flood

Hamas, who named the invasion of Israel “Al-Aqsa Flood,” directly referenced Jewish prayer at the Temple Mount as an act of aggression that had reached a peak. According to **The Forward**, *“Hamas specifically mention the blowing of shofars at the complex, as well as the [the sacrifice of the red heifer]... a precursor to the construction of the third Temple—as proof of their belief Israel plans to destroy the mosque and the entire compound, justifying the attack.*

“While perhaps ideally, shared prayer at a sacred holy site would be possible peacefully, practically speaking, Jewish prayer on this site is a disruption of the status quo often done with geopolitical ambitions in mind. At minimum, it is a demonstration of Israeli control in an area not officially in its power, and yet another loss of Palestinian rights and autonomy in the region. At its most extreme, Jewish prayer signals intentions on the part of extremist religious groups to rebuild the Jewish Temple at the site.

“Though [the] attack from Hamas is far from Al-Aqsa, the mosque’s symbolic importance means that any and all shifts in behavior at the area have political and national meaning and consequences. Hamas’ choice to name their attack ‘Al-Aqsa Flood,’ and to tie it to the protection of the holy site, seems calculated to garner support from Palestinians in the West Bank and Muslims around

the world.” Since the sacrifice of the red heifer is scheduled to take place in April 2024, the rebuilding of the Temple cannot be very far away. Nevertheless, every stone that Hamas rolls will roll back upon them and every pit that they dig, they will fall into it themselves. Notwithstanding, the prophecy of the third Temple will be fulfilled (Revelation 11:1-2) and the anti-Messiah will sit in it, setting himself forth as Elohim (2 Thessalonians 2:3-5).

Population Bomb

It seemed it was only a little more than 10 years ago that the world crossed the threshold of 7 billion people on earth, now the world’s population has exceeded 8 billion. Using data from the **International Database**, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated the world population hit 8 billion on September 26, 2023 (the Day of Atonement). However, the United Nations Population Division estimated that the world population reached 8 billion on November 15, 2022. The discrepancy between the two comes from the fact that some of the most populous nations in the world have not conducted a census in over 10 years, while many other countries lack registration and vital statistics systems that accurately record births and deaths among the population.

Even with the estimated 16 million people who died from Covid 19, the Earth’s population still continues to grow, much to the chagrin of those who insist that the world’s population must be diminished substantially, such as Dr. Paul Ehrlich, who in 1968, in his book titled, **The Population Bomb**, predicted that in the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death. Consequently,

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however, know much more about the signs of the zodiac than they do of the books of the Bible and the biblical message. They contend that one can actually predict the future simply by knowing exactly when an individual was born. Many people carefully read their horoscope each day; however, they open their Bible perhaps only once a week, if then, let alone spending any time studying it.

Astrologers appear in the media as radio talk show guests, or as participants in television discussion programs. Audience interest and participation is stimulated whenever astrologers make some concrete predictions concerning the future, or they attempt to project an image of having another realm available to them which will readily divulge secret information. Nearly everyone today can inform you what sign of the zodiac they were born under and signs of the zodiac all around the year. The zodiac signs are generally found in paintings, dinnerware, signets, ornaments, and on many types of jewelry. Astrologers will even assert that a certain person born under a given sign will be more compatible as a mate or colleague than will someone born under another sign!

All people are somewhat affected by the natural forces of the earth and our solar system. Not all people will respond in the same way, since most people

have a preferred time for sleeping, eating, working, and relaxing. The influence of the environment upon mankind is different with each person. The moon exerts an effect upon the earth and some of its inhabitants. From the Latin term *luna*, for moon, is derived the English word *lunatic*, supposedly someone under the influence of the moon. It has been proven that the moon does indeed have some sort of effect upon certain people's behavior, just how much is not always agreed upon, nor is it consistent with each individual, because the psychological make-up of individuals is different.

