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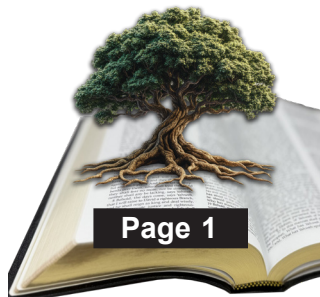
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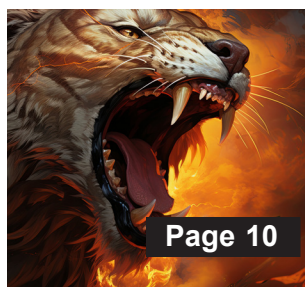
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The desert wilderness reveals the endless beauty of Yahweh's creation—His handiwork exhibiting His infinite wisdom. "He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out the heavens...." (Jeremiah 51:15).

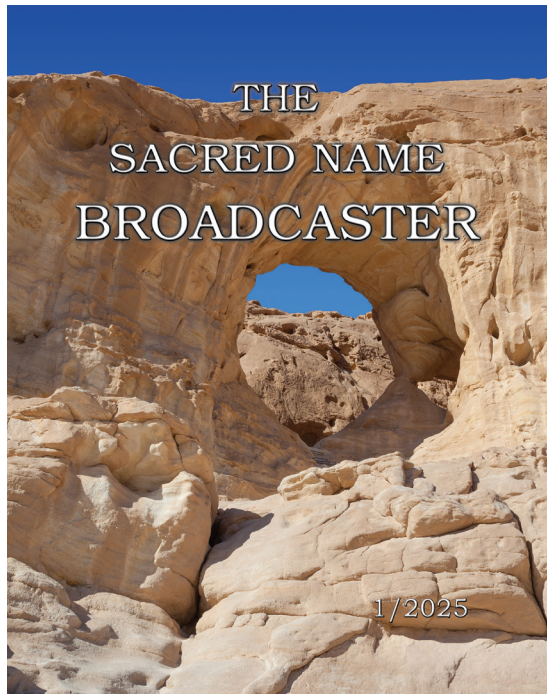
When Yahweh completed the Creation week, He looked at all of His accomplishments and concluded that it was very good. "And Elohim saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31a).

"O Yahweh, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all: The earth is full of your riches." (Psalm 104:24).

The human race, created in Yahweh's image and likeness, has been commanded to be perfect, as Yahweh is perfect. Though Yahweh found us in a sinful state, He wishes us to change from a sinner to a saint through Yahshua the Messiah, His only-begotten Son.

Consequently, if Yahweh can take the waste and desolation of Genesis 1:2 and turn it into a paradise, He can also do the same for us, by purifying a people that will be welcomed into the Kingdom of Yahweh when Yahshua returns.

"Ah Sovereign Yahweh! Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for you...." (Jeremiah 32:17).



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THE

Messiah

IN THE OLD
TESTAMENT

The coming of Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior, was prophesied at the beginning of the Sacred Scriptures, in Genesis 3:15. Here, we find the passage of Scripture describing how Adam and Eve sinned. They rebelled against the commandments (instructions) of the Heavenly Father Yahweh. They took of the fruit of the tree of knowing good and

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knowing evil, and they ate it. Consequently, this arrogant action was called sin, and Almighty Yahweh rejected Adam and Eve, His creation.

He cast them out of the beauti-

ful garden He had prepared for them and sent them out into the world to make their own way. Before He did this, He gave them a source of hope for the future. He explained that the seed of the woman would ultimately crush the head of the serpent. The seed of the woman points toward the coming of the Messiah, and the head of the serpent refers to

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Satan the Devil. A New Testament passage that deals with this prophecy can be found in Romans 16:20. ***“And the Elohim of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah be with you.”*** (See also Revelation 12:9.)

Consequently, we find here an encouraging promise that was made at the very beginning of human existence, in Genesis chapter 3. We receive encouragement to look forward to the time when Yahshua the Messiah will indeed crush the head of the serpent at His Second Coming. He has already appeared upon this earth one time, to shed His blood—He gave His life to redeem His people. All sinners today may have faith in the blood

Yahshua the Messiah shed to atone for their sins. They may have their sins forgiven by His grace and through their faith in His atoning act. However, when Yahshua returns the second time, He will restrain the Adversary, Satan, and finally destroy him forever. Then He will judge all those who reject His redemptive sacrifice. Compare Isaiah 53 with 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

Yahshua the Messiah was prophesied throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, all the way back at the very beginning of the prophets. In Luke 24:44-48, Yahshua the Messiah opened the eyes and the understanding of His disciples, so that they would be able to comprehend that He was indeed the prophesied Messiah. He brought to the attention of

His disciples the fact that He, Himself, is their Messiah, the centrally featured individual through whom came salvation in the Old Testament Scriptures, found in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms.

In this series, I am speaking on the subject of how the Messiah was prophesied in the Old Testament. Too many people actually believe that the Bible can be separated at the testaments, at a book, a chapter, a verse, or at a word. Conversely, however, the Bible comprises one complete unit. It is unified in thought and in purpose. When we prove this principle of textual unity and come to this firm understanding, then we will arrive at the level of sound doctrine—doctrine or teaching that will

not disintegrate, or be proven wrong, throughout the volume. The Bible is indeed a book that contains sound doctrine from Genesis to Revelation, when we allow the volume to harmonize throughout.

When we come to the understanding that the Bible comprises a unit, then we understand that the Old Testament teaches a high standard of morality. The ten commandment Law, for instance, should point us toward a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. In that ten commandment Law, we find a righteous standard of living set forth for the True Worshiper. Yahshua the Messiah taught this Law in Matthew 5:17-20. Today, we notice that a great many people are breaking the ten commandments. They are, first of all, using a wrong name for the Heavenly Father. The Heavenly Father's Name is found in the first commandment, and the Hebrew texts throughout clearly confirm that His Name is Yahweh (Isaiah 42:8). The fourth commandment is another Law that is almost universally broken by the people of our land and even of the entire world.

The fourth commandment indicates that there shall be a day that we keep holy. It is a day on which to honor Almighty Yahweh, the Creator, because of His creative power. He is the Mighty One and the Great First Cause. He caused this universe to come into being because it was His plan, and He is the one who brought all things into existence. Almighty Yahweh, the Heavenly Father, along with Yahshua the Messiah, His only begotten Son, the Majesty on High, are indeed the central figures in the Bible. This particular day of rest, which they have legislated for us to keep

in the Old Testament (the seventh day of the week commonly called Saturday), remains a requirement for us to keep also in this New Testament era.

Many people today do not understand that if we would obey the ten commandments there would be a great reduction in crime. Crime is absolutely prohibited in Yahweh's Law. ***"You shall not commit murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."*** (Exodus 20:13-16). These violent actions appear commonly everywhere in society around us today. The commandments of Yahweh are universally and lightly discarded. However, we cannot discard the Bible, or the standard of morality that it teaches. If we do, we do injury to the society in which we live, and, even more so, we will do damage to the authority of our Father in heaven.

Where do we find Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior and Redeemer, prophesied in the Old Testament? Let us look at just one of the passages of Scripture in Jeremiah chapter 23, where we will begin reading with verses 3-6. ***"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply. And I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, says Yahweh."***

"Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, and

Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name by which he shall be called: Yahweh our righteousness."

Let us look more closely at this passage of Scripture. This passage, from the pen of the prophet Jeremiah, reveals that eventually the dispersed of Judah and Israel would be regathered from among the nations. This has not yet happened. Many people believe that the nation of Israel today is the fulfillment of these prophecies, but that is not a correct conclusion. The little nation of Israel today contains less Jews than the American state of New York does. There are more Jews scattered throughout the nations than there are Jews living in the state of Israel, and this does not even include people from the 10 northern tribes who went into Assyrian captivity in 722-21 B.C.E.

Who are those people who were prophesied to become so numerous that they would be like the sand of the sea for number? Almighty Yahweh says that eventually, even though He sent them into a judicial punishment—into captivity—He would recall them and bring them back again to the Holy Land. That will be the day when He will raise up to David a righteous Branch, and a King will proceed to reign and prosper, executing judgment and justice in the earth. Who is that branch—who is that King?

The King destined to reign over the entire earth in the New Kingdom of Yahweh came to earth about 2,000 years ago. He came as a little baby who was born in the city of Bethlehem. He came as the human son of Miriam and Joseph (supposedly), who were descendants of King David. However, He was born of the virgin Miriam according to the prophecies, but



was, in fact, the Son of Yahweh the Most High. He lived a righteous life, qualifying to rule as the King. He came as an example, teaching the people of Yahweh how to live. We can use His life as a pattern with which to model our own.

