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#### 1 The Unpardonable Sin, Part 1

Few today understand that "Sin is the transgression of the Law." (1 John 3:4). Fewer still understand that the blasphemy of Yahweh's Holy Spirit is an unpardonable sin. Will you accept the sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah, the Lamb of Yahweh, and receive the forgiveness of sin that is offered through Him?

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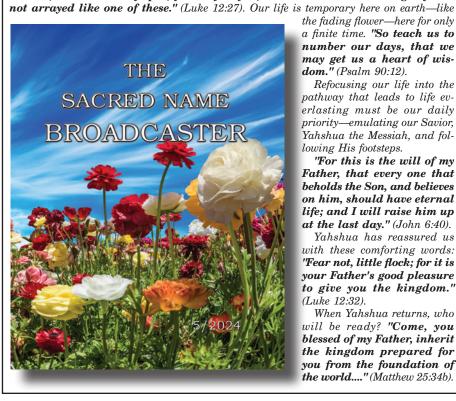
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'For, lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land ..... " (Song of Solomon 2:11-12).

Each year, when spring arrives, the earth bursts forth with a new growth cycle. We especially marvel at the beauty of Yahweh's creation in each flower and its individual aroma. Yahshua has instructed us that we should "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say to you, Even Solomon in all his glory was



the fading flower—here for only a finite time. "So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12).

Refocusing our life into the pathway that leads to life everlasting must be our daily priority—emulating our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, and following His footsteps.

'For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholds the Son, and believes on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40).

Yahshua has reassured us with these comforting words: 'Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32).

When Yahshua returns, who will be ready? "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...." (Matthew 25:34b).

PART 1

# Unpardonable

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters. Therefore I say to you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men; but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in that which

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is to come. Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit...." (Matthew 12:30-33).

Turning now to Matthew 12:43, we read, "But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of man, passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and finds it not. Then he says, I will return into my house where I came out; and when he has come, he finds it empty, swept, and garnished. Then he goes, and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. Even so shall it be also to this evil generation." The subject of **The Unpardonable Sin** has been variously interpreted by different religious groups. Nevertheless, it should be of genuine interest for everyone to obtain an accurate understanding of this subject. To introduce this article, we must first conclude that Almighty Yahweh can forgive all sin; He has promised in His Word to do so. It is the Holy Spirit of Almighty Yahweh that is the focal point of the subject; it is under His control.

Notice what He tells us in Ezekiel 18:1-4. "The word of Yahweh came to me again, saying What do you mean, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, says the Sovereign Yahweh, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins, it shall die." That should be very plain to us. The soul that sins shall die.

"But if a man is just, and does that which is lawful and right, and has not eaten upon the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither has defiled his neighbor's wife, neither has come near to a woman in her impurity, and has not wronged any, but has restored to the debtor his pledge, has taken nothing by robbery, has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment; he that has not given forth upon interest, neither has taken any increase, that has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has executed true justice between man and man, has walked in my statutes, and has kept my ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, says the Sovereign Yahweh...." (Ezekiel 18:5-9).

Consequently, we must conclude that those who obey Yahweh's Covenant Law will receive salvation. They shall not die. But what of disobedience?

"If he procreates a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, that does any one of these things, and that does not any of these duties [in other words, if he breaks any one of Yahweh's commandments, and he does not fulfill the positive commandments], but even has eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife, has wronged the poor and needy, has taken by robbery, has not restored the pledge, and has lifted up his eves to the idols, has committed abomination, has given forth upon interest, and has taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live: he has done all these abominations: he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him .... " (Ezekiel 18:10-13). We must conclude that Almighty Yahweh is a just Mighty One, and He judges righteously. Those who sin (transgress His Laws) shall die for their sin, unless they repent and begin to obey.

But, now, if the sinner procreates a son, who sees all of his father's sins which he has done and does not such, but conducts himself like his grandfather, behold he shall live. The prophecy reads: "As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die in his iniquity." Although his father died in his iniquity, this man will live. He shall surely live.

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because they relate back to the second and third chapters of Genesis, where Yahweh declares, **"You** *must keep My commandments, and if you break My commandments by eating of the tree of knowing good and knowing evil, you shall surely die.*" The message has not changed since the days of Gan Eden—the Garden of Eden—down to our time. It is still the same today: THE SOUL THAT SINS, IT SHALL DIE.

"Yet you say, Why does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. The soul that sins it shall die...." (Ezekiel 18:19-20).

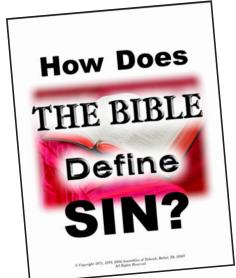
Almighty Yahweh is a just Mighty One. Each person is a separate entity. Each person is a soul (a separately existing being). Each is responsible for his own life. No one is responsible for how you live your life except you—yourself. YOU make the decisions on how you live and how well you obey Yahweh's Covenant. The soul that sins, it shall die, since no one will ever stand before the judgment seat for you.

"The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him...." (Ezekiel 18:20).

"But if the wicked turns from all his sins that he has committed, and keeps all My statutes, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him...." (Ezekiel 18:21-22). Yahweh extends grace and mercy to the sinner if he will only repent; this is the intended meaning of this passage. In his righteousness that he has done, he shall live.

Yahweh asks, "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Sovereign Yahweh; and not rather that he should return from His way, and live?" (Ezekiel 18:23). That is the question all of us must confront. Would Yahweh get some kind of sadistic pleasure out of putting people to death? Of course not! He wants people to repent! He desires people to live, to be saved, to receive eternal life in His Kingdom!

"But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity [breaks Yahweh's commandments], and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live?" You can withdraw yourself from eternal life by your personal conduct. If you have entered into



Have you been wondering if you are committing the unpardonable sin? If you are breaking any of Yahweh's commandments today, you may very well be doing this. Obedience is the only thing that will stand between you and eternal punishment in these last days at the close of the age. For a study on how the Bible defines sin, write to:

Assemblies of Yahweh PO Box C Bethel, PA 19507 (717) 933-4518 www.assembliesofyahweh.com Yahweh's Covenant and have determined to live in harmony with Yahweh's Laws, but, after a certain period of time, you weaken, your determination slackens, and you sin—Yahweh declares: "None of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die.

"Yet you say, The way of Yahweh is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not my way equal? Are not your ways unequal? When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in it; in his iniquity that he has done shall he die." Why? The answer is, because Yahweh has discovered what is in the heart of that person. The testing has proven that person to be unstable and that he does not love Yahweh enough to obey Him. "Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed. and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive."

The world in which we live is based on an honor system. No one today is standing there behind us, crying out every time we tend to make a wrong decision, "This is the way—walk in it." It is up to each of us to study Yahweh's Covenant, His Torah, and to live by His precepts, statutes, commandments, and Laws. Obey them regardless where you are.

