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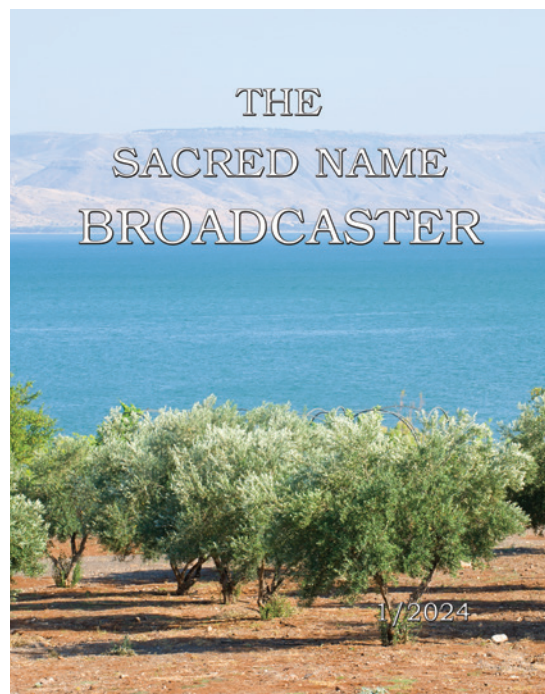
On the shore of the Sea of Galilee, olive trees flourish. From the olive harvest each year, the oil was an essential part of life in Israel. Biblically, the oil represents the Name of Yahweh. **"Your oils have a good fragrance; Your name is as oil poured forth; therefore do the virgins love you."** (Song of Solomon 1:3).

Olive trees typically live for thousands of years, still producing an olive harvest each year. Some of these olive trees are still alive from the time of the Messiah, when He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane (oil press) on the Mount of Olives before His betrayal and trial.

Olive trees are also green year-round, even through winter time. This brings to mind Psalm 52:8-9. **"But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of Elohim: I trust in the lovingkindness of Elohim for ever and ever. I will give you thanks forever, because you have done it; and I will hope in your name, for it is good, in the presence of your saints."**

Do you trust in the lovingkindness of Yahweh forever? Hope in the Name of Yahweh! Calling on the Name of Yahweh is essential for our salvation. **"And it shall come to pass, that whoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as Yahweh has said, and among the remnant those whom Yahweh does call."** (Joel 2:32).

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The Blood of the Covenant



Many individuals today do not understand the blood of the New Covenant. To gain a good understanding of this vital subject, we must understand Romans 5:1-11.

“Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with Yahweh through our Master Yahshua the Messiah; through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of Yahweh. And not only so, but we rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation works endurance; and endurance, approval; and approval, hope: and hope does not put to shame; because the love of

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Yahweh has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given to us. For while we were yet weak, in due season the Messiah died for the lawless. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for possibly for the good man some one would even dare to die. But Yahweh commends his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, the Messiah died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of Elohim through

him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to Yahweh through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life; and not only so, but we also rejoice in Yahweh through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

A liberal doctrine invaded nominal christianity during past decades which is designed to undermine and discredit the doctrinal Truth of the Sacred Scriptures. This doctrine apparently has its roots in the liberal, skeptical hypotheses of German rationalism, which are primarily

based upon the theory of evolution. "If all religion originated in the dim history of unenlightenment, then it is entirely the product of ignorance and superstition," reason the German rationalists. If such is the case, the Bible only teaches a certain standard of morality. Wherefore, all that is required, then, is to live in an acceptable fashion according to certain established ethical principles of the world. Consequently, the world's governments constitute our ultimate authority at any given time in history. Do you understand the ramifications of such thinking?

Therefore, Christian theologians involve themselves in politics and other mundane matters that have no relevance in the True religion. In addition, they believe they can change the scriptural Laws to suit their personal inclinations. This leads them to believe, for example, that such heinous acts as abortion can now be legalized. Rather than strongly preaching the near advent of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh, they become involved in the affairs of the world, because that's all they have in perspective. Eternity, to them, seems either far removed, or non-existent.

Rather than accepting the Bible as the inspired Word of the Most High, leaders of Christianity merely select from the pages of the Bible what they want to believe and teach. Rather than concentrate upon harmonizing the text from Genesis to Revelation and, then, believing and teaching all of it, they divide the Word of Yahweh at an indivisible point. Such conclusions and actions as these will lead this world directly into the throes of the mark of the Beast within a few years from now.

The Question

The question raised by the introductory Scripture in Romans 5

is this, "Did Yahshua the Messiah really and actually shed His blood for the sins of the world?" Review this scriptural passage again. Paul plainly told the Roman Assembly that we are justified by **faith**, and we have access to Yahweh through our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, by faith that leads to grace. While we were yet weak, the Messiah died for us—the lawless. Why did He die? Paul plainly tells us that **He died for sinners and for the lawless. "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for possibly for the good man some one would even dare to die. But Yahweh commends his own love toward us, in that, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, the Messiah died for us."** (Verses 7-8).

Right here is the root of the problem, the point where liberal theologians wrongly reject the sacrifice of Yahshua, as we shall see.

Paul continues that we are justified, or declared innocent, by faith. Faith in what? Must we personally do nothing? Is grace merely a belief, but with no action required? Paul explains that we are now elevated to a higher position from an abject sinner, being justified by His blood. How can that be? The answer is found in the term *justified*, #1344 in **Strong's Concordance**, *dikaioo*, to render (i.e., show or regard as) just or innocent.

Shall we be saved from the wrath of Yahweh through Him, justified by His blood? Paul contends that this method will save us from the wrath of Yahweh's judgment. Therefore, it is obvious that what Yahshua the Messiah did (through shedding His blood and dying) means that He became a substitute sacrifice for us. He removed from us the wrath of Yahweh. For if while we were enemies (Paul says), how can we

be an enemy to Yahweh?

In John 3:16-17, Yahshua the Messiah tells us, **"For Yahweh so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For Yahweh sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him."** Judgment upon a wicked world will soon be poured out from On High. However, we, the Assemblies of Yahweh, must first preach the message of repentance to a lost world.

The world must be given an opportunity to repent. **"He that believes on him is not judged: he that believes not has been judged already, because he has not believed on [or you might say he has rejected] the name of the only begotten Son of Yahweh. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, and comes not to the light, lest his works should be reproved."** (John 3:18-20). Our works have been reproved by Yahweh's Law. We have allowed them to be reproved by sincere repentance. Have not our former works been lawlessness and sin?

What is the scriptural definition of sin? **"Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."** (1 John 3:4).

Because we have been sinful (breaking Yahweh's Laws) in times past, something obviously had to happen, or we were destined to perish in His righteous judgment. A substitute sacrifice had to be made. Yahshua the Messiah's death constituted the perfect sacrifice of substitution for us, because



***“The bread which I will give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.”***

(JOHN 6:51)

we were under the sentence of the judgment of death. ***“But he that does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been worked in Yahweh.”*** (John 3:21). The heart convicted by Yahweh’s Holy Spirit wants to do the Truth. We know from the sacred Word that the wages of sin is death. See Leviticus chapter 4.

Consequently, take into consideration Luke 9:30-31. Did Yahshua the Messiah have to die? Concerning the transfiguration, we are told, ***“And behold, there talked with him two men, who were Moses and EliYah; who appeared in glory, and SPOKE OF HIS DECEASE which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”***

That was one important reason why the transfiguration occurred. It was to prepare the three beloved disciples—Peter, Jacob, and John—for a correct understanding of Yahshua’s mission to this earth. Mark 9:30-32 offers us a bit more on the subject and clarifies several important points.

“And they went forth from there, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. For

he taught his disciples, and said to them, The Son of man is delivered up into the hands of men, and THEY SHALL KILL HIM; and WHEN HE IS KILLED, AFTER THREE DAYS HE SHALL RISE AGAIN. But they understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” Each reference to the events surrounding the transfiguration mentions Yahshua’s impending death.

