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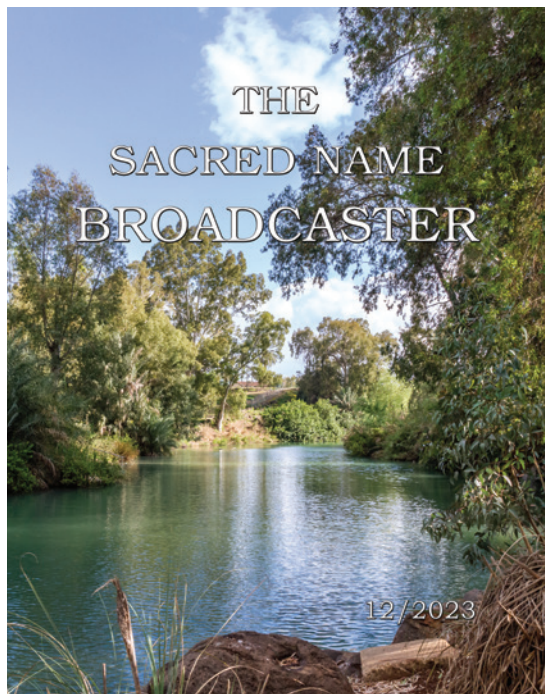
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Naaman scoffed at Elisha the Prophet when he was instructed to dip himself seven times in the Jordan River. When he repented and obeyed Elisha, however, he received a healing from his leprosy. We might visualize a place such as this in the River Jordan was where Naaman was healed.

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*"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. And my people shall remain in a peaceable habitation, and in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places." (Isaiah 32:17-18).*

The Kingdom of Yahweh is near! Answer Yahshua's "Come follow Me" call today!

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

# Which Name?

A subscriber to **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** sent us a copy of **The International News** published by the C. of G. International, July 1981. He designated, for the comment of this author, an article entitled "Are 'J-sus' and 'Chr-st' Pagan Names?" The author of that article was Tom Driver.

I promised to reply to several such articles that have been published in a seemingly determined effort by people who do not accept the Sacred Name to confuse, discredit, or refute the Sacred Name doctrine. Since none of the objections are meritorious where sound scholarship and research are concerned, such calculated

opposition must be laid to rest.

Let us carefully examine what the author says. To begin his article, the author offers the following quote: "*Statement of belief by some groups: 'The word [J-sus] comes from Zeus, a pagan Greek g-d, and the word [Chr-st] comes from Krishna, a Hindu g-d. We should use the original name Yeshua and the anglicized Messiah from the Hebrew for anointed one.'*"

To introduce his article, the author bases his entire premise upon a fallacy. He neglects to support, with bibliography, this contention which he forthrightly declares to be statement of belief, presumably the statement of belief of all

groups using the Sacred Names.

No one who has thoroughly studied the doctrine of the Sacred Name would make such an unenlightened statement, like insisting upon the original Hebrew name as being "Yeshua" and "anglicized Messiah." The author follows by saying: "*The sincerity of those making such a statement is not in question, but the veracity of the statement is.*" That's certainly a revealing statement. Those who have made an objective study of this subject can readily disprove the conclusion to which he has obviously jumped before presenting any evidence. In fact, such a tactic will strongly influence the



one reading the article at its very outset, creating a certain amount of bias before the facts are presented. But that is what the author set out to do. In other words, he inflexibly insists now that *Yeshua* is the original Hebrew name for the Messiah. It certainly is not! We can prove that conclusion to anyone who is open-minded.

Anyone who has researched the subject of the Messiah's actual Name, which He bore during His lifetime on earth as a human being, will recognize the fact that His Name was *Yahshua*. Matthew 1:21 presents the definition of the Messiah's Hebrew Name. You'll find that His Name means "He shall save His people from their

guage. Notice carefully what the Apostle John indicates near the beginning of his evangel concerning the thrust of the Messiah's mission. **"He came to his own, and they that were his own received him not."** (John 1:11). *Yahshua's* assignment was to go to the Jews first, and this is also what the Apostles were sent to do. Paul reveals this in Romans 1:16 and Galatians 2:9. Paul, you will remember, always went to the synagogue first throughout his ministry to give the Jews an opportunity to hear the message of salvation in *Yahshua* the Messiah.

Knowing that the Apostolic Assembly revered the Savior's True Name and knew the meaning

*prophets of old. And first, Moses himself, having intimated how exceedingly august and illustrious the name of [Messiah] is, delivering types and mystical images, according to the oracle which declared to him, 'See that thou make all things according to the pattern which was shown thee on the mount,'—the same man whom, as far as it was lawful, he had called the high priest of [Yahweh], the self-same he calls [Messiah]. And in this way, to the dignity of the priesthood, which surpasses with him, all superiority among men, as additional honour and glory, he attaches the name of [Messiah]. Hence he evidently understood that [Messiah] was a Being divine. The same Moses,*

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sins." *He* stands for the Almighty Heavenly Father YAHWEH; *shall save* is from the Hebrew verb (ישע) from which comes the name of the Israelite general Hoshea (some also point to the verb (השיע). *His people* identifies Israel as the people of Yahweh. *Sin* defined means the transgression of the Law, 1 John 3:4.

Consequently, the Messiah's Name means *Yahweh shall save*, or *Yahweh is salvation*. Why is the meaning of the Name so important and presented near the very beginning of the book by the Apostle Matthew?

The evangel was preached to the Jew first and then to the Gentile. Israel was a people of the book. They were familiar with the study of the Bible in the Hebrew lan-

attached to it (since all Hebrew names have a meaning), we must closely examine the records of the Apostolic Assembly for proof regarding the Name of the Messiah. There, evidence will emerge to clear up the question of the Messiah's True Name. But the next question is: "Will we then yield to this evidence?" You must answer this for yourself.

Irrefutable proof comes to us most reliably in Eusebius' **Ecclesiastical History**. The dating of this work is early fourth century, and its authenticity uncontested by scholars. The following will be a quote from that history.

*"It is now the proper place to show that the very name of [Yahshua], as also that of [Messiah], was honored by the pious*

*under the divine Spirit, foreseeing also the epithet [Yahshua], likewise dignifies this with a certain distinguished privilege. For this name, which had never been uttered among men, before Moses, he applies first to him alone who, by a type and sign, he knew would be his successor after his death, in the government of the nation. His successor, therefore, who had not assumed the appellation [Yahshua], (Joshua), before this period, being called by his other name Oshea, which his parents had given, was called by Moses [Yahshua], Jehoshuu, Joshua). Num. xm 16. This name, as on honourable distinction, for superior to any royal diadem, was conferred on Joshua, because Joshua [pronounce Joshua—Yahshua] the*

*son of Nun bore a resemblance to our Savior, as the only one after Moses, and the completion of that symbolical worship given through him, that should succeed him in a government of pure and undefiled religion.”* Ch. III, pp. 21-22.

Why is it, then, that if all people of the Apostolic Assembly knew that the Messiah bore the same name as the Israelite general of the Old Testament, Yahshua, that people today who claim to be sincere students of the Word ridicule that Hebrew Name? Certainly if we take Numbers 13:16 where Moses renamed his disciple Hoshea—Yahshua, and we eliminate the erroneous vowel points, which were added later, there is

can save another from a peril, but it is only the power of the Holy Spirit of Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, that comes in the Name of His Messiah (John 14:26) that will save the lost soul of an individual for all eternity. Haven't you ever wondered at the use of the clause—"J-sus Saves"? That doesn't mean anything—but "Yahshua Saves" does!

Before we neglect that fact, let us once again concentrate upon the very plain, forthright statement in Acts 4:12. ***"And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, in which we must be saved."*** How can several names

partiality, or bias, against this doctrine? Obviously, both these authors are bent upon proof-texting their pet inclinations, exposing their obvious bent rather than to research the subject impartially and with an open mind and then form a correct, inductive conclusion. Such an approach will lead to errors in doctrine, by taking the deductive approach of proof-texting to support what you have already decided to believe. Such an approach leaves one open for swallowing up other grave fallacies in the broad spectrum of religious doctrine.

Let us take a careful look at the form *Yeshua*. Can anyone refute the scholarship found in

***"And she shall bring forth a son;  
and you shall call his name YAHSHUA;  
for he shall save his people from their sins."***

MATTHEW 1:21

absolutely no alternative but that we arrive at the Name YAHSHUA.

