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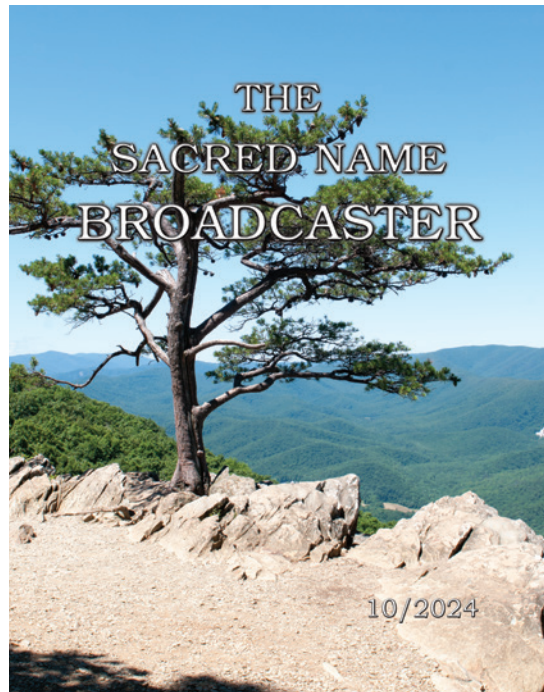
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Our cover this month depicts a lone pine tree growing out of the rock at Ravens Roost Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia.

In the Scriptures, rocks serve as enduring symbols of the strength, stability, and refuge of Yahweh and His only-begotten Son, Yahshua the Messiah. Our Rock is perfect and just (Deuteronomy 32:4), promising refuge and shelter (Psalm 18:2), as well as guidance (Psalm 31:2-3) and salvation (Psalm 62:2, 6-7).

Yahweh is always there for us when we are in need. He will lift us up and place us upon the Rock, "And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings." (Psalm 40:2b).

Make your commitment to follow Yahshua, our Rock and Redeemer. "Looking to Yahshua the author and perfecter of our faith...." (Hebrews 12:2a). Those who hear and obey the words of Yahshua the Messiah will be blessed. "Every one therefore that hears these words of mine, and does them, shall be likened to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. And every one that hears these words of mine, and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand...." (Matthew 7:24-25).





What About T-Day?

Since so many people have become irreligious in these modern times, the popular trend is to call the American Thanksgiving, “T-Day.” If you are religious, it remains Thanksgiving Day. If you are not religious, it signifies “Turkey Day”—time for a turkey feast. Most people who observe the worldly holidays today have never really searched out the facts of the subject for themselves from their own Bible.

Most people might be stunned and puzzled to learn that the American Thanksgiving Day was never held late in the month of

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November by the Pilgrims who were reputed to have originated it. Historical facts tell us that the Pilgrims celebrated their first special thanksgiving feast in early October. This date would closely correspond to the time when the Feast of Tabernacles would be observed and be so much more in line with the New England fall harvest season.

Some of the people who have researched the subject of the

American Thanksgiving Day believe that the Pilgrims actually were perpetuating the English custom of holding a harvest home observance. When the author was a youth, the denomination in which he was a member would observe a harvest home commemoration in the early fall. Whether this corresponded with the Feast of Tabernacles time, we cannot say, but it was held earlier than the American Thanksgiving time of year.

Without a doubt, the American Thanksgiving Day is founded just like the other holidays observed



“And you have made void the word of Yahweh because of your tradition. You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.”

MATTHEW 15:6B-9

by nominal ch-rchianity upon the same premise. That belief is that mankind can determine any observance he wishes, since we are now under grace and not under the Law. The supernaturally commanded biblical holy days are spurned, lightly cast aside, and, regrettably, others that are not sanctified by the Bible are substituted in their place. Then, these unscriptural holidays are proof-texted out of the Sacred Scriptures, whereas, they are, in reality, the commandments and doctrines of men.

Yahshua the Messiah warned against accepting such observances in Matthew 15:6b-9, ***“And you have made void the word of Yahweh because of your tradition. You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,***

This people honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.”

Yahshua the Messiah was quoting from Isaiah 29:13-14. ***“And Yahweh said, Since this people draws near to me, and with their mouth and with their lips honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which has been taught them; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.”***

It should not be difficult for any sincere student of the Bible to require that the doctrines he believes and practices must be accurately derived from the Sacred Scriptures. Such a devoted Bible believer will understand that sin is the transgression of (the violation of, the breaking of) the Law of Yahweh (1 John 3:4). **WHENEVER ANYONE SETS ASIDE, VIOLATES, BREAKS, OR REJECTS THE LAW OF YAHWEH TO SATISFY HIS OWN INCLINATION WITH A SYSTEM OF CONDUCT OF HIS OWN CREATION, HE IS GUILTY OF COMMITTING SIN.** You must understand that the wages sin pays is death (Romans 6:23).

In the Sacred Scriptures, Almighty Yahweh has specified that there shall be two thanksgiving

observances. These holy times of worship are designated as pilgrim feasts, since travel is involved. The first one is designated as the early thanksgiving day, which is called *Shavuoth*, or Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks. ***“And you shall observe the feast of weeks, even of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year’s end. Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the sovereign Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel.”*** (Exodus 34:22-23).

The Feast of Weeks is to comprise the thanksgiving for the early harvest (barley) and to offer thanks for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest. The term *feast* in the Hebrew text is *chag*, and it means *to gather around in a circle as though in worship, or dancing with rejoicing*. This term is also used in Deuteronomy 16:11.

At year’s end, the Feast of Ingathering is to be observed. Almighty Yahweh tells us that it shall be a thanksgiving for the latter harvests. ***“And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of your labors, which you sow in the field: and the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when you gather in your labors out of the field. Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the sovereign Yahweh.”*** (Exodus 23:16-17).

“You shall keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor and from your winepress: and you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within your gates. Seven days shall you keep a feast to Yahweh your Elohim

in the place which Yahweh shall choose; because Yahweh your Elohim will bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful.” (Deuteronomy 16:13-15).

As we can see, in all of the reference material, the American Thanksgiving Day has been proclaimed by a human leader to be observed on Thursday in late November. George Washington issued a proclamation that November 26, 1789, should be observed as a day of national thanksgiving. Abraham Lincoln (revered though he may be, encouraged a wrongful action) proclaimed the last Thursday of November 1863 as Thanksgiving Day, and that custom continued down into the 1930s. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt designated the national observance of Thanksgiving to be held on the third Thursday of November, so that an extra week could be added to the Christmas shopping season, endeavoring to help pull America out of the 1930’s Depression. However, the following year, 1941, Congress established the day for the American Thanksgiving to be held each year on the fourth Thursday of the month of November (as it continues up to our time), and Congress also declared it to be a legal federal holiday (**World Book Encyclopedia**).