Those who have studied in Obadiah School of the Bible know that when examination time arrives, I prepare my examinations, hand then out, explain what has to be done on the examination, and then I go home. I designate a person to collect the examinations at the end of the session. Why should I sit

#### A tree is known by its fruit.

Either you make the tree good and ITS FRUIT GOOD, or make the tree corrupt and ITS FRUIT CORRUPT. unless we diligently obey Y a h w e h's Covenant at all times.

#### Sinning Against the Spirit

Let u s turn to Matthew 12:31. What, exactly, is the sin against the Holy Spirit? **"Therefore** I say to you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to men; but the BLAS-PHEMY AGAINST THE SPIR-IT shall not

for two hours with nothing to do except watch while the students complete the examination? I have other things that I can be doing. Obadiah School of the Bible functions on an honor system. Life should be similar.

"Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die." Yahweh has designed an honor system, and all of us living in the world must remember that no matter what we do, Almighty Yahweh knows. You cannot hide yourself in a crowd of thousands, or millions. Everyone will not know you, but Yahweh knows you. The thoughtful individual will wish to please Yahweh, to obey His commandments regardless of where he is, even though he may be alone, without family, or brethren nearby.

"Yet says the house of Israel, The way of Yahweh is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Sovereign Yahweh. Return and turn vourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

Which sin will be the one which easily besets you, and to which one of these sins will you quickly yield? This is a warning from Yahweh, because all of us need to be obedient in anticipation of the coming Kingdom. Eternal life is at stake. We can miss out on eternal life, be forgiven." The Holy Spirit of Yahweh is not a person—it is a power. John 6:63 tells us that the Spirit is in the Word of Yahweh. "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and are life."

Consequently, if you speak disrespectfully against the Word of Yahweh, it is blasphemy against Yahweh. This is summarized so perfectly by our forefather Jacob (James) in Jacob 4:17. **"To him** *therefore that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.*"

What sin will restrict your entrance into the Kingdom? What is your weakness? Perhaps, in the past, you made allowances here and allowances there. Maybe you were permissive in keeping the Sabbath, or with the dietary laws. However, now you have heard the truth that we must obey Yahweh's Covenant Law and do so accurately. Henceforth, if you go back to a worldly life and, in the future, flippantly say, "I am not worried about the dietary laws. I am not going to worry too much about the Sabbath. I am not going to worry about keeping this or that law," it will be required of you. This is sin from which you do not repent. But Yahweh knows.

The subject of this article is The Unpardonable Sin. Yahweh can, and will, pardon every sin for a repentant person. A repentant person is one who turns away from wickedness. However, Yahweh will not pardon the sin of, and will not extend grace and mercy to, those who know to do good, but don't obev Yahweh's Covenant. Yahweh will deny forgiveness to those who know His Covenant Law, but refuse to obey it. Those who defy Yahweh by sinning after knowing His Will have insulted the Most High!

This is an important point! You can insult the Holy Spirit of Yahweh and cut yourself off from His Spirit. Either you make the tree good and ITS FRUIT GOOD, or make the tree corrupt and ITS FRUIT CORRUPT. A tree is known by its fruit. Matthew 12:35-37, "The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil things. And I say to you, that EVERY IDLE WORD THAT MEN SHALL SPEAK, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned."

Do you remember what happened to Moses, that great prophet? The Word says he was so great a prophet that there has not been one any greater until the time of

Yahshua, nor will there ever be a greater prophet than Moshe Rabenu-Moses, our Teacher and our Prophet. Do you remember what happened to Moses in the 20th chapter of Numbers? Beginning with verse 10, "And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, Hear now, you rebels; shall we bring you forth water out of this rock?" Moses, of himself, could do nothing, except through the power of Yahweh that was working with him. Moses was not humble in making that statement. The arrogance of Moses, at that point, denied him access to the land of Israel, the Kingdom of Yahweh.

What happened then? "And Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, BECAUSE YOU BE-LIEVED NOT IN ME, TO SANCTIFY ME IN THE EYES OF THE CHILDREN OF IS-RAEL, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." Almighty Yahweh withdrew from Moses and from Aaron the opportunity to enter the Promised Land, even after all the work they had done. It is a sad commentary on the end of a great life of service. Moses continued to be meek and humble, but this one slip revealed to Yahweh that something in his character was flawed. We should learn from this lesson. We must be on guard constantly. We must never insult Yahweh. We must remain humbly submissive to Him. We must do all things for the glory of Yahweh.

In Matthew chapter 12, beginning with verse 36, we read, "And I say to you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment." How many times have you become angered and from your mouth slipped a word of profanity? You will render account of that word UNLESS you repent of saying it. *"For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned."* That which is in your heart will eventually come out through the mouth. If you don't believe that, listen to a man who slams his thumb with a hammer while he is constructing a building. One can bless Yahweh, or curse, at that time.

Have you ever grieved the Holy Spirit? What does that mean? This is shown in Ephesians 4:30. This is a very, very serious message. It is up to us to fulfill Yahweh's Covenant. Beginning with verse 29, we read, "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear." Notice the reference to speech. We must be careful not to sin with our mouth.

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, in whom you were sealed to the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and CLAMOR, and RAILING, be put away from you, in all malice: and be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as Yahweh also in the Messiah forgave you." (Ephesians 5:30-32).

The word grieve in the Greek is lupeo, # 3076, and it means to distress. Therefore, this means don't bring distress to Almighty Yahweh. In the reflexive and passive conjugations, it means to be sad. In other words, "Don't sadden, distress, or insult the Holy Spirit of Yahweh." How can one sadden, insult, or distress the Holy Spirit of Yahweh? The answer is, of course, by sinning against Yahweh's Law and violating His Covenant, rejecting His counsel.

Turn to Psalm 95:10. "Forty years long was I grieved [saddened or distressed] with that generation, And said, It is a people that do err in their *heart.*" They have no desire to enter the Kingdom (the Promised Land), or they want to get to the Kingdom on their own terms. We have received Yahweh's Covenant that regulates His Assembly and will regulate His Kingdom. We have been given Yahweh's Laws. "It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways."

What about you? Have you really known the ways of Yahweh by faithfully observing Yahweh's Covenant? Have you really known His ways by obediently submitting yourself to Yahweh's Covenant? It is imperative that we obey the Torah Covenant Laws, so that we may come to learn the ways of Yahweh and be accepted into His Kingdom.

The author had to face these hard questions years ago, and I made my decision. Yahweh's Law is a good law. If everyone on this earth were to keep it, a magnificent world would soon materialize.

Man's ways lead to death, to the lake of fire in the Valley of Hinnom, Gehenna. Yahweh's ways lead us to eternal life in His Kingdom, a promised era of peace, productivity, and tranquility such as this world has never seen. Such an age was typified by the nation of Israel, during the reigns of David and Solomon especially. "And they have not known my ways: Therefore I swore in my wrath, That they should not enter into my rest...." (Psalm 95:10-11).