He died for us, allowing Himself to be impaled upon the tree of Calvary. His blood was shed on Calvary. That blood and that life atoned for the sins of the world; it atoned for you and me—for our sins. Then, after His resurrection, He ascended into the Heavens, and there He sits at the right hand of Yahweh today. He awaits the commission from Father Yahweh to be sent back to this earth to take over the rulership over this earth, to establish the new Kingdom of Yahweh—the 1,000 year Messianic reign on earth.

This is the account of the Messiah; the prophecies concerning Him may be found in the Old Testament Scriptures. That story was given to us so we may build our faith, pointing us toward Yahshua the Messiah, the Savior and Redeemer of mankind. It encouraged the first humans following their disobedience, and it should also encourage us—we who are living at the end of the age.

When the Apostle Paul remarked in 1 Corinthians 15 that he was preaching the glad tidings to them, that the Messiah lived, died, was buried, and rose again on the third day, according to the Scriptures, he was pointing his readers back to the teachings of the Old Testament Scriptures, which contain the prophecies of future things. Yahshua the Messiah fulfilled the Messianic prophecies. He died (Isaiah 53). He rested in the tomb three days and three nights (Jonah 1:17). In this series of radio messages, I hope

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to demonstrate to every listener that He is the true Messiah, proven directly out of the Old Testament Scriptures.

Turn over to Jeremiah 23:5, where we read again, ***"I will raise to David a righteous Branch..."*** The term *branch* in Hebrew is *netzer*. The town in which Yahshua the Messiah was raised is Nazereth, which means *branch town*. Yahshua the Messiah is the Branch, the root out of the stem of Jesse. He is Yahshua the Messiah, the Branch, who is to reign as the King of Israel.

He has previously come to this earth. When He came the first time, He came as the suffering servant. The Scriptures reveal that He would be a Branch coming from the family of David, with further proof of the fact that He would be brought up in the city of Nazareth and that from Nazareth

(branch town) would come the King of Israel.

I hope that you will carefully read this series of radio broadcast transcripts and continue to discover many Scriptures taken from the Old Testament that prove Yahshua to be the Messiah. Numerous quotes from the Old Testament Scriptures are reported to be found in the New Testament, and we might further conclude that included in the New Testament are a great many additional allusions to the Old Testament text.

Where do we go for proof that Yahshua is truly the Messiah of the New Testament? We cannot reject the foundation of the Messianic Faith, which is found in the so-called Old Testament, the Hebrew Bible. By recognizing the unity of the Bible, Old and New Testaments, we may arrive at the

point of sound doctrine, and it is there that we shall meet the True Messiah of Israel, the King of the earth, the anointed of Yahweh.

We will leave you with this thought today, found in Isaiah 9:6-7. ***"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty El, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from now on even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this."*** Yahshua the Messiah fulfilled this prophecy. We challenge you to prove it to yourself and live by its message. ^{SNB}

YAHWEH'S SPOKESMAN

The Relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Should there be many different churches, such as we see in contemporary religion? This question has concerned various ministers and theologians who have been at the center of the ecumenical movement. The question has been addressed in the discussions of many prominent religious leaders over the years. Many church members also have pondered this vexing problem, as they have attempted to locate the True Worship of the Most High described in the Bible.

Could it be possible that the Holy Spirit is no longer active in drawing believers into unity? Or is there an invisible body of believers scattered throughout all denominations?

You may have been concerned about the many denominations yourself as you studied your Bible and encountered references to such passages as John 17:21-24: ***"That they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us; that the world may believe that you did send me. And the glory which you have given me I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that the world may know that you did send me, and loved them, even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which you have given me: for you loved me before the foundation***

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of the world."

When we take into consideration Ephesians 4:3-6, the point is further driven home. ***"Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you were also called in one hope of your calling; one Master, one faith, one baptism, one El and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."***

Don't we believe that there is only one Holy Spirit, which has been sent forth from the Heavenly Father into the world and should clearly be leading and guiding us all into all truth? John 16:13 certainly confirms this purpose. But should this deep-rooted desire to incorporate all believers into one fellowship take on the form that is being promoted by

the ecumenical movement, in which a super organization would include all Christians, regardless of what they teach or believe? Can sound doctrine be compromised upon the altar of unity for fellowship?

It is not my purpose to reiterate the complexities of these perplexing ecumenical problems merely to exploit the differences of doctrine in nominal religion, as do a multitude of other fundamentalists. My aim is not to cause further dissension or division, or promote another religious body as an end in itself, but to show you that there are indeed conscience-satisfying answers to difficulties over doctrines other than compromise. Let me illustrate.

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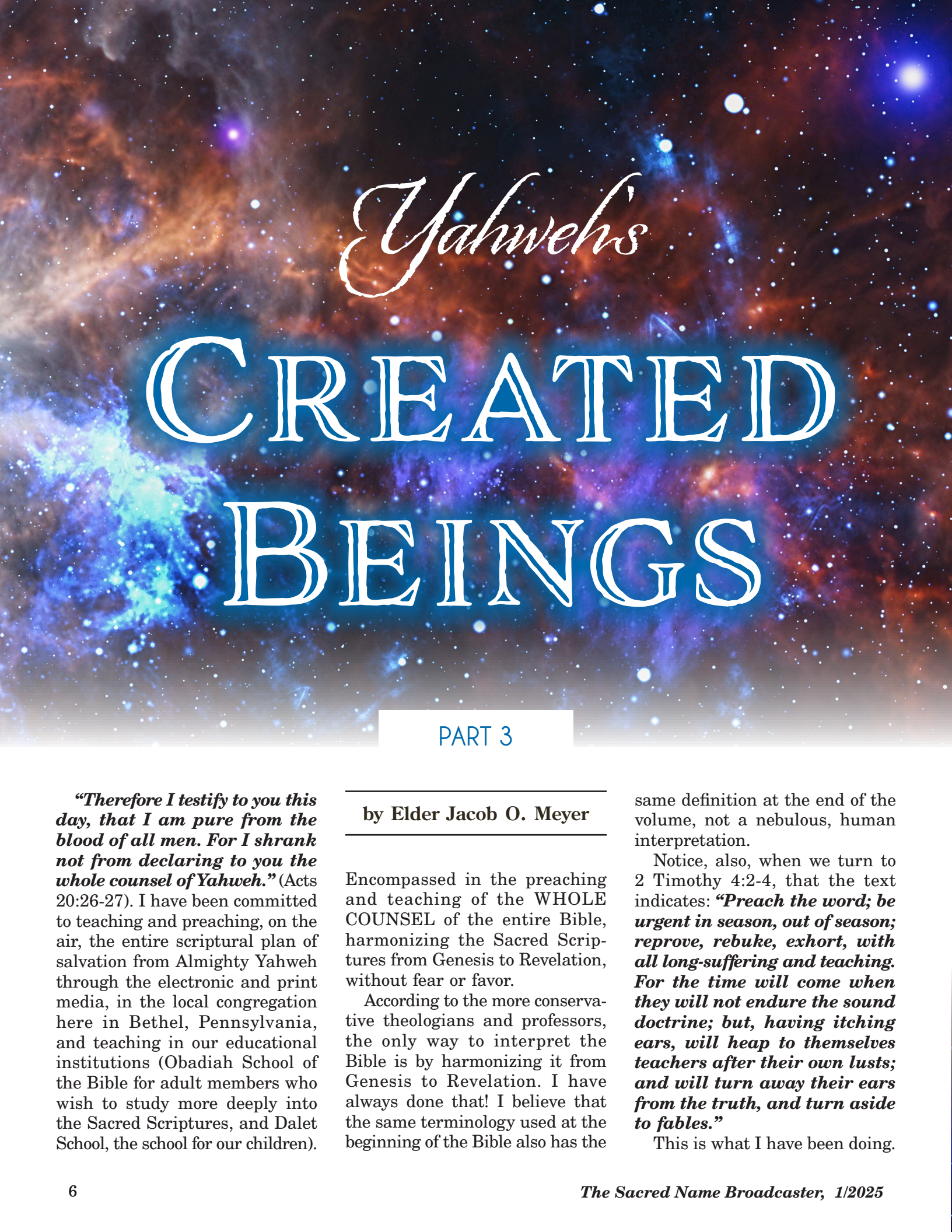
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PART 3

“Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I shrank not from declaring to you the whole counsel of Yahweh.” (Acts 20:26-27). I have been committed to teaching and preaching, on the air, the entire scriptural plan of salvation from Almighty Yahweh through the electronic and print media, in the local congregation here in Bethel, Pennsylvania, and teaching in our educational institutions (Obadiah School of the Bible for adult members who wish to study more deeply into the Sacred Scriptures, and Dalet School, the school for our children).