When we recognize that Almighty Yahweh has, in His Word, scheduled and commanded certain days in the seventh scriptural month for a thanksgiving feast to be forever observed in worship and praise, dedicated to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, then we must call into question WHY THE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING DAY IS HELD APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH LATER? Many people do not understand that Jeroboam, the first

king of the northern kingdom, known as the House of Israel, was responsible for implementing this change in his realm. We read about this decision in 1 Kings 12:25-33, ***“Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim, and dwelt in it; and he went out from there, and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, now will the kingdom return to the house of David: if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, then will the heart of this people turn again to their sovereign, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. And the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your elohim, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other he put in Dan. And THIS THING BECAME A SIN; for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan. And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, that were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained a feast IN THE EIGHTH MONTH, on the FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH, LIKE THE FEAST that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; so he did in Beth-el, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. And he went up to the altar which he had made in Beth-el ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY IN THE EIGHTH MONTH, even IN THE MONTH WHICH HE HAD DEVISED OF HIS OWN HEART: and he ordained***



Each fall, His people must gather in holy convocation. NO HUMAN BEING CAN ALTER THIS COMMANDMENT of his own volition, because Yahweh has established it.

a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.”

Almighty Yahweh has specified that special seasons shall be devoted to His worship in recognition of His blessings. For seven days, from the fifteenth to the twenty-first day of the seventh scriptural month, with a following eighth day, shall be set aside a time of special worship. Each fall, His people must gather in holy convocation. **NO HUMAN BEING CAN ALTER THIS COMMANDMENT** of his own volition, because Yahweh has established it.

Jeroboam feared that His subjects, the members of the 10-tribed House of Israel, the northern kingdom, would still continue to assemble at Jerusalem for worship during the seventh month as Yahweh's Word directs them. This would put them under the authority of Yahweh's priesthood.

Therefore, he took counsel (took the advice of some of his ministers) and made two calves of gold. The one he set in a shrine at Dan (in the north) and a second one in a shrine at Bethel, toward the south (about 15 miles from the border with the House of Judah). Scripture tells us that this thing became a sin, because he had devised it from his own heart to circumvent the commandments of Yahweh. Jeroboam had inaugurated a national feast observance in violation of Yahweh's Covenant Law!

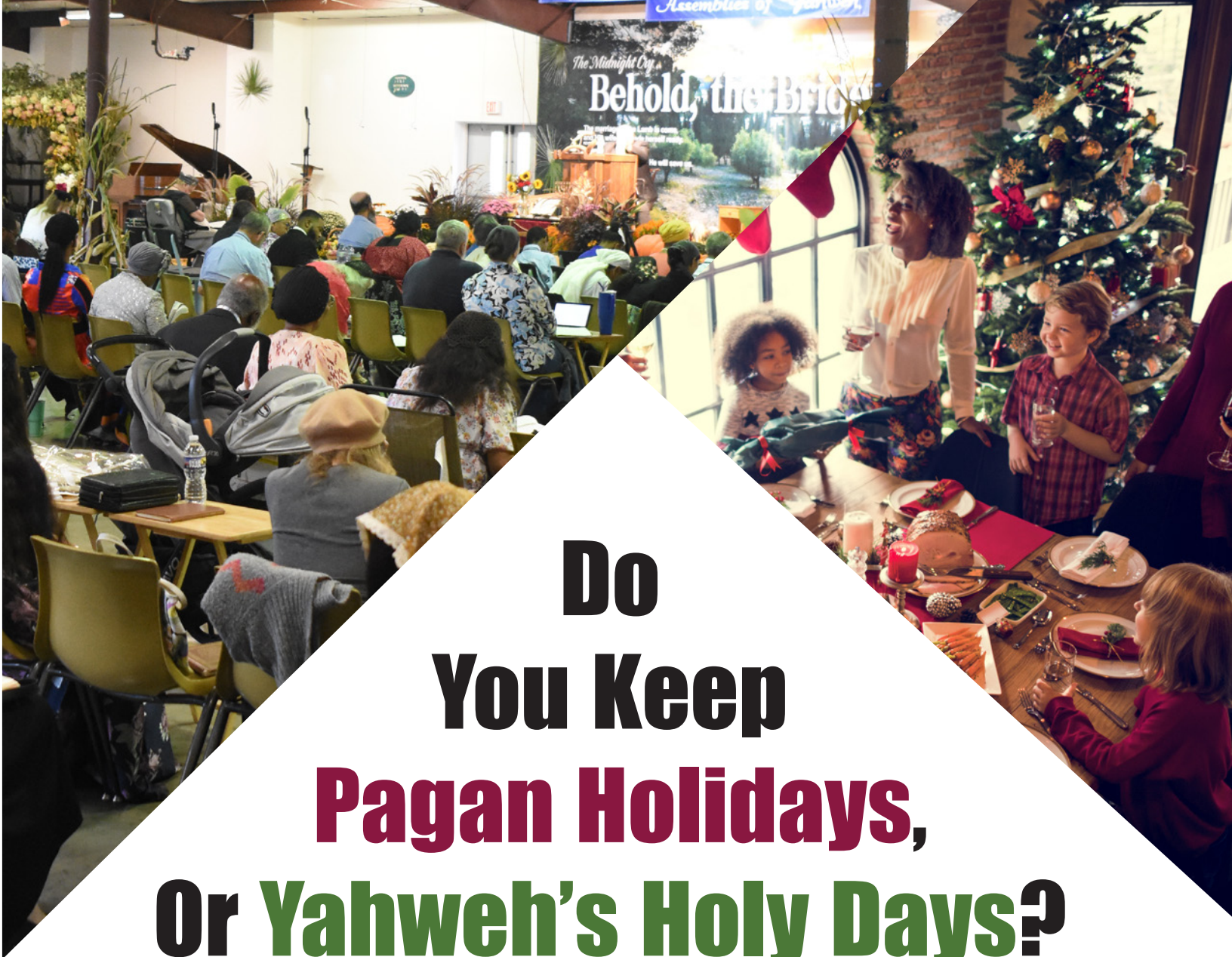
Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles, His festival of thanksgiving for the abundant harvest of the year, that He gave us for next year, 2025, is tentatively scheduled for October 8-14, 2025, with the Last Great Day falling on October 15. The eighth scriptural month is expected to begin on October 24, 2025. The fifteenth day of the eighth scriptural month next

year would be November 7 with that feast ending on November 14, if it was kept according to Jeroboam's Feast of Tabernacles. In 2025, the American Thanksgiving Day is scheduled to be observed on November 27, two and one half weeks following the ending of Jeroboam's feast, but around the same season, late in the fall (too cold for the average person to camp out for a week).

If you check the 1997 configuration of days, they fell much closer to what the Bible indicated was Jeroboam's eighth-month thanksgiving. Some years, the third Thursday of the month, as designated by President Roosevelt, would fall exactly within the feast of the eighth month, from the fifteenth to the twenty-second day of the month.

Recently we saw a rather noted

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Do You Keep Pagan Holidays, Or Yahweh's Holy Days?

Throughout the summer months, most people work diligently at their vocations. Even though few may be engaged in agriculture, nevertheless, summer affords an opportunity for everyone to accomplish all kinds of tasks around our homes that have been set aside during cold weather months. Some people are able to take a leisurely vacation during the summer months, and this absorbs their time.

The sequence of days during the summer months are interrupted by three holidays here in

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the United States: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Although some of these holidays result from patriotic observances, it seems as though they are scheduled to occur with some degree of regularity, and they relieve the monotony of work days.

Following Labor Day, several months elapse until, in the fall, three holidays with religious over-

tones occur in consecutive months.