This is a vast subject, but the author shall explore only a few references that teach us about the sin that leads to eternal death. Let us begin in 1 John 5:13, "**These** 

things I have written to you, that you may know that you have eternal life, even to you that believe on the name of the Son of Yahweh. And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will. he hears us: and if we know that he hears us whatever we ask. we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him." In other words, Yahweh hears His people. Yahweh does not hear sinners. "We know that Elohim hears not sinners: but if any man is a worshiper of Elohim, and does his will, him he hears .... " (John 9:31). The Jewish people recognized this in Yahshua's day and said the same thing about His miracles.

"If any man see his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask, and Elohim will give him life for them that do not sin unto death. There is a sin leading to death: not concerning this I do say that he should make request." (1 John 5:16). In other words, John is telling us, "Do not pray for those that you know are sinning and committing the unpardonable sin, because they are defying Yahweh and are unrepentant."

The elders of the Assemblies of Yahweh sometimes are thrust into very precarious counseling situations. Sometimes we learn about people who are not obeying Yahweh's Covenant, and then, suddenly, Yahweh judges. The individual gets sick. They call for the elders of the Assembly. Shall we pray for them? That is a question we seriously ponder many times. That is why I have instructed the elders to read Jacob 5:13-17 to those that we are asked to anoint. People must confess their sins to Yahweh, and then Yahweh will answer your prayers. He will forgive the sins of repentant people and heal their illnesses. Psalm 103:3 reads, "Who forgives all your iniquities; Who heals all your diseases...."

Turn now to several passages in the Book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah 7:8 reads, "Behold, you trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other elohim that you have not known, and [then] come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered; that you may do all these abominations?"

Sometimes the Assemblies of Yahweh appears to be the doormat for some people. I can't understand their thinking. The Assemblies of Yahweh is a jewel and a gem in a jewel case. The Assemblies of Yahweh is the ultimate in True Worship. The Assemblies of Yahweh is not merely another religion on the spectrum of world religions. It is Yahweh's True Worship. We must respect it by obeying His Covenant.

"We are delivered; that you may do all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it, says Yahweh. But go now to my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because you have done all these works, says Yahweh, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you heard not; and I called vou, but vou answered not." (Jeremiah 7:10-13).

Have you ever considered the strong messages of those prophets? They were preaching Yahweh's warning message. They were hammering away at sin. They were insisting that the people of Yahweh should give Him the glory. Yahweh indicates that He hates hypocrisy. He cannot tolerate blatant unrepentant sinners coming to worship before Him as though they were commandmentkeeping saints!

Yahweh says, "And now, because you have done these works, says Yahweh, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you heard not; and I called you, but you answered not: therefore, will I do to the house which is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim. Therefore pray not for this people...." (Jeremiah 7:13-16).

Yahweh tells Jeremiah, "Don't pray for these people." "Neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for I will not hear you." Why? Jeremiah shall not make intercessory prayer (as Daniel did later, in Daniel 9), because the Israelites of that time were hypocrites.

The Assemblies of Yahweh is a different organization, and we must draw that conclusion. We, as members, must try our best to keep this organization just as pure as we absolutely can, or the Assemblies of Yahweh will stagnate. The Assemblies of Yahweh organization must be respected and upheld everywhere by its members. We cannot become weak as did Israel; that is the point of this article. You have heard this message before. The author has said on numerous occasions over the years that if we don't fulfill the

Will of Yahweh, He will raise up people for Himself from stones as John the Baptist predicted, Matthew 3:8-10. I don't know if he will necessarily go out into the roadway and take stones and say, "Become people." However, Yahweh will raise up people from the sacred stones, meaning the Ten Commandment tablets. There are numerous people around the world who are also seriously reading this Bible. As they read, the Holy Spirit will convict them to understand the message which is inscribed on the stones—engraven forever upon the stones that rested in the 'Aron Kodesh, the Holy Ark. The sound of the voice of Yahweh teaching will convict people to obey His Word.

Jeremiah 11:2-6 reads, "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and say to them, In this manner says Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel: Cursed is the man that hears not the words of this covenant, which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall you be my people, and I will be your Elohim; that I may establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day. Then answered I, and said, Amen, O Yahweh. And Yahweh said to me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, sayThere are numerous people around the world who are also seriously reading this Bible.... The sound of the voice of Yahweh teaching will convict people to obey

#### ing, Hear the words of this covenant, and do them."

Can you imagine Jeremiah walking the streets of Jerusalem saying "Shema hadavarim habarith haeleh—Hear the words of this covenant! Fulfill them and do them"? "For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my

#### voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did them not."

Let us not reject and spurn the words of Yahweh as they are preached today. People have a tendency to grow weak and liberalize the Word of Yahweh. The Meyer family had to make a firm decision in the early 1960s. Every Sabbath I held services for my family, because we had to follow the Sacred Scriptures, until an Assembly came into existence here at Bethel, following the beginning of the radio broadcast. If you would ask some of my children, they would tell you that those were some of the most inspiring Sabbaths we ever observed. Our spirits were lifted each week. Our spirit was not dragged down by people who wanted to carp, argue, complain, murmur, do just as they please, and to violate Yahweh's Covenant with impunity. Every one of the Meyer family was dedicated to keeping Yahweh's Covenant faithfully. The author just cannot understand how someone can make his decision to obey Yahweh's Covenant, then fall away and violate it again. We must all faithfully keep Yahweh's Covenant Law, or be severely judged for our disobedience after we have learned Yahweh's Truth.

If we, once knowing the Truth, fall back to our old ways, Yahweh will hold it to our account. We may then have committed the unpardonable sin, wherein Yahweh will withdraw His Holy Spirit and send into our heart seven spirits worse than the one we had before repentance. What will be the end of us then? Backsliding will bring eternal destruction.

The story is told about a man who began to keep the Sabbath and was ordained as an elder with a seventh-day-sabbath-keeping organization. After a while, he committed several sins. He started deviating doctrinally, taking up spiritism, and, eventually, he committed suicide. I have seen somewhat similar situations on many different occasions. People come into the Assemblies of Yahweh, and, if they aren't willing to continue to obey the Covenant of Yahweh, they fall away and become worse than before in their corruption. The author has personally seen it! DON'T let it happen to YOU!

"And Yahweh said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they have gone after other elohim to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. Therefore thus savs Yahweh, BEHOLD, I WILL BRING EVIL UPON THEM .... " (Jeremiah 11:9-11).

Dropping down to verse 14, we read, "Therefore, do not pray for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me because of their trouble." Many passages in the Scriptures caution us to maintain Yahweh's Covenant and not violate it. Otherwise, Yahweh will not give you protection during the tribulation. As we read in verse 13 of Psalm 19, "Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me: Then shall I be upright, And I shall be clear from great transgres**sion."** What could be a greater transgression than accepting the Mark of the Beast? The Mark of the Beast will be the ultimate test for humanity.