The beginning of the ninth chapter of Mark portrays the transfiguration. This passage above records for us what happened immediately following the transfiguration. The transfiguration means the carrying across of Yahshua the Messiah bodily into the Kingdom age. Moses and EliYah (who were already dead men) appeared to Him in vision, and Yahshua the Messiah (although still physical) participated in the vision. Let us never forget that this event was a vision, not an actual occurrence (Matthew 17:9).

Living Bread

In the 10th chapter of Mark, verse 32, the evangelist describes how the disciples were on the way going up to Jerusalem.

Yahshua evidently walked ahead of the Apostles, who appeared to be afraid to ask Him what these discussions meant. He perceived this and began to tell them predictions of the things that were to happen to Him. YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH PREDICTED HIS OWN DEATH, telling His disciples the reason for it, and what they should expect at that time. Why did He do this? He wanted to inform them beforehand of this necessary act to terminate His human life. He came for a specific purpose. First, He had come to preach the herald of the Kingdom of Yahweh; secondly, He had come to earth for the express purpose of giving His life for the sins of the world.

That fact is obvious from John 6:52, ***“The Jews therefore quarreled one with another, saying, how can this man give us His flesh to eat?”***

Yahshua had just told them that He was the living bread which came down out of Heaven. If any man would eat this bread, he could live forever. ***“The bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.”*** (John 6:51). How could such an act be possible? Why was it necessary? What is He saying? Just exactly what does He mean? His disciples needed a clear, candid explanation of this simile.

“Yahshua therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have not life in yourselves.” (John 6:53). What life does He mean? We already have life in ourselves, don’t we? Just exactly what is His purpose in bringing this knowledge to us?

No one has everlasting life in himself. That becomes obvious

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Have you ever noticed the height of emotion which can be generated by a discussion of religion? If two people discuss a religious subject, and they disagree, contention will suddenly flare, and the discussion can become quite heated! Occasionally, the news media carries reports of violence resulting from a disagreement on religion. Wars have been fought between nations battling over a religious controversy. The medieval crusades were launched, and battles fought, to settle religious questions. The Pilgrim Fathers took passage to the New World in order to escape the persecution leveled against them by their neighbors as they learned truth from the inspired Scriptures and determined to live by the doctrines they found in the Bible.

Now, certainly, if all of the people who profess a faith in the religion of the Bible had the Holy Spirit, you would be forced to conclude that they would carry enough of the love of the Heavenly Father in their hearts that they would not wish to persecute their fellow man. They would be seeking Bible Truth, just as are those people who strive to live in harmony with the message of the Sacred Scriptures.

This is not the case, however. Personal observation, over a

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period of years, has yielded the conclusion that, when a person is confronted with sound doctrine, an absolute statement from the Scriptures, which cannot be circumvented, he has two possible choices to make. Either he submits meekly to the Word of Yahweh and begins to obey the teachings of the Sacred Scriptures, or he will actively oppose it. Such concrete opposition in the past has led to the conflicts between individuals, families, and nations, to which we referred previously.

In the beatitudes, Yahshua the Messiah predicts severe persecution to befall His followers. We read in Matthew 5:10-12, ***“Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be very glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.”*** Yahshua indicates that we should be most happy, or blessed, when we are persecuted

for righteousness’ sake. The Bible you customarily read defines righteousness as the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh. Deuteronomy 6:25 says, ***“And it shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all this commandment before Yahweh our Elohim, as he has commanded us.”*** Psalm 119:172 confirms this definition. ***“Let my tongue sing of your word; for all your commandments are righteousness.”***

Do you understand more clearly now what the Messiah was predicting? He was warning His followers to prepare themselves to endure persecution for keeping the commandments of Yahweh! Obviously, in our contemporary age, if anyone especially applies himself and begins to obey the commandments of Yahweh, which are found in the Old Testament Scriptures, even begins to call the Almighty by His correct Name—Yahweh—which was inspired to be written into the Hebrew Scriptures, he will invite some kind of persecution. When a person begins to keep the scriptural seventh-day Sabbath and assembles with brethren to worship on the feast days which have been legislated in Leviticus 23—when he begins to eliminate the pagan religious influences from his Faith—then it seems

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that he sets himself against almost the entire religious spectrum. In reality, his new Faith, which he practices, condemns those people around him, even if he is entirely silent, or mute, in his witnessing.

In Luke 14:26, Yahshua the Messiah taught, ***“If any man comes to me, and hates not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.”*** If we allow our family ties to interfere with our devotion to Almighty Yahweh, or if some aspect of our personal lives—such as the lifestyle to which we have become accustomed—prohibits our total dedication and submission to Yahweh, then we cannot be a true disciple of the Messiah. The term *disciple* means *a learner, or a student, one who follows the teachings of another*. Yahshua did not mean that we should actually hate our parents, and this is a misunderstanding of an Aramaic idiomatic expression. It means that we must set aside our families, and even our personal lives (if need be), in order to learn and walk in the way of Messiah. We must LOVE OTHER THINGS LESS THAN THE MESSIAH, HIS WORD, and HIS WAY of life.

In Matthew 10:34-39, part of the previous thought is paraphrased. Yahshua the Messiah says, ***“Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: and a man’s foes shall be they of his own household. He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy***

of me. And he that does not take his burden and follow after me, is not worthy of me. He that finds his life shall lose it; and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it.”

How paradoxical that such a directive should come from the Messiah’s own lips! Should not the Word of Yahweh convince all of the people who hear it? Should they not, above all, desire to be corrected by the Word? We may read similar passages from the Old Testament in Micah 7:5-6 and, also, in Jeremiah 9:4 and 17:5; consequently, Yahshua was evidently quoting, or paraphrasing, from Old Testament prophecy.

It is a truism that the Word of Yahweh makes either firm friends, or fierce enemies. Obedience to Almighty Yahweh will generate persecution from people who do not have the Holy Spirit and, consequently, cannot understand the life which has been blueprinted in His Word. Obedience by a Truth-seeking individual will produce scorn and persecution on the part of the disobedient.

Turn to 1 John 3:7-12. ***“Little children, let no man lead you astray: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: he that does sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. To this end was the Son of Yahweh manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever is begotten of Yahweh does not practice sin, because his seed remains in him: and he may not practice sin, because he is begotten of Yahweh. In this the children of Yahweh are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever does not righteousness is not of Yahweh, neither he that does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from***

the beginning, that we should love one another: not as Cain was of the evil one, and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother’s righteous.”

John the Apostle has clearly told us that the reason why some people persecute those who try to obey the Word of Yahweh is because, like Cain, they cannot stand to know that obedience to Almighty Yahweh brings His blessings and favor. Some people will not be diligent to obey the Covenant with Almighty Yahweh so they can rightfully receive His blessings. They insist on doing as they please, but they still want Almighty Yahweh to bless them. When they notice that other people sacrifice to be obedient, and Almighty Yahweh turns His countenance toward them, the evil person will jealously attack the obedient individual.

This concept of Yahshua’s Assembly withstanding persecution comprises a part of the beatitudes of Yahshua the Messiah (Matthew 5:1-12). Remember, living the Kingdom way of life, seeking first the Kingdom of Yahweh and His righteousness, should be the aim and purpose of each individual on this earth. Nevertheless, in reality, few people seek this more rewarding life; therefore, they are not happy and blessed as they should be.

Can we really be joyful when we are persecuted for obeying Almighty Yahweh, for seeking to live our lives in His righteousness? Notice carefully how this beatitude takes on a negative form as Yahshua the Messiah gives His people a warning in Luke 6:26-29, ***“Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For in the same manner did their fathers to the false prophets.***

But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. To him that strikes you on the one cheek offer also the other; and from him that takes away your cloak withhold not your coat also."

Friends, do you perceive the lesson which we should be learning when we are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for having accepted the True, revealed Name of the Almighty and the Name of our Messiah? It is the lesson of love—meaning to subordinate our own personal emotions under the knowledge that one day you will be proved right. Yahshua tells us not to respond with physical force, but to allow Almighty Yahweh to take vengeance upon those who would mistreat us. Happiness is knowing you are in harmony with the wishes of the Heavenly Father, fearing nothing that humankind can bring upon you.