Yeshua is not identical at all to the Name Yahshua, because it rejects the Name of the Heavenly Father Yahweh, whose poetic abbreviation serves as the first part. If we eliminate the Name *Yah* from the Name *Yahshua*, there remains only *shua*. The term *Yeshua* is a verb whose root is found in *yasha'* (יָשַׁע) as we have stated previously. Consequently, the term *Yeshua* is then merely a Hebrew verb WITHOUT REFERENCE to the Name of Yahweh (or Yah) which was designed to give us eternal life and everlasting existence! **Remove the reference to the Name of Yahweh, and no eternal life is attached any longer to salvation.** Anyone

(or even variations) bring salvation to the Truth-seeker? Obviously, no other Name has sufficient power to save because salvation must come at the command of the only True and living Mighty One—Yahweh.

It is very surprising to discover that Mr. Driver then goes through an explanation of the Hebrew letters forming the name Yeshua, complete with the Hebrew letters and vowel points! You will recall that previously I discussed the ridicule heaped upon the editor by another author of the same **International News** in which he ridicules people who research the letters and vowel points of the Hebrew texts, especially concerning names! What a glaring inconsistency!

Or is it not revealing an integral

the **Kittel Theological Dictionary**? Some have tried to do this in the past, but the articles contain a very accurate discussion of the facts relating to the various word studies given. **The Kittel Theological Dictionary of the New Testament** under the term *J-sus* contains the following: "1) the Greek form of a list of Old Testament characters who in pre-exilic Hebrew are called [Yahshua] (יִהְיֵשׁוּעַ) and usually after the exile [Yeshua] (יֵשׁוּעַ)."

Is there a reason, we must ask, why this change came about? By scanning ahead a little further in the article, we find the plainly given reason: "Once the Jews came under Greek influence we note a tendency to replace, or to translate, Greek names by

similar sounding Greek names(!). For example of the latter, c.f. the family of Dositheos, whose son and nephew are both called Mat-thias (Matthias)....

*"With the second century A.D. [should be B.C.E., Before Common Era] Yeshua or Ἰησοῦς disappeared as a proper name. In rabbinic literature, [Yeshua] (ישוע) is found only as the name of the ninth priestly class, elsewhere we always have the full [Yahshua] (יהושע) which is borne by quite a number of rabbis...." Ἰησοῦς may still be found in the catacombs. \*Ἰάσων, on the other hand, is not found there, although the form Gesua and the feminine Gesues occurred in Venusia in the sixth century B.C.E. At a later date the name [J-sus] is rare as a proper name. When we add to this the fact that [J-sus] of Nazareth is almost always called ישוע in Rabbinic writings, we are confronted by a problem which demands explanation [!]. The full form in the Rabbis might be a return to the biblical form, but the short form [Jose] instead of the biblical [Joseph] maintained itself some centuries longer. To regard [Yeshu] as merely a transcription of the Greek Ἰησοῦς creates both linguistic and material difficulties. [Sigma] is usually transcribed samech, and the [final sigma] ending is usually carried over; it is also hard to suppose that the Rabbis had to learn the name Jesu from the Greek church....*

*"The full form [Yahshua] in Hebrew is a sentence name, in which the subject comes first and represents a form of the [holy] Name [Yahweh] יהוה, and in which the verb is a subsidiary form of the verb ישע [yasha] which is also found in names like ...and which means 'to help'...The Rabbis too, were aware of the two parts of the name,...The [yothē] thus indicates the tetragrammaton or its*

*abbreviation. The shortened form [Yeshua] no longer expresses the Theophoric element clearly, directing attention simply to the verb [Yasha]...."*

It should be candidly obvious to us by this time that the form Yeshua came into existence when the Jews originated their doctrinal decision to substitute for the Name Yahweh. We have already discussed in many different places of our publications, the historical setting of this rejection. It was about the time that Alexander the Great journeyed down along the coast of the Holy Land toward Egypt and probably met with Simon the High Priest (when he was known as the Righteous), that the Name Yahweh was deliberately hidden from the people so that profane, or common, people would no longer be able to pronounce it. (See **Jerusalem Talmud**.) It continued to be spoken, however, 10 times during the Day of Atonement ceremonies in the Temple, even up to and beyond the Messiah's era, or until the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE.

In the book, **J-sus of Nazareth** (1944-MacMillan, New York), Dr. Joseph Klausner finds much basis for the actual existence of Yahshua. In his discussion of the Hebrew sources, he makes the following statement (page 49). "Miriam brought forth a son and called him Yehoshua [of course he retains the corrupted vowel points] after the name of her mother's brother; and this name was corrupted to Yeshu. The child learnt much Torah from an able teacher and distinguished scholar; but he proved 'an impudent child,' and on one occasion he passed in front of the sages with uncovered head....

"[Yahshua] then fled to Jerusalem and in the Temple learned the 'Ineffable Name'....

"Nothing in the [Evangelists] was

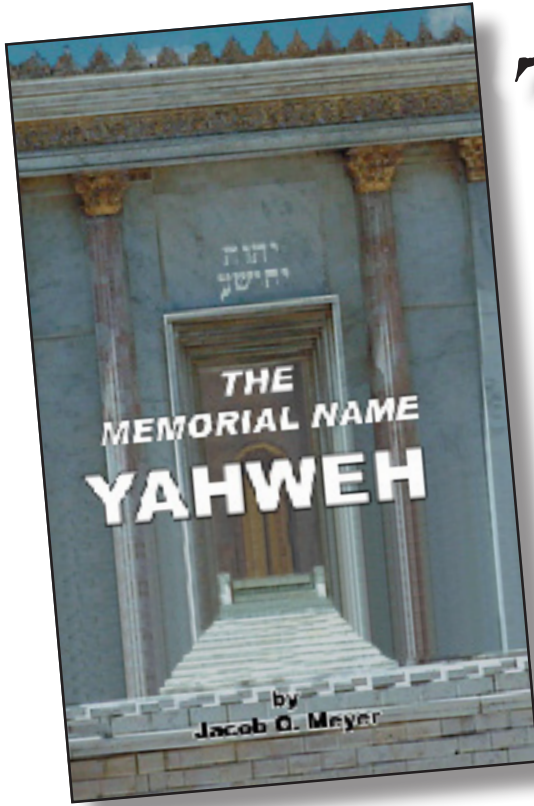
*denied: it was only perverted into a source of ridicule and blame. The Jews of the Middle Ages did not deny that [Yahshua] worked miracles, but (and this shows their state of mind at the time) agreed that he really did do so, but it was by use of the 'Ineffable Name,' by magic and with evil purpose." (Page 53).*

There is no reputable theological work, Bible dictionary, or word dictionary that will contend for the originality, or the authenticity, of either of the names J-sus or Yeshua. Why then try to confuse, proof-text, and contend? The etymology of J-sus, according to **Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language**, Second College Edition, is as follows; "[LL. (Ec.) Jesus ( Gr. (Ec) Iesus ( Heb. yeshua', contr. of yehoshua (Joshua), help of Jehovah <yah, Jehovah'+hoshia, to help]."

All of these facts, and volumes more, were researched by the editor of this publication before he arrived at the conclusion that we must use the Messiah's original Hebrew Name, YAHSHUA, if we desire to obtain salvation. J-sus will not do. We must get back to the original Sacred Name!

You will notice that the Name *Yahshua*, or its contraction, due to misguided reverence by the Jewish Ecclesiastical authorities, bears the [שׁ] (pronounced 'sh'). Actually, no *sh* sound appears in Greek, and, therefore, you would immediately get a corrupted form of the Name if you ever tried to transliterate Yeshua, as Mr. Driver insists. It has been the continued insistence of the editor of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine that this seriously flaws the name J-sus as it might appear in any form in the Greek language. In addition, the Greeks commonly add the nominative suffix to names, which again introduces an element that





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is not truth. Consequently, this alone (even if we are to see the form J-sus as being derived from Yeshua—which it isn't) brings a most serious discrepancy upon the use of that name. Don't ever forget what you read in the **Webster's Dictionary**. This is truth if only you can bring yourself to accept it. The name J-sus is not derived from a contraction of the original form, Yahshua.