Let us take a closer look at them to determine if the True Worshiper should engage in worship, or the observance, of these days at that time of year.

Halloween— A Preoccupation With Death

In the fall of the year, one can not help but notice the unusually large number of discussions that were published in the news

media expressing great concern regarding the trends bent toward violence and Satan worship in celebrating this fall holiday. The celebration has been presented throughout Christianity as a very innocent day of fun and frolic. However, many historians trace the Halloween observance to the date associated with the Roman feast of Pomona—a female mighty one who blessed the people with fruits and seed and was honored after the time of the fall harvest.

Other commentators have traced the Halloween dating and practices to an ancient New Year festival that was celebrated by the Druids in the British Isles. At that time of year, the Druids honored their dead ancestors. It was said to have been the date upon which the mighty one of death recalled the souls of the dead back from the bodies of the animals in which they had been condemned to inhabit the year before. He would, on that day, decide what animal form these spirits of the dead would be required to inhabit for the coming year.

A philosophy and religion professor at a local college here in Pennsylvania made the observation, *“The problem with Halloween*

is that no one knows a lot about it, although there has been an attempt to link it to the Druids, the Celts, the Vikings, and Nordic religion.”

In the book, **The American Book of Days**, by G. W. Douglas, a passage is quoted as saying, *“The witches held a party on Halloween and the women who seemed like other people during the rest of the year, but had sold their souls to the devil, would put a stick in their beds anointed with the fat of murdered babies. This stick would change itself into their likeness and they could fly up a chimney on a broom stick attended by black cats.”* Undoubtedly, the reference to the murdered babies harks back to human sacrifice.

Why do children today dress up in masks with hatchets sticking in their heads? Why do they dress in garbs of death? Why is there a demonic, Satanist atmosphere attached to the celebration of the day? These customs and their recent trends originated somewhere.

The Druids (a priestly religious order of the Celts) undoubtedly had something to do with originating the modern-day observance of Halloween. Since they specified their new year to begin on November 1, they proclaimed an

end-of-the-year festival of Samhain—the mighty one of death. Huge bonfires were lit (undoubtedly in honor of the worship of the sun), horses and, sometimes, humans were sacrificed, and everyone was on the lookout for evil spirits and ghosts.

When the Roman Catholic Church began expanding, their priests found converts who intended to retain the Celtic celebration of Samhain. If they tried to squash the pagan customs, the Catholic missionary priests believed, people would rebel against the new religion. If they handed out notices of excommunication, the church would lose many of their new members. Consequently, the Roman Catholic priesthood decided to allow the pagans to retain their customs, but to also Christianize the festival (and other obviously pagan practices) as a religious holiday. This is how the Roman Catholic Church assimilated customs that were derived from a pagan origin.

To retain All Souls Day, the church fathers specified November 1 as All Hallows Day. The night before was celebrated as All Hallow Even, or All Hallowe'en (Halloween).



We have already mentioned the bonfires which were obviously lit in celebration of sun worship. As the cool fall weather deepened and the sun receded further south, the pagan people needed something to remind themselves of the warm summer sun; therefore, they lit bonfires. Bonfires then took on a sacred significance to remind them of the sun.

However, there is more to this English term *bonfires* than meets the eye. *Bonfire* has a highly unusual meaning (from the **Webster's New World Dictionary**, Second College Edition): "*bonfire n. [ME. banefyre, lit. bone fire; later, funeral pyre] a large fire built out-of-doors.*" How astounding!

Isn't it amazing how this connection is made between death and bonfire in the etymology of the term? Obviously, the bone fire was used to immolate people who had died and is obviously reminiscent of ancient human sacrifices, or of death generally.

The Celts believed that the spirits of the dead ones would come back and demand food during the Samhain festival. If they didn't get it, they would cast an evil spell on all those who refused to give them anything. This would undoubtedly be the origin of trick-or-treat.

The Irish apparently brought the jack-o-lanterns from Europe. They had a legend, in which one particular Jack—who was refused admission to both heaven and hell—ended up roaming the earth with his lantern. A jack-o'-lantern was made from a hollowed out turnip with a live coal inside. The coal was said to have been supplied by the Devil himself. Other vegetables used for lanterns were rutabagas and finally pumpkins. Today we find that jack-o'-lanterns are carved out of pumpkins, but are still reminiscent of the Jack who was condemned by Satan to

wander the earth. Can the True Worshiper engage in such obvious paganism? Obviously not!

American Thanksgiving Celebration

During the early weeks of November throughout the United States, preparations are being made for what has become known as "T-Day," or "Turkey Day." The concept of thanking an Almighty Being for the blessings we have so generously received from Him is far from the minds of the average individual. Usually, the people only look forward to having a day or two off work and to indulging in a sumptuous feast featuring roast turkey.

Although the children in school are sometimes taught to remember the Pilgrim fathers and their first American Thanksgiving Day, it is impossible to prove that the date of the Thanksgiving Day observed in the early Plymouth colony of Massachusetts was held at the end of November!

After planting and harvesting an abundant crop, the Pilgrim colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts, wished to give thanks to the Almighty for sparing them, since so many of the colonists had died that first winter. Thereupon, Governor William Bradford declared a day of feasting to commemorate their thanksgiving. The first thanksgiving feast is reliably reported to have been held from October 3 to 6, 1621. A later record in the annals of the Plymouth colony lists 20 additional thanksgiving festivals held over the next 50 years. However, the early October dating is certainly much more in agreement with the date of the scriptural Feast of Tabernacles.

In 1789, the Congress of the United States recommended that a universal Thanksgiving Day



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be established. President George Washington appointed Thursday, November 26, as the national American Thanksgiving Day. After a while, it was moved forward to the third Thursday of the month of November.

Many authors, however, recognized the relationship between the biblical Feast of Tabernacles and the American Thanksgiving Day. They cannot, however, justify the discrepancy between the dates that are observed.

As a matter of fact, the Canadian Thanksgiving Day is observed the second Monday of October—a time which more accurately corresponds with the Feast of Tabernacles held in the seventh-scriptural month. But, if so close, why not celebrate a Thanksgiving Day during the time that Yahweh designates a time of thanksgiving?

How did November come to be chosen as the date for the thanksgiving feast here in America?

Could it possibly have come out of the Bible? Actually, the Bible shows that King Jeroboam of the 10-tribed, northern House of Israel originally designated the day: “*And*

Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; so he did in Beth-el, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. And he went up to the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.” (1 Kings 12:32-33).

The 15th day of the eighth scriptural month in many years falls near or on the date of the American Thanksgiving Day! Amazing, don't you think? Yet, here is proof that the American Thanksgiving Day is designated to circumvent the Law of Yahweh.

The Sacred Scriptures makes no mention of a Thanksgiving Day as the Americans observe it; rather, it teaches us to keep Yahweh's feast days, among which the Feast of Tabernacles is observed in late September, or early October. It is surprising, however, how sometimes the American Thanksgiving



you will some day regret your actions when you stand before the judgment seat of the Messiah.

The Chr-stmas and New Year Celebration

As the month of December draws to a close, perhaps the most popular holiday of the year occurs. Usually people today will acknowledge that they will work 364 days each year, but, on Chr-stmas day, they will not work. Why should this day be so holy in the minds of people who rarely, if ever, concern themselves with any religion?