Think for a moment of the apostles and prophets. Here is truly the faith and patience which the apostles and prophets have upheld as a good example for the True Worshiper. Jacob (James) the Apostle, in the first chapter of his epistle, directs the True Worshipers, ***"Esteem it all joy, my brethren, when you fall into various trials; knowing that the proof of your faith produces patience. But let patience have a perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, deficient in nothing,"*** The Emphatic Diaglott.

Could you forthrightly know that you would be a believer in the apostles' lineage if you did not receive a test of your faith occasionally? Frankly, it is the trials and tests that serve to impress upon us the areas in which we

find our character still deficient. We can then do more to correct the conspicuous character deficiencies which emerge, and, therefore, grow in the grace and knowledge of the Messiah. We must follow

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the example of the Messiah and remain faithful to the end in order to reap eternal salvation.

Again, in Luke 6:22-23, let us examine another aspect of the persecution which will be laid upon the faithful True Worshiper. How many people today can affirm that they have received persecution for this particular aspect of sound doctrine? ***"Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and reproach you, and cast out your name***

as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same manner did their fathers to the prophets."

Do you know that persecution has been predicted by our Savior and Messiah to befall His people in the last days? One may notice the warning in Revelation 6:9-11. ***"And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been killed for the word of Yahweh, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, Oh Yahweh, the holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And there was given to each one of them a white robe; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, who should be killed even as they were, should have fulfilled their course."***

Persecution is also predicted in Luke 21:12-19 and will come upon this earth just after the sealing of the people of Yahweh. ***"But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. It shall turn out to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to withstand or to gainsay. But you shall be delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and***

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Would you believe that we are living in the time period which our Savior has predicted to be the ultimate age of spiritual indifference which would climax the end of the age? Paul, in his final instruction to Timothy, predicted that in the last days the time would come when the majority of people would refuse to accept sound teaching from the inspired Scriptures, but would multiply to themselves teachers who would resort to using fables and myths as a means of placating the people. Paul refers to the people of this era as having “itching ears,” while the prophet Isaiah describes them more accurately in chapter 30, verses 8-11 this way: ***“Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever. For it is a rebellious people, lying***

children, children that will not hear the law of Yahweh: that say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophecy deceits, get out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.” Can you comprehend that, at a crucial time in history, the people would become so rebellious, haughty, arrogant, and deceitful that they would demand that the ministers should preach lies to them? Now read back over this passage again, and you should be shocked out of your complacency by a prophecy which is directed at no one but you!

I would like to have you open your spiritual eyes for just a few minutes today and recognize just how far we have progressed down the pathway toward a day



of reasoning. Do you think that the Almighty Heavenly Father will allow a people such as our nation to prolong and extend its existence, when the ministers who have been commissioned as His representatives no longer are faithful in crying out against sin? Ministers in our time have flaunted the laws of the Almighty openly. They have not only condoned, but advocated sins such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, anarchy, etc. Additionally, they, themselves, have even engaged in these crimes against the Most High and, then, with egotistical impunity, they have mocked both the Heavenly Father and clear-thinking people, by attributing it all to “situation ethics.” Aren’t you shocked to revulsion by this defection from the Truth?

By a number of devious methods which are so subtle that they are hardly recognizable, the people of our contemporary society are being manipulated by thought control. You may have known it previously as “brain washing.” Unproven pseudo-philosophical opinions pour like a torrential downpour from the news media of our land. These opinions are absorbed into the minds of gullible people, until they are believed as positive truth. Equally astonishing is the fact that, from the pulpits of our country, a different doctrine is being preached currently which was not being proclaimed just a quarter of a century ago. If you have the apprehensive sensation that you are no longer being fed strong meat, but merely cheese and crackers, or skim milk, it is time that you awakened from your slumber. Time is late! Have you noticed that the doctrines which your minister is preaching are no longer the same as they were perhaps 10, or even 5, years ago? How much farther can the Scrip-

tures be stretched until the gospel which he is preaching becomes a totally different message?

Let’s go back to the book of Revelation and understand the message about this last era which our Savior wishes us to understand. Here in chapter 3, we read in verses 14-16, **“And to the angel of the assembly in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of El: 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.”** First of all, the word *Laodicea* means *judgment to the people, or justice to the people*. Our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, the Head of the Body, testifies that their works are lackadaisical. A person may have the most brilliant education which he could acquire, but if his record of conduct does not reflect this excellent instruction—in other words, if his works do not disclose that he has learned the Truth—then all his learning has been wasted. Yahshua the Messiah is commissioning this angel minister whom He has sent to this indifferent and complacent Laodicean people, that He should inform them that He knows what is in the hearts and in the minds of His people. They are no longer zealous for the Truth as they once were. They do not have that gnawing hunger to learn the Scriptures which at one time motivated them to search diligently for the magnificent gems of knowledge which the Heavenly Father has placed in His Word. The Messiah is telling His people that they know quite a bit of Truth, but, conceivably, this has caused them to assume that they know it all, that they have no more Truth to find, and, as a con-

sequence, they have now become self satisfied. We might call them sleeping believers, or virgins. The leader of the Body, Yahshua the Messiah, informs these sleeping, complacent believers that He can no longer work with them—that it will be necessary to get rid of them. It is always possible for a revival to begin among a group of people who realize that they are in need—symbolically, they would be cold. Furthermore, a zealous people who are on fire for Truth will always desire to learn more, which would explain the symbol for hot. Discouragingly, these Laodicean people feel that they have all of the Truth. Subsequently, they have become obnoxious to the Messiah. Let us pay special attention to how these Laodiceans are described. In verse 17, **“Because you say, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked....”** How enlightening! These people have become totally motivated by materialism. Now look around yourself today, and what do you see? To use the old cliché, “*Jones’ keeping ahead of Jones’*,” all around you! Possibly you are one of those people who is presently so subservient to materialism to the extent that your pay check is gone before you even earn it. However, let us narrow this down just a little farther. Does your church build new edifices, even perhaps to the point of gross extravagance, in all probability borrowing hundreds of thousands of dollars merely to project a fashionable image? Whatever happened to worshiping in homes by a small handful of dedicated worshipers of Almighty Yahweh? Many of these groups have lost a lot of zeal for Truth when they have erected

fashionable houses of worship. Presumably, these groups have become lukewarm and cannot even recognize the lateness of the hour and how close this world is advancing toward the establishment of the beast empire of Revelation 13. Do you really comprehend these Scriptures?

Now let us go a little deeper. The people who are enveloped with this pseudo diety of materialism apparently do not know what spiritual strength they have lost as they forge ahead in their lust for gratification of their carnal desires. They are like Samson, who was fighting the Philistines and who allowed himself to be conquered by his lust for a beautiful Philistine prostitute. While these people have great wealth, they are actually poor, naked, wretched, miserable, and blind. Each one of these descriptive symbols has a special connotation. For instance, Jacob the Apostle

says that Yahweh has chosen the spiritually poor. To be naked in the sight of Yahweh is to break His commandments. You may find this described appropriately in Genesis 3:7 and Revelation 16:15. Are you keeping all of the commandments in the Scriptures, including the first one and the third one? How about the fourth commandment? If you would like more information on these vital subjects, be sure to write and request our literature. What will it take for the people of this Laodicean era to restore their eyesight?

One of the indictments which our Heavenly Father levels at His watchmen is that they are blind. Do you recall the passage in Isaiah 56: 10-12; ***“His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, the dogs are greedy, they can never have***

enough; and these are shepherds that cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter. Come, I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.”

How truly agonizing, that the watchmen, whom our Heavenly Father has placed on this earth to teach His people, have lost their fervor for the Truth. They have had their mouths muzzled by materialism and the desire to be one of the crowd. The ministers cannot understand that the hour is late—that the Savior is soon to appear the second time. These men cannot have enough, and they become seared in their conscience as with a hot iron. Yahshua our Messiah has described this situation perfectly in Matthew 24:48-51. ***“But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My Master tarries;***

and shall begin to beat his fellow-servants, and shall eat and drink with the drunken: the Master of that servant shall come in a day when he expects not, and in an hour when he knows not, and shall severely scourge him, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.”