However, just as we read in the **Kittel Theological Dictionary**, the Greeks like to pronounce names according to those with which they were familiar. Dr. F. F. Bruce, writing along this same thought in his noted work, **The Books and the Parchments**, said as follows: "It is not always realized that the New Testament writers' task of recording the [Good News] in Greek was made easier because the Septuagint already existed. They did not have to invent a Greek theological vocabulary; such a vocabulary lay ready to hand

*in the Septuagint. The general religious vocabulary of the Greek language was pagan in character, but several elements of that pagan vocabulary had been taken by the Alexandrian translators and used as equivalents of the great words of Old Testament revelation. Thus it came about that in Greek-speaking Jewish circles these words did not bear their original pagan significance but the new significance which they acquired from the Hebrew vocabulary which they represented."* (Page 153; para. 3.)

You can see how Dr. Bruce straightforwardly declares that the theological vocabulary of the New Testament is primarily pagan in origin. When we view the Messiah's Name from a broad, diachronic perspective alongside the Name of the Israelite general of the Old Testament, Yahshua (Joshua), we must ask the question; "When did the form *Iesus* enter the Greek Septuagint and later, the New Testament?" The

scholarly treatment of the Septuagint as a matter of fact, uses *Josua*, which is about as close to a transliteration of the Name Yahshua as you can come, in the Greek. We have already seen that the Greeks tried to give foreign names a Greek pronunciation. Why not then pronounce the Name of Israel's Savior like Zeus, the savior of the Greeks!

Mr. Driver makes the statement: "Therefore, to say that J-sus is etymologically closer to Zeus is unfounded." It is an established fact that ancient Greek writing was not as standardized as what it is today. Ancient manuscripts sometimes substituted different letters which phonetically resembled each other. We could cite examples to prove this.

Dr. A. T. Robertson, in his noted work, **The Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research**, comments as follows in his chapter on *Orthography and Phonetics*,



## ***The Tetragrammaton in Phoenician (12th century BCE to 150 BCE), Paleo-Hebrew (10th century BCE to 135 CE), and square Hebrew (3rd century BCE to present) scripts***

*Testament writers had to ‘choose between the literary and illiterate Greek of their Time,’ and ‘an artificial orthography left the door*

*that you find in Luke 4:27. “And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” (KJV).*

page 177. “(a) *The Ancient Literary Spelling. The difficulty is much increased by the comparison of the phonetic spelling of the modern vernacular with the historical orgraphy of the ancient literary Greek... For most of the history of the Greek language, no lexicons or grammars were in use. There were schools and books on the one hand and popular usage on the other. The movement of the Atticists was just the opposite of the modern phonetic spelling movement in English. The Atticists sought to check change, rather than hasten it. It is to be remembered also that the Atticists were the cloister copyists of the ancient Greek writings and the New Testament. Later copyists reflect local types, ‘some more conservative, some less so...In simple proof, one has to be less dogmatic these days concerning what could, or could not, have been in the past. Breasted calmly assures us that before 3,000 B.C.E., ‘the alphabetic signs, each of which stood for one consonant, were in use in Egypt,’ he adds. ‘Had the Egyptian been less a creature of habit, he might have discarded his syllabic signs 3,500 years before [Messiah], and have written with an alphabet of 24 letters...’ Moulton adds that the New*

*open for not a few uncertainties.”*

The following is from the section (F.) Interchange and Changing Value of Consonants, P. 217. “Greek letter zeta displaces sigma in a few words. Voiced [sigma] in union with voiced consonants had the sound of ‘Z’, and Zeta was pronounced [SD]. But in the New Testament period, the [Zeta] is changing with the ‘ds’ sound to ‘z’...The most notable feature of all is, however, that the Attic and the Boeotian ‘ll,’ did not hold against the [Ionic sigma] (though Thucydides and the Tragic poets used Isigmal). Papyri, inscriptions and the New Testament manuscripts all unite in using [sigma sigma] as the rule, though all occasionally have [Tau tau]. It does not seem possible to reduce usage to an intelligent rule.” Pages 217 & 218.

As a consequence, it should be obvious to the student and researcher that absolute rules (as far as phonetics were concerned) illustrate that Greek writings before and at the time of the production of the New Testament were more fluid than what modern day critics would like us to believe.

This fluid state of Greek writing has probably led to the aberration

By noting verse 25, the word there reads *Elias*. If that means *El is Ia*, a transliteration of *Yah* plus the nominative sign, would not then *Eliseus* mean *My El is Zeus*? The author here calls for proof of his conclusion upon the fluid state of the Greek writings. The point is *Eliseus* is not a transliteration of *Elisha*.

From the photocopies of an appendix from a volume dealing with mythology (bibliography missing) comes the following statement. “Only in a few localities, notably in Crete. does any form of the name of Zeus survive, but the g-d, lives under the title *Theos*, a title so conveniently equivocal that the Christian can use it without heresy and at the same time square perfectly with ancient pagan beliefs.” Do we wish to adopt paganism, or do we earnestly desire to sanctify the True, revealed personal Name of our Heavenly Father and the Name of His Messiah, *Yahshua*? (Matthew 6:10).

Is it not, then, paradoxical that the **Kittel Theological Dictionary**, volume 3, pg. 67 (Article *Theos*), leaps to the same conclusion as did the appendix previously quoted? “In this use he [Homer] is sometimes thinking of divine being and work in general,



sometimes of a particular g-d and sometimes specifically of Zeus.” As we continue reading through the article in **Kittel** we find this significant quote. “The Greek concept of g-d is essentially polytheistic, not in the sense of many individual g-ds, but in that of an ordered totality of g-ds, of a world of g-ds which e.g., in the divine slate of Homer, forms an integrated Nexus. This view naturally gave strong support to the term [Theos]. Indeed, it brought it into prominence, and it found its finest expression in the person of Zeus....”

Time and time again in the article on Theos, **Kittel** equates Zeus to Theos. Why? Does not the mind of the ancient Greeks want to see their g-d Zeus as being similar to other mighty ones? Can you not then see a clear relationship between Zeus and J-sus? Let us proceed further.

By perusing No. 2203 in the Greek Dictionary found in the back of **Strong's Concordance** we discover that the name Zeus had two different pronunciations. The one was *Dzeyooce* and the

other one *Deece*. The first one reflects the zeta while the other calls upon a delta. This is firmly established in the **Greek-English Lexicon** by Liddell & Scott which shows that there was a variation of pronunciations for Zeus. It would seem to the editor as though the word “J-sus” was a combination of these two variable pronunciations for Zeus.

In addition, Zeus is worshiped under the name Dionysus, the eternal boy. You'll notice the suffix “sus,” should reflect Zeus because the “dia” at the beginning reflects one variation of the pronunciation of his name (deece). Interestingly, “sus” is the genus of swine (*sus scrofula*). Swine was offered upon the altar in Jerusalem when it was dedicated to Zeus Olympus during the era of Antiochus Epiphanes. See 2 Maccabees 6:1-11 and Josephus, Antiquities XII, 5; r.

Regarding the association of the word *Krishna* with Chr-st, the book, **The Mythology of All Races**, Louis Herbert Gray, Editor; Cooper Square Publishers; New York, 1961; Vol. 6; p.

177, contains the following quote: “Nevertheless, there is evidence that the Christian religion did not fail to affect the theology and cult at Krsna, whose name is pronounced as Krsta in many parts of India at the present day and whose bright and cheerful religion with its pronounced theism and its doctrine of faith was naturally akin to Christianity in far greater degree than Buddhism, Jainism, or Saivism with its especial devotion to ceremonies and ascetic practices.” We might continue reading further from the passage which clearly demonstrates a relationship between the Messiah of the New Testament and various traditions of Krishna worship. Remember that Greek and Sanskrit, languages of India, are Indo-European languages and very closely related. This came to the author's attention many years ago when he read the book entitled, **Mythology Among the Hebrews and Its Historical Development**. Dr. Goldzhier, one of the editors of the **Old Jewish Encyclopedia**, clearly draws many parallels between Greek and Sanskrit words that relate to mythology.