Most people will tell you that they are celebrating the birthday of the Messiah by keeping December 25. As a matter of fact, from the first chapter of Luke, we can systematically trace the progression of events from the annunciation by the angel to Zachariah concerning the birth of his son, John (who became the Baptizer), to the annunciation to the virgin Miriam (not Mary—which would be Maria), of the birth of her son, Yahshua the Messiah, in Bethlehem. However, most people do not concern themselves with understanding the meaning of the words they are reading nor of finding their antecedents in the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures. Consequently, they do not understand that the term—course of Abiyah—served to designate a

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Day does indeed fall within the week of the Feast of Tabernacles as it would be observed in the eighth month of the time which Jeroboam specified.

Should the True Worshiper then celebrate a day so closely related to a change in Yahweh's Laws? Please read Daniel 7:25-26. Will you continue to support a change in Yahweh's Laws by observing a day that is not scriptural? Perhaps

certain period of time.

Specifying December 25 as the birth of the Messiah did not occur until about 225 years after His birth. A Roman historian, Julius Sextus Africanus, in the year 221 suggested that the birth of the Messiah occurred on December 25.

December 25, or the winter solstice, had been a pagan holiday that harks all the way back to ancient Babylon. Nimrod was executed for idolatry by his great-uncle Shem. Nimrod's wife, Semiramis, thereafter bore a child who she claimed was Nimrod reincarnated. She called his name Tammuz. She depicted his birth as the reincarnation of Nimrod, a tree who had been cut down. From a dead tree stump sprang up a new little sprout of a tree. Consequently, we have the origin of tree worship by putting up and decorating Chr-stmas trees at that season of year, which ultimately depicts Nimrod's rebirth.

The Romans observed their feasts—Saturnalia, Brumalia, and Bacchanalia—at virtually this same time of year during which the world today observes Chr-stmas. Many of the customs related to these pagan observances are, today, attached to the Chr-stmas celebration. Things like the boar's-head festival, having pork on Xmas day for the Chr-stmas feast, drinking huge amounts of alcoholic beverages, closing the schools, courts, government offices, and businesses generally, along with the setting up of a tree, were all part of the ancient pagan Roman observance. In fact, the Roman feasts were actually given the name—Paganalia (pagan feasts). How about that?

The Roman Catholic Ch-rch had a proclivity for sanctifying, or Chr-stianizing, paganism. From a substitution of the names of idols for the name of the True and living

Elohim, Yahweh, and the Name of His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, to incorporating holidays previously observed by pagan people, the Roman Catholic priesthood has been instrumental in not converting the people of the world to the worship of the Bible. Rather, they proof text idolatrous doctrines and practices from pages of the Scripture and of approving them for Messianic worship. Protestantism has followed their mother.

Again, building a fire comprises a central theme of this worldly holiday. The modern-day burning of the yule log, the burning of the greens, candle lighting, and other fire ceremonies, take us back again to human sacrifices, and the death of the old year, with the bonfire (bone fire) to mark its funeral pyre.

On January 1, the world celebrates a new year. But Yahweh's new year is scheduled for celebration in the month of Abib, which falls around the end of March, or the beginning of April. Nevertheless, the Xmas-New Year celebration makes a convenient eight-day celebration to substitute for Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles. Yahweh has commanded us to observe His holy days, and He has given us a calendar in the heavens which we must follow to set His holy days as He wishes them to be

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kept. Yahweh's new year does not begin in the middle of winter, but the new year of this worldly system begins then, because that was the time when the sun had noticeably begun its northward journey after going far to the south.

Did you know that our calendar today preserves the number of the months which is according to the biblical calendar? September, October, November, December mean seven, eight, nine, and ten in Latin, but today they are the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth months of our common calendar which follows a solar calendar.

Yahweh's new year begins in the spring with the new growing season. He wanted us to remember the agricultural season in Israel, which constitutes the outline for His plan of salvation.

Yahweh's Feasts or Pagan Holidays

In a recent religious publication, the author of an article titled, "**Symbols of Chr-stmas,**" sought to attach each individual who read it to



an emotional remembrance of the Christmas celebration. He began his article by quoting Exodus 13:14, which relates to Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This passage has nothing whatsoever to do with Christmas! This is how Christianity misquotes and misapplies the Sacred Scriptures constantly.

Furthermore, the author tries to prove text the acceptability of the Christmas tree when he explains, "For example, we could put up the Christmas tree because its that time of year, or we could point out that some 400 years ago a LEGEND holds that Martin Luther in Germany saw a lofty pine against a night sky with stars shining through the trees. That night a glittering tree blazing with stars simulated by bright candles was Luther's gift to his loved ones and to the world. He is credited with cutting the first yule tree and covering it with lights. In addition, the trees are always evergreens, symbolizing the life which is ours in [Yahshua the Messiah]-a life of union with him into everlasting life. The tree has a strong trunk, and so must the Christian life be strong at the center where [the Messiah] himself dwells, rooted and grounded in love."

There is no scriptural passage one could quote to substantiate putting up a Christmas tree to commemorate December 25. Rather, evidently, the author did not know Jeremiah 10:1-4. Let us consider the passage now, "**Hear the word which Yahweh speaks to you, O house of Israel: Thus says Yahweh, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dis-**

mayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it moves not."

In seeking proof for the star on top of the tree, the author of

**Will
you continue
to support a change in
Yahweh's Laws by observing
a day that is not scriptural?
Perhaps you will some day regret
your actions when you stand
before the judgment seat
of the Messiah.**

this article says, "The tree tapers toward a point and reaches upward toward heaven, and so does the life of the Christian. The tree gives out its light, and that is the way [the Messiah] is often referred to in the Bible—the light of the world. Our tree at home has a star, and so do many others (although angels are also a popular topping for the tree). The star symbolizes the star of Bethlehem which guided the wise men to the babe in the manger. Christmas is rich in meaningful symbols when we know the meaning."

It is obvious, however, that he does not know the meaning of the symbols! The Christmas tree is condemned without reservation in the Sacred Scriptures. Was it really a star, or was it an angel

that led the wise men? If it was an angel that led the wise men (who were the *magoy, magi*—magicians) to Bethlehem, they pronounced doom upon the entire region, since all the children under the age of two were slaughtered when those travelers from the East did not reappear before King Herod in Jerusalem.

So common among Christian clergymen, we find thoughts and ideas such as he included in the following quote: "But romanticism does not have to be escapism. It can be realistic if its meaning is implemented in our lives. When the 'new branch from the old root' enters into our lives and changes them, it becomes real. In that day 'the nations will rally to him' and it will surely be a time of well-being and peace, and it will be real. Romanticism becomes real when the message becomes a real part of our lives."

Why do people keep pagan holidays? Because they are so romantically and emotionally ingrained within their memories, lifestyles, and the very being of the people of this world.

We would challenge each one of the readers of this magazine to write in for free articles on the subject of these fall holidays that will be offered in conjunction with this article. Write in and request your in-depth studies of Halloween, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. Then, do as the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh have done—begin to keep Yahweh's holy days rather than the pagan holidays of this world.