Are you making preparation to meet the Savior and rule in His Kingdom, or is your assigned portion to be with the hypocrites and sinners?

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“Because you say, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked....”

REVELATION 3:17



Like a House of Cards



“And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, that has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” (Revelation 14:8).

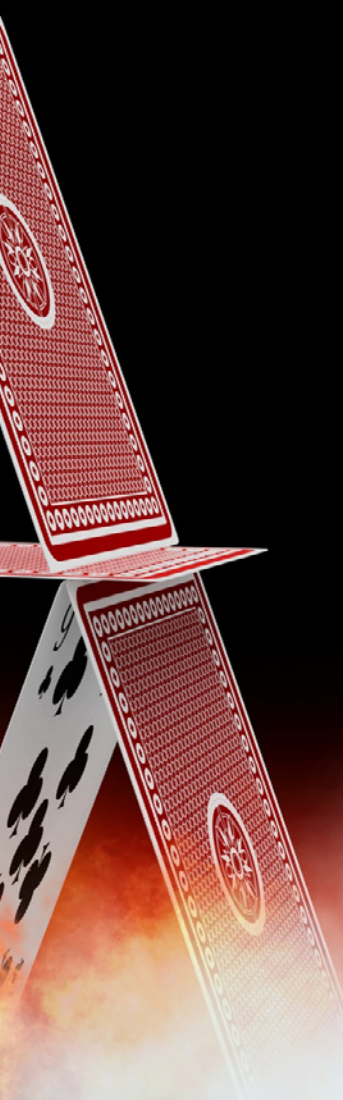
*“And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to **AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP**: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed. The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day; not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put*

on the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, and do not make provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts of it.” (Romans 13:11-14).

Trends that clearly point toward the culmination of the fulfillment of end-time Bible prophecy continue to manifest themselves as we draw ever closer to the Second Coming of the Messiah. There are many things that are happening today that are simply not coincidence. We believe, however, that it is the intervention of Almighty Yahweh, our Father in Heaven, and Yahshua the Messiah, His Son, our Redeemer and Savior, in the affairs of mankind. Too many people do not consider that Yahweh judges in the earth.

*“Before your pots can feel the thorns, He will take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike. The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked; so that men shall say, **TRULY THERE IS A REWARD FOR THE RIGHTEOUS: TRULY THERE IS AN ELOHIM THAT JUDGES IN THE EARTH.**” (Psalm 58:9-11).*

*“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you. For, behold, **DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH, AND GROSS DARKNESS THE PEOPLES**; but Yahweh will*



arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.” (Isaiah 60:1-3).

The eyes of our understanding must be opened and our vision sharpened so that we can understand the prophetic word, seeing clearly how YAHWEH'S WORD IS BEING FULFILLED RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES. Never before in the history of the United States of America have we seen such degradation of morality, yet Yahshua the Messiah warned us in His Olivet Prophecy that lawlessness (willful transgression of the Law of Yahweh) is one of the signs of the end of the age. **“And**

because lawlessness shall be multiplied, the LOVE of the many shall grow COLD.” (Matthew 24:12).

“All you beasts of the field, come to devour, even all you beasts in the forest. His watchmen are BLIND, they are all WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds that CANNOT UNDERSTAND: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter. Come, I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and TOMORROW SHALL BE AS THIS DAY, A DAY GREAT BEYOND MEASURE. (Isaiah 56:9-12).

“Now after John was delivered up, Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the GOOD TIDINGS of Yahweh, and saying, THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF YAHWEH IS AT HAND: REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD TIDINGS.” (Mark 1:14-15).

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? And Peter said unto them, REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH TO THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as Yahweh our Elohim shall call to him. And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, SAVE

YOURSELVES FROM THIS CROOKED GENERATION.” (Acts 2:37-40).

**“REPENT THEREFORE, AND TURN AGAIN, THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE BLOT-
TED OUT, so that there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of Yahweh; and that he may send the Messiah who has been appointed for you, even Yahshua: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, of which Yahweh spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”** (Acts 3:19-21).

All over the world, at this moment, the message of salvation is going forth, predicting that something extraordinary is about to happen. The people of the world seem to sense that we have embarked on a collision course with the judgment of Yahweh; however, very few appear to be sufficiently motivated so that they may turn to the Bible and learn what they must do to be saved. Sadly, the world holds too many allurements for most people!

Indeed, most people today are spiritually asleep! Just as the five foolish virgins, soundly slept while the bridegroom tarried, and did not acquire sufficient oil for their lamps or their vessels (Matthew 25:1-13), people today are apathetic and very ambivalent. **Seemingly, they hear the message, but, for some reason, they cannot bring themselves to follow the teachings of the Sacred Scriptures.** Perhaps it is the good times offered by materialism that has wrongly guided people to IGNORE THE WARNINGS in the Word of Yahweh. Possibly, it is the erroneous teaching that they have ingested for so many years that now blocks their understanding.

Just as the prophet Jeremiah wrote: ***“O Yahweh, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our FATHERS HAVE INHERITED NOTHING BUT LIES, even vanity and things in which there is no profit. Shall a man make to himself elohim, which yet are no elohim? Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know my hand and my might; and THEY SHALL KNOW THAT MY NAME IS YAHWEH.”*** (Jeremiah 16:19-21).

A call to repentance is going forth over WMLK, the international shortwave radio voice of the Assemblies of Yahweh, **The Sacred Name Broadcast**, **The Sacred Name Telecast**, and, in this publication as well, a call to repentance and change in these troubled times in which we are now living is heralded to all the earth. Gems of biblical wisdom—hidden for centuries—are now being uncovered. The signs of the Second Coming of the Messiah appear all around us, and those who are faithful and diligent in their quest for salvation will heed those signs. They must ask the question, “What must we do to be saved?” Then, they will be led into the knowledge of spiritual Truth, just as we have been. You will find this true message of salvation of the end-time Philadelphia Assembly in the Assemblies of Yahweh. **HOWEVER, YOU MUST BE MOTIVATED TO ACT ON THIS KNOWLEDGE!**

Wake Up World!

The signs of the end of the age were predicted by Yahshua the Messiah in His Olivet prophecies, especially in the first 14 verses of

Matthew 24. Yahshua the Messiah foretold the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and its buildings—setting that destruction forth as a sign that the remainder of His prophecy will be fulfilled at the end of the age.

Yahshua the Messiah was asked, “What shall be the sign of your coming?” (The Greek word for *coming* is *parousia*, #3952 in the **Strong’s Concordance Greek Dictionary**, and it means *to come near*.) Also, they continued, “And of the consummation of the age?” (*Consummation* is #4931 and #4930, meaning *to complete*, the *entire completion*, also, *to execute*.)

Yahshua the Messiah warns that many would come in His Name, saying that “I am the Messiah,” but will lead many astray. How will they be led astray? They will be led astray by the FALSE DOCTRINES that are taught in popular religion, by the government, and by charlatans, who will even use the Messiah’s True Name—Yahshua.

Then, those who are alive at the consummation of the age will hear of wars and rumors of wars. This is certainly happening at the present time! There are also wars in many different places around the world.

Yahshua the Messiah tells His readers not to be troubled, because these things must come to pass before the end (the final conclusion of man’s age). Military conflicts will only worsen as the end of the age approaches. There will also be famines and earthquakes in various places. Famines are now taking place around the world, and earthquakes are constantly increasing in number.