Quite puzzling and surprising is the posture of some religious organizations. Claiming to be Bible students, they will, nevertheless, out of hand reject a return to the original texts of the Bible (as closely as we can return to them) for our doctrine. Surprisingly, ministers who are pledged to preach the Word will instead preach against what is contained in the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Perhaps they don't want to step out of worldly religion as we are required to do to please the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh. The reason for this could be that they desire worldly popularity. But whatever it is, these errors



## The Moabite Stone

The Mesha Stele bears an early known reference (840 BCE) to the Name of Yahweh.





***Tetragrammaton written in paleo-Hebrew script on Greek Minor Prophets Scroll from Nahal Hever discovered in 1952. It is kept at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem.***

that are being promulgated by worldly ministers are adversely influencing the salvation of many innocent souls. People look to preachers of the Word for guidance. But just as Jeremiah 8:8-9 says: ***“How do you say, We are wise, and the law of Yahweh is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes has worked falsely. The wise men are put to shame, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of Yahweh; and what manner of wisdom is in them?”*** Obviously, this text refers to these teachers who are leading modern Israel astray.

In the article, Mr. Driver insists as follows: *“Also, to say we shouldn’t translate names is unscriptural.”* The translation, or interpretation, of names as an aid to better biblical understanding is not unscriptural. **But by his very statement, a translation is no longer a name! IT IS**

UNSCRIPTURAL to tamper in any way with the Name of His Messiah, Yahshua, our Savior and Redeemer, in whose Name alone comes salvation. Should we not refuse to call Abraham—Larry, Isaac—Bob, or Jacob—George? Why then NOT use the True Name of the Almighty? Should we not be consistent? If we transliterate (bring across the actual sound of some names), should we not be even MORE considerate of our Heavenly Father and His Messiah?

We must ask ourselves when the doctrine of interpretation, rather than transliteration, was put into the Sacred Scriptures. As a matter of fact, it wasn’t. So, here is a point you can’t hang on to desperately as a drowning man clutches at straws. Let us be faithful to the Word!

Regarding the term *Chr-st*, I would like to introduce here a quote from yet another scholarly book. The quote is from Dr. Morton

Enslin, a widely known Christian scholar. *“This practice, so meaningful in Hebrew circles, was unknown in the Greco-Roman world. The Greek translation of [Messiah] was [Christos]. But to the Greek the connotation was very different. It was far from descriptive of king or priest-making. Rather, oil was a remedy for relief or a cosmetic. Thus [Chr-st] would naturally suggest an invalid smeared with medicated oil or a fop prettied up with paint and powder. Thus although there is a very real problem as to how this term first came to be applied to [Yahshua] at Nazareth...” (Once More, the Messiah, Essays on the Occasion of the Seventieth Anniversary of the Dropsie University, 1979, Pg. 50).*

The Assemblies of Yahweh has diligently sought to prove all things and hold fast to that which is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). It is regrettable that other



ministers and authors do not maintain such high principles! The tragic part is that by removing the True, revealed Name of the Messiah, which alone means *salvation*, Satan the Devil has influenced people to remove from them the key of knowledge which will unlock salvation (Luke 11:52). In other words, plainly stated, those who are not truly committed to Yahweh's Truth will reap the harvest of eternal death; they will not be saved.

Since much has been written against the use of the Sacred Name, I would like to urge all who receive **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** to write in to the Home Offices of the Assemblies of Yahweh and request information on how you may obtain a copy of our book, **The Memorial Name**

**Yahweh.** We feel certain that this book will forthrightly present the facts clearly and straightforwardly as they should be presented, so that you can make your own decision without being influenced by those who reject the Truth of the Bible.

Yahweh says His Name is holy (Psalm 33:21; 99:3). He says all of the mighty ones of the nations are idols (Psalm 96:5). Yahweh alone is Elohim. We must not profane His great Name (Ezekiel 36:20-23). In common usage during Israel's monarchy, the Sacred Name Yahweh was used in worship and everyday expression, as **The Sacred Name Broadcaster**, **Prophetic Trends** sections, have pointed out. Names are not translated. Why not translate the name Satan? Why only translate the

Name of the One who holds eternal life? Why substitute different names for the True Mighty One, Yahweh? Prayerfully read Isaiah 42:8 and 1 Corinthians 8:4-7. Will you walk in the names of their pagan idols to destruction (Micah 4:5)? What will be your personal decision? Which road will you take from here? You must decide!

It is my opinion that you cannot go wrong by going back to the original texts (as closely as you can return to them) and then, knowing, using, and calling upon the Name revered by our forefathers, the Israelites. Remember, archaeology is proving repeatedly that the Name of Yahweh was in common, general use in ancient Israel. Why shouldn't those who are Truth seekers today use it also?

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# ***A World In Turmoil***

Religion, over the centuries and millennia, has had a rather dubious history. From the time of the Crusades—when armies of fanatical Christians battled Islam and, also, Judaism—when the Christian Catholics and their affiliated believers brought horrible persecution upon the descendants of the Apostolic Assembly who lived in the Alps mountains. From the time when the Spanish Inquisition exerted deadly force against

Jews and other fundamentalist believers, the sword has been used to enforce, or persuade, people to follow popular religious beliefs.

However, True Worship is not Muslim or Christian fundamentalism. Although millions of people have lost their lives fighting for their beliefs and against systems that were contrary to their conscience, it is obvious that such is not the religion of the Sacred Scriptures. When our forefathers

came to the New World, they had a deeply abiding faith in the teachings of the Bible. Even though doctrines were not correctly taught, or obeyed, in our youth, nevertheless, the religion of the time presented a certain stability to life. Today, that stability—dependent upon the Faith of the Bible—has been greatly undermined.

The general stability of society has changed. What we are encoun-





tering today is a vast difference from the past decades. Many different concepts and ideas are circulated throughout the world and presented as Truth. Years ago, these ideas would have been dismissed out of hand without much consideration. Today, however, a concept of extreme intolerance is imposed upon everyone in the world. Truth is no more, just as Isaiah the prophet predicted in Isaiah 59:9-15.

*“Therefore is justice far from us, neither does righteousness overtake us: we look for light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity. We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as they that have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among them that are lusty we are as dead men. We roar all like bears, and moan severely like doves: **WE LOOK FOR JUSTICE, BUT THERE IS NONE**; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: **transgressing and denying Yahweh, and turning away from following our Elohim, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And justice is turned away backward, and righteousness stands afar off; for TRUTH HAS FALLEN IN THE STREET, and uprightness cannot enter. Yes, TRUTH IS LACKING; and he that departs from evil makes himself a prey.**”*

Something similar is set forth in Leviticus 26:14-22. **“BUT IF YOU WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME, and will not do ALL these commandments; and if you shall REJECT my statutes, and if your soul ABHORS my ordinances, so that you will not do all my commandments, but BREAK MY COVENANT; I also will do this to you: I will appoint terror over you, even consumption and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and consume the soul; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against**

*you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies: **THEY THAT HATE YOU SHALL RULE OVER YOU**; and you shall flee when none pursues you. And if you will not yet for these things listen to me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. **AND I WILL BREAK THE PRIDE OF YOUR POWER**: and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as bronze; and your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.”*

Just as we have been pointing out for years in **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazines, the last days will be characterized by a distress of the nations. **“And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows; MEN FAINTING FOR FEAR, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.”** (Luke 21:25-26). Today, nations are in distress for many reasons.

Bible prophecy tells us that in the last days, another very severe persecution will occur. **“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.**

**“And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath**





**SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.**  
*And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.”* (Revelation 17:12-18).

The United States has followed in the footsteps of Rome. Rather than maintain a dedication to religious Truth, there has been an influx of people who bring with them their personal and religious beliefs which are given

*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.”* (Revelation 6:7-11).

The last days will be characterized by widespread, SEVERE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION. The great harlot woman that controls the population of this world will find that the beast government will eventually turn against her. This will, undoubtedly, be the result of the world government seeking the last possible source of taxable income that the Beast can hope to acquire at the end of the age.

*“And the ten horns that you*

*saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet; but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour. These have ONE MIND, and they give their POWER AND AUTHORITY to the beast. These shall war against the Lamb, and the LAMB SHALL OVERCOME THEM, for he is Sovereign of rulers, and King of kings; and they shall also overcome that are with him, called and chosen and faithful. And he says to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these shall HATE THE HARLOT, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her utterly with fire. FOR YAHWEH DID PUT IN THEIR HEARTS TO DO HIS MIND, AND TO COME TO ONE MIND, AND TO GIVE THEIR KINGDOM TO THE BEAST, UNTIL THE WORDS OF YAHWEH*

credibility—an attitude of extreme tolerance for every type of lifestyle.