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by *Elder Jacob O. Meyer*

The Worldly Holidays

Some years ago, this minister of the Assemblies of Yahweh, with a radio broadcast on a small station here in the East, prepared a tape-recorded message to be used during the week just prior to Xmas, wherein he explained the origin of the customs associated with the celebration. As was his custom, he monitored the station to hear the broadcast and to determine how it was presented. Instead of his sermon, a program of recorded music was presented

over the air without any explanation. He immediately drove to the station offices to inquire about the reason for the obvious oversight. Upon making his inquiry with the station manager concerning the reason why his sermon was deleted, the reply was, "We can't play a tape like that during the Chr-stmas season. We have a great many merchants advertising, and we might lose some of them if they heard that message." With this opinionated decision,

this prejudiced station manager censored Bible Truth and refused to allow it to reach the public, who needed to learn the origins of the customs which they observe so avidly at the Chr-stmas season.

Such a situation could hardly develop today, since the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) currently has rather strict rules in force relative to freedom of speech. This incident is true, and it actually happened in a small town near my home.

If you are a steady listener to **The Sacred Name Broadcast**, you will remember Jeremiah chapter 10, wherein Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, in no uncertain terms condemns the use of an ornamented tree which has been cut out of the forest and fastened down within, or near, our homes. You should examine these customs carefully for yourself and learn where they originated. Usually at every major holiday season, you will notice an article, perhaps published in the Sunday paper, explaining just where the seasonal customs of the various holidays originated and what they represent. However, this is about all the good it does, as the readers of the articles fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 29:10 and Romans 11:8, which reads, ***“Yahweh gave them spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.”***

Perhaps you are just as guilty as I was of reading some of these explanatory articles and, then, going right ahead and doing them anyway. Even after knowing that they are repulsive to our Heavenly Father and unacceptable in His pure worship, we simply followed the crowd! Today, I wonder how I could have been so blind and ignorant.

Everything that I am about to show here is not of my own invention. If you care to come to visit the Assemblies of Yahweh Headquarters Offices here in Bethel, I can produce documentation to substantiate my statements. I think that it is about time for the world to come out of the darkness of superstition and ignorance and learn just where the customs that they follow have originated. Then, it is up to us to eradicate these pagan customs from our lives, so that our worship of our Father in heaven may be pure and ac-

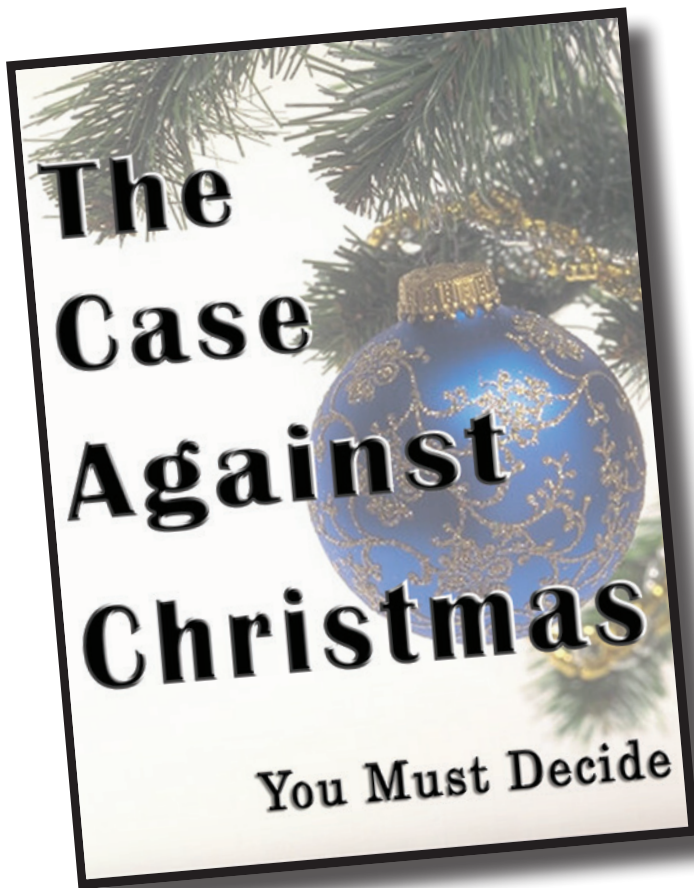
ceptable to Him, according to His Word.

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customs were all, without exception, derived from pagan worship associated with ancient Nimrod of biblical mention in Genesis 10:8-12, it should become our endeavor to stop doing these things which are repulsive to our Heavenly Father, or we just could be denied eternal salvation.

This ancient Babylonian character, Nimrod, became the false messiah which the world is worshiping today. We find in Genesis chapter 10:8-12 the one recorded biblical reference to him. He was a rebel who was a mighty hunter of men before (in opposition to) Yahweh. He founded the empires of Babylonia and Assyria. This, then, is the reason that the religious worship of these two great, world-ruling empires was so closely

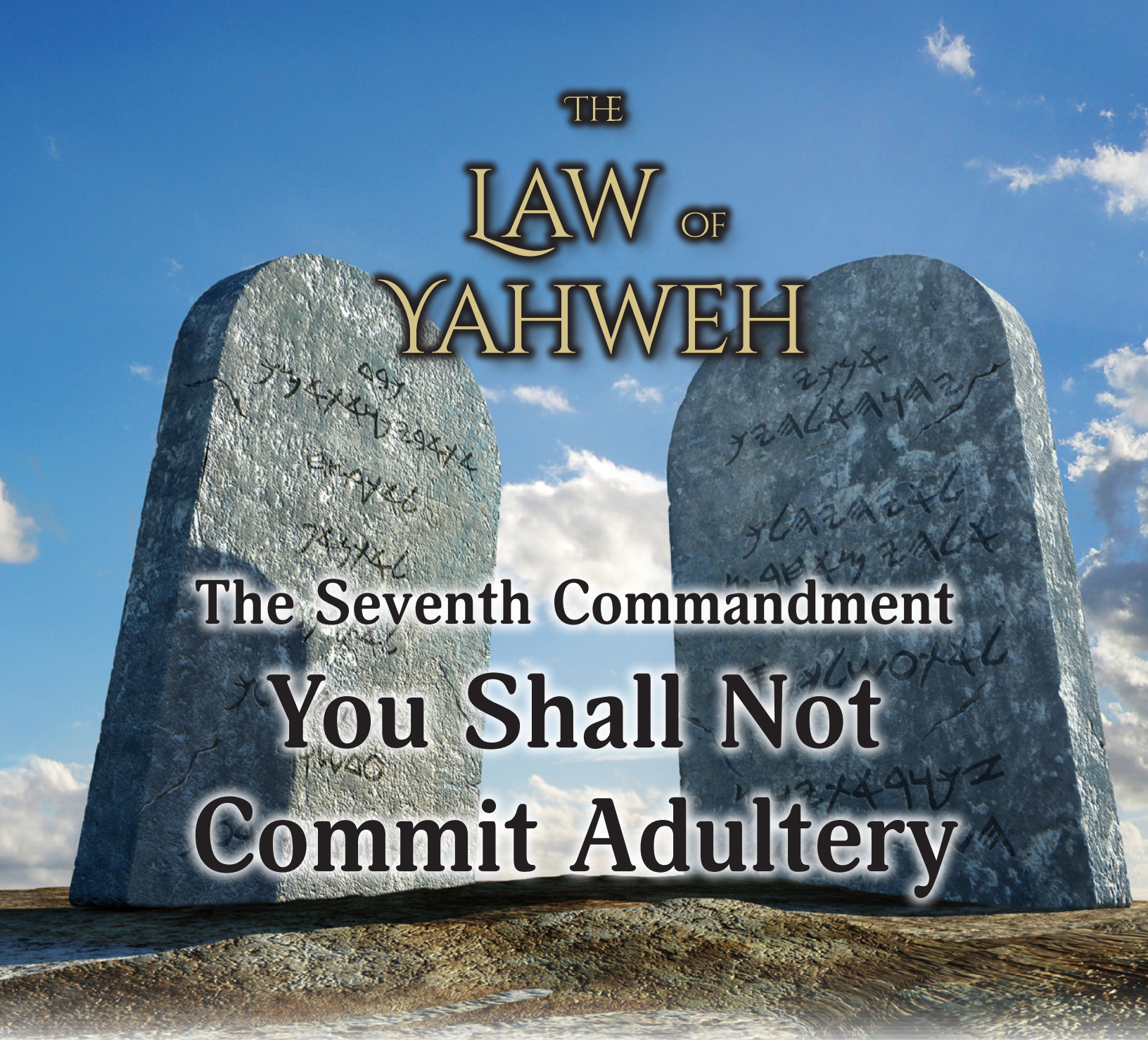
identified with each other. Legend tells us that this man was so wicked that he married his own mother, and his wife bore a reincarnation of him after his death, giving birth to the new SON (or SUN) on December 25. He was reputed to have been so wicked that his great-uncle Shem had to execute him.