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Encompassed in the preaching and teaching of the WHOLE COUNSEL of the entire Bible, harmonizing the Sacred Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, without fear or favor.

According to the more conservative theologians and professors, the only way to interpret the Bible is by harmonizing it from Genesis to Revelation. I have always done that! I believe that the same terminology used at the beginning of the Bible also has the

same definition at the end of the volume, not a nebulous, human interpretation.

Notice, also, when we turn to 2 Timothy 4:2-4, that the text indicates: ***“Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside to fables.”***

This is what I have been doing.

I have been preaching the inspired Word of Yahweh, our Creator, His Sacred Scriptures. I have tried to be urgent in tone and show you how urgent should be your decision to follow the Sacred Scriptures (the teachings of the Bible). Because we are evidently in the last days, at the close of this age of man, Satan has come down upon this world in great wrath, knowing he has but a short time. He is using numerous different methods of deception in an effort to sway this world away from any interest in Almighty Yahweh.

We can notice also in Jeremiah 23, that Jeremiah the prophet is urging his people to make some profound changes in their lives. Remember that Jeremiah was a priest (his father was Hilkiyah the High Priest); consequently, when he began to put the pressure on the priesthood, a vicious backlash resulted. Some of the priests even suggested that this young man should be killed. How could this young "upstart" speak out against his own family, against the ordained priesthood of which he was a member?

Let's read this pronouncement in verse 9 of Jeremiah 23. ***"Concerning the prophets. My heart within me is broken [I am brokenhearted], all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of Yahweh, and because of his holy words."*** I frequently feel the same way. "Why am I speaking

to people whose ears are closed and whose hearts are hardened?" I sometimes ask. "Why can't I say the word, or point out the Scripture, that will touch hearts, convict the hearers, and bring them into a greater knowledge of the Truth?" For 40 years, I have been preaching the entire Bible in the Assemblies of Yahweh ministry. I hope that you seek to connect with us so that you will be able to receive the gift of knowledge that we have available for you.

Continuing in verses 10-12, we read, ***"For the land is full of adulterers...."*** Is it not true today? You hear of this sinful practice practically everywhere and it even creeps into somewhat reputable publications. Even local newspapers have published suggestive articles and printed suggestive letters. ***"For because of swearing the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. And their course is evil, and their might is not right; for both PROPHET AND PRIEST are profane; yes, in my house have I found their wickedness, says Yahweh. Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall in it; for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, says Yahweh."***

We are seeing a fulfillment of this prophecy today. The Roman Catholic Church is currently experiencing a severe problem of morality with the scandal of

the sex abuse by the priests that is currently making the news. However, it is not just that. It is also nominal religion, in general, that is suffering from profaneness, falsehood, false doctrine, and moral wickedness. My heart is broken, because so many of the people of the world who are sincere in seeking biblical Truth have not yet made contact with this ministry. Perhaps sincere souls are being saddened and turned away by the practices of evil that worldly religion has allowed into their midst.

We continue reading here in verse 18, ***"For who has stood in the council of Yahweh...."*** Have you accepted the advice of the Sacred Scriptures? Paul declares that he has not failed to preach the whole counsel of Yahweh (the whole advice)—everything that Yahweh has spoken. ***"That he should perceive [perceive what Yahweh's intentions were when He gave us His Word], and hear his word? Who has marked my word, and heard it?"*** You can look into my Bible and can note that I have marked the volume copiously. I have been studying the Bible since I was a youth, and, especially, I have been studying its message very intently and sincerely for over 40 years. I have made this my vocation and calling. If I wasn't on the radio and television preaching the message, I would still be studying the Bible and living my life as I am doing today, seeking to live by every

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Word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.

I have been speaking of the four different classes of beings that Almighty Yahweh has created to serve Him. Just recently, it was reported in the news media that some religious cult had succeeded in cloning a baby girl. Why would anyone seek to tamper with Yahweh's creation this way? Interestingly, they are falsely claiming that they have consulted with a being from outer space, one who has come down and revealed secret things to them.

I believe that someone from outer space has indeed been here and created the heavens and the earth. We have received the whole story of that event in the Bible, not through some fantastic story coming from people who are hallucinating and believing strange things.

However, they seem to know the Name Yahweh, and they also use Elohim. The cult uses the Name Yahweh Elohim, because it is found in the Hebrew Bible. Most people don't even concern themselves with that fact. If I mention to someone that the Name Yahweh is important, and that it should be used in worship, many would reply that they never have heard the Name Yahweh. I respond, "Of course you have. You are familiar with the single syllable name **Yah**, as in Hallelu**Yah** (**Yah**-weh), or Isa**Yah**, Jerem**Yah**, or Obad**Yah**, etc." "Yah" is the first syllable, the poetic abbreviation, generally found in the Bible 49 times, not counting the instances where it appears as an element in the names of human beings. Sadly, many times the sacred Name has been mistranslated. The sacred Name

has not been correctly transmitted from the Hebrew to the English, as it has been misinterpreted with the hybrid form of Jehovah, in which the vowel points of Adonai are added to the Name Yahweh. We should remember that we must be very faithful as we translate the Bible. Names should be transliterated—never translated or substituted. Names should not be translated, but carried over from

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one language to another. Sounds must reflect the original name, and they can.

I have spoken several times before on the first class of created beings, the cherubim. Now, I am going to look at the word *seraphim*. The third class is the *malachim*, and the fourth class is humankind (Adam). We are a part of this fourth class of created beings. Almighty Yahweh has created three classes of spirit beings to serve Him. Those are the beings that have contact with human beings. "**No man has seen Yahweh at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him.**" (John 1:18). Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh, came to this earth as a human being and spoke the Will

of Yahweh to mankind, to bring us from our sinful state and into a state of close communion with Yahweh.

Let us carefully consider the term *seraphim*. The *seraphim* appear very similar to the *cherubim*. The major difference is that they have six wings instead of the four wings that the cherubim have. The *cherubim* were the beings who bore the throne of Yahweh, as you remember in Ezekiel 1 and 10. In Isaiah 6:1 we find: "**In the year that king Uzziah died I saw Yahweh sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of hosts** [the Hebrew says *Yahweh Sebaoth*, Yahweh of Armies]: **the whole earth is full of his glory. And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.**" When confronted with Yahweh's glory, Isaiah realized that he is a sinful human. "**I am a man of unclean lips,**" he says in Isaiah 6:5.

The word *seraphim* in the Hebrew text is #8314 in the **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Hebrew Dictionary**. It is defined as, *burning, i.e. (fig.) poisonous (serpent); spec. a saraph or symbolic creature (from their copper color)*. Appearing in Numbers 21:6-8 is the description of the serpent that Moses was told to affix upon a pole. When the people looked at it and identified this serpent, they

could identify from whence their problems came. It came from the great serpent (Revelation 12:9), who was Satan the Adversary. Let us understand that, in case you have never studied this subject, this is not the *caduceus* appearing on the physicians' emblem. This is something different. Foremost, the serpent here is affixed to a pole, not a cross, as Christianity depicts it. The *caduceus* originates from a pagan background, undoubtedly, from Aesculapius worship of ancient Greece. Why is the world so filled with a worship that incorporates these forbidden pagan symbols? We cannot believe that symbols, which at one time related to pagan worship, have now been sanctified for sacred use.

Here we find the six-winged creatures (the *seraphim*) that were created by Almighty Yahweh. We can consider some additional Scriptures, for example Deuteronomy 8:15, where it says, ***Who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground in which was no water; who brought forth water out of the rock of flint.*** As I showed to the congregation here at Bethel, Pennsylvania, in a recent mes-

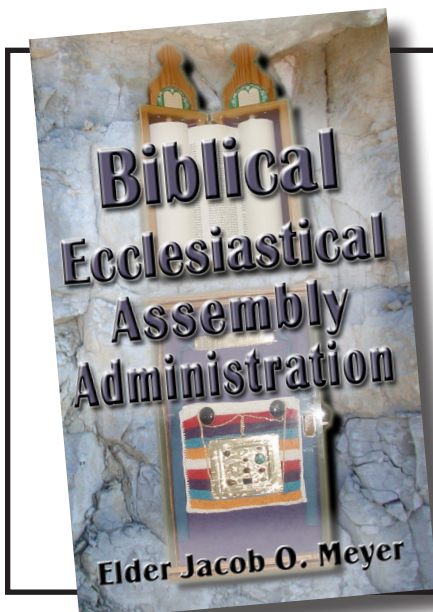
sage, Moses was instructed to take a number of the elders and go to Sinai. Moses was then told to strike the rock with his staff and water flowed out of Horeb (or Sinai) all the way to the camp of Israel in a river, perhaps 10 miles away. These are miraculous occurrences! Science tries to interpret these miracles in a secular sense, but is unable to do it. There are some tremendous thoughts and tremendous events encountered when you read the Sacred Scriptures.