The world today is in great turmoil, and many of the things that are taking place are the result of practices that had been in effect over the course of many years. The ending of it, however, will be when Yahshua the Messiah returns. Stability on this earth cannot be accomplished without a change of the hearts of humankind. You may read about some of those changes in Isaiah 11. Is it only because Yahweh intends to change the nature of animals that He mentions these violent animals suddenly changing their behavioral character? No! IF YAHWEH CAN CHANGE THE NATURE OF ANIMALS, HE CERTAINLY CAN CHANGE THE NATURE OF VIOLENT HUMANKIND.

### **Servitude Signals New Exodus**

For years we have been proclaiming the fulfillment of Proverbs 22:7 in articles and in this feature section of **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine. *“The*



**rich rules over the poor; and the borrower is servant to the lender.”** The Hebrew word translated *servant* in the **King James Version** is *eved*, and it has the primary meaning of *slave; held in bondage*. The secondary meaning is something like an indentured servant, in bondage for a period of time. Therefore, you could say, the borrower is the slave to the lender.

The English word *service* is derived from the Middle English term *service*, which comes from the Old French, and, subsequently, from the Latin word *servitium*, *servus*, *a slave or a serf*. The definition of the English word is *the occupation or condition of a servant*. Consequently, the term *service economy* really means *an economic* (this term means management of a household or state, public revenue) *system based upon servitude*, with the extended meaning derived from the root, slavery.

In his book **Nineteen Eighty-Four**, George Orwell coined the term “Newspeak” for the language of the 21st century. This language was designed by the futuristic government to manipulate the masses through the employment of converse word meanings. Orwell presents, as example, the slogan of his party: *“War is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength.”*

Consequently, we must ask the question “Is something being implied by the government (in a very subtle way) which is possibly a prediction, or subtle trend, developing for the future?” Are the upper echelons of government telling us that the United States is actually headed for a state of enslavement of its citizens, or a form of it?

To answer the question, one need only look around—draw your own conclusions from the trends that are evident. The United

States government today is bent under a heavy load of nearly \$34 trillion in national debt. We are told that the cumulative debt of both the public and private sectors now amounts to more than \$100 trillion. The reality of debt is quite evident when you read a mortgage bond. You will learn that the individual who borrows money for A property mortgage **BINDS HIMSELF** in every way to repay that debt. The implications here are mind-boggling when you consider them.

America has become a debtor nation. We owe foreign nations more than foreign nations owe us. But this is not exclusively an American problem; however, statistics indicate that most nations are overwhelmed by oppressive debts—annually sinking ever deeper.

One needs only to read the 13th chapter of the book of Revelation to recognize that a form of slavery is prophesied to bind the people of this world in the last days. The world today has mortgaged itself and bound itself with an **ENORMOUS LOAD OF DEBT**. The unbalanced federal budget of modern times is excused with a flippant “we owe it to ourselves.” But those debts will eventually be collected by someone, probably occurring when the Beast takes power.

**“And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he makes the earth and them that dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed. And he does great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives them that**

**dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who has the stroke of the sword and lived. And it was given to him to give breath to it, even to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”** (Revelation 13:11-15).

Notice how the beast will enslave people: **“THERE WAS GIVEN TO HIM AUTHORITY OVER EVERY TRIBE AND PEOPLE AND TONGUE AND NATION,”** verse 7.

**“And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given to them a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead; and THAT NO MAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUY OR TO SELL, EXCEPT HE THAT HAS THE MARK, EVEN THE NAME OF THE BEAST, OR THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME.”** (Revelation 13:16-17).

When the mark of the beast is enforced, people will be told whether they can buy or sell, when, how much, and what things they can purchase, Revelation 14:11. Consider the rhetoric in recent years, that for the sake of “climate change” we must severely change our buying habits. We are told that we must stop burning fossil fuels, coal, and wood. We are being told that we can no longer eat meat, but must prepare ourselves to accept a diet of insects instead. The mental conditioning is relentless, while the elite continue their jet-set lifestyle, dining at exclusive restaurants on whatever protein they chose.

How near is the Beast system? We wonder how far along the pathway we have progressed toward this alarming fulfillment. If a servant (slave) economy is to be the new system for the United States, it should fill all of Yahweh's people with great alarm. Let us note that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund already dictates economic and fiscal policies to debtor nations.

How prepared are you? Are you prepared for the fulfillment of these biblical prophecies? Surely, we serve an all-knowing Mighty One! He has warned us of the sins that will burden and ensnare in the end times as mankind follows Satan's allurements into a terrible cul-de-sac. Have you irrevocably and firmly committed yourself to the REJECTION of the mark of the beast? Or do you remain a part of this worldly system? Computer technology has made it possible for the governments of this world to monitor their subjects very closely. These prophecies could not have been fulfilled at any other time in history.

### **Come Out of Babylon!**

***"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that you have no fellowship with her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues: for her sins have reached even to heaven, and Yahweh has remembered her iniquities."*** (Revelation 18:4-5).

Just like Abraham, Yahweh is calling us out of a modern-day Ur of the Chaldees—Babylon. An end-time warning message is going forth via WMLK, the international shortwave radio voice of the Assemblies of Yahweh, with the good news of the coming kingdom of Yahweh. Repentance and remission of sins is being preached in the name of Yahshua to all

nations. ***"And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he says with a great voice, Fear Yahweh, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters."*** (Revelation 14:6-7).

Soon, the fall of Babylon will be announced to the whole world, ***"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."*** Will you heed the call to depart from Babylon before Yahweh judges the great harlot with His judgments? ***"And a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all."*** (Revelation 18:21).

### **War Rages On**

During a cease-fire—which began on November 24—approximately 110 women and children, who were kidnapped on October 7, 2023, were exchanged for prisoners who were incarcerated in Israeli prisons. Fighting resumed again on December 1, 2023. More than 130 kidnapped hostages remain in Gaza, however. How many are still alive is the subject of conjecture since Hamas has yet to confirm their status.

The leader of Hamas in Gaza is Yahya Sinwar, who was sentenced to five life sentences, accused of killing Israeli soldiers and Palestinian collaborators with Israel. After being incarcerated

for more than 20 years, he was freed in 2011 along with more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier who Hamas had kidnapped in 2006 and held in Gaza for five years. According to Sinwar, in a statement on November 30, 2023, he stated that the atrocities of October 7, 2023, were *"only a rehearsal."*

### **Holocaust 2023**

Steven Spielberg's USC Shoah Foundation, known for its audio-visual interviews with survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust (which in Hebrew is called *Ha Shoah*) has begun documenting the horrible atrocities that took place on October 7, 2023. *"I never imagined I would see such unspeakable barbarity against Jews in my lifetime,"* said Steven Spielberg. *"I find it very, very surprising, because antisemitism has always been there. It's either been just around the corner and slightly out of sight, but always lurking, or it has been much more overt, like Germany in the 30s,"* he said. *"But not since Germany in the 30s have I witnessed antisemitism no longer lurking, but standing proud with hands on hips like Hitler and Mussolini,"* Spielberg said in a Fox News interview, according to **The Times of Israel**.

