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# Lessons from the *Sukkah*

by Randy Folliard

**Y**ahweh's annual Feast days provide many lessons and prophetic understanding. One of the prominent Feasts, as well as the highlight of the year for many, is the Feast of Tabernacles.

This Feast prophetically represents the coming millennial Kingdom. During this time the Bible states that Yahshua will reign over the earth with the saints, those from the first resurrection.

In addition to its incredible prophetic insight, this Feast also provides many lessons. Before exploring those lessons, let's quickly review when and how this Feast was observed. It's a Feast of seven days and begins on the 15th day of the seventh month. On the Hebrew calendar this is the month of *Tishri*. As seen in 1Kings 8:2, this month is also called *Ethanim*.

This Feast commemorated Israel's travels in the wilderness. Yahweh's Restoration Ministry continues to observe this time in a wilderness setting. It's also a holy convocation, meaning a sacred or

set-apart gathering. We are commanded to stay in "booths" for its entire duration. This word comes from the Hebrew *sukkah* and literally refers to temporary dwellings.

Barring physical or health constraints, it's impossible to observe this Feast at home ("coming together"). While you might be able to pitch a tent in your backyard, you cannot have a "holy convocation" with only yourself. It's for this reason that gathering with a body of believers is paramount.

## **Life Is Temporary**

Let's now consider the lessons of the *sukkah*. As the nature of the *sukkah* is temporary, the same is also true of our mortal life. David in Psalms 103 states, "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that

remember his commandments to do them," verses 15-18.

David here compares the life of man to flowers in a field. As the flower is here one day, it is gone the next. In the same way man's life is equally short, especially when we keep life in perspective. In my twenty years in the ministry I've been blessed to know some good men.

One man who stands out was Elder Donald Mansager. As a minister he impacted the lives of thousands, helping many come to the truth of Almighty Yahweh. Because of this he was respected and loved by many.

Working with him in the office I witnessed the number of calls and correspondences he would receive. However, I also noticed how all that changed when he retired from the ministry. The calls and letters virtually stopped. He had only his family and the local assembly by his side.

While his work lives on, Donald is no longer with us. He is sleeping and waiting

for the resurrection at Yahshua's coming. Elder Manger's life serves as an example of what we find in the Book of Psalms. No matter who we are or what we have, life is always fleeting.

As with the *sukkah*, our dwelling is not permanent and neither is our life now. Even though this life is short, we have amazing promises that lie ahead. As this Feast foreshadows our Father's everlasting Kingdom, our faith and devotion now offer the promise of everlasting life. In this case, the finite foreshadows the infinite.

### Overcoming Hardships

David wasn't the only one to understand this truth. Job also understood that man's life was transitory. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not," Job 14:1-2.

While Job had his share of troubles and personal challenges, he was a wise and patient man who understood the meaning of life and the common hardships many suffer. In those moments we must maintain faith. While Job certainly questioned the reason for his troubles, not once did he doubt Yahweh or what He represented.

Instead of doubting our faith or blaming Yahweh for our trouble, we should look to Him in these instances. We should also remember that this life is short, but the life to come is forever.

This is what it means to maintain perspective. Most people, including many who call on Yahweh's Name, are so focused on this life that they lose perspective on the next. As a result they make poor decisions about the life to come. Instead of living for Yahweh they live for the now.

As believers we're either all in or all out; there is no middle ground. As we find a stark metaphor in the Book of Revelation, Yahshua's going to vomit out those who are lukewarm.

### Dissolving of Our Earthly Home

In 2Corinthians 5:1 Paul states, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of Elohim, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Paul here compares our bodies to a "tabernacle," a type of *sukkah*. This word comes from the Greek *skenos* and refers to a hut or to a temporary residence. The body

and life that we have now will not remain forever. Someday it will come to an end and our future will be based on what we did during this life.

If we served our Father in heaven faithfully we're going to be blessed, but if not, we're going to be cursed. This truth is not complicated. Yahweh is looking for those who are completely devoted to Him. How many today realize that our Heavenly Father is more concerned about what we do versus what we say?

Professing our faith is not enough. We must act upon our faith! Part of that is making sure that we set our priorities according to His will and not our own. Those who do this will find their eternal home.

The seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles foreshadow Yahweh's future kingdom. While our life now is finite and transitory, the life to come is forever and eternal. This is one of the greatest lessons of the *sukkah*.

### A Crown of Glory

When will we receive our crown of glory? Paul in 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 describes when and how this will occur: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yahshua will Elohim bring with

Paul opens here by discussing death. We're not to sorrow when someone in the Messiah passes away. For those in Messiah he compares death to sleep. Even though we often view death as the end of the road, the reality is it's only the beginning for a believer in Yahshua. We have a great promise through our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. He died for us so that we could live through Him. We are redeemed or justified only through His shed blood; this isn't something we can earn or achieve on our own; it's a glorious gift!

Paul goes on here to explain the first resurrection. As you read this, try to picture the following: You hear a loud voice from heaven announcing Yahshua's return followed by the blast of a trumpet. You then see the clouds part and Yahshua with thousands of angels coming down from heaven.

After this, you see the graves of the saints open as they are resurrected as spirit beings in the form of the angels of heaven. Immediately afterward you see those alive being changed from flesh to spirit and also rising to meet Yahshua in the clouds. Finally, you see Yahshua with His angels and new-found saints descending together to Mount Zion.

This is the promise that awaits the called and chosen of Yahweh. This is going to be a day beyond all others and there will never be another like it! One moment, nothing, and the next, the return

## This is going to be a day beyond all others and there will never be another like it! One moment nothing, and the next, the return of our Savior, Yahshua.

him. For this we say unto you by the word of Yahweh, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Master shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Master himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Master in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Master. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. Everything we do now is for that time to come. The natural and broken bodies we have now will no longer exist.

As we see from Paul in 1Corinthians 15, this transformation will be awe-inspiring!

"And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But Elohim giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the

same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body,” vv.37-44.

Paul here describes in great detail the first resurrection. He confirms that the corruptible is before the incorruptible. In other words, flesh comes before the spirit. He also states that not all flesh is the same.

For example, he mentions a flesh of man, a flesh of fishes, and a flesh of animals. Even though there’s one flesh for animals, not all animals look the same; the same is true for mankind now and also for the resurrection.

He goes on to describe the resurrection by showing a contrast between the flesh and spirit. He states that we are sown in corruption, but will be raised in incorruption, referring to everlasting life. We are sown in dishonor, but will be raised in glory or splendor. We are sown in weakness, but will be raised in power and strength. We are sown a natural body, but will be raised in spiritual power, as the angels of heaven.

This again is a lesson we find through the *sukkah*. That which is temporary points to that which is forever. Many believers today suffer from different forms of sickness and disease. For those suffering know that some day your pain will come to an end. There’s a great day ahead for those who faithfully follow Yahweh now. At that time there will be no more sorrow or pain, but only happiness and strength through our Heavenly Father and Savior.

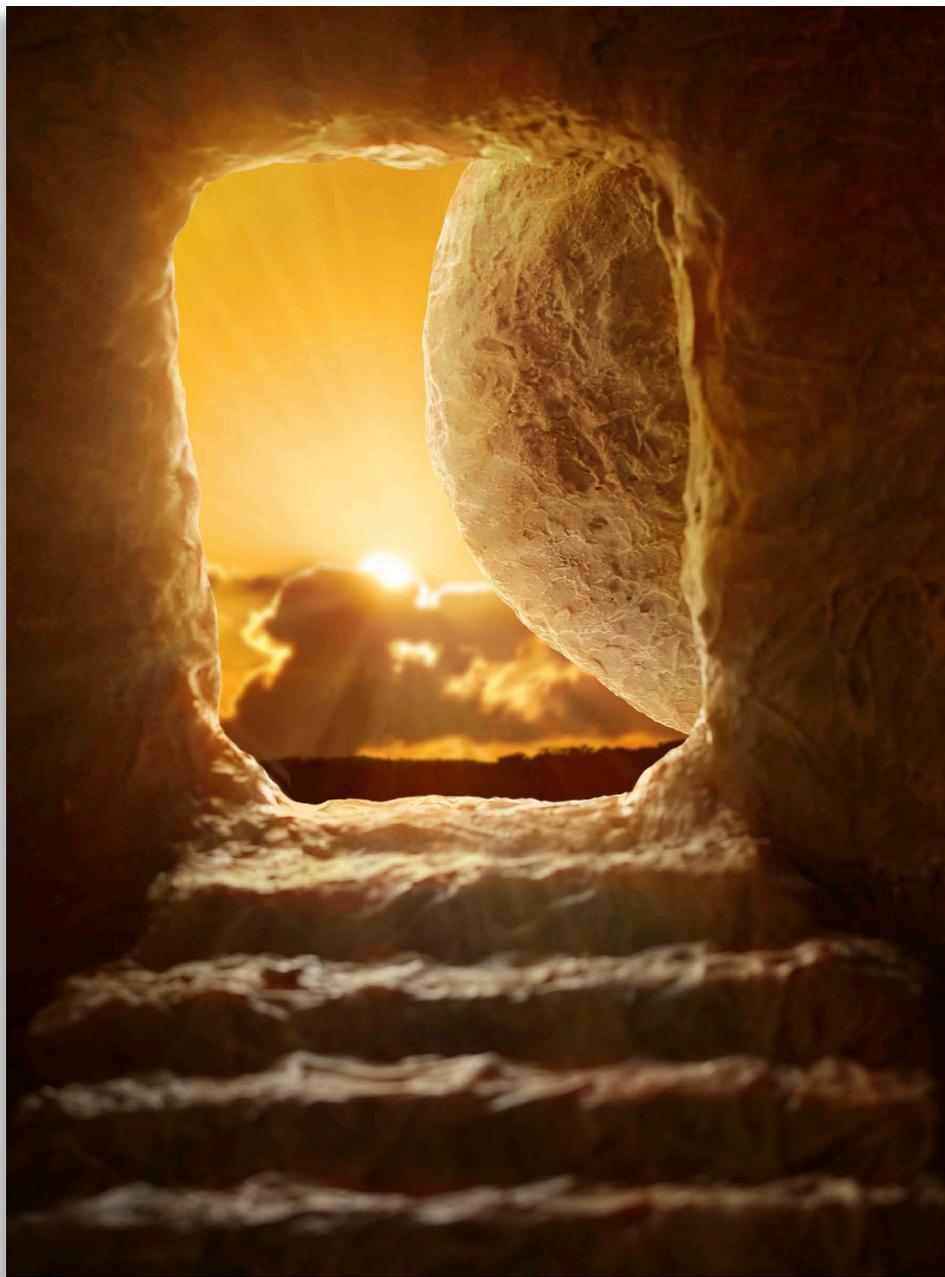
#### **Making Your Election Sure**

Now Paul’s not the only one to speak about this promise. Peter in the first

chapter of his second epistle writes, “Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our [Master] and Savior [Yahshua

will be found worthy to be called saints at the return of Yahshua the Messiah.