Turn to Jeremiah 14:10-12. "In this manner says Yahweh to this people. Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore Yahweh does not accept them; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. And Yahweh said to me, Pray not for this people for their good. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt-offering and meal-offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence." These warnings provide examples of the unpardonable sin, when the prayers no longer penetrate into the heavens. When Yahweh sees deliberate, premeditated sinhypocrisy—He will no longer extend mercy. He will remember all the sins of that person and judge him guilty.

The same concept can be seen in the eighth chapter of Revelation, where the prayers of the saints are placed upon the golden altar, but the heavens are closed until the seven last plagues are poured out (Revelation 15 and 16).

This subject is quite serious! You can't perceive how serious it really is until you start contemplating that we have actually embraced an agreement with the one and only exclusive, absolute, True and Living Elohim in this universe—anywhere in this universe! Think about it! When He speaks, He demands obedience! How can we conclude that we can do just anything we please, and He will always forgive us? Actually, when we enter His Covenant, He has given us the opportunity for eternal salvation. What impact does that have upon us? Do you really care about keeping your spiritual garments pure?

Hebrews 10:26 reads, "For if we sin willfully ... " [deliberately—if we premeditate sin; if we say, for example, "I know that it is wrong to eat pork, but I am not going to read the labels on the bread; I know that it is wrong to do this on the Sabbath, but I am going to do it anyway; I know that it is wrong not to tithe, but I am not going to do it this week-in order to make my payments."] "If we sin *willfully* [premeditate sin] *after* we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins." Certainly that statement is clear and cannot be readily misunderstood! There are sins that will not be forgiven!

Turn to the book of Romans to see this doctrine explained more fully. Romans 3:23-25 reads, "For all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh." We have, haven't we? There is not a man on earth that has not sinned. We are shown that fact in a number of places in the Sacred Scriptures; for example, see Ecclesiastes 7:20. "Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that does good, and sins not."

"Being justified [declared innocent] freely by his grace [by Yahweh's mercy] through the redemption that is in the Messiah Yahshua: whom Yahweh set forth to be a propitiation [atonement, blood covering], through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over [Yahweh is omitting, exempting from punishment, jumping over] of the sins formerly committed in the forebearance of Yahweh." How clear when we thoroughly explain each term.

Return now to Hebrews 10:26, "If we sin willfully AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH [after Yahweh has given us grace, forgiven us, after He has judged us innocent of past sins] there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire [he doesn't use

the term *Gehenna* here, but that is precisely what he means] which shall devour [eat up, to eat up ravenously] the adversaries. A man that has violated Moses' law dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses: of how much more severe punishment, think you, shall he be judged worthy, who has trodden underfoot the Son of Yahweh [treated Yahshua Messiah, the only begotten Son of Yahweh, as a shoe rag], and has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has done despite to the Spirit of grace?" That describes blaspheming the Holy Spirit. It means to backslide-to return willfully to a life of sin after having known the Truth.

Yahweh and His Holy Spirit are two witnesses, all that is necessary to convict us of sin. If the angels of Yahweh are watching us and writing down our misdeeds, and we violate Yahweh's Law contrary to what we know to be in the Word

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Whom do we fear? Humans or Yahweh—which one holds the most authority and respect in your life? If pressure is brought upon you to disobey Yahweh's commandments, who do you obey—Yahweh or men?



#### **PROPHETIC TRENDS** today's news in prophecy

# Anti-Semitism

"O Elohim, keep not silence: hold not your peace, and be not still, O El. For, lo, your enemies make a tumult; and they that hate you have lifted up the head. They take crafty counsel against your people, and consult together against your hidden ones. They have said, Come, and LET US CUT THEM OFF FROM BEING A NATION; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." (Psalm 83:1-4).

The Psalmist Asaph was in-

spired by Yahweh to compose a prophetic Psalm concerning the multi-generational plot to destroy Israel. For more than 3,500 years, people have expressed their hatred of Yahweh and His people who follow His laws.

When Hagar gave birth to Ishmael, the angel of Yahweh prophesied that Ishmael would be untamable and wild—in opposition to even his own brethren. "And the angel of Yahweh said unto her, Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son: and shall call his name Ishmael; because Yahweh has heard your affliction. And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brethren." (Genesis 16:11-12).

When Esau—the patriarch of the Edomites—sold his birthright to Jacob, he plotted to kill his twin brother. "And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart,



The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I SLAY MY BROTHER Jacob." (Genesis 27:41).

Pharoah enacted a genocide decree against Israel's male offspring. "And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: and he said, When you do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birthstool; if it is a son, then you shall KILL HIM; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." (Exodus 1:15-16).

Just weeks after Israel was freed from Egyptian bondage, Amalek (meaning the people are King) attacked Israel. "And Yahshua overcame Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And Yahweh said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Yahshua: that I will UTTERLY BLOT OUT the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Yahweh-nissi; and he said, Yah has sworn: Yahweh will have WAR with Amalek from **GENERATION TO GENERA-**TION." (Exodus 17:13-16).

When Daniel's three friends zealously kept the Second Commandment, they were brought before Nebuchadnezzar for prosecution and death. "There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded you: they serve not your elohim, nor worship the golden image which you have set up...Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, Is it of purpose, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that YOU SERVE NOT MY MIGHTY ONE, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?" (Daniel 3:12 and 14). Yahweh, however, saved them from the fiery furnace. They then conspired to kill Daniel when he zealously praved in his western window toward Jerusalem, three times each day. "And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem;) and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his Elah, as he did before time." (Daniel 6:10). Yahweh, however, closed the lion's mouth and saved Daniel's life.

Mordecai the Jew, refused to bow before Haman the Agagite, who was a descendant of Amalek. Haman then sought to kill all of the Jews of the kingdom. Again, Yahweh saved the Jews by placing Esther as Queen and exposing Haman's wicked strategy. "And Haman said to king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; and THEIR LAWS ARE DIVERSE from those of every people; they neither keep the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it pleases the king, let it be written that they be destroyed: and I WILL PAY TEN THOUSAND TALENTS **OF SILVER** into the hands of those that have the charge of the king's business, to bring it into the king's treasuries." (Esther 3:8-9).

This is exactly what Hitler did to the Jews of the Holocaust—to enrich his regime by confiscating all of the wealth and property of the Jews of Europe.