In Revelation 4:6 we are told, ***And before the throne, as it were a sea of glass like crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and all around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind.*** This is what we also notice in other passages. These *cherubim* and *seraphim* are called "living creatures." The word here is *zoe* in Greek. ***And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle*** (or even a serpent). Keep in mind that on the flagstaffs of each of the tribes of Israel in their encampment, we notice these symbols appear on

the flags of the four leading tribes situated on the four sides of the camp. Therefore, it was obvious that Yahweh put the *cherubim* at the Garden of Eden to keep Adam and Eve out of the garden. Now, He uses them to bring back to Him the descendants of Adam and Eve, from sin, to salvation.

Finally, there are other living creatures (spirit creatures) who were created for the service of Yahweh, and they were simply called *malachim* (*ma'alach*), #4397 in the **Strong's Concordance**. This term comes from an unused root meaning, *to dispatch as a deputy; a messenger; spec. of [Yahweh], i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher).*" The root word appears also in Ethiopic and Arabic, but it is not attested in the Hebrew language as such. The word corresponding in the Greek text of the New Testament is #32, which is *angelos*.

Be certain to continue reading **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine, as I continue with this very interesting, absorbing, gripping subject of these four classes of created beings. Many great lessons will appear to encourage us to continue down the pathway to salvation. S_{NB}



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Turn to Zechariah 11 for a pilot text. *“Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars. Wail, O fir tree, for the cedar has fallen, because the good ones are destroyed: wail, O you oaks of Bashan, for the strong forest has come down. A voice of the wailing of the shepherds! For their glory is destroyed: a voice of the roaring of young lions! For the pride of the Jordan is laid waste.*

“In this manner said Yahweh my Elohim: Feed the flock of slaughter; whose possessors kill them, and hold themselves

not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be Yahweh, for I am rich; and their own shepherds pity them not. For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, says Yahweh; but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king; and they shall strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them. So I fed the flock of slaughter, truly the poor of the flock. And I took to me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. And I cut off the three shepherds

in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. Then I said, I will not feed you: that which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them that are left eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it apart, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. And it was broken in that day; and thus the poor of the flock that gave heed to me knew that it was the word of Yahweh. And I said to them, If you think good, give me my hire; and if not,



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refuse. So they weighed for my hire thirty pieces of silver. And Yahweh said to me, Cast it to the potter, the good price that I was evaluated by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter, in the house of Yahweh. Then I cut apart my other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

“And Yahweh said to me, Take to yourself yet again the instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who will not visit those that

are cut off, neither will seek those that are scattered, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which is sound; but he will eat the flesh of the fat sheep, and will tear their hoofs in pieces. Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaves the flock! The sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.”

Our study of the Book of Revelation has been a rewarding experience for us all. We have understood more of the importance of the seven Assemblies of Revelation 2 and 3. These messages are meant to encourage the people of Yahweh in these last days. The Word of Yahweh has strengthened us all spiritually, and it has taken us to new levels of understanding of the purposes for which Almighty Yahweh has created us and called us. If heeded, these lessons will REMOVE FROM US THE ANXIETY concerning the future, since we will, by the knowledge of the things to come, be able to prepare ourselves for what lies ahead. In this, Almighty Yahweh has blessed His people beyond anything that we could wish, so that we may make our calling and election sure.

The 11th chapter of Zechariah holds somewhat of an interpretation of Revelation 13. We have here the prophecy of how Almighty Yahweh will maintain His people with a feeding of an education. IT DESCRIBES THE TIME WHEN EACH ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO STAND THE TEST INDIVIDUALLY AND DO SO ONLY WITH THE SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT THAT EACH ONE OF US HAS RECEIVED FROM ON HIGH THROUGH THE WORD OF YAHWEH OVER THE YEARS OF OUR STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES. This

passage also describes the death stroke delivered to one who is described as a worthless shepherd, or a foolish shepherd. Yet this passage describes what happens to one of the heads of the Beast of Revelation 13.

The sword of Yahweh is upon the worthless shepherd. Verse 17: **“Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaves the flock! The sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.”** The dried up arm means that there will be no help for the people of Yahweh from this one. The darkened eye means that this worthless shepherd will have no vision for the people of Yahweh. In other words, the people of Yahweh must look away from this Anti Messiah being, because he cannot help them in any way. He is not the True Messiah whose arm gets for Him the victory, whose eye is always clear with Yahweh’s justice. And this is what happens to the head that is wounded to death, but, yet, lives. **He is dead spiritually**, but, yet, He lives to do damage to the people of Yahweh. That’s a great passage (Zechariah 11).

As we go back to Revelation 13, we wish to recapitulate certain things. There are similarities between the two beasts that are described in Revelation 13. First, they come from different, yet similar, places. They come from the Earth, the planet Earth. One comes out of the sea; the other one comes out of the earth. Revelation 13:1: **“And he stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.”** Verse 11: **“And I saw another beast com-**

ing up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.” The world wanders after the beast wanders in amazement.

Verse 3: *“And I saw one of his heads as though it had been struck to death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast....”* Verse 12: *“And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he makes the earth and them that dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed.”* See, all of the earth shall worship the first and the second beast

Verse 4: *“And they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? And who is able to war with him?”* And then, verse 8: *“And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, every one whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that has been killed.”* And, then, verse 12: *“And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he makes the earth and them that dwell in it*

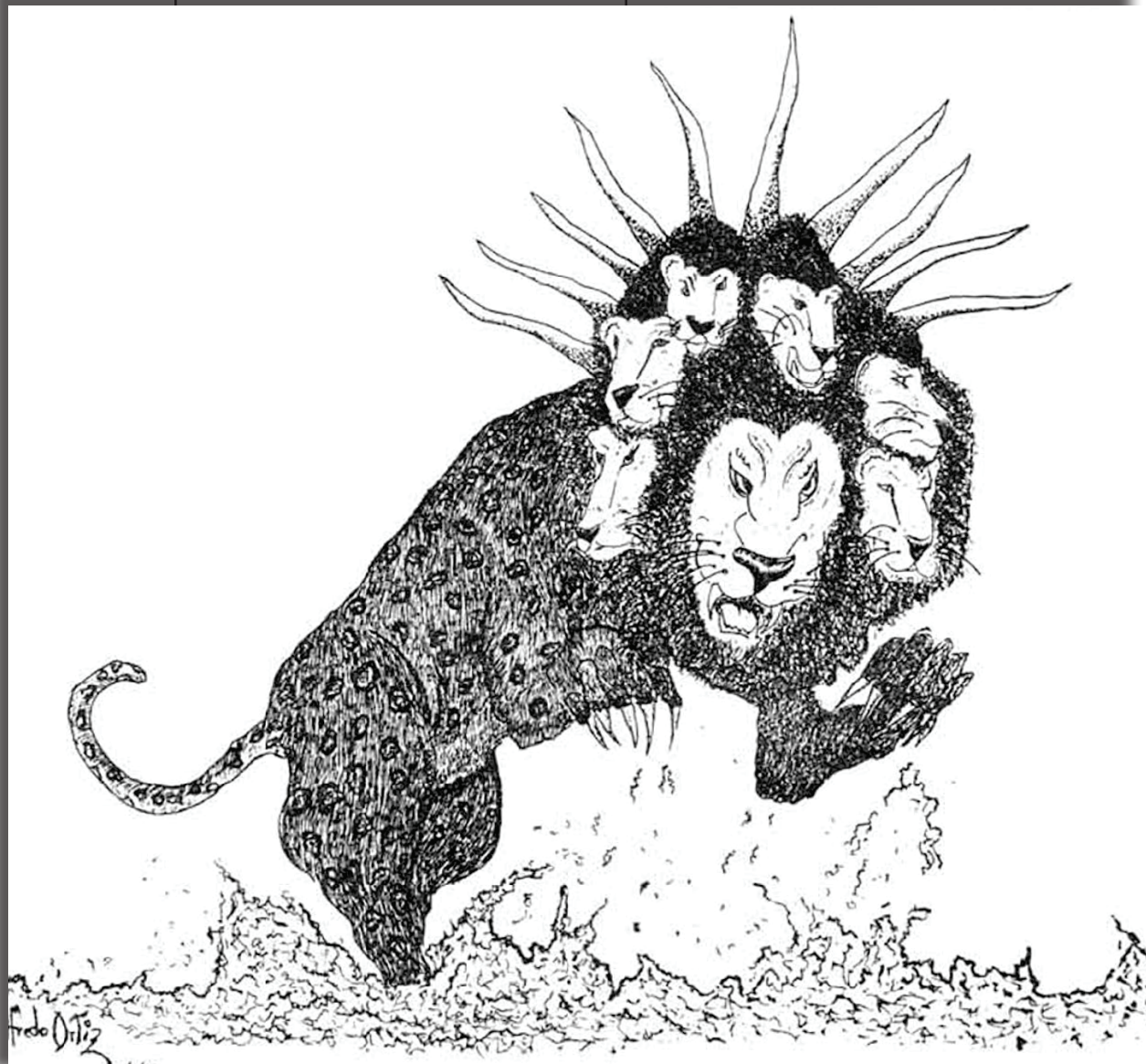
to worship the first beast [do you see the similarities?], *whose death-stroke was healed.”* All of the earth shall worship these two beasts. THE WORSHIP OF SATAN STANDS BEHIND BEAST WORSHIP.