As believers how do we ensure that we’re one of the “called and chosen” and not simply one of the called? We follow our Heavenly Father first and foremost. We never deviate from His Word.



Messiah],” verses 10-11, NIV.

Peter says here that we’re to make our election sure. We’re not to waste the opportunity we’ve been given. Scripture teaches that many are called but only a few are chosen. We learn two important truths from this short passage. First, not everyone is called to the faith. And second, from those called only a few

We follow Him with our entire being, heart, soul, and might. We go all the way with His truth and never compromise what we know to be right. May we learn the profound lessons of the *sukkah* by realizing that the finite today points to the infinite to come. May we devote our days to be found worthy of everlasting life in our Father’s Kingdom! 

# YRM Blitzes

## Internet, Digitals and Apps

*In the last several months YRM has taken extraordinary efforts to leverage the Internet and other digital options in our drive to fulfill the Great Commission. Below are some of these milestones.*



### New Website Design and Features

Visit our new website at [yrm.org](http://yrm.org). It contains a wealth of information for the new inquirer and the experienced Bible student alike. It offers free literature, mini-courses, question/answers, an in-depth study Bible, and this bi-monthly magazine. In addition, you can watch past Sabbath messages, *Discover the Truth (Live)* and *Shattering Traditions* programs, music videos, and much more. You can request and review our weekly prayer list online. We are sure you will be blessed by this powerful resource and the depth of

understanding it offers!

### YRM's New Mobile App

YRM has a new free mobile app available for both Android and iTunes for Apple. Search for "Yahweh's Restoration Ministry." The mobile app provides information about YRM and links to our new website, live worship, social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus), Sabbath archive, *Shattering Traditions* programs, e-store, Feast Days, New Moon Network, Women's Blog, and news. There is also a donate feature allowing donations

via your phone or other mobile devices. See back cover for more information.

### 'Shattering Traditions' Video Mobile App

*Shattering Traditions* is now available on Android and Apple devices (search for *Shattering Traditions*). The apps are free of charge and available to all who seek to understand Yahweh's Word. These new apps contain videos of our new program and our Sabbath worship. We pray that these apps along with the new platforms on Apple TV, Android TV, and Amazon Fire will be a blessing for many. Don't forget our *Shattering Traditions* Roku channels.

### Expanded YouTube Presence

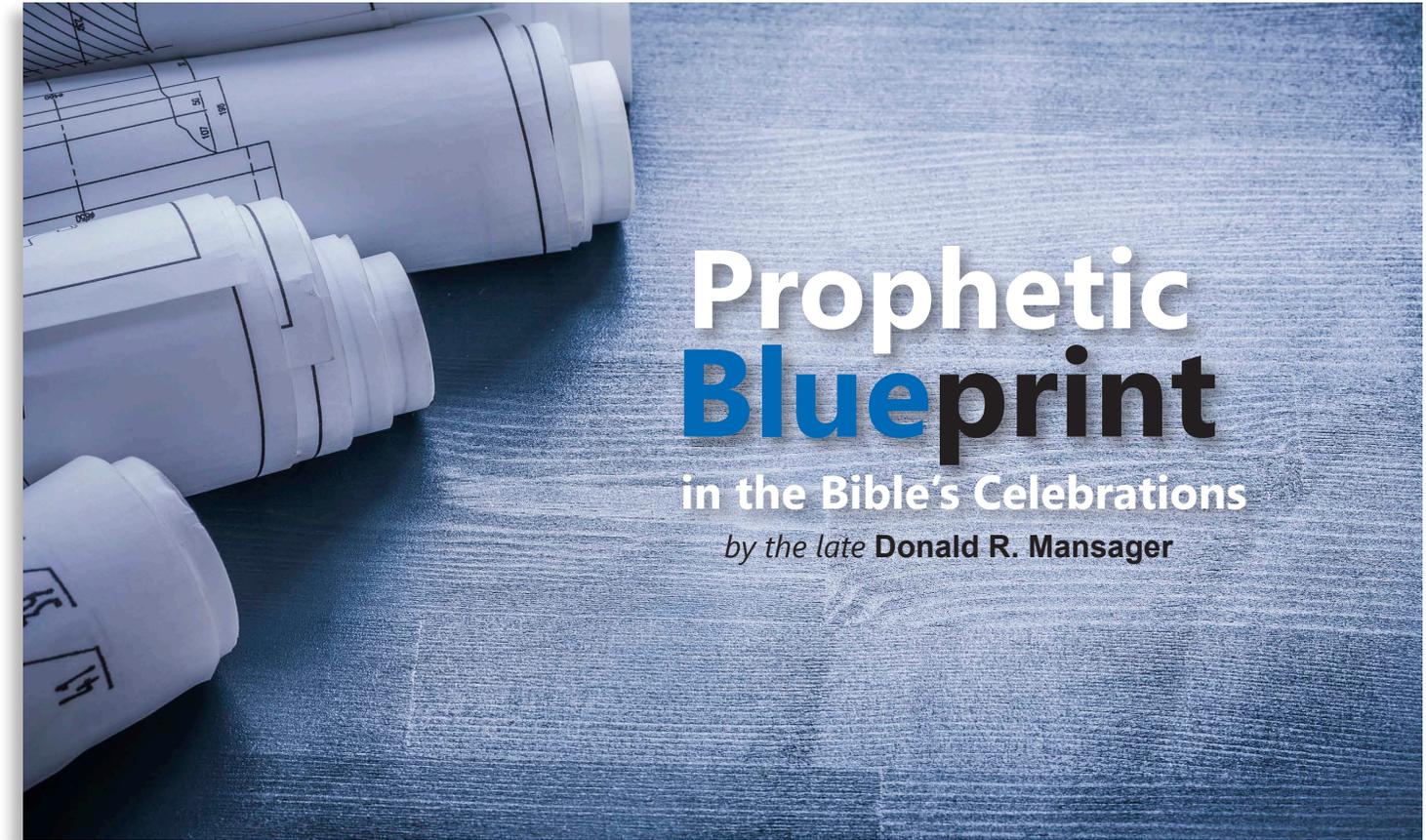
We are expanding our YouTube channel to include several new playlists, including *Shattering Traditions*, Sabbath services, and Coffee with Randy. You can also view Discover the Truth (Live), QAs on various topics, music videos, and programs and footage from Israel. Please support this endeavor by subscribing to our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/yahwehsrestorationministry>) and clicking the "Subscribe" button. Doing so will help us reach many more with Yahweh's truth.

### New Digital TV Platforms

YRM is now on Amazon Fire, Apple TV, and Android TV. Our channel name is *Shattering Traditions*. It will contain videos from our new *Shattering Traditions* programs and also Sabbath worship. As we are in the process of producing this new program, you can watch episodes of our Discover the Truth programs on those channels. Along with Apple and Android TV, we also expanded our Roku channel to include the new *Shattering Traditions* program and Sabbath worship videos.

### Come to the Garden

Our *Come to the Garden* webpage, written for women by women, is now available online at [yrm.org/come-to-the-garden](http://yrm.org/come-to-the-garden). You can read inspiring and informative articles on various topics including: "Manna" (examining the Kosher status of various ingredients), "Natural Wonders," "Women of the Bible," "Poems," "Clean Cuisine," and general articles to help and encourage. There is also a guestbook to sign and share your thoughts and ideas. 



# Prophetic Blueprint

in the Bible's Celebrations

by the late **Donald R. Mansager**

**O**ur visitor said he belonged to a Sabbath-keeping group that kept all the commandments of Yahweh, including the weekly Sabbath. When asked about the annual Sabbaths and the Sabbatical/Jubilee cycle, he responded that animal sacrifices all pointed to the supreme sacrifice of Yahshua Himself. Because His death replaced sacrifices and we no longer sacrifice animals, we no longer observe the days they were sacrificed on.

As others do, our visitor twisted the issue and added to the Word.

#### **All Sabbaths Make a Unit**

Many overlook the fact that the annual Sabbaths are just as prominent in Leviticus 23 as the weekly Sabbath. They come bundled together. Notice:

“Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, concerning the feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; you shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of Yahweh in all your dwellings. These are the feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their seasons” (Lev. 23:2-4).

Notice that the first “feast” mentioned is the weekly Sabbath. A serious problem comes with trying to separate the weekly and annual Sabbaths. The Bible teaches that BOTH will be kept in the Millennial Kingdom under Yahshua. It is an axiom that what has been in effect for millennia still is. They were observed by Yahweh’s people before and during the time of Moses and by the Savior. The Ten Commandments, along with the weekly and annual Sabbaths, fit into this category.

It is true that animal sacrifices were offered on the annual Sabbaths. But they were also offered on the weekly Sabbath. Twice as many daily sacrifices were offered on the weekly Sabbath. If Yahweh’s special days requiring animal sacrifices are no longer binding upon Yahweh’s people, then neither is the Sabbath binding today.

Sabbath-keepers should take note: “And on the Sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof: This is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering. And in the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt offering unto Yahweh; two young bullocks, and one ram,

seven lambs of the first year without spot” (Num. 28:9-11).

These verses render invalid the argument that the Feast days and not the weekly Sabbath are in abeyance because of animal sacrifices.

#### **New Testament Feasts and Sabbath**

The Sabbaths and other laws were kept by Abraham long before Sinai as we see in Genesis 26:5: “Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws” (Gen. 26:5).

The Sabbaths (weekly and annual) were all kept by the Messiah Yahshua. The Apostle Paul according to the command also kept the weekly Sabbath, Acts 18:4, and Feast days, Acts 18:21. He taught the gentile Corinthian brethren that the Messiah was our Passover sacrifice and therefore the reason to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread:

“Purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Messiah our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and

truth” (ICor. 5:7-9).

Paul also went to Jerusalem to keep Pentecost, Acts 20:16, and there he worshipped, Acts 24:11.

Many important events are connected with the annual Sabbaths. Israel was protected from destruction by the blood on their doorposts while the Egyptian firstborn were slain on the first Passover. The days of Unleavened Bread commemorate Israel’s exodus from Egypt and being completely free from Egyptian bondage. The Savior was put to death on Passover and became our Passover Sacrifice.

Seven weeks (50 days) after the celebration of Unleavened Bread is the Feast of Weeks. This memorializes Israel’s entering into the Covenant with Yahweh. Israel was given Yahweh’s laws, commandments, statutes, and judgments; for their part they gladly promised obedience.