**Bearing Witness to the October 7th Massacre**, a compilation of raw footage from the 2023 Hamas attack on Israel, has been compiled by the IDF for private screenings to the media. *"Over the span of 43 minutes, I watched 138 humans be murdered or witnessed their corpses, many brutalized beyond recognition and others clearly tortured, in the direct aftermath of Hamas' October 7, terrorist attacks on Israel. That's 3.2 bodies per minute—and less than 10 percent of the more than 1400 people killed*

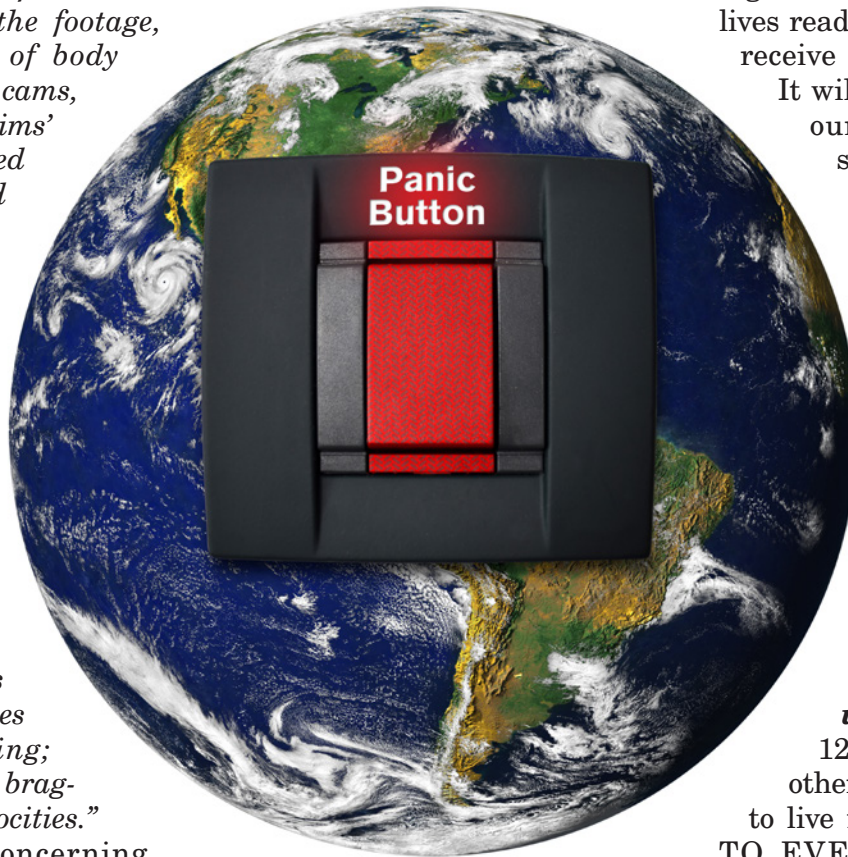


that day.

*"The Consulate of Israel in Toronto, screened the footage, taken from a mix of body cameras, dashboard cams, CCTV tapes, and victims' cell phones, some used by Hamas to record and live stream their sadism....,"* wrote Sabrina Maddeaux of **The National Post**. *"But none of what I've detailed so far was the worst part of those 43 minutes. The worst part was the glee. The pure jubilation of Hamas terrorists, as they filmed themselves killing and torturing; their excited voices bragging about their atrocities."*

What is most concerning, however, is the fact that so many people ignore the fact that innocent civilians—specifically women and children—were slaughtered on October 7 (which is a war crime). Women's groups and children's advocates should be crying out against this evil! However, so many are justifying Hamas' actions, such as media pundits, as well as students and teachers or professors at schools and universities around the world. *"The presidents of three of the nation's top universities [M.I.T., Harvard University, and University of Pennsylvania] are facing intense backlash, including from the White House, after being accused of evading questions during a congressional hearing about whether calls by students for the genocide of Jews would constitute harassment under the schools' codes of conduct,"* wrote Lauren Gambino in **The Guardian**.

This is only the tip of the



iceberg, however. Antisemitism and blatant racism have become commonplace today. A generation (or more) has grown up without knowledge of history—the evils of the Holocaust and the genocides that killed millions over the past hundred years. History is repeating itself because of those who have forgotten it. *"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."* (George Santayana).

### Pray For Peace

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, as Psalm 122:6 instructs us. This peace will only be realized when Yahshua the Messiah returns. Psalm 72 comprises a great Messianic psalm, describing what will happen when Yahshua the Messiah reigns supreme over the nations. Let us all pray for

and prepare for the Second Coming of Yahshua and get our own lives ready so that when He may receive us into His Kingdom.

It will be a great joy to offer ourselves voluntarily in service to Yahshua as He reigns over the nations supreme—it will be a joyful time when this earth is filled with the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.

We must cry out against the evils of this age! You can make a difference in these troubled times! ***"Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."*** (Romans

12:21). You can join with others of like-precious Faith to live firmly in OBEDIENCE TO EVERY WORD Almighty Yahweh Elohim spoke, as recorded in the Sacred Scriptures. Implement the Kingdom way of life right now and fellowship with others of like-precious Faith who have yielded their lives to our Creator Yahweh, and our Messiah Yahshua. You can live sin-free in this present evil world by rejecting worldly practices. YAHSHUA THE MESSIAH DID! He showed us how we can walk in His footsteps, rather than following the evil practices of this world that will lead to destruction.

We are drawing closer each day to the time when this next great world-changing event will occur. Are you prepared to meet the Messiah in the air when He returns? Why not put forth a greater effort—beginning right now—to live the Kingdom way of life in preparation for the coming Kingdom of Yahweh? SNB





# Laodiceanism

Do you think that you could possibly be a Laodicean? Most everyone who has ever studied the Bible in any depth would shudder in fear that they could possibly be a member of the last Assembly age which is depicted in Revelation 3:14-22. The threat which our Savior makes concerning this end-of-the-age group of believers—that He would personally reject them, because they are lukewarm—should compel us to seek a good understanding of what we should be doing for Him presently, so that we will not have to share in the final exclusion which He has promised for laxity. When you listen to news reports on the radio or TV, do you become sick with disgust to the very core of your mind and heart with violence, the illicit sex, the crimes on every hand in which our contemporary society is indulging? Now, think back to a point more than 80 years ago. If the identically similar news broadcasts would have been aired

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in 1942, what would have been the reaction? Why have you become complacent and indifferent with what is happening all around you?

Yahshua our Messiah has made some very pointed predictions of the events which would take place just before His second coming. Especially in the prophecy, which was recorded in Matthew 24:37-39, we read a description of what would take place in the last days. ***“And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the coming of the Son of man.”*** Do you think that this passage means that if we don’t attend wedding festivities,

we can hold back the impending time of judgment, or, perhaps, save ourselves from the judgment which our Savior predicts to fall upon misguided, errant society today? Let’s examine the implications in this prophecy.

In order to understand the prediction, ***“and as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man,”*** it is imperative that we return to Genesis chapter 6, where we find that this statement appears in verse 5, ***“And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”*** How appropriate a description of our times in which we are living! Certainly the search for higher ideals—for a truly righteous life—is ridiculed and rejected for a life of indulgence and self satisfaction in contemporary society. Flagrant misconduct and disobedience to the scriptural commandments is condoned by almost



## *Now is the time for you to come out of Laodiceanism and into the Truth and freedom of the inspired Scriptures*

everyone today. Additionally, even religious denominations, down to the most fundamentalist organizations, are many times guilty of unethical practices in their dealings. **Primarily, it is the quest for financial gain which motivates people today.** Do you know how the tithe money, which you are sending to your religious group, is being used? Does your religious group give an accounting to you at regular intervals if you are a dedicated co-worker, so that you can see where these funds are being spent? Recently, the embarrassing fact has emerged that some of the so-called “peace churches” are dealing in the stock market and ironically, are placing stocks of armament manufacturing companies in their portfolios. Can you imagine anything more contradictory? Our challenge and commission from our Savior in Matthew 28:19-20 is to go into all the world and preach the glad tidings of the Kingdom, teaching all people about the True Mighty One. It is not to deal in stocks! It is not to own gigantic tracts of land, or to construct lavish buildings in extravagance merely for prestige.

The thoughts of men were on evil continually in the days before the flood. Projecting this idea into our time, we may note a similarity to the time when the wrath of Almighty Yahweh was poured out just prior to the ancient deluge. Yahshua our Messiah says that, preceding the flood, the people of that era were marrying and giving in marriage. This indicates repeated marriages. Genesis 6: 1-2 says, ***“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them,***

***that the sons of Elohim saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose.”*** In Genesis 4:19, we find recorded the first act of a polygamous marriage. Lamech, the sixth man in the lineage of Cain, was the first man to have two wives in all recorded Scripture. Yahshua the Messiah says that when a man marries a woman, they are married for life. (Matthew 19). He says that in the beginning it was not the practice for men to have many women (or same-sex marriages), or the Heavenly Father would have decreed that Adam would have been given more than one wife when he was created. This disobedient act by Lamech in taking more than one wife was outright adultery. In our day, we find a common type of adultery which is legalized by the government. This is divorce and remarriage, sometimes to the extent of five or six different marriages, or even more, for one individual. Certainly, our Heavenly Father cannot be pleased when He looks down on this earth and observes what is taking place today among His people. We can safely say that our contemporary society has progressed far down the pathway of following the identical conduct of the pre-deluge society. Rather than crying out against sin as the Bible commissions them to do, some ministers of today are personally involved rather deeply, as a general rule, with this kind of conduct.