Then, persecution and tribulation will appear, and the True Worshipers shall be hated of all nations for the sake of Messiah Yahshua’s Name. Because lawless-

ness increases everywhere, many will hate one another and deliver up one another. Perseverance is necessary to endure the end-of-the-age trials, so that we may be saved. Finally, these good tidings of the Kingdom (the true message of salvation) must be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and, then, the end shall come. We recognize that Christianity is not preaching the genuine message of the Sacred Scriptures. The Assemblies of Yahweh ministry, here at Bethel, Pennsylvania, continually endeavors to fulfill the Great Commission by preaching the whole counsel of the Word of Yahweh, Acts 20:27. (See also 2 Timothy 4:2.)

When you read news reports and hear the news being reported in the media, you will notice a growing number of fulfillments of the predictions, which we find in the scriptural prophecies.

A Financial House of Cards

“Interest on the federal debt is now so immense that it’s consuming 40% of all personal income taxes,” wrote E.J. Antoni, a Research Fellow in the Heritage Foundation’s Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, in an article entitled **American Taxpayers Are Now Slaves to Interest Payments**. He continued, *“The largest source of revenue for the federal government is increasingly being devoted to just servicing the debt, not even paying it down. The problem is getting worse daily and it will eventually result in even more pain for taxpayers.”*

“The recent monthly Treasury statement from the Fiscal Service showed that the Treasury Department paid \$89.8 billion in October on interest for the federal debt. That’s almost double what it paid in October of the previous year.”

Worse, the treasury is projecting interest payments for the fiscal year to exceed \$1 trillion. Every month that goes by the treasury increases that forecast as the outlook worsens.

"The \$88.9 billion in interest is larger than all but two line items in the monthly report, and one of those items is only slightly larger than the interest expense. The Department of Health and Human Services cost the Treasury \$89.8 billion while the Social Security Administration used \$117.6 billion. The cost of servicing the debt exceeded everything else, including military spending.

"For further context, interest payments in October were greater than the expenses the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, State, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency and NASA—combined! This is the result of the politicians in Washington, racking up a [more than \$34 trillion] federal debt. It now takes over a fifth of all government revenues just to pay the interest, and the problem is quickly spiraling out of control.

"As deficit spending continues unchecked, urged on by the Biden administration, the debt is growing at a breakneck pace—over \$500 billion in October alone. That, along with higher interest rates, has increased the cost to service the debt at the fastest rate on record. This additional expense further increases the deficit, which of course further increases the total debt. The nation is trapped in a vicious cycle.

"Even if the deficit were to vanish overnight, the interest expense would still increase because the Treasury doesn't really pay off debt when it comes due—it rolls the debt over. That means it issues new debt to pay off what it previ-

ously borrowed, plus the interest. The catch is that debt issued today must pay today's interest rates, so the treasury is rolling over debt at 5% that was previously issued at 1% to 2%.

"It's like a person who gets a bunch of credit cards with low-interest teaser rates and maxes out the cards, anticipating he can just transfer any balances to the new cards when the introductory rate expires, only to find no such offers exist anymore. Now the financing charges are through the roof.

"Taxpayers will be on the hook for trillions of additional dollars, regardless of the collection method. If federal finances continue on their current path, we are only a few years from the entirety of income taxes being needed to finance the debt. If people are struggling to make ends meet now, they'll be in bread lines by then."

Like a house of cards, our financial system today will suddenly collapse. This is been prophesied to occur in the end times. The three-fold message of Revelation 14:6-11 firstly warns that the judgment of Yahweh is imminent. Secondly, WMLK must announce the fall of Babylon the great. Thirdly, a warning must be sent to the whole world that they reject the Mark of the Beast. **THOSE THAT TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST WILL BE ENSLAVED, HAVING NO REST DAY AND NIGHT.**

Will You Continue to Sleep?

Matthew 25:1-13 contains the account of the ten virgins.

Five were wise, or prudent, and they obtained plenty of oil in their vessels with their lamps, while five were foolish and remained asleep, forgetting to obtain the oil needed to keep their lamps burning brightly. When the bridegroom came, and everyone was awakened, the wise virgins had sufficient oil in their lamps and in their vessels, so that they could travel in the darkness to meet the bridegroom. The foolish virgins did not have sufficient oil; therefore, they were excluded from the wedding feast.

Will you wake up and repent and begin your quest for Yahshua the Messiah and His Second Coming?

Now is the time to make your preparations! Begin to live the Kingdom way of life so that when the Messiah returns, you will be prepared to meet Him—obedient to His Covenant Law and faithful to the end. While the world continues blindly down the broad pathway of self-indulgence leading to destruction, those who are Yahweh's True Worshipers will travel down the narrow pathway toward Yahweh's Kingdom. May we assist you in finding the way to eternal life? Don't delay! Tomorrow may be too late!

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The Blood of the Covenant

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from many different passages of Scripture. Life cannot be created by us, but it must be a gift from a life-giver. We have received human life at birth, but such life ends in 70 (or perhaps 80) years. What man desires to live forever?

He starts at the very beginning of this passage by telling us that we must eat of Him to have life. You have no life in yourself. Even your human life is a gift from Yahweh. Eternal life, also, must be the gift from Yahweh the Life-giver. Yahweh's name means *to live forever*. Except someone eats the flesh of Yahshua, the Son of Man, and drinks His blood, he will not have eternal life.

How can that be possible for a human being to sacrifice himself, that a host of people can receive eternal life? These passages are clearly answered from the Word of Yahweh.

“He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. [The last day indicates the day of judgment from on high.] For my flesh is true meat indeed, and my blood is true drink indeed. He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he that eats me, he also shall live because of me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven: not as the fathers ate, and died; he that eats this bread shall live forever.” (John 6:54-58).

Is Yahshua's sacrifice necessary? Paul explains that in Romans 3:21. ***“But now apart***

from the law a righteousness of Yahweh has been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets.” Apart from what Law? In this chapter, Paul is discussing the circumcision Law (see verse 1). Paul is dealing with circumcision. Circumcision was considered by the Jews to comprise a personal blood sacrifice. Around this subject revolves much of the discussion of Paul's Epistles and of the New Testament, although Christianity will not readily admit that fact.

How can we correlate Yahshua's sacrifice with the sacrifice of circumcision, and what about continued animal sacrifices? Paul tells us that Yahweh sent Yahshua: ***“To be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins formerly committed in the forbearance of Yahweh.”*** (Romans 3:25).

Now, what are the steps that Paul outlined? He first mentions Yahweh, the Great First Cause, and His Word. Then, he refers to Yahshua the Messiah, and he introduces the subject of the Covenant through mention of the Law. That Covenant is witnessed within the Law and prophets. Sin enters the picture when we break Yahweh's Covenant. Because of the breaking of Yahweh's Covenant, a Savior (and His ultimate sacrifice) is needed.

Notice Romans chapters 2 and 3 in context. The true Jew is one inwardly (circumcised in heart), rather than externally in the flesh. The true Jew is contrasted to sinners who are told that no flesh can be justified by works of the Law, because through the Law comes

a knowledge of sin. Notice the following excellent example.

The book of Judges is characterized by Israel falling into sin, then crying out for deliverance, because Almighty Yahweh turned them over to punishment. He turned them over into the hands of various oppressors as judgment. After they repented, He sent them a Savior. Time after time, this cycle was repeated in ancient Israel. Israel broke the Covenant with Yahweh by worshipping idols, and, then, Yahweh gave them over into the hand of the oppressor (which is a type of Satan the Devil). When they could no longer tolerate the situation, they cried out to Yahweh for help. When they repented, Yahweh sent them a judge and savior.

The Hebrew word *Moshiah* is so similar to Messiah, and means *a savior*. This *savior, redeemer*-type individual, saves them out of the hands of their oppressors and restores them to the worship of Yahweh. Paul clearly understood that sequence of events, Romans 3:21-31.

Now, being freely justified by His grace means Yahweh's forgiveness of our sins, Yahweh's lovingkindness, tender mercy, to be declared innocent of the sins through the forgiveness of Yahweh, as we have already seen. A ruler can pardon a prisoner even when he is on death row, saving him who is about to suffer the ultimate penalty of execution. He may freely pardon that individual. Today, that's exactly where the members of the human race stand, through being justified freely (de-



clared innocent without price) by His grace. There is no restriction here. Yahweh has extended grace (free of charge) to every member of the human race, through the redemption that is in the Messiah Yahshua. In other words, Yahweh has given all the people on this earth a blanket pardon.