Each Holocaust Remembrance Day, we are reminded to "never forget." But a generation of youth has grown up that have not been educated about the horrors of the Holocaust. Or, perhaps, they have been told the lie that the Holocaust never occurred. A generation of "useful idiots" have been trained to be future jihadists and terrorists—perpetrators of a 21st century genocide. When the youth of our nation chant "death

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The Second Commandment

זהוא בתקריבם אש זית מפני יהות ויוחי פקריתם זשר ועשירים אמל פל זפר מיום וודש ופעילה מי ות בני ישיראל אלה פקורי בושה אלעזרי ההבדול יר פקרו את בני ישיראל בערבת מואב על יירדי ז' ובאלה לא הנית איש פופורי פושה ואדרי ז' ובאלה מקרו את בני ישיראל במודבי אביר יהוה להב קות ז'פורה וידיייייים אל צווד אניר יהוה להב קות ז'פורה וידיייייים שינוי אניר אני אישי פי אב כלב בז יפורה ויזייייים ווש ארולי צוורי ווה לווחיים ביווחי ביווחי ביווחיים בווחיים ביווחיים ביווחיים

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In this continuing, in-depth study into the Law of Yahweh, we shall, today, scrutinize the second commandment. In the last segment, we found that Yahweh the Almighty Elohim signed His great Name at the very beginning of His Law. We discovered that the first commandment should actually read, "I am Yahweh your Elohim, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other elohim before me." (Exodus 20:2-3).

In the **King James Authorized Version**, English text, you will note that where the term L-rd appears, in the original inspired Hebrew Scriptures, the

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**IDOLATRY** -

Tetragrammaton (the four-letter term specifying the Name of the Almighty) appears. This was the inspired Name—**Yahweh**—written in the original Hebrew texts as four letters—yothe, hay, waw, hay—and pronounced **Yahweh** when transliterated without the erroneous vowel pointings appearing in the scriptural text.

The American Standard Version of 1901 renders the term as Jehovah, but Hebrew scholars will agree that no form like Jehovah ever existed before the fifteenth century. The revealed, personal Name of the Almighty can be easily pronounced without the added vowel points, but including these vowel points with the Hebrew letters, the term takes on the character of a hybrid. Also, there is no "J" sound in the Hebrew language as we have it in English, the "J" having come through the influence of the French language before the seventeenth century. Prior to that time the "J" served as the capital "I" and was pronounced as "Y."

The modern-day Bible translators appear virtually unanimous in their candid admission that the four-letter Name, the *yothe*, *hay*, *waw*, *hay*, should have been TRANSLITERATED as Yahweh—and not TRANSLATED by employing a foreign substitute such as the *L*-rd. Check the center-column references of Hosea 2:16-17, where scholars show that *L*-rd means baal in the Hebrew Scriptures. Prove this fact to yourself today!

We shall now focus our attention upon the second commandment, found in Exodus 20:4-6. "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: you shall not bow down to them, or serve them; for I Yahweh your Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those that hate me, and showing mercy to thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments."

I can assure you that we did not have anything to do with the wording of the text found here in the Sacred Scriptures. In the first chapter of the book of 2 Peter, we find in verse 20, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spoke from Yahweh, being moved by the Holy Spirit."

We, as humans, have not been granted any right to tamper with the textual meaning inherent within Yahweh's Scripture. You will note in this passage from Exodus 20 that there is no room for any doubts, or uncertainties. Here appears a strict law which clearly prohibits anyone from revering any idolatrous objects of religious reverence. In biblical times, idols were worshiped on a national scale, such as the baals in ancient Canaan (Israel). Idolatry included religious art (icons, sculptures, or painted stones) of any kind commonly in use even today in some Chr-stian worship.

Some apologists may assert here, "But we do not worship those pictures, images, and crucifixes, etc." I said just a moment ago that I did not author the Sacred Scriptures. I am merely proclaiming (preaching) its message. I do not have the right even to interpret it, or explain away the meaning. All that is required of me is to read the Bible and obey this Law which was legislated by the Most High Yahweh of Israel.

#### Breaking Down the Idols

Let us turn to the Sacred Scriptures and notice an event wherein an image of worship was broken to pieces before the Law of Yahweh. Turn to 1 Samuel 5:1-7. "Now the Philistines had taken the ark of Elohim, and they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. And the Philistines took the ark of Elohim, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod rose early on the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of Yahweh. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of Yahweh; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands lay cut off on the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, to this day.

"But the hand of Yahweh was heavy on them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and struck them with tumors, even Ashdod and the borders of it. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of Elohim of Israel shall not remain with us; for his hand is heavy on us, and on Dagon our elohim."

Here is the story behind the incident. The Philistines had captured the ark of Yahweh. They placed it in the temple wherein their mighty one Dagon was worshiped. This idol undoubtedly looked much like the commonly depicted mermaids of today, half



man and half fish. The Hebrew word *Dagon*, #1712 in **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**, is defined as *the fish* [Elohim], but essentially the term means *powerful fish*.

What happened when this idolatry encountered Yahweh's ark? The idol image could not stand before the Ark of Yahweh, the sacred golden chest, which contained the Ten Commandment Law. The idol image fell to its face before the ark, almost as though it were alive and were doing homage to or offering worship to Yahweh.

The Philistines set Dagon up again, and this time the image was destroyed, with the arms and head of the idol, severed from the torso, falling on the threshold of the temple.

Some years ago, the thought came to me that the Mighty One Yahweh did not reveal an image of Himself at any time down through history. This is not because misguided man has not tried to create some sort of an image to represent Him.

When the Israelites came out of Egypt, they made the golden calf. You will remember in Exodus chapter 32 that at the very time Moses was on Mt. Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, almost the entire nation of Israel fell into this unlawful idolatry. Israel imagined that they could easily follow their former masters-the Egyptians—and set up an object of worship to represent the Almighty that they could see with their mortal eyes during their worship. This golden calf was evidently an image of the pagan idol of the Egyptian's Apis bull. When Moses, returning from Mount Sinai, saw what the people of Yahweh had done, he threw down to the ground the tablets of the Law and broke them, thereby signifying dramatically that the Law had been broken. On that very day, Moses ordered a force of dedicated Levites to kill all the idolaters who had regressed into pagan idolatrous worship, and the dead throughout the camp of Israel numbered 3,000 men.

A syncretistic religion can never be passed off as True Worship, incorporating into the pure worship of Yahweh the corrupt pagan practices of heathen people. Moses, forthwith, took the image of the golden calf, grinding it into POWDER, he poured it out over the water. Then he made the Israelites drink the water as their punishment for allowing the people-their physical and spiritual brethren—to engage in this terrible sinful act. If making and setting up an image to worship was a sin in biblical times, is it not also a sin today? Yahweh does not change! Refer again to Malachi 3:6.

#### **Idolatry Invades Israel**

But this is not the only incident wherein the introduction of a statue, or idol image, served as a physical object of worship in Israel. We discover that, in 1 Kings chapter 12, Jeroboam, who had taken over the 10 northern tribes of Israel (known as the House of Israel) following the death of Solomon, in order to assure the loyalty of the nation of Israel to himself, had made two golden calves and placed them in shrines at opposite ends of his realm.