Perhaps the basic reason for the moral decay which has undermined the strength of our nation is the flaunting of sex on every hand and for every purpose. The pretty girl is used to sell everything im-

aginable, even down to the most trivial item of hardware. To draw attention to the hard-to-sell products, Madison Avenue advertising agencies utilize the nearly nude female figure. Interestingly, it was the pretty girl who lured the Cain civilization into the predicament in which it finally had to be destroyed. The pretty girl lured the chosen line of Seth into degeneracy along with the families of Cain. It was the daughter of Lamech, the first bigamist, who was called “Naamah,” who was responsible. *Naamah* in the Hebrew means, *pleasant, fair or agreeable*. Here again we may notice how the meaning of names in the Scriptures is so intrinsic to acquiring a good basic understanding of the Bible. These daughters of the Cain line of people were pleasant, fair, and most agreeable to the degenerating conduct which finally contaminated all the people of this earth, except for righteous Noah and his family. It was Satan’s plan to infiltrate society and adulterate it so that there could be no seed of the woman to crush the head of the serpent. Could it be that you also are caught up in this trap of Satan’s today? If you are, you should make preparations now to extricate yourself before it is too late.

We have seen that in the days of Noah there was universal violence and crime, along with illicit sex and legalized adultery similar to what we have today in our land. What about the eating and drinking to which our Savior refers in Matthew chapter 24? This term alludes to taking part in a pagan festival. You might think that you

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# Why Eliminate the “i” in Chr-st and the “u” in Ch-rch?

It is the editor's policy to restrict the use of these words in Assemblies of Yahweh literature because of their close association with pagan idolatry. The following is a quote from the Assemblies of Yahweh publication titled, **What is the Messiah's Name?** From page 5: **What About Chr-st?** “Another question which is asked frequently concerns the term “CHRIST.” Any good dictionary, and the sources mentioned previously, will confirm that it is an attempted translation of the Hebrew word משיח (messyach or Messiah). It is imperative that we return to the **original** once more rather than using the **pattern** to derive further words which are not even English in nature. Why not return to the original language from which came the concept of a Mighty Jewish Monarch who will rule in the Kingdom of Yahweh? You do not get this graphic picture by using “Christ!”

In the past, we have suggested the origin of the word “Christ” as being derived from the Indian deity “Chrishna.” This has been ridiculed in some quarters, so it is time that we present some of the scholarship which we have uncovered on this subject. On page 60 of **The Two Babylons** by Alexander Hislop, you will find a representation of Chrishna crushing the head of the serpent

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with his foot. It is just too obvious that this is a portrayal to fulfill Genesis 3:15. “*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed: he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*” So the serpent-crusher of India was Chrishna. This is confirmed exactly by Dr. Ignaz Goldzhier in his book, **Mythology Among the Hebrews**, as he ties together the deities of Greece and India throughout his book. The same comparison is made by Robert Taylor in his **Diegesis**, in his chapter on Chrishna. You may find additional information in the **Larousse's Encyclopedia of Mythology**. After a careful study of these and other sources, it is obvious that the name “Christ” is linked quite closely with pagan worship. It should be our desire as True Worshipers to return to pure doctrine as closely as we can get to it, and, thus, the original Messianic concept and term must take precedent over any word which was linked with paganism.

In reference to the term “ch-rch,” we quote from the publication, **“Ch-rch or Assembly?”**

## “Etymology of the Word Ch-rch.”

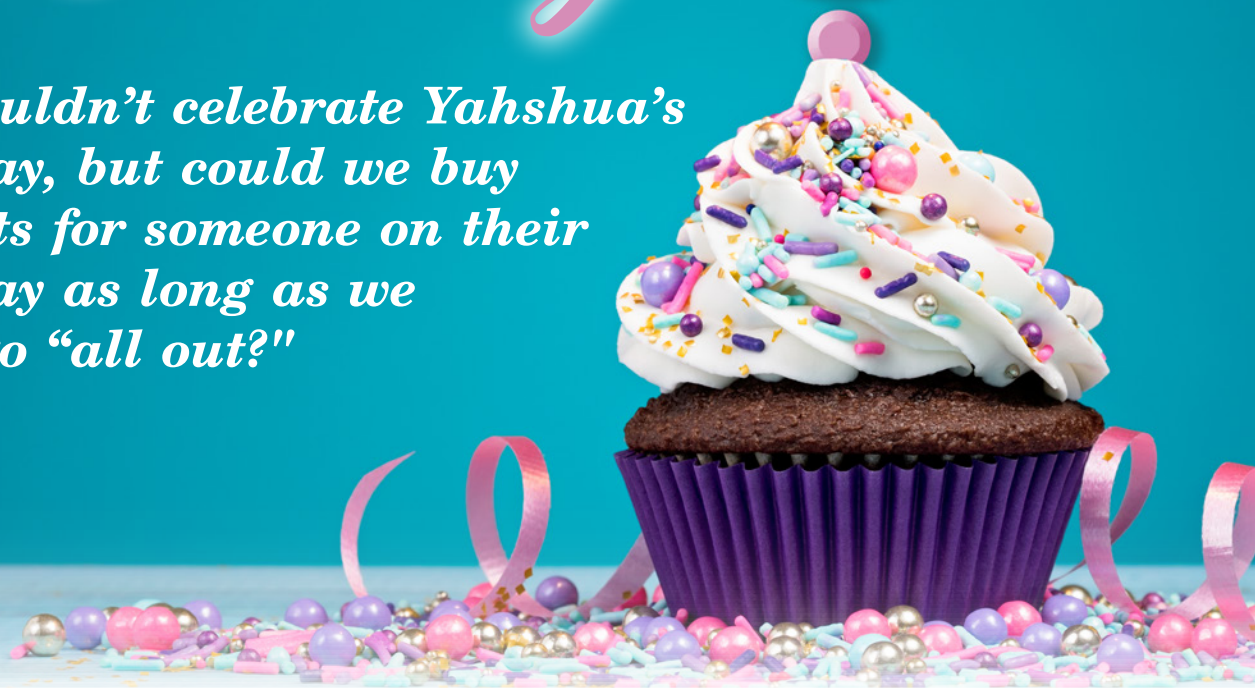
“Perhaps our first logical stop in launching a study such as this is to ask what the Hebrew and Greek words are from which this translation emerges. First of all, the Hebrew words, **kahal** and **‘edah**, and the Greek word **ekklesia** mean exactly the same thing. They mean an assembly, congregation, meeting, community of believers. Israel, in the Old Testament was the **kahal Yahweh** (Deuteronomy 23:1-3), just as the Messianic Assembly of the New Testament is the **ekklesia of Yahweh**. You may check these facts in the **Strong's** or **Young's Concordances**, or any other good lexicon at your disposal.

It is interesting that in Acts 7:38 we find the term “church” employed for the nation, or congregation, of Israel in the wilderness. Have you ever thought that we today are merely a more **refined extension** of biblical Israel when we are affiliated with the Assemblies of Yahweh? It is a fact that the Bible proves this conclusively. We are not a new religion in this Messianic age. We are people who live like Israelites by keeping the commandments of Yahweh, combined with the living Faith of the

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# Birthdays?

*We shouldn't celebrate Yahshua's birthday, but could we buy presents for someone on their birthday as long as we don't go "all out?"*



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To put it mildly, the few birthday celebrations that we have recorded for us in the Bible weren't entirely joyful occasions. Celebrating a birthday with feasting and gift-giving was a favorite pastime of pagan kings in ancient times, but these celebrations often ended tragically. Genesis 40:20-22 relates that the Egyptian pharaoh customarily marked his birthday with a magnificent celebration to which all of his faithful servants and officers were commanded to attend. These must have been elaborate occasions, but they seemed to be filled with much licentiousness and immorality. The account in Genesis informs us that during

one of these celebrations, Pharaoh ordered his chief baker's execution.