History of Astrology

The study of astrology began as a scientific study and observation of the movement of the heavenly bodies. In ancient Sumerian Mesopotamia (modern Iraq and Syria), the Tigris and Euphrates rivers were channeled onto the croplands every spring for the planting season. The Sumerian priests observed the movement of the sun and devised a calendar that showed the farmers to plant their crops at the proper time to take advantage of full sunlight. The farmlands were, therefore, more productive when plantings were made at the earliest possible time; hence, the pagan priests were consulted regularly by those involved in agriculture. Then, the uneducated, superstitious people began to ascribe magical powers to the priests because of their seemingly accurate predictions of the calendar. Basing their knowledge on observable facts, the priests soon discovered that they could exploit their superior position; therefore, the result became the first astrologers. It was not long before the priests not only predicted the full moons, new moons, and equinoxes, but soon began

to embark into the realm of predicting events to take place here upon this earth. What developed were the modern-day astrologers, who, even today, just as in ancient times, seek to influence superstitious people by their unprovable predictions.

Astrologers commonly contend that their knowledge of the stars and the movements of other celestial bodies allows them to peer into the future. Most astrologers employ the signs of the zodiac and will, very ceremoniously, interrogate some gullible person on which day and in what year they were born, and, then, by peering at a chart, inform the individual under which sign of the zodiac they were born. The astrologers assert that having been born under a certain sign, an individual will be then under the influence of certain heavenly bodies. The reading given is customarily so vague, general, and broad, that it can be applied to almost any person or event. "You will soon be taking a trip. Be careful," might be one example. "Watch out for your financial transactions today," could be another. The trip could be of any length—from across town, to a vacation, or a trip around the world. The financial transaction could apply to the businessman involved with large company mergers, buying common stock, purchasing merchandise, or the housewife who is buying groceries. You see, astrological predictions are left vague so that they can apply to almost any situation, not merely to those born under the given sign of the zodiac.

There are twelve divisions, or signs, in the heavens, each being 30° long and 16' wide, marked off eastward from the spring equinox. The names of these divisions were originally the names of the constellations within them. Two thousand



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years ago this designation was correct, but no longer today. Today, these divisions, or signs, are shifting and are now some 30° away from their constellation, due to the wobbling of the earth's axis. The earth takes 2,600 years to make just one wobble. Therefore, the constellation Pisces is now in Aries; Libra is now in Scorpio; Cancer is now in Leo, etc. It is continually getting worse, since Aries is now approaching Aquarius, so we have what the modern occult calls the "age of Aquarius." Furthermore, this leads into the New Age Religion.

True scientists, such as astrophysicists and astronomers, without reservation, ridicule the idea that celestial bodies could ever influence someone who is born at a certain time. One of the most famous, modern figures who made decisions according to astrological forecasts was Adolph Hitler. His forecasts were not successful; therefore, he later rejected

his astrologers and had some of them arrested. His thousand-year Third Reich (government) lasted only 12 years!