In the New Testament the Feast of Weeks (*Shavuoth*, also called Pentecost) is remembered for the coming of the Holy Spirit to this earth which enables Yahweh’s people to keep and obey the terms of His covenant. Now His Spirit permanently indwells His people through baptism into Yahshua’s saving Name.

### Feasts in the Future Kingdom

The annual Sabbaths will be kept in the Kingdom. The following prophecies are all taken from the Old Testament, showing that the weekly and annual Sabbaths will be observed as a key part of Yahweh’s righteous laws. The solemn Feasts are the annual Sabbaths, and the word Sabbaths alone can include the seventh day of the week as well as the annual festivals:

- “And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, says Yahweh. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh” (Isa. 66:23-24).

- “And I that am Yahweh your Elohim from the land of Egypt will yet make you to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast” (Hosea 12:9).

- “And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King,

Yahweh Sabbaoth, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh Sabbaoth, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith Yahweh will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles” (Zech. 14:16-18).

- “Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before Yahweh in the Sabbaths and in the new moons. But when the people of the land shall come before Yahweh in the solemn feasts, he that enters in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it” (Ezek. 46:3, 9).

- “And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my Sabbaths.” (Ezekiel 44:23-24) “In the first month in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten” (Ezekiel 45:21).

- “In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.” (Ezekiel 45:25)

Man learns spiritual lessons by physical actions. Merely learning a truth of and by itself may be sufficient, but connect the experience with a physical act and the lesson becomes much more impacting and meaningful.

For instance, a truth learned at the Feast of Tabernacles will be strengthened because of the atmosphere connected with the occasion, plus the added plus of participation of fellow Bible students whose main interest is in learning more and delving deeper into truth.

The four annual Sabbaths of the seventh scriptural month have not yet been fulfilled. The new moon, which begins the seventh month, is known as the day of Trumpets.

Then follows the day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles, with the grand, joyful, concluding day, the last great day. The last great day is *Simhat Torah* in Hebrew, meaning “rejoicing in the law.”

Paul’s letter to the Colossians certainly teaches that these days that Yahweh has set aside for His worship are important for us, as they foretell future events:

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body of Messiah [to judge]” (Col. 2:16-17).

Notice that Paul says the holy days, new moons, and the sabbaths are (not were) foreshadowing events yet to come. These special days Yahweh has given us are for our learning and education in His way of life.

Besides the weekly Sabbath (which commemorates creation and redemption), the annual Sabbaths memorialize past events that occurred on His holy days and point forward to prophetic events not yet fulfilled. When the brethren are gathered in convocation at these times, special attention is given to understanding the significance of these days and what they portend.

### Trumpets and Yahshua’s Return

The Feast of Trumpets is probably best understood as announcing the return of the Messiah at the last trumpet blast from the heavens.

“For Yahshua himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Yahweh: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first” (1Thess. 4:16).

The day of Yahweh comprises seven trumpets. Yahweh’s wrath is delivered by His angels during the sounding of the first six trumpets upon the wicked who resist His will prior to the return of the Messiah, as found in Revelation 8:2-7 and 11:15.

The last or seventh trumpet consists of seven bowls (vials) of wrath or punishment. These make up the third woe, which extends from Revelation 11:15 to 18:24. These punishments are to bring the wicked to repentance, that they might begin obeying Yahweh.

Those who have Yahweh’s will at heart and are striving to be obedient Yahweh calls “My people.” This is confirmed by Isaiah: “Come, my people, enter into your

chambers, and shut your doors about you: hide yourself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast” (Isa. 26:20).

Those endeavoring to be obedient to Yahweh will be given special care and protection. Trumpets is a reminder to Yahweh’s people to examine all phases of our lives to be assured that we are indeed overcoming and growing in grace and knowledge. If we have a submissive and obedient attitude, seeking to please Yahweh in every way, then He will help us to be overcomers.

The day of Trumpets is to remind us that Yahshua will soon return and put down all rebellion and wickedness.

Isaiah calls this period of time “the day of vengeance.” “The Spirit of Yahweh is upon me; because Yahweh has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh, and the day of vengeance of our Elohim; to comfort all that mourn” (Isa. 61:1-2).

### **He Atoned for Our Sin**

The feast days are given to us for our own good and to help us learn deeper, spiritual truths about Him and His ways and purposes. Each feast day event helps to prepare us for the Kingdom.

The Feast of Trumpets heralds the seventh scriptural month and ten days later is the day of Atonement. The ten days leading up to Atonement are a time of personal evaluation and examination.

Atonement follows Trumpets as the fifth annual Sabbath. It is a day when we fast from sunset ending the ninth day of the seventh scriptural month until sunset on the tenth day. We do not eat or drink for 24 hours. This is to humble us by showing how human we are; how much we depend upon physical food and drink to sustain this life. We look forward to being in that first resurrection when we will be changed to spirit beings (1Cor. 15:51-54).

Atonement is not just another Passover commemorating the fact Yahshua died for our sins. Not only did the Savior die, but He also had to rise again from the dead. Our salvation is not in a dead Savior.

We often see painted on old barns and billboards, “[Yahshua] died to save

sinner.” This is not exactly what the Bible teaches. He died and paid the penalty for our sins. His shed blood is the corresponding price needed to pay for the wages of our sins. The Bible never says He died to save sinners. He died for our sins, but He was raised so that we might have life. We are saved by His *life* (1Tim. 1:15).

The day of Atonement symbolizes the return of Yahshua our High Priest who has been in the Holy of Holies for nearly 2,000 years. We eagerly await His appearance, knowing that when He appears, we will be changed from material to spirit, from mortal to immortal. The day of Atonement is special and graphically brings to mind the promises made to those who belong to the Messiah.

Atonement reminds us each year of the heavy price Yahshua paid for our sins by His death upon the tree. Just as ancient Israel realized their sins were covered for another year, we are brought to remember that our sins have been covered by the blood of Yahshua.

Atonement also brings in the Sabbatical year of land rest every seven years and ends it as well the following year, Leviticus 25:9. The Sabbatical will end on September 12 in 2016.

We are reconciled by His death and are no longer an enemy, a sinner laden with our burden of sins, unable to approach our Heavenly Father. We must acknowledge that the Savior died for our sins. That knowledge leads to repentance when we begin a commitment to a changed life.

When we accept His shed blood for our sinful behavior, our faith in Yahshua’s redemptive price allows us to become a child of Yahweh. Through the shed blood of the Savior we can approach the King of the universe in humble prayer.

“For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to Yahweh by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10).

Yahshua is our High Priest, our Advocate, our Intercessor before Yahweh as He takes our case to Him. If we have an attitude of obedience both to learn and put in practice whatever He has in store for us, then He can work with us. We are the clay in the hands of the Master Potter. He can change us.

Yahweh is concerned more about what we can be than what we have been. Repentance and baptism into Yahshua’s

Name (the only Name under heaven given among men whereby we can be saved, Acts 4:12) wipes away all past sins. We start afresh with a clean slate.

On Atonement day the high priest made atonement for his sins, those of his family, and the sins of Israel. On this day he went into the Holy of Holies for the purpose of making the atonement sacrifice. If the offering was not acceptable, the high priest would have been struck down within the Holy of Holies.

It was customary to tie a rope around the priest’s ankle so that he could be dragged out in the event of such a calamity. No one else was allowed entrance into the Holy of Holies. The Israelites stood waiting with anticipation for the high priest to reappear. If he came out they knew Yahweh had accepted the offering for their sins. His emergence brought a shout of joy from the gathered Israelites.

### **Land Rest and Release**

The Sabbatical/Jubilee cycle is viewed by a number of Bible scholars as a type of the calendar enforced in the coming Kingdom. This special event on Atonement could well be prophetic for the date of Yahshua’s return.

“Then shall you cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of Atonement shall you make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and you shall return every man unto his possession, and you shall return every man unto his family” (Lev. 25:9-10).

### **Feasts Portray the Kingdom**

Following the day of Atonement is the Feast of Tabernacles. Tabernacles points to the coming rule of Yahshua when Yahweh’s laws will be enforced and the world will be keeping the righteous ways found in the Bible.

The seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles are a time of joy as we envision this microcosm experience of the coming one thousand years. Brethren and those of good will rejoice together, living in temporary dwellings for seven days and learning in a small way what the Kingdom will be like.

We keep Tabernacles in a campground environment. For the combined eight days we live in temporary shelters, reflecting the

transitory nature of our physical lives on earth. Some stay in nearby motels during this time. Sacrificing the creature comforts of home, we gladly put up with some minor inconveniences in order to be faithful to Yahweh's command.

Furthermore, turning our backs upon the comforts of our 21st century civilization to observe Tabernacles is testimony to our being pilgrims on this earth, seeking the city of Yahweh just as did faithful Abraham:

“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which has foundations,

him, that Yahweh may be all in all” (1 Cor. 15:24-28).

### **Contrast with the World**

Yahweh's Feast days are the highlight of the year for Yahweh's people. Not only is our faith strengthened by the weekly Sabbath meetings, but spending eight days together helps to solidify everyone spiritually.

Many brethren have commented that when they first began keeping the Feasts, such as Unleavened Bread and Tabernacles, they wondered what they could possibly be doing for all seven days. But time passes all too swiftly, and before we know it, the Feast is over and the thought of having to go back into the carnal world becomes real.

Yahweh purposely reveals to His obedient the great contrast between joyfully living His laws at His Feasts and the dismal nature of man's world of sin.

## **Either we obey Him now, keeping His commandments and sacrificing some of ourselves each day, or we can wait and face the full fury of His anger.**

whose builder and maker is Yahweh” (Heb. 11:8-10).

We think of Tabernacles as “mainstreet Millennium,” and the fellowship we share is with those who are also striving to be found worthy to become kings and priests in the Kingdom.

Each one who attends these commanded feasts sacrifices to be there.

The seven days of Tabernacles are followed by the last great day, which pictures the quenching of spiritual thirst of the world when all will be obedient to Yahweh's law, and the Savior turns the kingdom over to Yahweh.

“Then comes the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to Yahweh, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he has put all things under his feet. But when he says all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under

### **Having the Heart to Obey**

If Yahweh has put in your heart the desire and determination to keep His Festivals, you can be sure that your desire to be faithful will be tested again and again. Satan will be there offering all sorts of excuses why you cannot attend the Feasts.

Friends, relatives and even at times the immediate family discourage many from attending the Feasts. It is not a question of whether we want to go. The command is there. We are required to be in attendance at these special convocations. A calling together is the meaning of “convocation”—these Feasts! We are to gather where He has placed His Name. His mandate is clear.

“Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the Feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my Feasts. Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; you shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of Yahweh in all your dwellings. These are the Feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which you shall

proclaim in their seasons” (Lev. 23:2-4).