From this rebellious individual originated many of the customs with which Christianity today worships the true Messiah. It is a documented fact that Christmas, Easter, and the other holidays, which are commonly observed by Christendom today, were never celebrated until 300 to 400 years after Yahshua the Messiah, the true Savior, died. Even such dedicated seekers who endeav-

ored to restore pure religion, the early Pilgrims and Puritans who settled in New England in the New World—along with my own ancestors who settled in Pennsylvania in the early 1700s—never celebrated Christmas at all. In actuality, my own family only began to make a Christmas celebration during my own lifetime. It was only after I was about six or seven years old that our family had a Christmas tree in our home, and I have only recently reached my three-quarters-of-a-century milestone.

If you have grandparents living today who live in a rural area and are concerned about observing pure worship, you might ask them how long it is that people

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The Seventh Commandment

You Shall Not
Commit Adultery

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

The seventh commandment in the Sacred Scriptures appears quite succinctly expressed in the **English Bible** with only five words: “*You shall not commit adultery.*” In the Hebrew text, it actually appears with even more brevity— “*Lo’ tin’aph.*” You will find the seventh commandment

set forth in Exodus 20:14. It is repeated again in these identical terms in Deuteronomy 5:18, with only the conjunction preceding the verb.

We are currently living in an age when the sin of adultery appears like an ordinary, acceptable act to the average individual. The

liberalism of our times has brought the world to the point where this sinful act (once considered a crime in society and punishable by a jail term, or even imprinting on the forehead “A” of the scarlet letter) is tolerated and accepted as fairly normal by society today. From high government officials, religious

leaders, prominent businessmen, and educators, down to the average man on the street, people think nothing today of violating their marriage vows with seeming impunity. One reason may be that promiscuity is the featured topic of movies, television, and print publications—almost always popularly portrayed as a normal act.

It is most important, at this time in history, that Yahweh's people carefully consider the implications of committing adultery, one of the most common sins of our time.

We are told in Proverbs 5:15-21, ***“Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well. Should your springs be dispersed abroad, and streams of water***

law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: to keep you from the evil woman, from the flattery of the foreigner's tongue. Lust not after her beauty in your heart; neither let her take you with her eyelids. For on account of a harlot a man is brought to a piece of bread; and the adulteress hunts for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Or can one walk upon hot coals, and his feet not be scorched? So he that goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be unpunished.”

This stern warning is manifestly quite clear. The punishment of eternal death awaits the sinner.

a handsome young man. She tried to force her affections on him. However, Joseph avoided physical contact with her by fleeing, even though he had to depart at one time in great haste, leaving his cloak behind. Subsequently, Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph to her husband, and Potiphar had him jailed. Joseph unjustly languished in prison for several tortuous years.

Joseph could have easily avoided the unjust incarceration by passively submitting to his mistress. To set his mind at ease, he could have used the excuse (though feeble) that he was a slave and had no personal choice in the matter. However, he knew that committing adultery comprised a sin against Almighty Yahweh

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in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed; and rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and a pleasant doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and be ravished always with her love. For why should you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a foreigner? For the ways of man are before the eyes of Yahweh; and he makes level all his paths.” (Proverbs 5:15-21). People often imagine that Yahweh does not exist and, therefore, they can simply live to please themselves.

Let us consider what Proverbs 6:23-29 warns us. ***“For the commandment is a lamp; and the***

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An outstanding example for the True Worshiper of someone who faithfully obeyed Yahweh's commandments can be found in Genesis 39. Joseph had been sold into Egyptian slavery. He was purchased by Potiphar, captain of the bodyguard (or the chief of the executioners), who served the Pharaoh of Egypt. Potiphar quickly proved Joseph's faithfulness and diligence, elevating him to be the steward (overseer) of his house.

Soon, however, Potiphar's wife began to develop a physical desire for Joseph, because he was quite

and His Law. Consequently, he determinedly spurned the illicit advances of his master's wife. For his faithfulness, Yahweh blessed Joseph by making him the viceroy to the Pharaoh of Egypt. Joseph was instrumental in saving millions of people from starving during his administration.

Therefore, Joseph was later elevated by his father, Jacob, to a position of the faithful firstborn, receiving a double portion of the inheritance, even supplanting Jacob's genuine firstborn son, Reuben. Furthermore, he even attained to the exalted office of prime minister of Egypt, after he had been fully tested by Yahweh, finally to serve as the leader of the Israelite tribes. Joseph's conduct portrayed a truly righteous

character.

An irony can be found in this instance of the Scriptures. When Jacob pronounced his last will and testament upon his sons (in Genesis 49), he began by informing Reuben that he knew all along about the sinful act of adultery his son had long ago committed. **“Reuben, you are my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength; the pre-eminence of dignity, and the pre-eminence of power. Boiling over as water, you shall not have the pre-eminence; because you went up to your father’s bed; then you defiled it: he went up to my couch.”** (Genesis 49:3-4).

The incident to which Jacob refers is recorded in Genesis 35:22. **“And it came to pass, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father’s concubine: and Israel heard of it.”** Therefore, Jacob disinherited Reuben as the firstborn son, and righteous Joseph—the firstborn son of Rachel—took Reuben’s place. Joseph had made a determined effort to keep Yahweh’s commandments, in spite of sustaining a false accusation and suffering years of wrongful imprisonment. Joseph had maintained his spiritual convictions; while Reuben had yielded to fleshly impulses, revealing a serious character flaw.