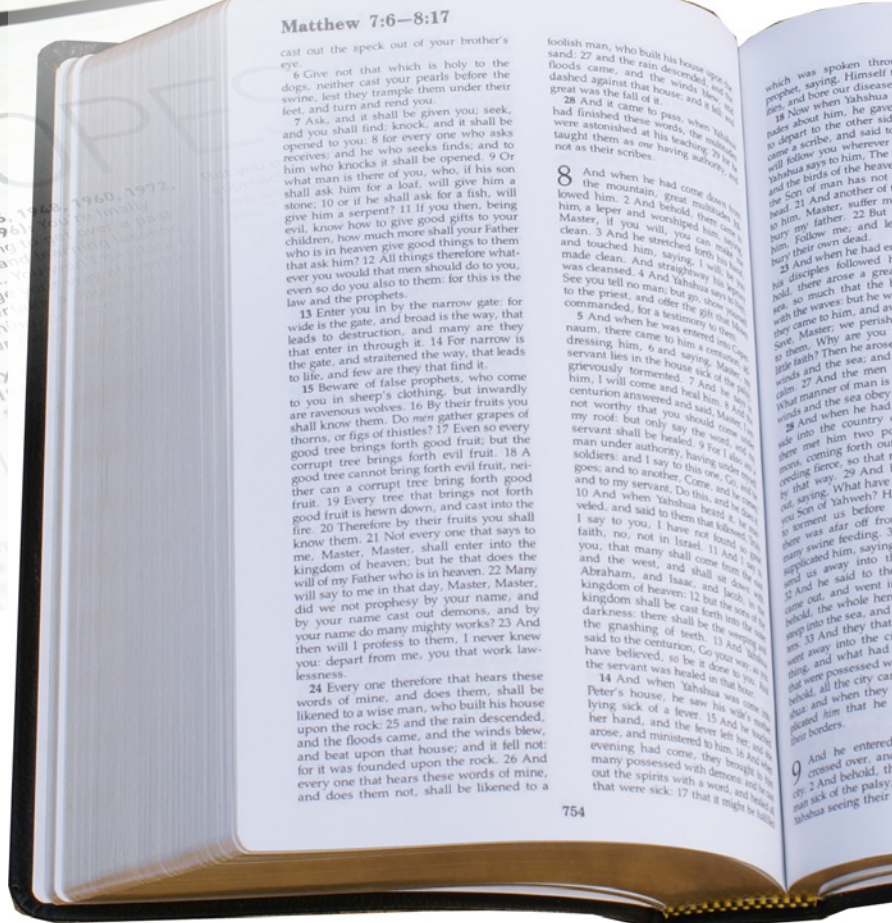
Communicating With the Dead

While astrologers claim to predict the future, spiritualists contend that they have access to the secrets of the future through communicating with the dead. This is called necromancy. The first lie ever recorded in the biblical record is that of Satan telling Eve that she would not die if she ate of the forbidden fruit. From that falsehood, ch-rchianity has been promulgating the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, that the body dies, but the real you—the real person in the soul—leaves the body to continue living in some other realm. The concept of disembodied spirits floating around freely, moving from the physical to the spirit realm, is widely accepted by most people

today. The Bible plainly says the DEAD KNOW NOT ANYTHING (Ecclesiastes 9:5), but ch-rchianity teaches that the departed dead know more now than when they were alive. Somehow they are released from their bodies to become enabled to see things more clearly, and are able to know secrets still hidden to the human race, while the Bible plainly declares that the dead know nothing!

Spiritism comprises a modern type of necromancy, derived from an ancient attempt to contact the realm of the dead. Mankind imagines that the dead are in a state of conscious, active living, existing in a realm beyond space and time. There, these disembodied spirits are able to view our physical world from their unseen vantage point. Even though the body is dead, nominal ch-rchianity teaches that mankind possesses a "never-dying immortal soul" that departs from the body at death.

The words *immortal soul* cannot



be found anywhere in the Bible! Neither does the Bible teach that we have immortality; conversely, it is something we seek, Romans 2:7. The Sacred Scriptures tells us that Yahweh alone has immortality, 1 Timothy 6:15-16. Humans do not have it, but we will receive it as a gift at the resurrection IF WE DESERVE THIS BLESSING THROUGH LIVING AN OBEDIENT LIFE, 1 Corinthians 15:53. Until then, we are mortal (from the Latin term *mors*, *death*), and we will all die some day, unless Yahshua Messiah returns beforehand. Humans will rest in the grave until the resurrection, or what would be the purpose of a resurrection if we were already in heaven?

Divination Condemned by Scripture

The falsehoods set forth by Satan the Devil support the pagan teaching of contacting the dead, whose disembodied spirit is now more alive than ever, while having the ability to move around without being limited by the human body. These mediums contend that they can contact the deceased, speaking, or communicating, with them and asking them for advice. Isaiah expressly warns against our association with witches and wizards who attempt to contact spirits that peep and mutter, Isaiah 8:19. The converted True Worshipers of Yahweh should have nothing whatsoever to do with the worldly system of satanic attempts to delve into the spirit world, whether it is through astrology, spiritism, or witchcraft. Leviticus 19:26 instructs that we should not consult fortune telling, or witchcraft; verse 31 warns that we should never consult mediums and wizards. Leviticus 20:27 explains that a medium or wizard shall be stoned to death. Yahweh

our Elohim made some very strong pronouncements against the witches in these Old Testament passages. He has never changed His mind! (See Malachi 3:6.) We read in Galatians 5:16-22 (where the works of the flesh are listed) that these fleshly works include witchcraft. Yahweh warns that those who do such things SHALL NOT INHERIT the Kingdom of Yahweh, verse 21. In Revelation 21:8, we find additional reinforcement: ***“But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and SORCERERS, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.”*** The sorcery that is alluded to here could include the use of illegal drugs, frequently used by those who are seeking to contact the demonic spirit world.