This he did, fearing that if his people would continue to travel to Jerusalem to worship at Yahweh's commanded pilgrim feast convocations throughout the year, the priests would probably persuade them to reject his rule and restore the rule of the royal house of David under King Rehoboam.

So Jeroboam made the two golden calves, or little bulls, images that the forefathers of these Israelites had worshiped and placed one of them in a shrine in Bethel, in the southern region of his kingdom, and the other one in Dan, in the northern part of his kingdom.

This sinful act, intending to form a syncretistic non-biblical religion, led to gross idolatry in Israel. The Israelites soon, thereafter, borrowed the worship of the baals from their Canaanite neighbors. The baals were worshiped as mighty ones of nature. The idol Baal was closely associated with the worship of the sacred stems, or groves, as the **King James Version** translates the term *asherah*, a pagan practice that stands for the abominable phallic (sex) worship which characterized it.

All these heathen objects of worship were later destroyed from Israel when the nation was sent into national slavery as punishment from Almighty Yahweh for their lawless lewdness.

#### **Spiritual Worship**

You might have already developed the question in your mind, "Why not have an object of worship, something to make our minds more reverent, some visible object that will capture and hold our attention, something that the physical eye can see? Would this not be an aid to greater personal inspiration?"

You will remember the story in the New Testament Scriptures in the evangel (good news) according to John the Apostle. In John chapter 4 appears the story of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. She acknowledges that the Messiah Yahshua is a prophet a holy man from Yahweh sent to them. So she asks a question that raised a sharp point of contention between the Jews and the Samaritans concerning the place that people should worship: In the Assemblies of Yahweh meeting hall at Bethel, we feature no religious art, but only a seal on which appears the Name of the Father and the Son, as referenced in Revelation 14:1.



#### "And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and

with him a hundred forty-four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads."

should it be Mount Gerizim, or in Jerusalem?

Let us consider carefully the Messiah's reply. "Yahshua says to her, Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. You worship that which you know not: we worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such does the Father seek to be his worshipers. Yahweh is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:21-24).

As you can notice, if you are perceptive, the more accurate translation has been set forth here in The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition, version, "Yahweh is Spirit," instead of "Yahweh is a Spirit." Let us note that there is NO INDEFINITE ARTICLE appearing in either the Hebrew, or Greek, languages. Therefore, occasionally, our understanding can be enhanced by dropping the added indefinite article from the English translation. Yahweh is composed of Spirit, not physical substance that can be represented

by matter, and, therefore, He must be worshiped in spirit and in Truth. This means that we must worship Him with our purified spiritual minds and not with our human eyes-with truth, obedience, and lawful living, and not through sin, lawlessness-making images to look at, something which His Laws clearly prohibit. When we make a religious image, use any form of religious art, make any representation of Him whatsoever, we limit Him not only in our eyes, but we belittle Him before all the world. Yahweh will not endure this humiliation; consequently. He either causes a natural catastrophe or incident to destroy the images that are purported to represent Him.

We must realize that the only way the True Worshiper can correctly represent Yahweh is through elevating His one True and exclusive personal Name. In the Assemblies of Yahweh meeting hall at Bethel, we feature no religious art, but only a seal on which appears the Name of the Father and the Son, as referenced in Revelation 14:1.

Here again, we are assured that the blessing for the obedience to Yahweh's Law will be happy, fruitful lives, a joyful existence spent in the mercy and grace of Yahweh (Exodus 20:6). The curse of the Law comprised the death sentence that was conferred as punishment upon the disobedient Israelites in Exodus 32. Yahweh states, in Exodus chapter 20, that He will visit the penalty for any willful violation of His Laws upon the people down to the third and fourth generation of those who reveal by their sin that they hate Him. In other words, by failing to obey His great Law, you are showing that you actually do not love Him, but, rather, that you hate Him. Conversely, He will show mercy to all who obey His Torah (Law).

To gather more support for these statements, let us look at the Scripture found in Hebrews 10:26-27. "For if we sin willfully after we received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries."

Now notice Leviticus 26:1. "You shall make no idols, neither shall you rear up a graven image, or a pillar, neither shall you place any figured stone in your land, to bow down to it:

#### for I am Yahweh your Elohim."

Can we misunderstand such plain statements? Hardly!

#### Living the Commandments

Today, let all of us ask ourselves the questions: What is so difficult about keeping this commandment? Is this commandment some kind of a yoke of bondage? Would our lives be seriously disrupted if we were to obey it? Is there anything wrong with not limiting the Almighty Yahweh by reducing Him to a form of material substance? Would we be deprived, somehow, if we simply worshiped Him in spirit and in Truth? If we are honest with ourselves, and answer these questions with our minds fixed upon obeying the commandments of Yahweh, I know we will have to acknowledge— "Thy will be done!"

I leave you now with this closing thought from the Sacred Scriptures, found in Psalm 96:5. *"For all the elohim of the peoples are idols; but Yahweh made the heavens."* 

Can you recognize the remarkable contrast between the lawful worship of Yahweh, the True and Living Mighty One, and His Son, our Redeemer and Savior, and the deplorable religion of those who willfully transgress His Laws? The separating point obviously hinges upon the term idolatry.

"They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped a molten image. In this manner they changed their glory for the likeness of an ox that eats grass." (Psalm 106:19-20).

"The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; they have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. They that make them shall be like to them; yes, every one that trusts in them." (Psalm 135:16-18).

Let us eliminate all religious art from our personal environment, so that we may please the Mighty One who created all things, and that we may keep His commandments.  $s_{N_B}$ 

# The Unpardonable

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of Yahweh and contrary to what the Spirit of Yahweh, the Spirit of Remembrance, is reminding us to do in our minds and hearts—that is enough to convict the sinner, and severe punishment will follow!

For we know Him who said, "Vengeance belongs to me, I will repay." Yahweh shall judge His people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a Living Elohim, the one and only Living Elohim!

Who do we fear? Humans, or Yahweh—which one holds the most authority and respect in your life? If pressure is brought upon you to disobey Yahweh's commandments, who do you obey—Yahweh or men? Yahshua said, "And I say to you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I

will warn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, who after he has killed has power to cast into Gehenna; yes, I say to you, Fear him." (Luke 12:4-5). See also Matthew 10:28. "And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."

Turn next to Numbers 15:27. "And if one person sins through error, then he shall offer a she-goat a year old for a sin-offering. And the priest shall make atonement for the soul that erred, when he sins through error before Yahweh,



to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven." There is no difference between the Old Testament doctrine and the New Testament doctrine. If one sinned through error, through making a human mistake, without premeditating sin, he was forgiven under the Old Testament sacrificial system. The same is true today in this New Covenant era.