And they worship the dragon, in verse 4, which we find in Revelation 12:9 is the Devil (Satan). *“And they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? And who is able to war with him?”* (Revelation 13:4).

Again, in Revelation 13:11-12: *“And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb,*

and he spoke as a dragon [like a devil, like Satan]. *And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he makes the earth and them that dwell in it to worship the first beast....”* And we just read who is behind the first beast and that is Satan the Devil. These things are really strong doctrine. Both of these beasts have a mouth.

In Revelation 13:5: *“And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies....”* And verse 11: *“And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.”* And verse 15: *“And it was given to him to give breath to it, even*



to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” What is the mouth for? The mouth is meant to blaspheme Yahweh and His subjects. Verse 5: *“And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies....”* Verse six: *“And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against Yahweh, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, even them that dwell in the heaven.”* And then verse 13: *“And he does great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who has the stroke of the sword and lived.”* You will see that the second beast is the healer of the death stroke of the first beast. When you notice in verse three: *“And I saw one of his heads as though it had been struck to death....”* And then it says He makes the earth and them that dwell in it to worship the first beast whose death stroke was healed.

For just a moment, let us digress to Revelation 17. We read there in verse 11: *“And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goes into perdition.”* Well, there are some really great things when you start laying these Scriptures side by side. Both exercise dominion, or rulership, over all the earth. They somehow will control all the earth. Verse 7: *“And it was given to him to make war with the*

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saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him.” And then verse 16: *“And he causes all, the small and the great, [well, doesn’t that include everybody? The little and the big, the small and the great and the free] the rich and the poor, [that includes everybody] and the free and the bond [that includes everybody—those who are slaves and those who are free, everybody on the earth is included in those three categories] that there be given to them a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead; and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, except he that has the mark.”* Both beasts exercise control over lives, especially the lives of the saints. Verse 10: *“If any man is for captivity, into captivity he goes: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”*

Verse 15: *“And it was given to*

him to give breath to it, even to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” THE BEASTS WILL CONTROL COMMERCE.

Revelation 14:13: *“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in Yahshua from now on: yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them,”* resting from their laborers.

Revelation 13:17: *“That no man should be able to buy or to sell, except he that has the mark, even the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”*

Let us not forget, the second beast exercises all of the power of the first beast, verse 12, *“And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his sight,”* and it is Satanic. Verse 2: *“And the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.”* You understand, the second beast exercises all of the

Satanic power that stands behind the first beast. That means DEATH TO ALL WHO RESIST, to all who will not serve these beasts.

Verse 4: ***“And they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? And who is able to war with him?”*** Verse 7: ***“And it was given to him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.”*** So, if he overcomes the saints, he’ll also be able to control everyone else.

Verse 10: ***“If any man is for captivity, into captivity he goes: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword he must be killed.”*** And verse 15 again: ***“And it was given to him to give breath to it, even to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”***

Death is to be meted out to all who will not serve these beasts. The title of this article is **The Ferocious Beast**. Authors such as Elie Wiesel, and other commentators, remark about the Nazi regime of the Second World War, that it was a beast devouring souls, a beast that ate up 6,000,000 Jews, a beast that ate up another 6 million people who were persecuted, a beast

that ate up millions of soldiers sent out to fight on the battlefields of the Second World War. Who is this beast?

For just a moment, let us understand more about the term *beast*. Ecclesiastes 3:18. ***“I said in my heart, It is because of the sons of men, that Elohim may prove them, and that they may see that they themselves are but as beasts.”*** You see, brethren and sisters, Yahweh Elohim is proving the sons of men, because they’re actually like beasts. They think almost like an animal. **THEY HAVE NO LOVE IN THEIR HEARTS EXCEPT FOR THEMSELVES.** They have no concern for others. Therefore, it is imperative that they must be changed, their hearts must be changed. Look again, ***“I said in my heart, It is because of the sons of men, that Elohim may prove them....”*** Yahweh has to see what’s in their hearts. Yahweh has offered and bestowed upon humankind who wish to receive it. The Holy Spirit bears good fruit,

and the Holy Spirit fruit is that of love and joy and peace. But, sadly, the attitude of people is just as Paul described them over in the 2 Timothy 3, when he said finally, ***“But evil men and imposters shall become worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”*** Notice what they are. They are **WITHOUT** natural affection; they’re without self-control; they’re **FERCE**; having a form of righteousness, but have denied the power of it.

Let us not forget Psalm 49:12, which tells us, ***“But man being in honor shall not remain: he is like the beasts that perish.”*** And what is that? Well, that, of course, is the evil people who are living on this earth. Dropping down to verse 20, ***“Man that is in honor, and understands not, Is like the beasts that perish.”*** Those who do not wish to acquire understanding are like beasts that perish. No wonder Isaiah the prophet can say in chapter 18, beginning in verse 4: ***“For thus has Yahweh said to me, I will be still, and I will behold in my dwelling place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”*** The beginning of the passage,

the first 3 verses, describes the United States of America absolutely to tee. And so he says, ***“I will behold in my dwelling place [I’ll just have patience] like clear heat in sunshine [when everything is still, that’ll be me], like a cloud***





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of dew in the heat of harvest.”

That will be me calm and peaceful and everything's settled—no wind blowing. I'll see what happens. *“For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and the spreading branches will he take away and cut down. They shall be left together to the ravenous birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth.”*

You understand, when Yahweh is there watching, the beasts of the earth will then come upon these people (this nation), *“and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. In that time shall a present be brought to Yahweh of hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people terrible from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide [the term divide means quarter] to the place of the name of Yahweh of hosts, the mount Zion.”* That is from people who have good hearts; converted people who will be bringing that offering.

But what happens to the other ones? Yahweh will eventually do

away with them. Isaiah 30:6: *“The burden of the beasts of the South [there's even a prophecy, you might say it's Egypt and African nations]. “Through the land of trouble and anguish, from where come the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people that shall not profit them.*

For Egypt helps in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I called her Rahab that sits still.” Who are these people? People who should know better. THEY SHOULD BE SEEKING YAHWEH. But what do they do now? *“Go, write it before them on a tablet,*

and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever. For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of Yahweh....” Those are the ones that go and try to buy favors from the nations, and the treasures of these nations are hauled away to a people that will never profit. *“That say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophecy deceits, get out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on it; therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall....”*

I included Daniel 7:17 previously, but we want to be reminded of it, because it describes for us who is meant by beasts. Daniel 7:17: *“These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, that*



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shall arise out of the earth.”

So we don't need to guess who the beast is, or what the beast is. It is kings, or kingdoms, or empires. When you look at the passage in Daniel chapter 7, you compare it to Daniel chapter 2 and other passages. Then you can say, aha, it's talking about world ruling empires which are Babylonia, Media, Persia, Greece, and Rome. To identify a beast, one can also use Micah 5:8. **“And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the middle of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep....”**

So here's a beast among beasts, Judah among the nations of the world, the remnant of Jacob, not only Judah, but the remnant of Jacob, which is the Israelites.