The Adversary will test our faith each step of the way. Yet, our determination to be obedient will be richly rewarded when we continue to walk in that narrow way. Overcoming will help us to be worthy to stand before the Son of man on that day when He returns to set up His kingdom on earth.

### **Blessings for the Obedient**

Great advantages await those keeping all the Festivals of Leviticus 23, namely, that we keep Yahweh's Word in the forefront of our minds. We submit to His Word and strive to walk in the footsteps of the Savior. Through obedience we are laying up treasures in the heavens, preparing ourselves for the coming Kingdom.

As James tells us, “Submit yourselves therefore to Yahweh. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). Solemnly consider the price Yahshua paid for you so that you might stand before Him when He returns to give eternal life to all those who obey Him. All who prove worthy are to be given positions in His Kingdom. We exhibit our intentions and aspirations by what we do, and receive wages, both good and bad.

“Watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:36).

May Yahweh impress upon you a burning desire to keep His weekly and annual Sabbaths that you might truly get to know Him. Either we obey Him now, keeping His commandments and sacrificing some of ourselves each day, or we can wait and face the full fury of His anger in the future:

“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of Yahweh” (Rev. 15:1).

Yahweh does not change. Even after redeeming Israel from the destroying angel at Passover; then saving them from Pharaoh's assault at the Red Sea; watching over and feeding them manna for 40 years—after doing all this Yahweh determined that all mature Israelites were to die off and not enter the Promised Land. Israel rejected the Sabbaths, which are the sign between Him and His people that they might come to know Yahweh.

“Moreover also I gave them my

# Biblical Observances at a Glance

## Weekly Sabbath

Falling on the seventh day of the week, the Sabbath commemorates creation and redemption. We observe this day by resting from secular work and studying the Word.

## Passover

Observed on the beginning of the 14th of the first scriptural month. It looks back at Israel's deliverance from the death angel and Yahshua's shed blood for human sin.

## Feast of Unleavened Bread

Beginning on the 15th of the first month and for seven days no leaven is eaten, or found in our dwellings, signifying riddance of error and sin.

## Pentecost

Also known as the Feast of Weeks and Feast of Firstfruits, it falls 50 days from the waving of the sheaf during Unleavened Bread. Traditionally it is a time when the law was given and when the Holy Spirit was sent in Acts 2.

## Day of Trumpets

Coming on the first day of the seventh month, it has yet to be fulfilled. Trumpets is also a new moon day heralding important heavenly events to come. Yahshua is to return at the last trumpet sound, which ostensibly points to this Feast marked by the trumpet, *Yom Teruah* – day of the awakening blast.

## Day of Atonement

Coming on the 10th day of the seventh month and regarded as the holiest day of the year, it is marked by fasting from food and water. Signifying a covering of our sins, it waits a final fulfillment.

## Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day

Beginning on the 15th of the seventh scriptural month, these feasts depict the Kingdom coming to earth under Yahshua and Yahweh and His laws. Yahweh's people observe it by coming out of the world, as did Israel, and staying in temporary dwellings called *sukkah* for a combined eight days.

Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my Sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for my Name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out" (Eze. 20:12-14).

## Make Your Personal Sacrifice to Yahweh

Animal sacrifices have been fulfilled through Yahshua's sacrificial death. But that doesn't mean there are no sacrifices being done on Yahweh's Feast days. Now we sacrifice of ourselves by obediently taking time and finances to come learn more of Yahweh and walk in His ways.

Giving up pleasures that are fleeting and time-consuming to become more like the Savior is a sacrifice we can make each day. When our error is pointed out to us we do not resist admonition and correction. We do not seek to justify our actions and disregard the fact that we could do better. We seek the better way.

Putting Yahweh first means recognizing His sovereignty. It involves reaching out to help others come to a

saving knowledge of Yahshua the Messiah. This means supplying the means to reach out to others with Bible truth.

Tithing is not out of date, but will continue to be in effect when the Levitical priesthood is re-established in the Kingdom under Yahshua and King David. Now tithing is to the Melchizedek order (the original priesthood), of which Yahshua is the High Priest.

Currently under Yahshua, tithing is voluntary. The words you are reading and the magazine you are holding are the fruit of tithes and offerings gladly given by those who not only pay their own way, but wish to reach out so others might learn the truth of the coming Kingdom.

Gathering with others of like faith helps us to share and bond in brotherly love with others who also are struggling to overcome and rise to new heights of obedience. It is an opportunity to learn of Yahweh and to help one another.

Encouragement comes from learning how others have overcome trials similar to our own. In fellowship with the saints we often perceive flaws in our own characters. Satan will seize upon our mistakes and weaknesses and turn them to his advantage.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished

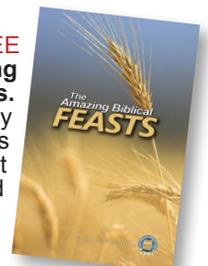
in your brethren that are in the world. But the Elohim of all grace, who has called us unto his eternal glory by Messiah Yahshua after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1Pet. 5:8-10).

Yahweh is calling out a people for His Name, showing them the things they must change to become like Yahshua. At times we are chastened to show us that we cannot continue as we have, but must change our ways, our thinking, and attitude to become like His Pattern Son. It is a goal we work at each day.

You and I presently have the opportunity to make small sacrifices daily. The majority in the world continue to go their way for now, but will have to pay a terrible price for being stiff-necked and stubborn in rejecting Yahweh.

Yahshua will soon be sent back to this earth to establish Yahweh's government. Those who bear fruits that show His laws active in their hearts and minds will be given positions in His kingdom. 

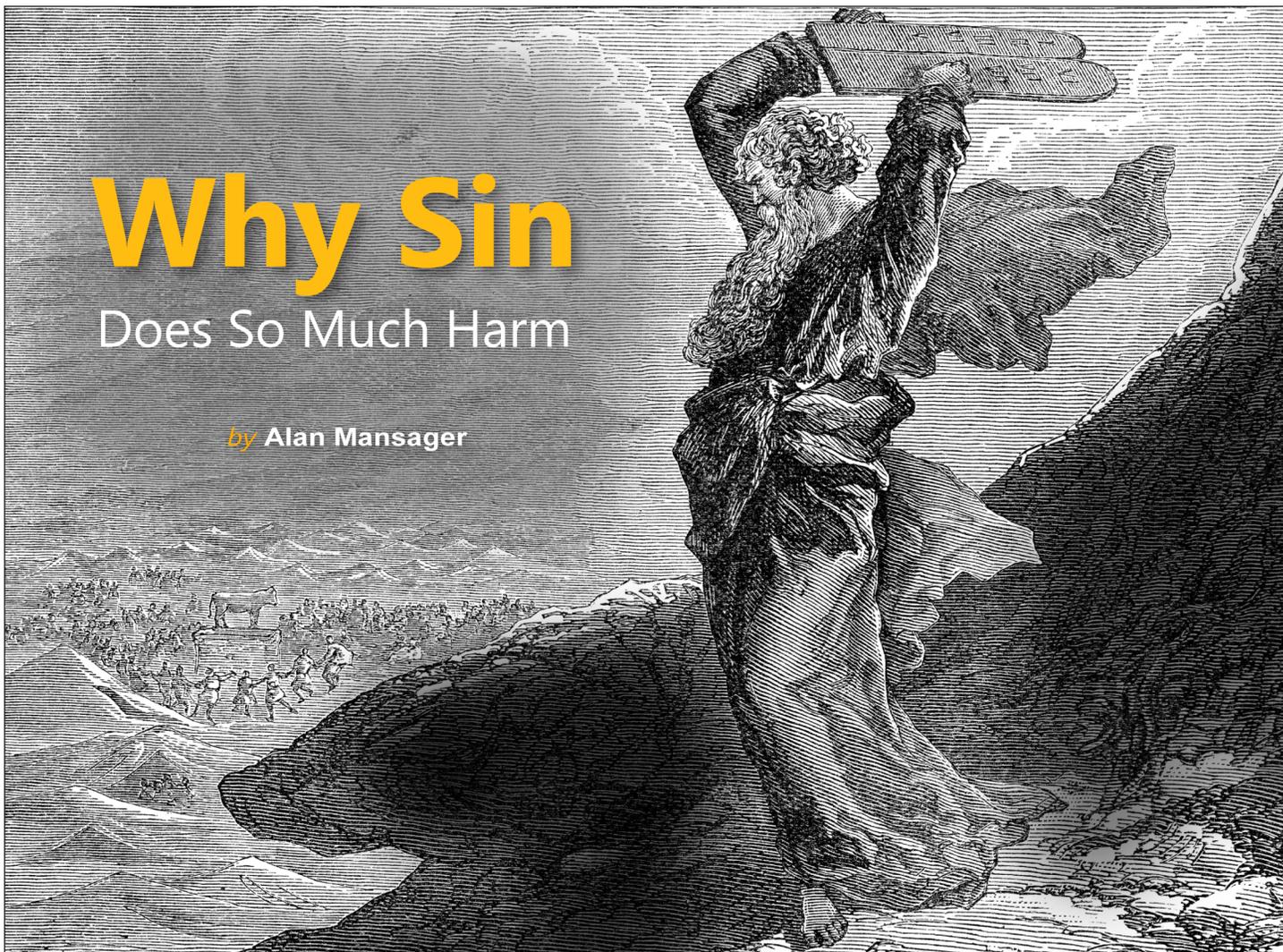
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# Why Sin

## Does So Much Harm

by Alan Mansager



**D**istilled to its essence, parenting is all about passing on parental standards and values to the children.

But what happens when the children don't follow? What happens when they are rebellious? Even with parents who care a certain percentage of children will go spiritually astray.

### Different Father, Same Problems

The Bible calls Yahweh our Heavenly Father, and although we are flesh and He is spirit, our relationship with Him beautifully parallels that with our human fathers.

Yahweh's purpose in creating man was to instill in us His nature, His goals, His values, His way of thinking—just as human fathers and mothers try to do with their own sons and daughters. If we allow Yahweh to mold us in His image, He will one day give us a position in His Kingdom family.

Man was created physically in

Yahweh's image, Genesis 1:26-27, just as a human baby is born with physical traits of its parents. But Yahweh's creating doesn't end there. Paul wrote in 1Corinthians 11:7 that man is not only the image of Yahweh, but is His glory also. In other words, Yahweh the Father wants to reproduce His very own nature in His human children.

For example, if we love our enemies, bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who use us, then Yahshua says we reflect His own behavior, Matthew 5:43-48, Luke 6:32-36.

Paul admonishes in Ephesians 5:1, "Be therefore followers of Yahweh, as dear children." This means acting as our Father would.