He is the Savior Who Yahweh set forth to be the **blood covering** for the sins of humankind. This saving act is completed through our faith in His blood. He alone was righteous. We have sinned and fallen short of the mark He established. Through grace, lovingkindness, tender mercy, and forgiveness Yahweh expressed forbearance.

A True Savior

Now the meaning of the Passover enters the picture. Yahweh passes over the sins of His people. You have exactly the same motif as found in the Exodus story which we have aforementioned in the book of Judges. Israel was living at peace, but suddenly became enslaved and heavily oppressed. Israel then eventually realized their sorry state of existence, and they cried out to Yahweh for manifestation

of His supernatural redemption. Yahweh, for this purpose, prepared and sent a man—Moses. It took 40 years for Yahweh to prepare Moses in the wilderness for his mission. That (human) savior, Moses, under the power of Yahweh, then saved Israel out of the Egyptian bondage and took them to the Promised Land. A type of the New Testament Messiah, Yahshua, the Israelite general, took them across the Jordan River and established them in the Promised Land in a type of the Kingdom age.

The outline of Yahweh's plan of redemption is not merely found in just one place in the Sacred Scriptures. It is established time and time again throughout His Word. It is a thread—a theme—running all the way through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It is preached; it is proclaimed; it is outlined; it is expressed in types; it is so plainly described that one could say that Yahweh did *everything possible* to expose it to His people by bringing it to their attention. He didn't draw pictures—that appears to be the one and only thing He didn't do!

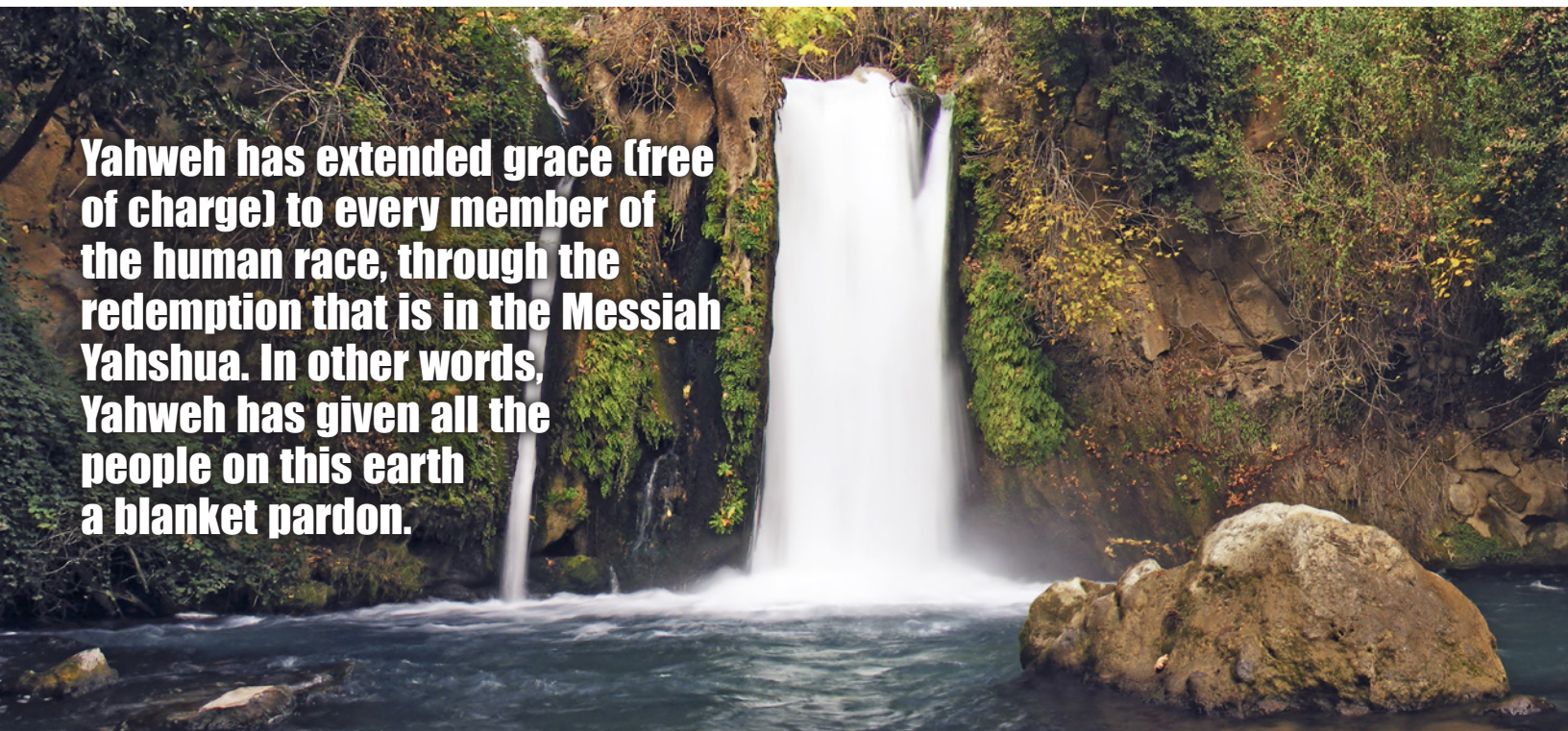
We should really rejoice, because Yahshua the Messiah died in our

place, a substitute sacrifice. Our sins (transgressions of Yahweh's Laws) separated us from Yahweh. Our sins (breaking the commandments of Yahweh) mandated the just judgment and punishment of death. Death is the sentence that Almighty Yahweh justifiably could have given us and could impose upon every sinful member of the human race. Conversely, He chose not to do that.

He chose, rather, to place that death penalty upon His own only begotten Son. But a father doesn't give up an only begotten son very easily, or lightly, does he?

That only begotten Son of Yahweh came to this earth and took our place in death. He was not a sinner. He was perfect in character. He lived in total harmony with Yahweh's commandments and, thereby, became a sacrifice pleasing to Yahweh. Yahweh, the Father in Heaven, **passed over** us and gave us mercy and grace so that we would love Him and desire to be His children. His forgiveness, and justification for sins we committed before we knew better, was intended to convey His love for us.

Is it good news to you to hear about this death, to hear about



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blood being shed? Well, it's good news to me, because I don't need to die—I have been reprieved! Someone else has gone to the torture stake in my place! Yahweh and Yahshua have demonstrated Their love for me in offering me forgiveness and eternal life.

What should that do for me? Will I just lightly forget it, toss aside my Bible, and go back to doing just what I please? Will I go back to breaking Yahweh's Covenant Law and breaking His commandments again? Or, conversely, will I live a life that pleases Him and serve Him in my life now and in eternity?

Those people on death row, who have been suddenly, at the last moment, pardoned before their execution and reprieved, will never forget it. **They will remember it every day of their lives.** While their life should be over, they, nevertheless, enjoy life because someone has spared them.

Almighty Yahweh is a just Mighty One. While the sinner must suffer a penalty for his transgressions, Yahweh's great love spared him. Consequently, then, every morning of every day of our lives we also should remember that we should be dead. This is really good news! Yahweh has forgiven me! How we should rejoice each day!

The Death Penalty

We have much scriptural precedent to prove the biblical fact of a vicarious sacrifice. Please turn to Genesis 2:16, for example. **“And Yahweh Elohim commanded the man,”** means that He laid His commandments upon Adam. Sometimes, the English is a little bit rough when translated from Hebrew. Some words occasionally drop out, because they don't really make sense in an English translation. Yet, we cannot ig-

nore them—we have to explain them. The Hebrew Scriptures say Yahweh Elohim commanded **upon** the man, Genesis 2:16-17.