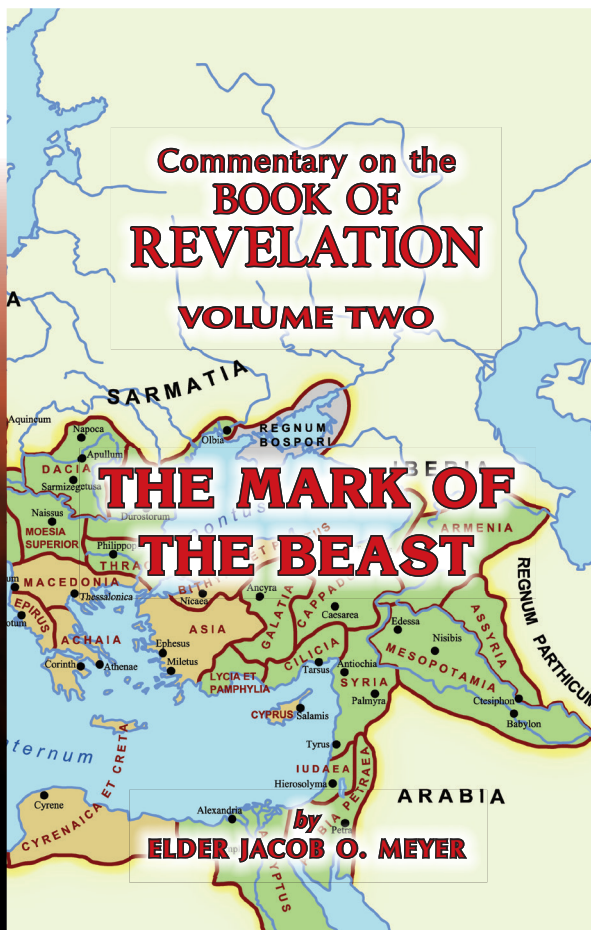
In 2 Peter 2:12: **“But these, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed.”** In New Zealand, in 1990, a man took an assault rifle

and started shooting people, and they brought in the anti-terrorist squad and shot him—shot him and killed him dead. They gave the reason that he had already killed 13 people, and he wasn't about to stop. They had to stop him like a mad dog in the streets. This is how people act when they do not have Yahweh's Holy Spirit. Controlled by Satan, they try to destroy, they try to kill, and they don't care. They don't care about themselves. They're like animals that have to be taken and destroyed before they destroy many more people. How many times do we see it here in the United States? We hear it on newscasts. Someone grabs a rifle, or a knife, or rams a vehicle into a crowd of people. Someone shot around 50 people from the University of Texas clock tower. They finally had to do the same thing to him. They weren't going to take that mad dog alive. Then they shot him, because he was just like an animal. This is what

Peter is saying. This is what the entire Bible is telling us. Man, without

Yahweh's Holy Spirit, goes from bad to worse. This is the character of the nations, the rulers of nations are like Nimrod. They go from bad to worse.

Judah verse 10: **“But these rail at whatever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things they are destroyed.”** Isn't that what the worldly people are doing? They rail at things they don't know, they don't understand, and, yet, they have an opinion—instant experts—and they have an opinion that's going to take them away from Yahweh. Just like animals without reason, running, running, running, when they tear loose, and you can't stop them. They stampede off into the distance and forever are lost. They will stampede over cliffs and kill themselves. This is exactly what Judah is trying to show us. Man without Yahweh's Holy Spirit, without His Covenant, to restrain, to restrict, to show, to point out the right way is like a beast. It's like a beast that perishes. ^{SNB}



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the Jezreelite, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard. And Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be merry: I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, and that dwelt with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among people: and set two men, base fellows, before him, and let them bear witness against him, saying, You cursed Elohim and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him to death.

“And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, according as it is written in the letters which she had sent to them. They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. And the two men, the base fellows, came in and sat before him: and the base fellows bore witness against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth cursed Elohim and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned, and is dead. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for

money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

“And the word of Yahweh came to EliYah the Tishbite, saying, Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwells in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. And you shall speak to him, saying, In this manner says Yahweh, Have you killed, and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him, saying, In this manner says Yahweh, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even yours. And Ahab said to EliYah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in the sight of Yahweh.” (1 Kings 21:1- 20).

The subject of our study today in the Word of Yahweh will be the Tenth Commandment, found in Exodus 20:17. *“You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.”* See also Deuteronomy 5:21.

One sometimes wonders why this commandment was placed at the end of the Law of Yahweh, when it seems that all of the other violations of the commandments (in principle) rest upon the foundation of the tenth. Almighty Yahweh, when He called His people Israel, gave them rules by which to live, rules that would bring them only happiness if they were obeyed in all sincerity.

Yahweh presented these 10 commandments as the heart, or core, of His Law.

This commandment is really the one that forcefully strikes at the very root of the moral degradation that we perceive all around us today in this materialistic, lustful, pleasure-seeking, worldly society. The dictionary defines the term *covet* as: *to indulge in extreme or unlawful desire, inordinately eager to acquire and possess.* The Hebrew term that appears in the biblical text is *chamad* (#2530 in **Strong's Concordance**). It means, *to delight in, to covet or desire what is pleasant to the senses.*

Yahweh the Almighty, the Creator and Sustainer of the whole universe, desires nothing more from His people than obedience, pure worship, and praise. We find that, too frequently, people simply refuse to admit that they could be wrong about anything. Unconverted people only desire to erect for themselves a personal standard of morality that they can obey without inconvenience. They will allow no one, not even Yahweh the Almighty, to tell them what that standard should be. They will hardly tolerate any authority over them. Nevertheless, Bible prophecy informs us that they are going to have a ruler anyway in the future when the Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, establishes Yahweh's Kingdom on earth—or they will perish forever if they do not willingly submit to His rulership and righteousness.

When Yahweh called His people Israel out of Egypt, He commanded them to trust only in His Name, to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, and not to allow religious art or images. Yahweh told His people to worship Him only upon the specific day that He had set apart and sanctified for that purpose. However, down

through the history of Israel, this stiff-necked people would not listen to Him; conversely, they coveted the religious worship of their heathen neighbors. At the first opportunity, Israel quickly apostatized to embrace false, pagan worship. “We want to be like our neighbors,” they insisted. “We want to integrate into the crowd and community. We want to be well adjusted. We want to fit into worldly society, to implement tolerance and religious syncretism.”

Turn to the book of the prophet Ezekiel, chapter 20, verse 32. ***“And that which comes into your mind shall not be at all, in that you say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.”***

Notice that Israel anxiously coveted the idolatrous worship of pagan elohim (mighty ones). They wanted to integrate into this worldly system, to appear like the gentiles, or heathen, as the pagan families, or heathen nations, of the world.

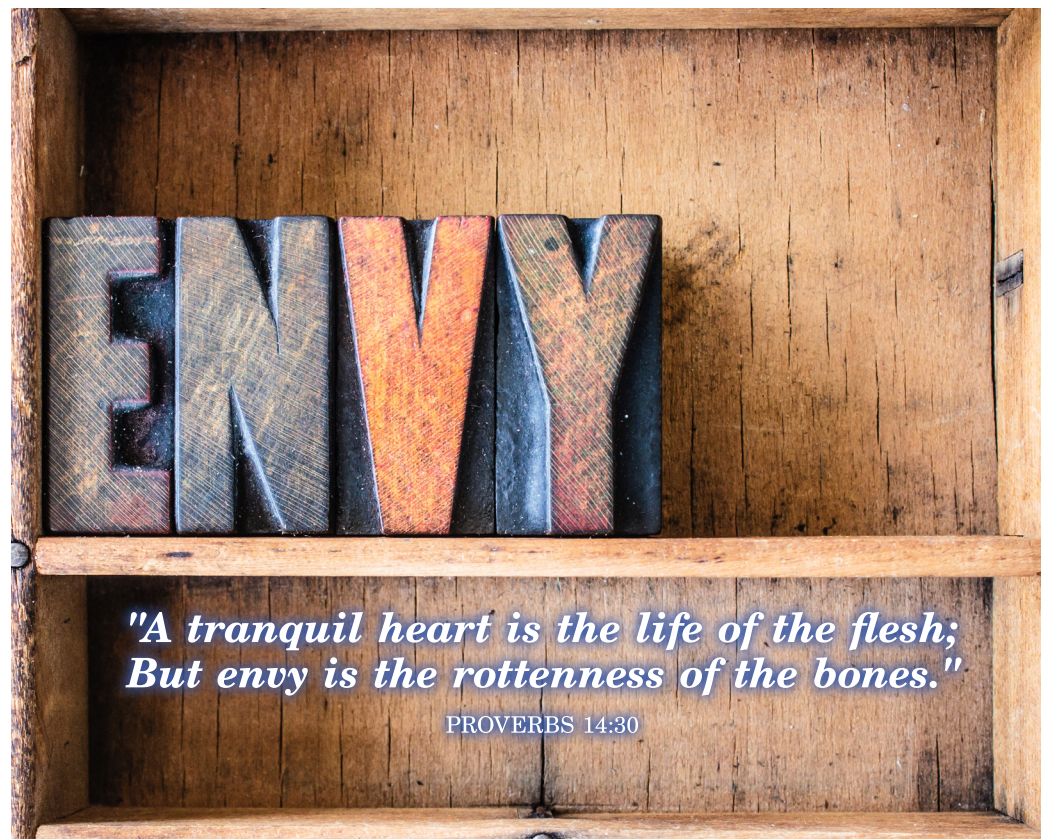
In the next several verses, Yahweh declares that He will send the entire nation of Israel back into a wilderness condition and plead with them there. He clearly intends to separate them from the nations and to correct their erroneous thinking. He will purge out the rebels, and bring them into the bond of the Covenant, which represents a strict obedience to the 10 Commandments and the related moral Laws as set forth in Yahweh’s Torah (Law).