Yahweh is teaching His people to adopt His spiritual, moral, and ethical characteristics as lived by the Son as well. If we don't take on His nature we remain separated from and foreign to Him spiritually, just as a rebellious son drives a wedge of animosity between himself and

his parents. They will never be in harmony until the rebellion ends.

Yahweh's goal for man was the same in the Old Testament as it is in the New. Quoting Leviticus 11:44, Peter says Yahweh's people are to be separate from the world, "Be you holy, as I am holy," 1Peter 1:16. As Yahweh's children we are expected to be like our Heavenly Father.

Yet, a serious obstacle must be overcome before we can enjoy our Heavenly Father's acceptance. It's the same obstruction standing between a fleshly parent and his child, which can ruin the relationship. That barrier is the penchant for disobedience. In our relationship with Yahweh it is called sin.

Disobedience separates a human son from his father, as sin does with Yahweh.

### Led Away by Fleshly Pulls

From the very beginning Yahweh expressed His wishes to Adam and Eve in Eden. He said the entire world was theirs;

they had rulership over it. They could live in it and enjoy it, with no time limits placed thereon.

He asked only one thing of them: never eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Disobeying that command would cause a separation between them, and ultimately man would experience death.

In forbidding the food of only one tree from Adam's table, Yahweh put no harsh restrictions on Adam. Adam could easily have passed this test of obedience with flying colors and have lived potentially forever in paradise.

But a powerful self-love lying deep within our first parents drew them to that tree, causing them to acquiesce to Satan's deceptions: they were compelled to find out for themselves what is good and what is bad.

Eve's inner questioning of what Yahweh had said to Adam and her induced her to believe Satan instead. Besides, if what Satan told them was true, she and Adam could be Mighty Ones themselves, just like Yahweh! She chose to disobey and got Adam to sin as well.

#### Few Know Sin's Basic Definition

Ask people on the street what sin is and they will each give a different answer. Usually sin is defined by a particular manifestation like unrighteousness, evil, wickedness, selfishness or wrongdoing. But these are characterizations of sin, not the essence or core of sin. That's like defining water by saying it is a clear liquid rather than a molecule made of two hydrogen and one oxygen atom.

So what does the Bible say is the quintessence of sin? And what makes sin the destructive act it is? Yahweh tells us precisely in 1John 3:4: ". . . sin is the transgression of the law." In Romans 4:15 Paul said that without law there is no transgression. How can the law be abolished and yet we are all still sinners?

When we sin we break Yahweh's laws and therefore violate the principles He stands for, which are commanded for us as well. Simply put, sin is disobeying Yahweh. Disobedience is an act, and we will all be judged by our actions. Works matter!

Sin is very serious because it puts us at odds with the one responsible for our very existence—and throws us into life-threatening spiritual jeopardy. Repentance

from sin means that we acknowledge that what we did was against Yahweh's will as defined by His laws. We are sorry for our actions and resolve never to repeat them.

The depth of our repentance depends on the attitude of our heart. If repentance doesn't go to the core of our being and create a determination to change, then it isn't true and sincere.

#### Hebrew and Greek Words Behind 'Sin'

The Hebrew word for sin is *chata* and means to miss the goal or mark. It implies stumbling and falling, forfeiting and lacking. To sin, therefore, is to come short of what Yahweh expects, which He reveals by His commands—His laws.

In the New Testament Greek the word for sin is *harmartia*. We will look at several behaviors the Scriptures call sin, and see how they all relate to the breaking of law.

- "All unrighteousness is sin," 1John 5:17. 'Unrighteousness' is from the Greek *adikia*, meaning iniquity, unjust, not in accordance with law. This supports 1John 3:4.

- "Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin," James 4:17. *The Twentieth Century New Testament* reads, "He that knows what

points out that this verse is in reference to the sin offering, a contrasting couplet to the preceding verse that also speaks of sacrifice offerings. It says the verse should read, "A lofty look and a proud heart, [which is] the tillage of the lawless, [is more acceptable to them than] the sin offering."

Paul tells us in 1Corinthians 6:9-10 that the unrighteous will not inherit everlasting life. The "unrighteous" is the Greek *adikia*, meaning the wrongdoers, the lawbreakers. Yahshua told the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:17 that if he wanted to enter into everlasting life he must "keep the commandments." The Bible doesn't contradict itself.

Sin means putting of ourselves and our desires before Yahweh. James wrote. "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death," 1:14-15.

Because of their covetousness and pride, the sin of Adam and Eve brought them immense evil. Man's once close relationship with Yahweh was blown apart by his disobedience and it would take the death of the Savior to bridge the rift it created.

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is right. . . ." We know what is right because of Yahweh's law. "Sin" here is the Greek *hamartia*, meaning aberration from prescribed law.

- ". . . for whatsoever is not of faith is sin," Romans 14:23. Faith is called the substance of things hoped for as revealed by Yahweh. The *Amplified Version* reads, "Whatsoever is done without a conviction of its approval by Yahweh is sinful." Sin is what is disapproved by Yahweh, a violation of His will as revealed in His laws.

- John 16:8-9 says Yahweh will reprove the world of sin, "because they believe not on me." "Believe" comes from a root Greek word *peitho*, which includes the meaning of yield to, to rely on, to obey.

- Proverbs 21:4, "An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin." The *Companion Bible*

Sin destroys the body, heart, and mind. It causes great evil to the human race that will not be eradicated until Yahshua returns to set up His Kingdom on earth.

#### Our Father's Standards

Nearly all parents lay down rules and regulations they expect their children to follow for their own good and protection. Every child knows what will and will not be tolerated in his family. These may include restrictions like no recreation until school work is finished, and social dates must end by 11 p.m. Crossing the line will bring consequences.

Yahweh has established standards for us, too. These rules or laws are for our own good, to ensure our happiness in life, Deuteronomy 10:13. In fact, obedience to Yahweh's laws is essential to a safe,

harmonious and enjoyable life. James calls the commandments, “the perfect law of LIBERTY,” and those who live in them will be blessed, 1:25.

Our society’s crushing problems are stark proof that sin—breaking His laws—causes shattering results. This happens because the law is spiritual and in tune with Yahweh and His will, Romans 7:14.

It is as true with a nation as it is with individuals. That brief moment of pleasure (“sin for a season,” Heb. 11:25) can exact a lifetime of paying dearly.

Any time we disobey Yahweh, we sin. The standards He set for us to live by are His laws. As our Father in heaven, His laws reveal His will for his earthly children and to break them is to disobey Him. Deliberately disobeying Him leads to everlasting death. His laws are necessary so that we know when we overstep the bounds of His will.

Just as does a father who loves his children, Yahweh punishes disobedience. He wants us to learn the lessons of sin and to change our behavior to reflect His holy nature. Anything less brings only misery and self-destruction, exactly what Adam and Eve’s disobedience resulted in.

But just like Adam and Eve, fleshly humans don’t want to listen and seem determined to find that out for themselves. Paul wrote, “The carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh: for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither indeed can be,” Romans 8:7. The carnal mind wants Yahweh’s laws abolished.

The natural man rebels against Yahweh’s interference in his life. The rebellious want church and state separate because they hate any push back to the sin they enjoy. A child does the same, unaware of the danger that lies ahead.

#### Love Is the Preventative

Love fulfills the law, Yahweh’s standards, Romans 13:10, because if we have true love of Him and our fellow man we will not do anything against either. Therefore we will not sin by breaking Yahweh’s law that is intended to bring happiness, peace, and love to all.

“And this is love, that we walk after His commandments,” we read in 2John 6. A son who loves his father will attempt to please him by doing what he

## Is One Sin Worse Than Another?

Every sin has the effect of separating us from Yahweh. In this sense one sin is like another. You break one and you are guilty of breaking all because you have violated the principle of obedience, James 2:10. When you sin any sin you come under sin’s condemning power.

But Yahweh handles sins with varying degrees of punishment and restitution. All sins are serious but the punishment is proportional to the harm caused by and the consequences of the sin. We find in 1John 5:17, “All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death

Just as our courts recognize that punishment must fit the crime, and therefore they punish first-degree murder differently from manslaughter, so Yahweh takes into account the severity of the sin committed. This is clear in the different kinds of sacrificial offerings required in Leviticus, which corresponded to the type of sin involved (Leviticus chapters 1-7).

In Ezra 7:26 we find that punishment could vary from confiscation of goods to imprisonment, banishment, or even death. “And whosoever will not do the law of thy Elohim, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.” If all sins are of equal gravity then a single punishment would fit all. See Numbers 15:29-30, Luke 12:47-48; John 5:16. But of course that would be grossly unfair, and Yahweh is righteous and just.

We find in Genesis 18:20 that the sins of the men of Sodom and Gomorrah were called “very grievous.” Their sins were so bad and the residents were so steeped in perversion that they exacted the ultimate penalty—death.

The Israelites made and worshiped a golden calf in the wilderness. In Exodus 32:21, 30, and 31 Moses calls their idolatry “a great sin.” Not only were 3,000 executed because of it, but Yahweh also removed their names from His book. The same description of “great sin” is given of Jeroboam’s calf worship, 2Kings 17:16, 21.

Yahshua said in Matthew 5:19 that the man who breaks one of the least commandments and teaches others to do so would be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. Lesser and greater commandments imply lesser and greater violations. The consequences of theft are not nearly so severe as murder.

The consequences of adultery are so harmful that we find repeated references calling this a sin against our own bodies and against Yahweh Himself. It violates the sacredness of the marriage covenant, in which Yahweh’s people have a spiritual side as Yahshua’s bride. Adultery separates a man from union with Yahshua and makes him “one” with another. See Genesis 20:1-7; 39:7-9; Deuteronomy 22:22.

asks, and certainly would do nothing to cause him trouble or pain.

By obeying Yahweh we have assurance that we are His very sons and daughters and will receive the inheritance of our Father, which is everlasting life, 1John 2:25. It’s the same principle that was in effect during the times of the Old Testament patriarchs, verse 7. A son who pleases his father will receive an inheritance.

Obedience is mandatory in the New Testament. At the Great White Throne judgment in Revelation 20, we find that “books” (the books of the Bible and the

Book of Life) were opened. The dead were judged from them as to how well they adhered to Yahweh’s principles and laws (“according to their works,” v. 13). We will be judged by His laws, just as our courts today judge a defendant by whether a law was broken.

We must understand that Yahweh will one day either punish or reward us. “Work out your own salvation,” Paul wrote in Philippians 2:12. We are all given choices in this marvelous gift called life. The wrong choices could end it all here. The right ones could mean eternal paradise with Yahshua. 

# What Are the Modern Roots of YRM?

Our teachings are rooted in both Old and New testaments. What has become the modern Sacred Name movement originated from an interest in Yahweh's Name inspired by a book using the form "Yahvah" by Alexander McWhorter in 1857.