Downward Pull

Moses forbade any kind of divination, because by striving to pry into the future, the mind becomes clouded with superstition, Deuteronomy 18:10-14: ***“There shall not be found with you anyone that makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one that uses divination, one that practices augury, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a consulter with a familiar spirit, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For whoever does these things is an abomination to Yahweh: and because of these abominations Yahweh your Elohim does drive them out from before you. You shall be perfect with Yahweh your Elohim. For these nations, that you shall dispossess, listen to them that practice augury, and to diviners; but as for you, Yahweh your Elohim has not***

permitted you to do so.”

Following this satanic process, the next step is into idolatry, the outright embracing of pagan rites, or even blatant Satan worship. Rather than being ostracized today, anyone delving into sorcery, witchcraft, and divination is usually accepted with some degree of interest, or tolerance. The number of those involved in such pagan activities is increasing, as is their stature in the eyes of their contemporaries. As a matter of fact, daily horoscope predictions are featured on some high-class radio and television stations, a practice unthinkable just several years ago.

The power of the demonic world, governed by Satan the Adversary, is prophesied to become even greater as we progress through the latter days. Make no mistake about this unseen power of Satan to influence the minds of people. ***He will use any trick at his disposal to sway your mind from the Truth of Yahweh*** and attempt to DECEIVE those who dabble in the realm of pseudo-spiritism.

Satan intends to find the breaking point of each True Worshiper. Anything that promotes our being brought under the influence of demonic spirits will do us harm. Seemingly harmless flings of simple fun leave us open to Satan's deception. READING OUR PERSONAL HOROSCOPES IN THE MANY NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES SHOULD BE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED BY ALL TRUE WORSHIPERS. Playing with Ouija boards is another avenue of Satan's influence. None of these things are merely harmless entertainment, or pranks! Going to a fortune teller, or so-called “advisor,” constitutes a direct rebellion against the teachings of Holy Scriptures.



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DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12



Don't do it!

Stay away from these activities that may seem to be only harmless adventures. Those who have come under the influence of some of these exotic practices, hoping to contact the spirit realm, have sometimes barely escaped alive. Such involvement in these activities will eventually destroy the person who engages in them. Yahweh says He will indeed destroy those who are determined to dabble in spiritism, Revelation 21:8.

The Conjurer in the Bible

Humankind seems to have a natural inclination to become intrigued by what he really does not

understand. This usually leads a person toward an attempt to contact the demonic world, whereas he should seek only the higher spirit domain of Yahweh, the Holy Spirit. We have the biblical account of a man who had the opportunity to see the results of investigating both worlds; nevertheless, we are instructed that Yahweh's way is the only one we should seek.

This man could do many signs and wonders. Since he was able to perform these amazing feats, the Samaritans referred to him as their Messiah. He became very influential, a proud man. His name was Simon, and we read about him in Acts 8:9-24. He became amazed when he saw the miracles

that Deacon Philip was able to perform, suddenly realizing that the power of Philip far exceeded his own. When Simon saw that by the laying on of the Apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given to the people, he asked Peter and John to sell him the ability to have this power to give the Holy Spirit also. He hoped to purchase this power with money so that he, too, might have this capability to confer the Holy Spirit upon others. Even though Simon Magus had a certain amount of power (although