Now notice verse 39 of Ezekiel chapter 20, ***“As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Sovereign Yahweh: Go serve every one his idols, and after this also, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name shall you no more profane with your gifts, and with your idols.”*** “Go ahead,”

Yahweh declares, “commit spiritual adultery, but don’t associate My Name with this abomination. My great Name shall never be connected with pagan worship, or idolatry.”

Today, we can perceive what has happened to the pure worship of Yahweh. Most of society refuses even to acknowledge His great Name. They call themselves *Gentiles*, which the Scriptures indicate means *a pagan unbeliever of the ethnic origin*. They refuse to acknowledge such a thing as a Covenant with the Almighty—

you die—a concept that is totally unscriptural and is, in fact, false doctrine, but the people evidently imagined that religion appealed to more of the masses in this manner. “As long as you do not dance, drink, and play cards (too much), you can violate just about any of the other commandments,” teach many of the ministers. To this very day, they continue to borrow from the ancient religions of the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Assyrians, etc., because those religious teachings are more popular. Perhaps the doctrines sound nicer



Covenant of obedience to His Law (Torah) that demonstrates to the world which Mighty One they shall serve. They imagine that by some kind of sentimental giving of your HEART to the Savior, and your HAND to the church, you can then go ahead and live just about as you always have. They assert that your sins will be forgiven, and you will go to heaven when

and more pleasant to the ear, but Yahweh declares that they will not bring you eternal salvation.

Not only have the people coveted foreign religious customs, and have assimilated these false doctrines as a replacement for Bible Truth, but in their new religion, they have abruptly turned toward materialism, wherein they have certainly coveted their neighbor’s

possessions. Have you ever heard the expression, “people keeping up with the Joneses?” Here is an example: “My neighbor down the block just got a new compact car, so I must rush right out and buy a new Cadillac! Even though I can’t afford even a bicycle, I’ll just have to go more deeply into debt to stay ahead of the next door neighbor. Therefore, my family suffers, but we surely went one up on the Joneses down the block.”

Today, the major news magazines are printing story after story, reporting that America’s private debt continues to mount astronomically, a debt that now amounts to many trillions of dollars, debt that is on the verge of overpowering many families and driving them into personal bankruptcy. Even in the national government, Congress seems unconcerned about the financial problems that grip this country. The philosophy of “having, before earning,” has led many families to borrow huge amounts of money at exorbitant interest rates. The national debt also now has risen to more than \$15 trillion, a figure the human mind cannot begin to grasp.

Governments covet their neighboring country’s mineral resources, or natural assets, such as harbors or routes to the sea, plunging themselves into wars wherein millions of innocent human beings are annihilated when they confront these mighty military machines of our modern times. When will men learn to be satisfied with their lot? People will probably answer, “Never.” But I would reply, “Men **will be satisfied** when the Kingdom of the heavens ushers in the prophesied era of righteousness.”

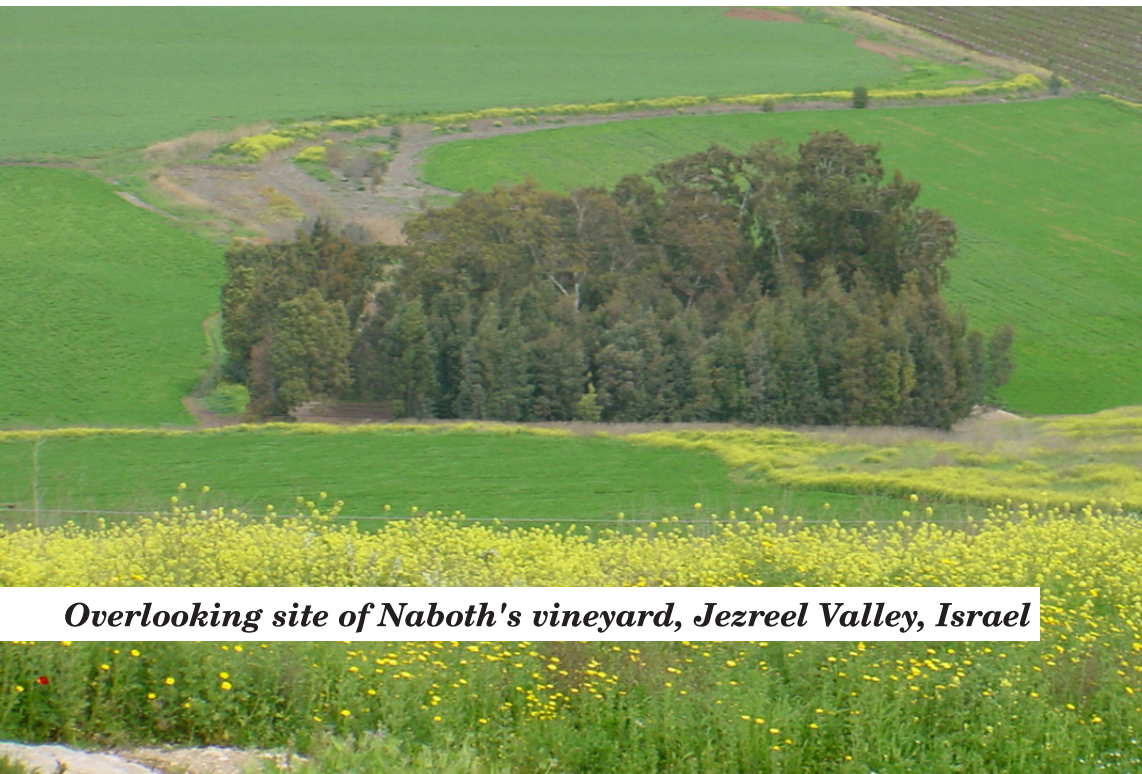
In the scriptural passage that we read at the beginning of this article, you will notice the symptoms of this insidious sin of covetousness. Ahab, the king of the House of Israel (the 10 northern Israelite tribes) became very much attracted to the vineyard owned by another man—Naboth. It was located adjacent to his palace and very convenient for him to use as a source of fresh vegetables for his table. He asked Naboth to sell this tract of land, or trade it for another vineyard farther out in the country. Naboth, however, intended to obey the Law of Yahweh, which said that a man shall inherit his father’s land and

shall never sell it out of the family name. Yahweh had given the land by lot to the Israelite tribes. Even when sold, the family inheritance would still be returned to the original owner in the Jubilee year; therefore, in effect, the land was only rented for a period of time of less than 50 years. See Leviticus 25:23-28. When Naboth refused to sell his vineyard, King Ahab actually became physically ill from this inordinate lust and covetousness that he could find no way to alleviate. The rejection Ahab felt also seemed to affect him psychologically.

Now enters Jezebel, Ahab’s Canaanite wife. “Why are you sick?” she asks. “You’re the king. You can do ANYTHING in the kingdom that **your heart** desires. Just leave everything to me, and you’ll soon have Naboth’s vineyard. This is what we’ll do. We’ll FALSELY ACCUSE (FRAME) this intransigent individual and have him executed. When he is gone, you can take over his property, and you won’t have any more interference from this commoner.”

That is precisely what they did! The government suborned perjury. Jezebel wrote letters over King

Ahab’s signature and government seal. Naboth was brought to court, accused by false witnesses of blasphemy, and convicted with these perjured witnesses. The sentence, according to the scriptural Law, was death, which was carried out immediately as the Law also prescribes. See Leviticus 24:13-16. Nevertheless, Almighty Yahweh sees all and knows all, and maintains control over His creation. He sent EliYah the prophet to confront King Ahab with this message, “**And you shall speak to**



Overlooking site of Naboth's vineyard, Jezreel Valley, Israel

him, saying, *In this manner says Yahweh, Have you killed, and also taken possession?*