The question of the early pioneers, which prompted their earnest study and search, was, "Into what Name are we to baptize?" A key problem conflicting with traditional baptism done into the name of "Jesus" was that there was no J in any language until 500 years ago, including the ancient Hebrew and Greek from which our Bibles come.

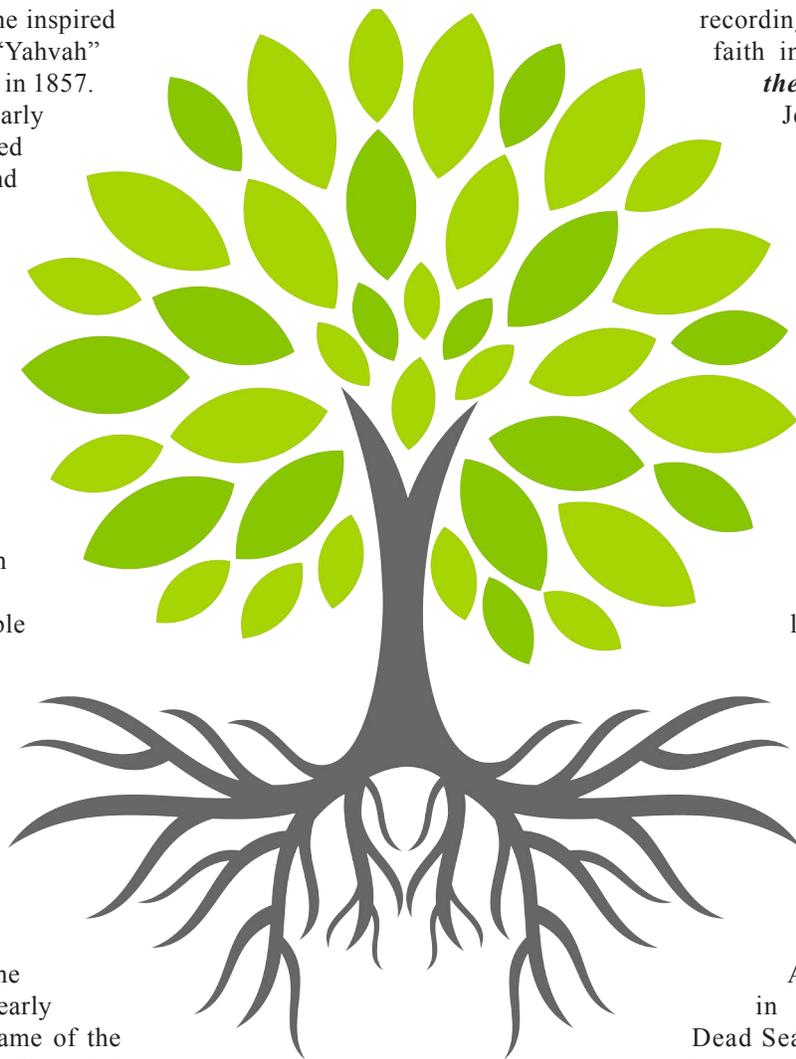
Simply put, Bible students of the 19th century era faced the undeniable fact that the common name did not exist before the 15th century. Early in the 1930s a serious study began into the name Jehovah as well, concluding that this name never could have existed early on nor could it be the name of the Heavenly Father. Even the Jehovah's Witnesses admit this fact in their book, *Let Your Name Be Sanctified*, pp. 16-17).

These name issues peaked at a summer camp meeting in 1936. At that time Elder Andrew N. Dugger, overseer of the Church of God, 7th Day, headquartered at Salem, West Virginia, asked the gathered elders to decide what words were proper to use in baptism.

In 1937 Elder Clarence O. Dodd,

who had been relieved of his position as Secretary-Treasurer of the Church of God 7th Day because of his teaching of the Feast days, began publishing *The Faith* magazine to proclaim the annual Feast days. He soon began using the Sacred Names as well.

Elder Dodd mentioned in a 1947 *Faith* magazine article that "Bro. Herb" (Herbert W. Armstrong) had also kept the Feast of Tabernacles in the Eugene, Oregon, area. Other



observances of the Feast were also noted from various parts of the country. This information shocked some who had heard Armstrong teach even as late as the 1980s that his was the only group keeping the Bible's annual Holy Days. Sacred Name groups had begun keeping this key biblical command starting many decades before.

Elder Dodd had written a convincing tract on the keeping of the days of Leviticus 23 sometime in the 1930s.

The Sacred Name movement was launched in the 1930s with some of those who were associated with the Church of God, 7th day, which itself originated with the Millerite movement of 1844.

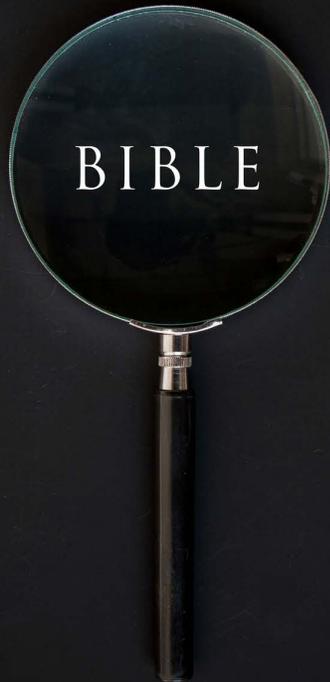
Elder Dugger did much evangelizing with his book, *The Bible Home Instructor*, as did Elder Dodd through *The Faith* magazine. Both are remembered for their joint effort in recording the early history of the true faith in a book called *A History of the True Religion* (printed in Jerusalem in 1968).

In 1963 Elder Angelo B. Traina published a Holy Name Bible based on the King James Version, carrying out his missionary work while his wife ran a nursing home. This KJV Bible restored the holy Names Yahweh and Yahshua.

As ministries now catch up with the simple facts, the Sacred Name is becoming more and more common. Many resources like common dictionaries, encyclopedias, religious references, Bible footnotes, concordances, lexicons, Bible almanacs, and history books say that the proper name is Yahweh (see under "Tetragrammaton," "Jehovah," "Yahweh," "Lord" and "God").

Although it is found abundantly in ancient autographs like the Dead Sea Scrolls, Yahweh's Name has become disseminated through the years mostly through tracts and literature. In the Philippines a discarded tract was picked up from the street and came into the hands of two dedicated Adventists who soon became the first to proclaim the EliYah message, "My Mighty One is Yah" in that country

We pray that you will follow the truth of the Sacred Name which is being revealed to those Yahweh is calling. 



# Your Biblical Background Check

by Alan Mansager



*Have you ever wondered why the Bible contradicts so much of what is taught today? The origin of the New Testament faith holds the key to truth and salvation.*

**T**he biggest mistake most professing Bible believers make today is thinking that what they see and do in church is a continuation of exactly what was taught and practiced in the New Testament. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As with anything, constant exposure to distortion leads to distorted beliefs. For instance, the Mercator map used universally in school classrooms inflates country sizes proportionate to their distances from the equator. It makes Greenland larger than Africa, when in reality Africa is 14 times the size of that icy northland. By seeing this map daily the student comes away with an inaccurate picture of world geography.

Also common is that myth gets intertwined with the truth until the truth is twisted, even beyond recognition. This is most often true with scriptural interpretation.

What we accept as reality often has only an element of truth in it. Consider a small example: In the famous ride of Paul Revere it is unlikely that the famous rider galloped through the countryside yelling, "The British are coming" when the areas he rode through were saturated with British army patrols, and most of the colonists of the time considered themselves British and subjects of the crown. His purpose was to

warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams who were in Lexington at the time. He did inform others along the way but not by screaming at the top of his lungs what could have easily earned him a musket ball.

### **Return to Yahshua's Teachings**

It is remarkable how facts can be skewed or completely forgotten in only a couple hundred years.

But imagine the incredible changes that the truth of the Scriptures underwent after 2,000 years! The Bible is accepted by all Christian denominations as the textbook of their faith. Yet, each of the many denominations holds different doctrines based on the same Scriptures. Sometimes those teachings are diametrically opposed to one another.

One church says Sunday is the Sabbath, calling it the Lord's Day; another contends that the Sabbath is Saturday, the seventh day. Some say obedience is necessary for salvation; others say the believer is saved by grace alone.

So what is true and how can we know?

One ironclad way is to closely follow what the Savior and His followers believed and taught. They set the standard by which all New Testament belief and practice is to be

accomplished. If the facts can be uncovered as to what the earliest NT followers of our Savior believed, taught, and practiced, then we can know with absolute certainty what True Worship is supposed to be all about today, 2,000 years away.

Yahshua taught His faithful face-to-face. All we need to do is discover what He taught and notice what He did. And then follow what He and His disciples practiced. Did they worship on the Sabbath and Feasts? Did they observe and teach the law?

As a further confirmation we can trace events and teachings through history and learn where exactly worship deviated, where myth entered in, and how we today can go back and earnestly contend for the true faith once delivered, as Jude verse 3 tells us.

Jude (Judah) the brother of James, writes, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," 1:3.

### **Prepare for Some Seismic Shocks**

You may be surprised to learn that the earliest New Testament group of believers, before there was a "Christianity," understood and

practiced the Bible quite differently from what we see today—before all the heathen beliefs and practices were absorbed.

First, realize that the early New Testament believers studied and practiced the teachings of the Old Testament. It was the textbook of their faith. It was the only Scripture Yahshua taught from because it was all He had.

We know this with absolute certainty because the New Testament had not yet been written in the days of the Messiah and His followers. This means that at the beginning of the New Testament no “New Testament church” existed. These are the same people who were taught by the Savior and His apostles the precepts of Yahweh’s Old Testament Word.

When Yahshua the Messiah and His apostles quoted the Bible, as they did often, it was always the Old Testament Scriptures they referenced. It was the Old Testament Scriptures that they lived by.

Most of churchianity has been told that the Old Testament has little relevance in the New Testament age. But notice what our Savior said in Luke 4:4, “It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of Yahweh,” meaning every Word given by His Father Yahweh. The Word at that time was the Old Testament.

This fact opens up a whole new vista of understanding. When the Messiah Himself says follow me as I do the Father, shouldn’t we do as He said—obediently obeying the laws of His Father, just as He did? Or do we throw obedience out the window and establish our own teachings based on church tradition that developed over the next 2,000 years?

### **A Return to the Former Path of Truth**

Before the Savior Yahshua comes to this earth to set up His government, we are told that there will be a highly dedicated remnant who will go back to the original teachings of Scripture. These believers will take the Bible seriously, with an earnest desire to live by all that it says.