In verse 17, a very interesting construction appears. Yahweh says, **“For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”** The Hebrew absolute infinitive appears here. Its function is to strengthen the force of the verb. A literal translation could conceivably read, “dying you shall die.” Yahweh gave Adam and Eve rules of life in which to walk. He taught them good—and He expected obedience. Adam and Eve were restricted from access to the fruit of every tree in Yahweh's garden. They were restricted, but they ate the forbidden fruit anyway. They wanted to know, “What's on the other side of this issue? Perhaps Yahweh has made a mistake.”

Genesis 3:1-5: **“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made....”** Yahweh Elohim had also created Satan. The serpent is identified in Revelation 12:9 as being Satan the devil. He created Satan the devil. The serpent was more subtle (shrewd, clever) than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made, and he said unto the woman (the weaker vessel of the human family), **“Has Elohim said you shall not eat of any tree of the garden?”** Satan asks a question; he inaugurates his advance by questioning Yahweh!

That's where most of the theologians go in the wrong direction. They also question Yahweh, rather than accepting the Bible literally on face value.

The woman replied to the serpent, repeating the Law given by Yahweh, **“Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden,**

Elohim said, You shall not eat it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.”

Now, in the second chapter He had commanded, **“You shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”** Yahweh Elohim must have strengthened His commandment, telling Adam and Eve not even to **look** at it, or even to **touch** it, because that's going to lead them to sin. “That's My tree,” Yahweh said, “That's My possession—don't touch the tree, don't touch the fruit of it, and don't even look at it.” How can you, as a human being, achieve victory over sin without ever suffering a defeat? Don't look at temptation, don't even touch it, and you **will** invariably be able to achieve victory over that sin.

The serpent told an outright lie to the woman when he said, **“You shall not surely die.”** Notice the word *surely* in this passage. In the English translation, they used the word *surely* to strengthen the verb, to reflect the absolute infinitive. This carries the sense of the Hebrew absolute infinitive, but the literal translation actually should be rendered *dying you will not die*. In other words, Satan intimated, “When you die, you are not actually dead.”

Here is where Satan the Adversary originated the concept of the immortal, never-dying soul. He enticed Eve to believe that when she would die she would not really be dead.

Today, the worldly churches teach that when somebody dies, they are not really dead, they've gone to heaven. Satan's lie is that “dying, you will not die,” so do anything you please! Eat of the fruit of the tree of knowing the good and knowing the evil—eat it, gorge yourself with it, and, then, we'll get a preacher to preach you right into heaven! Satan under-

mined Yahweh's True teaching.

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit of it and ate. She gave also to her husband; he ate, and the eyes of both of them were opened.

Dying in Our Place

They disobeyed. There's no restriction now. If you're going to get to heaven anyway when you die, it doesn't matter what you do when you are alive on this earth in human form.

The eyes of both of these first two humans were opened, and they knew that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. Then, they heard the voice of Yahweh Elohim walking in the garden in the cool of the day. The man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh Elohim among the trees of the garden. They were fearful, because they knew they had sinned. Yahweh then interrogated them, convicted them, and He rendered judgment.

First of all, Yahweh lays the Covenant commandments upon the man, Adam, and the woman, Eve. Voluntarily, they entered into the Covenant, making an agreement to submit to those righteous commandments. They knew to do good, because Yahweh explained the Truth. But, the Accuser comes along, and he plays upon human weakness. Human weakness leads to sin; sin means separation, disagreement, argument—a separation between Yahweh and His people.

Therefore, Adam and Eve tried to *cover up* themselves. Fig leaves provide an impossible covering. Why? Within one day they would wither, die, and disintegrate into tiny bits. However, they sewed fig

leaves together to make themselves aprons. This describes self justification. They tried to cover up their own sins—their own human weaknesses—but the fig leaves were unable to do that. The vegetable kingdom cannot atone for sin. Within hours, they disintegrated into dust, little tiny specks. And that's what will happen to self cover-up, self justification.

The criminal mind tries to shift the problem to somebody else. It attempts to assert, "*He's responsible for MY problem.*" That's exactly what sewing the fig leaves together portrays. The fig leaves are a vegetable product, and Yahweh shows us later on in the chapter that a vegetable product is not satisfactory to cover over, or atone, for sin. **Blood is required**, because we are human. You and I are not vegetables. We are human beings. We are flesh and blood; consequently, atonement for sin must require a flesh and blood substitute sacrifice if the penalty is to be rolled aside.

After Adam and Eve sewed the fig leaves together and continued their excuses, the voice of Yahweh

called out to them. What did they do? They ran away and hid. That's exactly what human beings always do in the face of Almighty Yahweh and His Word.

I praise Almighty Yahweh that we see congregations of brethren and sisters in the Messiah who did not run away and hide when their sins were exposed by the Word of Yahweh. The brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh are trying to deal with their sins. They are overcoming their sins, not rejecting the counsel of Yahweh. Adam and Eve were going to justify their sins and even lay the blame somewhat upon Yahweh Elohim. They ran away from Yahweh.

When you hear the voice of Yahweh speaking to you from His Word and being powerfully preached from behind the pulpit, Sabbath after Sabbath, and you have sin in your heart, you're going to do one of two things. You'll either repent of it and start dealing with your problems, or you'll run away. There's no other alternative.

So Almighty Yahweh Elohim proceeded to bring forth His judgment. Judgment means that you are guilty and must face that fact. Punishment must be meted out.

Satan intimated, "When you die, you are not actually dead." Here is where Satan the Adversary originated the concept of the immortal, never-dying soul.



Conversely, Yahweh delayed His punishment, didn't He? We cannot tell if Adam and Eve are going to be spared in the judgment of Yahweh and be in the Kingdom of Yahweh. Yahweh knows their hearts, and Yahshua will do the righteous judging. Verse 21: ***"And Yahweh Elohim made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them."*** How did He clothe Adam and Eve? The answer is: with an animal product. In other words, He passed over them in punishment. He made durable garments from the skins of animals. One cannot take the skin from an animal without killing it, shedding its blood. Therefore, Yahweh Elohim made the first substitute blood sacrifice for humankind, a type of the Passover lamb that takes away the sins of the world.

Because we find so much written in the Bible concerning the Passover, I believe that probably it was lamb or calf skins that Yahweh used. Yahweh directed that a lamb be sacrificed at the Passover time. We also notice in the various passages of Scripture that the firstlings were sacrificed at Passover time, and the firstling animals included goats and calves. Consequently, we could safely conclude, first of all, that it was probably lambs He used to make the coats of skins, because that's what happened in the fourth chapter. We are told that Cain was a tiller of the ground, but Abel brought to Yahweh the firstlings of his flock and of the fat ones of it. So, as a consequence, Abel (and Cain also) must have known what sacrifice to bring to make his own clothes of skin each year.

Now the lesson comes into sharper focus when you consider that Adam and Eve were in the prime of their manhood and

womanhood—20, 30 years of age perhaps—when Yahweh created them. They were old enough for marriage. They were old enough to comprehend, but with no previous life experiences!

If you were to take a baby, isolate it in a controlled environment, and then put it out in the world at the age of 30 years with no previous life experiences, what would it do? You would have to teach it, and that's what Yahweh did. He instructed them in the keeping of the commandments. He gave them symbols, the tree of knowing the good and knowing the evil, commanding—"Don't eat of it." He used graphic displays of various kinds.

Because they were in Eden, Adam and Eve had never known death. They had never seen anything die. Obviously, they must have been vegetarians there in Eden before the incident of Genesis 3. There was no need for meat eating. They were living on the fruits of the garden; that's what they had been assigned to do.

They cultivated the garden and took care of it for Yahweh. Consequently, when they sinned, Almighty Yahweh had to demonstrate a penetrating lesson to them. Here I can read between the lines. Yahweh probably took a lamb, a little frisky gamboling lamb, some playful creature that comes and rubs up against you, jumps around, and gambols around the yard. It plays and, then, runs over to its mother and nurses from her, only to run away again and play and frisk around with other little lambs. Suddenly, Yahweh reaches over and takes this little lamb, pulls it up, slits its throat, lets the blood pour out, explaining to Adam and Eve that the now inert body of the formerly frisky lamb is dead. "That

is what should have happened to you," He explains. "You should be dead like that little lamb. Now go over try to resurrect it, bring it back to life. It's dead, you see, there's nothing inside it to make it go any more. That life in the blood is now gone. The blood is soaking into the ground. The life is gone. Remember, that should have been you!"