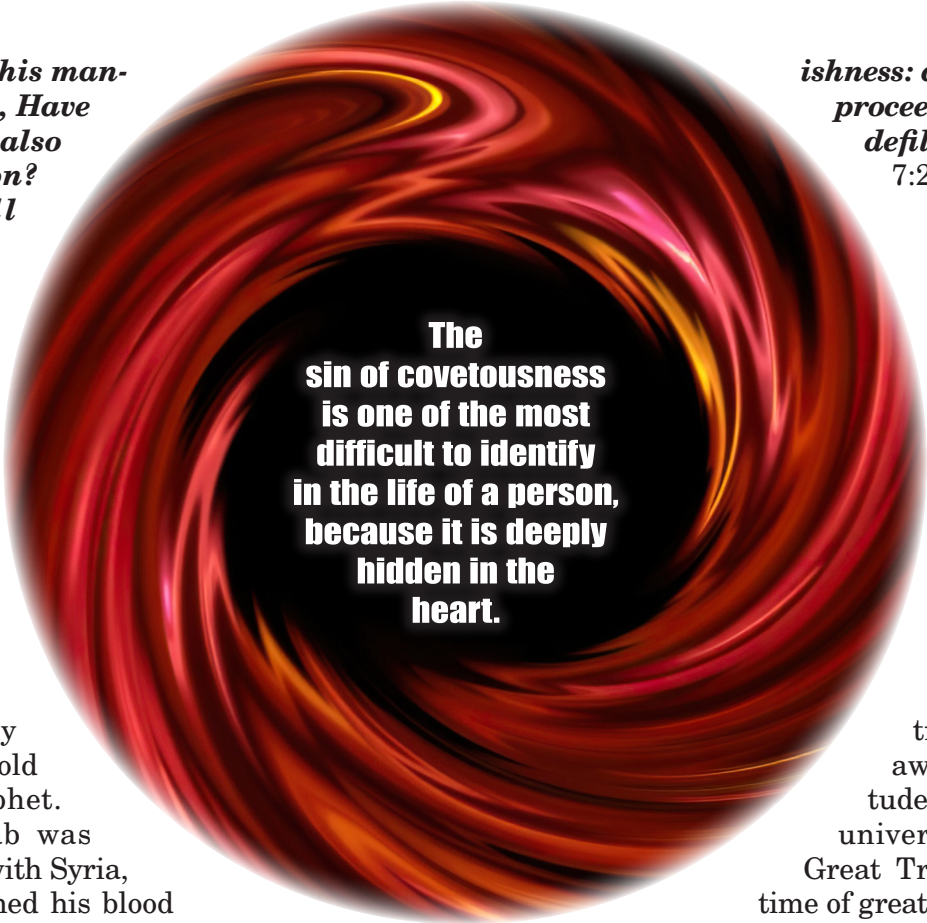
And you shall speak to him, saying, In this manner says Yahweh, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your blood, even yours.”

(1 Kings 21:19).

And, the subsequent fulfillments happened exactly as Yahweh had told EliYah, the prophet. When King Ahab was killed in the war with Syria, his servants washed his blood from the chariot at the pool of Jezreel, 1 Kings 22:33-40.

In Ephesians chapter 5, this sin of coveting is listed with the prevalent, pervasive sins of humankind. ***“For this you know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, NOR COVETOUS MAN, WHO IS AN IDOLATER, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of the Messiah and Yahweh.”*** Very plain words, don't you agree? Covetousness is also synonymous with idolatry, declares Paul. Could it be that you are guilty of idolatry because you are lusting and coveting something that is not yours to have?

The sin of covetousness is one of the most difficult to identify in the life of a person, because **it is deeply hidden in the heart.** People may fantasize in secret for a long time about illicit sex, about owning a new car, or acquiring an estate which they cannot afford to buy. Some people fantasize in secret about robbing a bank, or



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killing a hated enemy. Even his closest friend may not perceive the depths of the sin that dwells hidden in the heart of unconverted man. Nevertheless, Yahweh knows! (See Jeremiah 17:9-10.)

Yahweh gives us an opportunity to control our conduct. We must thrust the evil thoughts of covetousness completely out of our minds and hearts and do so immediately when Satan inserts them. If thoughts are allowed to languish there, they will surely rise to the surface some day to produce evil actions. Yahshua our Messiah revealed how that would happen. ***“And he said, That which proceeds out of the man, that defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, COVETINGS, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, fool-***

ishness: all these evil things proceed from inside, and defile the man.” (Mark 7:20-23).

From scriptural prophecies, we know that the people of our modern times will certainly have to suffer for the excesses into which they have allowed themselves to become enmeshed. The people of the world will have to endure a wilderness period of tribulation to purge away their bad attitudes and conduct in a universal catharsis. The

Great Tribulation will be a time of great trouble such as this world has never before witnessed. You do not have to endure that severe judgment from On High. You can judge yourself now, on a continuing, day-to-day basis, according to the Word of Yahweh, allowing it to direct you into paths of righteousness, so that you will not be condemned with the world. See 1 Corinthians 11:31-32.

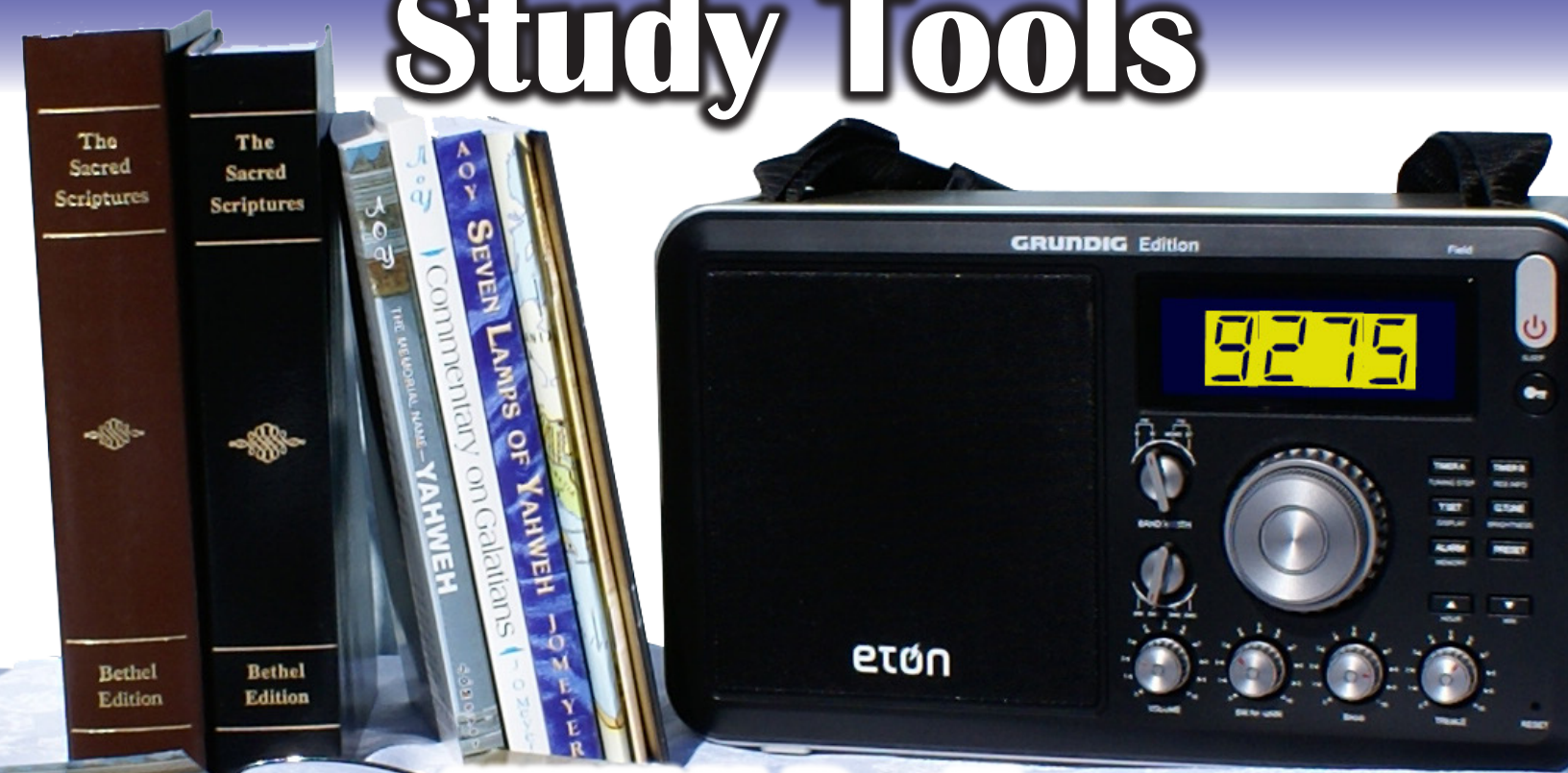
Will you accept this invitation from Yahweh, the Almighty Father in Heaven, to seek a converted life and serve Him with a whole heart? May Yahweh, through His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior, grant you the desire to serve Him in reverence and faithfulness. I leave you with this thought found in Proverbs 28:16. ***“The prince that lacks understanding is also a great oppressor; but HE THAT HATES COVETOUSNESS SHALL PROLONG HIS DAYS.”*** This length of days—long life—will be completely fulfilled as a reward in the coming Kingdom of Yahweh. ^{SNB}

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