Their faith will not be just a hobby, or something they practice for an hour once a week. They will live their faith, just as the early believers did.

The prophet tells us in Malachi 4:5-6: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart

of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

This is the last verse of the Old Testament. On one level it is prophecy linking Old Testament with New Testament. On another it says that before the Savior returns there will be a people who will be proclaiming a need to return to the biblical teachings as practiced by the Fathers. They will bring lost and neglected truth back and set worship right again.

Knowing where the true roots of faith came from and how they developed is critical not only for proper worship, but also for salvation.

We need to know where doctrinal deviations occurred so that we don’t go down the same pathway of error.

Did the early believers who followed the teachings of the Messiah Yahshua establish their walk on both faith and obedience? Then so must we. Did they love and obey the commands of Scripture? Then we must as well.

Whatever they did we can be assured that we can safely pattern our beliefs after theirs.

### **The Early Believers Were All Hebrews**

So let’s take a journey back into history and see just where the New Covenant Assembly (often called the “church”) came from and how it developed into what is common today.

We know that the land in and around Israel, where the Bible originated, was conquered over and over by different world Empires. Ruling it at the time of the New Testament was the Roman Empire and its monarch Caesar.

Contrary to others who were conquered, Jews living in the realm were not required to do obeisance to Caesar. Initially the Romans left those called Christians alone and didn’t force the issue because the Romans thought “Christians” were the same as Jews. And they mostly *were*, except for their belief in the Messiah Yahshua.

All of the earliest “Christians” were Hebrews, of the tribe of Judah. Our Savior instructed His disciples to go to them and teach about Him, Matthew 10:5-6.

“These twelve Yahshua sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Furthermore He said of Himself in

Matthew 15:24: “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel” (Matt. 15:24), which in His time and place were the Jews.

### **A Pact Made with Yahweh**

Your Bible has two sections called Old and New Testaments. But the word Testament is a misnomer. It came about when early church writers translated the Greek word for “covenant” by the Latin word *Testamentum*. In doing so they gave the wrong meaning to the Heavenly Father’s making a binding relationship with His people through a pact.

In Jeremiah 31:31-33 we see Yahweh promising to make a special contract with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah: “Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yahweh: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith Yahweh, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.”

The New “Testament” is a result of that agreement. It is a New Covenant made with Israel and Judah through their promise to obey His law from the heart. Notice that He did not make a New Covenant with a “church” but with Israel. Paul says others can join by being grafted in, Romans 9, 11.

When the early converts in this New Covenant (Testament) went to worship, they went to Jewish synagogues as did our Savior. They went always on the seventh-day Sabbath as is still practiced today in Judaism.

Most have the idea that Christianity and Judaism are at opposite ends of the religious spectrum. The truth is, Christianity arose from Judaism. Judaism is the mother of the original Christianity, while Rome is the mother of today’s Christianity.

The closer we can get to the early teachings and practices of Yahshua and the apostles, the purer our worship will be. Remember that time causes deviation and a reinterpretation of the facts.

What we see today is considerably different from what was originally practiced in the New Testament. Just read the New

Testament and compare it with what you find being taught today to see an obvious departure from “the faith once delivered.”

A process of corruption of the teachings of the Savior and His apostles began very early. The Apostle Paul (whose real name is Shaul because he was Hebrew by birth, not Roman) said that the truth was about to be perverted already in his day.

Acts 20:29-30: “For I know this, that

He quotes from Deuteronomy 6 and 8 when being tempted of Satan. He tells Satan three times, “It is written.” He meant what is written in the Old Testament. It proved He followed the Old Testament’s teachings and He is our example as well as our future Judge.

If the New Testament supersedes the Old Testament, as most today are taught, then it was a huge oversight when

essentially what most churchgoers are being asked to believe today.

Notice what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1Corinthians 15:3-4: “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Messiah died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” Here Paul was acknowledging the authority of the Old



after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

That apostasy was led by heretics, foreign beliefs of assimilated pagans, and a Roman church that ultimately made up its own doctrines apart from Scripture.

## Judaism is the mother of the original Christianity, while Rome is the mother of today’s Christianity.

The original New Testament Assembly was composed of Hebrews who read and followed the Old Testament Scriptures. Is it just coincidence that Yahshua the Messiah was born a Hebrew and had a Hebrew Name, not Greek?

### Yahshua Upheld the Old Testament

When Our Savior speaks of observing the Scriptures, He means the Old Testament.

Yahshua never warned about the imminent obsolescence of the Old Testament. That in only a few decades the Old Testament would be rendered null and void, replaced by the New.

Isn’t it odd that He never said something like, “Dear followers, today I am teaching you to obey my Father’s precepts known as laws. But when I am resurrected and the

Testament and its prophecy.

The Apostle Peter confirmed the perpetual nature of the Old Testament in 1Peter 1:25: “But the word of Yahweh endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the Evangel is preached unto you.” He was referring, of course, to the Old Testament.

Yahshua the Messiah was a Hebrew of the tribe of Judah. His disciples were almost all Jews. He took the message of salvation to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

We talk about the Judeo-Christian ethic, and our nation as a Judeo-Christian nation, but how many really think about the connection? Who hears that phrase and thinks, “Oh of course, these two world religions are one family and should be close in their beliefs and practices.”

Sadly, both deviated over time; the Jews rejecting Yahshua and churchianity rejecting the law. We at Yahweh’s Restoration Ministry are bridging the gap by seeking to return to the faith once delivered. 

Apostle Paul comes along and writes to the Romans and Galatians, and Peter, James, and John have their writings, they’ll teach you how unnecessary and burdensome it is to obey those statutes I have taught you, which come directly from heaven. So don’t pay too much attention to what I am trying hard to instruct you right now. It soon will be of no use to you.”

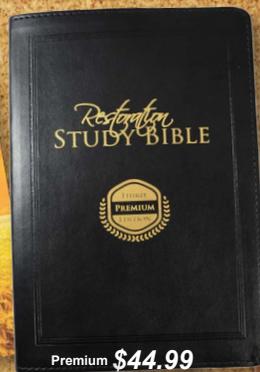
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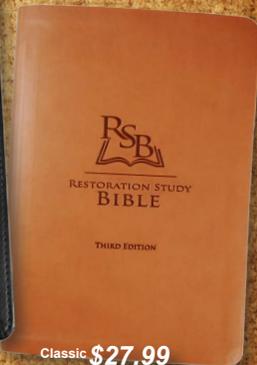
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**Q** What is the law for a man who gets a divorce then marries a woman who has never been married? Then the couple finds Yahshua and are baptized together?

**A** Even though the Bible is clear that marriage is for life (Romans 7:2-3) and that if we separate / divorce we are to either remain unmarried or reconcile the marriage (1Corinthians 7:10-11), it is not so clear regarding those who divorced and remarried not knowing the standard. In that case we do not believe couples should separate or divorce to make amends for their ignorance. Instead, from that point on they are to accept the standard and agree that divorce can never again be an option.

We base this on three passages. Acts 17:30 states that Yahweh winks at our ignorance; Paul in Romans 7:1 states that he was speaking to those who knew the law, and based on the fact the an elder and deacon could not be divorced and remarried—they had to be a man of one wife (1Timothy 3:2)—shows that there were divorced and remarried believers in the assembly at that time.

We encourage you to remain in your present state and realize that for you and your spouse divorce can never again be an option.

**Q** I have a question about the new moon report. Why does it say at the last question if the new moon impacts salvation? I know believing in the name of Yahshua certainly does.

**A** Yahweh’s directives in the Bible require obedience, which impacts salvation, Hebrews 5:9, including the command to observe the new moons, Psalm 81:3-4, Ezekiel 46:3. We will be judged and rewarded according to our works, 1Cor. 3:10-17, 2Cor. 5:9, Titus 3:8, Rev. 2:23; 3:2-4. The moon sets the beginning of months in the biblical calendar and therefore impacts the right day for observing the annual Feasts, the accuracy of which affects salvation. The Feasts are part of the same law as the Sabbath, Lev. 23. The Scriptures detail the specific dates they are to be observed.

**Q** Since Abib is the month of green ears of barley (and starts the count to Passover), are the criteria different for those who live in other parts of the earth where the barley ears will not be green during the same moon?

**A** This earth has different seasons depending on the latitude. While it may be spring in Israel and other areas with the same latitude, it may be fall in southern latitudes of the earth like South America. At the same time it may still be frozen in areas far north, such as Scandinavia and Alaska.

The Bible does not make allowances for different climates or have other sets of instructions or different calendars for peoples in different climates. The singular law was to and for Israel. Others may come into the promise under the New Covenant by becoming partakers with Israel, Romans

9 and 11.

We find that in the Millennium that the law “shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem,” Micah 4:2. If the law is to emanate from the Holy Land, then we must look to the land of Israel for the starting point of our calendar, which is part of Yahweh’s law.

**Q** Please explain 1Corinthians 10:27. Does it mean the dietary laws are no longer necessary?

**A** The passage reads, “If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and you be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.”

Here is another one of those verses that need to be read in their entire context for proper understanding. Going back to verse 18 we see that Paul is discussing the eating of sacrifices that have been offered on the altar. Just as Israel ate of the altar sacrifices and became participants in the rite, so those who deliberately ate of what is offered to pagan deities also became participants in heathen worship.

In verses 19-20 he explains that (clean) food is okay except when that food becomes part of a sacrificial rite. In that case we must not become participants in wrong worship by knowingly indulging in eating such food as part of the sacrificial worship.

What was not eaten in the pagan’s sacrifice was sometimes sold at the market where it could be purchased and taken home to eat. This is what Paul is addressing in verse 27. If you are a guest at a home of an unbeliever, it is unnecessary to inquire as to the source of the (clean) food. But if you are told that it was used in a pagan rite, verse 28, then don’t eat it for the sake of your guest and his learning. Your actions become a teaching tool.

Note verse 31: “Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of Yahweh.” If these passages are discussing eating food that Yahweh has declared unclean then eating of the unclean food would not be for the glory of Yahweh who condemned such. Nowhere are we given permission to eat food that is prohibited in the laws of Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14.

Our desire is to live clean and eat clean as we are directed by the One who made us.

**Q** What are the spirits in prison mentioned in 1Peter 3:19? Aren't they condemned souls suffering in hell that Yahshua preached to?

**A** That is the common interpretation, but a closer look reveals otherwise. If the widely-held understanding is correct, what would be the point of Yahshua's going to hellfire to preach to those who are already lost? In Yahshua's parable of Luke 16:26, He has Abraham saying that in "hell" there is a "great gulf fixed, so that they which would pass from here to you cannot." Being that they would be forever stuck in hell, to preach to them would only be adding insult to agony. The Bible tells us that the dead are just that: "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten" (Eccl. 9:5).