an evil power), he desired the ability to pass on the Holy Spirit to others, because he recognized that this Holy Spirit power far exceeded his own. *Magus* means *conjurer*, and Simon Magus' name appears many times in history as a miracle worker. He is described as a son of perdition, since he became an avowed enemy of the Messianic Faith. In the end, his egotism and arrogance destroyed him when he sought to counterfeit a miracle. The record appears in a volume of the AntieNicean Fathers. Even though Simon had been active with his brand of miracle working, when the Samaritans heard Philip preach the good news of the Kingdom and the salvation of Yahshua Messiah, they perceived that this was a greater and more powerful experiences than were the miracles of Simon Magus. Therefore, they left Simon and became immersed through baptism into the Name of Yahshua Messiah. The message of the Bible has far more power than the working of magic and delving into the world of evil spirits. Even though the mass of modern-day humanity seemingly finds spiritism an enticing adventure, those who fear Yahweh, and abide in His Word, will give up any possible tainting of their lives so that they might attain the heavenly calling. It happened as reported in Acts 19:11-20. ***“And Yahweh performed special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that to the sick were carried away from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out. But certain also of the traveling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over them that had the evil spirits the name of the Sovereign Yahshua, saying, I command you by Yahshua whom Paul preaches. And there were seven***

sons of one Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest, who did this. And the evil spirit answered and said to them, Yahshua I know and Paul I know, but who are you? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and mastered both of them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that lived at Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Sovereign Yahshua was magnified. Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds. And not a few of them that practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the price of them, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of Yahweh grew mightily and prevailed.”

May we today depart from all such activities so that True Worship may lead many to salvation in Yahshua the Messiah, and the kingdom of Satan diminished.

Be Not Deceived

It is prophesied that Satan's activities will dramatically increase in the latter days, and he will use all of his cunning devices and the wisdom at his disposal to thwart the plans of Yahweh. He will strive to mislead mankind and perform great miracles, signs, and wondrous things; if it were possible, even the very elect shall be deceived, Matthew 24:24. See also 2 Thessalonians 2. At the very beginning of His noteworthy Olivet discourse, Yahshua the Messiah began with the warning that the True Worshipers should not be deceived, Matthew 24:4. See also verse 24.

Paul wrote to Timothy (1 Timothy 4:1) ***“In the later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons.”*** We, as Yahweh's people, should have nothing at all to do with horoscopes, zodiacs, witches, tarot cards, astrology, or in any way try to communicate with the dead through mediums. We should obey Yahweh, diligently study His Word, and listen to and apply His warnings to ourselves, such as what we find in Revelation 22:14-15, ***“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, and the SORCERERS, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone that loves and makes a lie.”***

The prize at the end of a life of voluntary obedience to Yahweh's Covenant will be worth so much more than the idle dabbling in the things of the world that will lead True Worshipers away from a strong faith in Yahweh. Yahshua the Messiah was undoubtedly the world's greatest prophet. If you hope to learn what lies ahead for yourself and the world, read your Bible and see the **Prophetic Trends** explained in **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine each month. ***“Your word is truth....”*** (John 17:17). Let us all stand firmly together to uphold the Truth of Yahweh Elohim and Yahshua the Messiah so that we may become the special, spiritual family described as Philadelphia! Laodiceanism will rob us of our hope for eternal salvation. Following the instructions of the Sacred Scriptures will open to us the doorway leading to eternal life in Yahweh's Kingdom. Which way will you choose? S_{NB}

PROPHETIC TRENDS

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the world's population has more than doubled since 1968. All of his predictions have failed, however. Apparently, this population bomb has a very long fuse.

It is important to remember that the pale horse of Revelation 6:7-8 states that death and the grave have been given authority to take one quarter of the world's population, which would amount to 2 billion people. ***“And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and the grave followed with him. And there was given to them authority over the fourth part***

of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.”


Anti-Semitic War

Since the barbaric terrorist attacks of October 7, 2023, a stunning number of people around the world now align themselves as anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. Pro-Palestinian protests have sparked outrage all over the world, revealing a horrible sickness in our universities. Dr. Victor Davis Hanson wrote: *“The sheer madness that has gripped many elite universities since October 7, and the butchery, rape, torture, and mutilation of some 1,000 Israeli civilians by Hamas murderers*

have shocked the public at large. Campus craziness is, of course, nothing new. But quite novel for campuses was the sudden jettisoning of prior campus pretenses. Universities have brazenly dropped their careful two-faced gymnastics to reveal at last—unapologetically, proudly, and defiantly—the moral decay that now characterizes American higher education. Recent news stories have exposed this rot to the world, and will have grave repercussions for higher education in the next few years.”