All who wish to serve Yahweh should be warned by this penetrating example in the Sacred Scriptures. If we wish to attain to preeminence, and receive the right of the firstborn to inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh, we cannot fall into the same sin as did Reuben. We must always zealously keep Yahweh’s commandments, as did Joseph. We must develop a righteous character, such as Yahshua the Messiah, our example.

Romans 3:23 tells us that the

wages of sin (the transgression of the Law, 1 John 3:4) is death. The Apostle Paul derives this penalty from Leviticus 20:10. **“And the man that commits adultery with another man’s wife, even he that commits adultery with his neighbor’s fie, and ADULTERER AND THE ADULTERESS shall surely be put to death.”**

Leviticus chapter 20 sets forth the penalties pronounced upon those who willfully disobey the Laws found in Leviticus 18. The Law is clearly stated in verse 20. **“And you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife, to defile yourself with her.”** Notice what verse 4 tells us: **“My ordinances you shall do, and my statutes you shall keep, to walk in it: I am Yahweh your Elohim.”** With such plain-spoken words, how can anyone plead ignorance? (These scriptural laws are intended to promote a genuine, truthful, trusting marital relationship between a man and a woman that must not be violated with a third party.)

The passage of John 8:1-11 has been questioned as not being authentic by some textual critics. It is indeed authentic, but clearly this pericope provides a strong lesson for the True Worshiper. (Read the passage.) Occasionally, questions arise in regard to what Yahshua wrote in the sand. We are not told what the Messiah wrote, but we can surmise.


You will notice how the account begins. The scribes and Pharisees, who brought to Yahshua the woman taken in adultery, made the accusation that she was CAUGHT IN THE VERY ACT. It should be obvious, then, that they knew the identity of the male party (the adulterer), if she was taken IN THE VERY ACT! It is our opinion that Yahshua, there-

upon, wrote on the ground the Law of Yahweh and its penalty. We have previously seen from Leviticus 20:10 that BOTH the ADULTERER and the ADULTERESS shall be put to death. So often in real life situations, for committing adultery the woman customarily bears the unremitted stigma of the sin (like in the novel **The Scarlet Letter**), while the man’s culpability is mostly ignored. We must remember that the scriptural Law tells us that both the man and woman equally bear the responsibility for committing this sin of adultery.

What does the term *adultery* mean? The dictionary definition says, *“Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married man and a woman not his wife, and a married woman with a man not her husband.”*

In 1 Corinthians 5, the Apostle Paul had to deal with a particularly obnoxious act of immorality. The term is translated *fornication*, but the Greek word *porneia* appears in the text. **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible** in the Greek dictionary translates the term *porneia*, #4202, as follows: *“from 4203; harlotry (including adultery and incest); fig. idolatry:fornication.”* The prime verbal root is #4203. It means *“to act the harlot, i.e. (lit.) indulge unlawful lust (of either sex) or (fig.) to practice idolatry.”*

The Apostle Paul commanded the Assembly at Corinth to take swift, stern, and decisive action against the sinners. He directed, **“I wrote to you in my letter to have no company with fornicators; not at all meaning with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then you must necessarily go out of the world: but as it is, I wrote to you not to keep company, if any**



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man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no, not to eat. For what have I to do with judging them that are outside. Do you not judge them that are inside? But them that are outside Elohim judges. Put away the wicked man from among yourselves.” Paul directs that the Corinthian Assembly have no social interaction at all with those who are guilty of such obnoxious sins (1 Corinthians 5:9-13).

Why is it, then, that the various denominations in Christianity tolerate so much of this sin in their midst? Some liberal ministers even accept people living in the sinful state of adultery by facetiously

suggesting, “The Almighty uses many avenues of bringing people together!” Periodically, we hear of ministers who refuse fellowship, or communion, to couples living in sin, but who, themselves, are then cast in a bad light because of their strictness. We see the need today to restore a high standard of morality; therefore, we hope more people will stand firmly for courageous action of the presbytery. The scribes and Pharisees of John 8 knew that the penalty for the sin of adultery was death. See Leviticus 20:10. Evidently, Yahshua implies that the accusing Pharisees knew the adulterer, and it could have been one of their own number! What else would cause them to depart so silently?

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posed to be living a spiritual life deceive themselves into believing that one can commit adultery, and yet be accepted into the Kingdom of Yahweh? ***“You therefore that teach another, do you not teach yourself. .. You that say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery ... You who glory in the law, do you through your transgression of the law [violating any of 10 Commandments] dishonor Yahweh? For the name of Yahweh is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, even as it is written.”*** (Romans 2:21-24). Paul certainly implies that his readers cannot become hypocritical. In Matthew 23:3, Yahshua’s definition of hypocrisy appears.

We find in 2 Peter 2:14 that the

false prophets and preachers who introduce destructive heresies into the Assembly are those whose eyes are filled with adultery, and they cannot cease from sin and enticing unstable people. You must realize by this time that the ministers of the Assemblies of Yahweh preach Yahweh's Word with power and authority, just as did Paul, in Romans chapters 1 and 2. We do not hesitate to enforce the righteous conduct illustrated by Yahweh's commandments. The Body of the Messiah is composed of repentant sinners who bear the GOOD FRUITS of a righteous, commandment-keeping life.

The prophet Jeremiah clearly points toward the era in which we live, when he explained in Jeremiah 23:13-15a, "**And I have**

seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evil-doers, so that no one returns from his wickedness: they have all of them become to me as Sodom, and the inhabitants of it as Gomorrah. Therefore thus says Yahweh of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with the wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall." Those who commit adultery should fear, because Yahweh is a strict Mighty One who punishes the sin of unrepentant sinners.

Those who are Yahweh's true ministers will strongly proclaim that sin is the transgression of Yahweh's Law, and that the wages of sin will bring the sinner nothing but a reward of eternal death. Preachers ordained by Yahweh fearlessly proclaim that the sin of adultery will be punished in His judgment by everlasting death in the lake of fire. [We have available an article on divorce and remarriage and some of the implications to this modern-day social problem. Write to the address inside the front cover and request your free copy.]

The prophet Jeremiah lived during a very evil time. By these references, he described this evil time in which we are now living. For their sins, Yahweh punished

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Judah with Babylonian captivity. Almighty Yahweh will punish the people of this wicked, evil generation (who believe they can sin with impunity) with annihilation, at the Second Coming of Yahshua the Messiah when He returns to establish Yahweh's Kingdom government on this earth.

“How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no elohim: when I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses roaming at large; every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? says Yahweh; and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?” (Jeremiah 5:7-9). What an appropriate description of the promiscuousness and immorality of the time in which we are now living!

In the Old Testament, we find that adultery and fornication symbolize the act of spiritually rejecting Almighty Yahweh and His Truth. The nations of the world practiced religious, ceremonial, physical prostitution in their pagan temples. Almighty Yahweh warns those who depart from the worship of Yahweh that they will surely suffer a just punishment for their sins, since departing from the True Faith to worship any other mighty one, but Yahweh only, will be compared with physi-

cal adultery.