"For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" (Psalm 6:5). Yahshua was put in the tomb because He was dead, not alive in the underworld. And if He never died, then we are all dead in our sins.

The passage does not say that Yahshua Himself preached to the spirits in prison, but "by which," meaning by the Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit, the same that Yahshua had, that was in Noah, and by the Holy Spirit Noah preached to the "spirits in prison" in the days that the ark was being prepared (verse 20). Noah is called a preacher of righteousness in 2Peter 2:5. "Spirits in prison" is a metaphor meaning people in bondage to sin and death (see Isa. 42:6-7; 61:1).

"His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts

perish" (Psalm 146:4).

Hell is *sheol* in Hebrew and its Greek equivalent word is *hades* – both simply mean the grave. The pagan Greeks gave it the meaning of an unseen world of torture, not Yahweh's teachings.

If the dead never die then Yahshua never died and we have no sacrifice for our sins. If there was anything we learned from the Old Testament sacrifices it is that sin requires a sacrifice that dies, not one that lives on in another form. The wages or payment for sin is death, Romans 6:23. If Yahshua didn't pay that debt with literal death then you and I must pay for our sins with our own deaths and that would mean we have no hope of everlasting life.

The notion that the dead live on in a tortured state for eternity is right out of Greek paganism and from the writings of Plato as well as the thirteenth century Italian poet Dante Alighieri.

**Q** Why do you not use the Jewish calendar in keeping the biblical Feasts instead of relying on the visible new moon?

**A** The present Jewish calendar is not the same calendar the Jews used during the time of the Messiah. Up to the time of the destruction of the second Temple in Jerusalem the Sadducees were in charge of Temple worship. The growing influence of the Pharisees culminated in their dominating Jewish worship after 70 C.E., when the Jews were driven out of Jerusalem. Modern Jewish worship is an extension of this later influence.

In Temple times visible sightings of the new moon were carried out each month in the environs of Jerusalem. Those who sighted the thin crescent were questioned by the Sanhedrin, which was charged with

sanctifying the beginning of the month. When the new moon was seen and verified, a calculated calendar was obviously in use to corroborate the beginning of the 29- or 30-day month.

Certain changes and postponements are incorporated into the present Jewish calendar, established in the year 369 C.E. by Hillel II, which are nowhere found in the Bible. The Bible knows nothing of postponing a Feast day. Yet the present Jewish Calendar has four *dehioth* (postponements) that are here listed verbatim from *The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar* by Arthur Spier:

- When the *molad* [conjunction] of Tishri occurs on a Sunday, Wednesday or Friday, *Rosh Hahshana* is postponed to the following day.
- When the *Molad Tishri* occurs at noon (18h) or later, *Rosh Hashanah* is postponed to the next day. (Or if this day is a Sunday, Wednesday or Friday, to Monday, Thursday or Sabbath because of *Dehiah a.*)
- When the *Molad Tishri* of a common year falls on Tuesday, 204 parts after 3 a.m., i.e., 3d 9h 204 p or later, *Rosh Hashanah* is postponed to Wednesday, and because of *Dehiah a.*, further postponed to Thursday.
- When, in a common year succeeding a leap year, the *Molad Tishri* occurs on Monday morning 589 parts after 9 a.m., 2d 15h 589 p or later, *Rosh Hashanah* is postponed to the next day.

There is no authorization in the Bible allowing man to transfer or delay a Feast day. Yet, one of the "religious requirements" stated is, "*Yom Kippur (Tishri 10)* shall not occur on the day before or after the Sabbath and *Hoshana Rabba (Tishri 21)* shall not occur on a Sabbath."

Nowhere can we find that Atonement cannot occur on a Friday or Sunday. It may make sense to man's mind that having a day between the Sabbath and the day of

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fasting would be desirable, but there is no biblical justification for it. Neither is there any proscription against having *Hoshana Rabba* occur on the Sabbath.

Interestingly, an enlightening note in *The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar* states: "In more than 60 percent of all years *Rosh Hashanah* does not occur on the day of the *Molad* [conjunction] but is postponed according to one of the *Dehioth*. Therefore the *Dehioth* [postponements] are actually not the exceptions to the rule but the rule."

In other words, man-made exceptions overrule the rules of the calendar 60 percent of the time. Therefore exceptions govern the modern Jewish calendar. We need to ask, where does the Bible teach such a thing?

Significantly, instead of beginning the annual calendar with Abib, the first biblical month of the year determined by green ears of barley ("Abib" means "green ears"), the Jewish calendar works backward from the Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement to set the year.

Spier's work makes this important acknowledgment: "In the early times of our history the solution was found by the following practical procedure: The beginnings of the months were determined by direct observation of the moon..."

"This method of observation and intercalation was in use throughout the period of the second temple (516 B.C.E. — 70 C.E.) and about three centuries after its destruction, as long as there was an independent Sanhedrin. In the fourth century...the patriarch Hillel II...made public the system of calendar calculation which up to then had been a closely guarded secret."

Thus, the Jews themselves recognize that the calendar that they presently use is of more recent date and is not the calendar Yahshua followed when He walked this earth. The Israelites and Jews of old watched for the appearance of the new moon just as we do today. Observing the new moons has been the practice of Yahweh's people down through history in obedience to Yahweh's established heavenly calendar (Gen. 1:14; Ps. 104:19).

**Q** I am confused by Paul's writings in Romans. How can one reconcile the following verses: "For not the hearers of the law [are] just before Yahweh, but the

doers of the law shall be justified" (Rom. 2:13). Compare that with:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin. (Rom. 3:20) ...Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

**A** Paul is not contradicting himself. He is in essence saying faith justifies the man, while works justify faith. Paul says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of Yahweh," Romans 3:23. He then says, "The wages of sin is death," Romans 6:23.

Paul addresses justification as it pertains to carnal mankind. He also refers that term to those who have seen the error of their ways and become baptized into Yahshua's Name. These two situations must be dealt with separately, one applying to the unconverted individual, the other to one who has accepted Yahshua as his personal Savior.

The only way we can stand before Yahweh is if we had never sinned or if we accept His Son's sacrifice through baptism when all previous sins are washed away. Yahweh has set forth His Son Yahshua to be "a propitiation [appeasement, reconciliation, expiation of sin, offering of atonement] through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are PAST, through the forbearance of Yahweh" (Rom. 3:25).

When we realize that we have sinned we are to "repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

From baptism onward we obey Him because we are given the power of the Holy Spirit to keep His law. This is where Romans 2:13 fits in as we now become "doers of the law." We daily seek to obey Him, asking forgiveness when falling short of complete obedience, trusting in the shed blood of Messiah to cover our sins.

Any attempt of man to keep Yahweh's law aside from faith in Yahshua's atoning work falls short, because no human can keep Yahweh's law perfectly, only Yahshua did. Noble people like Mahatma Gandhi, who try their best to live a moral, righteous life always fall short without Yahshua:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight," (Rom. 3:20). All the good things man does outside the Messiah are of no avail.

We are justified because of our faith and belief in Yahshua the Messiah without the deeds of the law, Romans 3:28. Following baptism and becoming a part of His body, we strive to be free from sin, living a life of obedience. We are then obligated to keep the law to be a witness to the world—an example of righteous living befitting a True Worshiper. After we come to a deeper understanding of His Word and are baptized into Yahshua's Name, if we sin willfully we are essentially trampling into the dirt the precious blood of our Savior.

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim" (Heb. 10:26-27, 31).

In summary, Paul reveals that trying to be approved or justified by our own works is impossible. Only Yahshua is qualified to receive the promises made to Abraham: "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He said not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to your seed, which is Messiah" (Gal. 3:16). Once we realize that we have sinned against Yahweh's holy law, we are to repent and change from our past life to become followers of the Messiah. We obey the law as He taught.

Paul also wrote that whoever confesses the name of [the Messiah] must turn from sin, 2Timothy 2:19

Yahweh won't redeem a rebellious, unrepentant evildoer, but is the "Author of salvation unto all who obey Him," Hebrews 5:9.

Paul wrote in 1Corinthians 6:9-10: "Know ye not 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 mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of Yahweh."

All of these sins break Yahweh's laws. Do works matter? They do when it comes to eternal rewards!



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*People* that it refers to understanding another person's point of view without judging them to be either right or wrong. This is done by accepting the fact that 2 or more people can see something in very different ways, and each be right...This is important to understand because it is for this reason that I left the denomination I was raised in and followed the path that Yahweh has led me down. Some 'nut' presented some 'crazy' ideas to me, and instead of telling him, 'That's wrong.' I sought to understand why he believed that and as I did, I found out just how correct and accurate what he had said was, and I realized that this 'nut' wasn't as crazy as I thought. So as stated in the article, empathy is very important." -WK, email

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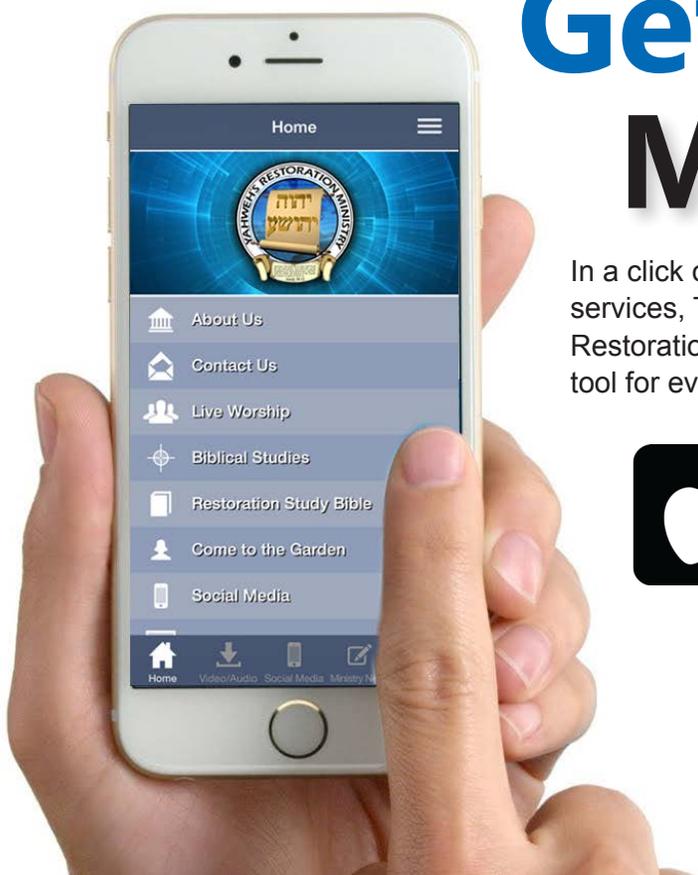
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