“An instructor at Stanford separated Jewish students from their belongings, ordered them to stand in the corner, boasted about denying the Holocaust, and singled them out for unhinged rantings.





Screaming campus activists and professors openly support Hamas even after its brutal killing of hundreds of Israeli women, children, and infants. That for more than two weeks, thousands of rockets—barrages initially designed to enhance the surprise mass murdering of October 7—daily continue to shower down upon Israeli cities is a zero concern to loud campus activists.

“An even bolder Cornell history faculty member bragged that he was ‘exhilarated’ on news that Jews were butchered on October 7. A U.C. Davis professor threatened to go after the children of ‘Zionist journalists.’ ‘Savages,’ ‘excrement,’ and ‘pigs’ are the adjectives and nouns one professor at the Art Institute of Chicago posted to describe Israelis. At rallies and protests, hundreds shout about eliminating Israel altogether; students, faculty, and throngs, in general, usually wear masks or wrap their faces in keffiyehs, as if conceding that most would find anyone identifiably mouthing such advocacy despicable. In some cases, such campus haters have become the equivalent of anti-Semitic sheet-wearing klansmen.”

Here is another war in progress that the average individual does not seem to comprehend. A war is being fought against the Christian religion (or the religion of the Bible, in general).

Everyone can perceive that a constant pressure is being brought to bear against the religion taught in the Bible. It appears that homosexuals and others who do not wish to submit to the Sacred

Scriptures are seeking to have the Bible and the Christian religion criminalized (meaning those who teach and live its message will be declared criminals).

We need to open our eyes and notice what is going on in the world. Let us not be MESMERIZED BY THE GOSSIP constantly being spewed forth from the news media. Trivialities are reported, along with various other scandals and perceived problems that are actually of little importance, alongside the larger picture. Let us look carefully at the broader picture and understand what is actually happening in the world today.

Come, Messiah Yahshua

Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior, will return at the end of the age of man, and it will be during a troubled time when, unless His return were to take place, no flesh would be saved alive on earth. This is how critical the situation will become over the next few years as the world falls ever more deeply into immorality and conflict.

The world, today, is on the brink of chaos and very few people notice! However, we are clearly seeing what lies just ahead for the world!

Nevertheless, Yahshua the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, will reign supreme over the earth some day. **“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty El, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase**

of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from now on even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6-8).

An era of peace will soon emerge on this earth, when even the nature of ferocious animals will be changed, Isaiah 11:1-10.

Are you preparing for the day when the heavens will burst open with a shout of the archangel and the trumpet of Yahweh will announce the Second Coming of the Messiah? Then He will send His angels around the world to gather all the saints and bring them to Jerusalem, where this crowd of prepared people will come down on Mt. Zion. Thereafter, Yahshua, the Messiah will inaugurate the Kingdom of Yahweh to reign supreme over this earth.

Yahweh Elohim, our beloved Father in Heaven, has already set forth in His Word the constitution of this new Kingdom that will reign over the entire earth. This is the Bible—the Sacred Scriptures—with its Laws and regulations that will be imposed upon the people of this world to produce an era of peace and tranquility.

Let us all prepare by learning the Kingdom way of life now, so that we may participate in this coming Kingdom of Yahweh. May we assist you to achieve a clearer concept of what will happen in the world of the future? Begin now to prepare to have a part in that blessed time.

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**"You've got to
prime the pump.
You must have faith
and believe.
You've got to give
of yourself before
you're worthy to receive."**

"I told my wife, 'We'll prime the pump. We won't take anything out, and we'll put our money into the ministry.'... I used a lot of my money, sometimes as much as 50 percent of my pay-check and put it into the work, but I don't regret any of that. I'm still unworthy.

*Everything that I have comes from Yahweh and belongs to Yahweh, so I give great honor and great praise to Yahweh our Elohim for this ministry and for all the people that are here....I know my wife supported me every step of the way and some of my children also. So I give great praise to Almighty Yahweh, and **I encourage you to help me keep priming the pump**, and we'll keep working for Yahweh until Yahshua returns, I hope. May Yahweh bless you."*

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