"You shall have one law for him that does anything in error, for him that is homeborn among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourns among them. But the soul that does anything with a high hand [that is, with arrogance, or outright rebellion, against the Most High—knowing that he is definitely doing wrong, knowing that he is sinning willful sin, premeditated sin], whether he is home-born or a sojourner, the same blasphemes Yahweh." Do you know what it means to blaspheme Yahweh, to speak and act disrespectfully in any way against Yahweh, the Most High? You need not merely speak disrespectfully of Yahweh; actions, many times, speak louder than words. Have you rebelliously defied the Most High?

This understanding is quite serious. Are you hearing the voice of the Word of Yahweh? Continuing in Numbers 15:30, we read, "The same blasphemes Yahweh; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people, because he has despised the word of Yahweh." That description relates to the unpardonable sin which the person has committed who spurns and rejects the Word of Yahweh. The sin that will not be forgiven is the transgression that the person commits in knowing defiance against the Law of Yahweh. "He will be cut off from among his people, Because he has despised [rejected, totally thought evil of] the word of Yahweh, and has broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him."

Continuing with the context of this passage: "And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath day." What should they do with this man, they asked Moses? He instructed that the offender should be restrained overnight, and the next day Yahweh said that the man was worthy of death, because he despised Yahweh's Word.

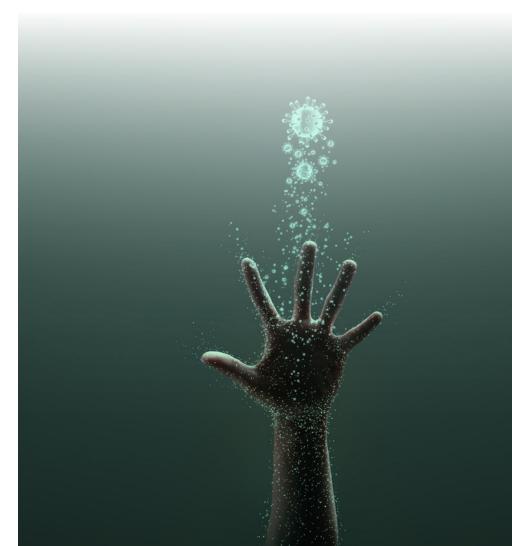
Now, remember, the context of Numbers 15 clearly demonstrates that the accused Israelite has willfully despised (rebelled against) the Word of Yahweh. In the next paragraph, beginning with verse 37, Yahweh instructs Israel to make fringes on the borders of their garments. Perhaps this will help them to remember. "Throughout their generations, and that they put on the fringe of each border a cord of blue: and it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of Yahweh, and do them, and that you follow not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you used to play the harlot; that you may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your Elohim."

Why don't the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh put on *tzitzim* (the fringes)? The answer is because they are supposed to

have the Holy Spirit, which is the spirit of remembrance, "But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you...." (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit will cause you to remember Yahweh's Covenant Law; it is the spirit of remembrance.

The Old Testament Israelites were generally not given Yahweh's Holy Spirit, so they needed a visible reminder to keep Yahweh's Covenant Law. The leaders kings, priests, and prophets were given special access to the Holy Spirit, however.

If you are having problems obeying some aspect of Yahweh's Law, then you should indeed put on the *tzitzit*, the fringe, so that you can be reminded visually, as well as spiritually, to obey Yahweh's



commandments. However, don't make it visible to anybody. It was intended for your eyes only, to remind YOU to obey Yahweh's Laws. The blue fringe was not intended for someone else's eyes to see that YOU are reminded to keep a commandment, or a statute, or a Law. If you need it, however, put it on so you can get to the Kingdom of Yahweh! Then, whenever you put on your garments, you will see the reminder for yourself.

But for the people who are striving to nurture Yahweh's Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is the spirit of remembrance. Yahweh's Holy Spirit will cause you to remember them. Don't spurn that spirit! Don't thrust it aside! Don't despise the Word of Yahweh in which dwells His spirit (John 6:63). Don't reject it, because if you do, you will be committing the sin which will no longer be pardoned. By willfully rejecting and spurning Yahweh's instructions, there remains no more sacrifice for sin.

Numbers 14:11, "And Yahweh said to Moses, How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have wrought among them? I will strike them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they." Do you recall what happened at this time in Israel's history? The twelve scouts returned from viewing the land. They weakened the determination of the Israelites. Yahweh disinherited the nation and declared that only two of them will go to the Promised Land. But Moses pleaded with Yahweh for them. He was the intermediary for Israel; he was the defense attorney in this case, pleading with Yahweh, "Don't destroy Israel."

Let us remember those incidents, because they are recorded for our further instruction in Hebrews 3:12-4:6. Note this passage carefully, and read it thoughtfully. We should tremble as we are reading it, because its implications are serious. Hebrews 6:4 reads. "For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift." I have seen fulfillment of this description many times. People will come to the doorway of the Assemblies of Yahweh, and there will be light in their eyes because the life of Yahweh is being put into their minds as they are reading the Bible, believing it, and starting to put its instructions into practice. They become immersed and they take up Yahshua's voke, the easyto-bear yoke, of His Covenant, and, then, for some reason, they "tasted the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and tasted the good word of Yahweh, and the powers of the age to come, and then fell away, it is IMPOSSIBLE [do you fully realize the finality of that word, IMPOSSIBLE?], to renew them again to repentance; since they impale to themselves the Son of Yahweh again, and put him to an open shame."

When someone rises up against the administration of Yahweh's Word one time, I know that they are not long for the Assemblies of Yahweh. When someone rises up one time, it is obvious that they have been, in the past, grumbling, complaining, murmuring, either vocally, or in their hearts. It is now visible what lies in their hearts.

"For the land which has drunk the rain that comes often upon it, and brings forth herbs useful for them for whose sake it is also tilled, receives blessings from Yahweh: but if it bears thorns and thistles, it is rejected and near to a curse; whose end is to be burned...." (Hebrews 6:7-8). I would like to add one point here that the Apostle makes in 2 Peter 2:20. "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Master and Savior Yahshua the Messiah, they are again entangled in it and OVERCOME." That little term *overcome* is why the Apostle Paul instructs the believers to put the sinner out of the Assembly. That sinner will eventually reveal to you what is in his heart. If he is an honest person who has sinned without premeditation, when he is excommunicated from the Assembly after his sin is discovered, he will begin to repent immediately. He will say, "Stop! I want to get to Yahweh's Kingdom. I know that I have committed a transgression of the Law. But I did it without thinking and realizing what I did. I want to be saved. Help me to be reinstated."

Something similar to this happened in 1 Corinthians 5, a passage which we read at almost every Passover. Paul says, "But them that are outside Elohim judges. Put away the wicked man from among vourselves." Later on in the second epistle, the second chapter, he says, "But if any has caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all. Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the many; SO THAT YOU SHOULD RATHER FORGIVE HIM AND COMFORT HIM." (Verses 5-7). This man. immediately when he was put out of the Assembly, repented and he began to take steps to restore his membership in the Assembly. The Assembly followed Paul's instruction found in Galatians 6:1.