Let us note how Almighty Yahweh defines spiritual adultery. ***“Hear the Word of Yahweh, you children of Israel; for Yahweh has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of Elohim in the land. There is nothing but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood touches blood... They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and terebinths, because the shadow of it is good: therefore your daughters play the harlot, and your brides commit adultery.”*** (Hosea 4:1-2, 13).

Yahshua said in Matthew 19:17. ***“And he said to him, Why do you ask me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but IF YOU WOULD ENTER INTO LIFE, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS.”***

Of course, we want to enter into eternal life, do we not? We wish to be saved! Then how can we commit gross sin against Almighty Yahweh and expect this righteous Mighty One to merely overlook it? Sinning is rejecting the authority of the great Law Giver and yielding your life to another mighty one. Yahshua specified in verse 18 that the commandments we must keep are the 10 Commandments, one

of them being the seventh, which He quotes, ***“YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY...”***

This closing thought has been taken from Revelation 21:8. ***“But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.”***

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone that loves and makes a lie.” (Revelation 22:14-15).

The sin of adultery will surely keep the guilty one out of Yahweh's Kingdom. ***“Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor ADULTERERS, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh.”*** (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Quite plainly expressed, wouldn't you agree? Will you obey this commandment? ^{SNB}



The Worldly Holidays

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have been engaging in such an avid observance of Chr-stmas. I am certain that, upon thinking it over, they would inform you that it has only been since the time when the mass advertising media emerged, which exploits the ignorance of the people, making it appear that if you do not include yourself in the Xmas celebration, you will appear as one who is uninformed, or someone who is a bit strange or eccentric.

The Chr-stmas tree is derived from the ancient tradition that after Nimrod was killed, a tree near his home died. This tree was cut down and a serpent entwined itself around the dead stump. The dead trunk of the tree became the yule log. Upon giving birth to a son, Nimrod's wife-mother Semiramis invented the legend that a new tree of a different species sprang from its stump. In Egypt this was the palm tree, while in ancient Rome, the people used the fir tree much as they do in our time. The serpent refers to the worship of Aesculapius (the pagan physician), or the original demon worship—hence the term *tannenbaum*. The Hebrew word *tannen* means *dragon*; therefore, the word *tannenbaum* actually means *dragon* (or Satan) *tree*.

Some years ago, when I was traveling through a Midwestern city of considerable size, I was shocked to find a newspaper account of the revival of the boar's-head festival held in one of the larger and more fashionable churches of that city. The article went on to describe how in England the bringing into a ch-rch of the

boar's head on a large platter on Chr-stmas eve had been a common practice for hundreds of years. Now, the article continued, it had been renewed, although it had not been conducted previously in that particular ch-rch. If only these people had bothered to do a little fundamental research on the sub-

These are the unvarnished facts, and you can prove them to yourself, if you are interested in serving the Heavenly Father out of a pure heart and conscience.

ject, they would have learned that mythology states that Adonis or Thammuz (who were sun deities) were supposed to have been killed by a boar's tusk; consequently, a boar is sacrificed to them at their birthday (at the winter solstice). In a similar custom, the eating of a goose at the Chr-istmas Day feast is a perpetuation of the ancient pagan worship. In Egyptian hieroglyphics, the goose meant child or son, while in ancient Babylon it was a symbol of mysticism.

Would you believe that our own national Thanksgiving celebration has its roots in false doctrine? This is a fact, and you may prove it out of your own Bible. As I stated previously when teaching about the feasts of Yahweh, the thanksgiving observance which is acceptable to Almighty Yahweh is the biblical Feast of Tabernacles.

However, after the 10 northern Israelite tribes had rebelled against the rule of the dynasty established by King David, during the coronation of Rehoboam, Solomon's son, Jeroboam, a court official in King Solomon's reign, had come to Rehoboam and asked for tax relief for his nation. Jeroboam soon assumed the rulership of ten-tribal Israel. He became fearful that when the people of Israel would journey to Jerusalem to observe the scripturally commanded holy days, the priests would sway the conviction of the people so that they would revert to the rule of the Davidic dynasty and would restore the throne under the Davidic dynasty in Jerusalem. In order to block this anticipated subversion by the priests to his own rule, Jeroboam placed two calves in shrines: one in Bethel and the other in Dan. He then decreed that the feasts be observed in the eighth month, in Dan of northern Israel. This appeared to be the origin of the concept that everyone could worship the Almighty according to the dictates of their own conscience and wherever they pleased.

Let us read this account from 1 Kings 12:32-33. ***“And Jeroboam ordained a feast IN THE EIGHTH MONTH, on***



the fifteenth day of the month, LIKE THE FEAST THAT IS IN JUDAH, and he went up to the altar; so he did in Beth-el, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. And he went up to the altar which he had made in Beth-el ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY IN THE eighth month, even IN THE MONTH WHICH HE HAD DEVISED OF HIS OWN HEART: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.”

Did you know that when the people of the United States began to observe the third Thursday of the month of November as Thanksgiving Day, they have often observed Jeroboam’s thanksgiving, since it usually fell during the time from the 15th to the 22nd day of the eighth scriptural month?

Almighty Yahweh has set aside His time for thanksgiving, His

Feast of Tabernacles! This is holy time! Men cannot change it! Even though they might ordain a set time themselves, it is unacceptable to Yahweh, the Heavenly Father. In our time, our president and the ministers of the churches regularly exhort the people to give thanks to the Heavenly Father at the national Thanksgiving Day, but most of the people rarely do! Perhaps we should return to the thanksgiving of the Pilgrim Fathers who observed it in early October, which would approximate the time of the scripturally appointed Feast of Tabernacles.

I might continue on and point out the pagan influence which has today become so prevalent throughout Christianity, because the people have turned aside from the pure worship of Almighty Yahweh, as laid down for us in the inspired Scriptures. It appears that, too often, the spirit of compromise prevails and the missionary zeal of the people at-

tempts to meet paganism halfway. Even such early church fathers as Chrysostom and Tertullian cried out against these pagan practices which were creeping into the early Messianic Apostolic Assembly of their time.

Today, the average person in our land is complacent and unconcerned, choosing rather to go along with the crowd than to stand alone (if necessary) for Truth as, for instance, the Prophet Daniel did. Most people even become indignant when these Truths are presented to them. They demand to know, “Who are you, that you can impeach our integrity in our worship?”

Yet, these are the unvarnished facts, and you can prove them to yourself, if you are interested in serving the Heavenly Father out of a pure heart and conscience. Why not begin your search for this Truth today? May we help you to find the narrow pathway to life eternal? S_NB

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entertainer explain why he was observing Halloween (even though he was a professed Christian). He rejected the idea that any paganism could be connected with children coming around to his door in costumes to practice the worldly tradition of trick-or-treating. We watched this explanation in stunned amazement, because

this individual had been set forth to be a rather righteous, religious man. Nevertheless, he had not examined the facts of the Halloween traditions. Have you ever researched the traditions related to the worldly holidays to determine their origin? If not, why not?

Perhaps you also imagine that you can have Almighty Yahweh ac-



cept whatever worship you intend to give Him. However, just remember that Almighty Yahweh desires obedience to His commandments. We do not worship just any mighty one, but we worship the only True and Living Elohim, our Creator. It is mandatory that we obey Him. **“We must obey Yahweh rather than men.”** (Acts 5:29b). S_NB

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