The Evangelists also provide us with examples of the manner in which ancient kings remembered their birthdays. It was at one of his birthday celebrations that King Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great (an Idumean), ordered the execution of John the Baptist. You may read of this sad incident in Matthew 14:1-12 and Mark 6:14-29.

The book of Job, which contains an example of the great suffering of this exemplary spiritual man, opens with an interesting fact. Job's 10 children, who were apparently causing him much grief, were accustomed to feasting on their birthdays. In Job 1:4-5, we read the following: **"And his sons went and held a feast in**

**the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and renounced Elohim in their hearts. In this manner did Job continually."** Obviously, Job's children were engaging in conduct that distressed their father. Verses 18 and 19 inform us of the outcome of their disobedience. **"While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in**



*their oldest brother's house; and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only have escaped alone to tell you."*

There is no indication ever in the Sacred Scriptures that the Jews observed birthdays. It is, of course, perfectly acceptable to remember our birthdays. There is nothing wrong with congratulating someone on having reached another plateau in life. By doing so, we are only acknowledging a fact of our existence. But to hold a birthday party, or to give presents, goes beyond merely remembering a birthday and takes the direction

of following paganism.

Any praise and honor on such an occasion should go not to ourselves but to our Heavenly Father by whose mercy we live for another year. Therefore, the Assemblies of Yahweh opposes birthday celebrations with their parties and gift-giving. Such customs tend to exalt the creature above the Creator, and lead to an exaggerated sense of our personal importance. As we have seen, there is sufficient scriptural evidence to support this conclusion. It is our duty as True Worshipers to seek righteousness (Hebrews 1:9, Zephaniah 2:3) and abstain from every appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Thus, we should be very careful not to accept or practice worldly

customs that were so clearly a part of pagan life.

Finally, we might turn to Ecclesiastes 7:1-4 where we read: *"A good name is better than precious oil; and the day of death, than the day of one's birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth."* SNB

## Why Eliminate the "i" in Chr-st and the "u" in Ch-rch?

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Messiah and His government soon to come to this earth. Consequently, to summarize, we find that the words **kakal** and **ekklesia** mean assembly, congregation, meeting of True Worshipers.

Let us turn next to an examination of the word **church**. The **Webster's New World Dictionary** (as does practically every other reputable dictionary) lists the roots of the word in the following way: [ME. **chirche**, **kirke** < OE. **cirice** (& ON. **kirkja** < OE.) Gmc. **\*kirika** < LGr.(Ec.) **\*kyrike** < Gr. **kyriake** (**oikia**), Lord's (house) < **kyriakos**, belonging to the Lord < **kyrios**, ruler < **kyros**, supreme power < IE. base **\*kewe-**, to swell, be strong, hero]. Immediately, we are forced to admit to the fact that this word has nothing

to do with a meeting, assembly, or congregation of believers, but rather it emphasizes the **house** OVER the occupants, who are the worshipers. While the Hebrew and Greek words mean a congregation of people, the word **church** traces its roots to **the building**. Strangely, many organizations in nominal Christianity place great emphasis in their cathedral-like edifices and little on the membership. Perhaps this is the reason many of those buildings are so devoid of worshipers.

The following is a quote from the **Companion Bible**, Appendix 186, p. 207. "Church is derived from the Greek **kyriakos**, of, or belonging to, the Lord, house (Greek **oikos**) being understood. It comes to us through Anglo Saxon **circe** (Scotch **kirk**). Compare Hebrew **kikkar**, a circuit or disk."

Here we arrive at yet another choice morsel of knowledge! If the Hebrew word **kikkar** (a circle or disk) is the ultimate root or a word with identical meaning, then the word, **church** traces directly to sun worship!"

Thus, we can see that while it is not necessarily wrong to occasionally utter, or write, the words "Chr-st" and "ch-rch," especially in scholarly efforts to explain their pagan background, we should never use them as a part of our worship. **They should be purged from our religious vocabulary**, because they represent idolatrous concepts displeasing to our Heavenly Father. Therefore, the editor has chosen to delete the vowels in order to warn readers to be cautious in their thinking. Our lives should be lived in reverence to Yahweh at all times, even to the source of our very thoughts. (If you are interested in obtaining copies of the above-mentioned articles, write in and request them. They are informative and free of charge.) SNB

# Laodiceanism

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certainly could not be guilty of such a horrifying obnoxious practice as idol worship. Just pause for a little reflection right now and do some serious thinking. Are the holy days that you are observing today commanded by the Almighty Heavenly Father in His Word? How about Christmas and Easter? **Do you find anywhere in the entire Bible that Christmas is commanded to be observed at any time?** Do you find that the Bible commands that you observe December 25th to January 1st as a sacred time of revelry, festivity, and cheerfulness? Certainly not! In fact, you may read in the historical books of the Macabees, which are found in many Bible editions as an **Apocryphal** inclusion, that Chisleu 25, or December 25 if you wish to use the Roman calendar name, was the birthday of

Zeus, the sun deity. The Roman worship of Mithra was IDENTICAL to the Christmas celebration revelry which has supplanted pure worship in our time. Do you really know which day the Bible tells us was the day on which the Savior was born? If you would like to prove this day in your own Bible, we have an article on the subject which should interest you. Do you know that it was Julius Sextus Africanus, a historian of Alexandria Egypt, who established December 25th as the Savior's birth in the year 221. Strange as this may seem, it took over 200 years AFTER Yahshua the Messiah was born to decide which day it was!

How about Easter? Is this observance commanded in the Bible? It is found mentioned only one time in the Holy Scriptures, in Acts 12:4, where both the Greek and Aramaic texts read *Pascha*, or Passover. Our English word *Easter* is pronounced identically to that of

the old Babylonian and Assyrian deity of fertility. It has nothing at all to do with the Savior's death as you may have supposed. The festival of Ishtar was celebrated in the spring around the time of the scriptural Passover and finally came to be substantiated for the observance of our Savior's resurrection. Nothing has been commanded which remotely pertains to rabbits, eggs, hot cross buns, relative to the Savior's death, and, yet today, millions of dollars are being spent on these symbols of fertility. Your Bible commands that we worship on the Holy Days which are commanded in Leviticus 23. The Assemblies of Yahweh keep all of these commanded Feast Days.

Are your eyes still closed to scriptural Truth? *Laodicea* means *judgment to the people*, or *justice to the people*. Now is the time for you to COME OUT of Laodiceanism and into the Truth and freedom of the inspired Scriptures. <sup>SNB</sup>

## A Pure Religious Vocabulary

***"And in all things that I have said to you take heed: and make no mention of the name of other elohim, neither let it be heard out of your mouth."* — EXODUS 23:13**

**Christ** —A Greek term which translates "anointed." Some scholars have linked it with the Hindu idol Krishna. The Greeks actually had no ceremony for installing leaders by pouring oil on them as did the Israelites, therefore the word Christ was not comprehended by the masses. As a corrupted form, it is not used by True Worshipers, who have found it to convey a distorted picture of the Hebrew Messiah.

**church** —A term commonly equated with any religious group. Tracing etymologically to the pagan idol Circe, it also denotes a building rather than a group of people. It bears no relationship to the Greek ecclesia, "a called out assembly of believers."

**El or Elohim** —A Hebrew word which translates "mighty one" or "mighty ones." As it depicts a plural unity or collective noun, this term is far superior to the word "God" (meaning a molten image) and is used by the True Worshiper in its place.

**God** —A term used to indicate any object of worship, but commonly employed to designate the Almighty. It is clearly linked etymologically with the worship of fortune, or good luck, also a molten image.

**Jah** —A KJV term found in Psalm 68:4, and 48 other places. An abbreviation for the Name of the Almighty, it should have been written "Yah" As there was never any letter "J" in Hebrew.

**Jehovah** —A corrupted, hybrid term used as a substitute for the Sacred Name. Dates back to the 15th century C.E. and was formed by applying the vowel points of "Adonai" to the Tetragrammaton. Properly substitute "Yahweh" when reading.

**lord** —A common term for "master, ruler." Its use is equated with that of the Hebrew word "baal"—a pagan, unacceptable word to True Worship and abhorred by Yahweh.

**LORD** —in the KJV, supposed translation of the Tetragrammaton, the four-letter Hebrew proper noun which is the revealed personal Name of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, arrived at by transliteration of the Name from the Hebrew. Properly substitute Yahweh when reading.



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