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"Brethren, even if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to yourself, lest you also be tempted."

In Proverbs 21:16, Solomon comments on this same subject—the unpardonable sin. "The man that wanders out of the way of understanding [those who fall away and are overcome], Shall rest in the assembly of the dead [the Hebrew word is rephaim]." The term rephaim refers back to the Cain civilization, which was destroyed in the flood. If you turn to Job 26:5, you find there, "They that are deceased tremble beneath the waters and the inhabitants of it. Sheol is naked before Elohim, and Abaddon has no covering." The rephaim remain under the waters with the inhabitants of it. There will be no resurrection for them, since Yahweh has already judged and executed the offenders.

Remember, the one who wanders out of the way of understanding shall be in the assembly of the *rephaim*. Isaiah 26:11-14, "Yahweh, your hand is lifted

up, yet they see not: but they shall see your zeal for the people, and be put to shame; YES, FIRE SHALL DEVOUR YOUR ADVERSARIES. Yahweh. you will ordain peace for us; for you have also worked all our works for us. O Yahweh our Elohim, other rulers besides *vou have had dominion over us;* but by you only will we make mention of your name. THEY ARE DEAD, they shall not live; they are DECEASED [Hebrew-Rephaim], THEY SHALL **NOT RISE** [in the judgment]: therefore have you VISITED and DESTROYED THEM, and made all remembrance of them to perish."

The Cain civilization, destroyed in the Great Deluge, will have no resurrection. Solomon also indicates that neither will those who wander out of the way of understanding, Proverbs 21:16. Why should Yahweh go through an exercise in futility? He has destroyed them; they will rest forever, forever in the assembly of the dead (along with the *Rephaim*). No life from Yahweh, at any time in the future, will be theirs. This message is serious. When you are tempted to sin, you should always consider carefully. If you should think: "I know this is wrong, but I am going to do it anyway," Isaiah 33:10 speaks clearly to you. "Now will I arise, says Yahweh; now will I lift up myself; now will I be exalted. You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble: your breath is a fire that shall devour you. And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime...."

The peoples shall be as the burnings of lime and as thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire. They shall be as a powdery ash. They shall be reduced to fine powder-like quick lime, or wood ashes.

Continuing with verse 13 of Isaiah 33, "Hear, you that are far off, what I have done; and, you that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the lawless ones: Who among us can dwell with THE DEVOUR-ING FIRE? Who among us can dwell with EVERLASTING [perhaps eternal] burnings? He that walks righteously, and speaks

#### uprightly; he that despises the gain of oppressions...."

Judah also has something to say about what happens to those who commit the unpardonable sin. Judah 5-8 says that it will be the vengeance of eternal fire poured out upon them, and this judgment from the Eternal Yahweh on High will terminate the tribulation which is prophesied to fall upon the world during our time. Verse 7 says, "Suffering the punishment of eternal fire."

Judah 15 states, **"To execute** judgments upon all, and to convict all the lawless of all their works of lawlessness which they have wickedly worked, and all the HARD THINGS which wicked sinners HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST HIM." Let's watch our tongues. It is important that we be very, very careful regarding what we say. The vengeance of eternal fire will devour the wicked people and turn them into fine, powdery ash.

2 Thessalonians 1:7, "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:

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because we have embraced the Covenant with Yahweh. We must strive with our very being to be faithful to the end, faithful to death, faithful to Yahweh's Covenant. who shall suffer punishment, even ETERNAL DESTRUC-TION from the face of Yahshua and from the glory of his might, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints."

Revelation 20:11, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and the books were opened [What books? The Sacred Scriptures, the 66 books of the Bible.]: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books [this will be the standard of judgment], according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it." This judgment is not describing a resurrected Cain civilization. but others who have died. "And death and the grave gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and the grave were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, even the lake of fire. And if any was not found in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire."

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Isaiah 65:13, "Therefore thus says Yahweh, Behold, my servants [Obadiahs] shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame; behold, my servants [the Obadiahs] shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall wail for vexation of spirit." Notice the two contrasts. Those who worship and serve the True Mighty One, Yahweh, will be saved. Those who spurn His Word and disobey His Covenant will perish.

It all comes down finally to one question: "Who is your Elohim? Who is your Mighty One? Is it Yahweh, the Life-giver, or Satan the Adversary?"

Continuing with verse 15 of Isaiah 65, "And you shall leave your name for a curse to my chosen; and THE SOVEREIGN YAHWEH WILL KILL YOU." Yahweh clearly tells us that He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turns from his evil way and lives, Ezekiel 18. However, it is certain that Yahweh has promised to kill all the sinners. Don't deliberately insult Him. In the time in which we are now living, we must be very careful to guard the sanctity of our spiritual garments, or else we will walk naked and be shamed and destroyed and killed by Almighty Yahweh. Every enticement to do evil can befall a True Worshiper.

If we obey Yahweh, we will receive His blessing and His protection. When someone disobeys, he will actually curse himself. Yahweh only imparts the reward the person justly deserves.

Malachi 4:4, "Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel [because all Israel ran away after the Ten Commandments were given, Moses had to be intermediary. Israel accepted Moses to stand in as their surrogate and intermediary. Yahweh accepted him. We must obey what he wrote down for us; that is the Covenant.], even statutes and ordinances. Behold, I will send you EliYah the prophet [the preacher of this Covenant] before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes [the tribulation time, when Yahweh rises to shake mightily the earth]. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

As you read this, you should be making some important personal decisions. Decide now to obey Yahweh's Covenant. Don't curse yourself! Obey Yahweh's Laws! Do not premeditate sin, because Yahweh is still on the throne, His power is supreme, and He knows your heart. Judgment will soon befall those who willfully spurn the preaching of the Word of Yahweh.  $s_{N_B}$ 



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to Israel," and "death to America," the next step is to carry out the murderous acts on a new generation of helpless victims.

The hatred of Yahweh and those who follow His commandments repeats itself *ad nauseum* in each century, it seems. Antiochus Epiphanes performed a genocide upon all who rejected his edicts to force paganism on the Jews of the Maccabean era.

Jews were expelled from Rome in 131 BCE, and Claudius did the

same during his reign, see Acts 18:2. Following the Bar Kokhba Revolt, Hadrian renamed Jerusalem Aelia Capitolina, built a Jupiter temple on the Temple Mount and banned all Jews from Judea—renaming the province Palestina, a name that was adopted just a few decades ago by the Palestinians.

This anti-Israel Arab confederacy has united all haters of Jews and Israel together with young antisemites around the world to make "Palestine" Jew-free (*Judenfrei* is a Nazi term) from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea.

Yahshua has warned us that those who follow Yahweh and His Anointed Messiah, Yahshua, will be hated of ALL MEN FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE. "And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22). This prophecy will soon to be fulfilled in the next few months and years. <sup>SNB</sup>

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