"Now, Adam and Eve, to impress upon you the seriousness of your sin against Yahweh, I'm going to make a coat out of the lambskin, and you'll have to wear upon yourselves, at all times, that symbol of the death you caused, to remind you of it."

People take the sacrifice of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, entirely too lightly! Liberal theologians don't want to be reminded of sin. Situation ethics is their doctrine. "Do what you please, do anything you please, good or evil and we will get you to heaven," they assert. "Just give us enough money, we'll get you there!" Nevertheless, that's not Yahweh's way, is it?

Imposing the Penalty with Mercy

In the fourth chapter of Genesis, we find a description of Cain's sin, ***"And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and killed him."*** (Genesis 4:8). Does Yahweh's Law in the Ten Commandments contain one against murder?

The sixth commandment states: ***"You shall not commit murder."*** Yahweh asked Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain replied, "I don't know. Am I responsible for my brother's welfare? Am I supposed to keep watch over him at all times? I don't know where he is." By now he had lied, breaking the ninth commandment. Cain

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heaped sin upon sin to cover up the original sin, rather than confessing the sin and forsaking it.

Yahweh said, ***“What have you done? the voice of your brother’s blood cries unto me from the ground. And now cursed are you from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand; when you till the ground, it shall not from now on yield unto you its strength; a fugitive and a wanderer shall you be in the earth.”*** (Genesis 4:10-12). Thereupon, Cain is sent packing into the land of Nod, a word which means *vagrancy*, or *exile*, from Almighty Yahweh.

Now what does this mean? There is evidently a certain element in the blood that Almighty Yahweh recognizes. Yahweh is somehow tuned to the blood of men and animals. Therefore, if you

are sinning, He knows what you have done. When He asks, “What have you done?” Yahweh knows the answers ahead of time. You can’t hide anything from Yahweh.

Now, if you have been sinning deliberately and have not had a substitute sacrifice—Yahweh knows. On the other hand, if that substitute sacrifice has been made, and you are living in harmony with Yahweh’s Covenant—He also knows. There is a quality in the blood that He knows, Revelation 6:9-10. ***“And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been killed for the word of Yahweh, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a great voice....”***

Those souls are dead! But their blood is crying out to Yahweh at that particular moment. The same thing happens again in Revelation 20:4, ***“And I saw thrones, and***

they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Yahshua, and for the word of Yahweh, and such as did not worship the beast, neither his image, and did not receive the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with the Messiah a thousand years.”

So those souls of the righteous dead have a voice in their blood. Yahweh hears that voice. He accepts the voice in the blood of the righteous people. He accepted, as a substitute sacrifice, the blood of Yahshua the Messiah, His Son, for the sins of the world.

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of Elohim he made man.” (Genesis 9:6).

Consequently, if a sin is committed, blood must be shed. Jacob

(James) says there's not one commandment that is greater than another, but if you have broken one commandment you have broken all of them (Jacob [James] 2:10-12). Consequently, then, if you have broken the sixth commandment, you are guilty of sin, worthy of death. If you have broken the fourth commandment (breaking the Sabbath), you are guilty of sin, worthy of death. If you have dishonored your father and your mother, you're guilty of sin, worthy of death. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of Elohim, He made man.

But Yahweh passed over Cain's sin. He extended mercy, grace.

Sincere Repentance

In Exodus 12:3, 5-7: ***"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to themselves every man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household...Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old: you shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at evening. And***

they shall take of the blood, and put it on the two side posts and on the lintel, upon the houses in which they shall eat it."

And then He says in verse 12, ***"For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will kill all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast...."*** Why? The first-born males were supposed to be appointed as the priests, the idolatrous Egyptian priesthood. They were to be the teachers, but had evidently not fulfilled their responsibility. The first-born Israelites were consecrated to Yahweh. The first-born Egyptians died because of sin.

"And against all the elohim of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am Yahweh. And the blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be on you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt." (Exodus 12:12-13).

In Hebrews 11:28 we read, ***"By faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch them."***

Egypt, in type, represented sin, Hebrews 11:25. Almighty Yahweh cannot endure, or condone, sin.


When His people Israel were in Egypt, they were evidently taking a part in sin. But when they began to see the result of sin for themselves, they cried out to Yahweh in sincere repentance, asking for deliverance. Yahweh heard them and sent Moses to lead them out of Egypt.

In order to bring them out of Egypt, a land of sin, blood had to be shed, and the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Moses was responsible to see that it was done. Therefore, Moses, himself, served as a substitute type of Yahshua the Messiah.

Yahweh commanded sacrifices, and Yahweh Himself established the substitute. Almighty Yahweh outlined this plan of salvation Himself, and in the New Testament it was carried out by Yahshua the Messiah in every correct application. Nevertheless, unless we, the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh, study and understand this crucial subject, we're going to be swept aside by liberal theology.

Liberal theology is rampant in the world, and we must separate ourselves from it. This doctrine of no blood sacrifice is unscriptural. We can show you works of Christian theologians and Christian writers who mock the so-called "bloody sacrifice." Many of them who even claim to believe

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in the blood of Yahshua the Messiah do that.

In the Old Testament, lambs, bulls, goats, and fowl represented the substitute sacrifice acceptable to Yahweh. In the New Testament, it is still a bloody sacrifice—it is the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah who died in our place. The blood of Yahshua the Messiah only applies to those who are repentant.

“In this manner says Yahweh, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will you build to me? And what place shall be my rest? For all these things has my hand made, and so all these things came to be, says Yahweh: but

to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembles at my word. He that kills an ox is as he that kills a man; he that sacrifices a lamb, as he that breaks a dog’s neck; he that offers an oblation, as he that offers swine’s blood; he that burns frankincense, as he that blesses an idol. Yes, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations.” (Isaiah 66:1-3).

Today is no longer a time of animal sacrifices, such as Yahweh describes in Isaiah 66, but it is a time when Yahshua the Messiah’s sacrifice cleanses repentant people from all sins. If we return to ani-

mal sacrifices, we reject His Word and His Son, our Savior.

I’m thankful that Almighty Yahweh has revealed these things to us in these last days, that we may be prepared against the time when the Beast system will begin pouring forth all of that propaganda prophecy describes. Let’s be ready so that we can stand firm, sure, and secure. Even though the world is carried away in living for the moment, we, the people of Yahweh, live by faith for the future—life eternal, life everlasting, in Yahweh’s coming Kingdom. We hold dear the sacrifice of the Messiah that Yahweh made, because it demonstrates His love for us that no other possibly could. SNB

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some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And you shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake. And not a hair of your head shall perish. In your patience you shall win your souls.”

The prime cause of the separation between people will be the Savior’s True Hebrew Name, as we read the passages in Luke 21:12 and Matthew 24:9. The context reveals that this prophecy is directed toward the True Worshipers who will be on this earth in the last days.

Therefore, if you are receiving some persecution for the Truth which you have come to prove and believe, count it all joy and hold fast! Yahshua the Messiah is coming soon!

“But thanks be to Elohim,

who gives us the victory through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of Yahweh, knowing that your labor is not vain in Yahweh.” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be manly, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

“We are bound to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brethren, even as it is proper, for that your faith grows greatly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another increases; so that we ourselves glory in you in the Assemblies of Yahweh for your patience and faith in all your persecu-

tions and in the afflictions which you endure; which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of Yahweh; to the end that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of Yahweh, for which you also suffer: if so be that it is a righteous thing with Yahweh to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Sovereign Yahshua from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that do not know Yahweh, and to them that do not obey the good tidings of our Sovereign Yahshua.” (2 Thessalonians 1:3-8). SNB

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